

**GUIDELINES FOR APPOINTMENT AS  
A LIFE MEMBER OF THE CANBERRA CHORAL SOCIETY**

14 May 2019

These guidelines have been developed to help inform the Committee when considering proposals for life membership of the Society to be moved at a General Meeting of the Society.

**Background**

Under the CCS constitution

5. *'Life membership may be granted to a member or former member by a General Meeting of members, in recognition of outstanding service to the Society. A Life Member shall not be liable to pay the annual subscription.'*

Thus a General Meeting of the Society may appoint a member or former member who has rendered special service to the Canberra Choral Society to life membership of the Society. The appointment carries all rights, privileges and obligations of individual membership but without the payment of any membership fees for the duration of that person's life.

One of the obligations of a life member/member is that current singing members of the Society must satisfy any audition requirements. At the discretion of the committee life members may be offered complimentary tickets to performances of the choir organised by the Society but not to concerts in which the CCS is a participant but the performance is organised with or by another body.

**Selection criteria for Life Membership of the Society**

To be eligible for consideration for the award of life membership a person should meet one or both of the following criteria:

- a) Provided in the past or be still making an outstanding contribution to the CCS that goes well beyond normal expectations and has done so for an extended period of time (i.e. for ten years or more) either in a single or in multiple roles;
- b) Been a member of the choir for 50 years, which may not be continuous.

**Who can be nominated for life membership?**

Any member or former member may be nominated for life membership if they meet the relevant criteria.

Casual, part-time or permanent staff of the Society cannot be considered for any work done as an employee of the choir.

Nominations for life membership may be made at any time and should be forwarded to the Secretary with an accompanying submission outlining the suggested nominee's contribution in reference to the criteria above. This will be considered by the committee and, if it is agreed to proceed, the nomination will be put to a general meeting of the Society for approval (usually the AGM).

## LIFE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY (as at 14 April 2019)

Column 3 of the following table includes information about each person's contribution to the Society. It thus provides examples of a contribution considered worthy of Life Membership.

1986	Mr Robert Tupper	President 1980/81-1985, 1990-93
1997*	Mr Richard Tulip	As President (1976/77-1979/80) and Vice President (1975/76) raised the profile of the choir through regular joint performances with Canberra Opera and the Canberra Symphony Orchestra
1998	Mrs Margot Skinner	Committee member 1975/76-1976/77, 1990-1995, Vice President 1977/78-78/79, Orchestra Manager, 1985-1997
1999*	Dr John Richards	Founding member 1952-1998 and involved in the organisation of the choir for many years from 1952 and the Society's incorporation in 1962
1999*	Mrs Beryl Richards	Member 1979-1998 and responsible for organising the setting up of and supplies for the tea/coffee break at rehearsals (including for the orchestra) for two decades.
2002*	Mr Frank Zurek	Member 1964-2001, past committee member, Assistant Treasurer and Treasurer.
2008	Mrs Judy Evans	Committee member 1997, 2001-02, 2004-06, Secretary 1998-2000, 2003, CCS Archivist, Come and Sing programme since 2012, Music Lending Scheme Content Manager since 2005
2013*	Mrs Norma Galloway	Founding Member 1952, chorister for over 50 years and member of the CCS archives committee
2013	Mrs Helen Cosgrove	Committee member 1980/81-1982, 2003-07 and 2012, Orchestra Manager 1997-2007
2013	Mrs Gail Ford	Committee member 1977/78-1979/80, 2008-11, Come and Sing programme inaugural organiser, leader of arts & music tours to Russia and Europe
2013	Ms Annabel Wheeler	Committee member 1983-1990, Librarian 1984-2012
2014	Mrs Patricia Levick	Committee member 2002-06, Music Lending Scheme Administrator since 2001
2017	Mrs Sandra Gray	Secretary 2001-02, President 2003-04, Committee member 2005-06, Come and Sing Programme since 2012
2017	Mrs Doris Stokes	Committee member 2002-03 and music librarian since 2010
2018	Mrs Barbara Inglis	Committee member 2003-08, Librarian 1990-2007
2018	Mr John Inglis	Set up at St Johns, stage manager, AGM returning officer
2018	Mrs Yvonne Scales	50+ year member (almost continuously from 1961-2017) and most consistent member listed in Peter Campbell's book; member of the CCS Archives Committee
2019	Mr Peter Campbell	Committee member 1984-85, Treasurer 1986-1998, Assistant Conductor, author of <i>Canberra Choral Society A Capital Choir for a Capital City</i> (2002), author of the 2003-2012 addendum to this (2019)
2019	Mrs Heather Karmel	Treasurer 1982-1984, Committee member 1995, Vice President 1996-97, President 1998-2000, regular Come and Sing programme member (although living in Adelaide)

\* Deceased

**Note:** Until 1981 the CCS operated on a financial year basis. The 1980/81 committee held office for 18 months to allow transition to a calendar year basis.