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Guidelines for Awarding WAQA Life Membership

There are many WAQA members who have given or are giving wonderful service to our organisation. Whilst this may be recognised in various ways (i.e. Golden Service Awards, acknowledgement in the QQ, etc.), Life Membership should only be awarded on rare occasions where a member is recognised for giving exceptional service to WAQA over a long period of time.

For Life Membership to be granted, reference should be made to the relevant items in the WAQA Constitution and Bylaws and the following minimum criteria should be demonstrated by the recipient.

- The member being proposed should have given exceptional service to WAQA over the period of their membership.
- They must be a current financial member of WAQA.
- Must have continuous membership over the past 15 years.
- Must be known to the current Management Committee.
- Must have served on the Management Committee and/or a subcommittee in a substantial capacity and for a substantial period of time.
- Must be currently involved as an active member of the Association.
- Must have helped to promote the Aims of WAQA and quilting in general.
- Must have contributed to WAQA's charitable works.

Procedure for awarding Life Membership.

- Nomination by at least 2 current financial members, outlining the reasons for nomination.
- Consultation and research by the Management Committee to determine the suitability of the candidate.
- A vote by secret ballot of the Management Committee with at least a 75% majority in favour before a Life Membership can be awarded.
- Nominations should be received at least 3 months prior to the WAQA AGM in October in order to give the Management Committee time to consider the proposal and prepare for the award ceremony.
- Recipients will receive a Certificate and a gold Life Member badge. The art work for this badge is held by Sheridans at 14 Florence St, West Perth.
- Life Membership entitles the recipient to free membership of the Association in perpetuity but not free entry to WAQA meetings or activities.

