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Membership/Donations 2020-21

Membership

The Sydney Zen Centre is Australia's original Zen Buddhist community. For over forty years, we have been encouraging and supporting the practice and study of Zen Buddhism, with the goals of helping practitioners awaken to their self-nature and, through wise and compassionate responses, relieving the suffering in the world.

If you are engaged with the Sydney Zen Centre, please consider becoming a member. Membership fees are essential to the functioning of the Centre, allowing us to pay stipends to our teachers, maintain our Annandale city zendo and Kodoji bush zendo, and meet our regular expenses such as rent, utilities, insurance and website.

Membership allows you to participate in the running of the Centre. Membership also provides the benefits of free attendance at all regular scheduled events (i.e. in lieu of the facility fee we request for casual attendance), engagement with our teachers via private interviews, discounts for retreats, and access to Kodoji.

Whilst the Centre is reliant on membership fees, we recognise that our membership is diverse, and we don't want financial grounds to preclude anyone from participating.

Therefore we offer membership at the following suggested minimum rates:

Category	Annual	Bi-annual	Quarterly	Monthly
Standard	\$456	\$228	\$114	\$38
Concessional	\$228	\$114	\$57	\$19

Our financial year is 1 July to 30 June. If you are joining as a new member, please pro-rate these fees from the month you join.

The standard rate minimum is applicable to those whose income (in employment, investment, or retirement) is sufficient to make these amounts affordable.

The concessional rate minimum applies to those with very limited income.

We are grateful to many current and previous members who have been generous with their membership fees. Our suggested minimum standard rate is less than 1% of Australian average income. So if you are financially comfortable, please consider increasing your membership fee above the standard rate. Similarly, if you think your income falls between concessional and standard, you might adjust your membership fee accordingly.

If you wish to discuss your financial circumstances, please talk in confidence to our Treasurer, Jason Koh: zazender@fastmail.fm.

Donations

In previous years, we have also been grateful to receive donations from members and non-members to help support the functioning of the Centre.

In recent months, the Centre has been running at a loss due to the COVID-19 impact on the program, cancellation of events such as Autumn Sesshin, and lower rental income at Annandale. Any additional financial support you can provide therefore would be very welcome. If you would like to make a donation to support the centre, please use the form below.

Your membership fee and/or donation

I am:

A new member

Please ask two current members to sponsor you. With the COVID-19 restrictions, it may be difficult to obtain signatures, so if you can provide the names of the members, we can check with them.

SponsorSponsor.....

Signature.....Signature.....

A renewing member Please complete this form only if you are changing your contact details, membership fee, or if you are adding a donation. If you are paying by automatic bank transfer, please remember to update the transfer amount with your bank.

Not a member, but making a donation

Your Contact Details

Name.....

Address.....

Suburb/Town.....Postcode.....

Mobile.....

Email.....

Your payment	Annual	Bi-annual	Quarterly	Monthly
Membership	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Donation (optional)	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

Bank transfers should be made to:

Sydney Zen Centre Inc BSB 062 182 Account 1013 7103

Please include your last name and the tag “MMB” in the description line.

Community

Sydney Zen Centre would also not be viable without the commitment and voluntary work of many members of the community. We always welcome member involvement in the decision-making and day-to-day administration of the Centre.

If you would like to help or have any ideas, please talk to a member of the Board: Kerry Stewart (Chair) stewartkerry4@gmail.com, Stephen Crump (Secretary), Jason Koh (Treasurer), Alex Budlevskis, Julie Robinson, Helen Sanderson, Brendon Stewart or Zoe Thurner.

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