



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2025

LIFE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATION

Transport Heritage NSW (THNSW) is a not-for-profit, membership-based, volunteer-based organisation and registered charity.

Life Membership is the highest honor THNSW can bestow upon a member for exceptional, unique, or distinguished service. This merit-based recognition honors truly outstanding contributions, exemplary conduct as a cultural champion of our THNSW values and THNSW Code of Conduct. The nominee's service should not only surpass that of their peers but be extraordinary, standing out in a league of their own. It's not just about what they've done or given, but how they've done it.

Each year, the THNSW Board calls for Life Membership nominations. Any two individuals — THNSW members, non-member volunteers, or THNSW employees—may nominate a candidate. Each nominator is limited to one nomination per year.

Nominations are reviewed by a THNSW Board Working Group, convened by the V/Company Secretary, which makes recommendations to the Board. The Board then decides which nominees to recommend for Life Membership at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Completed Life Membership Nomination Forms, including any attachments, must be submitted via email and received by no later than 5:00pm on Thursday 18 September 2025.

Email to: agm@thnsw.com.au

Please type your responses into the spaces provided within this Word document, the cells will resize accordingly. Keep to the word limits indicated where longer responses are required. If there is not enough space for you to respond to any of the criteria then please provide your statement on a separate page attached to this Form.

1. Personal Information - Nominee

Full Name	Marian Whatman
THNSW Membership Number	9937
THNSW Member since	27/09/2012

Please note that any individual being nominated for consideration for Life Membership must be a current financial member at the time of nomination, at the time of the AGM and possible awarding of Life Membership.

2. Contribution to the Organisation

Contributions made to our organisation are different for each and every individual and it is important to understand what makes this Nominee's service and contribution worthy of our highest honour.

The Nominee's service and contribution to THNSW should not just be over and above that of their peers, rather truly extraordinary and in a league of their own or just a few, and not just what they 'have done for or given to' the organisation but also 'how they have done or given it'. That is, what is it that makes this individual and their contribution so special that they stand out far and beyond that of others.

Contribution	Nomination Criteria	
THNSW Membership	How many years has the Nominee been a THNSW Member?	13 years
	Has the Nominee's membership been continuous over the above number of years? If "no" then please explain when the Nominee has/hasn't been a continuous member?	Yes
THNSW Volunteering	Is the Nominee currently also a THNSW Volunteer?	Yes
	If the Nominee is/has been a Volunteer then for how many years has/did the Nominee volunteer with us?	13 years
	During their time as a THNSW Volunteer, approximately how many hours or how regularly or on average has the Nominee volunteered over the years?	Consistently for the past 5-6 years roughly 1 – 2 shifts per month, but, increases for major events, school holidays and guiding shifts. It would have been more pre-COVID.
	Please attach a list summarising the volunteer roles and/or other volunteering activities and contributions and the individual achievements by the Nominee over their time volunteering with us.	

Contribution	Nomination Criteria	
Other Contributions & Support	Contributions and support to the organisation can be given in many ways other than volunteering, including financial, other in-kind support, donations to the THNSW Collection and other. In what way(s) has the Nominee made a significant contribution to or significantly supported the organisation?	Marian's contribution to THNSW goes far beyond regular volunteering. She has been instrumental in mentoring and training new volunteers, providing encouragement and support that strengthens our community. She played an important role in developing and delivering our new Museum Education Program (Highly Commended at this year's National Trust Heritage Awards) and regularly represents the organisation through social media and public engagement, as well as speaking roles for THNSW filming. Marian is known for her generosity — often assisting fellow volunteers with transport and always stepping forward to help where needed. Through her involvement in community and women's groups, she actively advocates for THNSW and promotes our work to wider audiences. Her dedication, leadership, and advocacy make Marian an outstanding ambassador and a most deserving nominee for Life Membership.

Contribution	Nomination Criteria	
Cultural Champion	In what ways does/has the Nominee best demonstrated each of our THNSW values and behaviours? • Safety and Accountability • Integrity • Care and Respect • Teamwork • Service and Community THNSW's Code of Conduct Our Code is available on our THNSW website. Go to: THNSW Code of Conduct / Our Code	<i>Please limit your response to 500 words</i> Marian consistently embodies all THNSW values. Her commitment to Safety and Accountability is evident through her leadership as Chairperson of the Work Health & Safety Committee, where she has actively promoted safe practices and ensured accountability across our operations. She demonstrates Integrity by always acting with honesty, fairness, and professionalism, earning the trust of both volunteers and staff. Her genuine Care and Respect for others shines through in the way she supports, mentors, and advocates for fellow volunteers. Marian is a true example of Teamwork, working collaboratively across departments and always ready to step in where needed. Finally, her dedication to Service and Community is shown not only through her volunteer work with THNSW, but also in the way she represents and promotes our organisation in wider community and women's groups. Marian exemplifies our values in both word and action, making her an outstanding role model for others.

Contribution	Nomination Criteria	
Overall	What makes this individual and their contribution truly exceptional, unusual and/or distinguished service to THNSW and why should this person be recognised with the awarding of our highest honour of Life Membership in particular and over and above the outstanding contributions being made by other individuals?	Marian's service to THNSW is truly exceptional. She and her late husband, Phil Whatman, began volunteering together, and after his unexpected passing, Marian chose to continue with remarkable resilience and dedication. She has given outstanding service across many areas — from mentoring volunteers and supporting our education program, to representing THNSW in the community and taking on leadership as Chair of the Work Health & Safety Committee. What sets Marian apart is not just her contribution, but the spirit in which she serves. She embodies our values, uplifts others, and consistently goes above and beyond. Her personal strength and unwavering commitment distinguish her even among our most dedicated volunteers. For these reasons, Marian is a highly deserving nominee for Life Membership, recognising her distinguished and enduring service to THNSW. <i>Please limit your response to 500 words</i>
Anything else?	Is there anything else about the Nominee that you would like to add about their outstanding contribution to our organisation?	Marian is a true role model of THNSW's values – previous and those newly launched last month – as always demonstrated in her behaviour and everything she does for THNSW. Marian is incredibly well respected by everyone who has the privilege to work with her and is an exemplar of everything all of us at THNSW should aspire to in our own areas of activity. <i>Please limit your response to 300 words</i>
If you would like to provide any other information to support of your nomination of this Nominee then you are welcome to do so by attaching it to this form.		

3. Nominated by

Life Membership is the highest honor the Company can bestow. Each Nominator may submit only one nomination per year to ensure that only those with truly exceptional contributions are recognised.

By signing this NOMINATION for LIFE MEMBERSHIP, WE CONSENT to being contacted and asked to provide additional information if required to support our nomination for the awarding of Life Membership to the Nominee by a vote of the THNSW Membership at an Annual General Meeting (AGM) including the information we have provided about the Nominee and about us contained in this NOMINATION being made publicly available to THNSW Members and others.

	Nominator 1	Nominator 2
Full Name Please print in BLOCK CAPITALS	SIRIVANH SEIGNARACK	ANDY McNEILL
Are you a THNSW Member, non-Member THNSW Volunteer, THNSW employee or other? You may be a combination of some of the above If you are a THNSW Member then please provide your membership number	THNSW EMPLOYEE	THNSW MEMBER: 11747 As well as THNSW Employee and THNSW Volunteer
How do you know the Nominee? For example: you both have worked together in a particular area for many years	WORKED TOGETHER SINCE 2019	THNSW colleagues since 2015
What is your relationship to the Nominee? For example: are you also related in some way to the Nominee?	NO RELATIONS, HOWEVER, MARIAN IS A PART OF MY CUSTOMER SERVICE VOLUNTEERS TEAM	Professional, i.e., working and volunteering at THNSW, relationship only
Nominator's best contact details Please provide both telephone and email contact details	0401 96 96 98 SIRI.SEIGNARACK@THNSW.COM .AU	0419 264 022 andy.mcneill@thnsw.com.au
Signature		
Date	09/09/2025	16 September 2025

4. Other Referees

In addition to the two of you as Nominators making this nomination who else would you suggest as referees who may be contacted and asked to provide comment and/or additional information.

You do not need to provide a Referee however you may wish to provide one or two.

Ideally a referee is someone who has had close involvement with the Nominee during their service to the organisation and/or can comment specifically on the contribution by the Nominee and the impacts of that contribution to others and the organisation.

A referee can be anyone – a THNSW Member, non-Member THNSW Volunteer, THNSW employee or other individual including someone that holds a particular role or position in the organisation – that you believe is best placed to comment on some or all of the Nominees service and contribution to THNSW.

	Referee 1	Referee 2
Full Name Please print in BLOCK CAPITALS	DAVID HONER	DANIEL PAGE
Is the Referee a THNSW Member, non-Member THNSW Volunteer, THNSW employee or other? They may be a combination of some of the above	THNSW EMPLOYEE & THNSW MEMBER - 1930	THNSW EMPLOYEE
How does the Referee know the Nominee?	WORKED TOGETHER	WORKED TOGETHER
Referee's best contact details Please provide both telephone and email contact details	0408 294 023 DAVID.HONER@THNSW.COM.AU	0403 730 905 DANIEL.PAGE@THNSW.COM.AU
Referee's Confirmation Have you contacted the Referee and confirmed that they agree to be a Referee for this Nomination and to be contacted?	Yes.	Yes.

Summary List of Volunteer Roles & Activities

- **Southern Aurora – Passenger Service Attendant**
- **Southern Aurora – Dining Car Attendant & Dining Car Manager**
- **Mainline – Buffet Services**
- **Passenger Service Attendant – Customer Service Level 3 (Loop Line, Main Line & Regional)**
- **Loop Line – Station Master**
- **Loop Line – Level Crossing Gates Operator**
- **NSW Rail Museum – Education Guide**
- **NSW Rail Museum – Event Volunteer**
- **WH&S Committee Chairperson**
- **First Aid qualified**
- **SARC qualified – (Safely Access Rail Corridor)**
- **RSA competency – (NSW Responsible Service of Alcohol)**
- **Social Media Videos - Spokesperson**

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