



AUSTRALIAN ALPINE CLUB DINNER PLAIN

The Australian Alpine Club (Dinner Plain) Co-Operative Limited. ABN 44 279 308 041

Life Membership Policy

Approved by the Board January 2025

Introduction

Life membership is an honour bestowed on a club member whose exceptional, loyal, outstanding service and contribution has provided a measurable benefit to the club over an extended period of time.

Purpose

To detail the process for admitting a Life Member to AAC Dinner Plain, and the benefits and limitations of Life Membership.

Definitions

In this document “Board” means the Board of AAC Dinner Plain Co-Operative Limited.

Policy

1. Proposals for Life Membership at AAC Dinner Plain need not be referred to, or approved by, the AAC National committee.
2. The Board may admit any financial member as a life member.
3. Life Membership will not be granted to a non-member.
4. A Life Member is exempted from payment of the annual subscription, commencing from 1 January after being admitted to Life Membership. Other fees (accommodation for example) and levies (including fines levied under section 14 of the Rules of the Co-Operative) are still payable unless explicitly excluded by the Board.
5. A Life Member will be entitled to all the rights and privileges of a member.
6. A Life Member remains subject to all Rules of the Co-Operative, and to all policies and procedures put in place by the Board
7. A Life Member is liable for any financial calls.
8. Life Membership at AAC Dinner Plain does not transfer to any other AAC lodge.
9. Life Membership vests only with the member. On relinquishing the share through sale, transfer, or other means, the Life Membership is cancelled.

10. Life Membership resumes if the member re-joins the lodge after having relinquished a share.
11. The Board may remove Life Membership status if the member is suspended in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of the Co-Operative.

Eligibility

1. Life Membership of AAC Dinner Plain recognises exceptional service to the club and/or AAC National, usually over many years.
2. Life Membership is not granted only on the basis of length of membership or service to the club.

Process

Submission

1. A financial member may propose a member, the nominee, for Life Membership by written submission to the Secretary.
2. The submission must be seconded by another AAC Dinner Plain financial member.
3. The submission must set out the exceptional services provided by the nominee, including as far as possible, the relevant years, positions held, projects where major contributions were made or other justifications for the nomination.
4. The submission should not assume that the Board has any knowledge of the contribution made by the nominee. Sufficient information needs to be provided to allow the Board to understand the significance of the nominee's contribution.

Consideration

The Board will discuss the nomination and either

- a) agree to admit the nominee as a Life Member, or
- b) request further information, or
- c) advise the proposers that the nomination has been unsuccessful.

No advice should be provided to a nominee that a proposal has been submitted.

The Board may consult with the prospective life member to determine their willingness to accept the nomination.

Announcement

The Board will consult with the proposers, and others as appropriate, to determine how and where the Life Membership will be announced and/or presented.

Life Memberships which have been approved will be advised in the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the year following the approval.

Recognition

Once approved as a Life Member, the nominee will be notified in writing by the Secretary, and their member status in the booking system will be changed to the appropriate category.

The Board may at its discretion consider other forms of recognition.