

# Alliance Française de Geelong - Life Membership Guidelines

**Alliance Française de Geelong Life Membership** is the highest distinction the Alliance Française de Geelong can bestow and should only be conferred in exceptional cases.

**AFdG Life Membership** is awarded to acknowledge the substantial and outstanding contributions an individual has made to the ongoing success and viability of the Alliance Française de Geelong.

Appointment as an **AFdG Life Member** is open to any individual who has made a significant contribution to the Alliance Française de Geelong. Current or past AFdG Members and, in exceptional circumstances, non-members are eligible for nomination.

An **AFdG Life Membership** appointment is to be made by resolution of the Executive Committee and confirmation at a Committee Meeting.

Recommendations for elevation to **AFdG Life Membership** status would be presented to AFdG Members at the Annual General Meeting.

**AFdG Life Members** are not required to hold office and are exempt from attendance requirements and membership fees and retain all membership rights and privileges as though they had paid the membership fees.

## Life Member Policy & Nomination

Any financial AFdG Member can nominate an individual, current or past AFdG Members and, in exceptional circumstances, non-members for **AFdG Life Membership**. A nomination must be submitted to the Alliance Française de Geelong Executive Committee for consideration.

Nominations must be submitted in writing and received by the Executive Committee by 1 September each year.

The Executive Committee is to consider the merit of the nomination and vote on the nomination and, if yes, the Executive Committee then takes that nomination to the next General Committee Meeting for a final vote.

The General Committee shall vote and a minimum of two-thirds must vote in favour for the nomination to be successful.

Acknowledgement of elevation of an individual to **AFdG Life Membership** status will then be made at the Annual General Meeting.

## Procedure for Life Membership Nomination:

Within this policy, the Alliance Française de Geelong Executive Committee will hereafter be noted as the 'Executive', while the Alliance Française de Geelong will hereafter be noted as the 'Alliance'.

- The Nomination Form attached to this policy must be used for all nominations.
- The Nominator must be a financial member of the Alliance.

- The nomination must be seconded by a financial member of the Alliance.
- Nominations must be made in writing and received by the Executive by 1 September each year.
- The Secretary will register the nomination and confirm that the Nominator and Secunder are financial members of the Alliance and advise the Executive who will then review the nomination.
- The review will be carried out and confirmed by 30th September of the same year.
- Nominations will remain confidential.
- If the Nominee is successful, the Nominator and Secunder will be noted on the official minutes.
- If a Secunder did not accompany the nomination, the Secunder will be an Executive Committee Member.
- The Secretary will add the item of 'Life Membership' to the Agenda of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and invite the Nominator of the successful application to attend the AGM and speak on behalf of the nomination.
- If the Nominator of the successful nomination is not available to attend the AGM, the Secretary invites the Secunder or an appropriate Executive Committee Member to speak on behalf of the nomination.
- If the Nomination is successful, the Nominee will be presented with their **AFdG Life Membership** at an appropriate Alliance function held within 12 months of the AGM.
- If the Nomination is unsuccessful, the Nominator will be advised and will be able to submit a future nomination for the Nominee.

## Criteria for AFdG Life Membership Nomination:

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An individual is eligible for nomination after:

- 10 years service, not necessarily continuous, and is defined as being involved with the Alliance in either an official or unofficial capacity.
- The nominee has shown by their commitment and actions their willingness to contribute to the advancement of the Alliance in whatever capacity or level their contribution is made.
- Eligibility does not necessarily translate directly to a successful nomination as an assessment must be undertaken.
- Weight will be given to the specific level of service to the Alliance and the detail will be reviewed by the Executive in response to a nomination and in accord with the above criteria.

