



Life Membership Policy

Life Membership is the highest Award available to recognise the long and outstanding contribution of individuals to Fairfield Canoe Club. It is therefore only to be awarded in exceptional circumstances.

This Policy should be read and applied with full compliance to the Life Membership provisions as specified within the Rules of the Fairfield Canoe Club Co-Operative.

No more than two (2) life memberships shall be awarded in any given calendar year.

Nomination for Life Membership

Any financial Member may nominate another member for consideration for the Life Membership award.

Nominations must be submitted in writing to the Board and must be signed by two current financial members (unrelated members) of the Club.

The nomination should be prepared so as to set out the achievements and activities of the nominee and address the criteria below.

Nominations must be received by the Board no later than the 1st of July in the year which the nomination is to be considered.

Award Criteria

The following criteria is the absolute minimum requirement to be taken into account when considering any nomination:

- Significant high quality volunteer service to the club over the duration of their membership.
- The nominee will have provided valued leadership and/or been an outstanding role model.
- The nominees' service over the years must reflect favourably on and bring credit to the Club
- The nominees' actions at no time brought significant risk to the clubs financial viability or sustainability.

- The nominee must be a currently active, financial member.
- The nominee's length of continuous membership shall be at least 20 years.

Process for Assessment of Applications

The Board will assess all nominations for Life Membership based only on the established criteria.

The Board will discuss & consider the application over two (2) regular meetings prior to the AGM.

A unanimous vote by the Board will be required for endorsement of each nomination that the Board considers worthy of Life Membership.

Each year any endorsed nominations will be reported and celebrated at the FCC Annual General meeting.

Retraction of a Life Membership

Retraction of a Life Membership Award may occur where the recipient has conducted him/herself in a manner that reflects directly and adversely on the image or activities of Fairfield Canoe Club or puts the club at significant risk. This provision will only be exercised in exceptional circumstances and will require the unanimous agreement of the Board to be enacted. As part of the deliberations, the Life Member in question is to be given an opportunity to present their case in writing to the Board for retention of their Life Membership status.

Benefits of Life Membership

In addition to the status of membership of a select group within Fairfield Canoe Club, Life Membership will be recognised by:

- Award of the Life Membership
- Exemption from paying the annual FCC membership fee, however Canoe Vic fees may still payable and shareholding must remain. (refer Club Rules)
- Listing on the Honour Board, website and other official documents.
- Invitations to attend all official Club functions.

Notes:

Achieving the minimum length of continuous membership will not in any way automatically guarantee the award of Life Membership.

Retrospective allocation of this award to individuals no longer involved in Fairfield Canoe Club will not be made.