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ABBOT'S REPORT

Dear Everyone

We are coming to the end of 2009. The recent Katina ceremonies and the Pujas conducted here at the Centre have made vast amounts of merit for us all. Well done to everyone. We are in the midst of sorting through about 10 years of office filing - it is a tedious job. Our goal is to preserve our resources for future generations. Ultimately we wish to continue the causes made so that our Centre lasts for at least the next 500 years and continues to operate according to its objectives...

Therefore we do not want to make any causes that go against these two major goals.

Processes to be followed when sorting items:

- a) Take refuge in Buddha Dhamma Sangha and state " May I not make any actions that go against the objectives of the Centre or against the major goals of the Centre.
- b) Request the Buddha Dhamma Devas and Devattas of filing to assist you.
- c) Decide where you will dedicate the merit you make - ultimately to help you wake up
- d) Class the item into five categories:
 1. File the item for future use - make it easy for future generations to retrieve
 2. Archive the item for future long term use or as a back up - make it easy for future generations to retrieve
 3. Give away to our members any superfluous Buddha Dhamma materials
 4. Keep aside Dhamma items (to the rotorium if not needed or superfluous) - The Abbot to check
 5. Keep aside any unwanted items that are non-Dhamma items into the rubbish - The Abbot needs to check before it is thrown out

This is the current method used to sort through items. If anyone has anytime available, please

IMPORTANT DATES

SATURDAY WEEKLY	MEMBERS' DAY BUDDHA DHAMMA FOR EVERYDAY LIFE CLASS, 11:00AM
SATURDAY EVENINGS	BUDDHA DHAMMA MEDITATION TEACHING BY VENERABLE SANGHA OR GUIDED BY ANITA CARTER, 8.00PM
SUNDAY WEEKLY	BUDDHIST HOUR RADIO, 4:00-5:00PM
21 AND 28 NOVEMBER	CHAN CLASS TAUGHT BY MELBA NIELSEN, 10.00AM
28 NOVEMBER	GENERAL MEETING, 2:00PM
29 NOVEMBER	JOHN D HUGHES DEATH ANNIVERSARY
5 DECEMBER	WORLD PARLIAMENT OF RELIGIONS - DAILY WALKING MEDITATION 7:30AM
6 DECEMBER	CAMBERWELL MARKET STALL
12 DECEMBER	SUMI-E CLASS, 2:00-4:00PM (SECOND SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH)
19 DECEMBER	CHAN CLASS TAUGHT BY MELBA NIELSEN, 9:30AM
19 DECEMBER	LONG-LIFE CHRISTMAS DINNER
26 DECEMBER	GENERAL MEETING, 2:00PM
27-31 DECEMBER	FIVE DAY BHAVANA COURSE AND PUJA
31 DECEMBER	NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

come and help us. This is good kamma to be made to help you look after yourself.

Also please be aware of our Bhavana course starting 10:00am on 27 December 2009 to 1:00am 1 January 2009 will be on The Diamond Cutter Sutra and Abhidhamma. Here is another way of looking after yourself - please come. Anyone wishing to stay here during the course is welcome - speak to Frank or myself.

I love you all. May you be well and happy and really take care of yourselves.

With Metta,

Anita Carter

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF JOHN D. HUGHES'S DEATH ANNIVERSARY

On Sunday 29th November 2009 is the death anniversary of our Founder Master John D. Hughes. All members are requested to attend a Puja to be held to honour his work for the Buddha Sasene. Commencing 10:30am and finishing 1:00pm.

WORLD PARLIAMENT OF RELIGIONS

The WPR commences on Wednesday 2 December at Jeff's Shed in Melbourne and concludes on Wednesday 9 December. The Buddhist Discussion Centre (Upwey) Ltd. Has been invited to lead the Daily Walking Meditation on Saturday 5 December at 7:30am. The meditation is conducted in Bateman Ave past Spenser St, Melbourne next to the Yarra River opposite Crown Casino. Please join us in this great event led by Anita. Our regular Saturday morning meditation class will be held at the Centre at 11am.

PUJAS

Three Puja Ceremonies were conducted at our centre recently. Two Pujas were conducted on Cup Day and one at the Prajna Paramitta class on Wednesday the 4th of November. The first two Pujas were The Medicine Buddha Puja and the Pure Land Puja and the final one was the Prajna Paramitta Puja.

Pujas are a Buddhist form of practice which make powerful causes in a particular area which is very important for our health, progress in our practice and well being. We schedule four Puja Days per year which are on the public holidays of Australia Day, Cup Day, Labour Day and the Queens Birthday. This is a great opportunity to make merit needed for our lives and our improvement so please pencil in some of these days on your calendars as Puja Days for yourself.

We also intend to run one Puja over the Christmas Bhavana course this year. The course this year will be the Diamond Cutter Sutra by Geshe Michael Roach as it is such a profound Blessing to focus on that Teaching for an extended period of time. Please plan to attend this course.

VENERABLE BHANTE KASSAPA'S VISIT

On the Wednesday the 14 October 2009 Venerable Bhante Kassapa, Patron of the Buddhist Discussion Centre (Upwey) Ltd came to the centre to give a short Dhamma talk. John Hughes' daughters Rani and Jocelyn Hughes attended for the visit as well as six of our Members.

When Dana was being offered Venerable Kassapa explained that it was important to make our offering to the whole of the Buddha's monks past, present and future which is known as the Maha Sangha, rather than make the offering just to the single monk who is actually present. The Monk can then accept the offering as a representative of the entire Buddhist Sangha. The merit of making the offering in this traditional way is far greater.

Once the offering was completed Bhante performed a Puja ceremony to share the merits with the ancestors of those present and any persons who were afflicted with sickness. A list of names of ancestors who had passed away or relatives and friends who were ill was made and then read out aloud and the merits were shared for them to be well and happy.

Bhante Kassapa then offered a short Dharma talk that was to be the concluding part to the talk presented by him at the Centre when he had visited the week before. This was also recorded and the full talk will be edited and then transcribed for free distribution and loading onto the Internet.

Members were fortunate to be able to help Bhante with several things he needed to be done before his flight back to Sri Lanka which was scheduled for

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around midnight that evening. Bhante Kassapa expressing his deep gratitude for Master John D Hughes who he explained had been a great support to him in the early 1990's when he first arrived in Australia.

KATINA CEREMONIES

Members were most fortunate to attend two Katina Ceremonies on Sunday 1st November being conducted by two temples with which we have a close connection.

The first Katina was held at Dhamma Sukha Temple and was attended by Adam Richards and Tanya Poynton along with about 100 other laypersons. Venerable Pandita had returned from his trip to Burma and he was accompanied by another Burmese Monk who is staying with him at Dhamma Sukha Temple.

The other event was held at Box Hill Town Hall and there were about 1000 laypersons and approximately 12 Thai Buddhist Monks and one Nun participating. The presiding Abbot was Venerable Boonsom from Wat Thai Nakorn 489 Elgar Road Box Hill and some of the other monks were visiting Australia from Thailand for the occasion of the Katina.

Anita, Frank, Jakki, Simon, Ashley, Kate Herro, Sue and Katie all attended this fabulous event. The merit of offering robes to a Buddhist monk is one of the most powerful merit making activity for laypersons to accomplish. Well done to you all.

The next day many of the Monks and the Nun who were present at the Katina came to our Temple and performed chanting to bless our hall and our surrounds to help and support our Dhamma activities.

The Merits of this Puja are dedicated to Master John D. Hughes in his current birth.



MONKS, NUNS AND LAYPERSON VISITORS TO OUR CENTRE THE DAY AFTER THE KATINA CEREMONY

WEBSITE UPDATES

Our Buyresolved website has been updated. The original aims for this site as written by Master John D. Hughes have been maintained. These are quoted on the website at www.buyresolved.com.au.

“The two aims of this website are to provide information on the Chan Academy* and on the Geology Museum program. This website presents the Chan Academy*, which has become a Centre of Excellence of international standard for Chan.

We host online Chan and Sumi-e exhibitions and provide current information about events at the Chan Academy*. We plan to make Chan paintings by Master John D. Hughes available for sale via this website in the future. We provide a private online Geology Museum program based on sound Buddhist principles.”

Also, the website now reflects that at present the museum it is a private online museum only. You can view the history and archived documents of the museum by clicking on the link titled “Geological Museum”, or by going to

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<http://www.buyresolved.com.au/museum/index.html>

A photograph showing the Chan Altar at the Chan Painting Exhibition by the Chan Academy* on 7 June 2009 was added to the Buyresolved home page. This website has the capacity to be set up for our future Chan Painting sales as planned and remains a work in progress. May we continue the vision and work of our Master John Hughes.

DHAMMARAJIKA ORPHANAGE DONATIONS

We have recently done collections from the Dhammarajika Orphanage donation boxes at the four Ishka stores where they are placed. The collections we made were as follows: Highpoint \$216.50 Chadstone \$284.30 Richmond \$62.25 Fitzroy \$19.50. The total of \$582.55 has been transferred to the orphanage in Bangladesh by direct money transfer. Thank you to Peter Marshall and Lainie Smallwood for doing these collections.

BUNNING SAUSAGE SIZZLE

We raised a profit of \$1584 at the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on 15 November 2009. Thank you to all the Members and friends for your effective team work that helped raise funds that enable the Buddhist Discussion Centre Australia to continue in a financially secure position heading into the new year. Well Done!

CAMBERWELL MARKET

We raised a profit of \$270.75 at the Camberwell Market on 4 October 2009. Thank you to Frank Carter, Sue Goodes, David Ley and Adam Richards. The next market stall will be held on 6 December 2009. We encourage anyone who is interested to please come along and help. We recently had a donation of a large volume of suitable items from a deceased estate for the market.

AIR-CONDITIONER FUNDRAISER

Melba has begun a fundraiser for an air-conditioner for our recently relocated office. She has donated \$200 of her own money and is inviting the contribution of others.

Dana givers will receive a Chan Exhibition print card for donations over \$10 (see image on this page for an example). Over \$50 will receive a small mounted original Chan painting of their choice. Please contact Melba to make your donation. Or leave it in the dana box marked 'Air conditioner' fund.



RED OWL PAINTING BY MELBA

MEMBERS' NEWS

Melba is doing well after having an operation to have a pace maker. Melba will play a new role as social secretary. Melba thanks Anita, Frank, Simon

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and Pennie for their care during this time.