



SCA FAQ 2 – Benefits of Being an SCA Member

What are the membership benefits of being in the SCA?

We often get asked the question of what are the benefits of being a member of Sister Cities Australia. At present the following list itemises the benefits that membership brings:

- 1) **Support, Advice and Experience**, from your Executive, who have many years of hands-on experience with sister cities, building relationships, and helping others to do the same.
- 2) **Quarterly Newsletter**. Have it delivered directly to you and others you nominate as soon as it is produced. You are also invited to share the stories of your committees, relationships and other sister city related activities with our readers.
- 3) **Host the SCA Annual Conference**. Each year SCA seeks a member city to host the annual conference, including the AGM. SCA will provide whatever support it can to help ensure the total success of the conference.
- 4) **Enter the National Awards**. Only SCA member cities are eligible to enter the National Awards, which recognise excellence in sister city programs and relationships, your chance to highlight your city, your programs and your people.
- 5) **Have a Display at the Annual Conference**. The opportunity exists at the annual conference to have a display stand to allow you to showcase the achievements of your sister city relationship as entered in the SCA National Awards. Share them with others and enjoy stimulating conversations about those achievements and how they came about.
- 6) **Formal Recognition** of your sister city relationships on key anniversary milestones, i.e. 10, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50... years.
- 7) **Participate on SCA's Executive**. Be a voice on the Executive to determine the role of SCA and the future direction of the organisation. SCA is a member organisation and needs to have proper representation and input from you.
- 8) **Voting Rights at the AGM**. Only members are eligible to vote on any motions at the AGM. These maybe anything from electing Executive members, changes to the constitution, to ratifying Life Memberships.
- 9) **Networking with Other Cities**. SCA is able to provide direct one-to-one contacts or bring together groups at events such as State based forums. Networking is the ideal way to share ideas, exchange information, make people aware of pitfalls and how to avoid them, and to even start new relationships.

How can I join SCA?

If you would like to join SCA then the Individual Membership Application Form can be downloaded here: http://www.sistercitiesaustralia.com/images/images_media/Documents/Membership_Form_Individuals.pdf, and the Corporate Membership Application Form can be downloaded here: http://www.sistercitiesaustralia.com/images/images_media/Documents/Membership_Form_Corporate.pdf.

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