

In 2023 the SA Quilters Leadership Team agreed it was time to restructure the service awards available to members of SA Quilters. A team was put together and following investigation and discussion a proposal was tabled at the May 2023 Leadership Team Meeting and after much discussion, the changes were adopted unanimously. As has been the practice in the past all awards are to be chosen at the discretion of the current President in consultation with key personnel. SA Quilters has an extensive data base record of member's service.

In the past there were two levels of service and it was decided there will now be three levels and the first of those is:

- **Service Awards** will recognise those who have given active service to SA Quilters in some form or other for a period of 5, 10, 15, 20 etc years. This service could be continuous or cumulative. Recognition will be a certificate and appropriate badge presented at an Annual General Meeting.

It was decided that another level of recognition of service would be added to the existing two; this new service award will be known as **The Nola Pearce Service Award**

Nola Pearce has been a member of Quilters' Guild of South Australia/SA Quilters since 1986 and was President twice, in 1993/1994 and again in 2010/2011.

She has also served in the following capacities:

- Exhibition committee member 1990 – 1994 she was convenor in 1994
- Australian Council of Quilters delegate 1993, 1994 and 2011
- Insurance officer 1996 – 2006 – 10 years
- Judging Panel 1996 – 2021 – 25 years
- Appraisal Panel member from 1992 when it began, and is still a member of the Team, 32 years later
- Teachers Forum Leader 2010 - 2013
- Nola was awarded Life Membership in 1994 and epitomises the spirit of service.

The recipient of the **The Nola Pearce Service Award** will also have shown this spirit of service to SA Quilters and will receive a certificate and badge presented at an Annual General Meeting.

To be considered for the Nola Pearce Service Award a member must have:

1. Had continuous membership of SA Quilters for a minimum of 10 years
2. Given service to SA Quilters for a minimum of 10 years
3. Represented SA Quilters in a positive and supportive light at all times

And attain any two of the following three criteria:

- a. Made a major contribution to the further improvement of SA Quilters
- b. Served as a member of one or more SA Quilters teams
- c. Actively participated in the undertakings of SA Quilters

The third level of service will be **Life Membership**

Life members will be awarded a badge and certificate at an Annual General Meeting, will pay no membership fees or monthly meeting attendance fees henceforth and will be acknowledged on the Life Members page on the website. Life Members are entitled to vote.

To be considered for Life Membership of SA Quilters a member shall have:

1. Had continuous membership of SA Quilters for at least 20 years
 2. Served in a Team Leadership position on various teams for a minimum of 10 years OR
 3. Served as President for two years plus active membership of various teams for a minimum of eight years, not necessarily in a leadership role.
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