

Wall of Fame Selection Policy

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Background

Portsea SLSC thrives on the efforts of its volunteers and the support of its community. One of the most important ways the Club recognises service to the club is through membership of the Wall of Fame.

The Wall of Fame was created in 2002 to provide recognition of people who have given exceptional and/or long service to the Club, both members and certain qualifying non-members. Membership of the Wall of Fame is permanent and is highly esteemed. The list of previous recipients is a roll call of some of the most dedicated and important members in the club's history.

Entry into The Wall of Fame is managed by the Wall of Fame Selection Committee, which is appointed by the Club Committee and is made up of four existing members of the Wall of Fame.

The benchmark for entry into the Wall of Fame is a combined 20 years of service. Special recognition may be given for extraordinary service to the Club in roles other than patrolling, which can result in nominees being accepted prior to accumulating 20 years of active patrolling service.

Selection Process

Any club member may nominate any person for consideration to be admitted to the Wall of Fame. Members are welcome to nominate themselves.

Nominations are submitted on the nomination form available on the club website. Completed forms must be forwarded to the Wall of Fame Selection Committee via email to the Club Secretary (secretary@portseasurf.com.au). Forms must include a history of the nominee's contribution and the names of 2 referees, who must be active club members willing to vouch for the nominee's nomination.

It is the responsibility of the nominating person to collect and present the information demonstrating that the Wall of Fame membership criteria have been met.

The Wall of Fame Selection Committee assesses nominations and passes recommendations to the Club Committee for final decision. Successful nominations are announced at a Wall of Fame function held at the Club. Successful nominees are rewarded with a trophy and their name is permanently inscribed on the Wall of Fame honour board, which is displayed in the clubhouse.

Membership Criteria

Wall of Fame membership is open to people who have given long and/or exceptional service to the club. Nominees may be patrolling members, associate members or other people who have a close affiliation with the club but who, for a valid reason, cannot be a member of the Club (e.g. Honorary Solicitor) but are worthy of consideration for membership of the Wall of Fame by virtue of their exceptional service record.

The benchmark for entry into the Wall of Fame is 20 years of service, comprising active patrolling years and “Nominal Patrolling Years”, which provide credit for services other than patrolling. Nominations demonstrating 20 years of service can reasonably expect to be successful.

For the purposes of assessing nominations, non-patrolling service is translated into “Nominal Patrolling Years” (see examples in the table below).

Service Type	Nominal Patrolling Years
Active patrolling year	1.0
Active reserve year	0.5
Committee role or major role on sub-committee, per year <i>(Note 1)</i>	An Additional 1.6
Member of sub-committee, per year (e.g. Operational Committee)	An Additional 0.5
Patrol Captain, per year	An Additional 1.0
Club President / Captain, per year	An Additional 3.3
Service on an LSV council or panel, per year	An Additional 1.7
Major award such as an Australian Lifesaver of the year award, or Wishart medal	An Additional 8.0
Award of life membership of Portsea SLSC, Life Saving Victoria or Surf Life Saving Australia	An Additional 20
Exceptional Service	Assessed on a case by case basis
Additional criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Australian competition medals, Victorian gold medals• Australian or Victorian team membership• Significant act of bravery	Assessed on a case by case basis

Note 1. It is expected that only 1 to 3 leaders would qualify as holding major roles on a sub-committee. For other sub-committee members and helpers, between 1 to 2 years of service would equate to a nominal active year.

Members who are awarded with Life Membership of Portsea SLSC, Life Saving Victoria or Surf Life Saving Australia will automatically be granted membership of the Wall of Fame.

For a contribution to be recognised, it must have been achieved while a member of Portsea SLSC. For State or National awards to be considered, the individual must have been a member of the Portsea SLSC for the time they were contributing at a high level on a State or National basis.

Successful Wall of Fame nominations generally require the sum of active patrolling years and Nominal Patrolling Years to exceed 20 years. The Wall of Fame Selection Committee uses the following guidelines when assessing nominations.

1. In cases where nominations present a sum of active patrolling years plus Nominal Patrolling Years exceeding 20 years, entry to the Wall of Fame is considered virtually automatic as long as active patrolling years comprise a minimum of 10 years of the total years.
2. Nominations presenting 15 – 20 total years will be considered by the Wall of Fame Selection Committee and may be successful if the nominee's contribution to the club has been demonstrated to be exceptional.
3. Nominations presenting less than 15 total years will generally not be successful unless there are extraordinary or extenuating circumstances surrounding the nomination.

Examples of the ways in which a combination of criteria may be assessed to equate to 20 total years include:

- 12 years active patrolling plus 5 years on the Club Committee or in a major leadership role of a significant sub-committee (e.g. one of the top 1-3 roles on the Operational Committee, Swim Classic, Pier to Perignon or Nippers sub-committees).
- 12 years active patrolling and either an Australian Medal winner, or a member of an Official Victorian or Australian Surf Life Saving team, or a winner of a Wishart Medal or State or National Life Saver of the Year award.
- 15 years active patrolling including 5 years as a Patrol Captain.
- 10 years active patrolling plus 12 years on the Board of Examiners of Life Saving Victoria or the Surf Life Saving Australia Executive.
- 10 years active patrolling and 3 years as Club Captain or President.

Wall of Fame Membership Entitlements

Acceptance into the Wall of Fame entitles members to a range of exclusive benefits:

1. Permanent Recognition on an honour board in the clubhouse.
2. Invitation to the Annual Wall of Fame Cocktail Party. New Inductees will be guests of the Club.
3. A trophy to recognise Wall of Fame membership.
4. Preferential (but not guaranteed) entry into club-run programs for the individuals, their partners and their children (e.g. Nippers, Bronze & Cadet Camps). Wall of Fame Members must still apply within prescribed timelines and pay the appropriate fees to be considered for preferential entry.
5. No joining fee is payable for members returning to the club after an absence.

Withdrawal of Membership of the Wall of Fame

Wall of Fame Membership is an honour bestowed on individuals in recognition of their service to the club. In extreme cases (e.g. expulsion from the Club), this honour can be removed by a resolution of the Club Committee.