

**Amendment to Model Rules ~ Life Membership**  
**Approved by Consumer Affairs Victoria August 2017**

**Life Membership**

*At the 2016 AGM the following guidelines were approved for the awarding of Life Members.*

The award of Life Membership is the highest honour that the ATCV can bestow on a member and it should not be given lightly if the true intention of the award is to be maintained and it does not become trivialized.

There are currently 6 Life Members of the ATCV

**Modified Model Rules, Definitions:**

Life Member –Nomination as a life member shall be in recognition of \*outstanding service to the club or the objects of the club. The award of LM is to recognise service to the Club or the Objects of the Club. Service to the Objects of the Club should be multi-faceted, regularly participating in and assisting at Club events. It should include promoting the Airedale Terrier Club of Victoria to puppy buyers/general public etc. about the Club and encouraging people. Outstanding service will put the Club and Breeds need above one's own activities.

*\*Cambridge Dictionary definition Outstanding, Clearly very much better than what is usual.*

**Objects of the Airedale Terrier Club of Victoria**

a/ to encourage the breeding of the Airedale Terrier according to the standard agreed by the VCA/ANKC.

b/ to promote and to support shows and/or other canine related activities under the jurisdiction of the VCA;

c/ to promote the welfare, care and responsible ownership of the pure bred Airedale Terrier;

d/ to promote social and other events and to generally further the interests of the breed in co operation with other Airedale Terrier clubs throughout Australia and elsewhere;

e/ to affiliate with the Victorian Canine Association (trading as Dogs Victoria)

f/ to publish a magazine/journal for distribution to members on a quarterly basis

**Suggested (but not limited to) guidelines for the nomination of Life Membership**

Has the nominated member done more for the club than any other member?

Any nomination for Life Membership must be accompanied by a detailed rationale for the awarding of the LM and accompanied by a breakdown of the service given by the proposed member to the Club. This should be sent to the Secretary and the Committee will assess the nomination and either accept it and submit to an appropriate meeting for members to vote on, or reject the nomination. In case of the latter, the Committee shall respond to the Nominee detailing the grounds for rejection.

Service to the Club should be supporting Club events. Serving on Committee should not necessarily qualify as outstanding service.

**Recommendations**

Life Members become known as Honorary Life Members and do not pay an annual membership fee but have the same privileges as an ordinary member.

A detailed resume of the nominee's service to the Club or the objects of the club is to be presented by the nominator at the time of nomination. This should include years as a member of the Club, service to the club in terms of Committee work or of work of a **significant** nature while off committee and of support given to club events and promotion of the club. Nominations will not be accepted without this.

Nominees should have a history of support for the club and have been active in the club activities and preferably served in an active role on committee over a considerable time.

Nominees should have been a member of the club for a minimum of 10 years, unless there is a compelling reason/action otherwise, before a nomination for LM will be considered.

On receipt of a nomination for Life Member being received by the Committee the Secretary, President and at least one other of the Committee shall assess the application and do all within their power to validate the claims made in the nomination. The nominator may be asked by the assessors for further information to back their nomination if necessary