

# MemberUpdate

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**TOPIC: Process to Appoint a Life Member to Grain Trade Australia**

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## 1. Membership Categories

Clause 2.1 of the GTA Constitution recognises Life Members as a category of GTA membership and is defined as:

***"Life Member"** means a member who is appointed and classified as a life member by the Board and who the Board determines has provided outstanding service to the Company.*

## 2. Current Status

GTA has only one Life Member, Mr Merv May from Toowoomba who was appointed a Life Member prior to the restructure of NACMA in 2003. There have been no further appointments in the intervening years.

## 3. Eligibility

Nominations are open to current and past members of GTA. In order to be eligible for Life Membership, a nominee must:

- have made a contribution to GTA's work that can be considered outstanding and over and above what might be reasonably expected from employment or voluntary involvement in the organisation;
- have contributed to GTA in the above manner for no less than five (5) years;
- have made a contribution that sets them apart from other valuable contributors;
- holds, in the opinion of the GTA Board, good standing within GTA and the grain industry; and
- not be a current employee of GTA.

*Note:* for GTA also read NACMA.

## 4. Nomination Guidelines

- Nominees are not to be approached for information or advised of their nomination prior to the conferring of the membership.
- Nominations should be lodged using the formal Nomination Form along with supporting documentation.
- The Nomination Form must be completed in full, with both the support of a proposer and a seconder who are financial members of GTA.
- Life Membership may be bestowed on a person at any appropriate time, and is not linked necessarily with that person's retirement.
- Nominations will generally not be considered if more than three years have passed (in the opinion of the Membership Committee) since the primary component(s) of the outstanding service (on which the nomination for Life Membership is being judged). This places the onus on proposers/ seconders to act promptly and ensures that worthy recipients are not displaced from the period in which their contributions should be recognised.

## 4. Further Details and Nomination Form

Visit the GTA website for full details of the process and the Nomination Form

<http://www.graintrade.org.au/membership>