

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

At the Annual General Meeting of Sunshine Coast Sports Aviators held 14th November 2015 at United Synergies Tewantin the membership overwhelmingly saw fit to bestow Life Membership of the Club on retiring President John Vasta.

Life Membership is the highest accolade a not for profit Club such as ours can award a volunteer official or member. It is an award that is often, but not always, associated with unstinting effort over time. In John's case it reflected the quality of his leadership, the quality of his initiatives and relationship building (both internal & external), the productive work he did during his 3 year term to modernise the Club and most notably the outstanding role he played as the interface between the Club and the various external site stakeholders who in so many ways are the keepers of our destiny. His term was also marked by some significant challenges and projects – and all these occurring at a time when he was also leading the Club out of decades of business as usual mode into a modern 2015 environment marked by so much more compliance, administrative demand and constitutional rigour. In a world of noticeably increasing complexity, State Govt Departments and Ministers, Councillors and Council employees, residents and environmental groups represent some of the stakeholders we share our sites with. Their interests don't usually align with ours but without their willing support we can't survive as a Club in our current form and John has done an outstanding job to tread a path through the competing agendas that define stakeholder engagement. Members also acknowledged John's excellent temperament and his capacity and willingness to provide personal leadership and counsel and to engage his Committee colleagues effectively.

It is a mark of his character that in passing the reins of Club leadership he didn't seek personal recognition but made a point of sincerely thanking in detail all those who had worked tirelessly with him to bring about the very necessary changes that will enable the club to survive and move forward in an environment that is vastly different to that which existed a decade or two ago.

On behalf of all members John, hearty congratulations on your award and thank you for what you have done for your Club and for our sport.

Paul Green
President
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