



## LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Life Membership is an honour bestowed on an individual member of U3A Hobson's Bay Williamstown whose outstanding service and contribution have provided a benefit to the club and its members over an extended period of time.

### PROCESS

#### Nomination

1. Nominations can be made by any current financial member or Committee member.
2. Nominations should be made in writing and submitted to the Committee, putting forward the nominee and showing that the criteria set out below has been met.
3. All nominations will be treated with confidentiality.
4. The Committee will consider life membership once a year two months prior to the Annual General Meeting (AGM). In 2020, the period will be reduced to one month due to complications from the COVID pandemic (ie to 17<sup>th</sup> October)

#### Award of Life Membership

1. Successful nominees will receive notice of the intention to award Life Membership at least two weeks prior to the AGM.
2. At the AGM, the members to receive Life Memberships will be announced, ratified and recorded in the minutes of that AGM.
3. Life Members will be entitled to a waiver of their annual fee and will have the same rights, responsibilities and voting rights as ordinary members.

#### Criteria for Nomination

The contributions can be in one or more of the following criteria, typically made over a period of ten years. Exemptions can be made for a shorter time-frame in exceptional circumstances.

1. Membership of the Executive Committee
2. Convenor of activity/ies
3. Other significant activity/ies that have led to positive outcomes and innovations for the organisation and its members.