



Life Membership Policy

Introduction

The Life Membership Policy sets out the guidelines for all levels of Kiama Downs Surf Life Saving Club Inc (hereinafter referred to as “the Club”) in relation to a nomination for Life Membership. It shall be read in conjunction with the Constitution of the Club.

Purpose

To outline the criteria that a member needs to achieve to be considered as a Life Member.

Responsibility

The President of the Club and the elected Life Membership committee.

Procedure

Criteria for Life Membership:

1. Prerequisite for Life Membership:
 - (i) Patrol Service - The member must have performed exceptional patrol service of outstanding quality over a period of at least 15 years.
2. Further to that a nominee for Life Membership shall satisfy two (2) out of the following three (3) criteria:
 - (i) Club Administration - exceptional service in Management Committee member positions as a member of Kiama Downs SLSC, over a period of at least 15 years.
 - (ii) Club Commitment - in fields such as training and education, Emergency Call Out positions, fundraising, social functions, youth, juniors, as a member of Kiama Downs SLSC – exceptional service over at least 15 years.
 - (iii) Competition - exceptional service as a competitor, coach, trainer, manager, official, as a member of Kiama Downs SLSC, over a period of at least 15 years.
3. Members who have satisfied the Patrol Service prerequisite, and have also been assessed as executing thirty (30) years of outstanding service to Kiama Downs SLSC in one (1) other criteria, the Life Membership Committee shall deem that the nominee’s service as having satisfied criteria for Life Membership.

4. It is important to note that the terms of service shall be in blocks of fifteen (15) years and thirty (30) years respectively (as opposed to acceptance of and transference of time periods to other criteria.)

Conclusion

The above policy will assist in ensuring members understand the process for nominating a potential Life Member in the Club.

References and Further Reading

The following has been taken from the Kiama Downs Surf Life Saving Club Inc Constitution. This must be read in conjunction with the above criteria to understand the full process for Life Membership nominations.

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- (a) Life Membership may be granted to members who have rendered distinguished service over a minimum of fifteen (15) years.
- (b) The Life Membership Committee shall consist of seven (7) members and include the Club Executive Committee and at least two other Life Members who shall be appointed by the President.
- (c) The process for nominations will be as follows:
 - (i) All nominations for Life Membership must be submitted to one of the Executive Committee in writing, signed by a proposer and a seconder, both of whom must be current financial Members and entitled to vote at the time of the nomination, 3 months before the Surf Club Annual General Meeting. The nomination will be handed to the Club President to continue the nomination process.
 - (ii) Any nominations for Life Membership shall be passed on to a Life Membership Committee for investigation and verification. The service record of the nominee as set out in the nomination shall then be verified by the Life Membership Committee as meeting the criteria for Life Membership.
 - (iii) If the nomination meets the criteria for Life Membership, it shall be sent to club members as a special resolution for the next Annual General Meeting and such process shall be followed.
- (d) Only two (2) nominations for Life Membership may be recommended by the Life Membership Committee to the Annual General Meeting in any year.
- (e) If more than two (2) nominations are received, the Life Membership Committee must vote by secret ballot for each nominee. The nominee with the least number of votes shall be eliminated.

- (f) Life Members shall be entitled to hold office in the Club and may sit and vote on the Management Committee.
- (g) Life Members shall be exempt from paying any fees to the Club.
- (h) Life Membership may be revoked by the Club Life Membership Committee if a Life Member brings any severe disrepute towards Surf Life Saving or The Club as a result of any actions carried out by the Life Member.