



BLAIRGOWRIE

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Rule 6.3

The General Committee may appoint a Member as a Life Member in recognition of special services to BYS, subject to confirmation at the next General Meeting. If confirmed by an Ordinary Resolution at the General Meeting, the Member will be a Life Member, presented with a Life Member certificate and the Member's name will be included on the Life Members' honour board at BYS.

Background

The Life Members elected since 1952 have been honoured for contributions to the welfare and progress of the Club in many diverse areas including:

- (a) the design, planning and carrying out capital works;
- (b) significant services in relation to patrol boats, radio communications and race management;
- (c) Club administration and secretarial support;
- (d) management of ancillary commercial operations (canteen and shop);
- (e) writing the Club's history; and
- (f) the unique and generous contribution of Bert and Louisa Scott.

The common factor in all Life Membership, except the Scotts' case has been the devotion of a significant amount of personal time and effort, together with a high level of expertise and skill in making the contribution.

Criteria for election to Life Membership

1. Life Membership recognises a Member's contribution which is far above and beyond what would normally be expected of Club Members, or a contribution involving a level of commitment and dedication seldom seen.
2. A contribution justifying Life Membership would normally be expected to have extended over a number of years.
3. Life Membership is not granted:
 - (a) automatically on the basis of years of service in a particular position; or
 - (b) solely as recognition of success in competitive racing.
4. Ultimately the General Committee will consider all aspects of a Member's contribution, including the benefits to the Club before reaching a decision on the election of a Life Member.

BYS Life Members

Bert Scott	The founder of Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron with wife Louisa. Donated Scotts' shed and the slipway.
Louisa Scott	The founder of Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron with husband Bert. Donated Scotts' shed and the slipway.
Ron Williams	For the enormous amount of work around the Club, gantry, slipway, construction of new gantry, patrol boat engine overhauls, manufacture of radio towers and building construction. Former Commodore.
Roy McGee	Secretary for 11 years, maintained and operated radio for many years.
Roy Tapson	Founding member of foreshore committee and representative for many years. Involved with wife Dot in the construction of the original building and slipway. Commodore and committee member for many years.
Allan Pizzev	Former Commodore, builder of gantry and associated tasks, organised building of senior lounge during 1965-66 over 13 weekends.
Nance Pizzev	Committee member responsible for trophies for many years. Start box operator.
Harry Reid	Secretary for 13 years. Committee member who did wonderful service to BYS during difficult times.
K (Monty) Simes	Former Commodore, Club Captain and President of Victorian Yachting Council. Conducted sailing and navigation programs for members.
Lew Barnett	Former Rear Commodore, Treasurer and committee member. Responsible for patrol boats operation and maintenance and looked after Club repairs and maintenance.
Kit Barnett	Operated the canteen for many years, nothing was a trouble. Involved in Ladies Committee and functions and assisted Lew with patrol boats.
Jack Morris	Committee member, designer of gantry and slipway, built care for driving pile for old jetty. Anything that was needed, Jack built it!. Reconditioned the winch and the back stairway and installed the rock near the yardarm.
J Ross Crow	Former Commodore. Maintained radio at very little cost to the Club for many years, assisted with building the gantry along with his son John.
Edgar French	Compiled and wrote the history of BYS "The Miracle at Scotts' Shed". This was a great effort over a lengthy period of time with the assistance of his wife Margaret and the members. He was a very competitive sailor who loved BYS.
Margaret French	Assisted husband Edgar in writing the history of BYS "The Miracle at Scotts' Shed".
Peter Bates	Unlimited capacity for work around the Club. Involved in working bees, construction of gantry, slipway, retaining walls. Former Club Captain, very involved with and protective of junior members.
Harley Rutledge	Former Commodore and experienced Treasurer. Overcame difficult problems faced by the Club in his capacity as Treasurer. Excellent bay and offshore sailor, participated in working bees and looked after burgees in senior lounge.
Jeff Hurley	Former Commodore. Involved in all aspects of BYS. Former President of Victorian Yachting Council. Instigator of the Pertersville Regatta followed by the Nissan Regatta.
Jane Hurley	Operated the Club shop for many years and supported husband Jeff during this period.
Paul Paice	Patrol Boat Captain for many years. Refuelled patrol boats every weekend using a hand operated pump – ironically, the Club installed an electric pump upon his retirement.

Lin Paice	Supported the work of husband Paul and also involved in race management, starter's box and shop.
Bruce Colliver 14 July 2002	Former Commodore. Contributed to the Club over many years culminating in the development of the Blairgowrie Safe Boat Harbour.
Ken Godfrey 14 July 2002	Former Commodore. Contributed to the Club over many years culminating in the development of the Blairgowrie Safe Boat Harbour.
Bruce Harding 14 July 2002	Former Commodore. Contributed to the Club over many years culminating in the development of the Blairgowrie Safe Boat Harbour.
Trevor Huttley 14 July 2002	Former Honorary Treasurer. Contributed to the Club over many years culminating in the development of the Blairgowrie Safe Boat Harbour.
David Mason 25 July 2004	Joined BYS in 1972 and served as Club Captain, Rear Commodore, Vice Commodore and Commodore between 1977 and 1991. Has been Secretary of the Sailing Committee since 1992 and race officer for A Class Worlds, Laser Worlds, Thunderbird Championships and many other classes between 1977 – 1995.
Helen Golder 25 July 2004	Joined BYS in 1957 and served on the General Committee between 1988 – 1989, the Sailing Committee since 1988 and has been race Officer in a number of major championships since 1988. Has been the coordinator and a volunteer in the start box since 1992.
Geoff Watson 25 July 2004	Joined BYS in 1978 and served on the General Committee between 1989 and 1995 as Secretary. Club's first manager 1995 – 1997. Introduced the sailability program to BYS in 2001, was a key volunteer for the I.F.D.S. World Championships during 2003 – 2004. Worked in yard slipping boats and assisting Members between 1980 – 2004.
Frank Paine 17 July 2005	Joined BYS in 1977 and served as Treasurer from 1979 to 1981 and Secretary from 1982 to 1987, maintaining membership records without the aid of a computer. Served as Rear Commodore, Vice Commodore, Commodore and Immediate Past Commodore. Rewrote the Squadron's Statement of Purposes and Rules, was always available to help whenever anything needed to be done and made a terrific contribution to BYS.
Judy Medley 14 July 2007	Joined BYS in 1967, supported her husband John during his period as Commodore, served as radio officer and in the starter's box, member of various social committees, tended to the Club gardens and actively participated, organised the trophies, assisted with food preparation, provided administrative support to the office staff.
Brian Jennings 4 July 2007	Joined BYS in 1967, introduced and promoted the A class fleet for 30 years, served on the General Committee 1986-87, ran the A Class World Titles at BYS in 1987, served on the Sailing Committee for 20 years, sail trainer since 1996 and maintained the four Minnows owned for some time by BYS. Responsible for maintenance of fixed marks. Club Person of the Year 1994-1995.
Peter Lloyd 23 July 2011	Former committee member and Commodore. Contributed to building the family social scene at BYS over a period of 6 years and, with the assistance of his wife Jill, extended the social calendar. Was a driving force behind ensuring BYS stayed in the forefront of the sailing world and encouraged relationships with the clubs around the bay, interstate and overseas. Made a substantial contribution to the genesis of the Blairgowrie Safe Boat Harbour.
Chris Wilson 23 July 2011	Former committee member and Commodore during the construction period of development of the Blairgowrie Safe Boat Harbour. He helped to introduce catamarans to BYS. Served on the Yachting Victoria executive, is a Race Rules Judge and currently a member of the YV Race Officials Committee. Advised BYS on regatta management and racing rules issues for some major events sailed at Blairgowrie and continues to chair protest committees at BYS as required.
Bernie Chandler	Bernie's sustained contribution to BYS in managing the yard and slipway operations over an extended period of time has been outstanding and is unquestioned. It has been highly visible to both members and visitors alike, representing a service for which BYS can be justifiably proud. Bernie is focused on solutions and his professional engineering experience means he is a terrific asset to BYS in this respect.

Robyn Kamer

Robyn Kamer joined BYS in 1981. She served on the Boating Committee for in excess of 10 years and also served on the General Committee for over 10 years. Her dedication to all things related to junior sailing has been outstanding. Robyn has been active as a start box team leader and OOD for as many years, has assisted the Junior Club Captains, organised the trophies for presentation night, coordinated sail training and fundraising, including some very memorable Trivia Nights and even spent many years serving behind the bar!