



# ROYAL SOUTH STREET SOCIETY

## LIFE MEMBERSHIP POLICY

This policy sets out the minimum criteria to be eligible for nomination for an award of life membership of the Royal South Street Society (hereby called "RSSS")

This award exists to recognise the valuable contribution of individuals to the current and future existence of RSSS.

### **DEFINITIONS AND EXCLUSIONS**

The following definitions are to be applied to Life Membership criteria:

- An active volunteer during the Eisteddfod
- An active senior volunteer (eg: Chair, Deputy, Treasurer, Secretary, Discipline Chair etc)

### **LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

Life Membership is the highest Award available to recognise the exceptional contribution of individuals to the RSSS. It is therefore only to be awarded in exceptional circumstances.

### **General Considerations**

In considering the award of Life Membership an individual should have demonstrated significant, sustained and high quality service enhancing the reputation and future of the RSSS.

Issues to be taken into account when considering any nomination should include:

- The general attitude and overall demeanor of the nominee to ensure that the attitude is one that reflects a dedication to the values of the RSSS;
- Commitment to the principals of the mission statement; and
- Valued leadership and good role modelling that reflects credit upon the RSSS.

These points apply in whatever role the nominee has participated in during their service to the RSSS.

### **Length of Service**

The length of service to the RSSS should be at least 20 years.

### **Process for Assessing Applications for Life Membership**

Applications for Life Membership should be forwarded to the RSSS board by February 1 in each year. Applications should demonstrate attainment of minimum service requirements and other details of exemplary service (see pro-forma).

The RSSS Board will assess all nominations for Life Membership. These may be from the board directly or any Associate Member of RSSS and be in written form. Achieving minimum service levels does not automatically guarantee the award of Life Membership. A majority vote of the RSSS Board at next Board meeting is required before Life Membership will be recommended at the Annual General Meeting. Associate members of RSSS will cast a vote at the AGM to determine whether the Life Membership has been granted. There is no limit to the number of Life Memberships granted.

Retraction of a Life Membership may occur where the recipient has conducted himself/herself in a manner that reflects directly and adversely on the image or activities of RSSS. This provision will only be exercised in exceptional circumstances and will require the full support of the RSSS Board. As part of the deliberations, the Life Member in question is also to be given the opportunity to present their case for retention of their Life Membership status.

### **Benefits of Life Membership**

In addition to the status of membership of a select group within RSSS, Life Membership will be recognised by:

- Award of the Life Membership at the next Annual General Meeting
- Listing in RSSS Guidebooks and on the RSSS website
- Listing on the RSSS Honour Board

### **POLICY INTRODUCTION**

This Policy will be effective from July 1<sup>st</sup> 2016. Awards will only be made to individuals who have achieved these awards subsequent to that date. Retrospective allocation of these Awards to individuals no longer involved with the RSSS will not be made.

This policy will be reviewed two years after introduction.