



## **SURFING AUSTRALIA LIFE MEMBER CRITERIA**

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This document has been created to assist board members in considering nominations for Surfing Australia Life Membership.

For Life Membership the emphasis must be on extraordinary and outstanding service to Surfing in Australia and the individual contribution of the person being nominated must have been above and beyond what could be reasonably expected, within the surfing community outside that of their State Association.

The sport of surfing is made up of Athletes, Administrators, Coaches, Technical Officials and Volunteers. As such, Life Membership must represent much more than just being part of an Australian Team or the holding of office and the routine performance of that office.

The election to Life Membership is addressed in the Surfing Australia Constitution at Clause 7.3, which states that:

*(a) The Board may nominate a person who has rendered distinguished or special service to the sport of surfing at the national level, for life membership. The nomination must be on the prescribed form (if any) and must be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer at least 60 days before the date set down for the Annual General Meeting.*

*(b) The nomination for Life Member shall be considered at the Annual General Meeting. A resolution of the Annual General Meeting to confer life membership must be passed by Special Resolution. The vote on such resolution will be taken by secret ballot.*

*(c) Conditions, obligations and privileges of life membership shall be as prescribed in the By-Laws.*

### **LIFE MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA**

The Surfing Australia Board will assess nominations for Life Membership against the following criteria;

(a) Length of service by the nominee to the sport of surfing as a Participant, Administrator, Coach, Official and/or Volunteer (a minimum of 10 years of service is required).

(b) The outstanding contribution and service the nominee has made to the growth, development and standing of the sport and the broader community.

(c) The service must be diligent, extraordinary and the applicant's achievements must be above and beyond what could reasonably be expected, within the surfing community.

(d) The nominee's service shall be recognised as having made a significant impact to the sport of surfing in Australia and Surfing Australia's constitutional objectives:

*The objects for which the Company is established and maintained are to:*

- *provide for the conduct, encouragement, promotion and administration of surfriding throughout Australia;*
- *ensure the maintenance and enhancement of the Company, its Members and surfriding, its standards, quality and reputation for the benefit of the Members and surfriding;*
- *at all times promote mutual trust and confidence between the Company and the Members in pursuit of these Objects;*
- *affiliate and otherwise liaise with the International Surfing Company, in the pursuit of these objects and the objects of surfriding;*
- *recognise surfing values and the implications on surfing in recreational and natural resource planning and management;*
- *at all times act on behalf of and in the interest of the Members and surfriding;*
- *represent the interests of its Members and of surfriding generally in any appropriate forum in Australia and internationally;*
- *actively support the preservation and conservation of the environment, and join with or affiliate with bodies or organisations concerned with the conservation and preservation of the environment;*
- *Conduct national competitions and arrange for the conduct of national championships and the selection of national teams and squads and create rules and regulations for the conduct of these.*
- *Develop young surfers to compete successfully at an international level and must maintain the high profile and success of Australian surfers internationally.*
- *To establish and operate a hall of fame for the preservation, storage and exhibition of information and objects illustrating and relating to the sport of surfing.*
- *Do all things which are necessary incidental or conducive to further the interests of Surfing Australia.*

(e) The values and behaviours that the nominee has demonstrated in their ethical and exemplary service and their reputation and standing within the surfing community.

(f) Period from 1963 to present day

### Benefits of Life Membership

- Award of the Life Membership given at The Annual Australian Surfing Awards including the Hall of Fame evening.
- Exemption from affiliation fees associated with Surfing Australia (this excludes State Association registration costs)
- Personal invitation to all major events
- Listing on the Surfing Australia website and wall display in Surfing Australia High Performance Centre
- Status of being a member of a select group within the organisation

The above information above is provided to assist potential nominators in preparing life membership nominations.

### Surfing Australia Life Members

Don	O'Rorke
Norm	Innis
Mal	Gregson
Robert	Mitchell
Alan	Atkins
Rod	Brooks
Snowy	McAllister