

<b>LIFE MEMBERSHIP AND SERVICE AWARDS</b>	
<b>Authority</b>	<b>Content</b>
<p>Clause 4 (a),(e) <i>Handweavers, Spinners and Dyers Guild of Tasmania Inc. Constitution 2021</i></p> <p><i>Approved by Committee 5 December 2019</i></p> <p><i>Reviewed by Committee and Tabled AGM: 14/03/2023</i></p>	<p><b>Introduction</b></p> <p>Life membership is the highest honour available to members in the Handweavers, Spinners and Dyers Guild (HWSDG) of Tasmania Inc.</p> <p>Service awards are conferred as deemed appropriate.</p> <p><b>Aims of LIFE MEMBERSHIP</b></p> <p>To recognise and honour outstanding contribution and commitment to the Guild over an extended period of time.</p> <p><b>Benefits</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Continued membership of the Guild without the payment of annual membership fees; and</li> <li>b) Favoured treatment and recognition at Guild events.</li> </ul> <p><b>Eligibility</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Membership of at least 10 years and outstanding contribution to the Guild in a State-wide context e.g. service to the Committee, responsibility for state-wide activities, exhibitions etc.</li> <li>b) Written nomination must be signed by at least 5 current financial members of the Guild</li> </ul> <p><b>Process of selection and approval</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Nominations for life membership can be made at any time and must be given to the Committee together with as much supporting information as possible</li> <li>b) The Committee can request further information at any time while the nomination is being considered</li> <li>c) The Committee must consider all nominations carefully to ensure that they are consistent with the profile of life memberships already awarded</li> <li>d) Committee approval must be a unanimous decision of those present</li> </ul> <p><b>Conferment</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Life membership is usually conferred at a state-wide event e.g. Ross Summer Day, State-wide meeting, Bicheno retreat weekend</li> <li>b) A certificate of Life Membership is prepared by the Committee for presentation together with a Life Member Badge</li> </ul> <p><b>Aims of SERVICE AWARDS</b></p> <p>To recognise and thank members for their contribution within local Groups. The award is aimed at those members who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) work quietly in the background, often doing the mundane jobs that enable Groups to operate on a regular basis; and</li> <li>b) are always ready to volunteer to help in Group activities</li> </ul> <p><b>Eligibility</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Nominee has demonstrated a commitment to the local Group(s) through membership of at least 5 years</li> <li>b) Nomination is supported by at least 2 financial members of the Guild who are members of the Group(s)</li> </ul> <p><b>Process of selection and approval</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Nominations for service awards can be made at any time</li> <li>b) A group of members (may or may not include Convenor) identify a nominee. Selection should not be undertaken by the same members in consecutive nominations</li> <li>c) A written nomination including a statement of supporting information, is forwarded to the Committee for ratification and to arrange conferment of the award</li> <li>d) The Committee can request further information at any time while the nomination is being ratified</li> </ul> <p><b>Conferment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Service Awards can be conferred in either a state-wide or local setting. This preference should be indicated at the time of nomination</li> <li>b) A Service Award Certificate will be provided by the Committee for presentation</li> </ul>
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