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Abbot's Report

I would like to see each member on a weekly basis. Please come to the Tuesday Night teachings, Saturday activities, Saturday evening meditation teachings, or our monthly General Meeting. I am available at all of these activities. I love you all and I'd like to see you.

~Anita Carter

Satuday Evening Meditation Teachings

Abbot Anita Carter teaches Buddha Dhamma meditation every Saturday night from 7.30 pm. All members and friends are encouraged to attend. The evening includes a guided meditation on one of the 40 topics taught by the Buddha, followed by a discussion and question and answer session.

Marvellous Mothers Website Launched

On Sunday 4 June we launched a new website www.marvellousmothers.org. The website is an offering to Mayadevi, mother of Buddha Shakayamuni. The site celebrates the great kindness of all our mothers in giving us this precious human birth. The site will present photos and a short story of each of our mothers. It is for all our Members' mothers, for our Members and friends who are mothers, and for their mothers.

Chan Painting Classes

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

Important Dates	
Every Sat	Abhidhamma Classes 1.30 pm
Every Sat	Meditation Instruction 7.30 pm by Anita Carter
Every Tuesday	Tuesday Night Teachings 7.30pm
16 June	Buddhist Hour Broadcast 97.1 FM @ 9 - 10 PM
9 - 13 June	Bhavana Course
12 June	Vajrasattva Puja
24 June	General Meeting & Working Bee

Meditation Hall & Library Construction

The sizalation was completed on Saturday 3rd of June by many members and friends.

Steve the plumber completed the roof on Monday 5th of June.

George, David, Adam, Frank, Julian and Alec all had a hand in putting up the first of the weatherboards on Saturday 11th June. Adam and David did more work on the following Sunday and Monday.

1,000 Buddhas Offering Update

A quote was obtained from Inkifungus Printers for the printing of A5 sized glossy flyers at \$380 for 500 and \$480 for 1,000. The artwork will be emailed to them on Tuesday 13th June.

Camberwell Market Stall

Second hand goods are needed to help generate income for the Centre. Do you have friends or relatives who may have goods they would be happy to donate to our stall? Please see Frank or call him on 0408 303 550.

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World Buddhist Radio

The World Buddhist Radio is going forward with new program segments such as "Sutta Readings". The new segment includes readings from the Pali Cannon by monks, nuns and laypersons. Most recently added is Adittapariyaya Sutta, The Fire Discourse, read by Bhante Henepola Gunaratana. Thank you to John Bullitt for permission to air. To tune in go to www.worldbuddhistradio.org.

Venerable Sangha Visit the Centre

Venerable Aloka and Venerable Dhammavasa of Kabaraye Buddhist Monastery, Noble Park, visited the Centre on Saturday the 10th of June to receive Dana and give a Dhamma talk.

We thank Venerable Aloka for supporting our Temple through his regular visits to the Centre and by his help and blessings for our Tuesday evening Teachings at the DRCCC.

New Time For Our Buddhst Hour Broadcast

Leonie, John, Donna, Anita, Frank and Pennie all tuned in to Friday the 2nd of June Buddhist Hour Broadcast. Presented by Julian and Produced by Alec the braodcast was in our new format which includes Chinese Buddhist chanting from Fo Gaung Shan BLIA, and Buddhist News covering what's happening at our Centre and some other Buddhist temples in Victoria and interstate.

Mountain District Radio has kindly offered us a new time for our broadcast which is every Friday evening from 9.00pm to 10.00pm. (instead of 11.00 start) Please tune in on 97.1FM and join us for chanting!

Tuesday Night Teachings

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

We have requested Venerable Dhammavihari, an eminent Sri Lankan Buddhist Monk, to attend one of our Tuesday Night Teachings during his upcoming visit to Melbourne.

Venerable is 90 years old and has been a teaching professor at Buddhist Universities in Sri Lanka for over 50 years. He will be in Melbourne from the 18 June until the 28 June and we will advise whether he will be able to accept our invitation.

Tibetan Buddhist Rime Insitute

Khentrul Rinpoche of the Tibetan Buddhist Rime Institute at 2 Silkwood Way, Rowville, will be teaching a 5 week course on the Purification of Negative Karma.

The course starts on Sunday the 11th of June at 3.00 pm, and continues on each Wednesday from 7.30 to 9.00 pm for five weeks.

Please contact Julie O'Donnell (03) 9755 7337.

From the flyer:

"The experience of happiness is hard to attain, dissatisfaction comes spontaneously because of our negative karma created in the past so we need purification. The most unique and powerful purification is Vajrasattva purification, this practice is a foundation of Kalachakra tantra. Kalachakra tantra is an uncommon Vajrayana Buddhist teaching."

May you be well and happy!