



## LIFE MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES

Life membership is an honour bestowed on individual club members whose exceptional, loyal and outstanding service and contribution has provided a measurable benefit to the club over an extended period of time. It should be recognised as the highest recognition that can be awarded to a member in acknowledgement of exceptional service and contribution; it should retain its prestige and not be awarded easily.

### Process for Nomination

- a) Potential Life Members can be nominated by club members. A Life Membership Nomination Form, to be found on the club website, needs to be received via email [secretary@whittleyclubvic.com.au](mailto:secretary@whittleyclubvic.com.au) by the 31<sup>st</sup> July.
- b) Nominations should include the nominator's reasons for putting forward the nominee and should set out the achievements and activities of the nominee and must show that the criteria requirement, as set out below, are met.
- c) The committee members shall be informed in writing of the nomination of a potential Life Member, at the distribution of committee meeting agenda.
- d) In the event of receiving an objection against Life Membership for the nominee, the sitting committee can decide whether or not to proceed with the nomination.
- e) One (1) nominated member may be elected a Life Member of the Club on receiving a majority vote by the committee of over 75% in favour of the motion.
- f) The elected Life Member will be presented at the AGM

### Criteria requirements

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

- a) Minimum of 10 years club membership.

- b) Minimum of 5 years in specific roles that contribute to the benefit of the club. These roles may include, but not be restricted to:
- service on committees
  - organising and leading cruises, including the National Whittley regatta
  - carry out reconnaissance cruises
  - regular participation in Club cruises
  - support and/or assistance to other club members
  - involvement of any activities that promote and benefit the club and/or the Whittley boating lifestyle.
- c) Demonstrated attitude and demeanour that reflects dedication to the values of the club.

### **SPECIAL NOTES**

- a) All nominations should be treated with the strictest of confidence until such time as being presented as the Life Member.
- b) Life Members will not be required to pay annual club membership fees, while they own a Whittley boat and wish to remain a member of the Whittley Club.