



POLZEATH SURF LIFESAVING CLUB LIFE MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA AND NOMINATION FORM June 2023

Life Membership is an honour bestowed on individual Club Members who have shown an exceptional, loyal, and outstanding contribution to the Club and has provided measurable benefit to the Club over an extended period of time.

Honorary Life Membership is recognised by Polzeath Surf Life Saving Club as the highest recognition that can be awarded onto a Member in acknowledgement of exceptional contribution; it should retain its prestige and not be awarded easily.

Processes and Criteria

Nomination

1. Any full or retired Member can be nominated by any current full Member with the nomination seconded by at least one other full Member.
2. Nominations should include the nominator's reasons for putting forward the candidate demonstrating minimum service requirements and examples meeting the criteria. This should be a written document and signed by the nominating Members and passed to the Club's Secretary to be tabled at the June Meeting or 1 month prior to the Club's AGM (Annual General Meeting).
3. Life Membership cannot be nominated by or supported by an immediate family member. In the event that the nominee is serving on the General Committee or an immediate family member at the time of nomination, that person must be disqualified from any deliberation on the nomination.
4. A majority by at least 3 votes by the General Committee is sufficient for the nomination to be pursued.
5. Life Membership although reviewed and accepted by the Club's committee can only be approved at the Club's annual AGM. The Chairperson of the Committee will present the nomination at the Annual General Meeting where it would be confirmed.
6. Life Membership must be recorded in the Club's official records.
7. The granting of life membership and the recipients' service to the Club should be publicised in the Club's media and recorded on the Club's honours board.

Criteria

Life membership should not be considered as a competitive matter and nominees must be considered individually and on their personal attributes and not in comparison to others. While it is inevitable that comparisons will be made with past recipients, direct comparisons should not be made. Granting life membership is a balancing exercise. Criteria are provided as guidance, but it is the overall contribution of the nominee that must be evaluated. There is necessarily some subjectivity in the granting of life membership, nominee's strengths against the various criteria will vary.



To assist with the nomination, some or all of the following should be considered:

1. For any of the relevant criteria the nominee should have demonstrated an exceptional contribution, beyond the ordinary for an extended period of time, which has a measurable benefit to the club and membership.
2. Minimum 15 years' concurrent Club membership.
3. Minimum 10 years in specific roles that contribute to the benefit of the Club, these roles may include but not be restricted to – service on the Committee, manager / coaching roles, fund raising activities, Committee and/or event coordinator roles, Committee and/or event support roles.
4. Has the nominee represented the Club with distinction on Regional Committees, or National Committees associated to Surf Life Saving?
5. Has the nominee demonstrated attitude and demeanor that reflects dedication to the values of the Club including good sportsmanship?
6. Has the nominee provided valued leadership around the club and is considered a role model?

Objections and Retractions of Honorary Life Membership

In the case of an objection, the objecting Member has to provide strong reasons and/or evidence that counteracts the fundamentals of the Life Membership selection criteria. The Committee needs to provide and document evidence the final decision was based on.

Retraction of Life Membership bestowment may occur where the recipient has conducted him/herself in a manner that reflects directly and adversely on the image or activities of the club. This provision will only be exercised in exceptional circumstances and will require the full support of the committee. As part of the deliberation the 'Honorary Life Member' in question is also to be given an opportunity to present his/her case for retention of his/her status.

**POLZEATH SURF LIFESAVING CLUB
LIFE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATION FORM**



NOMINEE DETAILS	
Name:	
Address:	
Current Member: Yes / No	If Yes, number of years as a member:
Current position held in the Club:	
Previous positions held within the Club:	
Achievements / Recognition:	
Other:	
PROPOSER DETAILS	
Name:	
Date of Nomination:	
Address:	
Rationale for Nomination:	
SECONDER DETAILS	
Name:	
Date of Nomination:	
Address:	

Please return your completed form to the Club Secretary no later than the end of May or 1 month prior to any communication regarding the Club AGM