### LIFE MEMBERSHIP GUIDE & CRITERIA FOR NOMINATIONS



### A Guide for Nominations and Criteria for the Awarding of Life Membership of Townsville Enterprise Limited

#### Life Membership

Life Membership is a great honour that recognises and celebrates the outstanding contribution by an individual for the betterment of all that Townsville Enterprise (TEL) strives for and which ultimately creates a more prosperous and liveable Townsville and North Queensland.

Life Membership is reserved for those whose contribution goes beyond the ordinary or even the excellent for an extended period of time.

Life Members shall receive regular membership privileges including a waiver of annual membership fees, regular information updates and free of charge invitations to Townsville Enterprise functions. The Life Member's name will be displayed on the Townsville Enterprise website.

#### **Symbol of Award**

The symbol of this award shall be a badge (or such object as may be determined from time to time), and the Certificate in a format suitable for framing, which will be presented to approved recipients.

#### **Nomination**

The nomination is to be made on the proforma included with this Guide with all relevant sections to be completed. This nomination will form the basis of the "citation for a person to be awarded" with the symbol of Life Membership, as determined from time to time, if approved.

#### **Process**

Nominations for Life Membership will be considered annually by the Board of Townsville Enterprise and final nominations, together with support statement/s specifically detailing the Nominee's involvement with Townsville Enterprise and/or the North Queensland Community, and contributions to it, are to be submitted in writing at least eight (8) weeks prior to 31 March of each year.

The nomination must be made by an existing financial member of Townsville Enterprise.

All nominations are to be treated with the strictest of confidence.

Nominations for this award should be sent to the Townsville Enterprise Chief Executive Officer for consideration with the Board at a Board meeting. The Board shall consider the merit of the application against the criteria and make its recommendation, which in turn may recommend that the nomination be announced at the Annual General Meeting and award the Life Membership.

A decision to approve or reject the nomination for Life Membership will be by unanimous vote by the Board.

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Life Membership may be rescinded for reasons including but not limited to bringing the name of Townsville Enterprise into disrepute or conduct by the Member that does not align with the values of Townsville Enterprise. Rescission of Life Membership will be by unanimous passing of a special resolution for the removal of Life Membership by the Townsville Enterprise Board.

#### **Guide to Nomination Criteria**

Life membership celebrates and recognises the contribution of an individual to the organisation. It honours this person whose loyal and outstanding service and contribution has provided a measurable benefit to Townsville Enterprise and thus to the Townsville and North Queensland Community. The following do not attempt to be exhaustive guidelines, but rather to give ideas and scope to the types of contribution that could be rewarded.

Nominations will be treated with the strictest of confidence.

Nominees must be considered individually, on their individual merits, personal attributes and achievements and not in comparison to others or previous Life Members. It is the overall contribution of the Nominee that must be evaluated.

- 1. The Nominee for Life Membership shall be a current financial member at the time of nomination and have, unless exceptional circumstances are acknowledged when reviewing the application:
  - (a) a minimum of three years' current continuous service as a Board Member or Advisory Committee Member of Townsville Enterprise pre-nomination; and
  - (b) a minimum of ten (10) years active cumulative service as a Board Member or Advisory Committee Member pre-nomination.
- 2. The Nomination Form shall articulate the reasons why Life Membership is to be considered appropriate and, where possible, specify examples of work or involvement which has significantly progressed the Townsville and North Queensland Community in line with the objectives of Townsville Enterprise.
- 3. The Nomination Form shall include accompanying letters of reference.

Notwithstanding all the above, the following will be deemed essential attributes for this level of membership;

- 4. The Nominee should be able to demonstrate significant contribution to the activities of Townsville Enterprise and the Townsville region over most of their years of membership. This may include significant contribution in one or more of the following areas:
  - a. Advocacy for Townsville and North Queensland
  - b. Economic Development and Investment Attraction
  - c. Tourism and Visitor Development
  - d. Improvement in the community and lifestyle for the people of Townsville and North Queensland

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- 5. The Nominee should be able to demonstrate a meritorious contribution and distinguished and conspicuous service to the Townsville Enterprise and this may include:
  - a. Significant contributions while holding positions on either the Strategic Advisory Committee,
    Risk and Finance Committee or such other Committees as may be formed by Townsville
    Enterprise from time to time;
  - b. Participating in Townsville Enterprise activities to a much greater extent than the average.

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