



## VPA Honorary Membership Policy

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Victorian Principals Association (VPA) values the contribution of VPA non-members whose dedicated expertise and time have contributed significantly to the Association.

### Honorary Membership

Victorian Principals Association (VPA) may confer Honorary Membership on not more than five (5) VPA non-members at any one time.

A VPA non-member may be nominated for Honorary Membership of the Association by a VPA Principal Class Member (Ordinary Member), Honorary Membership Award Committee will review all nominations.

An Honorary Member shall have the rights of a Principal Class Officer Member (Ordinary Member).

An Honorary Member shall not be required to pay an Association membership fee.

### Honorary Membership Awards Committee

Honorary Membership Award Committee must consist of:

- The President (Convenor);
- A Board Member;
- A Council Member; and
- A Life Member.

The Convenor of this committee is the VPA President.

Honorary Membership is bestowed upon a VPA non-member who has made a significant contribution to the VPA. The Honorary Membership Awards Committee has the final decision of awarding Honorary Membership to an individual. If the Honorary Membership Award Committee cannot reach a unanimous decision, the President (Convenor) will make the final recommendation. The recommendation is then presented to Council.

Criteria for assessing and awarding Honorary Membership:

- Ensure compliance with the nomination process;
- Ensure the nomination satisfies the following criteria:
  - The nominee has made a major contribution to the VPA;
  - The nominee has not brought ill repute to the Association; and

The nominated member will be presented with the award at a significant VPA meeting decided by the President.

## **Honorary Membership Nomination**

Honorary Membership process is as follows:

- The Association is to invite nominations for Honorary Membership with appropriate forms available;
- Nominations are to be opened for a period up to 60 days in any one calendar year;
- Honorary Membership nominations are to be prepared in writing by a Principal Class Member (Ordinary Member) with supporting signatures of at least five (5) Principal Class Members (Ordinary Members);
- Nominations are to remain confidential until the Honorary Membership is conferred; and
- Honorary Membership is conferred at a significant VPA meeting.

## **2009 Timeline for Honorary Membership Nominations**

The closing date for nominations for Honorary Membership in 2009 will be October 5, 2009.