

Brooking Street Bulletin

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Anita's Abbot's Report

Well done to all!

Firstly, our number one priority, the construction of the new John D. Hughes Dhamma Cetiya Meditation Hall and Library, is progressing very well and safely. Our Centre is being well looked after by us all and we have maintained good results from our fundraising projects.

Friends and members continue to make great causes for their good health and happiness. Thank you all!

Meditation Hall & Library Construction

Steve the plumber began roofing the new meditation hall and has completed approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of the work.

Frank, David, Alec, Julian, Andrew Pilskalns and Leonie Scott worked over a few days to finish off the metal strapping.

Alec and friend Andrew Stapleton dug the stump hole for the roof pillar.

George will donate the treated pine needed to fit the cement sheet skirting around the base of the building for fire protection.

We will commence fitting the sialation to the walls on Saturday the 3rd of June.

Frank and Anita's New Room

Frank and Anita have moved into their new room, the "Amber" room, in the main house area. Temporarily they have been staying in caravan located at the premises. Anita exclaimed, "This is the first time in years I've had my own room!" Thank you to everyone who helped in the moving effort.

The caravan Frank purchased as a temporary home can now be sold. Frank will offer some funds from this sale to purchase materials for the new hall. Help is needed for Saturday 3 June to prepare the caravan for sale.

Important Dates

Every Sat	Abhidhamma Classes 1.30 pm
Every Sat	Meditation Instruction 7.30 pm by Anita Carter
2 June	Buddhist Hour Broadcast 97.1 FM @ 11 - 12 PM
9 - 13 June	Bhavana Course
12 June	Vajrasattva Puja
24 June	General Meeting & Working Bee

Melba gives \$4,000 towards the new Hall

Founding member and Chan Teacher Melba Nielsen has donated \$4,000 towards to cost of the new roof for the John D. Hughes Dhamma Cetiya Meditation Hall and Library. This donation covers nearly 2/3 of the cost of the entire roof. We sincerely thank Melba for her generosity. Sadhu Sadhu Sadhu.

1,000 Buddhas Offering Update

On the 26th of May, Toby Knox emailed us a draft of the 1000 Buddhas Offering brochure which we will check and edit over the next few days. The design is very professional and beautiful. If you are interested in seeing the new draft brochure, email us at chanacademy@bdcu.org.au with "1000 Buddhas" as the subject heading.

Camberwell Market Stall

The past two weeks sales at our market stall have been excellent largely due to donations of goods for sale from Leonie Scott, Helen, and relatives of Frank. Profit including raffle ticket sales was \$391 and \$322 for those weekends.

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Second hand goods are needed to help generate income for the Centre. Please see Frank or call him on 0408 303 550.

World Buddhist Radio

Two new program segments can be heard on the World Buddhist Radio: Buddhist Hour #423 and Venerable Sambath Sam's Dhamma talk. Alec has redesigned the homepage with Joomla! Content Management Software. The site is accesible at www.worldbuddhistradio.org. Please tune in!

Renewed Insurance Policy

The Buddhist Discussion Centre (Upwey) Ltd's insurance policy has been renewed and includes \$10,000,000 public liability and \$555,000 building and contents values. The cost is now \$8,269 per year.

Offerings to the Centre

Members John and Donna Taylor offered a new wood splitter to the Centre as Dana. This is a timely offering as the wood-heater has been going day and night. John also fixed workstation 1 in the Sariputta room, which had been damaged some weeks ago. Thank you for your help!

Chan Painting Classes

Melba teaches Chan Painting on Sundays at 6 Bartley Road. Teachings are by appointment so you must call 9754 1307 in advance.

Tuesday Night Teachings

Members are encouraged to bring suitable offerings such as flowers, both for the altar and as offerings to the Venerable Monks.

Firewood Dana

A boot and trailer full of firewood was donated to the Centre by Yun Yang Temple in Narre Warren. Anita, Frank, John and Alec went on Sunday the 28th of May to prepare and collect the firewood. Later that

evening, with the help of Cameron, Max and Joel, the firewood was placed into the wood pile at the Centre. Thank you Yun Yang Temple and thank you to our volunteers.

Buddha's Day and Multicultrual Celebration

The official opening of 11th annual Buddha's Day and Multicultural Celebration was held in Federation Square on 21 May 2006. Hosted by Fo Guang Shan and Buddha's Light International Association of Victoria the event was attended by Venerable Sangha, Members of State and Federal Parliament, the Lord Mayor of Melbourne and many other VIP's. Our centre was represented by Julian Bamford and Alec Sloman. The event was a great blessing to the

City of Melbourne. We thank Fo Guang Shang and BLIAV for organising this wonderful and well supported event.

Dhamma Talk by Venerable Yifa



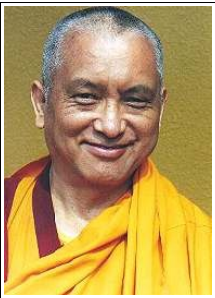
Venerable Yifa, a Buddhist Nun of the Fo Guang Shan Order since 1979, will be giving a Dhamma talk on Buddhist Ethics in the Modern World. The talk takes place on Monday the 8th June at 6.30 pm, Monash Conference Centre, Level 7 Collins Street, Melbourne VIC 3000. Venerable Yifa is an accomplished scholar and has been awarded an Outstanding Young Person's Award in Taiawn and an Outstanding Women in Buddhism Award. Bookings are essential. Please contact dominique@bliav.org.au for tickets.

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Lama Zopa Rinpoche in Victoria



Lama Zopa Rinpoche will be teaching at Tara Institute on 2 June, 7.30pm to 10pm; 3 June, 7.30pm to 10pm and will be visiting the Atisha Centre and the Great Stupa of Universal Compassion in Bendigo on 4 June. For details call 03 5442 3200.

The John D. Hughes Dhamma Cetiya



The John D. Hughes Dhamma Cetiya
as of 30/05/06



Venerable Sangha at the Centre on Versak Day
13/05/06



Buddha's Day and Multicultural Festival
Federation Square, Melbourne 21/05/06