



**BY-LAW 6 - PAYMENT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR BRANCH AND STATE LIFE MEMBERS**

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1. Branch Life Membership requires the Branch to which the Life Member belongs, to continue to make subscription payments for that member, to State and Federal Councils.
2. If a Branch ceases to be financial, any Branch Life Member also ceases to be financial.
3. If a Branch dissolves, unless funds are kept in trust according to the rules of individual State and Territory Councils, Branch Life Members cease to be financial members of the organisation except where they become an ordinary member of another Branch or be adopted by another Branch; and be recognised as a Branch Life Member of the dissolved Branch.
4. In the event of a Branch dissolving or a branch going into recess, if no rule exists pertaining to the disbursement of Branch funds, the following rules apply:
  - (a) The funds are to be kept in trust for three years and therefore total payments associated with Branch Life Membership, are made by the body entrusted with the funds e.g. the relevant Council; State Council or Federal Council.
  - (b) After the three-year period, unless the Branch has reformed, the Branch Life Member ceases to be recognised as a financial member of the organisation unless they join another Branch as an ordinary member.
  - (c) Any Branch Life Member may be adopted by another Branch. The adopting Branch must agree to pay the Branch, State and Federal membership fee for the lifetime of the member and this member is recognised as a Branch Life Member of the dissolved Branch.
5. In the event of Branches merging the following rules apply:
  - (a) At the final Branch meeting, Branch Life Members are noted as being transferred to the newly formed/merged Branch.
  - (b) The newly amalgamated Branch records, at their first meeting following the merger, the incoming Branch Life Members who will continue to have their Branch, State and Federal membership paid by the newly amalgamated Branch.



6. In the event of Branch closure - any Branch Life Member ceases to be recognised as a financial member of the organisation unless they join another Branch as an ordinary member.

Any Branch Life Member may be adopted by another Branch. The adopting Branch must agree to pay the Branch, State and Federal membership fee for the lifetime of the member and this member is recognised as a Branch Life Member of the closed Branch.

7. Where a person is awarded State Life Membership, payment for Federal subscription is still required.
8. Federal subscription payment for State Life Members is made according to the relevant State or Territory Constitution/By-Laws.
9. If State rules do not exist in relation to payment of Federal subscriptions for State Life Members, the following rules apply:
  - (a) Payment is made by the State Life Member's branch.
  - (b) The relevant State or Territory Council reimburses the State Life Member's Branch for the cost of both the State Life Member's State subscription and Federal subscription.
  - (c) The Branch to which a State Life Member belongs continues to record the membership of that person on the Branch registration form that is forwarded to the Federal Treasurer each year.