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***‘LEARNING FOR LIFE’ AND CELEBRATING 20 YEARS IN 2019***

## **Life Membership Policy**

Life Member means a member who has been recognised for long and distinguished service by granting of a life-long exemption from payment of the annual fee.

This is an honour bestowed on members who have given long term special or invaluable service to the U3A beyond that of other members.

Any current financial member/s may nominate another member for Life Membership. The nominee must be a current financial member.

Nominations must be made in writing on the Manning Valley U3A Life Member nomination form.

The nominator and seconder must be current financial members of the Manning Valley U3A.

The nomination must be sent to the Secretary by the first Management Committee meeting of the calendar year so that it can be considered by the committee. This ensures that the ratification may take place at the next AGM.

Separately, the key elements supporting this nomination must be submitted in writing (up to one A4 page maximum).

These are:

- an ongoing commitment to Manning Valley U3A
- contributions which have enhanced U3A's standing amongst its members and the community
- commitment which does not seek personal reward
- recognition from the members of the nominee's work over several years

Specific examples of work, leadership and participation must be given.

Life Membership will only be bestowed following the appropriate process:

- written nomination form and support document submitted to the Management Committee
- gaining the approval of the Management Committee by majority vote
- the recommendation to the members present at the AGM to ratify this by a 75% vote in favour.

The presentation of a Life Membership certificate and badge will take place at the AGM or the next appropriate U3A public event, for example, luncheon.

**Authorised by the Manning Valley U3A Management Committee 22.3.19**