



PROBUS CLUB of LEUMEAH COMBINED Inc. 9894048

LIFE MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES

Preamble

- Life Membership is reserved for those whose contribution goes beyond the ordinary or even the excellent for an extended period of time, not just a few years.
- Over an extended period of time, a Nominee must have shown exceptional, loyal, outstanding service and contribution to all aspects of the Club, providing measurable benefit to the Club.

Benefits of Life Membership

- The same entitlements as Ordinary Membership
- Relief from the annual payment of the membership component of the subscription fee
- Relief from the annual payment of the Capitation and Insurance fees plus Active Retiree levy
- Life Membership will be recognised by:
 - Award of Life Membership at the Annual General Meeting.
 - A commemorative badge.
 - Listing in Pro Buzz

The Nomination

- Nominations should be forwarded to the Committee.
- Any financial member may nominate another member for consideration for Life Membership.
- The nomination must be submitted using the Life Membership Nomination Form, which must be signed by two current financial members.
- The signatories on the Life Membership Nomination Form cannot include family members of the nominee.
- The Nominator is to provide a written submission addressing how the Nominee measures up against the Life Membership Criteria.

The Assessment

- The full Committee will consider the merits of the nomination.
- If the Nominee, Nominator and/or Secunder of the nomination is a member of the Committee or a co-ordinator of activities, they must absent themselves from any deliberations on the nomination.
- In considering the nomination, members of the Committee are not to be influenced by any personal relationship with the Nominee and are not to make direct comparisons with other nominees or persons not nominated.
- Once a nomination has been received by the Committee, it shall be considered and voted on at a Committee meeting.
- Eligible Members of the Committee are to be the only persons present for the consideration of nominations.
- The Committee may further research the nomination in respect of Criteria as set down by the Club, and may request additional information from the Nominator if that would assist in its deliberations.
- All Committee members should be aware that it is not necessary for a Life Membership to be granted each year.
- Granting Life Membership is a balancing exercise. Criteria are provided for guidance, but it is the overall contribution, personal attributes and achievements of the Nominee that must be evaluated.
- Any nomination that is rejected will be ineligible for reconsideration for two (2) years.

Life Membership criteria

Emphasis should be on critical appraisal of the level of service to the Club. The overall contribution of the Nominee must be evaluated. There is necessarily some subjectivity in the granting of Life Membership, and Nominees' strengths against the various criteria will vary. The Nominee –

- Must be an ongoing member of the Club.
- Must have fifteen (15) years continual service, twelve (12) of which must have been in specific roles that contribute to the benefit of the Club. These roles may include, but not be restricted to service on the Committee, co-ordinator roles, organising activities, promotional roles, event co-ordinating roles on committees and/or event support roles.
- Shall have demonstrated an exceptional contribution, beyond the ordinary for an extended period of time, which has a measurable benefit for all members in the Club.
- Has represented the Club with distinction on regional committees, associations and other related committees within Probus.
- Has demonstrated an attitude and demeanour that reflects dedication to the values of the Club
- Has demonstrated a commitment to the principles of the Club.
- Has provided valued leadership within the Club and is considered an outstanding role model, to the members in general, reflecting credit upon the Club.
- Has held active Club roles benefitting a large number of people over a long period of time.
- Has demonstrated an active contribution to the core activity of the Club by being a regular and consistent event organiser.
- Has demonstrated an ongoing long term, regular participation in events.
- Has demonstrated significant, sustained and high quality service enhancing the reputation and future of the Club in the areas of Event Participation, Club Management and Administration.
- Must be an active, financial member of the Club with ongoing service for the benefit of members.
- Has promoted the ideals of Probus in setting up other Clubs in the area by doing background work, attending interest meetings, and giving ongoing support for a period of time.
- Has had a part in setting up and onward attending regional committees, e.g. tours, guest speakers, presented regional meetings and promoting information days for the benefit of executive and committee members.
- In their roles on the Committee, the Nominee is au fait with the Constitution, Standing Resolutions, Policies and roles of Committee Members, with a guiding influence on the above.
- Has been instrumental in drawing up Policies and Procedures and in the smooth running of the Club.
- Has liaised with other Clubs in different areas, e.g. organising regional meetings, joint events and tours.

Approval by Members

- If at least 75% of the Committee agrees, the nomination form will be e-mailed/posted to members with Pro Buzz, at least three (3) weeks before the next Annual General Meeting.
- Given the importance of the decision, eligible Committee Members are not allowed to abstain from voting.
- Life Membership will be granted by a 75% majority secret ballot in favour, by members at the Annual General Meeting.

Cessation and Retraction of Life Membership

- Life membership ceases on cessation or resignation of club membership.
- It may be retracted if 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 unanimous (100%) agreement of the Committee to be enacted.
- As part of the deliberations, the Life Member in question is to be given an opportunity to present the case for retention of their Life Membership status



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LIFE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATION FORM

- ☐ Please print clearly
☐ Attach a written submission to this Nomination Form, addressing how the Nominee measures up against the Life Membership criteria

Nominee - First Name		Surname		
Probust Membership #		Year Joined		
Date of Birth		Please circle	Male	Female
Address				
Suburb			Post Code	
Phone		E-mail		

Nominator - First Name		Surname	
Date		Signature	
Secunder - First Name		Surname	
Date		Signature	

Active Club Roles - Positions held in Club (e.g. President – 2016, Tour Organiser – 2017 to 2018, etc)	Year/s
Nominee's Record of Service - (e.g Details of Club representation, liaison with other Clubs, promoting Probust, setting up/attending Regional Committees, generation of Policy, etc)	
Other Supporting Information	

Committee Decision made at the Committee Meeting: (Supported or Rejected)

Meeting Date		Decision	
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Member's vote cast at the Annual General Meeting: (Record all votes)

AGM Date		Vote count	Yes	No
President - First Name		Surname		
Date		Signature		