



Cairns SLSC Life Membership Policy

The Cairns SLSC's Constitution details the guidelines for members wishing to be a Life Member.

Aim: - The aim of the policy is to provide information and clear instruction on who can qualify and how to nominate members for Life Membership.

Responsibility: - Cairns SLSC Meritorious Committee.

A Life Member is a member who has rendered special service the Cairns SLSC within the area or on behalf of Cairns SLSC for a minimum period of 10 years.

Who Qualifies.

Any member who has participated in many areas of the Cairns SLSC at a high level for a minimum of 10 years. Life Membership is not automatic but is bestowed on merit.

Consideration is given to the following criteria: -

- Length of membership.
- Patrol obligations
- Undertaking of Leadership Roles within Cairns SLSC.
- Representing Cairns SLSC at NQB or SLSQ level
- Undertaking roles that are essential for the Club's existence.
- Club Participation. This can include fund raising, working bees, club functions etc.



When and who can nominate members for Life Membership.

Cairns SLSC Administrator will send out a request for nominations for Life Membership. This will include a closing date for nominations.

- Financial Active, Long Service, Active Reserve and Life members can all nominate a member for Life Membership.
- The nominations should address all of the criteria.
- All nominations are forwarded to the Club Administrator before the closing date. After the closing date the Administrator will forward all nominations onto the Chair of the Meritorious Committee.

Voting for Life Membership.

- Voting for Life Membership is held at the Cairns SLSC AGM.
- All Financial Active, Long Service, Active Reserve and Life members can vote for Life Membership.
- All nominees are not present for voting.
- The Secretary may call on the nominator to address the meeting with their Life Membership nomination.
- Successful nominations will be presented with a Life Membership Badge at the AGM.

Rights of Life Membership.

- Life Members may be exempted from all patrol obligations and may be granted other special privileges of Membership as provided in the Cairns SLSC Constitution.
- Life Members have the right to be present, to debate and to vote at general Meetings.



Meritorious Committee.

The Meritorious Committee consists of 5 Life Members.

The Meritorious Committee is charged with reviewing all Life Membership nominations. Only endorsed nominations are then forwarded onto the Cairns SLSC Secretary in preparation for voting at the AGM.

Feedback.

All nominators can request feedback from the Meritorious Committee if their nomination was unsuccessful. This should be done by emailing the Cairns SLSC Secretary.