# **Champion Lakes Boating Club Inc.**

## Life Membership Guidelines

### Life Membership

Life Membership is an honour awarded to those who have made a significant contribution to the Club over an extended period of time. It is an acknowledgement from the Club of the dedication, participation, and contribution that the individual has made to the club and its members.

Life Members are held in the highest regard by the Club.

## **Benefits of Life Membership**

In addition to the status of membership of a select group within the Club, Life Membership will be recognised by:

- Award of the Life Membership at the Club Annual General meeting.
- Exemption from membership fee associated with the Club.
  - o (Registration fees to cover Club costs would apply for on water activities).
- Listing in the Club Website and other official documents.
- Invitations to attend all official Club functions.

## Nomination for Life Membership

Any financial Member may nominate another member for consideration for the Life Membership award. Nominations must be submitted in writing & must be signed by two current financial members of the Club.

The nomination should include the achievements, activities & contribution of the nominee, & at a minimum must address some of the guidelines as set out below. Nominations must be received by the executive committee no later than the 1st of July in the year which the nomination is to be considered, to be awarded at the Annual General Meeting later that year.

Nominations should be emailed to secretary@clbc.org.au

#### Guidelines for Life Membership nomination

There is no set criteria on who can qualify for Life Membership, however below you will find a set of guidelines that can be used to determine if an individual could be nominated for Life Membership.

In considering the award of Life Membership an individual should have demonstrated significant, sustained, and high-quality service enhancing the reputation and future of their code within the Club, and/or the Club as a whole.

• The nominee's length of service to the Club shall be at least 10 years (not necessarily consecutive) as an athlete, coach, official, administrator and/or volunteer/supporter.

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- The general attitude and overall demeanour of the nominee to ensure that the attitude is one that reflects a dedication to the values of the Club
- The nominee's service must reflect favourably on, and brought credit to, the Club.
- The nominee must be a current financial member of the Club, or has been any time in the preceding 12 months prior to the next AGM
- As an athlete, has competed with the State team for a minimum of 3 years. Has also been actively involved in regattas & passing on their knowledge and experience
- As a coach, has brought the club renown and has actively helped in the development of upand-coming coaches, and mentoring of club members they are teaching.
- As an official, has actively contributed to the running of events. They should also be contributing to the development of new officials
- As an administrator, has helped the club maintain a high level of administration for the club.
  They should regularly attend meetings, and help contribute to the overall running of the club.
- As a volunteer/supporter, has contributed significantly to the running of the club and/or events the club hosts. This may include maintenance of equipment, preparation of food at events, or 'behind the scenes' activities that generally go unseen by most members.

### **Process for Assessment of Applications**

The Executive Committee (a minimum quorum is required) will assess any nominations for Life Membership. The Executive Committee will assess all nominations put forward & only those nominations that the Committee considers worthy of Life Membership shall be endorsed.

## Retraction of a Life Membership

Retraction of a 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 generally, or on a specific code. This provision will only be exercised in exceptional circumstances and will require the unanimous agreement of the Executive Committee to be enacted. As part of the deliberations, the Life Member in question is to be given an opportunity to present their case for retention of their Life Membership status.