



SLANZA Life Membership

Purpose

Life Membership is considered to be SLANZA's highest honour. Life membership may be conferred on a living member whose contribution to school librarianship or a closely related field is so outstanding that it is of lasting importance to the advancement of the whole field of school library service. It is intended to reflect honour upon SLANZA as well as upon the recipient.

Eligibility

Nominees may be either current or long term past members of SLANZA. Posthumous nominations are not eligible for consideration. There will normally be only one Life Member appointed in any year. (In some years there may not be an awardee.)

Criteria

1. To be eligible for life membership, a person should be so outstanding that there can be no question about his/her suitability, they should be able to be recognised nationally as deserving.
2. The award is to reward the contribution of an individual, rather than that of an individual representing the accomplishments of many.
3. The person elected to life membership should be of such calibre as to reflect honour upon SLANZA by this designation.
4. Life membership should be conferred because of a contribution of more than passing interest and of more than local achievement. The contribution should be to school librarianship.
5. Any current SLANZA personal member may nominate an individual for Life Membership.

Process

The nominee's suitability will be assessed by SLANZA's Life Membership committee in terms of the above criteria, on the basis of the following:-

- A confidential nomination, [submitted via this Nomination Form](#), made by at least two members of SLANZA, or by a group or committee of the Association. NOTE: it is suggested that nominations are kept confidential, if the nominee is made aware of their nomination, you will also need to make them aware that it may not be awarded to them.
- Supporting evidence, supplied by the nominators, which supplements the comments to be uploaded to the link provided in the Form.
- The official nomination form from the page below to be uploaded to the link provided in the Form.
- The decision of the Life Membership committee is final.

The closing date for nominations is Monday 1st September 2025. **Please keep copies of nomination documentation in order to use if necessary in the future.**

Life Memberships will be conferred at the SLANZA AGM or a SLANZA National Conference.



School Library Association of New Zealand Aotearoa
Te Puna Whare Mātauranga a Kura

NOMINATION FORM SLANZA Life Membership

Please print, fill out and upload to the link in the [Nomination Form](#)

Nomination

We, the undersigned, being members of SLANZA hereby nominate:

Full name

Address

Phone Email

For the award of SLANZA Honorary Life Membership

Nominators (must be current SLANZA members)

1. Name

Address

Phone Email

Signature Date

2. Name

Address

Phone Email

Signature Date

Note: nominations close on Monday 1st September 2025

