

Northern Rivers Outdoor Adventure Club – Life Membership Policy

Northern Rivers Outdoor Adventure Club Inc (NROAC) may confer Life Membership on a person under the NROAC Constitution Rule 4.3. The Constitution takes precedence over this Policy in the event of any inconsistency and the committee can make exceptional decisions about any matter if they are for the benefit of the club. Potentially a life membership could be awarded outside the criteria if a strong enough case is made.

Principle

Life Membership is generally conferred on a person who has rendered distinguished or special service to an organisation. The most frequently used criterion for life membership is length of service. Persons may hold roles of limited tenure and yet perform outstanding meritorious service during their term of membership. Under these circumstances other criteria should be used to determine whether the person is deserving of nomination for Life Membership. Such criteria will relate to the contribution to the success of the club made by the person under consideration.

Criteria for Life Membership

The Awarding of a Life Membership is a prestigious honour and the following criteria must be met in its entirety:

1. The Nominee must have demonstrated significant, sustained and high-quality service enhancing the reputation and future of the Club;
2. An unquestionable benefit has been derived by the club through the extraordinary efforts of the Nominee;
3. The Nominee has performed exceptional service over and above the routine performance of any role;
4. The Nominee's values are in alignment with the core values and culture of the Club.

In addition to the above, the following criteria may be useful to further determine the suitability of a person for NROAC Life Membership: While it is not necessary for all the criteria to be satisfied, some at least should be considered. The person under consideration should have continuous outstanding meritorious service and demonstrated some or all of the following:

1. Completed at least 12 years as a member;
2. Led or organised a significant number of club activities;
3. Served at least 5 years on the committee.

Procedure

1. Any NROAC member may recommend a person for nomination as a life member. Nominations must be made in writing to the Secretary NROAC (thesecretarynrbc@gmail.com) with the nomination detailing how the member meets the criteria for Life Membership. The Secretary will record the date received and include the nomination as an Agenda Item on the next scheduled Committee Meeting. Details of any candidate recommended for life membership by the committee will be distributed to the members of NROAC for their information prior to the Annual General Meeting with appropriate comments from the committee included. The announcement and presentation of any Life Membership will be made following voting at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

The member(s) will be named in the minutes of the meeting and again in the club newsletter immediately following the AGM;

2. A maximum of two Life Memberships will be presented in any one year.

Entitlements:

As an NROAC Life Member they shall be entitled to:

1. Voting rights of ordinary members;
2. Lifetime waiver of annual membership fees;
3. Continuance of the NROAC Public liability and Personal Accident insurance coverage as provided by the agreement with Bushwalking NSW/Bushwalking Australia;
4. Any other items, events or documents that the NROAC committee deems appropriate.