

Moreton Bribie Bridge Club Inc.

Life Membership

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Established on 15/06/2022 in accordance with Rule 28
of the Clubs registered Rules.

(Rule 28: The Management Committee may from time to time make, amend or repeal By-laws, not inconsistent with these rules, for the Association's internal management. Any By-law may be set aside by simple majority vote at a general meeting of members.)

Life Membership

Life membership may be awarded in recognition of an outstanding contribution by an individual to the Club. It should be seen as a prestigious award and so it is important that consistent criteria and processes are used.

General principles to consider in granting Life Membership

- The granting of Life Membership is a great honor and should not be treated lightly. Life Membership should not be considered as a competitive matter and nominees must be considered individually and on their personal attributes and achievements and not in comparison with others.
- Granting Life Membership is a balancing exercise. Criteria are provided for guidance, but it is the overall contribution of the nominee that must be evaluated. There is necessarily some subjectivity in the granting of Life Membership. Nominees' strengths against the various criteria will vary. Some nominees will be extremely strong in some criteria but weaker against others, others will be more rounded.
- Life Membership is reserved for those whose contribution goes beyond the ordinary or even the excellent for an extended period of time

Criteria to be considered in granting Life Membership

Membership:

Must be a current financial member.

Values and ethics:

Nominees must have consistently met or exceeded and actively fostered the ethical and social values of the club.

Length of active membership:

To have contributed to the degree necessary for Life Membership, a nominee will necessarily have been a Member and involved for a significant time and to a significant degree in roles and activities supporting the Club. While there is no 'minimum' period of membership, a period of ten (10) years active membership and participation is an indicator of a long-term commitment.

Positions held and Contribution:

The nominee should be able to demonstrate a significant contribution to the core activities of the Club over a majority of those years of membership. This may include:

- significant contributions while holding positions on the Committee (bearing in mind that mere membership of such committees does not of its own mean a person has made significant contributions).
- participating to a much greater extent than the average member in multiple active roles benefitting a large number of members over a long period of time is the most obvious indicator of outstanding service to the Club, deserving of Life Membership. These may include, but are not limited to:-

Management Committee role(s) especially senior/key positions

As a teacher or other development role

As a director

Roles or activity outside the committee over and beyond that expected of an ordinary member.

Application and Process for Life Membership

All Nominations are to be treated with the strictest CONFIDENCE

A person can be nominated and seconded for Life Membership by any financial member(s)

The candidate must consent to the nomination. Such consent may be withdrawn at any time prior to the final vote by advising the Secretary.

Nominations can only be made on the following Life Membership Nomination Form and must be submitted to the Secretary.

The nomination shall include a full testimonial of the nominee and their achievements and be of sufficient detail that all members, not just the Committee, are able to make an informed opinion as to the candidate's worthiness.

Once a nomination for Life Membership is received, the Secretary must present it to the Management Committee at the next scheduled meeting. The Management Committee will consider only nominations received in the period since the last Annual General Meeting.

To maintain confidentiality the Management Committee minutes will not disclose the name of the nominee, the proposer or seconder.

The Management Committee will undertake a thorough review of the application to confirm its veracity. The Management Committee may appoint a Review Committee to undertake this work and report their finding(s) and recommendation.

The Management Committee must not be influenced by personal relationships or prejudices. If the nominee, nominator, or seconder is a member of the Management Committee they must excuse themselves from any part of the process.

A decision to support the nomination for Life Membership must be by a unanimous vote of the Management Committee. The vote to be by secret ballot and the result shall be recorded in their minutes. The nominee's name to be excluded. The Secretary will advise the nominee and proposer, in writing, of the decision.

For supported nominations to be considered at the next General Meeting a formal Notice of Motion will be raised the Secretary in terms of Rule 19 (1)

The Secretary shall display supported Life Membership Nomination Forms together with the associated Motion and Notice of Meeting, as required under Rule 19 (2), for the General Meeting at which the Motion is to be considered and voted upon.

Note: These are designated “Special Resolutions” and shall be resolved by the affirmative vote of at least three-quarters of the members present and entitled to vote at the meeting. Rule 4 (4) (a)

Voting at the General Meeting shall be by secret ballot.

Life Membership Nomination Form

The Secretary,

Moreton Bribie bridge Club Inc

Nominee Name	
Length of Membership	
Consent to Nomination – Nominee must sign.	

Nomination Submitted by:

Signature:

Date: / /

Nomination Seconded by:

Signature:

Date: / /

Committee Decision: Supported / Not Supported

Date: / /

Recorded in Minutes dated / /

Nominee and Nominator advised by Secretary: / /

Testimonial

Please Detail the Nominees contribution(s).

Guidelines for Completion:

The testimonial should specifically address the areas mentioned in the criteria. Quote examples, times and measurable outcomes.

The testimonial must be of sufficient detail that all members, not just the Committee, are able to make an informed opinion as to the candidate's worthiness.

Be specific. Avoid generalities. Avoid direct comparison(s) with other members.

Re: (Nominee's Name)

Signed (nominator):

Add further pages as required.