



## **SUPPORT BSWA - BECOME A MEMBER**

The Buddhist Society of Western Australia (BSWA) offers membership to anyone who wishes to support the Society's aims of encouraging the teaching, practice and realisation of Buddhist principles, and of helping to make available to the general public these teachings and practices.

As a member of BSWA you receive:

- Our high quality 12 page quarterly newsletter, the Enlightened Times, by mail or email
- Local members: Borrowing rights for books and CDs from BSWA library's extensive dhamma collection
- Full members: Priority for places at BSWA 9 Day Retreats at Jhana Grove Meditation Retreat Centre in Serpentine
- Good *kamma* by supporting the BSWA, which provides Buddhist teachings free of charge locally and internationally via its acclaimed website and runs two monasteries and a retreat centre.

All members:

- Must abide by the Constitution of the Society, copies of which are in the Library and on the BSWA web site
- Have borrowing rights at our library at Dhammaloka
- Receive our bulletins and the Enlightened Times
- Have their Membership application subject to endorsement by the Committee of the BSWA
- Receive a Membership card.

### **ASSOCIATE, FULL OR YOUTH MEMBERSHIP?**

**Associate Membership** is how many new members start as they first begin to learn and practise Buddhism. We welcome Buddhists and non-Buddhists alike to support the Society by applying for this membership.

**Full Membership** is open to practising Buddhists who have taken the Three Refuges and the Five Precepts with an ordained Buddhist monk or nun.

For Full Membership we need your Membership Application Form to be endorsed by our Spiritual Director, Ajahn Brahm, or a co-abbott of Dhammasara Monastery, or their representatives (please approach them in person for their signature). For those not in WA a letter written by an ordained member of the Sangha stating when and where you have taken the Three Refuges and the Five (or more) Precepts is sufficient or you may take the precepts online at <http://community.dhammaloka.org.au/content/41-Taking-the-Five-Precepts>

Only Full members have voting rights and are eligible to be office bearers of the Society.

The same annual fee of \$33 applies to both Associate and Full membership, with Associate membership able to be upgraded to Full membership at any time at no extra cost.

**Youth Membership** is free of charge to those under 18 years of age.

**Life Membership** is available for both Associate and Full members for the equivalent of 20 years' membership and will save you ever having to renew again – in this lifetime!

### **HOW DO I APPLY?**

A Membership form is required for all types of membership, including renewal. You can download it from <http://www.bswa.org.au/membership.html>. Email, fax or post the completed form to the BSWA at PO Box 3135, Yokine WA 6060, Australia.

**In Person:** Payment can be made in person to the BSWA at Dhammaloka Centre, 18-20 Nanson Way, Nollamara, WA 6061, by cash, cheque or credit card.

**Online Payment:** Online payment is available at <http://www.dhammaloka.org.au/memberships.html>

For any further queries please visit our website <http://www.dhammaloka.org.au/> or contact: [asec@bswa.org](mailto:asec@bswa.org)

#### **PRIVACY STATEMENT**

The Buddhist Society of Western Australia takes its privacy obligations seriously and will use all reasonable care to secure and protect any personal information collected. The information that we gather from you is used in administering the services that we provide. We will not use the information for other purposes or pass it on to any third party without your consent except as required by law.