

Moss Vale Men's Shed

Life Membership Award

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Life Membership is the highest award available to recognise the exceptional contribution of individuals to the Moss Vale Men's Shed (the "Shed"). It is only awarded in exceptional circumstances.

Nomination for Life Membership

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

Please submit nominations on the form 'Nomination for Life Membership'. This form is available on the Moss Vale Men's Shed members website.

The nomination should set out the achievements and activities of the nominee and at a minimum must meet the award criteria as set out below. Nominations must be received by the committee no later than the 1st of June in the year which the nomination is to be considered.

Award Criteria

In considering the award of Life Membership an individual should have demonstrated significant, sustained, and high-quality service enhancing the reputation and future of our Shed.

The following points will be considered when assessing any nomination:

1. The nominee's length of service to our Shed shall be at least 10 years.
2. The general attitude and overall demeanour of the nominee to ensure that the attitude is one that reflects a dedication to the values of our Shed as above.
3. The nominee will have provided valued leadership and/or been an outstanding role model to the members in general.
4. The nominee's service must reflect favourably on and brought credit to our Shed.
5. The nominee must be a currently active, financial member.

Important Note

These points apply in whatever role the nominee has participated in during their service to our Shed. Achieving the minimum service levels will not in any way automatically guarantee the award of Life Membership.

Process for Assessment of Applications

1. All nominations must demonstrate attainment of minimum service requirements and other details of exemplary service.
2. The Committee (a minimum quorum is required) will assess any nominations for Life Membership based on the established criteria.
3. The Committee will assess all nominations put forward and only those nominations that the Committee considers worthy of Life Membership shall be endorsed.

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Retraction of a Life Membership

Retraction of a Life Membership Award may occur where the recipient has conducted themselves in a manner that reflects directly and adversely on the image or activities of our Shed. This provision will only be exercised in exceptional circumstances and will require the majority agreement of the 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.

Benefits of Life Membership

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

1. Award of the Life Membership at the AGM.
 - a. Presentation of a life membership badge.
 - b. Presentation of a framed certificate signed by the President and Secretary.
2. Exemption from annual subscription fees.
3. Listing in our Shed's web site (optional) and other official documents.
4. Life members to be absolved of participation in the cleaning roster.
5. Invitations to attend all official Shed functions.

This policy is to be reviewed at the AGM two years after introduction.