



PalliativeCare
VICTORIA
Living, dying & grieving well

Information for Life Membership Nominations

Life Membership is the highest honour an organisation can award to members.

It recognises significant and sustained contributions to the mission of Palliative Care Victoria and the provision of palliative care services within Victoria over a significant period of time and is normally conferred in the latter stage of a person's voluntary or professional career.

Selection Criteria for Life Membership

An award of Life Membership of Palliative Care Victoria may be made by the Board of Palliative Care Victoria to individuals who have made a significant and exceptional contribution to palliative care and the palliative approach in Victoria.

In considering nominations for an award of Life Membership, reference will be made to the following selection criteria:

- a) Significant contributions in a voluntary capacity over and above their usual professional responsibilities.
- b) A significant contribution through outstanding service to advance the vision, mission and objectives of Palliative Care Victoria beyond a specific palliative care service or locality.

This may include contributions in a range of areas, such as:

- o service development and innovation in palliative care and the palliative approach;
- o improving equity of access and responsiveness to diversity;
- o increasing community awareness and capacity in dealing with dying, death, grief and loss;
- o quality improvement, research and policy development in relation to palliative care
- o strengthening the profile and roles of volunteering in palliative care
- o leadership, mentoring, and professional development.

Please note that PCV's Life Membership Award is not intended to recognise the valuable contributions by volunteers to specific palliative care services, as most palliative care services have recognition award programs for their volunteers.

Nomination Process – Please note that from 2020, this will be an ongoing process rather than an annual call for nominations.

Any member of Palliative Care Victoria may, at any time, nominate an individual for Life Membership of Palliative Care Victoria. A valid nomination requires support and a recommendation from another PCV member, or members.

Individual members and organisation members, and the staff and volunteers of organisation members, may make such a nomination in writing to the Secretary of Palliative Care Victoria.

To nominate a candidate for Life Membership, please:

1. Consider whether the person you wish to nominate would meet the criteria for life membership, as outlined above.
2. Provide a written profile of the candidate that addresses the selection criteria and outlines key aspects of their contributions over a sustained period. Please do not exceed two pages.
3. Send a written nomination to the Secretary of Palliative Care Victoria at:
Level 2, 182 Victoria Parade
East Melbourne VIC 3002
E vplatt@pallcarevic.asn.au
4. Nominations will be treated in confidence and will be considered by the Board of Palliative Care Victoria, at Board Meetings. The Board makes the final decision regarding Life Membership.
5. An individual to be awarded life membership will be notified in writing by the Secretary of Palliative Care Victoria and invited to accept to the nomination, which they can also choose to decline, prior to the announcement of the award at the next Annual General Meeting.

Benefits of Life Membership

In addition to the honour of an award of life membership, life members:

- Are entitled to receive notices of general meetings, newsletters and other communications.
- Receive complimentary life membership of Palliative Care Victoria
- Are entitled to vote at Annual General Meetings

Awarding of Life Membership

An award of life membership occurs at an Annual General Meeting of Palliative Care Victoria.