

MDCA -Suggested addition to MDCA constitution criteria regarding

Life Membership

At the February 2019 MDCA Exec. committee meeting, it was decided that because the MDCA life membership nomination criteria relates to 'how to select' an eligible candidate, this information should be included in the constitution as one of MDCA's fundamental principles. This amendment requires approval from a full membership vote before it can be adopted.

Where as, the Nomination Process of Life Members relates to 'how to proceed' and was agreed this is best placed in MDCA's Operations Manual.

Suggested wording to be 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 that a significant contribution to the aims and objectives, and general running of the organisation has occurred.
4. It is appropriate and desirable to acknowledge those members' 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 advice in their areas of expertise.

Suggested wording to be included within the Operations Manual:

Nomination Process:

1. Nominations for life membership can be made by any MDCA member and should be sent to the secretary at ourmapua@info.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. They should also indicate the number of people supporting this nomination.
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 them and their contribution to the Association.