

# BROOKING STREET BULLETIN

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## ABBOT'S REPORT

Our first meetings have been very successful. Our key personnel - Presidents, Vice Presidents and Office Bearers will continue to meet every Saturday morning at 9.30 am to prepare for Members Day and to conduct a Sangha meeting at 10.00am. All Members are welcome to attend these meetings.

This is to help us increase causes for our organisation to last a long time by meeting regularly in harmony, working in harmony and dispersing in harmony. We wish to build a strong fellowship by creating a team working together in the same direction.

I look forward to seeing you soon. If any members need to meet with me during the week – please ring and make a time – you are most welcome.

*~Anita Carter*

## 1000 BUDDHA IMAGES

We now have sponsorships for approximately 320 Buddha images to go into the John D. Hughes Dhamma Cetiya. We are planning to have an installation ceremony of these images on the celebration of Versak in May 2008.

We have found one style of Buddha image which may be suitable and two samples can be viewed at the Centre.

The smaller image will cost \$3, and the larger one will cost \$10.87. If we installed the smaller image around the internal perimeter of the hall there would be about 540 images in one continuous row. Using the larger one it would be about 395 images per row.

## MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

Our next General Meeting will be held on Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2007 at 5.30pm. All Members are encouraged to attend to support our Centre. We require a quorum of 7 members to conduct our General Meetings.

## IMPORTANT DATES

SATURDAYS	MEMBERS' DAY 10.00AM SANGHA MEETING 11.00AM INTRODUCTION TO BUDDHISM CLASSES
SATURDAY EVENINGS	BUDDHA DHAMMA TEACHINGS BY THE VENERABLE SANGHA AND/OR MEDITATION GUIDED BY ANITA CARTER 8.00PM
27 OCTOBER	CHAN CLASS TAUGHT BY MELBA NIELSEN 2 – 3.00PM
27 OCTOBER	GENERAL MEETING 5.30 PM
15 -16 DECEMBER	VENERABLE DONDRUP DORJE 2 DAY COURSE PADMASAMBHAVA'S TEACHINGS & OM MANI PADME HUM
27 - 31 DECEMBER	DECEMBER BHAVANA COURSE

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT TEACHINGS 2008

Weekly teachings will start again at Burrinja (DRCCC), Glenfern Rd, Upwey during February 2008.

A ten week course will be taught as an introduction to Buddhism for new students and also for our Members to benefit from helping to run the Teachings and from having the good conditions of meditation and blessings in the field of Sangha Members.

Suitable new students will be encouraged to continue learning Buddhism by attending the Saturday morning and Saturday evening Teachings at the Centre.

After the completion of the ten week course Abbot Anita Carter will conduct Sangha Meetings on Wednesday evenings for our experienced students to learn the Dhamma under her guidance.

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## ANITA'S NEW JOB

Anita will be finishing full time work at the Sunrise Nursing Home on the 31st October. After having a week off. She will continue working at Sunrise one day per week until the end of January.

Her new job is CEO of a 60 bed nursing home in the Northern suburbs. This job is only 20 hours per week over 3 days and offers Anita a large pay increase.

Anita will now have more time at home and to run the centre.

## CAR PARKING

We request that our Members and friends take care when parking in our driveway as it is quite narrow and if people are not parked correctly it makes it hard for others to manoeuvre around them.

We ask that you park your vehicle as far as you can in the space you select and slightly to the left of the middle of the parking space. Thank you.

## METTA PRACTICE

Anita has suggested all Members could benefit greatly by spending the next one month period focusing on their metta practice.

This could be through chanting the metta sutta in Pali and English everyday, doing daily metta meditation using Venerable Mahinda's instructions on CD or sending metta to each person you are speaking with over the next four weeks.

It is important to set yourself short-term practice objectives like this to change your habitual behaviour for the better.

## SAVING FILES

If you are using the centre's computer and saving files to LAN II please do not use either of the following symbols - dash and ampersand ( - , &).

Using these symbols is not compatible with our backup software and when we burn a back up CD of the LAN the software changes those file names which may make them difficult to find on the back up. An underscore ( \_ ) is okay to use.



VENERABLE DONDRUP DORJE

## TIBETAN LAMA TO CONDUCT TEACHINGS AT THE CENTRE

Venerable Dondrup Dorje conduct a course at the Centre on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of December.

This is an important opportunity to increase our understanding of the Teachings of the great Buddhist Masters Padmasambhava.

The Teaching Program is as follows:

Saturday 14th December: 2.00pm

### Seven Line Prayer to Guru Rinpoche

Commentary on the single most important prayer in Tibetan Nyingma Buddhist Tradition

Sunday 15th December: 2.00pm

### Meaning of OM MANI PEME HUNG

Teaching given by Guru Rinpoche on the King of all Mantras before his departure from Tibet.