



LIFE MEMBERSHIP POLICY

1. RATIONALE

At times, the members of the Ferny Hills State School P&C Association wish to acknowledge the dedication and commitment of a long-standing member of the Association who has provided many years of service to the school community and the Association above and beyond that normally expected of a member of the Association.

2. AIMS

The bestowing of Life Membership on a member aims to acknowledge their outstanding contribution and commitment to the Association. As it is not permitted to acknowledge their contribution via traditional means (in accordance with the Gift & Donation Policy), Life Membership is a token acceptance of the contribution made to the Association by the long-standing member.

3. RESPONSIBILITY

Life Membership nominations may be moved by any current member of the FHSS P&C Association. The nomination may only be made in General Business of the Annual General Meeting. A seconder must be present. A secret vote of all general members will be conducted at the Annual General Meeting.

4. CRITERIA FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATION

In order to be eligible for a Life Membership nomination, the member must meet the following criteria.

- a. The nominee must have been an active member of the FHSS P&C Association for a minimum of six (6) years.
- b. The nominee must have held an Executive position with the FHSS P&C Association for a minimum of three (3) years. Exception to this requirement may be made where the member is not eligible to hold an Executive position but meets the other criteria.
- c. The nominee must be deemed to have given service above and beyond that normally required by a general or Executive member. This may include but is not limited to the following:

- i Volunteer hours exceeding that normally required (over 10 hours per fortnight)
- i Assisting in the operation of P&C businesses (ie volunteering in Tuckshop, Uniform Shop, Fundraising Group) on a regular basis (at least once per month)
- ii Made exceptional contribution to the profitability and efficiency of a P&C business (ie. increased profit of Tuckshop or Uniform Shop, improved assessment of OSHC)

5. PROCEDURE FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATION

In order to nominate a member for a Life Membership Award, a current P&C member must present a written nomination detailing the contribution of the nominee to the P&C President at least two weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting. This requirement provides sufficient time for the nomination to be reviewed to:

- a. ensure it complies with the nomination process of the current Life Membership Policy.
- b. to seek approval of the current P&C Executive.

The member must present their nomination at the Annual General Meeting during General Business. The nomination must be in writing and have a seconder prior to the meeting. The nomination must itemise the contribution of the nominee in order for the current members to make an informed decision regarding approval of the nomination.

The nominee may be asked to leave the meeting in order for the nomination to be discussed by the members of the P&C Association.

A secret ballot will be held in order to confirm the acceptance (or otherwise) of the nomination.

The nominee may re-join the meeting once the secret ballot has been completed which includes the announcement of the results.

The nominee, if successful, will be provided with a Life Member badge and Certificate.

The name of the newly elected Life Member will be added to the Life Member Register by the P&C Secretary.

Life Members will not be required to complete FHSS P&C Membership Forms annually. However, Life Members wishing to vote on P&C matters, must either be a parent of a current FHSS student or hold a current Positive Notice Blue Card that is linked to FHSS P&C.

6. REVIEW

This policy will only be reviewed upon request of a majority of members of the FHSS P&C Association. Current Life Members shall be invited to participate in any review of this policy.