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Membership/Donations 2023-24

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 and 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 rates:

Category	Annual	Bi-annual	Quarterly	Monthly
Standard	\$550	\$275	\$137.50	\$46
Limited Engagement / Concessional	\$300	\$150	\$75	\$25

Membership starts on 1st of July. Please pro rata your fee from the month you join.

For example:

If you are paying for a standard membership in September, that's two months after the financial year starts, so you would pay the annual fee (\$550), minus two months (2 x \$46): $\$550 - \$92 = \$458$ to be paid

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. Sydney Zen Centre is a not for profit organisation with all fees going directly to running the Centre. Membership fees are essential in allowing the Centre to flourish and continue to support practitioners in awakening to their self nature. It simply wouldn't exist without the generous engagement of members. So, if you have the means please consider increasing your membership 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.gaebel@gmail.com

Donations

We are very grateful to receive donations from members and non-members to help support the ongoing functioning of the Centre. Any additional support you can provide would be very welcome. If you would like to make a donation, please use the form below.

Your membership fee and donations:

[] 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.....

Your Contact Details

Name.....

Address.....

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

Mobile.....

Email.....

[] **A renewing member** Please complete this form making it clear the period you are paying for – annual, bi-annual, quarterly or monthly. Also, 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.

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 or John McLean.

Privacy

Some Sydney Zen Centre material is publicly available, e.g. via our newsletter and website, and this material often includes names and photos of Sydney Zen Centre members.

If, for any reason, you do not want your name or photo to be publicly available in this way, please tick this box so that we can respect your requirement for privacy. []