



RSLWA

THE RETURNED & SERVICES LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA  
WA BRANCH INCORPORATED

## Nomination for Life Membership

Read this carefully before completing.

### **Nomination of Service Members for 'Life Membership' is to be made in accordance with Rule 7 of the WA Branch Incorporated Constitution. Extract from RULE 7:**

- 7.5 The National President may propose that a Service Member, who has given long, continued and outstanding service to the League, be elected by the National Executive to the class of Life Member.
- 7.6 Subject to the National By-Laws, RSLWA may propose that a Service Member, who has given long, continued and outstanding service to the League, be elected by the National Executive to the class of Life Member.
- 7.7 If, after a proposal has been made pursuant to the National Rules, the Service Member who is the subject of the proposal for Life Membership dies before the National Executive has had an opportunity to elect him to the class of Life Member, the National Executive may determine that he be deemed to have been elected a Life Member on the date the proposal was made and that the badge and certificate of Life Membership be given to his next of kin.
- 7.8 The rights, privileges and obligations of a Service Member elected as a Life Member shall not be disturbed by his election to that class, save and except that he shall not be liable to pay any annual subscription either to the League, RSLWA or a Sub-Branch, as the case may be.
- 7.9 A Life Member shall be entitled to attend as an observer at any National Congress at his own expense, but shall not be entitled to be heard or vote nor shall he be entitled to receive notices.
- 7.10 A Life Member who has been a member continuously for a period of not less than 30 years and who during that period has given not less than 25 years' outstanding service to the League, may, on the recommendation of the National Executive, be awarded a Meritorious Service Medal by the National Congress. The award of such medal may be made posthumously, provided a Sub-Branch has nominated a Life Member for receipt of the award and such nomination has been received by RSLWA prior to the death of the said Life Member and provided further that RSLWA recommends the award to the National Executive and it in turn recommends to the National Congress that the award be made.

**Further conditions for nomination are contained at State By-Law 2 which should also be carefully considered.**

### **Extract from BY-LAW 2:**

- 2.1 A special award, known as "*The Badge of Life Membership*" may be granted to members of the League on the recommendation of a Sub-Branch, or RSLWA, subject to the following conditions:
- No person shall be eligible for the award who has not been a financial member of the League continuously for a period of at least 15 years immediately prior to the date of citation, and who must have, during his financial membership period, rendered at least 10 years honorary service to the League which, in the opinion of Board of Directors, is adjudged to be so outstanding as to merit special recognition;

- b. a recommendation for an award of Life Membership shall, after due notice has been given, be submitted for approval to a general meeting of a Sub-Branch and upon approval shall then be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval. The recommendations are to be in the hands of the CEO not later than 31 March each year;
- c. when a Sub-Branch submits the recommendation, it shall be forwarded to the CEO supported by a written citation of the member's qualifications. If, after due consideration, the recommendation is approved by the Board of Directors, it shall be presented to the National Headquarters for approval;
- d. the Sub-Branch concerned shall pay RSLWA the prescribed fee in accordance with the schedule below, plus the cost of the badge and certificate;
- e. the badge may be in gold at the option of the Sub-Branch or Branch and this option must be indicated in the citation;
- f. the number of memberships recommended in one year by RSLWA shall not be greater than one per 750, or part thereof, of the financial membership of RSLWA;
- g. a Life Member who has been a member continuously for a period of not less than 30 years and who, during that period has given not less than 25 years outstanding service to the League, may, on the recommendation of the National Executive, be awarded a Meritorious Service Medal by the National Congress; and
- h. for a Life Member, the current annual capitation proportions are to be multiplied by the factor applicable to the corresponding age group of the nominee and be reduced by the factor shown for the number of financial members in the nominating Sub-Branch, as shown in the table hereunder rounded off to the nearest dollar.

<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Factor</b>	<b>Financial Membership</b>	<b>percent Reduction</b>
Up to 40	30	Over 500	0
41-45	25	301-500	16-2/3
46-50	20	201-300	20
51-55	15	151-200	25
56-60	12	101-150	33-1/3
61-65	7	51-100	40
Over 65	5	Up to 50	50

- 2.2 Other than in exceptional circumstances, RSLWA shall not propose a Service Member for election by the National Executive to the class of Life Member unless that Service Member has been a Service Member for at least 15 continuous years and has rendered not less than 10 years' outstanding service to the League.
- 2.3 If a Service Member proposed for Life Membership pursuant to Rule 7 is also a member of a Sub-Branch that Sub-Branch shall pay to RSLWA, such fees as determined from time to time.
- 2.4 For the purposes of this By-Law, service as a member of a Women's Auxiliary may be taken into account.
- 2.5 If a Life Member is also a member of a Sub-Branch and transfers his membership of that Sub-Branch to another Sub-Branch which is subject to the jurisdiction of another Branch RSLWA shall pay to the new Branch to which he has transferred, that portion of the Life Membership fee that remains for that Life Member in its Life Membership Fund. RSLWA to which the payment is made shall pay to the Sub-Branch to which the Life Member has transferred an amount equal to the applicable annual rebate of the subscription of that Branch. Such latter payments are meant to be made out of the funds received by RSLWA pursuant to this paragraph and not otherwise.
- 2.6 If a Life Member is also a member of a Sub-Branch and transfers his membership to another Sub-Branch, the latter Sub-Branch shall extend to that Life Member the same rights, privileges and honours applicable to a member elected to Life Membership upon the nomination of the latter Sub-Branch.

**Note:**

- a. Nominations must be presented in a comprehensive write-up, which highlights the nominee's outstanding contributions to the League, this entitling the member to the League's highest award.
- b. The award is not automatic. All nominations will at first be considered on their individual merits and then in competition with all other nominations.
- c. Unsuccessful nominations will **not** be carried forward, or receive automatic selection in the following year. Should a Sub-Branch wish a member to be re-nominated, a new nomination form must be submitted.

**CLOSING DATE: NO LATER THAN 31 MARCH IN EACH YEAR.**

**ALL PARTS MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL**

**Part A: Details of Nominee**

**Surname:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Given Names:** \_\_\_\_\_ (in full please print)

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Mr, Mrs, Miss, Rank etc)

**Post Nominal:** \_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Service Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Joined the Returned and Services League:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Years a Financial Member:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Part B: Positions held in the League**

	Position	from	to
1.	_____		
2.	_____		
3.	_____		
4.	_____		

**Part C: Full details of at least 10 years outstanding Honorary Service to the League. This part must contain a comprehensive report on the achievements of the Nominee.**

**General Activities (ie welfare and/or pensions work/ hospital/sick visitation)**

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**Community Representation – Name Organisation and where candidate has represented RSL or Sub-Branch**

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**a) Sub-Branch Representation**

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**b) Has candidate served on State Executive/Board of Directors? Give Details**

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**PART D: Sub-Branch President's Comments**

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**Part E: Sub-Branch Details**

**Sub-Branch:** \_\_\_\_\_

This nomination was approved by the members of this Sub-Branch at a General Meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_(date) **A copy of these minutes are enclosed.**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Sub-Branch President**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Sub-Branch Secretary**

**Printed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Sub-Branch President**

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**Sub-Branch Secretary**

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**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

Certificate to be framed Yes

No

Date Nomination Received and by Who: .....

**TO BE COMPLETED BY CHAIRPERSON OF  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS HONOURS & AWARDS COMMITTEE**

**OUTCOME**

Date Service Record Checked/  
Confirmed and by Who: .....

Nomination Accepted:

Nomination Deferred/Returned :

Comment:  
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Date successful nominee informed: .....

Date unsuccessful nominator informed: .....

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair of Honours & Awards Committee

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CEO RSL WA

Printed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair of Honours & Awards Committee

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