



## **LIFE MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES**

*(Constitution 5.4; Bylaws No. 2)*

### **INTRODUCTION:**

These guidelines have been prepared to assist Directors, nominees and referees concerning the nomination and consideration processes for Life Membership of the Stawell Golf Club.

Section 5.4 of the Club's Constitution states that Life Membership may be bestowed by the Association for longstanding and valued service to the Association.

### **LIFE MEMBERSHIP:**

Life Membership is the highest award available to recognise the distinguished and exceptional service of individuals to the Stawell Golf Club.

This document also sets out the procedures and policies which are applied by the Directors in their consideration of a Life Membership nomination.

### **NOMINATION FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP:**

- Any Member may nominate another Member to the Directors for consideration for Life Membership.
- Nominations for Life Membership shall include a written report outlining the history of service of any nominee, together with comments on the suitability of the honour.
- The nomination must be lodged with the Secretary no later than two (2) calendar months before the date of notification of an Annual or Special General Meeting.

- Such a nomination must be reported to the next meeting of Directors which will resolve by majority whether or not to endorse the nomination.
- For the nomination to be passed at least 75% of those members entitled to vote and who are present at the Annual meeting, must vote in favour of the granting of Life Membership to a nominee.

### **THE POINTS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A NOMINATION INCLUDE:**

#### **Length of Service:**

- The length of Stawell Golf Club Membership where the distinguished and exception service has occurred should be at least 10 years and the member continues to demonstrate a willingness to contribute to the Stawell Golf Club.

#### **General Considerations:**

- The general attitude and overall demeanour of the nominee shows a dedication to the core values of the Club set down in the Strategic plan.
- The Nominee has a commitment to the principles of good sportsmanship.
- The Nominee will have provided valued leadership/or been an outstanding role model to the Members in general.
- The Nominee's service must reflect favourable on and have brought credit to the club.

#### **Specific Criteria: To include two or more of:**

- Playing
- Managing
- Administration
- General Contribution

- Other special achievements for the Club which maybe either on or off the course or both.

### **Benefits of Life Membership:**

- Award of the life membership at the Annual General Meeting.
- Exemption from Club membership fees.
- A personal invitation to any special event organised by the Stawell Golf Club.
- Listing on the Club Website and/or honour board.
- Status of being a member of a select and honoured group within the Club.
- Ability to include award recognition on a Curriculum Vitae/Resume.

### **The Application:**

The Life Membership application must address the criteria, including:

- Attaining the minimum length of Membership.
- A distinguished and exceptional contribution to the Stawell Golf Club.
- Other areas of exemplary service to the Club if applicable.
- A proposer and seconder who are full members of the Club.
- The proposer and seconder must sign the application.