

CRITERIA AND NOMINATION FORM

# Life Membership

## Award of Life Membership

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 Board 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 the National Constitution. 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. 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 Board 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 must be well written and comprehensive. 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 Board for approval will be made by the State Executive of the Victorian Branch.

## Applicable Fees

There are no fees applicable to this award.

Completed form (**pages 4 to 5**) can be emailed to [rkennedy@rslvic.com.au](mailto:rkennedy@rslvic.com.au) or hard copy posted to:

State President's Office  
Returned & Services League of Australia (Victorian Branch) Inc.  
ANZAC House  
4 Collins Street  
MELBOURNE VIC 3000

Further information or questions can be directed to Rosemary Kennedy at [rkennedy@rslvic.com.au](mailto:rkennedy@rslvic.com.au).

## Nomination Form

Nominating Sub-Branch \_\_\_\_\_

### Nominee's Details

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership no: \_\_\_\_\_

Badge No: \_\_\_\_\_

Joining Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Original RSL: \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership of previous Sub-Branches:

RSL	Date
_____	_____
_____	_____

### Additional information if known:

Service No: \_\_\_\_\_

Joining Unit &/or Regiment: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Service \_\_\_\_\_

CITATION

A **one or two page citation** should attached to the nomination form.

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DECLARATION BY SUB-BRANCH

By resolution of the \_\_\_\_\_ (*insert Sub-Branch name*) Sub-Branch  
Committee meeting held on the \_\_\_\_\_ (*insert date*) it is recommended that  
\_\_\_\_\_ (*insert 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:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
President (Sub-Branch)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary (Sub-Branch)

**Date:**

**Date:**

STATE BRANCH USE ONLY

Approved by State Awards Committee

Approved

Not approved

Date

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Recommended by State Executive:

Approved

Not approved

Date

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Endorsed by National Board:

Approved

Not approved

Date

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