



Brooking Street Bulletin

Issue #81, March 2017

Buddhist Discussion Centre (Upwey) Ltd.
A.C.N. 005 701 806 A.B.N. 42 611 496 488
33 Brooking Street, Upwey, Victoria 3158
Phone – 03 9754 3334

email – wbu@bdcu.org.au web – www.bdcu.org.au



Bringing Wisdom to Life – A Course on the Story of Buddhism

The Buddhist Discussion Centre Australia is currently offering a course over three terms to examine and consider the remarkable story of Buddhism.

Starting with the life of The Buddha, students study the history of Buddhism, the basic Buddhist teachings and the preliminary practices to understand, appreciate and participate in Buddhism as we see it in our world today.

This course, which is titled “Bringing Wisdom to Life – The Legacy of The Buddha”, commenced on Saturday the 18th of February at 2.00pm. First term will conclude on Saturday the 8th of April 2017.

Classes are free of charge. Students are welcome to join this course at any time.

Launch of our New Website!

The Buddhist Discussion Centre Australia is launching our new website on the 25th of March 2017. Our new site will feature a photographic pilgrimage to the Buddhist Holy sites in India, our new online library catalogue, a video introduction to our centre, video and written Dhamma Teachings and some wonderful photos of our centre and Buddhist artefacts.

The creation of a new website is quite a big event for us and it will be the first in a number of special projects we are doing leading up to our Centre's 40th Anniversary which will occur in September 2018.

We offer our sincere and heartfelt thanks to Keiran Scott who has offered his time and expertise in building this beautiful new website. Keiran is a professional website designer and builder and was a teacher in website design and development at RMIT.

Please visit our new website on the 25th of March

Important Dates

Every Saturday	11am - 10pm Members' Day Meritorious activities and Classes when scheduled
Every Saturday	2pm – 4pm concluding on 8 th April: Course: ‘Bringing Wisdom to Life – The Legacy of the Buddha’. 8pm - 9:30pm: Buddhist Meditation and Abhidhamma Study Class
Every Thursday	8pm Mahamudra Class
Every Sunday	4pm - 5pm Buddhist Hour live on 3MDR 97.1fm
Saturday 25 th March	11am: Chan Painting Class 5:30pm: General Meeting & Launch of New Website
Thursday 6 th April	8pm Padmasambhava Tsok
Saturday 8 th April	Quarterly Director's Meeting Time 6.00pm
Saturday 22 nd April	6:30pm at Quang Minh Temple Friendship Dinner Fundraiser for the UN Day of Vesak
Thursday 4 th May	Anita's Birthday
6 th May	2:00pm Term 2 of 'Bringing Wisdom to Life Course commences
10 th May	World-wide celebration of Vesak
Sunday 14 th May	Mother's Day Flower Stall Fundraiser
27 th May	Victorian Observation of the UN Day of Vesak

Brooking Street Bulletin

Issue #81, March 2017

Buddhist Discussion Centre (Upwey) Ltd.
A.C.N. 005 701 806 A.B.N. 42 611 496 488
33 Brooking Street, Upwey, Victoria 3158
Phone – 03 9754 3334

email – wbu@bdcu.org.au web – www.bdcu.org.au



which is our offering to our online community.

Vietnamese New Year Visits

Thank you to all our Members who helped on Sunday for our second Vietnamese Temple New Year visit and for the help provided for many weeks by our Members in preparing our centre for these events.

On Saturday the 4th of February we hosted Venerable Thich Giac Tin and about 200 Members of Hoang Buddhist Temple from Noble Park and Sunday the 12th of February we hosted Venerable Thich Thien Tam and about 500 Members of the Hoa Nghiem Buddhist Temple from Springvale for their annual TET (New Year) celebration.

Over 20 of our Members and Friends prepared the centre gardens, seating, altars, hall, offerings, healing station, food and drinks stations, filming, bus parking and crowd control to make this a well organised and successful occasion.

Our guests were very happy to visit our centre and their Master Venerable Thich Thien Tam led their community in chanting to create Blessings for our new Buddha Image house which we intend to build on the Golden Pavilion to cover our precious Buddha image. Please visit our Facebook page to see a beautiful video of the day created by us all and kindly filmed by Peter – www.facebook.com/buddhistdiscussioncentreupwey/

To see what our centre looks like with 500+ people onsite please see the image on the last page of the bulletin.

Over the two weekends we received generous donations some of which will help our upcoming temple building project. We have sent letters of appreciation and gratitude to the Abbots of both temples who visited us for the Tet celebrations and also to Burringa for kindly allowing us to use their carpark for the buses.

Vice President Updates

Knowledge Management

Our new website will be launched at the General Meeting being held on Saturday 25th March 2017 at 5.30pm.



The Home page of our new site will have a revolving group of images starting with this one above. The site has taken several months to build and was created in Wordpress. We would appreciate the help of our Members in forwarding details of the new website launch to your friends and contacts who may be interested.

In the next few months we will install a new LAN at our centre as our current one is at the limit of its storage capacity and the server is nearing the end of its life. We will seek volunteer help from a Linux specialist to build the new LAN.

We welcome to our Centre Han Hoang who has kindly offered to create a Marketing Plan for our organisation and to contribute to our social media development. Han is qualified in business marketing and wishes to use her skills to help a Buddhist organisation.

Local Area Planning and Management

In 2000 our Centre was donated the large Buddha image which is located on the Golden Pavilion in our

Brooking Street Bulletin

Issue #81, March 2017



Buddhist Discussion Centre (Upwey) Ltd.
A.C.N. 005 701 806 A.B.N. 42 611 496 488
33 Brooking Street, Upwey, Victoria 3158
Phone – 03 9754 3334

email – wbu@bdcu.org.au web – www.bdcu.org.au

Centre's garden. At the time we built a temporary housing to protect the image which is the one we still have today.

Our centre's facilities are very good and suitable for our purposes however it is now time for us to complete a permanent housing for our main Buddha rupa.

Throughout the Buddhist world temples house their Buddha images in very beautiful and substantial temple buildings as those images are revered and respected as representations of the Buddha and the Path he offered to us.

Our temple will soon be celebrating our 40th anniversary in September 2018 and this project to build a suitable housing for our Buddha image will be one of the main activities we fulfil to celebrate this 40th year milestone and also to honour our Teacher.

“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.

In the past we have always built the buildings needed at our centre ourselves. Although it is a large project for us, building our new Buddha image room ourselves is a once in a lifetime event. An extraordinary opportunity for all of us to contribute in whatever way we are able.

Please refer to the photo at the end of this newsletter to see an example of the style of building we can aspire to offer to Buddha and our present and future Members of our centre.

Please refer to the Fundraising Vice President Update below to find out about our fundraising activities for this project.

Fundraising

The Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser run by our volunteers at Bunnings Scoresby on Saturday 11th February was a great success!

We raised \$1,221 for our Centre as well as some funds for Dhammarajika Orphanage in Bangladesh. Our target for this events fundraising was \$1,000.

Members worked harmoniously and efficiently together. In the words of one customer, we were running the stall "like a tight ship"!

Sadhu, Sadhu, Sadhu!

We offer our heartfelt thanks to all who assisted with this great fundraiser. Thank you for your precious time.

We also thank our Members and Friends who kindly helped us during February on the occasion of the visits of two Vietnamese Buddhist Temples who were celebrating Vietnamese New Year by their bus tour of ten temples in one day.

The generosity of our guests was truly remarkable with over \$8,500 being donated to our centre during these visits.

For the Hoa Nghiem Temples visit we provided forms for the sponsorship of the 1000 Buddha Images as a way to raise funds to construct our new Buddha rupa house at the centre. On the day and during the weeks since the visits we have received 80 sponsorships for the 1000 Buddha Images Offering.



Brooking Street Bulletin

Issue #81, March 2017

Buddhist Discussion Centre (Upwey) Ltd.
A.C.N. 005 701 806 A.B.N. 42 611 496 488
33 Brooking Street, Upwey, Victoria 3158
Phone – 03 9754 3334

email – wbu@bdcu.org.au web – www.bdcu.org.au



One lady sponsored the installation of 30 Buddha images which will be placed inside the new temple building when it is completed.

The 1000 Buddha Images sponsorship will be our main focus for raising funds for the new building and the cost of sponsorship is being set at \$55 per image inc GST. Please email or SMS Frank if you wish to sponsor one or more images.

Our Centre's next fundraiser is the Annual Mother's Day Flower Stall, to be held on 14th May 2017.

Visit from Tibetan Natural Medicine Doctor

We had a special event on Thursday 9th February which was the visit to our centre of Dr Barry Clark, Physician of Tibetan Natural medicine.

Dr Clark has a remarkable background of training in this style of medicine including being a student of the personal physician of the Dalai Lama for many years. The basic theory of Tibetan medicine is to maintain or restore the balance in the three subtle energies of the body. The long term causative factors of these three energies are the three poisons of attachment, hatred and closed mindedness, which as foundational afflictive emotions create a common basis with Buddhist philosophy.

Tibetan medicine is effective in many kinds of illnesses such as rheumatism, arthritis, ulcers, digestive problems, asthma, hepatitis, eczema, skin diseases, anxiety and problems connected with nervous system.

Dr Clark has a clinic in Clayton and several of our Members are currently receiving treatment and guidance from him. If you wish to make an appointment to see Dr Clark please phone 95438696 or (0420) 926488.

General Meeting

The next General meeting of our Centre will be held at 5.30pm on Saturday the 25th of March. This will also be the official opening of our new website.

We look forward to seeing all Members at this meeting.



Photo: Students of our Chan Class, Leanne and June, learn to paint rocks. 11th March 2017. Photo by Julian Bamford, who taught the class.

Brooking Street Bulletin

Issue #81, March 2017

Buddhist Discussion Centre (Upwey) Ltd.
A.C.N. 005 701 806 A.B.N. 42 611 496 488
33 Brooking Street, Upwey, Victoria 3158
Phone – 03 9754 3334

email – wbu@bdcu.org.au web – www.bdcu.org.au



Photo: Traditional style Korean Temple Building which is an example of the style of building we can consider when designing our new Buddha Image house at the Centre.



Brooking Street Bulletin

Issue #81, March 2017

Buddhist Discussion Centre (Upwey) Ltd.
 A.C.N. 005 701 806 A.B.N. 42 611 496 488
 33 Brooking Street, Upwey, Victoria 3158
 Phone – 03 9754 3334

email – wbu@bdcu.org.au web – www.bdcu.org.au



Photo: On Sunday the 12th of February we hosted Venerable Thich Thien Tam and about 500 Members of the Hoa Nghiem Buddhist Temple from Springvale for their TET celebration. Photo by....

Supplies for the Buddhist Discussion Centre which Members and Friends may wish to contribute as dana (generosity)

Altar Supplies	✓	Kitchen	✓	Bathroom	✓	Multimedia	✓	Stationary	✓
Flowers		Tea		Paper Towels		USB Sticks		Staples 26/6	
Incense		Coffee		Toilet Paper		Blank CDs and DVDs		Reflex A4 Printing Paper	
Candles		Sugar		Cleaning Products				Glue sticks	
Bottled Water		Milk (Fresh & Long Life)		Hand Soap				Sticky tape	
		Biscuits						Blue Tak	
		Condiments						Envelopes	
		Rice							
		Meals							

The items above are regularly consumed at our centre. If you would like to contribute something(s) on this list either once or on an ongoing basis please tick and name.

Name:

Please remember to place your receipt in the dana box so we can claim back the GST!

Thank you