

Audax Australia Cycling Club

Outstanding Members – Recognition and Reward

Audax Australia Cycling Club now has well over 1,000 Members. Among them are those whose commitment to the Club, whose Regional or National service, or whose cycling successes make them legendary.

We want to recognise and celebrate their contributions and achievements at the National level.

Life Membership is awarded rarely and for significant contributions across several areas of service benefitting a large number of people for an extended time.

Recognition of Outstanding Members enables a broader range of committed Members to be recognised at the National level for their contributions and achievements.

What is being recognised?

- Reasons for being recognised and rewarded as an Outstanding Member of Audax Australia are many, varied and flexible. There is a value judgment to be made by cycling peers recognising and rewarding meritorious service to the Club and cycling achievements.
- Recognition could be for service to Audax Australia in the local Region or at the National level - including but not limited to contributions to running the Club, working on committees, organising rides, volunteering as a support person, organising others, managing the behind the scenes work, going the extra mile and taking on the extra tasks, being an exemplar Audax rider, encouraging and motivating and assisting others.
- Recognition could be for achieving extraordinary riding success – in recognition that we are a long distance cycling club, where endurance riding is the objective. The recognition may be for Audax riding achievements beyond the ordinary but may also be for appropriate other achievements in endurance cycling.
- While more Outstanding Member awards will be made than Life Memberships awarded, recognition should still only be for truly impressive contributions and achievements.

How does it happen? Recognising and rewarding Outstanding Members

- Regional Committees may choose recipients from Members in their Region on an annual basis and advise the National Committee (by advice to the President and Secretary) at least two weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- The National Committee may also choose recipients with a more national role.
- Regional Committees must include in their advice to the President and Secretary a complete list of nominated recipients for that year and an appropriate recitation for presentation and publication.

- The President will preferably present the award formally at the Annual General Meeting or it may be presented by the National or State President as part of an Awards Presentation at a major Club event or Club dinner.
- As a guide, larger Regions may make up to 2 to 3 awards each year and smaller Regions up to 1 each year. There may be years in which no awards are made. There may be exceptional years in which slightly more awards may be made; bearing in mind the numbers of awards made should not devalue their significance.
- (There will be an initial catch up presentation at the 2011 AGM when up to 3 to 5 awards may be presented to Members in larger Regions and up to 2 or 3 for Members in smaller Regions.)
- Recipients will be given a year's Free Membership.
- Recipients will be included on an Honour Board on our new Website – showing the award citation, photo, and date of award – and publicised in *Checkpoint*.

Other criteria in selecting Outstanding Members

- Life Members are not eligible to be nominated as Outstanding Members.
- An Outstanding Member may later be nominated / awarded Life Membership.
- There is no minimum period of Membership for eligibility – recognition is of effort and achievement which may be achieved in a short time.
- While a Regional or National Committee member is not ineligible, the relevant person must be excluded from any discussion concerning their selection and their contribution or achievement must be unquestionably outstanding.
- Outstanding Membership may be awarded more than once to the same recipient but not more than one year in a row.