

MDCA -Suggested addition to MDCA constitution criteria regarding

Life Membership

Suggested wording to included within the constitution:

Life Membership

Nomination Criteria:

1. The granting of Life membership is a great honour and should not be treated lightly. On average, one or less Life Memberships are likely to be able to be awarded each year.
2. Life Membership is reserved for those whose contributions goes beyond the ordinary or even the excellent for an extended period of time as a member of the organisation, generally 10 years or more.
3. Life memberships are awarded for long, well documented and meritorious service where it can be demonstrated a significant contribution to the aims and objectives, and general running of the organisation has occurred.
4. It is appropriate and desirable to acknowledge their efforts while they are able to enjoy the honour.
5. Life members retain their membership of the organisation for the rest of their life without paying the annual membership sub.
6. Life members may be called upon to assist with special projects or for guidance and advise in areas of expertise.

Nomination Process:

1. Nominations for life membership can be made by any MDCA member and should be sent to the secretary at info@ourmapua.org by September.
2. All nominations should include the length of time the nominee has been a member and their contribution to the MDCA – with as much factual information as possible.
3. Nominations will be prioritized by the Executive at each September Exec. Meeting – considering the numbers supporting each nominee and the contributions listed.
4. Executive will suggest a nominee and check with them if they are willing to accept the nomination.
5. If so, the suggestion will be put to the membership for approval at the October meeting.
6. The Life membership will be conferred on the agreed nominee at the December MDCA meeting with family/friends invited and the salutation to the nominee being given by the MDCA member most familiar with their contribution to the Association.