



# HONGWANJI BUDDHIST MISSION OF AUSTRALIA

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## **Membership Due This month!**

This is friendly reminder that HBMA Membership is due this month. Please choose either MEMBER or SUPPORT MEMBER to extend your membership and send the bottom portion of this letter and a cheque or money order to the HBMA office. We would sincerely appreciate your continuing your Membership status, and offer a special "Thank you" to those who choose to become a Member.

### **Option 1 – MEMBER (Pledge Membership)**

Instead of asking members to contribute a fixed amount, it would be more flexible if members decide the amount of their own contributions. This is called 'pledging'. When people become a member, they are asked to give serious thought to how much they would like to contribute and then sign a 'pledge' to contribute that amount by posting a cheque every month or sending a cheque once a year as a lump sum. The usual way that people decide how much to pledge is by calculating the amount based on a percentage of their income. Some churches expect members to contribute 5% of their income on a monthly basis but it is more common for people to contribute something like 2%. When you have decided, please write the monthly amount in dollars. This indicates that this is the amount you will contribute every month and that we can depend on your support in that way for the coming twelve months, so that we can configure our plans and budgets based on the monthly pledged contribution of members.

Members review their pledge every year. We hope you choose to take up this option because it enables members to contribute on the basis of their financial capacity. Average of membership of the previous year was around \$250. Pledge membership entitles you to full membership, which includes entitlement to attend every service at HBMA, to receive monthly Bulletin (either by mail or E-mail) and vote at the AGM in May each year. We will also inform you of your deceased family member's memorial service in the bulletin.

[ **Joining Fee** ] - We have an initial membership charge of \$10 per person/family. This is a one-off joining fee and the amount members pledge will be additional. From the second year members need only contribute their pledge amount.

### **Option 2 - Support Member**

Those who do not wish to pledge and become full members of HBMA but would like to continue receiving the BULLETIN and attend HBMA services on a casual basis only need to send us a cheque once a year for \$36. Of course, an additional donation would also be greatly appreciated.

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**PLEDGE---** Name (Rev / Dr / Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

- Yes, I'll extend my HBMA MEMBER status for another year.  Yes, I'd like to become a new MEMBER.
- Monthly/Annual Pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or  \$72/Year (Min) + (for new member  \$10 joining fee)
- I have New Shotsuki Memorial service name(s) and will provide the information to HBMA.
- I'd like to continue my SUPPORTER MEMBER.  I'd like to join as a new SUPPORTER MEMBER
- Annual pledge amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or  \$36 (Min) + (for new member  \$10 joining fee)
- Please send Bulletin via e-mail. My e-mail address is \_\_\_\_\_
- I wish to contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_ towards Building Fund

Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_