

## **TERRIGAL TROJANS RUGBY CLUB – LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

### **Rationale**

Life Membership is an honour bestowed by the club in recognition of an individual's outstanding contribution to the club.

Life Membership should be highly respected by members, and highly valued by recipients, and therefore criteria for consideration for Life Membership should be challenging.

As such, Life Membership should be awarded to only one recipient per year. However, more than one Life Membership may be awarded per year in exceptional circumstances.

Life Membership does not have to be awarded each year.

### **Criteria**

The reason for establishing criteria is to provide certainty, consistency and equality across the various categories of player, volunteer and office holder.

### **How the nomination is to occur and to proceed**

1. Date for nomination 30 June each calendar year.
2. The Nomination for Life Membership may come from any financial club member, and the nomination should be seconded by another club member.
3. The nomination should include appropriate information regarding the nominee such as years and type of service to the club and an outline as to why the nominee should be considered for Life Membership. Also, there should be a demonstration of the legacy created or left by the life member for the Trojan Club. The attainment of minimum service requirements should be detailed, as well as other details of exemplary service.
4. The nomination should be made using the Life Membership Nomination Form and addressed to the President. The President will review the nomination and then give comment as to the format, the content, and the validity of the nomination to the proposer and seconder of the nomination. This is an advisory role only.
5. If the President forms the opinion that the content and format of the nomination is satisfactory, the he/she will form a Life Membership Review Committee (LMRC), consisting of a chairman, one current life member and two key club members who have a active role in the club at the time of the nomination, to review the nomination and recommend whether it should

proceed to the AGM for consideration. (By having two life members on the LMRC it gives the group an understanding of the history of the club and hopefully the member being nominated and by having two current active members in the group it allows for the present climate to also be represented in the discussion).

6. The LMRC makes a recommendation in writing back to the President for him to table at the appropriate time to the board.
7. If the recommendation is for the approval for the nomination to go to the AGM for endorsement, the President or Chairman of the AGM should allow both the nominator and seconder of the motion to speak and then ask for the Chairman of the Life Membership Review Committee to make comment.
8. The nomination will be endorsed with a 75% positive vote from the AGM.
9. Nominations should be treated with the strictest of confidence.
10. Nominee must be a current financial member.

### **Criteria for Consideration**

In considering the award of Life Membership emphasis should be placed on the quality of service and the overall level of commitment an individual has shown to the club.

The individual should have demonstrated significant sustained and high quality service enhancing the reputation and future of the overall club

The individual should have shown commitment to the values of good sportsmanship, and has provided excellent leadership and good role modelling.

Service to the club can be made across a number of roles including:

1. player
2. coaching/managing/refereeing
3. Administration/office holders
4. General contribution eg fundraising, social activities etc

It would be expected that the nominee would have shown an outstanding contribution in one of these areas as well as making a valued contribution in one or more of the other areas.

A minimum length of service of 10 years continuous or 12 years broken service as a club member would normally be considered appropriate.

## **Forfeiture of Life Membership**

Life Membership is absolutely forfeited upon repeated failure to observe by-laws or constitutional requirements and will be forfeited upon the passing of a special resolution of the current committee and a majority vote of a Life Members Review Committee for the removal from Life Membership for reasons not limited to but as bringing the name of TTRC into disrepute.