

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP POLICY

Policy

RSPCA Victoria is committed to recognising individuals who have made a significant voluntary contribution to animal welfare. This policy outlines the eligibility, criteria and processes for nominating and awarding Honorary Life Membership of RSPCA Victoria.

Eligibility

Awarding of Honorary Life Membership

The following individuals would be eligible for nomination:

- Volunteers in regular on-going involvement - 20 years.
- Individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to improving animal welfare (this may include Volunteers, President/Chairperson and Board members who may not have reached the service milestones).
- President/Chairperson - 10 years service.
- Board members - 15 years service.

Criteria:

- Each nomination will be judged on its merits. Achievement of the service eligibility does not automatically qualify someone to receive Honorary Life Membership.
- Criteria for consideration of the nomination for an outstanding contribution by an individual to improve animal welfare may include, amongst other things:
 - An individual campaigning for animal welfare changes that achieved the desired outcome e.g. legislative improvements.
 - An individual contribution that results in substantial improvement in facilities for animal welfare.
 - Individuals who have shown leadership in their local community which has positively influenced community views about animal welfare.
 - An RSPCA donor who has regularly contributed financially over a period of 20 years or more.

Note: Paid staff are excluded from nomination as their contributions are recognised under the organisations People Management Framework.

Nomination Process:

- Nominations can be made by any RSPCA member, employee or volunteer, on the approved application form to be provided.
- Nominations will be reviewed by the CEO and Executive Management Team.
- Nominations will be considered and awards determined by the RSPCA Board.
- Award nominations will be called for at the set time each year - July 1-31st.
- RSPCA Board will review nominations annually at the August board meeting, so that the successful nominee/s can receive a presentation at the AGM.

Documentation:

Applications must be completed on the Honorary Life Membership nomination forms and returned by Friday 31 July to:

Executive Manager Marketing
RSPCA (Victoria)
3 Burwood Highway
Burwood East VIC 3151