## Bundanoon Garden Club November 2025 LIFE MEMBERSHIP POLICY

Bundanoon Garden Club acknowledges the Gundungurra people and pays respect to their elders.

## Life Membership:

Awarded to individual club members whose contribution to the club has provided a benefit to the club and its members over an extended period of time.

Life membership affords the recipient free club membership each year, acknowledgement at the club's Annual General Meeting and entry to the club's Christmas party at no charge.

A maximum of two life memberships can be awarded in any one year.

## Nomination and process:

- 1. Can be nominated by any club member with reasons for the nomination set out in writing and emailed to Club Committee Secretary (bundanoongardenclub@gmail.com).
- 2. All nominations are to be seconded and recorded on the nomination form by another member of the club.
- 3. Call for nominations will be made at general meetings in October and November with submissions due by end of the calendar year (end of December) for consideration by Committee prior to the next AGM (March).
- 4. If a committee member is a nominee, they cannot take part in the deliberation process.
- 5. A nominee will be reviewed by the committee members and
  - · compliance with criteria will be discussed by committee members
  - voting will be by secret ballot
  - a nominee will be given life membership if they received 75% agreement from committee members.
- 6. For approved nominees, a committee member will contact the nominee to confirm their acceptance (with follow-up to the nominator).
- 7. If the nominee does not receive life membership a committee member will contact the nominator to let them know of the result.
- 8. Life memberships will be announced at the yearly AGM.
- 9. A form to assist in this process will be provided on the club's website for downloading.

## Criteria for life membership:

- 1. minimum of 5 years club membership
- 2. regular attendance at meetings over their years of membership
- 3. has served the club through contribution to the club; for example:
  - committee member for a minimum of 3 years
  - supporter of the club meetings through activities such as morning tea organisation, trade table, library, gates to friendship gardens (note these listed activities are only some of the ways in which members can support the meetings and are included as examples)
  - ongoing sharing of knowledge in a particular area and demonstration of that knowledge (examples: through friendship garden, morning teas at their home)
  - working with other organisations to provide opportunities for members to learn/experience, for example: BCA - Garden Ramble