



Varuna Alumni Association - Membership Application

Please read the attached Purpose, Philosophy and Principles and then complete the application form and post to Varuna with your payment for membership.

- Membership is from **January** or **July** for 12 months. Application in first 6 months of year will be financial until December. Fees received after July 1 will be financial until June 30 in following year.
- Fee: \$110 per year (Australian dollars/GST included)
- Additional donations can be made and are Tax Deductible

Please print clearly – particularly e-mail details

Name: (PLEASE PRINT) _____

Address: (Street No. and Name) _____

Suburb/Town _____

State: _____

Postcode: _____

Telephone No.: _____

Email: _____

Eligibility criteria – please tick program undertaken:

- Fellowship (Flagship, Retreat, Playworks, CAL)
- HarperCollins Varuna Awards for Manuscript Development
- Pathways to Publication Masterclass (formerly Varuna Awards Residential Masterclass)
- Macquarie Group Foundation LongLines program (Masterclass, Residency, Indigenous Writers, Non-Residential Mentorship, Community Residency, Young & Emerging Program)
- Varuna Professional Development Residency (formerly Creative Director's Masterclass)
- Participated as a Mentor
- Other:

Professional information:

We would appreciate your assistance in developing a comprehensive database of professional outcomes for writers who have undertaken fellowships, classes, workshops and programs at Varuna. Please use the space below to list any published work including book title(s) and date of publication, any awards or prizes that you have been nominated for in connection to your work or other developments that you would like to alert us to in relation to your writing.

Benefits of Alumni membership I am most interested in:

- The Varuna Alumni website
- International writing residencies
- Varuna residencies at the discounted Alumni rate
- Paid consultancy work on Varuna’s writing programs, such as LongLines and LitLink.
- Professional development opportunities (unpaid or payment in kind) including involvement on selection panels for Varuna’s creative programs
- Alumni e-Newsletter (monthly)
- Waiver of application fee for Varuna programs

If there are particular ways in which you would like to make a contribution to Varuna as an Alumni please list these here:

Payment details:

Date of payment: / /

- I have enclosed a cheque / money order made out to **The Eleanor Dark Foundation** for \$ _____
- or
- I have completed my credit card details

Name on Credit Card:

Type of Card: Bankcard Mastercard Visa

Card Number: _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

Expiry Date: _ _ / _ _

Fraud minimisation CCV _ _ _ _ (3 digits)

The CCV security code is printed on the signature strip on the reverse side of the card. Other numbers may precede the CCV, The last three digits on the signature strip are the CCV

Payment Details: \$ **TOTAL**

Signature: _____

Please mail cheques to: Varuna Alumni
 Varuna – The Writers’ House
 141 Cascade St,
 KATOOMBA, NSW 2780

Thank you. Receipts will be issued

Varuna Alumni - Purpose, Philosophy and Principles

Purpose

The purpose of the Varuna Alumni is to:

- Establish a community and network of Varuna writers
- Support Varuna's essential operations and expanding programs
- Create opportunities for alumni to support Varuna's outreach program – LongLines and LitLink
- Create and support a program of international exchange

Philosophy

The Varuna Alumni is based on voluntary action for the common good. It follows the tradition of giving and sharing that is primary to the quality of life and central to the philosophy and history of Varuna

Principles

Varuna alumni are defined as those who have

- At any time been selected for Varuna Fellowships
- At any time been selected for Varuna Writing Programs
- Attended a Varuna Professional Development Residency
- Participated as mentors
- Made a significant contribution to or had significant involvement with Varuna as determined by the Board

Part of alumni fees each year will support Varuna's Capital Works Fund to maintain the house so that it can continue to be a safe, well-maintained and nurturing place to stay. It will also allow us to provide upgraded facilities for visiting writers, such as Internet access and a printer.

Alumni fees will wholly support international writing exchanges. Airfares will be paid from Alumni fees and accommodation will be provided by the host organisation.

Fees are payable on an annual basis and renewable on June 30/December 30 each year.

Alumni funded International exchanges are made by lottery - to ensure all treated equally.

Expatriate alumni are eligible for the exchange fellowship to be taken at Varuna.

Reduced rates to stay at Varuna are available to alumni when space is available.

Activities

- **Alumni Website.** Allows Alumni to be connected to a community of fellow writers, and has been put together by writers for writers. The site includes profiles of Varuna Alumni, current news and events, book releases, reviews, short stories, columns of Alumni writing and lots of other great resources.
- **Alumni-funded International Exchanges.** Exchanges of between 2 and 4 weeks at a recognised cultural institution. Airfares up to \$2500 will be paid from alumni fees. Accommodation will be provided by the host organisation.
- **Alumni selection panels.** Selection panels for Varuna programs will be composed of Varuna alumni only. There is a long-term objective to pay a professional fee however, until we are on a stronger financial footing, selectors will be offered a one-week stay at Varuna immediately following selection week. Expressions of Interest will be taken from Alumni, with the selection of the panel based on the recommendation of the Executive Director and Peter Bishop and approved by the Board.
- **State Representatives.** Provide liaison between the local writers and writers' centres and Varuna. Identify opportunities for Varuna's involvement and preparing the ground for effective Varuna visits.
- **Development of paid opportunities** for alumni through the Macquarie Bank Foundation's LongLines Program – mentoring and community residencies.
- **Informal and voluntary mentoring** by alumni of writers identified by Varuna as having potential and excitement in their work
- **Alumni social gatherings in association with festivals.**

We believe that there are many possibilities for the Varuna alumni to expand its activities. These will emerge and be further developed by the alumni.