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Annual General Meeting

On Saturday 9th August 2014, the 33rd Saturday of the year, our Centre celebrated its 36th Annual General Meeting starting at 2.00pm.

Our President and Vice Presidents gave their reports to the meeting using PowerPoint presentations which enabled us to view photos of the many great highlights of the past year and learn about the Centre's plans for the next 12 months. At the end of the meeting we sang happy birthday to our Centre and ate a pink cake generously baked by our loving Abbot and teacher, Anita.

The following persons were elected as office bearers of the Buddhist Discussion Centre (Upwey) Ltd for the period 9 August 2014 to 15 August 2015:

President: Frank Carter
Secretary: Anita Carter
Treasurer: Frank Carter

Directors: Anita Carter, Frank Carter, Peter Marshall, Evelin Martin, Adam Richards.

Teaching Program Manager: Anita Carter

Vice President Corporate Governance and Reporting Public Relations: Simon Kearney

Vice President Corporate Governance and Reporting Fundraising: Claire Ransome

Vice President Corporate Governance and

Reporting Fundraising: Adam Richards

Vice President Corporate Governance and Reporting Administration: Nicole Moustakas

Vice President Knowledge Management: Evelin Martin

Vice President Local Area Planning and Asset Management: Destin Nguyen

I.T Manager: Frank Carter

Important Dates

Every Saturday	Members' Day 11am-10pm Merit Making and Classes
Every Saturday	Essential Buddha Dhamma Teachings 2pm-4pm
Every Saturday	Buddhist Meditation Class 8pm-9:30pm
Every Sunday	Buddhist Hour live on 3MDR 97.1fm 4pm-5pm
Every Thursday	Dakini Teachings for female students 8pm-10pm
Last Saturday of each month	Ch'an Painting Class, 11am-12:30pm, Class fee \$20.
Thursday 4th September	Padmasambhava Tsok (Puja) 8 – 9pm
Saturday 6th September	5.30pm General Meeting. Held first Saturday of each month.
Saturday 6th September	Founder's Day Commemoration
Friday 3rd October	Padmasambhava Tsok (Puja) 8 - 9pm
Saturday 4th October	5.30pm General Meeting. Held on the first Saturday of each month.
14 – 19th October	27th General Conference of the World Fellowship of Buddhists, China.



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Fire Prevention and Occupational Health & Safety
Manager: Frank Carter

Members Day Manager: Simon Kearney

Executive Producer of Buddhist Hour Broadcast:
Simon Kearney

Assistant Secretary: Nicole Moustakas

Assistant Treasurer: Destin Nguyen

Assistant Librarian: Claire Ransome

We give our new office bearers our warm thanks and appreciation for offering their kind help to our Abbot Anita and to look after our Centre.



Photograph: Vice Presidents Corporate Governance and Reporting Fundraising, Adam Richards and Claire Ransome, providing a PowerPoint presentation report on the Centre’s FUNdraising at the 2014 Annual General Meeting in the John D.

Hughes Dhamma Cetiya. Photo by Julian Bamford.



Photograph: Nicole Moustakas, Vice President Corporate Governance and Reporting Administration providing a PowerPoint presentation report at the 2014 Annual General Meeting in the John D. Hughes Dhamma Cetiya. Photo by Julian Bamford.

Founder’s Day Commemoration

Please join us for this year’s Founders Day Commemoration which will be held on Saturday 6th September 2014. Each year as part of our Founder’s Day celebration we invite Members of the Sangha for a lunch (dana) offering.

Offering dana to the Sangha produces extraordinary good karma which is very difficult to make in our usual daily lives. The karma is purified by the quality of the receiver’s moralities as the monks and nuns keep many, many precepts.

Being held on a Saturday we hope that many of you will be able to participate. If you are unable to attend, you are still most welcome to deliver offerings of Sangha gifts, flowers and drinks/ food.

Founder’s Day marks the establishment date, 9th September 1978, of our not for profit self-help organisation. Our Centre’s Founder and Teacher the Late John D. Hughes founded our temple to be of benefit to lay practitioners through teaching how to apply the Buddhist teachings in a modern day context.



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For further information and the story of our Founder John D. Hughes, please visit:

<http://www.bdcu.org.au/radioarchives/radio345.html>

Please let Claire or Nicole know by Saturday 30th August 2014 if you are planning to attend and/or bring offerings.

Lotus Buddhist Monastery Retreat

Our Abbot Anita and President Frank were privileged to attend a three week retreat at the Lotus Buddhist Monastery in Hawaii from the 14th of July to the 2nd of August.

The daily practice during the retreat commenced at 6.00am and included 108 prostrations, exercises, meditation, chanting, circumambulation of the stupas, recitation and writing of mantras and work around the monastery.

It is recommended that Dhamma students plan to do one or more retreats at some time as many benefits and Blessings can be realised in such excellent practice conditions.

Vice President Updates

Public Relations – Annual Grand Social Event

On Sunday the 10th of August Members of the Buddhist Discussion Centre (Upwey) Ltd celebrated the occasion of the 36th Annual General Meeting with what has now become our traditional Grand Social Event. This year it was held at the Melba Restaurant at the Langham Hotel in Southbank. Members enjoyed a delicious meal and an enjoyable time spent with one another.



Photo: Nicole Moustakas, Emma Song, Anita Carter, Trish Allen, Kym Merriman and Claire Ransome at the AGM Grand Social Event on 10th August 2014 in the Langham Hotel Foyer. Photograph taken by Peter Marshall.

Knowledge Management

Master John D Hughes once said about knowledge management at our Centre:

“The touchstone of our methodology for gathering, processing and utilising information is knowledge management. The content is Buddha Dhamma.

If you do not have a correct knowledge management methodology you cannot find the information you need to get out of suffering.

With knowledge management there is worth assigned to the knowledge base. Without knowledge management the information gathered is regarded as not valuable enough to preserve, to store systematically, to be easily retrievable.”

May you find the information you need to come out of suffering!



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Local Area Planning & Asset Management

Our LAPAM activity planning for the year ahead is directed to a proactive approach for the maintenance and improvement of our centre, along with prioritising the care of our Buddha and Bodhisattva images and altars. The principle objective is to communicate to ourselves and others our devotion to Buddha Dhamma through the high standards of maintenance and improvements of our facilities and assets.

Over the next few weeks, we will see the completion of the upgrade of our onsite storage and archiving facilities. This includes the relocation of our archived artworks to the new metal shed, the restructuring of administration filing system of our documents and information, and the cleaning and tidying of our Dhamma Cetiya Meditation Hall. All members are requested to assist with this project.

Our next upcoming major project will be the raising of our marble Quan Yin image with the projected time of completion by the end of our 2014 Christmas Bhavana Course. Destin Nguyen is currently researching into cranes and other heavy lifting machinery suitable for performing the task. We will also be increasing the circulation space and improving the aesthetic environment around the Quan Yin image. Members with suggestions are requested to direct it to either President Frank Carter or Vice President of LAPAM, Destin Nguyen.

Fire Safety

Our Centre is now using lighters and stove lighters for lighting candles on all altars. We kindly request matches to no longer be used please. Thank you.

Administration

In the near future, our Centre will be maintaining a correspondence register. This will be presented in a report form at our monthly general meetings. The

report will include the date, organisation and subject of any significant incoming and outgoing emails, phone calls and mail.

You can easily find the stationary you are looking for in our new tray organisers which are located on our Sariputta room and hall stationary shelves.

Memberships

The Buddhist Discussion Centre invites Members to please post or bring in their annual membership renewal forms. Being an active Member of our Buddhist Centre brings many present and future blessings and means you are part of our Dhamma family.

Also it is one aspect of supporting your Sangha, Dhamma Teachers and the Buddha Sasana.

*FUN*draising

On Saturday 16th August 2014 we had the last of three meetings to develop our Centre's 2014-2015 Fundraising Plan.

Our new plan provides for substantially increased fundraising over the next three years to provide our temple with more financial resources to fund our planned development and growth.

In addition to our current fundraising projects, we wish to hold two new food stalls selling roti bread wraps with meat.

The new food stalls will be conducted at the 2014 End of the Line Festival in Belgrave in November, and the Vietnamese Tet (Lunar New Year) Festival in Richmond in January/February 2015.

We have recently created a FUN-draising webpage on our website. We plan to develop this webpage further with a section where visitors can make online offerings of flowers, light and incense to an online Buddha altar!



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Our new FUN-raising webpage can be viewed at
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Temple Buddha Image Room

We invite you to become a benefactor of our centre by sponsoring the installation of one or more of 1000 Buddha images within and around our Dhamma hall.

Your kind contribution will help us construct a new Temple Buddha Image Room on the Golden Pavilion in our centre's garden. The new construction will be a traditional Asian temple style building and will house and protect our centre's largest Buddha image which is currently installed on the Golden Pavilion. The building is scheduled for completion by the end of 2016.

In the time of the Buddha, on the occasion of the dedication of the Venuvan Vihar Temple by the King Bimbisara, the Lord Buddha said:

"None is able to describe the merit of donating a Vihar except the Buddha, the Lord of the universe, if some thousands of learneds describe that, there will be no end."

When offering a Buddha image we are reminded of the qualities of perfect wisdom and perfect compassion of the Buddha, inspiring us to develop these qualities in ourselves.

"It is said that the virtues done with Bodhicitta never gets lost and increase all the time, so similarly the merit from building a temple where the Guru, Buddha, Dharma and Sangha – the holy objects abide, your merit will continuously increase from life to life while you are working, eating, sleeping, or whatever you are doing."

- Lama Zopa Rinpoche. Sravasti Abbey, a Buddhist Monastic Community, 2004. 'The Value of Building a Monastery by Zopa Rinpoche'

<http://www.sravastiabbey.org/articles/jul04buildmonastery.html>

Your kind contribution is much needed. Sponsorship of one Buddha image is AUD \$33 (including GST). To become a Founding Benefactor of the Temple Buddha Image Room, please contact Destin on (0433) 143 722 or Nicole on (0410) 476721.



Photograph: The Buddha Rupa image on the Golden Pavilion in our Heavenly Dhamma Garden. Photo taken at dusk, 16th August 2014 by Claire Ransome.

Ch'an Painting Cards

Cards with Ch'an images painted by Master John D. Hughes are on sale for \$1 each, in the hall. These cards were printed and published in November 1999 by the Buddhist Discussion Centre (Upwey) Ltd. All proceeds go to our precious Centre. If you wish to purchase a card, please deposit your money into one of our dana collection boxes. Thank you.



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Life Change Dana Jars Fundraiser

Thank you for being part of our Dana Jars Fundraiser. This fundraiser contributes to our Dhamma Centre having the income to fulfil our program of activities and events without financial stress, and is very beneficial for participants as it creates causes for them to have access to Buddhist Temples in the future.

For many years our centre has issued Members with a "Life Change Dana Jar" to keep at home and place their loose change in from time to time. Offering a few coins into the jar is an easy way to support our centre and when the time comes to return the offering jar, it can add up to a considerable amount.

We are currently collecting the coins so please bring yours in if you have one.

Thank you for your kind support. Sadhu, Sadhu, Sadhu!

The Buddhist Hour

Our Centre broadcasts a live one hour Buddhist radio program called 'The Buddhist Hour' from 4.00 to 5.00pm each Sunday afternoon on Mountain District Radio 3MDR 97.1FM.

Due to 3MDR's coverage of the Yarra Valley Mountain District Football League 2014 Finals, The Buddhist Hour will be taking a break for 4 weeks. We will be back on air on Sunday the 21st of September 2014. Please tune in then to hear more Buddha Dhamma treasures from the John D. Hughes and other Collections.

If you are interested in joining our team please contact the Executive Producer, Simon Kearney, on (0488) 666720. You have the opportunity to join us for the chanting and reading, learn to use the control panel and to be a presenter. Participating in the Buddhist Hour radio show generates enormous merit and is an opportunity to develop scholarship and

professionalism.

Scouts Visit

On 4th August 2014, the 1st Basin Scout Group visited our Centre. Our young guests were very interested to learn about Buddha Dhamma and asked lots of questions.

Anita and Frank gave a simple talk on Buddha Sakyamuni's life and the Buddha Dhamma. We then separated into small groups and ran a program called "Be a Buddhist for Half an Hour".

The scout leaders, scouts and their parents were taught how to chant the Vandana for Buddha and do prostrations. They were given a small tour of our Temple garden, performed guided incense offerings and circumambulated the Stupa.

Each scout and parent had the opportunity to generate blessings for their family and friends by writing the names of their loved ones on cards and hanging them on our marble Quan Yin statue, bringing health, wealth and prosperity.

Thank you so much to the 1st the Basin Scout Group for becoming a founding Benefactor of our new Buddha Temple Room on the Golden Pavilion, by sponsoring a Buddha image as part of the 1000 Buddha Temple Project.

May you be well and happy!

Earth Treasure and Ullambana Ceremonies at Yun Yang Temple

On Sunday 24th August 2014, Anita, Frank and Members from our Centre attended the Ullambana Dharma Ceremony and Da Mon Sun Food Dana Ceremony at Yun Yang Temple in Narre Warren.

The Da Mon Sun Food Dana Ceremony, which was presided over by Venerable Master Ru-San transfers



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one's merits to his or her living parents to prolong their life; or to his or her deceased parents to free them from suffering in the endless kalpas and attain happiness.

After enjoying a delicious vegetarian lunch, we were very honoured to have a meeting with Venerable Master Ru-San, who recollected his close friendship with our founder, Master John D. Hughes, and expressed his happiness that our Centre has continued to flourish after John's passing 11 years ago. Master Ru-San said we were always welcome to attend their temple whether they are having a special event or not.

We offer our sincere and heartfelt thanks to Venerable Master Ru-San and Yun Yang Temple representative Albert Chang for so kindly hosting us on the day. We treasure our Dhamma friendship with Yun Yang Temple and look forward to visiting again many times in the future.



Photo: Destin Nguyen, Anita Carter, Albert Chang, Simon Kearney, Frank Carter and Claire Ransome at Yun Yang temple, 24th August 2014.

White Tara Empowerment

On Sunday 10th August 2014, Venerable Geshe Lobsang Dorje Doga led a White Tara Initiation at Tara Institute. The ceremony was attended by some of our members, Sally Kelly, Kym Merriman, Nicole Moustakas, Destin Nguyen, Claire Ransome, Adam Richards and Leonie Scott.

At the conclusion of the initiation all participants had the precious opportunity to offer a blessing scarf to Geshe Doga and receive a beautiful picture of White Tara and a Tara Sadhana sheet.

Abhidhamma Book Return

Several copies of the The Essence of Buddha Abhidhamma by Dr Mehm Tin Mon are on loan to Members and Students of our Centre from the John D. Hughes Collection. If you have a copy which you are not currently using for your study, please return it to the library and sign the register.

If you have any questions about the Collection, please contact the assistant librarian Claire Ransome on (0425) 864056 or by emailing wbu@bdcu.org.au.



Photo: Anita Carter, Master John D. Hughes and Venerable Master Ru-San at Yun Yang Temple, 31st September 2003.



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Passing Away of Dr. Ananda Guruge

The Honourable Dr. Ananda Guruge, Sri Lankan diplomat, Buddhist scholar, writer and good friend of our founder Master John D. Hughes, passed away on 6th August, 2014 at the age of 85.

Members of our Centre came together for chanting and sharing of merits to Dr. Ananda Guruge for 7 nights following his death.

Dr Ananda Wahihana Palliya Guruge was born on the 28th December 1928.

Following are some articles which give us a glimpse of what this great man achieved in his life.



Photo: Dr Ananda W.P. Guruge. Photograph sourced from www.worldbuddhistuniversity.com/councilors.php

WELL-DESERVED INTERNATIONAL HONOURS

Dr Ananda Guruge was honoured by the International Academy of Buddhism (IAB) of the Hsi Lai University of Los Angeles, California, USA, as IAB Honoree of the Year 2003, at the Fifth International Conference on Humanistic Buddhism in January 2004.

This was in recognition of five decades of outstanding visionary and diversified contributions to:

- Buddhist scholarship through instruction, research, and publication;
- International Buddhist activities through World Fellowship of Buddhists and European Buddhist Union;
- Educational and cultural development through United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and to the progressive realization of world peace; and
- In appreciation of the most devoted services rendered to Hsi Lai University as its Director of Religious Studies, Dean of Academic Affairs, Director of the International Academy of Buddhism and Editor of Hsi Lai Journal of Humanistic Buddhism the International Academy of Buddhism of Hsi Lai University, Los Angeles County, USA.

Before joining the His Lai University in 1996, Dr. Ananda Guruge was the Senior Special Advisor to the Director General of the UNESCO in the Culture and Peace Programme. In parallel he was active in his academic career with assignments as a Visiting Professor of Buddhism, Hinduism, and Peace Studies at California State University, Fullerton and at the College of Buddhist Studies in Los Angeles, California. Prior to that he had a distinguished professional career in Sri Lanka besides being a high-ranking diplomat.

Buddhist Studies has been his primary area of interest and his contributions have been widely recognized. His areas of specialization and research interests include Buddhism, Buddhist Art, Sculpture and Architecture, Asian History and culture with special reference to India and Sri Lanka, Oriental Literature, Sanskrit, Sinhala and Sinhala Literature, and Educational Planning and Management. An excellent writer in both Sinhala and English, he has authored some 48 books and 150 articles and



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research papers. For the last 15 years, he has been the Honorary Consultative Editor of the Encyclopedia of Buddhism.

He is a reputed leader in the international Buddhist movement and has been the Patron of the European Buddhist Union and a Vice-President of the World Fellowship of Buddhists from 1988 and its representative to the UNO and UNESCO. He is a Fellow of the Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and several international organizations relating to Buddhism and Education. He is also the President of the World Buddhist University Council (Bangkok, Thailand) and a member of the UNESCO Inter-religious Advisory Committee.

Biography of Dr Ananda W.P. Guruge (From Wikipedia)

Ananda Wahihana Palliya Guruge (28 December 1928 - 6 August 2014) (known as Ananda W.P. Guruge) was a Sri Lankan diplomat, Buddhist scholar and writer. Guruge was the former Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Sri Lanka to UNESCO, France, and the United States (with non-resident accreditation to Spain, Algeria and Mexico) during the period from 1985 to 1994. Guruge was adjunct professor of Religious Studies at Cal State Fullerton and was the dean of academic affairs at University of the West.

Guruge was educated at Dharmaraja College, and went on to graduate from the University of Ceylon in 1947 with a BA first class honors in Sanskrit special. Thereafter he gained a Government Scholarship to do a PhD at the University of London.

He joined the Ceylon Civil Service, taking the civil service exam at the age of 23 and was posted to the Jaffna Kachcheri as a cadet. During his career he served as the Head of the Dehiwala Zoo and the Colombo Kachcheri. Eventually he was transferred

to the Treasury and from there to the Prime Minister's Office. From 1952, he served Prime Ministers Dudley Senanayake and Sir John Kotelawela as the senior Assistant Secretary to the Prime Minister, until he head the government program to celebrate 2500 Buddha Jayanti. Bradman Weerakoon, who was the assistant secretary to the Prime Minister at the time, succeeded Dr. Guruge as senior Assistant Secretary and later Secretary to the Prime Minister. Guruge was appointed as the Additional Secretary at the Ministry of Education and Cultural Affairs in 1965.

Active in international Buddhist leadership, Professor Guruge was Vice President of the World Fellowship of Buddhists, the Patron of the European Buddhist Union, and the Dean of Academic Affairs and Director of the International Academy of Buddhism at University of the West in Rosemead, California. He was also an adjunct professor of Buddhism, Hinduism and Peace Studies at California State University, Fullerton. Dr. Guruge was also the Liaison Officer to the United Nations and UNESCO for the World Fellowship of Buddhists; and was the Chairman of the World Buddhist University Council. He served as an editor of Hsi Lai Journal of Humanistic Buddhism.

Dr. Guruge authored 53 books in Sinhala and English, including What In Brief Is Buddhism, Free At Last in Paradise, Serendipity of Andrew George, Peace At Last in Paradise and The Unforgettable Dharmapala. He has also published over 175 research articles on Asian history, Buddhism and education. He also translated the Mahavamsa into English in 1989.

Source: Wikipedia



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Monthly Recipe: Thai Chicken & Noodle Soup

Recipe from Kym Merriman

Ingredients:

- 2 chicken breasts
- 1 clove garlic
- 1 tbspn oil
- ½ tspn turmeric
- ¼ tspn chilli powder
- 4 cups chicken stock
- 125mls coconut cream
- 2 tbspens peanut butter
- Lime juice
- Egg Noodles (1 PKT Crispy Ones)
- 1 tbspn FRESH Coriander
- 1 tbspn spring onions
- Salt & pepper
- 1 fresh red chilli
- Coconut
- Serves 4

Method:

Fry chicken in garlic until brown. Add turmeric and chilli powder. Fry another 2 mins. In a separate pot combine, hot chicken stock and coconut cream. Add stock mix to chicken. Add peanut butter, lime juice and noodles. Simmer for 15 mins. Add coriander and spring onions, salt, pepper for a further 4 or 5 mins. Dry fry coconut and chilli until lightly browned. Serve hot sprinkled with coconut chilli mixture.

You can substitute tofu for chicken, add vegies with the stock mix, and increase the stock mixture quantity. Rice noodles work well too! Enjoy.

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Photo: Peter Marshall, Nicole Moustakas, Adam Richards, Simon Kearney, Frank Carter, Anita Carter, Destin Nguyen, Evelin Martin, Kym Merriman, Julian Bamford and Rachael Godineau at our 36th Annual General Meeting on 9th August 2014 on the Golden Pavilion in our Heavenly Dhamma Garden. Photograph taken by Claire Ransome.



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