



# Victorian Speleological Association Inc.

GPO Box 5425, Melbourne, Vic. 3001 Australia.

## Application for Full Membership

### Details of Proposed Member

Full Name .....

Address .....

Telephone Home ..... Business .....

Fax ..... Email .....

Occupation ..... Date of Birth .....

### Caving experience

How long have you been caving? .....

How much of this was with a recognised caving club? .....

Name of club/s .....

Cave areas visited .....

Please try to give an accurate estimate of the hours you have spent underground .....

Please list the last six caving trips you have been on.

Date	Place	Trip Leader	Hrs U/ground
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Indicate any major projects in which you have played a significant role:

..... Club .....

..... Club .....

Do you have any special equipment or special skills useful to caving? .....

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## Official Association Trip Attendances

**Date** .....  
**Place** .....  
**Caves visited** .....  
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**Trip** .....  
**Trip Leader's Signature** .....

If accepted as a Full Member of the Victorian Speleological Association I hereby agree to abide by its Rules and by the Australian Speleological Federation's Codes.

**Signed** ..... **Date** .....

**Applications for full membership shall be proposed and seconded by two (2) existing Full Members who are familiar with the applicant and his/her abilities.**

## Recommendation

We, the undersigned, being financial Full Members of the Victorian Speleological Association, hereby certify that the proposed Full Member has been on two official club trips and is eligible under Rule 3 and meets the requirements of Membership Qualifications 1 to 8 below.

**Signed(Proposer)** ..... **Signed (Seconder)** .....

**Name** ..... **Name** .....

**Date** ..... **Date** .....

## Accepted as a Full Member

**Signed** ..... **Position** .....

**Date** .....

## Membership Qualifications

Note that Rule 3A(b) requires that a majority of Full Members present at a general meeting approve a person for Full Membership.

Full members shall:

1. have attained the age of eighteen years,
2. have satisfied the requirements of Associate Membership,
3. have at least 100 hours of caving experience (of which up to 10% may consist of approved above-ground speleological activity) over a period of at least twelve months, either as an Associate Member of this Association or as a Member of any other approved speleological body, (this should preferably be in more than one caving area),
4. be conversant with the A.S.F. Codes,
5. show a responsible and safe attitude towards caving,
6. own, use and maintain appropriate protective clothing for caving: e.g. caving suits, boots, helmet, lights, gloves. and be able to demonstrate a satisfactory knowledge and basic use of group equipment needed,
7. be able to identify hazards commonly present and show strategies for dealing with them, and be able to negotiate features of caves e.g. stream passage, squeeze, rock piles, short vertical section, and
8. be aware of the leadership requirements of VSA including protocols for trips and access to club records.

In exceptional circumstances, the committee may recommend for Full Membership a person not satisfying all of these requirements, but must ensure that the general meeting is informed of the reasons for the recommendation.