

14. Honorary Members

14.1. The National Executive may award Honorary Membership to:

- (a) Members of the Australian Defence Force whilst on operational duty; and
- (b) Such other persons for such period as it sees fit.

14.2 If an Honorary Member is a Service Member or Life Member at the time he is awarded Honorary Membership, his rights, privileges and obligations as a Service Member or Life Member shall, subject to Rule 14.3, not be disturbed by the award of Honorary Membership.

14.3 An Honorary Member may attend as an observer at any National Congress at his own expense but shall not be entitled to be heard, or vote or receive notices nor shall he be liable to pay any annual subscription or other sums to the League.

15. Honorary Life Members

15.1 The National Executive may award Honorary Life Membership to:

- (a) Any member of the Royal Family;
- (b) Any representative of the Sovereign in the Commonwealth;
- (c) Any person who ordinarily resides in the Commonwealth and who has been awarded the Victoria Cross, the George Cross, the Cross of Valour or the Star of Courage.
- (d) Any person who is a citizen of any country forming part of the Commonwealth of Nations and who in the opinion of the National Executive has rendered long, continued and outstanding service to the said Commonwealth of Nations; and
- (e) Any person who in the opinion of the National Executive has rendered outstanding service to the service to the service or ex-service community of the country in which he ordinarily resides.

15.2 If an Honorary Life Member is a Service Member or Life Member at the time he is awarded Honorary Life Membership, his rights, privileges and obligations as a Service Member or Life Member (as the case may be) shall, subject to Rule 15.3 not be disturbed by the award to him of Honorary Life Membership.

15.3 An Honorary Life Member may attend as an observer at any National Congress at his own expense but shall not be entitled to be heard, or vote or receive notices nor shall he be liable to pay any annual subscription or other sums to the League.

16 Affiliates of Sub-Branches

If a State Branch has accepted the introduction of Affiliates of Sub-branches within its jurisdiction, then subject to Rules 16.2 and 16.3 an eligible person may apply to be admitted as an Affiliate of such a Sub-branch.

16.1.1 No person shall be admitted as an Affiliate of a Sub-branch if that person is eligible to be admitted as a Service Member.

16.2 The By-laws may make provision for:

- (a) those persons who are eligible to apply to be so admitted; and
- (b) for all necessary rules of and incident to such persons.

16. Social Members of Sub-Branches

17.1 State Branch may make provision for the admission of social members of Sub-branches within its jurisdiction upon such terms and conditions as it deems necessary.

17. General Provisions as to Membership

18.1 All Service and Life Members shall be of equal status in the League.

18.2 Company Members and all other members shall be deemed to have agreed to be bound by the provisions of this Constitution and its By-laws.

18.3 For the purposes of this Constitution, the National Executive shall have jurisdiction over all Company Members and members but in addition state Branch shall have jurisdiction over a person who is also a member of that Branch or of a Sub-branch which is subject to the jurisdiction of that Branch.

18.4 Reserved

18.5 A Service or Life Member who is also a member of a Sub-branch shall not be eligible to be a member of another Sub-branch but may apply to be admitted as an Associate thereof. Such an application shall be lodged with the Secretary of that other Sub-branch and upon his being admitted, he shall be known as an Associate of that other Sub-branch. The annual subscription payable by an Associate to that other Sub-branch shall be the annual subscription payable by an Service Member to a Sub-branch less that proportion of each annual subscription referred to in Rule 27.

18.6 Subject to Rule 18.7 an Service or Life Member who is also an Associate within the meaning of Rule 18.4 shall be entitled to hold office, vote and speak at a meeting of not more that one Sub-branch.

18.7 An Service Member to whom Rule 18.5 applies shall:

- (a) Elect in writing the Sub-branch in which he wishes to be eligible to hold office, speak and vote;
- (b) Deliver such election to all the Sub-branches of which he is a member and Associate. and
- (c) Until he has complied with this Rule he shall only be entitled to hold office, vote and speak at the Sub-branch of which he is a member, and such election shall not be able to be revoked during the membership year in which it is made.

18.8 If the State Executive is satisfied special circumstances exist it may admit as an Service Member a person who has not served for a period of six months specified by Rule 12, provided such person is otherwise qualified to be admitted as an Service Member.

18.9 Notwithstanding the provisions of this Constitution, no person shall be admitted as member who is considered to be, in the interests of the League, not a fit and proper person to be a member.

18.10 *No person who is an Australian Citizen shall be admitted as an Service Member unless he has signed a declaration that he is prepared to swear or affirm (as the case may be) allegiance to Australia and its people, and do hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of*