



GIRL GUIDES VICTORIA
LIFE MEMBERSHIP

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Subject	Life Membership
Policy	To recognise individuals who have given long term, exceptional Commitment to Girl Guides Victoria
Principles	<p>Life membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is the highest recognition available to honour the exceptional contribution of individuals who are or have been members of the Girl Guide Association of Victoria (GGV). • will only be given in exceptional circumstances. Recognises an individual who has demonstrated significant, high quality committed service enhancing the reputation and future of GGV overall. • Is bestowed on persons of good character and is not transferable. <p>To recognise this honour GGV may only have a maximum of five (5) Life Members at any given time.</p>
Definitions	<p>Life Members are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exempt from paying membership fees of GGV and attendance fees for official GGV events • Named in the Annual Reports and on the GGV website • Invited to GGV official events/meetings and acknowledged at such events in the opening/welcoming speech and provided with reserved seating • Membership of GGV State Council with voting rights.
Procedures	<p><u>Nomination</u> Any member of GGV can recommend a worthy member to the State Commissioner or her Assistants by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing a letter of recommendation to include a detailed history of the person’s membership and contribution to Girl Guiding in Victoria, in Australia and, if relevant, overseas. Comments may also be included on any/all of the following points, which should be taken into account when considering an individual for Life Membership. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The general attitude and overall demeanour of the individual and ensure that their attitude is one that reflects a dedication to the values of GGV and is reflected in their day-to-day life:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Within the organisation b) Within the wider community o Commitment to the principles and values of the organisation o A commitment which does not seek a personal reward o Valued leadership and good role modelling that reflect credit upon GGV o Achievements that have demonstrated the individual to be an outstanding person o Significant achievement made on behalf of GGV as a volunteer and/or staff member. o Involvement in GGV events, meeting and activities. <p><u>Appointment Process</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The State Commissioner or an Assistant should present the recommendation to the Awards sub-committee of the Adult Experience Committee for discussion • If the nominee is considered suitable the nomination is forwarded to the Executive Committee with the original letters and any other supporting documentation thought appropriate by the State Commissioner or Assistant or the Awards sub-committee. • If the recommendation is accepted, the person nominated is to be informed by the State Commissioner or Assistant and asked if the person is prepared to accept the Life Membership. <p>Strict confidentiality must be maintained throughout the process until Life Membership is presented.</p> <p><u>Presentation of Life Membership</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The presentation of Life Membership should occur at a special event with family and friends invited. • Life members already presented should be recognised as should the President, the State Commissioner and Assistants, the Governance Chair and the CEO, if present. • During the presentation, the purpose of Life Membership should be stated and the detailed history of the person's membership and contribution to Girl Guiding also outlined.
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	<p><u>Review</u> Should the circumstances of the Life Member change, the Executive Committee of GGV may initiate the withdrawal of Life Membership.</p> <p>A recipient may also retract their Life Membership.</p> <p><u>Distribution</u> This policy should be distributed to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Life members when appointed• State Commissioners and Assistant State Commissioners when appointed to their positions.• The Governance Chair• The CEO• Staff members responsible for awards and for event/meeting organization.
Related policies	N/A