

Life Membership of Grain Trade Australia (GTA)

Note

- For GTA also read NACMA.

Preamble

- Life membership is a category of membership recognised in the Grain Trade Australia (GTA) Constitution and is conferred on individuals who have given outstanding or meritorious contribution, service or assistance to the grain industry in Australia through their work in support of or through GTA.
- It should retain its prestige and not be awarded easily.
- The following document details the approved protocols and processes required to bestow life membership.

Eligibility

Nominations are open to current and past members of GTA. In order to be eligible for Life Membership, a nominee must:

- have made a contribution to GTA's work that can be considered outstanding and over and above what might be reasonably expected from employment or voluntary involvement in the organisation;
- have contributed to GTA in the above manner for no less than five (5) years;
- have made a contribution that sets them apart from other valuable contributors;
- holds, in the opinion of the GTA Board, good standing within GTA and the grain industry; and
- not be a current employee of GTA.

Nomination Guidelines

- Nominees are not to be approached for information or advised of their nomination prior to the conferring of the membership.
- Nominations should be lodged using the attached Nomination Form along with supporting documentation.
- The Nomination Form must be completed in full, with both the support of a proposer and a seconder who are financial members of GTA.
- Life Membership may be bestowed on a person at any appropriate time and is not linked necessarily with that person's retirement.
- Nominations will generally not be considered if more than three years have passed (in the opinion of the Membership Committee) since the primary component(s) of the outstanding service (on which the nomination for Life Membership is being judged). This places the onus on proposers/ seconders to act promptly and ensures that worthy recipients are not displaced from the period in which their contributions should be recognised.
- If the Membership Committee considers that insufficient information has been put before it to properly consider the application, the Membership Committee may adjourn its consideration of the nomination until it is given further or better information from the Proposer.

Conferring of Life Membership

- The GTA Membership Committee will consider nominations and make recommendations to the GTA Board.
- The Board has the power to confer Life Membership which will take place at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of GTA.
- No more than three (3) Life Memberships shall be awarded in one year.
- The decision of the GTA Board is final and no correspondence will be entered into thereafter.

Entitlements

- Life Members will be entered as Members of GTA under the category of Life Member.
- Life Members do not receive member entitlements afforded to financial members of GTA.
- Life members do not have voting rights afforded to financial members of GTA.

Nomination Process

1. The GTA Secretariat will issue a call for Life Membership nominations to its membership three (3) months prior to the AGM.
2. Nominations will need to be received by the GTA Office no later than two (2) months prior to the AGM.
3. These nominations will be assessed by the Membership Committee for assessment.
4. The Membership Committee will consider nominations and make recommendations to the GTA Board.

Presentation of the GTA Life Membership

Recipients of the GTA Life Membership will be honoured with:

1. a certificate,
2. the listing of their name on the Membership Register and on the GTA website with details of their contribution and citation; and
3. mentioned in the next Annual Report.

Nomination procedure

- A. Complete the Life Membership of GTA Nomination Form
- B. Provide details to the following questions:
 1. your connection with the nominee;
 2. details of the nominee's service to GTA, such as time on GTA Boards, Committees or as an Arbitrator, including dates (if known);
 3. how would you best describe this person and the qualities they display in their contribution to the work of GTA? (not more than 400 words);
 4. please provide two examples of how this individual has made an outstanding contribution to the work of GTA (not more than 400 words for each section);
 5. any other information you would like to add;
 6. any supporting documentation; and
 7. names and contact details of other supporters of the nomination.
- C. Forwarded completed nomination form and supporting documentation using the subject title 'Life Membership of GTA Nomination' to admin@graintrade.org.au

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- have made a contribution that sets them apart from other valuable contributors;
- have contributed to GTA in the above manner for no less than five (5) years;
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Nominations should be lodged for consideration to the Membership Committee using this nomination form.

Please send all nominations using the subject title 'Life Membership of GTA Nomination' to email admin@graintrade.org.au.

Nominee details

Name _____

Member (former) Organisation _____

Address _____ Postcode _____

Mobile _____ E-mail _____

Proposer details

Name _____ Signature _____

Member organisation _____

Address _____ Postcode _____

Mobile _____ E-mail _____

Secunder details

Name _____ Signature _____

Member organisation _____

Address _____ Postcode _____

Mobile _____ E-mail _____