 **Membership Information Form**

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| **Your Organisation** | | |
| Organisation / Individual Name | Street Address | |
| Website address (if applicable) | Postal address (if other than above) | |
| Administrative (Registered) Name | Date of registration | |
| Buddhist Tradition or School (please include Lineage\*) | Founder & date founded | |
| \*Note: If you do not belong to a recognised lineage, please name one Teacher affiliate, well known and recognised in the world Buddhist Community: | | |
| Name and details (ordination, generation in the lineage, etc.) of local Abbott / Abbess: | Are you an affiliate of an international organization?  □Yes  □No  If yes, name of that organisation. | |
| Name of most senior living teacher: |
| Number of Sangha in your (local) organisation  □ 5-10  □10-20  □over 20 | Number of lay members of your community  □ 1-10  □ 10-20  □ 20-50  □ 50 and above (please state) | |
| Cultural/Ethnic background  □ Burmese  □ Cambodian  □ Chinese  □ Lao  □ Sri Lankan  □ Taiwanese  □ Thai  □ Tibetan  □ Vietnamese □ Other | Preferred language (for written and telephone communication) | |
| Name of primary contact and their position | | |
| Email address: | | Phone numbers  M: H: |

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| **Services and Activities of your organisation** | | | | | |
| □ Meditation classes □ Counselling services □ Marriage and Funeral services  □ Youth group □ Chaplaincy services  □ Children’s classes □ Other (please state) | | | | | |
| How do you see the Buddhist Council assisting you in the future? | | How do you see your organisation assisting the Buddhist Council and/or community in the future? | | | |
| **Membership** | | | | | |
| **Ordinary membership**  Ordinary membership of the Council is open to Buddhist temples, organisations and groups operating in Victoria. To qualify, the group or organisation should unite a number of persons in a common Buddhist activity with or without a Constitution or formal membership, but which must have an executive body or person to act on its behalf. | | **Friend membership**  Membership as a friend is open to individual Buddhists who support the aims and objectives of the Council.  Friends of the Council do not have voting rights but may participate in discussions at meetings and offer assistance to the Council. Friends will be sent a copy of each newsletter. | | | |
| Please note:   * Acceptance for membership is at the discretion of the BCV and not automatic. * All BCV members and associates are expected to conduct themselves in a truthful, open, harmonious, respectful manner in accordance with the Buddha’s teachings on Right Thought, Action and Speech * Applicants are expected to accept and abide by the vision, values, and mission statement of the BCV as expressed in the Constitution; and to accept the Statement of Universal Buddhism (following). | | | | | |
| **Nomination by existing Member** | | | | | |
| Name / Organisation | | | Signature | | Date |
| **Constitution** | | | | | |
| □ We have attached our Constitution or governing documents  or  □ We do not have any Constitution or governing documents | | | | | |
| **Applicant details** | | | | | |
| Full name | | | Signature | | Date |
| Please send completed form with any donation to:  Secretary, Buddhist Council of Victoria, 36 McDowall St, Mitcham VIC 3132  Please make cheques payable to “Buddhist Council of Victoria Inc.”  Further information about becoming a member of Buddhist Council can be obtained by writing to the [administrator@bcv.org.au](mailto:administrator@bcv.org.au) or calling 0422 961 162 (Please leave a short voice message if no answer). | | | | | |
| **Approved (office use only)** | **Date (office use only)** | | | **Member number (office use only)** | |