## **BENDIGO TENNIS ASSOCIATION**

## LIFE MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

(March 2021)

- A life membership may be awarded to any person who has rendered significant voluntary services of any kind to the Bendigo Tennis Association for a period of no less than ten years.
- A nomination for life membership must be submitted in writing to the secretary
  of the Bendigo Tennis Association and carry the names of a proposer and
  seconder who are members of the association or affiliated clubs. Such a
  nomination must include the details and dates the nominee has undertaken any
  duties for the club.
- 3. For a life membership to be awarded there needs to be a 75% majority decision by the Committee of Management of the Association at the time of nomination. The decision of the Committee is final. If a nomination is unsuccessful, a new nomination can be submitted in subsequent years.
- 4. Any nomination for a life membership whether successful or not is to remain confidential to the Committee and the nominees are not to be privy to this information regardless of whether or not they form part of the Committee.
- 5. The nominee shall not be present either during the course of the debate or during the voting process.
- 6. All life memberships will be awarded at a function that is determined appropriate by the Committee. Life members shall receive a token of appreciation in the form of a badge and a certificate.
- 7. A recipient of a life membership shall not be required to pay any annual association fees from the year following their appointment as a life member.
- 8. Should a life member fail to observe by-laws or constitutional requirements of the Bendigo Tennis Association or be deemed to have brought the reputation of Bendigo Tennis Association into disrepute, the Committee has an absolute discretion (by majority vote- 75%) to revoke that member's life membership.
- 9. Any life membership nomination must be presented on the Life Membership Nomination Form (see attached).
- Any life membership awarded will be recorded in Committee of Management Meeting minutes and a photograph of the life member displayed in the Association's facility.