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ABBOT'S REPORT

“As sure as the River flows to the sea... you can achieve”.

Happy Chinese New Year; The Year of the Rabbit.

May we all succeed in getting wiser and happier this year. Working smarter, not harder. It feels like a year of good luck, but there is no such thing as luck, only the fruiting of right action.

Your life is so very precious. Do not waste time. Do not procrastinate. Be active, active. There is plenty of time when you are in your 90s to be passive.

You must know what you are doing every moment. Being aware of what is going on is the key to making sure you are using the five applications.

My advice for success is to follow Buddha's advice of right action. When one wants to achieve... use the five right applications: **generate the intention** - one always needs to consider what it is that one wants to achieve, do or get to; **make the effort** - write a plan after researching how to get what you want to achieve, and then follow it; **arouse the energy** - this means arouse your good mental energy - through meditation, precepts and merits, and arouse your physical energy – you need to be able to act, get enough sleep, rest, fun, food and water etc; **apply the mind** – which means be mindful about what it is you are doing – do not get distracted, go back to your intention and review your plan – reload the information and refresh it again and again, and follow your plan. And finally, **put ardour on top**. This means do what you have planned to do to achieve your goal with joyfulness, happiness, fun, and a real delight. The Buddha said that if one applies these five, one will surely arrive at one's destination, just as surely as the river flows to the sea.

All my love, Anita

IMPORTANT DATES

SATURDAY	MEMBERS' DAY MERIT MAKING
SATURDAY EVENINGS	BUDDHA DHAMMA MEDITATION TEACHING BY VENERABLE SANGHA OR GUIDED BY ANITA CARTER 8.00PM
SUNDAY WEEKLY	BUDDHIST HOUR RADIO 4-5:00PM
5 FEBRUARY	INTRODUCTION AND BAMBOO CLASS WITH PENNIE WHITE 9:30-10:30AM
6 FEBRUARY	CAMBERWELL MARKET STALL
12 FEBRUARY	THE WAY OF THE BRUSH WITH ANITA CARTER 9:30-10:30AM
12-13 FEBRUARY	VIETNAMESE NEW YEAR VISITS
19 FEBRUARY	BEGINNERS SUMI-E CLASS WITH JULIAN BAMFORD 9.30AM-10.30AM
26 FEBRUARY	CHAN CLASS TAUGHT BY MELBA NIELSEN 11.00AM-12 NOON
26 FEBRUARY	GENERAL MEETING 2:00-2:30PM

OUTSTANDING WOMAN IN BUDDHISM AWARD

Anita Carter has been chosen by an international committee of scholars and Buddhist monastics as an Outstanding Woman in Buddhism. Anita will be honored at an awards ceremony in recognition of the United Nations International Women's Day 2011.

Secretary General of the Outstanding Women in Buddhism Awards Committee Tavivat Puntarigvivat, Ph.D. wrote:

“Your presence as a positive role model will serve as an inspiration to countless women in South and Southeast Asia and the rest of the world.

We acknowledge your contribution to Buddhism and would like to celebrate this joy with others at our 10th anniversary of the event.”

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Anita will attend the event on 4 March at the Association for the Promotion of the Status of Women Bangkok, Thailand.

Anita will also attend one day of the seminar to follow at the International Women's Meditation Center in Rayong on the weekend of 5–6 March.

VIETNAMESE TEMPLE VISITS 2011

One of the dates for the visits from the Vietnamese Temples has changed. The visits will be on:

Hoa Nghiem Temple (Springvale) Saturday the 12 February around 3.00pm. (Approx. 500 persons)

Phat Quang Temple (Footscray) Sunday the 13 February 2 - 3.00pm. (Approx. 500 persons)

Please kindly put these dates into your diary, as we need the help of many of our members on that day. If you have friends or relatives you would like to invite to help us on these days please invite them. You will need to prepare them by explaining the nature of the event and what how we prepare for it and serve our guests.

BAU SEN BUDDHA RU YI TEMPLE HOUSE GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY

On Saturday the 15 January, nine of our members and friends attended the House Ground Breaking Ceremony at The Bau Sen Buddha Ru Yi Temple.

The Abbott of the new temple is Venerable Ming Kuang. Anita Carter attended as one of six official guests to perform the ceremony.

The six official persons were: Venerable Ming Kuang, Venerable Phouc Tan, Venerable Ajahn Viriyananda, Anita Carter, Hsuan Lin and Lily Wu.

The ceremony consisted of chanting and blessings. The six officials in the ceremony were the first to offer incense and then led the single file procession to the site of the new house to be on the grounds on

the Bau Sen Buddha Ru Yi Temple. At the site of the house, chanting was performed as well as each of the six officials took part in the ceremonious 'breaking' of the earth by digging into the soil three times.



PHOTO: HOUSE GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY AT THE BAU SEN BUDDHA RU YI TEMPLE



PHOTO: HOUSE GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY AT THE BAU SEN BUDDHA RU YI TEMPLE. FROM LEFT TO RIGHT VENERABLE MING KUANG, ANITA CARTER AND FRANK CARTER

After the ceremony, everyone enjoyed lunch. There were some planned performances of dance, singing as well as some impromptu ones by many of the guests.

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The ceremony was well attended by Buddhists and local community in Kinglake. We wish the new The Bau Sen Buddha Ru Yi Temple every success in their endeavours.



PHOTO: HOUSE GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY AT THE BAU SEN BUDDHA RU YI TEMPLE. FROM LEFT TO RIGHT MEMBERS: SIMON KEARNEY, PENNIE WHITE, ANITA CARTER AND EVELIN MARTIN. PICTURED FRONT: ADAM RICHARDS.

SOGYAL RINPOCHE PUBLIC TALK

Sogyal Rinpoche, author of the highly acclaimed, *"The Tibetan Book of Living and Dying"* will give a public talk at the Collingwood Town Hall on Friday 18 February 2011.

For further information go to

www.rigpa.com.au/tour/melbourne/index.html

BUDDHA VIHARA TEMPLE ACTIVITIES

Before midnight on 2 February there will be a ceremony/celebration at the Temple going into 3

February - officially the start of the Chinese New Year. It will be The Year of the Rabbit.

There will also be a Chinese New Year fundraising lunch on Sunday 6 February from 12 noon at Allan House - Asian and Vietnamese Restaurant, 36 Main Street, Greensborough. Telephone 9435-5265. The cost of the ticket for the banquet lunch is \$45, and there are door prizes and raffles. Tickets are available from the Buddha Vihara Temple 9899-0638.

UN DAY OF VESAK

The United Nations Day of Vesak 2011 will be held on 21 May at the Melbourne Town Hall.

FIVE DAY BHAVANA COURSE

The next Five Day Bhavana Course will be held from 22 April to 26 April 2011.

NO VALENTINE'S DAY STALL 2011

It has been decided that we will not conduct a Valentines Day flower stall this year because it would fall on the Monday following the Hoa Nghiem temple visit on the 12 February.

CAMBERWELL MARKET STALL

If you would like to donate anything before the next market stall to be held on Sunday 6 March please contact Sue Goodes.

DONATIONS

Sue Goodes has offered a new fridge to the centre for use in the caravan. Thank you Sue for your dana and support to the centre.

RAFFLE RESULT

The summer raffle was drawn at the centre by Anita on 1 January 2011 at 11.00pm! We sold 304 tickets over 3 months to raise money for the International Brotherhood Mission in India. The \$604 raised will be transferred to Venerable Karuna Shastri who runs the orphanage.

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The first prize winner was Melba Nielsen and the second prize winner was Sue Goodes. Actually, there were many winners because Melba donated most of her winning to others. Her friends Linda, Evelin (for her new home), Pennie and the centre shared in the winnings!

Thank you to our members who supported the raffle by buying tickets and selling them (particularly at the market). We would also like to extend our thanks to the nurseries in the Dandenongs who donated the \$750 worth of plants.

BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Bunnings Warehouse has confirmed that we can conduct this year's sausage sizzle on Sunday 17 July. Michelle and Julian will manage the sausage sizzle planning this year.

BULLETIN ARTICLES

If you would like to contribute to the bulletin please email your articles to Pennie by the 20th of each month. We have begun a style guide. Please email Pennie for a draft copy.