



## 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 written nomination, on the official 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 made in the written nomination.
- Please submit all nominations and associated paperwork electronically to [admin@slanza.org.nz](mailto:admin@slanza.org.nz)
- The decision of the Life Membership committee is final.

The closing date for nominations is Monday 4th September 2023. **Please keep copies of nomination documentation in order to use if necessary in the future.**

Life Memberships will be conferred at the SLANZA AGM.



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## NOMINATION FORM SLANZA Life Membership

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SLANZA Executive Officer  
admin@slanza.org.nz

### 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 4th September 2023

**Please read carefully**

The following documentation is to be supplied in support of the nomination. Attach additional documents as required. Please submit as one document if possible.

**Statement of achievement**

Provide a concise statement including biographical details, detailing why the nominee should be considered for Life Membership. The statement should outline clearly the grounds for proposing the nomination in terms of the criteria for the award, with supporting evidence documenting the nominee's achievements. This should be completed on a separate page.

**Letters of recommendation**

The nomination must include no fewer than two letters of recommendation from current SLANZA members, each on a separate page. Other documentation as available and appropriate may be submitted to assist the committee in reviewing this nomination, but it should all be submitted at one time to [admin@slanza.org.nz](mailto:admin@slanza.org.nz)

All documentation must be received by the closing date, late nominations will not be considered.

Please note: no discussion will be entered into by the members of the committee with nominees or nominated persons who were not successful in their nomination.

For additional information, contact:

SLANZA Executive Officer  
[admin@slanza.org.nz](mailto:admin@slanza.org.nz)