



Title	Life Membership Policy	Policy No	PN-0024
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Introduction

Life Membership to the Australia Dragon Boat Federation 'AusDBF' is the sport's highest honour. It is reserved for those who have demonstrated significant, sustained and high-quality service that enhances the reputation and future of dragon boating by virtue of their considerable contribution to dragon boating nationally.

Life Membership is restricted to those persons whose association with the Australian Dragon Boat Federation extends for at least ten years and whose service to dragon boating at a national level and 'AusDBF' is worthy of this very highest honour. *(Note: State contributions should be recognised by a Member State).*

1. Policy

1.1. 'AusDBF' may confer Life Membership on a person under the 'AusDBF' Constitution Clause 5.4

2. Principle

- 2.1. Life Membership is generally conferred on a person who has rendered distinguished or special service to the sport of dragon boating in Australia in the role of Administrator (Director/Committee Member), Athlete, Coach, Team Manager or Race Official.
- 2.2. The most frequently used criteria for Life Membership is length of service. Extended length of service is rare for persons who hold voluntary roles within the organisation. Therefore, continuous extended meritorious service at State/Territory level shall be considered. Under these circumstances other criteria should be used to determine whether the person is deserving of nomination for Life Membership. Such criteria will relate to the quality of the service performed by the person under consideration.

3. Criteria for Life Membership

- 3.1 The following criteria may be used to determine the suitability of a person for nomination for Life Membership to 'AusDBF'. It is not necessary for all the criteria to be satisfied.
- a) Has contributed to the development of the sport of dragon boating at several levels – State, National, or International for a period of not less than ten (10) years
 - b) Has shown outstanding leadership qualities in working with all areas of the sport.
 - c) Has demonstrated commitment and passion for the improvement of dragon boating in Australia
 - d) That the person's contribution has had a positive impact on dragon boating.
 - e) Has implemented innovative procedures in administration and management.
 - f) Has assisted with lifting the profile of the sport by effective promotion, management and recruitment.
 - g) Has increased the reputation of 'AusDBF' by being involved with relevant peak bodies.

4. Procedure

- a) Nominations shall be submitted in writing in accordance with the 'AusDBF' Constitution (*clause 5.4*)
- b) Nominations must be approved by a State Member and submitted to AusDBF for consideration. If supported AusDBF will propose Life Membership to be endorsed by the State Members at the AGM.
- c) Nominations must be submitted using the template and include the following information: -
 - i) history of the nominee
 - ii) Nominee achievements and contribution to dragon boating
 - iii) reasons why the nominee should be considered
- d) Nominations must be submitted to the AusDBF Board 60 days prior to the scheduled Annual General Meeting for consideration.
- e) Nominations approved by the Board shall be distributed to the State Members with the final agenda and Board papers 21 days prior to the Annual General Meeting recommendations from the Board. (*clause 10.3*)
- f) Life Members shall be voted on and approved by the State Member at 'AusDBF' Annual General Meeting
- g) In keeping with the significance of the honor, Life Members will be presented with a memento to mark the occasion and will be recorded on AusDBF website Roll of Honor -
<https://www.ausdbf.com.au/about/roll-of-honour/>

5. AusDBF Honour Roll of Life Members

Life Member	Home State	Year of Nomination
Trevor Huggard	VIC	2008
Raymond Leung	NSW	2008
Les Williams	ACT	2008
Jon Taylor (posthumously)	NSW	2009
Michelle Hanton	NT	2010
Melanie Cantwell	NSW	2014
Christopher Alexandrou	NSW	2015
Loretta Lewis	QLD	2017
John Holland	SA	2019
Janelle Gamble	QLD	2021

AusDBF Life Member Nomination Form

Nomination full name:	
Member State	Member Club:

History in Sport (length of membership):
Nominee Achievements and contribution to dragon boating:
Reasons why nominee should be considered:

Nominee Name:	Date:
Nominee Signature:	Member State:

