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Kathina Ceremony

The Kathina Robes Presentation in which the lay community offer Robes to Monks is the most significant merit making opportunity of the Buddhist calendar for lay devotees.

This year our Centre has arranged for Members to attend two Kathina Ceremonies to offer robes to the Sangha on behalf of our Centre. We encourage all Members to attend.

The Buddha explained offering robes to a Sangha member is one of the most powerful and beneficial types of merit that can be done. The fruits accrued by the giver of Kathina Robes are very great. For the benefactor, the merits are:

1. Will bring wealth and fortune, together with success in following one's career;
2. Will bring constant freshness, brilliance and purity of mind;
3. Will facilitate concentration of the mind and attainment with ease of the Dhamma inside;
4. Will bring about wisdom in using one's wealth for the creation of long-term benefit, nurturing and protecting oneself not only in this life, but also in those to come;
5. Will bring physical beauty and radiance of complexion, making one loved by all;
6. Will bring one fame and respect, praise and admiration: the inspiration of those around one;
7. Will cause one to be reborn in the heavenly realms when this life is done.

Each temple has their own method of arranging the offering of robes. This information will be provided closer to the events. There is also an offering of food (dana) to the Sangha and anyone can bring a prepared meal (hot or cold) to be placed in the offering. Most temples do not arrange for all guests to participate in the food offering, this is because it is

Important Dates

Saturday Weekly	Learn to Practice Meditation 2-4pm, 4 August to 27 October 2012
Saturday evenings	Mahayana Teachings 8.00pm
Sunday Weekly	Buddhist Hour Radio 4-5:00pm 97.1FM
7 October	Camberwell Market Stall
21 October	Bushwalk & Barbeque
27 October	General Meeting – 5.00pm
4 November	Camberwell Market Stall
4 November	Kathina Ceremony (Sunday)
14-21 November	One Week Retreat
24 November	General Meeting – 5.00pm
24 November	Kathina Ceremony (Saturday)
25 November	Kathina Ceremony (Sunday)
25 November	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
25 December	Christmas Day Flower Stall
27-31 December	Five Day Bhavana Course
31 December	New Year's Eve Bell Puja
First Saturday Each Month	Chan Painting Lesson 11-12pm
1 January	Visiting The Nobbies
New Years Day	Home of the Dragon King
12 January	Masters Sausage Sizzle
End January	Vietnamese Temple Visits

usually done away from the main hall in a quiet room by a few of their own members.

Please RSVP Nicole 0410 476 721. We plan to carpool from the Centre.

Sunday 4th November 2012:

Kathina Ceremony at Sakyamuni Sambuddha

Vihara, Buddhist Vihara Victoria

Teacher: Ven. Digamadulle Wimalananda

Tradition: Theravada, Sri Lankan

Location: 125 Homestead Road, Berwick, 3806

Arrive at the Centre by 8.15am, depart at 8.30am.

Car travel: approx. 30-35 minute drive from Upwey.

Starts around 9.00 – 9:30am and finishes after lunch.

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Saturday 24 November 2012:

Kathina Ceremony at the Melbourne Thai Buddhist Temple Inc; Wat Thai Nakorn Melbourne.

Teacher: Ven. Ajahn Somwang.

Location: Hays International College:

15 Hay Street, Box Hill South, 3128.

Arrive at the Centre by 8.15am, depart at 8.30am.

Car travel: approx. 33 minutes drive from Upwey.

Starts around 9am and finishes after lunch.



Photo: Venerable Zanita from Kabaraye Monastery 71-73 Churchill Park Drive Endeavour Hills VIC at Founder's Day on 9th September 2012.

November Retreat

Anita is running a one week retreat at the Centre from Wednesday 14th to Wednesday 21st of November.

The main merit making activity during the retreat will be the installation of our large white marble standing Quan Yin image on a paved platform and surround. Members of the Sangha will be invited to

conduct the Installation Ceremony.

All are welcome and strongly encouraged to attend. There will be a limited number of members who could stay overnight in either the meditation hall or caravan. Please advise us if you are attending by the 1st of November.

Occupational Health and Safety

The Buddhist Discussion Centre Australia encourages Members to obtain a Victorian Working With Children Check (WWC); the Check entitles individuals to engage in child-related activities whilst volunteering.

We're now keeping a register of all Members holding a current WWC and or First Aid Certificate in our OH&S Policies and Procedures Folder. If this is you please email a scanned copy of these documents to wbu@bdcu.org.au.

Monthly Market Stall Fundraiser

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

Our recent market stall held on Sunday the 7th October raised \$92.00 for the Centre and \$4.30 for the Dhammarajika Orphanage in Bangladesh. Our sales for the day were \$202 but we paid two lots of stall fees and we had not paid our September site fees.

Thank you to those who donated second hand goods and to our Market Stall Team on the day.

BDC Kalyanamitta Social Group

This month is a Bushwalk and Barbeque on Sunday 21 October 2012, at O'Donohue Picnic Ground, Sherbrooke Forest, Dandenong Ranges National Park. We look forward to seeing you there; please RSVP Nicole (0410 476 721) asap.



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Photo: Venerable Monk on Founder's Day, 9th September 2012 in the Chan Garden.

Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser

The Buddhist Discussion Centre Australia will be running a Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser on Sunday 25th November 2012 at Bunnings Warehouse 1467 Ferntree Gully Road, Scoresby VIC 3179. The Sausage Sizzle will be operating during the Bunnings Warehouse Sunday trading hours from 8.00am – 5.00pm.

This is a great opportunity for our organisation to generate substantial fundraising and our Members to make merit by volunteering. Your help and support is greatly appreciated. Please mark the date in your calendar.

In addition to our Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser at Bunnings Warehouse each year, we will now be operating two more Sausage Sizzle Fundraisers each year at Masters Home Improvement, with the first being held on Saturday 12th January 2013.

Recipe of the Month: Jelly Custard Trifle

Make a 500ml of jelly the day before.

Place slices of a jam swiss roll (bought from supermarket) in a deep bowl, on the bottom as well as up the sides.

Pour an 800ml tin of your favourite canned fruit in the bowl; ensure that you pour the juice of the canned fruit on the sides of the cake. (I use canned peach slices).

Make or buy a litre of custard, pour into the bowl, covering the fruit and cake. If you have made homemade custard, let it cool completely before putting jelly on top.

Place the jelly (that was made the day before) on top.

Put freshly whipped cream around the sides of the bowl.

Let the trifle sit overnight to let the juice infuse through the cake.

I thank my friend (of 55years!) Vicki Omond for this tried and true recipe.

May you all be well and happy!

With metta,

Sally

Founders Day 9th September 2012

This year our Founder's Day occurred on a Sunday making it possible for many Members to participate in this auspicious day.

We were most blessed to have 12 Sangha members attend our Centre for lunch and offerings.

Our day's celebrations included chanting, requesting the Five Precepts and Three Refuges, offering lunch (dana) to the Sangha and listening to a dhamma talk by Venerable Sayadaw U Pandita; Abbot of

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Dhamma Sukha Manohara Meditation Centre. To conclude we offered the Sangha flowers, gift packs and had a group photo on the Emerald Pavilion.

This was a truly great opportunity to make merit. Offering dana to the Sangha produces extraordinarily good karma which is very difficult to make in our usual daily lives. The karma is purified by the quality of the receiver's moralities as Buddhist monks keep many, many precepts.

Thank you for your wholehearted participation and offerings of food, flowers and gifts for our Sangha.



Photo: Sangha at Founder's Day on 9th September 2012 in the JDH Dhamma Cetiya Meditation Hall.

The Nobbies

On Sunday 30th of September 2012 we visited the Nobbies at Phillip Island, home of the Dragon King.

Anita and Members attending enjoyed a satisfying morning tea and lunch of fish and chips at the Nobbies Centre Cafe with a great view of the Nobbies seagulls and wild waters.

We all had the opportunity to do a Chan painting of the Nobbies and offer flowers and incense. We requested the Dragon King's blessings and protection for our Centre from all natural disasters for the year coming. The weather was sunny and so we had the chance to walk along the gorgeous coast boardwalk.

We request your presence at our next visit scheduled for Tuesday 1st January, the day after our 5 Day Christmas Bhavana Course. May we all visit the Dragon King again and again once for every season. We thank the Dragon King for his ongoing protection and blessings.



Photo: The Nobbies on 30th September 2012.

We thank the Dragon King for his kind help and protection of our centre.

Kinglake Temple Opening Ceremony

On Sunday 23rd September 2012 the Kinglake Bau Sen Buddha Ru Yi Temple conducted an Opening Ceremony for their new residence they have built onsite near the temple. Anita attended as an honoured guest to open the new building.

This Temple was constructed by the Late Master K.S. Lin who was a friend of John Hughes. The current Abbot of the temple is Taiwanese Master Venerable Ming Quang who we know well from our attendance at WFB Conferences.

Thank you to all Members who attended this auspicious ceremony and lunch. This was a great opportunity to meet with the new Abbot and great Master Ming Quang. We wish Kinglake Bau Sen Buddha Ru Yi Temple long life and success in their Buddha Dhamma activities.