

## **CRITERIA FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

This policy sets out the minimum criteria to be eligible for nomination for an award of *Life Membership* of the Ivanhoe Swimming Club. This award exists to recognise the valuable contribution of individuals to the current and future existence of the Club. It is therefore only to be awarded in exceptional circumstances.

In considering the award of Life Membership an individual **should have demonstrated significant, sustained and high quality service enhancing the reputation and future of the overall Club.**

The points to be taken into account when considering any nomination include:

### **1. General Considerations**

- The general attitude and overall demeanor of the nominee shows a dedication to the values of the Swimming Club
- Commitment to the principals of good sportsmanship
- Valued leadership and good role modeling that reflects credit upon the Swimming Club

## 2. Length of Service

- The length of service to the Club should be at least 10 years *in either or both an In-Pool or Out-of-Pool roles* with such service in either role being taken concurrently.
- There must also be service with or for a governing Swimming Association (In-Pool or Out-of-Pool) in conjunction with their involvement with the Swimming Club. This service must have reflected favorably and brought credit upon the Ivanhoe Swimming Club.

## 3. Other Specific Criteria

- The nominee must be a current financial member.
- Specific achievement, both In-Pool and Out-of-Pool, at a State or National Level will be taken into consideration.

## Benefits of Life Membership

- Award of the Life Membership at the Swimming Club Executive Annual General meeting
- Exemption from fees associated with the Swimming Club
- Listing in the Swimming Club Web site and other official documents
- Status of being a member of a select group within the swimming club
- Ability to include award recognition on Curriculum Vitae

### **Process for Assessing Applications for Life Membership**

Nominations for Life membership should be forwarded by a Committee member to the President of the Swimming Club Committee no later than 8 weeks before the AGM in each year. Nominees should demonstrate attainment of minimum service requirements and other details of exemplary service.

The final list of endorsed nominations for the award of Life Membership will be submitted to all Committee members for agreement before the AGM. Subject to agreement by ALL Committee members, Life Membership may be awarded at the next Swimming Club Annual General Meeting.

Retraction of a Life Membership Award may occur where the recipient has conducted him/herself in a manner that reflects directly and adversely on the image or activities of the Swimming Club. This provision will only be exercised in exceptional circumstances and will require the full support of the Ivanhoe Swimming Club Executive to be enacted. As part of the deliberations, the Life Member in question is also to be given an opportunity to present their case for retention of their Life Membership status.