Nomination for Life Membership

Individuals and/or Branches identify Fellows/Members who are about to retire or are retired and who meet the criteria for life membership.

The Board will review all nominations and normally only one life membership will be awarded in a 12 month period (1st July to 30th June).

1. Life Membership is an award that recognises members that have made an extraordinary contribution to the mental health nursing profession and the ACMHN.

**Profession**

Applications for this prestigious award will be assessed considering how the applicant has made a contribution in areas such as but not limited to:

- The education of the profession through the development of educational resources.
- Implemented and led quality initiatives, establishing programs supporting the delivery of quality mental health nursing care.
- Led innovation in mental health care system design.
- Provided strong leadership to the nursing profession; supporting and encouraging all nurses’ to better understand mental health and encourage nurses into mental health nursing.
- Clearly demonstrated how they have shared their knowledge and skills with other nurses and supporting mental health nurses.
- An outstanding contribution to clinical practice.
- An international contribution to mental health nursing.

**College**

Applications for this prestigious award will be assessed considering how the applicant has made a contribution to the College such as but not limited to:

- A proven track record of involvement over a long period of time with the College at a Branch or National level.
- Supported in a variety of ways, the College’s growth and maturity;
- Demonstrated where they have played a significant role in advocating for mental health nurses through the College.
- Demonstrated where they have represented the College at a local, national or international level.

2. The nominee is a current financial member and has been a continuous financial member for a period of more than 10 years with no more than a 2 year gap.
3. The nominee holds a specialist or post graduate mental health nursing qualification.

4. A Branch Representative or individual writes to the Board in support of the nominee, after consultation with the executive, outlining the nominee’s contribution in reference to the above criteria.

5. Two written referee reports should be provided by current financial Fellows or Life Members of the ACMHN in support of the nominee.

6. A copy of the nominee’s CV/record of evidence and letter indicating that they are aware of the nomination and consent to be considered by the Board.

7. Nominations will be received by National Office by the 30th June each year.
I ___________________ accept the nomination from ___________________ to become a life member of the Australian College of Mental Health Nurses.

I declare that:

There is no breach of professional conduct or ethics, and no legal action or disciplinary matter of significance or relevance

I will notify the ACMHN if:

- I become the subject of a complaint or disciplinary proceeding in any country, state or territory (including any preliminary investigations or action that might lead to disciplinary proceedings) in relation to my practice or registration as a nurse;
- My registration as a nurse is cancelled, suspended, or becomes subject to conditions as a result of disciplinary action;
- Be personally prohibited from carrying on the practice of nursing in any country, state or territory as a result of any criminal, civil or disciplinary proceedings;
- I have been convicted of a crime or felony;
- Become subject to any special conditions or restrictions in any country, state or territory in which I am, or have been registered, for reasons other than as a result of criminal or disciplinary proceedings;
- My name is removed or suspended from a register of nurses in Australia or overseas for reasons other than for non-payment of fees.
- The Board of the ACMHN will consider the possible withdrawal of award or honour in relation to the above disclosures.

Signed: ___________________  Date___/___/____