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Teaching Program for 2015

The Buddhist Discussion Centre Australia weekly Saturday afternoon (2pm – 4pm) Buddha Dhamma classes will re-commence on Saturday 11th of April 2015. The title is “Dhamma teaching for everyday life.” The topic is compassion.

Easter Bhavana Course

We will be having a three-day Easter Bhavana (Mind Development) Course running on Friday April 3, Saturday April 4 and Monday April 6, 2015.

The course Teachings will be “A Buddhist Perspective : The essential ingredients for good relationships”

- Friendship
- Communication
- Respect
- Trust
- Love & Understanding

The Buddha says that all things come from within, are born of us, we are the initiators. We will define a good relationship from a Buddhist perspective and then consider how to go about creating them.

During this course we will use the Dhammapada and the Sigalavada Sutta.

Saturday the 4th of April will be the UN Day of Vesak Friendship Dinner at Quang Minh Temple.

Mahamevnawa Monastery

On Saturday 21st February 2015, Anita and Frank attended the Temple Offering Ceremony for Mahamevnawa Monastery, a Sri Lankan Theravadin Monastery in Mount Evelyn.

Mahamevnawa Monastery was previously located in Narre Warren and the Abbot is Venerable Vijitha Wansa who has given several Dhamma talks to us.

Important Dates

Every Saturday	Members' Day 11am - 10pm Merit Making and Classes
Every Saturday	Essential Buddha Dhamma Teachings 2pm – 4pm. <i>Saturday afternoon classes re-commence on 11th April 2015.</i>
Every Saturday	Buddhist Meditation Class 8pm - 9:30pm
Every Sunday	Buddhist Hour live on 3MDR 97.1fm 4pm - 5pm
Sunday March 29	10 Temple Pilgrimage
Sunday March 29	Guru Rinpoche Padmasambhava Tsok (Puja) 8pm
April 3, 4, 6 (Fri, Sat, Mon)	Three Day Bhavana Course
Saturday April 4	Friendship Dinner for United Nations Day of Vesak
Friday 6 April	General Meeting 6.00pm All welcome to attend
Sunday 10 May	Mother's Day Flower Stall
Sunday 23 May	UN Vesak Celebrations Melbourne Town Hall

The occasion Anita and Frank attended was for the lay community to offer the newly acquired temple to the Buddha's Sangha which is a rare event occurring only once in the history of any particular temple.

The new home for the Mahamevnawa community was previously used as a school for disadvantaged people and is very extensive with about 8 large



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classrooms, 2 large meeting halls and a 100 vehicle carpark set on approximately 7 acres of bushland.

It is an excellent premises which will provide ample space and facilities for many years to come.

United Nations Day of Vesak Friendship Dinner

Many members will attend the UN Vesak Friendship Dinner on Saturday April 4th at Quang Minh Temple in Braybrook.

The Friendship Dinner is the premier fundraising event for the Victorian Observance of the United Nations Day of Vesak, held at the Melbourne Town each year.

Vesak is the auspicious full moon day in May on which the Buddha's birth, enlightenment and passing away is celebrated and commemorated by Buddhist communities across the world.

At the Friendship Dinner, guests will be treated to a delicious vegetarian meal cooked by the expert chefs at Quang Minh Temple. There will be delightful entertainment provided by our Buddhist community and friends, as well as a silent auction.

Please join us for dinner to help raise money for this wonderful event which our Centre has been involved in organising each year.

Date: Saturday 4th April, 2015

Time: Start 6:30pm (doors open 6:15pm)

Venue: Quang Minh Temple New Community Hall, 18 Burke St, Braybrook, Vic

Vice President Updates

Knowledge Management

The John D. Hughes Audio Library (mp3 files) are now located at www.bdcu.org.au/audio_library.html. You can find the John D. Hughes Transcription

Library (PDF files) at www.bdcu.org.au/transcriptions.html.

The World Buddhist Radio (WBR) has been taken offline temporarily so we can redesign the site to bring it up to date. When completed it will run from the same Australian server as our www.bdcu.org.au website. We will organise a new laptop that is capable to handle our requirements; this computer will be dedicated to run the WBR. Our domain name www.worldbuddhistradio.org was re-registered.

Administration

We are creating a digital Membership Renewal form that will be distributed to Members via email for the coming end of financial year.

The main BDC filing system located in the Sariputta Room has been sorted with files that are not currently in use being archived into filing cabinets located in Suites 1 and 2.

This has resulted in much needed space for new filing becoming available.

Please file needed documents as they are generated either in existing files or by creating a new folder to suit. New folders names should be chosen carefully to provide easy retrieval for anyone else who wishes to search for the document.

Some files are grouped such as for example the files for fundraising. All fundraising projects are filed using a file name starting with the word "Fundraising". It is very beneficial to our centre have a well ordered filing system to manage our important documents and information.

We do have a backlog of un-filed documents. Anyone who would like to help file these please contact Frank. We will also produce a manual filing index book to cross reference files under multiple topic names.



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Public Relations

10 Temple Pilgrimage

We are delighted to advise that on Sunday 29th of March 2015, our Centre will be embarking on a pilgrimage to 10 Buddhist temples throughout Melbourne’s Eastern and South Eastern region.

In the spirit of our Vietnamese brothers and sisters in the Dhamma who travel to many Buddhist temples (including our own) during the Lunar New Year Celebration, this day will be filled with countless opportunities to generate merit and blessings for ourselves and all beings.

We will be hiring a bus for the tour and leaving from our temple at approximately 8.30am. The ticket cost for this tour will be \$20 per person. This fee will help to cover costs and any leftover profit will be fundraising for our Centre.

Please let us know if you are interested in attending this meritorious event.

May all beings have good health and long life.

Local Area Planning & Asset Management

Members have been working on two construction projects at the centre. The first involves the construction of a retaining wall for the garden Quan Yin marble image and the second being the fabrication of an offering table for the new outdoor marble Sakyamuni Buddha image altar. Both projects are respectively nearing completion.

Destin Nguyen is in the process of developing design concepts for the centre’s new garden space adjacent to the Sariputta Room. The space proposed is to include the planting of a deciduous tree with a light canopy and also the incorporation of an amiable outdoor seating arrangement that will provide members and guests an area to enjoy and benefit from.

In addition to the new garden space, considerations for the installation of an overhead shelter solution for the marble Sakyamuni Buddha image altar have been also been deliberated. The primary purpose of the shelter is to shield the image from debris dropping from the tree above. Several ideas have already been put forth, however a final decision has yet to be made. For those who wish to offer creative input, please direct your suggestions to either Frank or Destin.

Once again, thank you to all those involved who have contributed their time and energy over the past few weeks towards the upkeep and enhancement of our centre.



Photograph: Peter Marshall and Frank Carter constructing the offering table for the Marble Shakyamuni Buddha image. Photo by Julian Bamford, Saturday 21st February 2015.



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Fundraising

The Buddhist Discussion Centre Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser held at Bunnings Warehouse Scoresby on Sunday 8th March 2015 was a great success.

We raised a net profit of \$1,182.70 for our Centre and \$83.50 donations for Dhammarajika Orphanage in Bangladesh.

Thank you so much to everyone involved and congratulations on your efforts. Many wholesome causes were created while raising these funds for our centre.



Photograph: Nicole Moustakas, Simon Kearney, Nga Tran and Claire Ransome at the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser, 8th March 2015. Photo by Julian Bamford.

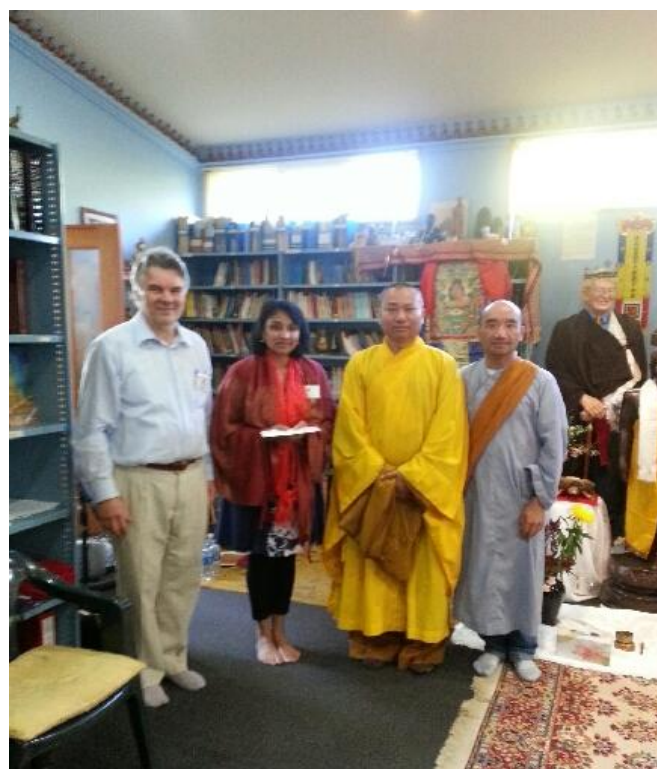
2015 Lunar New Year Visits to our Centre

On Saturday 28th February it was our great pleasure to host Venerable Thich Thien Tam and approximately 450 of his members from Hoa Nghiem Temple, Springvale to our centre. On Saturday the 1st of March we hosted Venerable Thich Tong Hue and about 240 of his members from Hue Quang Temple, Sunshine to our centre and Venerable Kim and about 400 Members from Phat Quang Temple, Footscray.

We offer our heartfelt thanks to the Venerable Sangha and their Members for visiting us as part of their Lunar New Year Temple pilgrimages. We treasure your friendship in the Dhamma and look forward to your visits each year.

Thank you to all Members and Friends who contributed to the success of these visits. The way we conducted these events demonstrates the enormous benefit of applying the five styles of friendliness, practicality, professionalism, scholarship and cultural adaptability. Thank you to everyone who contributed over the past two months leading up to the visits to prepare our garden and new Sakyamuni Altar and Kwan Yin surround.

Thank you to Anita for showing us the way with love and clarity.



Photograph: Frank Carter, Anita Carter with Venerable Thich Tong Hue and a Lay Sangha Member from Hue Quang Temple during their visit to our temple on Sunday 29th March 2015. Photo by Julian Bamford.



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Members News

Congratulations to Nicole for being accepted into a course at Monash and commencing her journey towards becoming a Primary School Teacher. Nicole is also in the process of completing her qualification as a Support Officer (Teachers Aid).

Happy Birthday to our Members and dear friends, Nicole, Adam, Simon and Herro, who celebrate their birthdays in February and March.



Photograph: Venerable Thich Thien Tam, Abbot of Hoa Nghiem Temple, delivers a speech on the Golden Pavillion in our Heavenly Dhamma Garden during Hoa Nghiem Temple’s visit to our Centre on Saturday 28th February 2015. Photo by Ryan Martin-Gygi.



Photograph: Nicole Moustakas, Claire Ransome, Leonie Scott, Simon Kearney, Amir Rouhi, Member of Hue Quang Temple, Sally Kelly and Nga Tran at the Burrinja carpark after saying farewell to the Members of Hue Quang Temple



Photograph: Kym Merriman, Sally Kelly and Mike Young preparing refreshments for our visitors. Photo by Evelin Martin, 28th February 2015.



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Photograph: Destin Nguyen, Simon Kearney and Nicole Moustakas celebrating Simon's birthday. Photo taken by Claire at our Centre.



Photograph: Destin Nguyen, Trish Allen, Claire Ransome, Ryan Martin-Gygi, Nicole Moustakas,

Emma Song and Julian Bamford celebrate Nicole's birthday. Photo by Evelin Martin, 12th February 2015.

Stupa Opening Ceremonies at Sakyamuni Sambuddha Vihara

Members are invited to attend the ceremonies listed below by Sakyamuni Sambuddha Vihara, Berwick.

PLACING OF THE PINNACLE ON THE STUPA DEDICATED TO TWENTY FOUR PAST BUDDHAS AT BERWICK SAKYAMUNI SAMBUDDHA VIHARA

At the auspicious time of 12:58 pm on Monday 20 April 2015

AND

THE CEREMONY OF ENSHRINING RELICS

From 6:00 AM onwards on 3 May 2015

Those who wish to embed treasures please contact the temple and collect the items.

Please join in this rare and meritorious deed.

PROGRAM

Saturday 2 May, 2015

8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Meditation program for Vesak

Sunday 3 May, 2015

6:00 AM to 6:00 PM Enshrining relics and treasures

8:00 PM Discourse on the week long chanting (3rd May to 10th May)

Saturday 9 May, 2015

5:00 PM Procession of the messengers of gods



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(DevadutaPerehara)

8:00 PM Discourse on the Dorakada-Asna and the commencement of the pirith chanting

Sunday 10 May, 2015

7.00AM Offering of early morning alms to the Sangha

2:00 PM Receiving the monks and the invited guests

2:30 PM Unveiling the pinnacle, opening the stupa and the initial offering of flowers

2:45 PM Opening of the New Building Complex

7:00 PM Offerings to the Buddha and transfer of merit



Photograph: Members of Hoa Nghiem Temple stand in our Heavenly Dhamma Garden during their visit to our Centre to celebrate the Lunar New Year on Saturday the 28th of February 2015.