



LIFE MEMBERSHIP POLICY GUIDANCE PRINCIPLES

Preamble

The award of Honorary Life Membership to Goonawarra Golf Club (GGC) is the most prestigious decoration available to GGC members. Accordingly, the Honorary Life Membership should be difficult to obtain, and nominations necessarily be comprehensively scrutinised before any award is made.

The purpose of this document is to provide clarity and definition on the award process generally, the requirements and process for nominating a member for Honorary Life Membership and the process for review and endorsement by the Board and GGC membership.

Recitals

This policy is pursuant to and incorporates Clause 5.4 (Life Members) of the GGC Constitution.

Criteria for Honorary Life Membership

1. Life Membership may be conferred upon a Member who has rendered sustained, invaluable or outstanding service to GGC.
 - I. Outstanding can mean exceptional, excellent or extraordinary and service can mean duty, support or assistance. It should consider offices held, and other leadership or participation opportunities taken.
 - II. Invaluable means a contribution that provides an inestimable benefit to GGC that would not otherwise have been realised.
 - III. Sustained means for a continuous period of 15 years minimum.
2. Has been a member for a continuous period of not less than twenty years or a total period of not less than thirty years.
3. Minimum of 15 years in specific roles that contribute to the benefit of GGC. These roles may include service to the Committee, fund-raising, promotional roles, volunteering, mentoring, assistance with new member and social functions among others.
4. May have represented GGC with distinction in the broader golfing community and various governing bodies.



5. May have represented GGC as a player in local, regional or national competitions.
6. Has demonstrated an attitude and demeanour that reflects dedication to the values of GGC including good sportsmanship and community spirit.
7. Has been regarded as a role model within GGC and displayed valued leadership.

Nomination Process

1. At any time, a nomination for Honorary Life Membership may be submitted, on the attached form signed by the proposer and three seconders, to the Secretary who will in turn present the nomination at the next monthly board meeting.
2. The nomination should wherever possible provide:
 - I. Sufficient detail (roles, dates, outcomes, etc.) of the nominee contribution to GGC
 - II. Supporting evidence/documentation of the contribution
 - III. Any supporting detail demonstrating the merits of the nomination
3. A sub-committee of 3 will be appointed by the Board to review the nomination. One of the sub-committee members shall be a current holder of Honorary Life Membership or a current member with at least 20 years continuous membership.
4. The sub-committee shall make a recommendation within 3 months to the Board.
5. When approved by the Board, the nomination shall be referred to the next general meeting of GGC for voting in accordance with Clause 5.4 of the GGC Constitution above.

Other Factors

Awarding of Honorary Life Membership is to be awarded solely on individual merit and not in competition with or in comparison to other GGC members.

The proposer and seconders must be financial members, known to the nominee, but not be a family member or have a business relationship with the nominee.

The Board may consider nominations annually. However no more than two board endorsed nominations will be considered for general meeting voting in any year.



There shall be a maximum of 6 playing life Members at any one time.

Retraction of Honorary Life Membership

1. The rights, privileges or obligations of an Honorary Life Member may not be transferred or transmitted to any other person.
2. The rights and privileges of Honorary Life Membership shall be terminated upon cessation of his or her membership whether by death, resignation or otherwise.
3. Retraction of Honorary Life Membership may occur where the recipient has conducted him/herself in a manner that reflects directly and adversely on the image or activities of the Club. This provision will only be exercised in exceptional circumstances and will require the full support of the Board. Any retraction will be carried in accordance with Clause 7 (Grievances and Discipline of Members) of the GGC Constitution which deals with issues of conduct and matters prejudicial to the club.

Benefits of Honorary Life Membership

1. Full membership with associated privileges for life without any further membership fees payable
2. Recognition on the Club Honour Board
3. Free individual access to the club, course and functions
4. Commemorative Badge