Bayside Cricket Club

Life Membership Policy

15th September 2025

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to outline the criteria and process for awarding Life Membership to individuals who have rendered exceptional and sustained service to Bayside Cricket Club ("the Club").

2. Definition

Life Membership is the highest honour the Club can bestow upon a member. It recognises extraordinary commitment, service, loyalty and contribution over an extended period.

3. Eligibility Criteria

To be considered for Life Membership, nominees should meet the following general guidelines:

- A minimum of 15 years of active membership of the Club (unless special circumstances)
- Service must be significant, sustained, and voluntary, contributing to the development, success, or sustainability of the Club.
- Can include captaining, coaching, committee involvement, ground maintenance, fundraising, administration, or other significant roles in both the senior and junior part of the club.
- The nominee must be a current or past financial member of the Club.
- As an example of eligibility the member might have a combination of any of the following for a minimum of 5 years :
    - Being a general committee member or on club executive
    - coaching or grounds keeping
    - coaching or managing a junior team
    - being an association representative
    - captaining a Senior team.

The service might also have been at Moorabbin Park or Highett Cricket Clubs prior to the merge to form Bayside Cricket Club.

4. Nomination Process

- Nominations can be made by any current Club member or Life Member in writing.
- Nominations must include:
    - Name and contact details of the nominee.
    - Detailed summary of the nominee's contributions.
    - Name and signature of the nominator and one seconder.
- Nominations should be submitted to the Club Secretary or President by 1st March each year.

5. Assessment & Approval

- The Life Member Sub Committee (minimum 4 people made up of 2 executive committee members and selected current club life members) will assess all nominations in strict confidence.
- Approval for Life Membership requires:
    - A majority vote (e.g., 75%) of the full Club Committee.

6. Entitlements of Life Members

Life Members will receive:

- Exemption from annual membership fees (only match fees contribution to be paid).
- Recognition at the AGM and on the Club Honour Board (if applicable).
- Invitation to special Club events.
- Voting rights in Club matters, consistent with current membership rules.

7. Limitations

- Life Memberships are considered a rare honour and should not be awarded lightly.
- A maximum of two Life Memberships may be awarded per year, unless otherwise agreed by the Committee under exceptional circumstances.

8. Revocation

Life Membership may be revoked only in exceptional circumstances involving conduct that seriously damages the Club's reputation or integrity. Revocation requires:

- A unanimous vote by the Club Committee.
- Ratification at a Special General Meeting (SGM) by a two-thirds majority.

9. Review of Policy

This policy will be reviewed every 3 years or as required.

Bridget Roser

Approved by: Bridget Roser Vice President

Date of Approval: 19th September 2025

Next Review Date: 19th September 2028