



Varuna Alumni Association
- Membership Application -

2018

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 the following year.
- Fee: \$110 per year (Australian dollars / GST free)
- 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.:

Mob.

Email:

Twitter:

Facebook:

Eligibility criteria – please tick program undertaken:

- Varuna Residential Fellowship for Writers & Illustrators
- The LitLink Residential Fellowship Program
- HarperCollins Varuna Awards for Manuscript Development Editorial Residency
- Penguin Varuna Scholarship
- Varuna Publisher Introduction Program
- Affirm Press Mentorship Award
- WA Stages Playwright
- Dr Eric Dark MJA Prize
- Griffith REVIEW Contributors' Circle Award
- Val Vallis Award
- Ray Koppe Young Writers' Residency
- NSW Writers' Centre Residency
- Participated as a Mentor
- Other:

Thank you. A receipt will be issued

Varuna Alumni - Purpose, Philosophy and Principles

Purpose

The purpose of the Varuna Alumni is to:

- Foster a vibrant national community of Varuna writers
- Create opportunities for alumni to support Varuna's infrastructure and activities
- Offer professional development opportunities for Alumni to present, promote or develop their writing
- Create and maintain an annual program of international exchange for Alumni with the Tyrone Guthrie Centre in Ireland

Philosophy

The Varuna Alumni continues to embody the fine generosity of spirit, reflected in Michael Dark's gifting of Varuna, the historic family home of Eleanor Dark, to serve Australian writers in 1989. The Alumni program provides an essential infrastructure and vitality for Varuna, and is one of the diverse and vital volunteer programs which contribute to grow Varuna today.

The development of an alumni community underpins the stated purpose of Varuna, the Writers' House, Australia's national writers' centre, "to identify and develop the best new Australian writing."

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

Fees are payable on an annual basis and renewable on June 30/December 31 each year.

Varuna Alumni members:

- **Belong** to an exclusive group of Australian writers who have, over the years, all been selected via Varuna's highly competitive fellowship process.
- **Contribute** to Varuna and the future of Australian writing. Your membership contribution enables us to maintain the Varuna house and gardens and run our fellowship programs.

- **Save** on Varuna program application fees. Each calendar year, you're able to waive the application fee (up to \$60) for one Varuna program.
- **Receive discounts** of \$315 per week on Varuna residencies, as well as preferential booking status.
- **Connect** with our national network of writers and illustrators. As an Alumni, you can post your profile onto the Varuna website, and we will post updates on your work and achievements through our newsletters and social media network.
- **Receive** our monthly newsletter. Our newsletter keeps you up to date with literary events, fellowship programs, competitions and latest publications from fellow Alumni.
- **Are eligible to apply for** an international residential fellowship. Each year, one Alumni member will be selected through an Expression of Interest application process to receive a writing residency at the Tyrone Guthrie Centre, Annaghmakerrig, Ireland. Only Alumni members are eligible to apply for this opportunity, with the successful recipient receiving return flights and up to four weeks' accommodation, meals and writing time in Ireland.
- **Are in the running to win** a one-week residency at Varuna through an annual ballot, to be taken at a time of your choosing.

The Varuna Alumni is an ever growing and changing community of writers. We believe that there are many possibilities for the Varuna alumni to expand its activities. It's your community to nurture and develop, for your mutual benefit. Be sure to get in touch with the Alumni news editor, to inform them of your new publication or award success, to promote and celebrate your landmarks in your writing career. Above all, stay connected!
