



Diocese of Bunbury

Guidelines for the awarding of Life Membership

The Mothers' Union Diocesan Executive in the Diocese of Bunbury (the Diocesan Executive) has the power to appoint Life Members who have rendered outstanding service to Anglican Mothers' Union Australia at a Diocesan Level.

Life Membership is awarded with due consideration to guidelines drawn up and amended as considered necessary from time to time by the Diocesan Executive.

A Life Member has full membership rights, and is deemed a financial member without being required to pay membership fees.

In line with the Anglican Mothers' Union Australia policy at a national level, the Diocese of Bunbury shall have no more than four (4) Life Members at any one time.

Life Membership is intended to be an award of significance and is the highest honour that can be bestowed by Mothers' Union and should be regarded with prestige by members and recipients alike.

Nominees must be current members of AMUA and have demonstrated a contribution of significance to Mothers' Union at a Diocesan level beyond that of an ordinary officeholder duty. They will have significantly contributed to the growth and development of Mothers' Union through their service.

Nominations for Life Membership may be submitted by a member of the Diocesan Executive, by a Branch President, or by a nominated Branch Contact where there is no Branch President.

Nominations should be in writing, and should be supported by written statements by two other persons – either members of Diocesan Executive or Branch Presidents, or nominated Branch Contacts, past or present.

Nominations should be submitted to the Diocesan President who will present them to members of the Diocesan Executive for consideration.

To avoid possible hurt and misunderstanding, confidentiality and discretion must be maintained at the time of making the submission, and as it is considered by the Diocesan Executive.

The Diocesan Executive will keep confidential their discussions about nominations for Life Membership and will not provide feedback about their decision. The decision of the Executive will be recorded in the minutes.

The Diocesan President will write to any successful nominee to inform them of the conferring of life membership, inviting them to accept the award, and giving details of the event where the bestowal of the Life Member Award will occur. Costs associated with the event shall be paid by the Diocesan Executive for an awardee.

Following the President's letter to the nominee and the nominee's acceptance of Life Membership, the award will be announced to members.

A certificate and badge will be presented to the Life Member to acknowledge the honour bestowed.