



Life Membership

At any stage during a triathlon season the opportunity exists for a person to be nominated for life membership with the club by any financial club member. This document outlines the criteria, process for awarding and benefits of the Riviera Triathlon Clubs life membership. All nominations must be submitted in accordance with the 'nomination & selection process' outlined in this document.

Procedure for nomination & appointment of Life Member

Nominee shall be:

(It would be expected that nominees fulfil not one but several of the criteria below)

1. A current member with a minimum membership duration of 5 unbroken years
2. A good role model - a member that sets a good example in fair play, decorum, presentation and communication, plus displays compassion & understanding of other members needs.
3. A member that is currently or has been a servant of the Club in any of the following roles for a combined period of 5 years:
 - i. A motivated and active Club committee member.
 - ii. Club Organiser (Club Race officiating, social functions, fundraising, sponsorship negotiating, coaching and other Club activities including the organising of training days, forums and camps).
 - iii. General administrator – production or assisting with Club Newsletter, News articles and maintenance of Club Website and Facebook page or any other administration duties that may have been approved by the Club committee.
4. An outstanding ambassador for the Club as an athlete or as a representative. Includes racing in or wearing Riviera Triathlon Club kit when competing or representing the Club in the Triathlon community intra & interstate.
5. A Sponsor - a Club member that supports the Club financially on behalf of their own company (sole operator rather than just obtaining corporate dollars – this would fall into sponsorship negotiation in point 3ii).

Nomination & Selection process

1. RTC shall call for Life Member nominations via the Club website and emails in lead up to the clubs AGM and the end of season Presentation Evening.
2. Nominations may be forwarded in writing to the Club Secretary at any stage throughout the season. Nominations should:
 - i. Supply a testimonial that outlines a brief biography of their nominee
 - ii. Indicate the level of personal sacrifice the nominee has made to the Club
 - iii. The level of involvement they believe the nominee contributed to the various nomination benchmarks detailed above
 - iv. Any specific examples of extemporary contribution /s that make the nominee stand out
 - v. The number of membership years (if known)
3. The Secretary must promptly pass the nomination on to the current President who is the Chair of the Life Membership Subcommittee which comprises the President, Vice-President and the immediate Past President. Should a member of the subcommittee not be available for consideration of a nomination the remaining members may co-opt another subcommittee member with suitable background.
4. The subcommittee must consider the nomination against the Life Membership criteria outlined above. Each nomination must be considered on its merits. In considering the nomination, members of the subcommittee are not to be influenced by any personal relationship with the nominee and are not to make direct comparisons with other Life Members, nominees or persons not nominated. The subcommittee may request additional information from the nominator if that would assist its deliberations.

The Awarding Process

1. The subcommittee must decide whether or not to grant the nominee Life Membership and provide its decision, via the president, to all the Club Committee Members at the first available meeting. The subcommittee must provide a statement of reasons for its decision.
2. The motion will be seconded from the floor and finalised by a majority vote of members present.
3. Any member objecting to the appointment should request to address the meeting before any voting takes place to give their reasons. The voting will then only commence after any objections have been heard.
4. If endorsed, the New Life Member will be asked if they would like to accept the award. If accepted the award will become effective immediately.
5. The nominee shall be formally presented with their Life membership at either the Clubs AGM or presentation evening whatever comes first. If the nominee is not available then the presentation will take place at the next suitable Club function.
6. If the nominee is a member of the Committee, the nominee is to stand aside from the deliberations and decision-making.

Recognition of Life Member

1. The new life member shall be presented with a framed certificate proclaiming their election, showing the year and a brief summary of their contribution
2. In addition to the certificate they will also be presented with a 'Life Member' broach, displaying the Club logo and engraved with their name
3. Recognition on Clubs Life Members board - includes year of appointment
4. A Free Club membership for life (excludes any affiliation fees with Triathlon Australia)
5. Free entry to all Club events (races & functions – not including charity events)

All submissions to be forwarded to rivtriclub@gmail.com with the subject line showing "Life Member".

Life Members of the Riviera Triathlon Club

Number	Name	Year
1	Alan Cross	2012
2	Bob Weatherill	2015