

# Honorary Life Membership

## GUIDELINES

Honorary Life Membership is the highest honour bestowed by ANZSPM and is awarded very rarely. Members are awarded Honorary Life Membership by nomination, and the Award will be made at the complete discretion of Council.

Members are currently invited to put forward nominations for consideration by Council. In making its decisions on the nominations put forward, Council will take advice from a Nominations Committee of palliative medicine leaders in Australia and Aotearoa, none of whom will be considered for Honorary Life Membership in the year that they serve on the Nominations Committee.

In any nominations period no Award need be made, and only one award will be made. The Award recipient, if one is chosen, will be announced at the ANZSPM Conference.

ANZSPM Honorary Life Members make a significant and ongoing contribution to the Palliative Medicine Specialty. They will have ongoing membership subscriptions to ANZSPM waived and will maintain full voting rights as Voting Members under the ANZSPM Constitution.

## Criteria

The criteria that the Nominations Committee and Council will have regard to in considering a member for Honorary Life Membership include:

- a member who has been a full member of ANZSPM over an extensive period
- a member who has had an exceptional career in Palliative Medicine in Australia or New Zealand including by contribution and leadership in service, teaching and/or research
- a member who is respected both in the community and in the specialty of Palliative Medicine nationally and/or internationally
- a member who has made an outstanding contribution to the specialty of Palliative Medicine

Posthumous Award will be considered by Council.

## Nominations process

Every second year, in the year of the ANZSPM Conference, the Committee will identify people who can be encouraged to nominate for Honorary Life Membership. This will be accompanied by a general call for nominations to the membership (the current Call). Nominations will be open for a maximum of six weeks and will be decided in sufficient time for the Conference Committee to take account of the announcement of Awards in programming.

## Consideration of Nominations

At the beginning of every Conference year, the Council will appoint a Nominations Committee for the purposes of deciding on the Award of Honorary Life Member. The Nominations Committee will have as part of its role to consider and make recommendations on any changes of Award process, to set the dates for the Call for Nominations, to identify

potential nominees, and to make recommendations to Council on the Award for that year. The Nominations Committee will comprise five people:

- Honorary Life Member x 2 (Aotearoa and Australia)
- Current President or their delegate
- Current Chapter President AChPM
- Paediatric Specialist

### Rosalie Shaw Oration

It should be noted that there is no necessary connection between the Rosalie Shaw Oration and the award of Honorary Life Membership, though it is sensible to contemplate that awardees may be approached to give the oration.

### Enquiries

Enquiries should be made by email to [info@anzspm.org.au](mailto:info@anzspm.org.au)