

Buddhist Society of WA (Inc) Membership report for the 2022 AGM

The BSWA membership figures for 2021 remained static, with no significant changes in any category. As at the 31st December 2021, our total membership was 1,520.

<i>Category</i>	<i>Australia</i>	<i>Overseas</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Overseas %</i>
FULL	796	308	1104	28%
ASSOCIATE	277	93	370	25%
HONORARY	5	1	6	17%
YOUTH	33	7	40	18%
TOTAL Memberships	1111	409	1520	27%

Lifetime Memberships **447**

No. of Overseas Countries **41**

** With 88 members, the USA has the highest proportion of our overseas members, making up 5.8% of total membership.*

With the state borders closed during the year, our overseas and interstate members have not been able to attend retreats or visit the monasteries. Now that restrictions have eased, we expect to see a demand for our retreats, which may result in an increase to our membership numbers for 2022.

The membership volunteers have once again worked hard to provide service to our members, both local and overseas. As always, our sincere thanks go to Lucky, Nick, Elle and also to Amanda who left in December. This year sees a change in the team, as Lucky steps down from the membership liaison role. For many years Lucky has provided a warm welcome to new members and has always been available to handle queries from members, whether they are in Perth, or from one of the many countries that our community covers. Many will remember Lucky as their first point of contact at BSWA and we are all grateful for her dedication to the community and especially to the Sangha.

It is only with the support of our members that the BSWA can continue to spread the dhamma to all regions of the world. On behalf of the Sangha, the committee and our many volunteers, we thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Reported by
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