

# BROOKING STREET BULLETIN

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## ABBOT'S REPORT

Use this human life to wake up. This means whatever qualities you have, whatever your kamma is... stop complaining! That means stop complaining about all the little things in life... its too cold, you have to go to work and you have to cook dinner... I have to do the washing... because this is the practice and the way to true happiness to start to accept the small challenges in life as the process of living.

So if there is a mess, just clean it up. If you are cold then warm yourself up. If you are hungry eat! This builds powerful habit of not complaining and doing what is needed. Try it for one week and you will find you will be a happier person.

You can choose to be happy in one moment but just dropping the complaining mind and being happy with what you have got.

With metta from Anita Carter

## VICTORIAN OBSERVANCE -

### UN VESAK DAY

On Saturday 9 May 2009, there will be a UN observance for Melbourne's Buddhist community of Vesak at the Melbourne Town Hall.

This has been organised by members from 27 temples in Melbourne including our temple. Anita and Frank are the Joint Event Managers of the Organising Committee. Julian Bamford and Simon Kearney are also representing us at the preparation meetings. We have a team of Members working at the hall from 7.00am on the day of the event. If you are coming before 12:45pm you should enter via Collin St. After 12:45pm you can enter via Swanston Street.

For guests doors will be open from 1pm for a 2:00pm start. The event concludes at 5:00pm.

## IMPORTANT DATES

SATURDAY WEEKLY	MEMBERS' DAY LEARN TO PRACTICE BUDDHISM CLASS, 11:00AM
SATURDAY EVENINGS	BUDDHA DHAMMA MEDITATION TEACHING BY VENERABLE SANGHA OR GUIDED BY ANITA CARTER, 8.00PM
SUNDAY WEEKLY	BUDDHIST HOUR RADIO, 4:00-5:00PM
9 MAY SATURDAY	UN VESAK DAY VICTORIAN OBSERVANCE MELBOURNE TOWN HALL
10 MAY SUNDAY	MOTHERS DAY FLOWER STALL
30 MAY SATURDAY	CHAN CLASS TAUGHT BY MELBA NIELSEN, 10.00AM
2 - 22 JUNE	CHAN EXHIBITION, BURRINJA GALLERY, UPWEY - THEME IS 'RENEWAL'
5-9 JUNE	WINTER BHAVANA COURSE
7 JUNE	CAMBERWELL MARKET STALL
13 JUNE SATURDAY	SUMI-E CLASS, 2:00-4:00PM (SECOND SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH)
30 JUNE SATURDAY	GENERAL MEETING, 2:00PM

## UN VERSAK FUNDRAISING DINNER

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of April 2009, a UN Day of Vesak Fundraising Dinner was held at Happy Receptions in Ascot Vale. The event was held in a well-lit open dinning area. The environment was welcoming and all felt at ease. Venerable Monks and Members from twelve temples attended.

The night proceedings began with a video presentation of Buddhist youth in Victoria. Our Members Adam Richards, Tanya Poynton and Bodhi White were some of the youths who were interviewed for this video.

There are five managers of the different aspects of the United Nations day of Vesak. They each gave a speech on the progression of the events and proceedings they are managing. A generous vegetarian dinner was served to all. Rachael Wass

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hosted the silent auction and the public discussion. Simon Kearney announced that over \$800 was raised from the silent auction.

Many Temples also gave large donations to go towards the running of the day. The night concluded with the presentation of the table prize gift bags. Photographs were taken of the Managers and some volunteers.

A heart felt gratitude goes out to all the people involved in bringing about the auspicious United Nations Vesak Day to be held 9 May 2009.

Congratulation on the highly successful and professionally organized fundraising dinner. Sadhu Sadhu Sadhu

## **BUDDHA'S DAY & MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL**

The Buddha's Day and Multicultural Festival celebrations will take place at Federation Square on 16-17<sup>th</sup> May 2009. The event is presented by Fo Guang Shan Melbourne and Buddha's Light International Association of Victoria (BLIA VIC). This is the 14<sup>th</sup> Buddha's Day and Multicultural Festival.

The 2009 Buddha's Day and Multicultural Festival is proudly sponsored by the City of Melbourne; Federation Square; the Victorian Multicultural Commission and Community Partner City West Water.

For further information go to

<http://www.buddhaday.org.au/festival.html>

## **LEARN TO PRACTICE BUDDHISM**

A new series of classes for beginners commenced at the Centre on 4 April 2009 at 11am and will run for six weeks. Anita and Frank Carter are teaching the classes. For further details contact Frank Carter at the Centre.

## **VICTORIAN OBSERVANCE UN VESAK**

### **EVENT PROGRAM**

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| 2:30-3:00pm  | Japanese Drums<br>Sri Lankan Children's Choir<br>Dance by Youth Groups<br>Sri Lankan Drums   |
| 3:00-3:10pm  | Welcome by MC - Sangha<br>Procession into the hall   |
| 3:10-3:25pm  | Message from PM<br>& Governor De Kretzer<br>Cr. Cathy Oke, City of<br>Melbourne<br>Elizabeth Drozd, Victorian<br>Multi-Cultural Commission<br>Des Cahill, Interfaith<br>Community Leader         |
| 3:25-3:45pm  | Andrew Williams<br>performance "Old Path<br>White Cloud"   |
| 3:45-3:55pm  | Sangha seated on stage   |
| 3:55- 4:10pm | Meditation led by Venerable<br>Chi Kwang Sunim Children<br>from Buddhist Council<br>Education Program<br>performance   |
| 4:10-4:25pm  | Dhamma talk by Venerable<br>Wimalananda  |
| 4:25-4:45pm  | Chanting by Buddhist<br>Sangha of Four Traditions<br>Burmese/Cambodian/Sri<br>Lankan/Thai - Chinese -<br>Vietnamese - Tibetan<br>Dedication of Merits by Ekai<br>Sangha Bathing of the<br>Buddha |
| 4:45-4:55pm  | VIPs Bathing of the Buddha   |
| 4:55-5:00pm  | Susanne Horton Palmer<br>Chanting the Metta Sutta  |
| 5:00-5:15pm  | Andrew Williams<br>performance<br>Finale   |

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## CHAN EXHIBITION

Chan Academy Australia will be holding its second annual Chan Painting exhibition this year in June. It is great fortune that Melba is well enough to produce another series of masterpieces.

Jan Bennet will be contributing his masterpieces to the exhibition again and student work will also be exhibited. A great opportunity for all.

This years exhibition is entitled 'Renewal'. As nature grows and renews so does the Chan Painter. This title 'Renewal' was inspired by how nature has recovered from the devastation of the bush fires and the energy of growth and renewal as nature springs back to life, green and refreshing.

All Chan students are invited to produce a painting. Seeing students work bring great joy to the teachers and helps the Chan Academy realise its aims.



THE LOTUS BY MELBA NIELSEN

The exhibition will be held at Burringa again in the Jarmbi Gallery, 3<sup>rd</sup> June to the 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Exhibition Opening will be on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June from 1pm – 3pm.

We offer a very sincere thank you to all those who make this exhibition possible.

## MOTHERS DAY FLOWER STALL

Our next flower stall will be conducted on Mothers Day, 10 May 2009, and we expect to make about \$1,800 profit from this one fundraising event.

It will be held at the front of Carrington Park Reserve Ferntree Gully Road, Scoresby, between the Bunnings store and Harley Street.

As the flower stall will be conducted the day after the United Nations Day of Versak we wish to do our planning for the event in the next 2 weeks to give Members plenty of notice. Please see Adam to advise him if you can help out on Mothers' Day and your preferred time.

## CAMBERWELL MARKET STALL

If Members have any suitable second-hand items, please call Frank or Sue.

## CONTRIBUTIONS FOR BULLETIN

Thank you all for your contributions to this month's bulletin. An excellent internal newsletter only comes about from the collective efforts of the Members of an organisation. We develop our writing to reflect our five styles of friendliness, cultural adaptability, professionalism, practicality and scholarship. We request Members who are learning to manage or who are managing various projects or events to please write a regular update for publication in this bulletin. Please email your articles to Pennie White by the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month.