

Addendum C

Life Member Policy

- 1) This addendum is intended to be used in conjunction with, and is subservient to the current constitution of the St George Historical Society Inc.
- 2) Definition: Life Member means a member of the association who has been selected for this membership category according to clause 3(1)(e) on account of the member's outstanding service to the association.
- 3) Selection Process
 - a) A nomination by a person to be a member of the association must be:
 - i) made in writing, email or other electronic means, and
 - ii) include a statement as to why the nominee is worthy of the nomination, and
 - iii) not from a family member of the nominee, and
 - iv) lodged to the secretary
 - b) The secretary must refer a nomination to the committee as soon as practicable after receiving the nomination.
 - c) Subject to subclause (6):
 - i) The committee may discuss the nomination at the first meeting after the nomination has been received.
 - ii) No decision or vote will be taken at this first meeting.
 - iii) If the nominee is a committee member, the nominee cannot participate in the discussion or vote on the decision.
 - iv) According to clause 3(1)(e), the decision or vote must be by the office bearers, although discussion within the entire committee is encouraged.
 - v) The vote by the office-bearers to accept or reject the nominee as a life member may be taken at the second committee meeting following receipt of the nomination.
 - vi) The vote to accept the nominee as a life member must be by a majority of office-bearers.
 - vii) The office-bearers may defer the decision until a later meeting for any reason but take no longer than six meetings to consider and vote on the nomination.
 - d) If the nominee is accepted:
 - i) The president will ask the nominee if life membership will be accepted.
 - ii) If the nominee accepts life membership, the secretary will prepare a summary of the nominee's service to the association to be attached to the minutes of the next committee meeting and presented to members at the time of the announcement.
 - e) If the nomination is rejected or declined, the secretary must provide written notice of the decision, including by email or other electronic means if determined by the office bearers, to the nominator.
 - f) The office bearers are not required to supply reasons for rejecting a nomination for life membership.

- 4) Quota
 - a) There will be no obligation to award a new life membership during a single financial year if there are no suitable nominees.
 - b) There will be no more than 2 new life memberships awarded during a single financial year.
- 5) Announcement
 - a) There will be a single announcement per financial year for all new life memberships.
 - b) The secretary will schedule this announcement during an appropriate event, e.g. the annual general meeting or the Christmas celebration meeting during November.
 - c) The decision will be announced in the association newsletter and website.
- 6) Criteria
 - a) In deciding whether the nominee has rendered “outstanding service” to the association, the committee will consider the following but not mandatory elements:
 - i) The nominee must be a financial member of 5 consecutive years of membership.
 - ii) The number of years the nominee has been a financial member.
 - iii) The number of years the nominee has been a committee member.
 - iv) The number of years the nominee has been an office-bearer.
 - v) A sustained and significant advancement of the association's charitable purposes under clause 2(1).