

## Life Member Policy

### 1. Purpose.

Life membership is an honour bestowed on an individual club member whose exceptional, loyal and outstanding service and contribution has a provided measurable benefit to Falls Creek Race Club (FCRC) over an extended period of time.

Life Membership is the highest recognition that can be awarded to a member. Consequently, its awarding is completed in line with a set of criteria.

### 2. Nominations.

- I. Any full or retired member can be nominated by any current full member with the nomination seconded by at least one other full member.
- II. Nominations should be in writing and signed by the nominating members and passed to the Secretary to be tabled at the next Committee of Management meeting.
- III. Nominations must include the reasons for putting forward the candidate, including supporting evidence demonstrating minimum service requirements and examples of when and how the candidate has met the other eligibility criteria.
- IV. Life Membership cannot be nominated by or supported by an individual family member or spouse/partner of the candidate.
- V. In the event the candidate is serving on the Committee of Management at time of nomination, they must abstain from discussion and voting on the decision.
- VI. A  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority of the quorum of the Committee of Management is sufficient to decide on the outcome of the nomination.
- VII. The Committee of Management may nominate one member to further research the nomination prior to presenting the nomination for final vote by the committee. This person may not be an individual family member or spouse/partner of the candidate.
- VIII. The Committee of Management will present the nomination to the AGM for final ratification and the official awarding of Life Membership.
- IX. Life Membership is to be recorded in the club's official records, FCRC website and FCRC Life Members Plaque.

### 3. Selection Criteria.

To assist with the nomination, the following criteria will be considered.

The Nominee will:

- I. Have a minimum 7 years concurrent club membership

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- II. Have a minimum 5 years in specific roles that contribute to the benefit of the club. Committee roles and all other volunteer roles should be included.
- III. Not have harmed the clubs interests, reputation or good standing by action or association.
- IV. To not bring the club into disrepute by association.
- V. Not have behaved in a way that is incompatible with the clubs code of conduct.
- VI. Be a person who is considered compatible with the clubs current values, including demonstrating a positive attitude, demeanour and good sportsmanship, and is able to uphold the clubs current code of conduct.
- VII. Be subject to the adherence of FCRC's Code Of Conduct.

Additionally, the Nominee may have:

- VIII. Represented FCRC on other associations, committees or associations.
- IX. Been an athlete representing FCRC.
- X. Provided valued leadership at the club and is considered a good positive role model.

### 4. Objection to the Nomination of Life Membership Candidate

In the case of an objection, the objecting member must provide a strong argument backed up with evidence that counteracts the fundamentals of the selection criteria. A current full member of Falls Creek Race Club must second the objection. The committee will need to document the evidence the final decision was made on.

### 5. Forfeiture of Life Membership

Life Membership may be forfeited by a Committee of Management resolution upon failure or serious breach by a life member who has called the Club into disrepute or has violated the club's Code of Conduct. A Committee decision to remove life membership may be appealed by calling a Special General Meeting as per the Club's constitution. This would require  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the support of a quorum of the FCRC Committee of Management. Where an individual family member or spouse/partner of the Life Member is on the FCRC Committee, that person must abstain from voting.

The Life Member in question will be given an opportunity to present their case to the Committee in person or writing.

### 6. Life Membership Benefits.

- I. Full membership for life with no fees.

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- II. Free access to club facilities and functions.
- III. Recognition on FCRC Life Members Plaque and website.

This Falls Creek Race Club Life Member Policy is to be published on the FCRC website for all members.

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