



Victorian Speleological Association Inc.
GPO BOX 5425, Melbourne, VIC 3001, Australia

Reg.No. A7796
ABN 85 207 388 394

Application for Associate Membership

Membership Requirements: Associate members shall be natural persons of 18 years & over and approved by being proposed and seconded by two (2) Full Members who are familiar with the person and his/her abilities.

Details of Proposed Member

Full Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Home _____ Mobile _____

Email _____

Occupation _____ Date of Birth _____

If accepted as an Associate Member of VSA I agree to abide by its Rules & Guidelines and the Australian Speleological Federation's Codes.

Signed _____ Date _____

Caving Experience

Have you any previous caving experience? _____ If Yes, how much was with a recognised caving club? (give details) _____

Name of club(s) _____

Do you hold Trip Leader status with that club? _____ If yes give details _____

Do you have any specific equipment or skills useful for caving? _____

Recommendation

We, the undersigned, being financial Full Members of the Victorian Speleological Association Inc, hereby certify we are familiar with the person and his/her abilities and that they are eligible for Associate membership.

Signed (proposer) _____ Signed (seconder) _____

Name _____

Name _____

Date _____

Date _____

VSA Committee Use Only

Application received by _____ Position _____ Date _____

Membership Approved by committee Date _____

Membership fee received by _____ Position _____ Date _____

ASF informed by _____ Position _____ Date _____

Fee paid to ASF by _____ Position _____ Date _____

Amount _____ Cheque/ Bank transfer Number _____



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Associate Members shall be natural persons of 18 years or over, nominated and approved in the following manner:

1. Be proposed and seconded by two Full Members who are familiar with the person and his /her abilities,
2. Have participated in at least two official Association trips, although this requirement may be waived under certain circumstances at the discretion of the committee.

Once an application for Associate Membership is accepted by the committee, it is usual practice to announce the acceptance at the next general meeting. Note that Guideline 8a defines an Official Trip as one which appears in the Forward Program of the Association's newsletter, or is minuted under Forward Program at a general meeting.

For the purposes of Full Membership and for your personal record, the committee recommends the keeping of a log book which should include details such as date, place, caves visited, party members, time underground and any additional points of interest

Once an application for Associate Membership has been accepted Committee, it is usual practice to announce the acceptance at the next general meeting.

Privacy Statement for VSA members

The Victorian Speleological Association Inc. (VSA) acknowledges and respects the privacy of individuals. VSA supports and endorses the National Privacy Principles contained in the Privacy Amendment (Private Sector) Act 2000 and complies with these principles whenever personal information as defined by the Act is collected or used in the normal course of the Association's business.

Provisions in the Incorporations Act (Vic) requires VSA to record your name and postal address in the Association's official register of members. Your residential address, telephone numbers and email addresses are also recorded in the register.

Limited personal contact information may be published annually in the VSA Annual Report.

Nargun is the Association's journal and is available publicly. The VSA Newsletter is a short Newsletter which is emailed to members only. Personal contact information may be published in *Nargun* or the Newsletter from time to time for officer bearers, trip leaders, announcements of new members and notification of members' change of contact details.

Personal contact information is also provided to the Australian Speleological Federation Inc. (ASF) from time to time for updating ASF's membership list, insurance registration list, and the mailing list for the Caves Australia magazine and ESpeleo Email newsletter.

All personal information on the VSA membership application forms is given voluntarily. Some personal information may be summarised and announced at official VSA meetings when the membership application is considered, but will not be minuted.

Except in specific situations, as specified in The Privacy Act, VSA cannot give personal information to a third party without your prior consent. Indicate below if you do not wish your details to be available. Please be aware that therefore there may be problems regarding contacting you at short notice about activities especially trips.

- I elect **not** to have my postal address & email address published in *Nargun* and the Annual Report.
- I elect **not** to have my contact phone number(s) published in *Nargun* and the Annual Report.