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Abbot's Report

This abbot's report, like our recent bhavana course, is about friendliness. We want to develop deeper and deeper levels of friendliness, not just superficial friendliness, but true friendliness, solid like a mountain. The UN Vesak is friendliness in action. We all share our friendliness by being a part of this great event. It is another side of generosity. Remember to also befriend yourselves! All my love to you my friends. Anita xxx

UN Day of Vesak 2011

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

Please find the running sheet for the UN Day of Vesak attached at the end of this bulletin.

This is the first version and will be revised a few times before the final version is produced, however, it will give everybody an idea about how we will organise the event.

There is now a UN Vesak facebook page. There is also an event "UN Vesak: Victorian Observance 2011" and an event "Interfaith Panel Discussion: Compassion in Action" you can search for and RSVP.

Invitation to attend UN Vesak in Sydney 2011

This year marks the 2600th anniversary of the Buddha's enlightenment. We have been invited to attend the Australian Observance of the United Nations Day of Vesak at Sydney Town Hall on Sunday the 29th of May from 6pm – 9pm.

It is suggested that we catch a late flight back to Melbourne immediately after the event.

Please let Frank know if you are interested in attending.

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
1 May	Camberwell Market Stall
7 May	Introduction and Bamboo Class with Pennie White 9:30-10:30am
14 May	The Way of The Brush with Anita Carter 9:30-10:30am
21 May	Beginners Sumi-e Class cancelled due to un vesak
21 May	UN Vesak Celebration Melbourne Town Hall
28 May	Chan Class with Melba Nielsen 11.00am-12 noon
28 May	General Meeting, 3:30pm

World Fellowship of Buddhists' 2012 Conference

Please note that we have recently been notified that the next World Fellowship of Buddhists' conference will be held in Korea early in May 2012. We are seeking a team of 8 members to assist Anita and Frank at this immense merit-making event. Please notify Peter Marshall by email titanic@virginbroadband.com.au to register your interest.

All Aboard for India 2011

Members should be aware that a pilgrimage to the significant historical sites of the Buddha's Birth, Enlightenment, first turning of the wheel of Dharma, Vulture Peak (where he taught the Prajna Paramitta), and, the place where he entered Paranirvana, is being planned, now.

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It is expected that Anita, Frank and other members will be travelling for a 2 week period, from 1 to 15 November this year.

Any persons contemplating accompanying us, should contact Peter Marshall by email titanic@virginbroadband.com.au to register your interest ASAP. Come join us for this extraordinary opportunity. All members are encouraged to participate.

Three Day Bhavana Course

The next Three Day Bhavana Course will be held from 11-13 June 2011 and will be on Chan.

Merit Making Activities Calender

By now everyone will have received a Merit Making Activities Calender. Please let Peter know if you have not received one. Our intention with this planning tool, is to inform you of the breadth and scope of the merit making opportunities available.

By knowing in advance, the range of activities and tasks available, we hope that you will take advantage of this aid to help schedule and integrate your activities with those of the Temple. You will note that each month's activities are divided into 4 categories, 3 of which will be familiar to many of you.

These are: International Dharma Activities (IDA); a new designation, Dharma Environment (DE); Corporate, Governance and Reporting (CGR); and, Local Area Planning and Asset Management (LAPAM).

We suggest that each member schedule and commit, to some activity from each of these categories, every month. Further, by notifying the appropriate, responsible, person in charge, of your commitment, you will assist them, in coordinating the timely and efficient dispensation of their tasks.

This is an effective method, enabling you, to make necessary positive causes, in areas that you may not have a Karmic disposition towards. Our Bodhisattva practice requires us to make enormous good causes in many, various and diverse areas of endeavour.

Whilst we have sought to make a comprehensive listing of all our associated activities and their time parameters, it is potentially probable that due to the nature of Samsaric existence, changes will occur and omissions will have gone unnoticed. We encourage you to take full advantage of this valuable tool and remind you that it contains Dharma material and so expired sections should be placed in a rotatorium.

Please note that an electronic pdf version is also available on request. Contact Peter Marshall at titanic@virginbroadband.com.au.

Dana – Receipts

Thank you to all members and friends for putting your dana receipts into the dana box. We are aiming to record all dana that has been made, with and without GST. Please try and remember to pay for dana items separately as it makes it much, much easier for us to record it. However, we can still enter 'mixed' receipts as well. Please continue to collect your dana receipts and bring them here as it helps to make good causes.

Monthly Market Stall Fundraiser

We raised \$218 at our monthly Camberwell Market stall fundraiser held on Sunday 1 May. This is a net income of \$166 after deduction of the Rotary Club site fee of \$52.

We also received \$18.35 in dana for Dhammrajika Orphanage.

Thankyou to all our donors of goods, and to Adam Richards and David Ley who did the setup and early

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shift from 6.00am; and to Sue Goodes, Kate Goodes and Simon Kearney for doing the second shift and packing up.

May all our fundraising projects be successful and our fundraisings a income increase with ease.

If you, family or friends have something you do not want to throw out but do not need to keep, in the second hand market one person's junk often becomes another's treasure. Please see Sue Goodes if you have items to donate.

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser

On Sunday 17 July we are running a Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser at Bunnings Scoresby, 1467 Ferntree Gully Road, from 9:00am to 4:00pm.

Please put this day in your diary. Julian is coordinating the event this year and will be in touch over coming weeks to tell you more, seek your help and get the event team roster organised. See you at the sizzle – Julian.

Mother's Day Flower Stall

On Sunday 8 May we will run a Mother's Day Flower Stall at the Mobil Service Station in Boronia. Please see Adam Richards if you would like to participate.

Special Interest Item

Michelle Hill would like to share with us in this issue a Buddhist poem on Bodhicitta by Shantideva from the book Harvey, Andrew, The Essential Mystics, Chapter 4: Buddhism - The Way of Clarity, HarperOne.

The Awakening of the Thought of Enlightenment (Bodhicitta)

I would be a protector for those without protection, a leader for those whose journey, and a boat, a bridge, a passage for those desiring the further shore.

For all creatures, I would be a lantern for those desiring a lantern, I would be a bed for those desiring a bed, I would be a slave for those desiring a slave.

I would be for creatures a magic jewel, an inexhaustible jar, a powerful spell, an universal remedy, a wishing tree, and a cow of plenty.

As the earth and other elements are, in various ways, for the enjoyment of innumerable beings dwelling in all of space;

So may I be, in various ways, the means of sustenance for the living beings occupying space, for as long as time as all are not satisfied.

As a blind man may obtain a jewel in a heap of dust, so, somehow, this Thought of Enlightenment has arisen even within me.

This elixir has originated for the destruction of death in the world. It is the imperishable treasure which alleviates the world's poverty.

It is the uttermost medicine, the abatement of the world's disease. It is a tree of rest for the wearied world journeying on the road of being.

When crossing over hard places, it is the universal bridge for all travellers. It is the risen moon of mind (cita), the soothing of the world's hot passion (klesa).

It is a great sun dispelling the darkness of the world's ignorance. It is fresh butter, surging up from the churning of the milk of the true Dharma.

For the caravan of humanity, moving along the road of being, hungering for the enjoyment of happiness, this happiness banquet is prepared for the complete refreshing of every being who comes to it.

~ Shantideva (Andrew Harvey, The Essential Mystics: Selections from the World's Great Wisdom Traditions, Ch. 4)

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Start	Finish	Location	Task	Personnel	Total
SET UP					
7.00am	7.30am	Collins St Loading Bay	Unload screens & Bodhi tree off trailer	George, Peter Simon, Adam	4
7.00am	7.45am	Collins St Loading Bay Collins St Car parking	Unload Van to Collins room & Hoddle room	Frank, Ashley Julian, David	4+3V
7.00am	7.30am		Unload flowers (?) AV System	Herro, Tiraj	2
7.00am	10.00am	Stage Main Hall Main Hall Swanston Hall	Lighting Rostrum Microphones Speakers AV Sound Control Panel Sound system	Clear Systems	
7.00am	7.30pm	Hoddle Room	Set up Hoddle Room with food, (Sangha) water etc Water, snacks & Running	Anita, Tanya Sally, Leonie, Nikole Tanya, Sally, Leonie	4
7.30am	7.45am	Main Hall Hoddle Rm & backstage	Sheets Table Bottled water and snacks for Performers	Tanya, Simon	2+1V
7.30am	8.00pm	All Venue	Allocate 2-Way Radios	Frank, Herro	2
7.30am	9.30am	Stage	Build backdrop & decorate Set up Bodhi Tree	George, Gerald Done, Leonie, David, Sally, Adam, Tiraj, Peter, Julian, Ashley	11
7.30am	8.00am	Hoddle Room	Main Buddha Image Set up volunteers room (Kiosk) Red scarfs for Area	Anita & Nikole	2 + 2V
8.00am	8.15am	All venue	Managers	Frank & Nikole	2

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8.00am	6.00pm	All Venue	Volunteers Team - Runners assigned to Team Managers at the time they are needed	Rani, Annie, Nikole	
8.00am	8.30am		Set up Swanston Hall (downstairs)	Anita, Tanya	2 +2V
8.30am	9.00am		Set up Collins room (Logistics office) Logistics officer - Anita or Tanya	Anita, Tanya	2 +2V
9.00am	9.30am		Complete set up for Swanston Hall	Peggy + Runner (V)	1 +1V
9.00am	9.30am	Throughout venue	Check Epicure equipment ready	Frank (list)	
9.00am	9.20am	Throughout venue	Name Tags for Committee and Team Managers	Anita, Tanya	2
9.00am	9.40am	Collins Room	Set up First Aid & signs - First Aid service on call	Trish, Sally	
9.30am	9.50am	Backstage	Morning Tea For Program Team & Performers	Anita, Tanya, Kate L,	3+4V
9.30am	10.00am	Front Foyer	Set up Baby Buddha bathing stations& cd player	Frank, Herro	2+1V
10.00am	11.00am	Main Hall	Flowers at all locations	Done & QMT	
10.00am	10.30am	All Venue	Morning Tea	Anita, Tanya, Sally	2+6V
10.15am	10.30am	Hall Entrance	Program Handout Table, Lotus Lights, LED lights	Ashley, Herro, Adam	3
10.30am	11.00am	Front Foyer	Set up Altar	Julian, Tiraj	2
			Donation Boxes X 2	Adam	1
			A Frame stand	Ashley	1
			Set Up Tea & Coffee, etc	Leonie, Sally,	6
			Sangha & VIP Name Tags	Kate L, Ashley	
			Program & Info handouts	Frank, Herro	
10.30am	11.30am	Sangha & VIP rest area	Arrange seats & tables		
			Toilet sign		
			Bottled water	As above	
			Gifts for Sangha		
			Amplifier & Microphone		
10.30am	10.45am	All Venue	All sashes distributed to	Gerald	1

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			Organising Comm STAGE AREA HANDED OVER TO PROGRAM TEAM		
10.30am	1.30pm	STAGE	Sweep stage/ help as required	Simon	1+1V
10.30am	1.30pm	Stage	Rehearsals	Simon	
11.00am	11.45am	Main Hall	Stalls area equipment setup	Gwenda	1 + 2V
				Guessing Gwenda's Volunteer requirements	
11.00am	3.40pm	Dressing Rooms	Make up and Performers attendants	Lainie?, Kate L, Cocoa, Lisa	4 + 4V
11.00am	12.00md	Front Foyer	Flower Arrangement Reserved Sangha/VIP	Done & QMT	
11.00am	11.30am	Main Hall	seating signs	Peter & Tiraj	2
11.30am	11.45am	Main Hall	Small Table for VIP Gifts and table for Bodhi trees	Frank	1
11.30am	12 noon	All venue	Distribute lunch packs and water to all	Anita, Tanya, Sally, Sue, Evelin	5
11.45am	1.00pm	Main Hall	BCV Info table, Stalls holders setup	Gwenda	1 + 2V
				Guessing Gwenda's Volunteer requirements	
12 noon	12.15pm	Collins Room	Presentation Gifts for V.I.Ps into main hall	Anita, Tanya	2
12 noon	12.15pm	ALL VENUE	CHANGE CLOTHES FOR EVENT	ALL PERSONS	
12 noon	12.30pm	Swanston Hall	Prepare for Interfaith Panel & Guests	Peggy, Pennie, Kate Ryan, Julian	4 +?V
				* However many Volunteers Peggy requests	

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EVENT					
12.30pm	1.15pm	Swanston Hall	Welcoming Interfaith Panel & Guests	Peggy, Pennie, Kate Ryan, Julian	4 + ?V
12.30pm	1.20pm	Front Foyer	Welcoming Guests to Interfaith Panel and ushering them to the Swanston Hall	Gerald, Sally, George, Leonie, Ashley	5
12.30pm	1.20pm	Front Foyer	Background CD chanting on Front	As Above	
12.30pm	7.00pm	Entrance/steps	MAIN DOORS OPENED	MCC	
1.00pm	1.30pm	Main Hall	Seating Ushers Briefing & Bodhi Tree attendant	Anita	10V
1.30pm	1.45pm	Stage	Placing Sangha Chairs	George & Done	2+6V
1.30pm	3.15pm	MTH Main street entrance	Door men to greet, usher Sangha, provide Information where needed, car doors, etc	Peter M, John Blackburn	2 + 1V
1.45pm	3.15pm	Front Foyer	Welcoming Guests for Main Event and traffic management into 3 hall entrances	Gerald	1 + 6V
		Sangha/VIP rest area	Background CD chanting on Baby Buddha Bathing Station	Tzu Chi to manage	
			Information Table	As Above	
			Usher V.I.P.'s & Sangha to Sangha Room	Tiraj (until 3)	1 + 2V
			Sangha & VIP Reception	Frank	
2.00pm	3.40pm		Sangha & VIP name tags & Program	Pennie, Romy	2
			Write extra Sangha Name Tags	Anita, Evelin	2
			Tea & Coffee Offerings	Leonie, Sally	4 + 6V
				Hero, Adam,	male

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2.00pm	3.00pm		V.I.P. Attendants Tea & Coffee Offerings for V.I.P.s	Kate R, Prue L Kim Lam, Ray Anthony	4
2.00pm	3.00pm	Main Hall	Program Handout Tables & lotus lights	Tanya, Nikole	2 + 2V
2.00pm	3.00pm	Entrance	Seating Ushers	George, Sue	2+7V
2.00pm	3.00pm	Swanston Hall			6V
				* Anita to give the ushers orientation at 1.00pm	
2.00pm	3.10pm	Upstairs Seating	Seating Ushers		2V
				* Anita to give orientation at 1.00pm	
2.00pm	3.00pm	Main Hall	Security Attendant for 100 Bodhi Trees		1V
2.50pm		Front foyer and stalls	Seating bell rung	Gerald	1
2.50pm	2.55pm		VIPs to be seated Ushers assist public to be seated	Kate R, Prue, Kim	3
2.55pm	5.10pm	Main Hall	Protect area in front of stage	Main Hall Ushers Anita, please note for briefing	2V
3.30pm	3.35pm	Front Foyer Main Hall	Collect money from Donation box	Peter M, Adam	2
3.00pm		stage	Program on stage Welcome to Country Welcome and Introduction	MC MC	
3.05pm		Chair on stage - George	Dhamma Talk by Ajahn Brahmavamso	George	
3.37pm		Rear of Main Hall	Sanga Assembled rear hall entrance Sangha Procession into main hall (led by Drums)	Frank	1 + 2V Male

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4.15pm			Sangha Chanting Guided Meditation Interfaith Readings	Sangha Venerable	
4.40pm			Speeches Acknowledgment of V.I.P.s and Interfaith Guests		
4.55pm		Gifts - Hand to Venerable who is making offering	Bodhi Tree Offering	Anita, Kate R Be Quach & friend * Anita, please note for briefing Rachael, Done * Anita please be ready with Rani, Sally, Leonie, Pennie	2 4+ 10V
5.10pm	5.15pm		Dedication of Merits Sangha guided to seats Sangha Seating removed	Peter M, Gerald George, Herro Meet	2 2+8V
5.15pm	5.20pm		Musical Props on stage	backstage	
5.20pm	5.48pm		Musical Stage Play	Program Team	
5.50pm	6.00pm		Finale	Anita, Frank, Rachael, Done, Ranjith, Gerald, Gwenda, Annie, Rani Peggy, Simon, Linda	
			Roll call of Team Leaders	Ven Phuoc Tan Peter, George, Hero Gerald, Rachael, Kate R, Adam, Romy Julian, Anita, Tanya	
6.00pm	6.20pm	Main Hall	Help Sangha collect their Bodhi Trees		
5.50pm	6.15pm	Main Hall Entrance	Collect Returned Program Sheets		4V

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PACK UP					
6.30pm	8.30pm	Stage Stage Main Hall Swanston Hall	AV System Lighting, etc Speakers & AV Sound Panel Sound system Purchase & distribute pizza and water to all including performers	Clear Systems	
6.30pm	7.00pm	All Venue Sangha/VIP rest area	Pack up Collect money from Donation boxes	Anita, Tanya Leonie, Nikole Kate R, Sally	2 +8V 4 +3V
6.45pm 7.00pm	6.50pm 7.30pm	Front Foyer All venue	Collect Two way radios Collect Name tags & sashes	Adam, Romy Frank & Herro Tanya, Romy	2 2+1V 2+2V
7.00pm	7.30pm	All venue	Pack Up & Collect Handouts	Sally, Kate R, Nikole	3+4V
7.00pm	7.00pm	Front entrance/steps	MAIN DOORS CLOSED	MCC Peggy, Pennie, Julian	3
7.00pm	7.30pm	Swanston Hall	Pack Up Remove Donation box & give all money to Rachael	Peter M, Adam George & Done John B, Peter, Adam Gerald	2 6+6V
7.00pm	7.30pm	Stage Front Foyer & Reception	Pack Up	Frank & Herro Anita, Sally, Nikole	2
7.30pm	8.00pm	Back stage	Clean & Pack Up		

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7.30pm	8.15pm	All venue	Load Trailer & van	Frank & all	6V	
7.30pm	7.40pm	Collins Room	Pack up First Aid	Trish		
		Volunteers to collect their bags and belongings from the Volunteers Team Room				
		CLEAN UP ALL FOOD RUBBISH IN ALL AREAS				