

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM



JOIN THE TEMPLER COMMUNITY

Trust • Acceptance • Respect • Community

We're delighted you're choosing to become a member of Temple Society Australia. Membership is about belonging, shared values and participating in the life of the Templer Community.

This form helps us get to know you and keep you connected.

All applications are reviewed by the Board at its monthly meeting and we will be in touch soon after to guide you through the next steps.

About You

Full Name:

Email Address:

Mobile Number:

Phone Number (Optional):

Date of Birth:

Place of Birth:

Home Address:

Occupation:

About Your Interest

How did you first hear about the Temple Society Australia?

What has drawn you to become part of the Templar Community?

Do you have any family, historical or community connection with the Templar Community?

Staying Connected as a Community

Publications

Being part of a community starts with staying connected — knowing what's happening, sharing news and celebrating milestones.

Members receive:

- **Online Bulletin** — a weekly email with community news, upcoming events and practical updates
- **Templer Talk** — a monthly newsletter sharing stories, milestones and reflections from across the Templer Community
- **Templer Reflections** — our journal, edited by our Elders and published several times a year, exploring faith, philosophy, heritage and culture
- **Annual Report** — a yearly overview of how Temple Society Australia is tracking and supporting the community
- **Bereavement notices** — shared with care and respect when members of our community pass away. This is particularly important in a community with long-standing and generational connections.

Members also receive:

- An updated **Membership Directory** every 12–18 months
- A printed **Calendar of Events** each year

The weekly bulletin and bereavement notices are sent by email. The Membership Directory and Calendar are printed and mailed to members. You may choose how you receive *Templer Talk*, *Templer Reflections* and the Annual Report.

How would you like to receive our publications?

- Email
- Print
- Both

Membership Directory

Our Membership Directory is a private list of members' names and contact details, including phone numbers, email addresses and residential addresses. It is shared within the Templer community to help members remain connected and support one another.

A printed copy is distributed to members only and is not made public. You may choose to be fully included, to have only your name listed or not to be included at all.

Would you like your contact details included in the Membership Directory?

- Yes, include my full contact details
- Yes, include my name only
- No, please do not include my details

Getting Involved

Our community is shaped by people who bring their time, experience and interests in different ways. If you would like to be involved in any way, we would love to know what interests you.

I'm interested in:

- Sharing my skills or professional experience
- Joining a committee or event team
- Helping at community events
- Supporting faith services
- Assisting with hospitality
- Gardening or property working bees
- Welfare or community support activities

Is there any professional experience or skill you would be willing to share?

Your Membership Pledge and Responsibilities

By becoming a member of Temple Society Australia, you are joining the Templer Community – a place of connection, shared values and belonging.

My Membership Pledge

As a member, I agree to:

- support and live out the vision, purpose and values of the Temple Society
- take part in the life of the Templer Community in ways that feel meaningful to me
- contribute a small annual membership fee, with understanding and flexibility where financial hardship exists
- be guided by the Constitution of Temple Society Australia Limited and the governance policies that help our community function well

Members Guarantee

The Temple Society is a not-for-profit organisation set up using a common legal structure called a company limited by guarantee. This structure supports good governance and helps protect the community. In simple terms, this means:

- members do not own the organisation
- members are not personally responsible for the organisation's debts
- if the Temple Society were ever to close and its debts exceeded its assets, each member agrees to contribute up to \$10

This \$10 is:

- a one-off amount, not an ongoing fee
- separate from the annual membership fee and only relevant in the unlikely event that the organisation is wound up
- a standard legal requirement for not-for-profit organisations in Australia

For most members, this will never apply. It simply allows the Temple Society to operate responsibly and protect the wider Templer Community.

Membership Confirmation

By ticking this box, I confirm that I understand and agree to:

- being part of the Templer Community, built on shared values, connection and belonging
- the Membership Pledge
- the Members Guarantee, which is a future commitment only if the Temple Society were wound up with outstanding debts

I agree

Signature:

Name:

Date:

Submit

You can email your form to tsa@templesociety.org.au or post it to:

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Thank you!

Thank you for applying for membership of the Temple Society Australia. We appreciate the time you have taken to complete this form.

Your application will be reviewed by the Board at its next monthly meeting to ensure a thoughtful and welcoming process. Once reviewed, we will be in touch with next steps and information about becoming involved.

We look forward to formally welcoming you. If you have any questions in the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact us at tsa@templesociety.org.au or (03) 9557 6713.