



## THE RETURNED & SERVICES LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA

### RECOMMENDATION FOR THE AWARD OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP IN CONFIDENCE

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The elevation of a Service Member to Life Membership of the Returned & Services League of Australia is an honour that may only be approved by the National Executive on the recommendation of a State Branch.

Great care must be displayed when considering nominating a Service Member for the honour of Life Membership of the League. Life Membership of any organisation is a single honour of great importance and any nomination must qualify the nominated member beyond all doubt as to their outstanding service to the League.

The provisions governing Life Membership can be found in National Rule 13 and National By-Law 2. National Rule 13 states that for a Service member to be elected to Life Membership of the League, that member must have displayed **long, continuous and outstanding service** to the League. National By-Law 2 further defines that before consideration is given to nominating a Service Member for election to Life Membership of the League, the member must have at least **15 years continuous membership** of the League and given at least **10 years outstanding service** to the League.

A member nominated for Life Membership of the League must NOT be made aware that such nomination has been made until National Executive approval is received and advised by the State Branch to the nominating Sub-Branch. The honour of Life Membership is an important acknowledgement of a member's outstanding service to the League, the integrity of which must never be compromised.

#### Citation Guidelines

The content of the Citation prepared by the Sub-Branch nominating a member for Life Membership of the League will strongly influence the decision of the Chairman and members of the Member Services Committee.

The Citation must clearly indicate that the member being nominated for Life Membership of the League has displayed **long, continuous and outstanding service**, to the Returned & Services League of Australia.

**Outstanding Service** to the League must be service beyond the normal expectations of a member, especially in an honorary capacity. (The fact that the member has been an office bearer or a member of the Sub-Branch Committee for a number of years on its own does NOT qualify a member for Life Membership).

It is particularly important that the efforts and dedication of the member's **outstanding service** in achieving the Charter & Purposes of the Sub-Branch to the betterment of veterans, their families and the community, are highlighted when writing the Citation. All aspects of the member's RSL related activities must be included and expanded upon in the Citation.

State Branch Recommendation

The decision to forward a nomination for Life Membership of the Returned & Services League of Australia to the National Executive for approval will be made by the State Executive of the Victorian Branch and will be final.

Applicable Fees

Fees payable by the nominating Sub-Branch are:

Certificate:

Framed: **\$33.00**

Payment by: Cheque   
Invoice

Certificate to be: Collected   
Posted

If posted, please indicate preferred postal address:-

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Completed form and cheque to be sent marked as follows to:-

Chief Executive Officer  
Returned & Services League of Australia  
(Victorian Branch) Inc.  
ANZAC House  
4 Collins Street  
MELBOURNE VIC 3000

## NOMINATION FORM

Nominating Sub-Branch: .....

### Nominee's Details

Surname: .....

First Name: .....

Address: .....

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Date of birth: ..... Age: .....

Membership no .....  
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Badge no: .....

Joining Date : .....

Original RSL: .....

Membership of Previous Sub-Branches: (List RSL's and dates)

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Additional information if known:

Service no: .....

Unit &/or Regiment: .....

Branch of Service: .....

## **CITATION**

**A one page citation should be inserted / attached to the nomination form**

## DECLARATION BY SUB-BRANCH

By resolution of the ..... Sub-Branch Committee meeting held  
on the (date of meeting) ..... it is recommended that (nominee's  
name) .....be nominated for Life Membership of the  
Returned & Services League of Australia in acknowledgement of long, continuous and  
outstanding service to the League.

Signed:

Signed:

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President

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Secretary

Date: .....

Date .....

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#### Recommendation by State Member Services Committee:

Chairman: ..... Yes  No

Date: .....

#### Recommendation by State Executive:

Approved  Not approved

Date: .....

Forwarded to NEX: .....

#### Decision of National Executive:

Approved  Not approved

Date: .....