

1. Life Membership and Awards

Nomination for Life Membership, Honours and Service Awards may be made by the Regional Association or a Club and shall be received by the Administrator of the Regional Association no later than the **15 June** in any year to be considered at the next Annual General Meeting.

A. Life Membership

- a) The Regional Association may elect to Life Membership of the Region any person who in the opinion of the Regional Association has rendered conspicuous service over a long period of time
- b) No person shall be eligible to be elected a Life Member unless he or she has been a member of the Regional Association either as a **registered** swimmer and/or a registered or unregistered Officer of the region for a period of not less than **15** years.
- c) A candidate for Life Membership may be nominated by the Regional Association or may be nominated by a Club to the Regional Association in writing, setting out fully the grounds on which such nomination is made.

B. Honours Award

Ten years after receiving the Service award provided that the holder has continued throughout that period to give service of the quality that earned the Service Award in the first place. Honours Awards may be conferred for a lesser period, on the initiative of the Awards Committee to Service Award holders, for conspicuous service.

C. Service Award

- a) Active service of an outstanding nature to the sport in the Canterbury West Coast region for a period of not less than 5 years.
- b) Clubs must nominate members for service awards giving a detailed description of the nominee's involvement and service over at least 5 years.
- c) The Awards committee will consider nominations for a New Zealand Service Award after 10 years' service with Swimming Canterbury West Coast. Nominees are expected to have been awarded a Swimming Canterbury West Coast Service Award prior to having been nominated for a New Zealand Service Award. Exceptions to this rule will be dealt with on a case by case basis by the Awards Committee