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Teaching Program for 2015

The Buddhist Discussion Centre Australia runs weekly Saturday afternoon (2pm – 4pm) Buddha Dhamma classes. The title of the current course is: “Learn to Practise Buddhism. A Do-It-Yourself Approach to Tranquillity”.

New students are most welcome to join the course at any stage. Please phone Simon Kearney on 9754 3334 for more information.

Saturday is Members’ Day. You can join us for ongoing meritorious activities. We have many projects. Currently we are building the pathway around the marble Sakyamuni Buddha image in the Chan garden, building the Chan Wall near the Marble Quan Yin image and helping in whatever is needed at the time.

Buddhist Meditation classes are held on Saturday evening from 8pm.

Our Abbot Anita is teaching Chan Painting every last Saturday of the month. The class fee is \$20. Materials are provided. All are welcome to attend.

Victorian Observation of the United Nations Day of Vesak 2015

On Saturday the 23rd of May, Vesak Day was celebrated at the Melbourne Town Hall.

Vesak is the auspicious full moon day in May on which the Buddha’s birth, enlightenment and passing away is celebrated and commemorated by Buddhist communities across the world.

We congratulate all the Venerable Sangha, Organising Committee Members, volunteers, VIPs, and audience members who participated in the Victorian Observance of the United Nations Day of Vesak. Well done, well done, well done.

We express our heartfelt gratitude for your

Important Dates

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| Every Saturday | Members’ Day 11am - 10pm Meritorious activities and Classes |
| Every Saturday | Essential Buddha Dhamma Teachings 2pm – 4pm. |
| Every Saturday | Buddhist Meditation Class 8pm - 9:30pm |
| Every Sunday | Buddhist Hour live on 3MDR 97.1fm 4pm - 5pm |
| Saturday 13 June | General Meeting 5pm. First Saturday of each month. All welcome to attend. |
| Friday 26 June | Padmasambhava Tsok (Puja) |
| Saturday 27 June | Chan Painting 11am – 12.30pm. Last Saturday each month. |

exemplary effort and contribution to this occasion. We would love to see you next year.

May we all work together many times in the future.

May the merit of the triple gem rain down upon you.

Happy Vesak.

May all beings be well and happy.

We have included a selection of photos of the event below. To view many more photos, please visit www.quangduc.com/p222a31112/vesak-2015, and the Buddhist Discussion Centre facebook page which can be found via our website www.bdcu.org.au.

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Photo: Buddhist Discussion Centre (Upwey) Ltd. member Nicole Moustakas offers rice to the Venerable Sangha during the lunch dana offering at St Peter's Parish Hall.

Photo sourced from the Quang Duc website, www.quangduc.com.



Photo: Many Venerable Sangha participated in the special Vesak procession which travelled from Parliament Gardens, down Collins Street to the Melbourne Town Hall.

Photo sourced from the Quang Duc website, www.quangduc.com.



Photo: There were a number of beautifully decorated floats in the Vesak Procession. This one depicts the Buddha To Be and his mother, Queen Maya, just after his birth.

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Photo: Another of the beautifully decorated floats in



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the Vesak Procession. This one depicts the Shakyamuni Buddha and the Dhammachakra Wheel.

Photo sourced from the Quang Duc website, www.quangduc.com.



Photo: The Venerable Sangha seated on stage at the Melbourne Town Hall for the Official Acknowledgement of the Significance of Vesak and the Sangha Chanting from the various traditions.

Photo sourced from the Quang Duc website, www.quangduc.com.



Photo: Delegates from The Great Stupa for Universal Compassion in Bendigo kindly brought precious relics of Sakyamuni Buddha to the

Melbourne Town Hall.

The relics were carried at the head of the Sangha Procession into the Melbourne Town Hall and offered on the altar for the duration of the Official Acknowledgement of the Significance of Vesak and the Sangha Chanting. For the rest of the event, they were placed on a beautifully decorated table in a designated room of the Hall for veneration, circumambulation and viewing.

Photo by Evelin Martin.



Photo: A new part of the program at this year's event was the Sangha Panel Discussion on response to Modern Day Issues.

The Panel speakers were Venerable Chang Ji Fashi (Sangha Chairperson), Venerable Thich Tinh Dao (Sangha Chairperson), Venerable Sambath Sam and His Eminence Zimwok Rinpoche. The Panel Moderator was Venerable Pannasobhana Thero.

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Vice President Updates

Knowledge Management

The building of the World Buddhist Radio online station is in progress. Our centre purchased a new laptop dedicated to our Internet Buddhist Radio station.

We have many recordings of teachings given by Master John D Hughes, which have not yet been digitised. The quality of the original recordings deteriorates over time, so we hope to be able to digitise more soon. We wish to preserve these precious teachings for at least 500 years. Please see Frank or Evelin if you are interested.

Local Area Planning & Asset Management

The centre will be resuming works on the outdoor Sakyamuni Buddha and Quan Yin Altar. Members are invited to partake in the meritorious activities. For more information, please speak to either Frank or Destin.

Public Relations

Thank you to all Members and Friends of our Centre who helped out with preparations for, and running of, the Victorian United Nations Day of Vesak at the Melbourne Town Hall on 23rd May 2015.

Our Centre has been involved in the organising of this auspicious event in Melbourne since it started in 2008 and every year, under the guidance of our Abbot Anita Carter and President Frank Carter, we have had the opportunity to develop and practise the Five Styles of our Centre: Friendliness, Practicality, Professionalism, Cultural Adaptability and Scholarship.

We look forward to continuing to work closely with

Photo: Many children from a number of Melbourne Temples were involved in the 2015 Vesak United Nations Day of Vesak Musical.

This year's musical was titled 'The Wounded Swan', and told the story of the time when Prince Siddhartha's cousin, Devadatta, shot down a swan with his bow and arrow. Siddhartha rushed to the wounded swan, comforting it with care and compassion. Devadatta demanded Siddhartha hand him the wounded bird, claiming it as a trophy. Siddhartha refused, protecting the swan, dismissing Devadatta with the words "So the Swan stays with the one who saved it, not with the one who tried to destroy it".



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the Buddhist Community in Victoria many times in the future to create precious opportunities to commemorate the Buddha’s birth, enlightenment and passing.



Photo: Abbot Anita Carter and some of our Centre’s volunteers assist with placing the large fibreglass Buddha on the altar at the Melbourne Town Hall, 23rd May 2015. Photo by Claire Ransome.

Fundraising

Many of our Members and Friends braved the cold and rainy weather on Sunday 10th May 2015 to offer their kind assistance at our annual Mother’s Day Flower Stalls. The fundraiser was successful in selling 174 out of 188 bunches of flowers between the two stalls, raising \$988.95 net profit for our Centre and \$110.95 for Dhammarajika Orphanage in Bangladesh.

Sadhu, Sadhu, Sadhu!

Administration

Thank you for being a valued Member of our Centre.

“You are our most precious resource. We exist for you.” said by our Founder John D. Hughes, circa 2002. For over 2500 years, Buddha Dhamma has helped people understand the causes for personal happiness. Buddha Dhamma is relevant, practical and timeless. Our Centre’s aim is to introduce you to these teachings and support you in your study, practice and realisation of the Buddha Dhamma.



Photo: Heather (friend of Sally) and Sally Kelly volunteer at the Stud Road Mothers Day Flower Stall, 2015.

Membership period is from the 1st of July to 30th of June each year. Soon all current Members will receive their yearly ‘Membership Renewal Application Form’. This year for the first time we will be emailing Members a digital renewal form to complete. You will also receive a letter by email highlighting our key events over the last 12 months and an overview of some highlights we have planned for 2015-2016.

If you are interested in becoming a Member of our Centre, please contact us on 03 9754 3334 or pick up a ‘New Membership Application Form’ from our John D. Hughes Dhamma Cetiya Meditation Hall.

Our Annual General Meeting falls on Saturday 15th of August 2015, following this on Sunday 16th of August 2015; we will be having our AGM Grand Social Event. We invite you to email us your fancy venue suggestions for celebrating this grand occasion (wbu@bdcu.org.au).



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Correspondence from Dhammarajika Orphanage in Bangladesh

To
Mr. Frank Carter
Hon'ble President
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Australia.

Dear Mr. Carter,

On the occasion of the Holy Vesak Day (Buddha's Birth, Enlightenment and the attainment of Nibbana), I wish to convey my sincere greetings, best wishes and hearty blessings to you all and the members of Buddhist Discussion Centre. The world of today is seriously in need of peace, harmony and brotherhood which the Buddha preached for and for which Buddhist Discussion Centre and my organization have been relentlessly working.

In my social services apart from my monk life; I have come in touch with many renowned personalities and philanthropists of home and abroad; but we in Dharmarajika still cherish in sweet memory of Most Respected Dr. John D. Hughes who was most favourite friend of both my Master and myself. I always reiterate the friendly and cooperative relations among us.

I am too my glorified to mention here that as the successors; you have also been extending tremendous cooperation's to us and spreading out the teachings of Buddha through your organization. Most Respected John Hughes is no more with us; but his achievement shall remain ever memorable to the future generations.

Before conclusion I once again convey my best wishes and blessings to you and Anita Carter.

I wish you all in great success.

May you be happy and sound health and mind.

May you live long.

With best wishes in Dhamma,

Sanghanayaka Suddhananda Mahathero
President, Dharmarajika Orphanage
And

Lord Abbot, Dharmarajika Buddhist Monastery
Atisha Dipankar Sarak, Sabujbag, Dhaka-1214,
Bangladesh.

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Photo: Some of the Members and Friends of our Centre who helped out at the Victorian United Nations Day of Vesak at the Melbourne Town Hall, 23rd May 2015.

(L-R) Sally Kelly, Claire Ransome, Tania Lentini, Zari Rouhi, Ashley Robinson, Abbot Anita Carter, Simon Kearney, Leonie Scott, Destin Nguyen, Herro Salim, Frank Carter (President of our Centre and the Victorian United Nations Day of Vesak Inc).