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## **POLICY**

### **LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

This policy sets out the minimum criteria to be eligible for nomination for an award of "Life Membership" of the Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) Qld Branch.

This award exists to recognise the **valuable and significant contribution** of individuals to the current and future existence of the Association. It is therefore only to be awarded in exceptional circumstances.

In considering the award of Life Membership an individual **should have demonstrated significant, sustained and high quality service enhancing the reputation and future of the overall Association.**

#### **Benefits of Life Membership**

- Award of Life Membership at the Association's Annual General Meeting (AGM)
- Exemption from Membership Fees
- Listing on the ALGWA website and other official documentation
- Status of being a member of a select group within ALGWA
- Ability to include award recognition on Curriculum Vitae

#### **Process for Assessing Applications for Life Membership**

The points to be taken into account when considering any nomination include:

1. General Considerations
  - The general attitude and overall demeanour of the nominee shows a dedication to the values of ALGWA.
  - Commitment to the principals of ALGWA.
  - Valued leadership and good role modelling that reflects credit upon ALGWA.
2. Other Specific Criteria
  - The Nominee must be a current financial member.
  - Specific Achievements at a Local Level will be taken into consideration.
  - Specific Achievements at a State or National Level will be taken into consideration.

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Nominations for Life Membership should be forwarded by a Management Committee Member to the President of ALGWA Qld Branch no later than 8 weeks before an Annual General Meeting (AGM) date. Nominees should demonstrate attainment of minimum service requirements and other details of exemplary service.

The final list of endorsed nominations for the award of Life Membership will be submitted to all Management Committee members for agreement before the AGM. Subject to agreement by ALL Management Committee members, Life Membership may be awarded at the next ALGWA Annual General Meeting.

### **Process for Retraction of Life Membership**

Retraction of a Life Membership Award may occur where the recipient has acted in a manner that reflects directly and adversely on the image or activities of ALGWA. This provision will only be exercised in exceptional circumstances and will require the full support of the ALGWA Qld Branch Management Committee to be enacted. As part of the deliberations, the Life Member in question is also to be given an opportunity to present their case for retention of their Life Membership status.