

# BROOKING STREET BULLETIN

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## ABBOT'S REPORT

I bow to the Triple Gem and to Venerable Peo Liv, Venerable Wimalananda and Venerable Aloka. Thank you for coming to our Tuesday Night Teachings and for guiding and protecting us.

The 1<sup>st</sup> of August 2006 was the final Tuesday Night Teaching for this year. The teaching closed with much gratitude to the Venerable Sangha members and the students who attended. We are planning to run the next course from February 2007 to May 2007. We will advertise in our local newspaper, at the DRCCC and on our websites.

Saturdays have been very successful with many members attending to make merit and learn. In particular the Saturday Night Meditations guided in the John D. Hughes's technique have benefited students in progressing their Buddha Dhamma practice. I encourage all members to attend. The current meditation topic is 'Building Triple Gem Refuge.'

On Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> August **we will not have** a 7:30pm meditation session. It will be held instead on Saturday morning at 10:30am. All other Saturday meditations will be at 8pm. I love you all and delight in seeing you soon. ~ Anita Carter

## MEMBERS BUILD OUR NEW MEDITATION HALL AND LIBRARY

All are invited to take part in this rare building project. We build every Saturday and Tuesdays so please come along. Lunch & refreshments are provided.

## IMPORTANT DATES

SATURDAY 26 AUGUST	MEDITATION INSTRUCTION BY ANITA CARTER 10:30AM (ONCE ONLY)
SATURDAY 2 SEPTEMBER	MEDITATION INSTRUCTION BY ANITA CARTER 8:00PM
SATURDAY 2 SEPTEMBER	APPLIED BUDDHISM AND ABHIDHAMMA CLASSES WITH DR. THEL THONG 5.45 PM
7 TO 11 SEPTEMBER	BHAVANA COURSE "WHAT THE BUDDHA SAID"
SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER	FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATION 10AM TO 9:30PM DANA TO SANGHA 11AM
SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER (TENTATIVE)	UPWEY SPRING FETE 11AM-3PM

## FUNDRAISING

Our raffle was drawn on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2006 by Alec Sloman. The winners were:

1<sup>st</sup> prize – ticket 0995 won by Claire Drylie, \$500 worth of plants

2<sup>nd</sup> prize-ticket 0498 won by Jyne Moore, Weber Barbeque.

682 tickets were sold with a profit of \$1364 from this raffle.

The next raffle is our spring raffle with 1<sup>st</sup> prize being \$500 of plants and 2<sup>nd</sup> prize being \$150 of plants. This raffle will be drawn on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November 2006.

## MONTHLY GENERAL MEETINGS

Our next General Meeting is scheduled for Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> of August 2006 at 5:30pm. All members are encouraged to attend.

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2006

Our Annual General Meeting was a grand celebratory event. Congratulations to all our members for a great year.

Our fundraising amount increased to \$20,063 after costs compared to \$13,532 last year. We started the building of our new hall, first proposed by John D. Hughes in 1986. Our balance sheet as of June 2006 showed a surplus of \$2,514.08 for the year.

The management team elected at the AGM are:

Director – Anita Carter  
Director – Lainie Smallwood  
Director – Evelin Halls  
President- Julian Bamford  
Secretary – Anita Carter  
Treasurer – Lainie Smallwood  
Vice-President LAPAM – Frank Carter  
Vice President IDA – Anita Carter  
Vice-President CGR – Evelin Halls  
Junior Vice-President – Alec Sloman  
Librarian – Anita Carter  
Chan Teacher – Melba Neilson  
Executive Producer Buddhist Hour: Julian Bamford  
Producer Buddhist Hour: Alec Sloman  
Editor BDDR: Pennie White  
Editor Brooking Street Bugle: Julian Bamford  
Editor Brooking Street Bulletin: Alec Sloman  
Joint Manager OH&S: Frank Carter  
Joint Manager OH&S: Anita Carter  
IT Support Manager: Vladimir Karnovnic

Anita Carter  
Director and Secretary

## WORLD BUDDHIST RADIO

There have been some very special additions to the World Buddhist Radio program rotation, among them being Buddhist Music and Chanting programs with

tracks from the Fo Guang Shan Buddhist Monastic Choir's 10<sup>th</sup> album. We give our special thanks to Venerable Master Hsing Yun and Venerable Chueh Men of Fo Guang Shan in Taiwan for granting us permission to use these recordings.

## THE BROOKING STREET BULLETIN ONLINE

The news website of the Buddhist Discussion Centre (Upwey) Ltd. has moved to a new address. The site can now be found at [www.bsbonline.com.au/bulletin](http://www.bsbonline.com.au/bulletin).

## APPLIED BUDDHISM AND ABHIDHAMMA WITH DR. THEL THONG

Buddha Dhamma classes led by Dr. Thel Thong have been going very well, with recent topics of discussion being the nature of faith from the Buddhist perspective.

The next class, to be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2006, will include a recorded Dhamma talk by Venerable Nyanadhammo about Buddhist perspectives on psychic phenomena.

We encourage members and friends alike to come along.

## SUMI-E CLASSES WITH MASTER ANDRE SOLLIER

Classes are currently on hold as Master Andre Sollier has been unwell. We wish Master Sollier a speedy recovery. If you would like to know when the classes resume, please telephone Julian Bamford on 0400 267 330 or our Centre during office hours on 9754 3334.

## FIVE-DAY BHAVANA COURSE

The next Five-Day Bhavana (meditation) course is scheduled to commence on Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> of September at 11am and close at 9.30pm on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September. The Program is as follows:

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11am -5pm Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2006  
11am -5pm Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2006  
11am -5pm Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2006  
11am -5pm Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2006  
9 am -9:30pm Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2006

Evelin Halls and Frank Carter will run the course. The course will contain study of a sutra by the Buddha and meditation practice.

## UPWEY SPRING FETE

We have tentatively booked the DRCCC to run our first ever fete on Saturday 11th November 2006. All members and friends are called to help run stalls. the stalls so far are: jumping castle, face painting, international food, crafts, plants, white elephant stall, cake stall and lucky dip. The stalls we run will depend on the number of persons we have to manage them. Please put in writing to Anita the stalls you can help with. We need supplies for each stall and persons to run the stalls on the day.

## FOUNDER'S DAY 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2006

All members please attend our Founder's Day Celebration. We need male drivers for transporting monks and female drivers for transporting nuns. Please see Anita Carter if you are able to help.

The program for the day is:

6:00 am – chanting and meditation  
7:00 am – breakfast  
8:00 am – members leave to collect Monks and Nuns  
9:30 am – Monks and Nuns arrive  
10:00 am – welcome speech  
10:15 – guest speakers  
11:00 am – offering of dana to Venerable Sangha  
12:00 midday – Blessing and Dhamma talk by Sangha members  
1:00 pm – tour of our centre for Venerable Sangha

1:00 pm – members and friends and guests eat lunch  
2:00 pm – chanting and circumambulation of stupa and group photo  
3:00 pm – rest and refreshments  
4:00 pm – merit making activities  
5:45 pm – Applied Buddhism and Abhidhamma teaching with Dr. Thel Thong  
7:00 pm – dinner  
8:00 pm – meditation led by Anita Carter

## CHANGE OF PRESIDENT

On the 21<sup>st</sup> of August 2006, we received notification from Julian Bamford that he would be resigning from the position of President of the Buddhist Discussion Centre (Upwey) Ltd.

Evelin Halls has been nominated for election as the new President. We will be voting on her election at the next general meeting to take place on 26<sup>th</sup> of August 5:30 pm. Please attend this meeting to support our new President nominee.

We express our deep gratitude and respect to Julian for his great work as President during the past 5 years. This was a period when we faced many difficulties such as the passing away of our Founder John D. Hughes. Having Julian as our President throughout this period greatly supported the stability and development of our Centre.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 5/08/06 PHOTO TAKEN BY ALEC SLOMAN