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SSAA Volunteer Awards

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TITLE

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PURPOSE

To recognise the contributions of volunteers to the SSAA.

SCOPE

State Office / ranges / branches / sub clubs

OBJECTIVE

Provide direction

POLICY DETAILS

The SSAA functions on a system of volunteer activity. Much of the work done to improve SSAA facilities is carried out by such people, who freely give their time, labour and finances to ensure that members enjoy the best possible venues. This volunteer activity extends to members of the Board who invest vast amounts of time every month to ensure the financial and operational viability of the SSAA.

A system of awards have been instituted to acknowledge the contribution made by individuals and groups to the success of the SSAA.

All awards are at the discretion of the Board of Directors except those made by a sub club or branch to an individual member acknowledging activity for that Branch or Sub Club. Such an award will be made at branch or sub club ceremony or at the Annual Awards Night (Should one take place).

Carr-Riddell Medal

The Carr-Riddell Medal is the “Victoria Cross” of the award system.

Colonel Connset Carr-Riddell was one of the original Anzac’s who fought at Gallipoli and the Western Front and was extensively decorated for his service. Colonel Carr-Riddell was the first President of the SSAA Vic and he along with other like minded individuals, formed the association in 1951.

This award may be granted to a person who has made an outstanding contribution to the furtherance of the ideal of SSAA in Victoria.

This award will be discussed and awarded by the Board.

The Award will consist of the Carr-Riddell Medal and an illuminated address.

State Life Membership

State Life Membership is granted to a member on the decision of the Board, after proposal by a branch or sub club or from the Board itself.

It is awarded for outstanding service to the whole membership of the Association. The service must be of a nature that impacts throughout the State giving rise to the acknowledgment of total service and not to just one entity or group. It is expected that a proposal for life membership will reflect this principle and be supported by clear evidence of such service.

The award will be presented at the Annual Awards Night (if one is to take place) of the SSAA Vic by the President.

Two nominations per year are permitted under the State Constitution.

Member for Life

A proposal for a member to be awarded this commendation, will reflect extraordinary service to a Sub Club or Branch. The award will consist of a Certificate of Distinctive Service and the member's life membership will be paid for by the sub club or branch.

It is expected that such member proposed for the award of "Member for Life" will have a minimum of 10 years service to the Branch or Sub-Club and that the proposing group will support the proposal with evidence of that extraordinary service. The evidence will document the activities of the member and will show how, when and why that service meets the criteria.

The award will be made annually and will be presented at the Annual Awards Night (if one is to take place) of the SSAA Vic by the President.

Certificate of Merit

A "Certificate of Merit" may be awarded by the SSAA Vic to a member who has performed meritorious service to an entity or group. Such service will be documented and presented in the form of written statements outlining the service performed and the result obtained, to the Board.

The Board will approve an appropriate Certificate for each category, suitably inscribed and signed by the President. It will be framed to a high standard and reflect the gratitude of the Association for the work done. The wording will reflect the evidence that gives rise to the award in the form of a citation.

Minimum service is not a requirement and this award can be presented to any member of the SSAA Vic.

Other Awards

The Board may confer any other awards to be presented at the Annual Awards Night (if it takes place). These awards may include but not be limited to the following:

- Female Shooter of the Year
- Male Shooter of the Year
- Junior Award – Female
- Junior Award – Male
- Volunteer Coach of the Year
- Volunteer Administrator of the Year
- Branch or Sub Club of the Year
- Recognition of State and National Representatives

Nomination forms, criteria and award benefits will be determined by the Board from time to time and will give the SSAA (Vic) Branches, sub-clubs and affiliated groups the chance to nominate individuals for these awards.

ASSOCIATED REFERENCES / DOCUMENTS

None