

Dietitians Australia General Policy and Procedure Manual

Awards

Life Membership

Rationale and Purpose of Award

Life Membership may be awarded to a member of Dietitians Australia for eminent service to the profession of dietetics in Australia, at National or State level.

Form of the Award

The successful nominee will receive:

- The award presented at the Dietitians Australia Awards Ceremony
- A framed *Life Member* certificate
- Their name and photo published in the Dietitians Australia Annual Report
- Their name listed in the Awards section of the Dietitians Australia website
- Their name promoted through various member communication channels as part of overall award promotions (i.e., social media, Share Plate and/or direct email)

Life Members of Dietitians Australia are not required to pay any subscription or levy to Dietitians Australia.

Selection criteria

To satisfy the criteria, a member must:

- Be an APD, if eligible for APD status.
- Have given long and outstanding service to the profession of dietetics.
- Have been a member of Dietitians Australia for most of their professional life.
- Have been an active and respected member of the profession who has been a leader in a particular field or fields e.g. research, education, administration.
- Have held a leadership role that has contributed to the mission of Dietitians Australia.

Nomination process

- Nominations must be submitted via the Nomination Form on the [Awards Portal](#).
- The member may be nominated by any one member and nominations shall be accompanied by 12 letters of endorsement from members of Dietitians Australia.

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- Nominations should include the candidate's curriculum vitae and evidence of outstanding service and contributions to the profession and the objects of Dietitians Australia.
- Nominations shall be accompanied by 12 letters of endorsement from members.

Nominations must be submitted by the closing date. See Awards Program [timeline](#) for key dates.

Late nominations will not be accepted.

Method of selection

- The Awards and Recognition Advisory Committee (ARAC) will be responsible for the selection and report to the Board on their award recipient recommendation.
- ARAC will consider nominations in accordance with the requisites associated with the Award.

There should not normally be more than one Life Membership awarded in any one year and only when warranted.

Notification and Award presentation

- The successful nominees and the member/s who made nominations will be notified of the award outcomes. See Awards Program [timeline](#) for key dates.
- The successful nominee will receive the award in an official presentation at the Dietitians Australia Awards Ceremony and invited to give a short oration.
- The successful nominee will need to submit a high-resolution professional photo for publishing in Dietitians Australia awards promotions and Annual Report.