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ABBOT'S REPORT

Members and friends thank Jeffrey Radford for bringing 10 members of the Sangha and 10 Laypersons to our centre on Saturday 28th October 2006. It was a wonderful surprise visit and the Venerable Sangha blessed our hall to help its completion.

On Sunday 29th October 2006, 10 members went to the Kattina ceremony organised by The Melbourne Thai Buddhist Temple Inc. The Sangha Robe was offered by the attending members on behalf of all members, friends and families (and on behalf of all beings). The merits made by us are shared with each and everyone of you. Sadhu Sadhu Sadhu.

Meditation on Saturday evenings has been going very well as we continue with refuge and the three marks of existence.

Members are encouraged to attend our Surangama Sutra Puja scheduled for Tuesday 7th November 2006- you can do one session or both. The morning session is from 9:30am-12:00pm and the afternoon session is from 1:30pm-3:30pm.

Our next Bhavana course will be from 27 December to 31 December, conducted by Frank Carter and Evelin Halls. The topic studied during the course will be to learn how to preserve information so we can meet the Buddha Dhamma again in the future.

Wishing you all ease along the Buddha Dhamma path.

~Anita Carter

MEMBERS BUILD OUR NEW MEDITATION HALL AND LIBRARY

On Saturday 28th October 2006 we had a rapid merit accumulation building day with seven Members participating including our builder George Costas. Thank you to Melba Nielsen who kept the team well fed and nourished all day.

IMPORTANT DATES

TUESDAYS AND SATURDAYS	BUILDING OF THE NEW MEDITATION HALL
SATURDAY EVENINGS	BUDDHA DHAMMA TEACHINGS BY THE VENERABLE SANGHA AND/OR MEDITATION GUIDED BY ANITA CARTER
7 NOVEMBER	9:30AM SURANGAMA SUTRA PUJA
11/12 NOVEMBER	BUDDHIST SPRING FESTIVAL IN YUROKE
19 NOVEMBER	SUMI-E CLASS WITH MASTER ANDRE SOLIER
25 NOVEMBER	ALEC SLOMAN'S FAREWELL PICNIC
25 NOVEMBER	ABHIDHAMMA CLASS WITH DR THEL 5.45
25 NOVEMBER	GENERAL MEETING 6.30PM
29 NOVEMBER	JOHN D. HUGHES BLESSING PUJA
3 DECEMBER	SAUSAGE SIZZLE AT BUNNINGS
16 DECEMBER	SUMI-E CLASS WITH MASTER ANDRE SOLIER
18 DECEMBER	FIRE FIGHTING DRILL
24 DECEMBER	LOGLIFE CHRISTMAS DINNER
25 DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS DAY FLOWER STALL
27 TO 31 DECEMBER	5 DAY BHAVANA COURSE
30 DECEMBER	GENERAL MEETING
31 DECEMBER	NEW YEAR'S EVE BELL PUJA 11:30 PM

The electrician is due to start work next week. George Costas has mentioned he may be able to provide his company's plasterer to help us do all the interior plaster work. The plasterer will visit our centre to do a costing of the job. This would really accelerate the building process as the whole hall plaster could be completed in just a few days. Members would all be invited to help the plasterer. All are invited to take part in this rare building project.

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We build every Saturday and Tuesday so please come along. Lunch & refreshments are provided.

WORLD BUDDHIST RADIO

Alec Sloman is currently training Anita, Frank and Evelin how to use the World Buddhist Radio software, SAM 3 and ProTools.

Alec, Frank and Anita have all contributed to the upgrade of the WBR computer including installation of an ASUS DVD burner and 10GB hard drive.

The WBR Audio Library schemata has been improved, and a new level of automation has been implemented within SAM3, allowing the WBR to run un-attended for extensive periods of time while ensuring the queue remains dynamic.

New music sections are being added soon.

BUDDHIST FESTIVAL IN YUROKE

Every year, the Tibetan Buddhist Society runs a Buddhist Festival in Yuroke. It is a big event and this year we will conduct a stall to invite people to support the building of our new Meditation Hall and Library by sponsoring the installation of the 1000 Buddha images.

We will also make merit by selling knitted slippers and meditation stools. Lainie's mum has provided instructions of how to knit the slippers which are likely to be popular sellers. Please contact Lainie if you can help knit these slippers.

George and Helen Costas will help by making 10 more meditation stools for us to sell. Leonie has prepared a roster of Members who will help us on the two days by promoting our various projects at the stall.

All members and friends are encouraged to come to Yuroke to support our stall and to visit this colourful and interesting Buddhist Festival.

MONTHLY GENERAL MEETINGS

Our next General Meeting is scheduled for Saturday the 25th of November 2006 at **6:30pm**. All members are encouraged to attend. We require a quorum of 7 members to conduct a general meeting.

APPLIED BUDDHISM AND ABHIDHAMMA WITH DR.

THEL THONG

Dhamma classes led by Dr. Thel Thong have been going very well, with recent topics of discussion being the Mangala Sutta, Parabhava Sutta and Alavaka Sutta. The next class will to be held on 14th October 2006 at 5.45pm. We encourage members and friends alike to come along to develop further their understanding of Buddhist practice.



FRANK'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

From right to left: Members Frank Carter, Anita Carter, Melba Nielsen and Pennie White. Frank was presented with a carved Chan chop at his birthday celebration on 28 October 2006.

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SATURDAY EVENING BUDDHA DHAMMA TEACHING

On Saturday 4th November four Buddhist Monks will come to our Centre to give Buddha Dhamma teachings in the evening. Venerable Sambathsam from Wat Buddharangsee has offered to teach at our temple on Saturday evenings, so this may become a regular event.



Chan Teacher Melba Nielsen presents Alec Sloman with a Chan chop on 28 October 2006.

BODHI CARE NURSING HOME

We continue our work on planning for the Bodhi Care Nursing Home. We thank Mr Peter Boswell who will visit Mr Salim Lee in Perth to discuss this further. Mr Lee has already built a Buddhist Nursing home in Perth. He is a student of Geshe Michael Roach and is happy to give us information on how to build a Buddhist Nursing Home - a very meritorious project!

There is currently no Buddhist nursing home in Victoria; we are determined to build one, so that we can offer the care needed for elderly Buddhist persons and help them to good rebirth.

OFFERING OF SHAWLS FOR THAI MONKS

The Venerable Phra Income who many of our Members met when he visited the Wat Thai Nakorn Temple in Elgar Road, Box Hill earlier this year, mentioned that it gets very cold in Northern Thailand and that the Monks needed warm shawls to wear.

Frank Carter has purchased 25 suitable shawls in brown color which were discounted by more than 50% to \$9.95 each from a Home gift store at Knox City shopping centre. Members and Friends can contribute to this purchase and the cost of postage of the shawls to Venerable Income as an offering to the monks. If you wish to take this opportunity to offer dana and to make merit please see Frank.

The shawls will be offered to Venerable Income when he visits the Melbourne Thai Buddhist Temple, Box Hill in the next few weeks.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE AT BUNNINGS WAREHOUSE

The Centre is conducting a sausage sizzle at Bunnings Warehouse on 3rd December 2006. A roster will be written mid-November for Members who wish to participate. The sausage sizzle will be run all Sunday until 5.00pm and will replace the Cambwerwell Market Stall. Council Food Handling Permits have been obtained.

FUEL REDUCTION

As the fire season approaches, a fire fuel reduction program will be undertaken at our Centre particularly on Saturdays over the next few months. A Fire Fighter Training Drill will be held on 18 November 2006 for Members who wish to learn about our fire fighting equipment and plan.