

# Brooking Street Bulletin

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## Abbot's Report

Thank you to everyone who has helped in the maintenance of the Centre since the passing of Founder John D. Hughes. Because of your help, we have come to a position where we can now review and improve our projects.

We have begun regular management meetings to review and support our main areas of activity and to ensure the Members involved in a project operate with a common understanding.

Now that we have our 1000 Buddhas Offering brochure available, I request all Members please help us with the next stage of fundraising for the new Meditation hall. Thank you.

I love you all!

~Anita Carter

## Saturday Evening Meditation Teachings

Abbot Anita Carter teaches Buddha Dhamma meditation every Saturday night from 7.30 pm. All members and friends are encouraged to attend. The evening includes a guided meditation on one of the 40 topics taught by the Buddha, followed by a discussion and question and answer session.

## World Buddhist Radio

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of June, Alec received an email from Mr. Brian White of the Aloka Foundation in New South Wales, the temple of Venerable Mahinda. Venerable Mahinda has given the World Buddhist Radio permission to air his recorded teachings on Kamma, Metta (loving-kindness meditation) and Finding Meaning in Life. The teachings on Kamma and Metta are already in program rotation, so please visit [www.worldbuddhistradio.org](http://www.worldbuddhistradio.org) and tune in!

## Important Dates

Every Sat	Abhidhamma Classes 1.30 pm
Every Sat	Meditation Instruction 7.30 pm by Anita Carter
Every Tuesday	Tuesday Night Teachings 7.30pm
27 June	Venerable Dhammavihari's Dhamma Teaching
30 June	Buddhist Hour Broadcast 97.1 FM @ 9 – 10 PM
22 July	Sumi-E Painting with Master Andre Sollier

## Meditation Hall & Library Construction

David and Adam have made tremendous efforts, putting up weatherboards in the last three weeks. The South and Western walls are nearly completed, with a few days of work remaining.

Frank, David, Alec and Terry all worked on building the wooden frames for the cement sheet skirting. The Western wall's skirting is nearly completed.



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## 1,000 Buddhas Offering Update

The brochures for the 1,000 Buddhas offering arrived at the Centre last week. Penny, David and Leonie

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worked during the weekend to prepare a mailout of the flyers together with our Versak greetings to 140 World Fellowship of Buddhists Regional Centres around the world. These are being posted by Julian on 27 June.

The flyers are a very impressive sight, and will help us generate the much needed funds for the construction of the new hall and library. Thank you to Toby Knox who kindly did the design work on the brochure for us.

## Chan Painting Classes

Melba Nielsen teaches Chan Painting on Sundays at 6 Bartley Road. Teachings are by appointment so you must call 9754 1307 in advance.

## Sumi-e Classes with Master Andre Sollier

The Ancient Japanese art of Sumi-e painting is taught at our Centre, the Chan Academy Australia, each year by internationally recognised Master Andre Sollier. Master Sollier has been teaching Sumie at our Centre for over 15 years as a visiting Teacher.

The next class will be held on Saturday July 22 in the peaceful surroundings of the Chan Academy Australia at 33 Brooking Street Upwey. Classes run from 10am to 3pm.

Classes are limited to only six persons. If you would like to learn more please telephone Julian Bamford on 0400 267 330 or our centre during office hours on 9754 3334.

## Tuesday Night Teachings

Members are encouraged to bring suitable offerings

such as flowers, both for the altar and as offerings to

the Venerable Monks.

Venerable Dhammavihari of Sri Lanka will be giving a Dhamma talk on the 26<sup>th</sup> of June. The talk will be filmed and recorded and may be broadcast on the World Buddhist Radio.

## Camberwell Market Stall

Our Camberwell Stall, which we have run for over three and a half years, continues to contribute greatly to the funding of our Centre. During the past six weeks over \$1700 has been raised at the market even though we experienced steady rain at the stall for three of those six Sundays. Well done to all who have helped at the stall and those who have contributed goods for sale.

Donations of goods for sale are always welcome. Please see Frank or call him on 0408 303 550.

## Tibetan Buddhist Rime Institute

Khentrul Rinpoche will be teaching “What is Buddhism, what isn't Buddhism”, at the Hawthorne Buddhist Temple on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> and Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> of July.

Rinpoche will also be giving two public talks:

- “Opening the Gates to Love and Compassion”  
Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> of July, in Huntingdale.
- “Buddhist Wisdom: Karma and Families”  
Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of July, in Glen Waverly.

For more details please call Julie O'Donnell on 0425 768 143.

## Computer Upgrade Planned

Two computers are being donated to the Centre by Frank over the next week which will enable us to

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upgrade two of our most frequently used PC's.

At the same time the PC's being donated come with Windows 2000 Pro operating system licences so we can upgrade to the more recent operating system at the same time. Vladimir, our I.T. Technician, will carry out the upgrade work.

## Lainie Smallwood Elected as Treasurer

Lainie was elected Treasurer of our company at our General Meeting held on 25 June 2006. Lainie has been documenting all the treasury functions for the Centre. Whilst we manage this area to comply with the company's legal and professional obligations we are also documenting suitable operating guidelines and standards for a Buddhist organisation to follow.

Well done Lainie!

## Orientation Manual

Over the next few weeks we will be writing an orientation manual for visitors and persons who are interested becoming a new Member of our Centre.

The manual will be an introduction to our organisation, the objects for which we were formed and how and why our different activities and projects are run.

We seek to show how looking after our Buddhist Centre can be an important foundation of our Buddhist practice and make our progress on the Path more rewarding and secure.



May you be well and happy!

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