

Wahroonga Netball Club Life Membership Policy

The recognition of Life Members is critical to the history and traditions of our club and to celebrate the significant contributions of people within our club and part of our community. Life membership is awarded to members of the Wahroonga Netball Club to acknowledge significant and long-term service provided in accordance with the Clubs Values – Inclusive, Teamwork and Respectful. Second only to a Life Member that becomes Club Patron.

In nominating and electing life members it is important to remember that this award can only be given to those who can be considered exceptional in the club's history.

1. Eligibility Criteria

1.1 Life membership is awarded for significant and long-term service to the club. A life Member must:

- Be over 18 years of age
- Be financial with the club
- Have always behaved in line with the “Club Values” – Inclusive, Teamwork & Respectful
- Have contributed in an exceptional manner to the Club.

1.2 There is no prescriptive definition of outstanding contribution. Life Membership can be based on a combination of a wide variety of actions that constitute an exceptional contribution.

1.3 As a guide only the length of service should cumulatively 15 years or more. The nomination is about outcomes and impact not about length of service alone.

1.4 Outstanding service to the club needs to be on the committee for the majority of service.

2. Nomination Process

2.1 A potential Life Member must be nominated by a current member of Wahroonga Netball Club and seconded by a member.

2.2 Nominations are to be completed on the Life Membership Nomination Form at Attachment A. This form will be made available on the club website.

2.3 A completed [nomination form](#) should be given to the Secretary of the club who will vet the form to ensure the years of service align with the clubs records and reasonably validate content.

2.4 The nomination forms are provided to the Nominations Panel, the Panel includes:

- One Life Member
- One current Committee Member
- One Independent (past Club Office bearer appointed by President)

2.5 The Nominations Panel will present the recommendation to the President for ratification by the full committee.

3. Voting and Induction

3.1 A maximum of one Life Member may be elected annually at least one month prior to the AGM. In the event no eligible nominations are made no new Life Member will be inducted that year.

3.2 The Nominations Panel will recommend a Life Member annually to the full committee for ratification, with an anonymous vote if required. If the nominee is a committee member they may not vote.

4. Rejected Nominations

If a nomination is rejected the same nomination cannot be resubmitted. The nominee may be nominated the following year in accordance with the usual nomination process with a new nomination form. There is no appeals process for life membership decisions.

5. Life Member Privileges

5.1 Life members elected under this policy will receive:

- Their name on the Clubs Honour Role, published on the Wahroonga Netball Club website
- Honorary annual club membership

6. What is expected of a Life Member?

When accepting a Life Membership, the person is expected to:

- Enjoy the prestigious recognition, relax and be proud of your community achievements
- Best endeavours to attend one competition day a season
- Uphold the values and behaviours of the club

7. Honorary Life Memberships

7.1 Honorary Life Membership can still be awarded if a club member passes away.

7.2 A potential Honorary Life Member can be nominated orally by an executive committee member. The other members of the committee must unanimously agree to the nomination.

8. Revoking Life Membership

8.1 In the event that a life member behaves in a manner that will bring the club into disrepute, life membership can be revoked.

8.2 To revoke a life membership the committee must unanimously agree.

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WNC Life Membership Nomination Form - <https://forms.gle/6SuEh2qxQr5vfuxk6>