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Anita's 60th Birthday Speech



Namo Tassa Bhagavato Arahato Sammāsambuddhasa

“I have great gratitude and respect for the Venerables, Venerable Wimalananda and Venerable Sambathsam and Master Yi. Thank you for your presence here today. I am so grateful to you for being here.

Offerings to the Sangha, is the one of greatest actions that a lay Buddhist can do in this world. Thank you.

Thank you for your practise. Thank you for being the Sangha, part of the Triple Gem.

Thank you for showing the Buddha's robe at this place.

Thank you for all being here, and offering Dana to the Venerables. It is a great action that you have taken. You have been planning this for a long time. The Lord Buddha has said: Thinking of doing a good action makes merit, while you are doing it makes merit and recollecting the action after it is done makes you merit.

Saddhu Saddhu Saddhu

You have each assembled the right conditions this life to access the Buddha Dhamma. You are born in a Buddha Sasane. You have a good human body. You have met the Buddha Dhamma. You practice

the Buddha Dhamma. You wish to wake up. Your longing to access the Buddha Dhamma makes the causes for you to access the Buddha Dhamma. Well done to you all.

You have the made the perfect platform to access the Buddha Dhamma.

Make strong intention now, to go forward”

*Love
Anita*

Thank you to everyone for celebrating our Abbot and dear Teacher's 60th birthday!

Important Dates

Every Saturday	11 am - 10 pm Dhamma Day Meritorious activities
Every Saturday	8 pm – 10 pm Buddhist Meditation & Discussion Class
Every Sunday	4 pm- 5 pm Buddhist Hour Live on 3MDR 97.a fm
Everyday except Saturday ONLINE - Zoom	8 pm – 8:30 pm Daily Evening Meditation Class
Saturday 29 May 19 June 17 July 21 August 18 September 16 October 20 November	11 am – 12:15 pm Chan Painting Class (monthly)
Wednesday 26 May	8:30 pm - VESAK Sakyamuni Buddha Puja
12-13 June Queen's Birthday weekend	Bhavana Course Chan, Dragon King Sutra, Phillip Island
24-26 September Grand Final weekend	Bhavana Course Sutta Study



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Padmasambhava Tsok Days for 2021

May 21 Friday
June 20 Sunday
July 19 Monday
August 17 Tuesday
September 16 Thursday
October 15 Friday
November 14 Sunday
December 13 Monday

Food Dana Offering at Vimokkaram

Most Wednesdays Frank and Brenda visit the Vimokkaram Forest Monastery in Kallista to offer Dana to the resident Monks who are on retreat there. Any Members are welcome to join us for the offering. Please be at the centre by 9.40am and bring suitable food to offer. If you want some advice about what would be suitable to offer please contact Frank. The monks are not vegetarian. We usually return to the Centre at around 10.20am.

BDC Daily Online Meditation Classes

On 14 December 2020 our centre launched daily evening meditation classes via Zoom. The classes are led by a different teacher each night. The session is approximate 30 minutes; starting at 8.00pm with chanting, followed by mindfulness and metta meditation and a dedication of merits.

Meditation Teachers for each night are as follows:

Monday - Vinse
Tuesday - Des
Wednesday - Claire
Thursday - Simon
Friday - Frank
Sunday – Simon

Zoom login details:
Meeting ID: 668 974 9216
Password: BDCU

Golden Buddha Temple Pavillion

Our extraordinary project to provide a suitable home for our Golden Buddha image is nearing the completion stage.

Our remaining work includes building a rock retaining wall along the path side of the new building and at the front of the building under the stairs, installing a floor covering (most likely carpet) and building shelving on the rear wall to house small sponsored Buddha images.

Anyone who wishes can help build the rock wall along the path as it is not part of the building itself so a white card is not required to participate. Please let Frank know if you wish to help.

We will be having a planning session in the next month for the Grand Opening Ceremony in September. We wish to include a Lantern Blessing Ceremony which we hope can be an annual event. Perhaps the annual ceremony could be arranged for Vesak for example, or for our Centre's anniversary of when it was established in 1978.

We would like to thank NRG Projects Pty Ltd (via Brenda and Peter) who custom-made the excellent bench seat unit for the Buddha House.



Article: Frank Carter Photo: Jenny Liu



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Victorian United Nations Day of Vesak

Last Saturday the 8th May, Members of the Buddhist Discussion Centre helped to organise and run the Victorian United Nations Day of Vesak. In previous years this event has been held at the Melbourne Town Hall in the heart of Melbourne's central business district. As a result of potential COVID-19 restrictions, the committee decided not to hold it in the city but instead, accepted a kind offer from the community at Sakyamuni Sambuddha Vihara. We conducted a Sangha dana which was broadcast live on You Tube and compiled an online program that is currently available to view on the Victorian United Nations Day of Vesak Inc.'s Facebook page.

The 2021 Victorian Observance of the United Nations Day of Vesak was a tremendous success with many wholesome causes made and much merit created. The team at Sakyamuni Sambuddha Vihara conducted a highly professional and joyous event which saw the participation of 21 members of the Sangha. The commemoration began with the traditional offering of food onto the main altar followed by a Blessing from the Mahayana and Theravada traditions in the form of chanting. The lay persons were able to donate a spoonful of rice as the monks and nuns completed a Pindapata outside the front of the temple. Many lay persons had the opportunity to offer dana to the monastic Sangha as lunch included entrée, main and dessert, and each member of the Sangha received a gift bag. The event concluded with a powerful Blessing as monks from the Theravada and Mahayana traditions chanted.

The online component of the event is a scaled back version of the one we normally do at the Melbourne Town Hall. It has all the segments that are included in the Town Hall such as messages from heads of state, chanting from the Venerable Sangha, a Dhamma talk, meditation, messages from our friends in the Interfaith community and

some information from our association members about how they celebrate Vesak.

On behalf of the UN Vesak organising committee, we express our heartfelt gratitude to all those beings who assisted in making the Victorian Observance of the United Nations Day of Vesak such a success. Sadhu, Sadhu, Sadhu

Thank you to Simon Kearney for the considerable work he contributed on behalf of our Centre to making this Victorian Vesak commemoration a great success.

Article: Simon Kearney

BDC Online Account Register

As part of the Emergency Recovery Plan, we have created a BDC Online Password Register. We keep the Register in both physical format (ie printed document) and digital format (ie CD and USB). It is also listed in the Emergency Evacuation Kit to be taken in case of evacuation of the Centre in a fire emergency.

The purpose of the Register is that we can access all our online accounts and continue with our Centres operation at a different location, whether temporary or permanent, after an evacuation. In achieving this, we prepared a list of online accounts, and then verified and recorded their respective passwords. Our Centre started using digital technology to assist with Dhamma dissemination and organisation operation more than 25 years ago. Some of the accounts from many years ago are still active and we managed to trace the log in details for them. However, most accounts are quite recent.

If you have created a new account on behalf of the Centre, please contact me so I can keep the Register up to date at all times. Thank you.

Article: Connie Siow



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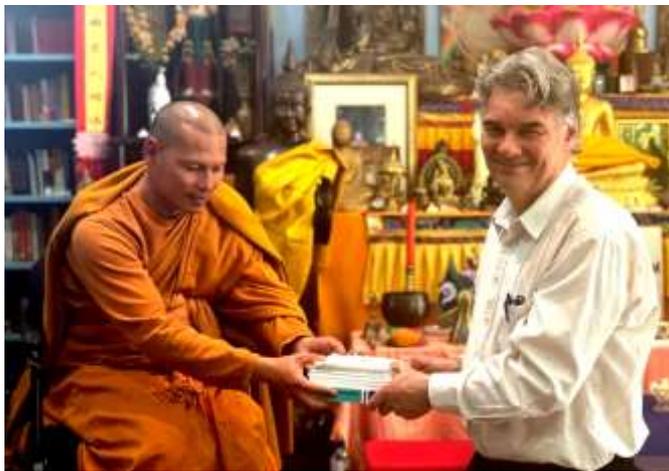
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Our Book ‘Bringing Wisdom to Life’

Our book is now available for free distribution and Members are welcome to have copies for giving away to whoever may benefit from receiving a copy.



Article: Frank Carter Photo: Brooke Cross

Anita’s 60th Birthday Celebration



Dana offering to the Venerables



Garden gathering for presents and speeches



Anita and Members at the Prajna Paramita Puja



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Anita at the garden gathering receiving presents and speeches from students



1000 Buddhas Offering at the new Golden Buddha Pavilion

Photos: Jenny Liu



Photo: Peter Marshall



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Master Yi Special Retreat – March 2021



Master Yi giving a Dhamma talk

Photo: Vinse Chuang



Brooke presenting our Certificate of Patron of the Buddhist Discussion Centre Australia to Master Yi

Photo: Claire Ransome

Easter Retreat – April 2021



Dana offerings to the Venerables





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Merit making activities



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Photos: Des Nguyen

Fundraising Event – Mother’s Day Flower Stalls

Thank you to all who supported our Mother's Day Flower Stall Fundraiser today, Sunday 9th May 2021. It was an incredible success and we sold out of all of the flowers by midday!!! Our volunteers worked joyfully, harmoniously and effectively together to sell flowers to the general public and make lots of good causes.

This year we ran 3 stalls, the first at our usual spot on the corner of Applegum Drive & Burwood Highway, and the other two stalls on Stud Road near the Police Paddocks in Rowville, going inbound and outbound.

We are delighted to report that we raised **\$2,266** for our Centre and **\$38** for Dhammarajika Orphanage in Bangladesh. What a fabulous success, especially considering there was a shortage of the mixed posies from the flower suppliers, which are our biggest sellers.

Sadhu! Sadhu! Sadhu!

Thank you to all who offered their time, energy and enthusiasm for these activities that greatly benefit our Centre and the children at Dhammarajika Orphanage.

We thank the Team at the City of Knox Council for their generosity in waiving our fee for one of the sites. For the first time this year, we were able to accept EFTPOS payments and this was advertised on our signs. We believe this may have been one of the reasons we made many more sales in a short period of time than we usually would have. Thank you also to our main supplier of mixed flower posies Voights Flowers in Worri Yallock.

Thank you once again for lending a helping hand. May the blessings of your good actions support you on your Buddha Dhamma path and in all your endeavours.

Article: Claire Ransome



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Mother's Day flowers and cards offering



Photos: Vinse Chuang

Des & Claire's Marriage

“We wish to thank our dearest teachers and friends at the BDCU for all of the love and support you have offered to us as we take this big step in life together. May our marriage always be beneficial to each other and those around us!

With all our love, Claire & Destin”





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Photos provided by: Claire and Des

Special Blessings from Anita and Frank

The Buddha Became Enlightened under the Bodhi Tree. He then taught the Dhamma to others who also become Enlightened. By the power of these two truths may the Blessings of the Triple Gem shower down on you both.

Your love for each other is a dance of life together

Embrace and greet each other each day

Wherever your forms move, move to meet them

Wherever your feelings rise and fall, rise to greet them and let them go

Wherever your perceptions flow, flow to see them

Wherever your thoughts go, go to know them

Move only to meet each other, greet and embrace each other in a dance of life together

May you always be each other's best friend





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May you always work with each other, may you never work against each other

May you abandon not giving help due to anger or pride when your help would be beneficial

May you not disparage each other

May you never abandon your love for each other.

May all blessings come to you

May all gods protect you

By the Grace of all Enlightened Ones

May weal ever abide in you

May all Blessings come to you

May all gods protect you

By the power of the Sacred Teachings

May weal ever abide in you

May all Blessings come to you

May all gods protect you

By the Grace of the Holy Order

May weal ever abide in you



Photo: Vinse Cheung

We would like to share the blessings to you all, and welcome you to visit our centre!



May you be well and happy!



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