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ABBOT'S REPORT

Sadhu, Sadhu, Sadhu to the wonderful celebration of Founder's Day. Thank you to Venerable Aloka, Venerable Bodhiwonisa, and the two Venerables from Wat Dhammarangsee in Forest Hill.

6 a.m. chanting started the day with sharing of merits and metta with all beings. Dana was offered at 11 o'clock to the Venerable Sangha by many members and friends, including Jan, John, Evelin, Frank, Anita, Peter, Leonie, Donna, Lainie, Toby, Jocelyn, Alec, David Halls, David Ley, Adam and Kate.

Walking meditation led by the monks circumambulating the Stupa closed our ceremony.

Our next Bhavana course will be from 27 December to 31 December, conducted by Frank Carter and Evelin Halls. The topic studied during the course will be to learn how to preserve information so we can meet the Buddha Dhamma again in the future.

Accreditation for my nursing home was completed this week giving me much more time to see you all. I love you all very much.

~Anita Carter

MEMBERS BUILD OUR NEW MEDITATION HALL AND LIBRARY

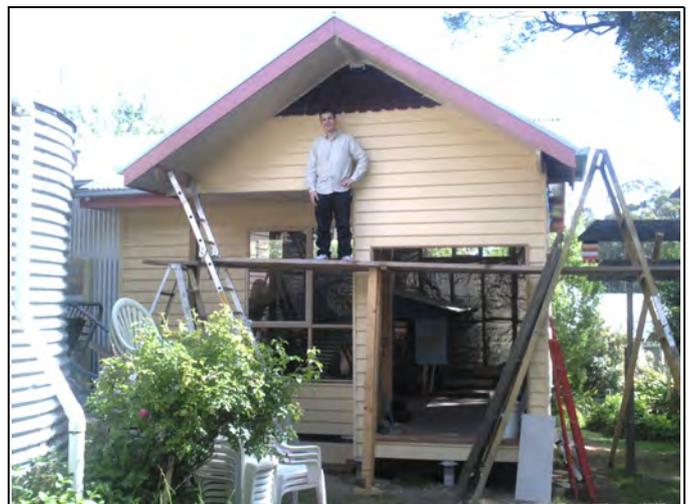
Much progress has been made on the construction of our new John D. Hughes Dhamma Cetiya Meditation Hall and Library.

The cement sheet skirting has been completed and most of the weatherboards have been fitted. A great deal of puttying, sanding and painting has been done by many of our members. We are now obtaining quotes from 2 electricians with the expectation the electrician will do the first stage of the work in the next couple of weeks. After the insulation and plaster have been fitted the electrician will come back to complete the job. We have to choose three doors and fit them to bring the building to lockup.

IMPORTANT DATES

TUESDAYS AND SATURDAYS	BUILDING OF THE NEW MEDITATION HALL
SATURDAY EVENINGS	MEDITATION GUIDED BY ANITA CARTER
14 OCTOBER	ABHIDHAMMA CLASS WITH DR THEL 5.45
21 OCTOBER	SUMI-E CLASS WITH MASTER ANDRE SOLIER
28 OCTOBER	GENERAL MEETING 5.30PM
11/12 NOVEMBER	BUDDHIST SPRING FESTIVAL IN YUROKE
3 DECEMBER	SAUSAGE SIZZLE AT BUNNINGS
27 TO 31 DECEMBER	5 DAY BHAVANA COURSE
30 DECEMBER	GENERAL MEETING

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



9 OCTOBER 2006, ALEC SLOMAN POSES IN FRONT OF THE NEW JOHN D. HUGHES DHAMMA CETIYA MEDITATION HALL AND LIBRARY.

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WORLD BUDDHIST RADIO

The World Buddhist Radio has seen many improvements and additions, among them being a Dhamma talk by Venerable Nyanadhammo called “Buddhism and Psychic Phenomena” in which he recounts, among other things, his incredible encounter with a King Cobra.

Other programs include Buddhist Hour Radio programs 442 – 448 which discuss the Perfection of Wisdom. Also, a new feature, the “Coming Up” page, is now fully functional. This page allows listeners to view the next twenty items to be played on the World Buddhist Radio which is an important addition to improve the website.

Finally, to speak of the popularity of the station, a new record has been set for concurrent listeners, 6! This is a hopeful sign that the World Buddhist Radio is becoming more popular and is reaching more people. Also, when “Buddhist Radio” was searched on Yahoo, the World Buddhist Radio comes up in 9th place, which is an improvement from a previous result which was in the 40's. All in all, things are going well.

BUDDHIST HOUR RADIO BROADCAST

We welcome Mr Frank Carter as the new Executive Producer for the Buddhist Hour Radio Broadcast. Sadhu, sadhu, sadhu. We would also like to warmly thank Mr Julian Bamford for the time and dedication given by him as Executive Producer. Julian will still attend the Buddhist Hour broadcast as a reader as his time schedule allows.

OFFERINGS

Evelin has kindly offered to teach new Members how to do offerings correctly on our altars. There are many additional benefits for oneself and others by doing offerings in the way she will demonstrate.

BUDDHIST FESTIVAL IN YUROKE

Every year, the Tibetan Buddhist Society runs a Buddhist Festival in Yuroke. It is a big event and this year we will conduct a stall to invite people to support the building of our new Meditation Hall and Library by sponsoring the installation of the 1000 Buddha images.

We will also make merit by selling knitted slippers and meditation stools. Lainie's mum will write instructions of how to knit the slippers which are likely to be popular sellers. Please contact Lainie if you can help knit these slippers.

George Costas will help by making some more meditation stools for us to sell. Leonie has prepared a roster of Members who will help us on the two days by promoting our various projects at the stall.

All members and friends are encouraged to come to Yuroke to support our stall and to visit this colourful and interesting Buddhist Festival.

FUEL REDUCTION

As the fire season approaches, a fire fuel reduction program will be undertaken at our Centre particularly on Saturdays over the next few months. Fire Fighter Training Drills will be held for Members to become familiar with our fire fighting equipment and plan. Notification of these events will be given at the next General Meeting by OH & S Manager Frank Carter.

APPLIED BUDDHISM AND ABHIDHAMMA WITH DR. THEL THONG

Dhamma classes led by Dr. Thel Thong have been going very well, with recent topics of discussion being the Mangala Sutta, Parabhava Sutta and Alavaka Sutta. The next class will to be held on 14th October 2006 at 5.45pm. We encourage members and friends alike to come along to develop further their understanding of Buddhist practice.

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TUESDAY NIGHT TEACHINGS AT THE DRCCC 2007

We will continue the Tuesday Night Buddha Dhamma Teachings at the DRCCC in February 2007. Date to be announced.

MONTHLY GENERAL MEETINGS

Our next General Meeting is scheduled for Saturday the 28th of October 2006 at 5:30pm. All members are encouraged to attend. We require a quorum of 7 members to conduct a general meeting.

BODHI CARE NURSING HOME

We continue our work on planning for the Bodhi Care Nursing Home. We thank Mr Peter Boswell who will visit Mr Salim Lee in Perth to discuss this further. Mr Lee has already built a Buddhist Nursing home in Perth. He is a student of Geshe Michael Roach and is happy to give us information on how to build a Buddhist Nursing Home - a very meritorious project!

There is currently no Buddhist nursing home in Victoria; we are determined to build one, so that we can offer the care needed for elderly Buddhist persons and help them to good rebirth.

UPWEY FETE IN 2007

The planned fete has been rescheduled until 2007, as we need enough persons to help us with the preparation for the fete as well as persons that can be available on the day. All members and friends are called to help. We are planning to have the following activities: jumping castle, face painting, international food, crafts, plants, white elephant stall, childrens art competition, 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.

MEMBER'S NEWS

Member Alec Sloman recently turned 20 years old. His 20th birthday was celebrated by Members and Friends at Taco Bill's in Boronia.

Alec will be leaving for Seattle, Washington on December the 8th 2006. Alec will seek out a monastery to take ordination as a Buddhist monk. Among the possibilities are: Hsi Lai Monastery in Los Angeles, California; Diamond Mountain University in Bowie, Arizona; Saravasti Abbey in Newport, Washington.

A going away party will be scheduled sometime in November.

OFFERING OF SHAWLS FOR THAI MONKS

The Venerable Phra Income who many of our Members met when he visited the Wat Thai Nakorn Temple in Elgar Road, Box Hill earlier this year, mentioned that it gets very cold in Northern Thailand and that the Monks needed warm shawls to wear.

Frank Carter has purchased 25 suitable shawls in brown color which were discounted by more than 50% to \$9.95 each from a Home gift store at Knox City shopping centre. Members and Friends can contribute to this purchase and the cost of postage of the shawls to Venerable Income as an offering to the monks. If you wish to take this opportunity to offer dana and to make merit please see Frank.

The shawls will be offered to Venerable Income when he visits the Melbourne Thai Buddhist Temple, Box Hill in the next 2 weeks.

