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Life memberships awarded at Goolwa Camera Club

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Life members: Margaret and Noel Speechley are presented with life membership to the Goolwa Camera Club by chairman Roger Sheldon and vice chair, Goolwa Visual Arts Janet Tapping.

Fifteen years ago, Noel and Margaret Speechley were among a small group of photography enthusiasts who gathered together to lay the foundations of the Goolwa Camera Club.

At the club's most recent rendezvous, the Speechleys were recognised for their many years of service and awarded life membership.

Part of the founding group who gathered in the old Alexandrina Council Chamber in 2004 with the idea of forming a club, Noel and Margaret have since spent countless hours sharing their skills and stories.

Both Speechleys brought with them some 40 years experience as judges across a wide range of photography clubs, both within Australia and overseas.

Noel was internationally renowned for his photographs of bats and as president of the South Australian Photographic Federation alongside Margaret as secretary, they had considerable influence in the development of camera clubs across the state.

Using their considerable skills and experience, they have always been willing to help any struggling club members with patience and understanding.

Highlights of the early days of the club include workshops run by Noel and Margaret, who would provide all the gear required for the day's project, be it able-top photography or portraiture.

Having now slowed down slightly, the Speechleys continue to produce prize winning prints at almost every meeting.

A spokesperson from the Goolwa Camera Club said all members wished Noel and Margaret well and that the club looked forward to their continued participation.