

Mount Beauty & District Men's Shed

Life Membership Policy

Purpose

To recognise outstanding contribution and service that is both exceptional and sustained, for a significant period, to the development and management of the Mount Beauty & District Men's Shed.

Criteria

A significant contribution (of at least 10 years – not necessarily continuous) to the development and management of the Mount Beauty & District Men's Shed, preferably in at least *three* of the following areas:

1. Member of the Committee of Management;
2. Office Bearer of the Committee of Management;
3. Leader of a Major Shed project;
4. Shed Supervisor;
5. Portfolio leader e.g. newsletter, website, membership recruitment, promotion and facility maintenance.

Selection

1. Any current member can nominate a past or present member (posthumous) for a Life Membership Award.
2. Nominations can be made at any time.
3. The nomination must include a citation outlining the contribution and service the member has made to the Mount Beauty Men's Shed. The nomination must be seconded by another current member.
4. *Selection panel* —Three longstanding members (committee or otherwise) nominated by the committee.
5. If the selection panel deems the nominee worthy of the award, their decision is then tabled at a committee meeting where it is either rejected or endorsed.
6. When the committee endorse a nominee; the nominee is then consulted to determine if they wish to accept life membership.

Form of Award

1. The award is to be a coloured, printed, framed certificate.
2. The award can be presented to the member at an AGM, at a monthly BBQ or at a special function organised for the purpose.

Privileges

1. No membership fees;
2. Full voting rights;
3. To receive newsletters and other member correspondence;
4. To be invited to all special events;
5. Name will be added to the *Life Membership Honour Board* in the Shed.

Authorisation:

This Policy was adopted by the Committee of Management of the Mount Beauty & District Men's Shed and minuted as such on 21st August 2023.

This policy will be published on the Mount Beauty & District Men's Shed website following the date of this authorisation.

Policy Review This policy to be reviewed when circumstances change.