

## Ashburton Bridge Club Life Membership Policy

Life memberships should remain prestigious honours that are not awarded lightly nor earned of right but are awarded for well documented and meritorious service. Recipients must have advanced or improved the Ashburton Bridge Club significantly, such that their contribution is widely recognised as outstanding. It is not necessary for a Life Membership to be granted each or any year.

Any nomination for life membership should be made at least two meetings prior to the Annual General Meeting. Nomination can come from any current member of the club. It will then become the responsibility of that member to present evidence to the Committee regarding the nominee based on the criteria set out below. This will allow an informed decision as to the nominee's life member worthiness. The nominee may be invited to present to the Committee.

The following four areas of club service must be considered:

- Playing
- Coaching/Managing
- Administration
- General contribution (including fund raising, support for the club and the members) and any other criteria the club may consider.

The nominee must have an outstanding contribution in at least one of these areas and at least some contribution in two of the other three areas or contribution deemed appropriate at the discretion of the Committee. While a reasonable length of time (to be determined by the Committee) of service is important, the overall riding criterion is the quality of service.

At the meeting to decide on the nomination/s the Committee shall, based on the above criteria, determine if the nomination is worthy of Life Membership. A quorum must be present at the meeting, with a unanimous agreement for the nomination required.

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