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Membership/Donations 2022-23

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.

We offer membership at the following suggested minimum rates:

Category	Annual	Bi-annual	Quarterly	Monthly
Standard	\$480	\$240	\$120	\$40
Limited Engagement / Concessional	\$240	\$120	\$60	\$20

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.

Standard rates

The suggested minimum standard rates are applicable to those who are actively engaged with the Centre, and whose income (in employment, investment, or retirement) is sufficient to make these amounts affordable.

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.

Limited engagement / concessional rates

These suggested minimum rates apply if your engagement with the Centre, and/or your income, is limited.

Depending on your circumstances, you may want to increase your membership fee to somewhere between the Limited Engagement/Concessional and Standard rates.

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.

If you wish to discuss your financial circumstances, please talk in confidence to our Treasurer, Joe Gaebel: joe.gaebel1@gmail.com

Donations

We are also very grateful to receive donations from members and non-members to help support the functioning of the Centre.

Over the past year, COVID-19 has continued to impact our program and our finances, So any additional support you can provide 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. If it is difficult for you to obtain signatures, just provide the names of the members and 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, Zoe Thurner (Secretary), Joe Gaebel (Treasurer), Julie Robinson, Helen Sanderson, William Verity, John McLean.

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