

Buddhist Society of WA (Inc)
Membership Report to AGM on 29 April 2023
Report for the year ended 31 December 2022

Purpose:

To provide members with information on BSWA's membership portfolio as at 31 December 2022.

Membership Summary:

Following table summarises the membership numbers as at 31 December 2022.

Category	Australia	Overseas	Total	% of Total	Overseas as a % of Total
Full*	541	160	701	46.7%	22.8%
Associate*	220	51	271	18.1%	18.8%
Paid for Lifetime	287	195	482	32.1%	40.5%
Honorary	5	1	6	0.4%	16.7%
Youth	35	6	41	2.7%	14.6%
Total	1,088	413	1,501	100%	27.5%

* Excluding Paid for life members;
 Number of overseas countries - 45

Comments:

As can be seen from the data in the table above, the total membership as at 31 December 2022 was 1,501, recording a small drop of 1.25% compared to the total of 1,520, as at 31 December 2021. There have been no significant changes in any of the categories. Even though the drop in membership numbers is fairly small, it is somewhat disheartening to note the reduction. It is worth noting that the total membership as at 31 March 2020 has been 2,340, recording a drop of 839 members, (or a 36% reduction), over the three year period. That drop in membership numbers translates to a loss of revenue from membership fees of \$41,950. Such a drop in revenue has the potential to adversely affect the services provided by any similar organisation. Yet, despite that drop in revenue, BSWA has been able to maintain the same high quality service, throughout that period.

In view of that decline, the Buddhists who are well-wishers of BSWA are cordially invited to consider to obtain membership of the Society, as the lifeblood of any organisation is its members. That is especially so for an organisation like BSWA, whose primary object is to spread the Dhamma, the teachings of our Supreme Teacher, the Buddha. Keeping that in mind, the support of members is sought to attract more members to BSWA's fold.

Acknowledgements:

It is only through the support of our members that BSWA can continue to spread the dhamma to all regions of the world. So, on behalf of the Sangha, the committee and our many volunteers, a 'Big Thank You' is extended to all our members for their continued support and generosity. Sadhu! Sadhu!! Sadhu!!!

The untiring efforts of the paid staff who regularly attend to the needs of members, especially our hard working Membership Assistant Nick Allott & the effort of all the volunteers such as Angela Black, Committee Member-Membership Affairs, Lucky Kodituwakku, library staff etc are also recorded here with much appreciation.

Ananda Thilakasiri, Hon Secretary, Buddhist Society of WA
 9 March 2023