



Maffra Golf Club

Life Membership Policy.

MAFFRA GOLF CLUB.

Life membership is an honour bestowed on individual club members whose exceptional, loyal and outstanding service and contribution has provided measurable benefit to the club over an extended period of time. It should be recognised as the highest recognition that can be awarded to a member in acknowledgement of their exceptional service and contribution. It should retain its prestige and not be awarded easily.

Processes and Criteria

Nomination

Any full or retired member of the Maffra Golf Club can be nominated by any current full member with the nomination seconded by at least one other full member

Nominations should include the nominator's reasons for putting forward the nominee and should set out the achievements and activities of the nominee and must show that the award criteria, as set out below, is met.

The General Committee is informed in writing of the nomination of a potential life member. at least two meetings prior to the Annual General Meeting

In the event that the Executive Committee believes that the nominee is worthy of Life Membership, the Committee will present the nomination to the **Annual General Meeting** for ratification.

The nominated member may be elected as a Life Member of the Maffra Golf Club on receiving a majority vote of over 75% in favour of the motion.

The voting at this Annual General Meeting will be by secret ballot.

Procedures and Criteria

Once having received a nomination, a simple majority of a quorum of the General Committee is sufficient for the nomination to be pursued. A sub-committee, which may be made up of Executive Members and/or long-time members, or an individual, may be appointed to further research the nomination and report back to the General Committee. This should be done in conjunction with the nominator to allow time to gather the relevant information.

In the event that the Committee believes that the nominee is not worthy at this stage of Life Membership, the Committee will inform the nominees and they can decide whether or not to proceed with the nomination.

If an existing Committee member is the nominee, that person must be disqualified from any deliberation on the nomination.

While members not on the committee should be encouraged to provide information to such meetings, only the Committee should be present at the meetings, unless the committee feels there are special circumstances requiring another person to attend. In such an event, this person shall not be present during voting.

At the meeting to decide on the nomination/s the Committee shall in regard to the following criteria, determine if the nomination is worthy. The emphasis in this determination should be heavily on critical appraisal of the level of service to the Maffra Golf Club. If there is any doubt of such level being achieved, or lack of information about the nominee that makes such a conclusion impossible, then the Committee members should consider voting in the negative.

Criteria for consideration are as follows

Minimum 15 years concurrent membership of the Maffra Golf Club

Categories

- A: Playing
- b. Administration
- c. General Contribution. These roles may be, but not restricted to – coordinator roles, fund raising and sponsorship activities and /or event coordinator roles

For any of the relevant criteria the nominee should have demonstrated an exceptional contribution beyond the ordinary for an extended period of time which has a measurable benefit to the Maffra Golf Club and membership.

In determining the level of significance, the Committee members should consider this in the light of very high-quality service. While a reasonable length of time (to be determined by the Committee) of service is important, the overall riding criterion is the quality of the service.