

Benalla Golf Club

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP POLICY	
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Awarding Honorary Life Membership is the highest award possible within the Benalla Golf Club and therefore serious consideration is required for any nomination.

Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide guidelines for the Benalla Golf Club as to the requirements and process for nominating a member for Honorary Life Membership and the incumbent Committee on the process for reviewing.

Policy

Definition

(1) **Honorary Life Members**

- (a) On the unanimous recommendation of the Committee any financial member who has given outstanding service to the Club and/or service in the interest of golf may, at any General Meeting of the Club in consideration of valuable services rendered to the Club or to golf, be elected an Honorary Life Member of the Club without any special payment for such honorary life membership.
- (b) An 80% majority of those present and voting shall be necessary for such election. Every Honorary Life Member shall be entitled to all the privileges and be subject to all the duties of a Member during their lifetime without any further payment annual or otherwise.

Criteria

Minimum Service Time

Has been a Financial Member for a continuous period of not less than twenty-five years or a total period of not less than thirty years and has rendered outstanding service to the Club over a period of at least 10 years may be nominated to the Committee as worthy of consideration for honorary life membership.

Other Guidelines

Has demonstrated an attitude and demeanour that reflects dedication to the values of the club including good sportsmanship and community spirit.

There are four key areas of consideration;

1. Playing
2. Coaching/Managing
3. Administration
4. General Contribution

The nominee must have an outstanding contribution in at least one of the above key areas and at least some contribution in two of the other areas or contribution deemed appropriate at the discretion of the committee.

In determining the level of significance, the committee members should consider this in light of a very high-quality service. Whilst a reasonable length of time of service is important, the overriding criterion is on quality of service.

The nomination is to provide where possible specific examples of the nominee's meeting of the criteria.

Process

More Specific Procedures

Nominations for Honorary Life Membership must be thoroughly substantiated and received on a completed and signed nomination form, at least 2 months prior to the General Committee meeting immediately preceding the Annual General Meeting.

The General Committee will consider the merits of the nomination at the next monthly Committee meeting. On the unanimous recommendation of the Committee, the nomination will be presented to the next annual General Meeting and honorary life membership will be granted by an 80% majority vote at the Annual General Meeting by those members entitled to vote.

The mover and seconder of the nomination must be members with Voting Rights and known to the nominee

At the Annual General Meeting at which a nomination is considered the Committee shall by declaration attest to the eligibility of a nominee and to the veracity of the 'Statement of Service' provided in the nomination

Honorary Life Membership cannot be nominated by or supported by a family member

In the event of a nominee serving on the Committee at the time of nomination, the nominee will be ineligible to participate in any deliberation relating to the nomination.

Limits on the number of Honorary Life Members

In order not to diminish the significance of any Honorary Life Membership, no more than two can be awarded in any one year.

The number of active playing Life Members shall not exceed 6 at any given time.

Retraction of Honorary Life Membership

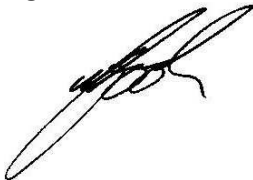
Retraction of a Honorary Life Membership Award may occur where the recipient has conducted him/herself in a manner that reflects directly and adversely on the image or activities of the Club. This provision will only be exercised in exceptional circumstances and will require the full support of the Golf Club Management Committee to be enacted.

Honorary Life Membership will cease by an 80% majority vote at an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting

Honorary Life Membership Entitlements

Certificate of Honorary Life Membership
Recognition on the Club Honour Board and Club Website
Entitled to all the privileges and be subject to all the duties of a Member during their lifetime without any further payment annual or otherwise.
Voting Rights

Signed



Norm Cook
President

Date 25 June 2019

Honorary Life Membership Nomination Form

This form is to be completed and submitted to a current committee member, please ensure all areas are filled out and signatures and dates are completed.

Nominator

I,

a financial member of Benalla Golf Club (Membership No.....) wish to nominate

Nominee

Clearly Print Name of Nominee in box above

(Membership No.....) Financial Member for Years

for Honorary Life Membership of the Benalla Golf Club.

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a financial member (Membership No.....) of Benalla Golf Club.

We have read the Honorary Life Membership Guideline document and believe the nomination complies with the criteria set out and the Nominee has made meritorious contribution to Benalla Golf Club.

For any nomination to be considered, it is important the proposer establishes a case for “outstanding leadership and significant impact to the organisation” as identified in the policy document

- Ensure your documented proposal includes the following – linked to the four key areas of service;
- Detail the way in which the nominee has made a significant impact to the club over an extensive period of time based on criteria outlined in the policy
- Provide key reasons why the nominee deserves to be recognised as a honorary life member
- Outline any other contributions the nominee has provided

Submissions need to be completed and submitted at least 2 months prior to the General Committee meeting immediately preceding the Annual General Meeting

Note – the nominee does not need to sign this form

