

AUSTRALIAN TRAIL HORSE RIDERS ASSOCIATION

Nomination for ATHRA Life Membership Claire Bourke Member No 212

The Association's Policy IMS-P-012 ATHRA Life Membership states the following requirements -

CRITERIA

1. A nominee for life membership must have been a member of ATHRA for a minimum of ten (10) years, in aggregate and not necessarily continuous. The nominated member may be a past member of the Association (ie not a member for the current year).

Claire Bourke has been a member of ATHRA continuously since 1998. Her membership number is 212.

2. During this ten year period, the nominee must have served meritoriously at a regional, state or national level in an elected or Executive Board appointed position for a minimum of ten (10) years, in aggregate and not necessarily continuous.

Record of Service at State and National levels -

State

- 2002-2008 ATHRA NSW Treasurer
- 2008-2010 ATHRA Queensland President

National

- 2005-2009 ATHRA National Treasurer
- March 2011-May 2011 ATHRA National Secretary

..... and following ATHRA's organisation restructure in 2011

- May 2011-March 2012 ATHRA Director Communication and Marketing
- March 2012-April 2013 ATHRA Director Access
- Nov 2012-April 2015 ATHRA Director Finance

3. Meritorious service includes but is not limited to: conduct and service which has merit, is deserving of reward, praise or gratitude, deserving commendation for thoroughness; honourable, praiseworthy, commendable, creditable, admirable, excellent, exemplary, outstanding.

Achievements -

- Applied for and was awarded successive funding grants from the Queensland state government covering the period 2008 to 2016 and totalling \$215,900.

- Developed and implemented the 'Queensland Junior' program which promotes active participation in equine activities and skills development for under 18 members.
- Built a high level network of government and industry stakeholders which has acknowledged Claire (and by extension ATHRA) as the preferred point of contact for all recreational equine activities in Queensland and in particular issues relating to horse riding access; including her long-standing service as a Director of the Queensland Horse Council with specific responsibility for horse riding access.
- Extensively consulted with the Queensland Department of Infrastructure & Planning and SEQWater for the development of the 62km Boonah-Ipswich trail, the 148km Brisbane Valley rail trail, and the Mount Joyce/ Wyaralong Dam recreational precinct (opened in 2011), specifically to ensure their suitability for horse riding.
- Represented ATHRA in the preparation and delivery of the *July 2012 Horse Riding in Queensland* submission to the state government; leading to the *2013 Future of Horse Riding in Queensland Forum*; and then representing ATHRA as a member of the *Queensland Horse Trails Working Group* that successfully lobbied the government in 2014 to change its legislation to free up horse riding access in the state's National Parks.
- Has tirelessly promoted regional activities and club engagement in Queensland through the innovative *Queensland Club Presidents' Workshops*; raising the standard and professionalism of the annual *Queensland September Camp* such that it is now regarded as an iconic event on the ATHRA calendar; and motivating clubs to send representatives to *ATHRA Regional Managers' Workshops and AGMs* as a way of growing the skills and knowledge of the clubs' executives.
- Developed the initial concept of, and framework for, *ATHRA's Information Management System*.
- Introduced a quarterly national newsletter for all ATHRA members.

Exemplary service at a Club level may be taken into account in the context of meritorious service on the proviso it has significantly influenced actions/initiatives at a national level.

Record of Service at Club level –

Manning Trail Horse Riders Club [NSW] -

- 1999-2003, 2005-2006 Secretary
- 2007 Vice President

Logan River Redlands Horse Trail Riders Club [QLD] -

- 2011-2013 President

Gold Coast & Albert District Horse Trail Riders Club [QLD] -

- 2014-current Vice President

The Board shall retain the discretionary power to accept a nominee for Life Membership where aspects of the criteria are not met, depending on the circumstances of each individual nominee.

NOMINATION

Nominations for Life Membership must be submitted in writing to the Executive Board and must include a testimonial of the achievements of the nominee based on the stated criteria.

The nomination must be made by either:

- the President, Secretary or Treasurer of an affiliated club acting on behalf of that club, or
- a current Executive Board member.

Claire's nomination was made by Alan Salter, ATHRA Board Member, and received by the Chairman of the ATHRA Board on the 24th March 2015.

The nomination must be seconded by either:

- the President, Secretary or Treasurer acting on behalf of another affiliated club, or
- a current ATHRA Regional Manager, or
- a current Executive board member.

Claire's nomination was seconded by Tony Hart, ATHRA Board Member, and forwarded to the Board Members for their consideration on the 24th March 2015.

ACCEPTANCE OF NOMINATION

All nominations must first be accepted by a majority vote by the Executive Board before they can be put to a vote by the members of the Association.

The ATHRA Board has unanimously agreed to accept Claire Bourke's nomination for ATHRA Life Membership.

In the event that more than two (2) nominations are received in any one year, the Executive Board is empowered to decide which of those shall be accepted, based on merit, and put to the ATHRA membership for election.

Where a nomination fails only because, if accepted, it would have exceeded the maximum of two Life Memberships being awarded in any one year, then that nomination shall carry over for consideration by the Executive Board in the following year.

ELECTION

The election of Life Members shall take place at the Association's Annual General Meeting. Life membership shall be deemed to have commenced on 1 January of the election year.

I have reviewed all documents and the processes surrounding Claire Bourke's nomination for Life Membership and declare that all aspects of ATHRA's stated policy contained in IMS

Document number IMS-P-012 have been met. I will call for a vote on this motion in accordance with Rule 5(4) of ATHRA's Constitution at the Annual General Meeting on the 19th day of April 2015.

Alan Salter

Chairman of Directors

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