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Abbot's Report

All Members are warmly invited to attend our new course starting on Saturday the 3rd of March at 2.00pm.

I would greatly appreciate your assistance in helping to support the Teaching environment with your presence and to welcome new students to our centre.

All my love, Anita xxx

New Teaching Program

'Learn to Practice Buddhism - The Essential Teachings for Personal Happiness' weekly Dhamma classes are designed to give participants an extensive experience of both the theory and practice of the teachings of the Buddha that lead to an understanding of how to attain personal happiness.

Buddhist Happiness is defined as joy, tranquillity and equanimity of mind. We can develop these qualities from understanding why things happen and why things are the way they are.

The Buddha's teachings offer us a method for understanding our world and ourselves. This is the path of wisdom that brings us to personal happiness.

With this goal in mind, students will study the seven factors of enlightenment which are; mindfulness, investigation of phenomena, effort/energy, joy, tranquillity, concentration and equanimity. Class members will first be instructed to develop mindfulness through the practice of morality and generosity. It is only through a strong foundation in mindfulness that the other six factors of enlightenment can be cultivated.

For further information contact Simon Kearney at the centre on 9754 3334 or email wbu@bdcu.org.au

Important Dates

Saturday Weekly	Introduction to Buddhism Class 2 - 4pm, ongoing to 26 May 2012
Saturday evenings	Buddha Dhamma Meditation Teaching by Venerable Sangha or guided by Anita Carter 8.00pm
Sunday Weekly	Buddhist Hour Radio 4-5:00pm
4 March	Camberwell Market Stall
17 March	H.E. Zimwock Rinpoche Visit and Teaching
24 March	UN Day of Vesak Fundraising Dinner at Quang Monh Temple
31 March	General Meeting
1 April	Camberwell Market Stall
6 – 9 April	Easter Bhavana Course
29 April	General Meeting
6 May	Camberwell Market Stall
12 May	UN Versak Celebration Melbourne Town Hall
13 May	Mother's Day Flower Stall

UN Day of Vesak Fundraising Dinner 2012

The United Nations Day of Vesak Fundraising Dinner will be held on Saturday the 24th of March at 6.30pm at Quang Minh Temple, Braybrook.

This years Fundraising Dinner will include a Buddhist Trivia competition between Temples, a silent auction and a multi-cultural buffet dinner. Tickets are \$25 per each and available from Frank.

The United Nations Day of Vesak 2012 will be held on Saturday the 12 May at the Melbourne Town Hall.

This year's Vesak Day Celebration will include a dana offering to the Sangha at RMIT Spiritual Centre, and lunch offering to the Vesak Procession participants. The Vesak Procession will take place along Swanston Street to the Town Hall prior to the main program.

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The passing away of Venerable Thich Phuoc Hue

The late Most Venerable Thich Phuoc Hue OAM, the 23rd descendent of Mahayana Thien Thai Buddhist Order, Spiritual Leader of Phuoc Hue Monastic Order, passed away on the 28th of January 2012 at Liverpool Hospital, NSW.

The following email was sent to Venerable Phuoc Tan, one of his direct disciples and a great Dhamma friend to the Buddhist Discussion Centre Australia:

Dear Venerable Phuoc Tan,

Our deepest condolences to you and your community on the passing away of The Most Venerable Thich Phuoc Hue. We express our heartfelt gratitude for his never-ending devotion and tireless work for the aims of Buddhism in Australia.

We have heard of the great reputation of the Late Venerable from our Teacher John Hughes. In an article written by John in 2002 "The Spreading of Buddha Dhamma on this Continent of Australia John acknowledges The Most Venerable Phuoc Hue as the most influential figure in the history of Australian Buddha Dhamma.

From the early 1980's we have looked with admiration at the remarkable consolidation and development of your Vietnamese community in Australia. The Most Venerable Phuoc Hue has been the most outstanding leader and pioneer for the Vietnamese community. His years of extraordinary work and commitment has made an incalculable and enduring contribution to the well being of so many thousands of people.

Our prayers and thoughts are with you all at this sad time.

Our kindest regards,

Anita and Frank Carter

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World Fellowship of Buddhist's 2012 Conference

The 26th World Fellowship of Buddhist's General Conference will be held in South Korea from the 11th to the 16th of June 2012.

We are seeking a team of 6 Members to assist at this immense merit-making event.

The journey will commence either late on Saturday June the 9th or early Sunday June the 10th when we depart from Melbourne airport. Airfares are likely to be around \$1500 return and the conference registration fee will be around \$500.

The conference is being held in a port city on the South coast of South Korea named Yeosu City. The World Expo is being conducted in the same city at that time and a tour of the Expo will be conducted by the conference organisers.

There will also be a tour of several ancient Korean Zen Temples in the mountain areas between Seoul and Yeosu.

Please see Frank if you wish to find out more about this great event.

Easter Bhavana Course

The Easter Bhavana Course will be held from Friday 6th April to Monday 9th April 2012. The course will be based on the Teachings given at our new Saturday afternoon classes.

New Positions

The General Meeting held on the 11th of February agreed to the new list of management positions for the centre in replacement of the positions we have been using for some years past.

- Abbot: Anita Carter
- President: Anita Carter
- Secretary: Anita Carter
- Treasurer: Frank Carter

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- Directors: Anita Carter, Frank Carter, Adam Richards and Peter Marshall
- Executive Producer of the Buddhist Hour Broadcast: Simon Kearney
- Website Manager: Frank Carter
- Camberwell Market Manager: Sue Goodes
- Fire Prevention and Occupational Health and Safety Manager: Peter Marshall
- Publicity and Recruitment Team Leader: Simon Kearney
- Flower Stall Manager: Adam Richards
- Teaching Program Manager: Anita Carter
- Events Manager: Frank Carter
- Asset and Maintenance Manager: Frank Carter

Nicole Moustakas was elected as a new Member of the centre at the meeting.

Welcome to Nicole who has travelled from Perth to Melbourne to learn and practice Buddha Dhamma at our centre.

Monthly Market Stall Fundraiser

Our monthly Camberwell Market Stall is in need of suitable secondhand donated goods which we can sell to raise funds. If you have any items to donate please see Frank or Sue.

Visit By His Eminence Zimwock Rinpoche

We are most fortunate that H.E. Zimwock Rinpoche has accepted our invitation to visit the centre on Saturday the 17th of March.

We will invite Rinpoche to Bless our Medicine Buddha image, conduct the Saturday evening meditation class at 8.00pm and give a Dhamma talk on a topic of his choice.

We believe Rinpoche to be the most senior Lama living in Australia and is the 6th rebirth of a line of Tibetan masters going back to the early 16th century. Recognised by many great Tibetan masters including

the Dalai Lama and the Karmapa we are most fortunate to have Rinpoche attend our centre as our friend and Teacher.



Venerable Thich Thien Tam from Hoa Nghiem Temple visiting the Buddhist Discussion Centre Australia for Vietnamese New Year last year.



Abbot & President Anita Carter