



BUDDHALOKA

The newsletter of the Buddhist Society of Victoria

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The Buddhist Society of Victoria (BSV) is a centre for the learning and practice of Buddhism in Victoria, Australia. The BSV conducts regular meditation classes and retreats, and facilitates talks given by monks, nuns and respected lay teachers.

ALL TEACHINGS AT THE BSV ARE FREE AND OPEN TO EVERYONE.

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Full article & report inside.

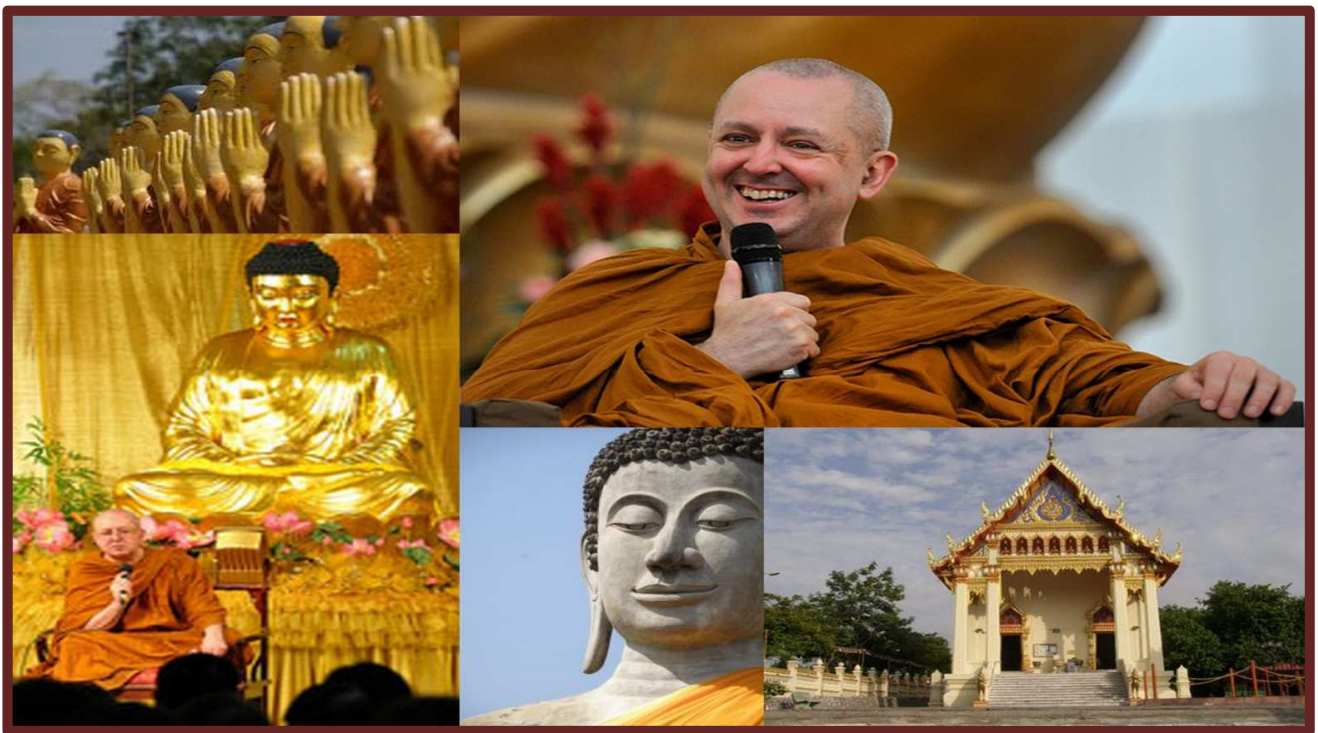
On Saturday 12th May, 5:00-7:00pm

GM15 Law Lecture Theatre, Melbourne Law School

185 Pelham St, Carlton

University of Melbourne

Youth Discussion with Ajahn Brahm



Being a young adult isn't always easy. We have to juggle the demands of study, work, family and friends whilst also making important decisions about where we are heading with our lives. In this public youth discussion directed towards young adults aged 30 and under, Ajahn Brahm will explore how we can lead a meaningful life, reach our potential and make the most out of being young.

Ajahn Brahm is an internationally acclaimed Buddhist leader who attracts crowds of thousands for his public talks. He trained in the Thai forest meditation tradition under Ajahn Chah and is the Abbot of Bodhinyana Monastery in Western Australia.

Brought to you by the University of Melbourne Buddhist Studies Society and
the Buddhist Society of Victoria

You must register to attend at: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/mubss/>
or, if you don't have facebook register by emailing mubss.unimelb@gmail.com



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Two months prior to today's meeting a public meeting was called to discuss this proposal and thus to gauge the general feeling of the community. This meeting was very well attended and about 100 people voted in favour of the proposal and not one person showed opposition. The committee and Venerable Jaganatha were thus encouraged to proceed with researching the Forest monastery project with a subcommittee formed to search for suitable land and determine costs associated with this. Another committee was set up to start fund raising activities.

However, until today's Special General Meeting when only financial members of 2 year's standing or more were permitted to vote the committee could not be sure we could proceed. So it is with great joy and gratitude that we are able to report that today's special resolution passed with 100% support from the floor.

We must express great gratitude to Bhante Jaganatha for his leadership and guidance as it gives a great sense of purpose to lay people to be able to support sangha in this very meritorious way and also to ensure as much as is possible the continuity of the Buddha's teachings in our teaching centre in East Malvern. Already a group of supporters had helped nuns and bhikkhunis at Sanghamittarama, a rented property in East Bentleigh, in the hope that we could one day set up a forest monastery. Now that vision has come to fruition, along with the BSV's members and friends with the support of both bhikkhu and bhikkhuni sangha. Our teaching centre will remain in East Malvern, and once we are established, a monk(s) or a nun(s) will come to Buddhaloka to offer regular weekend teachings. Furthermore visiting sangha can teach at the BSV and while welcome at the Forest monastery residence, will of course be also welcome to stay in East Malvern to offer teachings.

As we know property does not come free of charge. Its purchase has been greatly simplified by a very generous undertaking of one of our members. But we do need to raise a minimum of about \$12,000 per month. This figure seems enormous until we realize that it only requires 120 members or friends to organize a regular direct debit of \$100 each month -\$25.00 per week – and we are able to reach this figure! The account we ask you to pay into is the tax deductible **Buddhist Society of Victoria Monastery Building Fund; BSB 063 – 009; Account no 1054 0860.**

We invite all of our members and friends to support our fund raising activities and donate generously towards the establishment of the Forest Monastery. You can cut the pledge form from the newsletter and send it as instructed to the BSV or/and make lump-sum donations to further secure the purchase of the sangha residence and retreat centre. You will receive a receipt for any donation over \$2.00, and they will be tax deductible

The BSV and Venerable Jaganatha thank you for your kindness in advance, and plan to keep you up to date upon the progress of this wonderful project.

Cora Thomas

Vice-President of the Buddhist Society of Victoria

AGM 2012 – REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

2011-2012 has been a busy year for the BSV. We had a full calendar of activities dedicated to Dhamma teachings and meditation instructions by resident monks and visiting Teachers. Dhamma discussions and forums were held in the Buddhaloka Hall as well as the Library by teaching Monks and also by learned lay teachers.

THE RESIDENT SANGHA

Bhante Buddharakkhita arrived at the BSV on 28th February he was born and raised in Uganda, Africa. He commenced meditation practice in India from early 1990s and trained under Bhante Gunaratana at Bhavana society, West Virginia USA and he is the Founder of the Uganda Buddhist Center. His comments on Buddhism in Africa and pictures of the development of this Centre in Uganda were very interesting.

During his two month stay At BSV, Bhante conducted meditation classes on Tuesdays and gave us teachings on Sundays. He also conducted an in-house meditation retreat over the Easter week end which was very well attended.

Ajahn Achalo arrived at BSV on late Wednesday 25th May for a short stay. Ajahn Achalo ordained as a Bhikkhu in at Wat Pah Pong, the monastery established by Venerable Ajahn Chah and has lived and practiced in the branch monasteries associated within the lineage of Venerable Ajahn Chah including Bodhivana Monastery at Warburton. Currently he is the abbot of a new monastery being established in the mountainous province of Petchabun, Thailand.

During his six weeks stay at BSV, Bhante gave meditation instructions and also Dhamma Talks on Sundays. Ajahn also conducted day retreats at BSV.

Venerable Jaganatha arrived on Thursday 14th July evening to reside at BSV Vihara for Vassa. During the Vassa Ven Jag conducted an extensive teaching programme for Beginners on Wednesday evenings, experienced meditators on Tuesday evenings, Sutta discussions on Saturday afternoons. After Vassa Bhante Jag went to California and returned just before Christmas holidays and we had a special holiday in-house Retreat program 25th to 30th December and a New years' eve programme on 31st December.

Bhante Jag has also re-commenced the Sutta classes on Sunday afternoons & Meditation and Dhamma discussion with "Young Adults" in the age group of 16 - 30 years on Sunday evenings.

In addition to the continuation of the previous teaching programme on a revised schedule, Ven. Jag is also very active in establishing a Monastery for BSV, of which more later.

During the Sundays when we had no resident/visiting teachers, thanks to a large TV receiver donated by a Member, we were able to download Dhamma Talks from senior Teaching Monks world-wide.

WESAK

Ajahn Brahm, our spiritual advisor, once again visited the BSV for the Wesak program from the **Saturday, 21st** of May 2011 to **Tuesday 24th May 2011**. On Saturday 21st evening he held a Dhamma discussion with "young adults" – under 35 age group at Buddhaloka Centre and led our Wesak celebration on Sunday 22nd May.

He gave two public talks at the Monash Religious Centre on the 22nd and 23rd May and on the 24th May the public talk was given at the BSV. He conducted in-house meditation retreats on the 23rd and 24th and all these activities were very well-attended as usual. We thank Ajahn Brahm for his kind generosity in assisting in our Wesak celebration and offering a full program for Wesak.

KATINA

End of rains ceremony for offering Robe & other necessities to Resident Sangha Ven Jag was held on Sunday the 9th of October 2011.

MEDITATION RETREATS

Ajahn Achalo conducted a day retreat at BSV on last Saturday of July the 30th just prior to his departure. Ajahn Khemavaro gave an Introductory talk on Thursday 27th of October at 7.30 pm prior to the retreat and conducted an in house Meditation Retreat at BSV from 28th-30th October. Ajahn Sucitto conducted a Residential retreat at Maitripa Centre in Healsville, from 2nd - 9th December.

DHAMMA TALKS BY VISITING TEACHERS AT BUDDHALOKA CENTRE

Sayadaw U Pandita, the resident monk of the Dhammasuka Meditation Centre in Springvale, continued to provide Thursday evening guided meditation sessions at the BSV.

Venerable Chi Kwang Sunim the Abbess of The Seon (Zen) Centre located in Kinglake, gave a Dhamma talk at the BSV on Sunday the 17th July.

Sayadaw Panditabhivamsa - Abbot of Mahabodhi Monastery in Yangon Myanmar gave a Dhamma Talk on Thursday the 8th of December at BSV. He is a senior monk with 55 Vassa (Rains) and the talk was in Burmese and translated into English by Sayadaw U Pandita.

A very senior Member of BSV Dr. Mervin Mendis passed away in December last year, he was a very active member and will be sadly missed. **Ajahn Nissarano** gave a Dhamma Talk in memory of Late Dr. Mervin Mendis at the invitation of his loving family on Tuesday the 27th of December 2011.

Bhikkhuni Ayya Tathaaloka the Abbess of the Bhikkhuni monastery "Aranya Bodhi Forest Hermitage" in the USA gave a Dhamma talk on Sunday 4th March at the BSV. **Ajahn Dtun** - We are very fortunate to have Ajahn Dtun visit again inspite of his ill-health. He originally trained under Ven. Ajahn Chah, has been a bhikkhu for over 30 years and is a respected Thai meditation teacher. He gave a Dhamma Talk on last Wednesday 21st March and Question & Answer session last night, to a well-attended gatherings of devotees. Ajahn Dtun's talks are in Thai and translated into English by Ajahn Teh who accompanies Dtun on his trip here. Ajahn Dtun will give another Dhamma Talk tomorrow night before he leaves for Thailand on Wednesday.

FORUMS IN THE LIBRARY

On Sat.30th April - On Buddhist Ethics in relationship to the environment and sustainability, by Shelby Glass - a researcher in this area.

Sun. 27th November - An interactive discussion session led by Professor Padmasiri de Silva on the theme of: *"The role of mindfulness of the body (kayanupassana) and of thoughts (cittanupassana) as a resource for dealing with negative emotions,"* a topic that is vital in meditation practice as well as in therapeutic guidance.

The BSV commenced an Introductory Course on Buddhism and Meditation conducted by Lay Teachers on Tuesday the 21st of February 2012 and this course will continue up to 24th of April 2012.

The Melbourne Insight Meditation Group along with Catherine, Hart & Guest Teachers holds Dhamma talks and discussions meditation sessions, in the BSV meditation hall on Wednesdays.

FOREST MONASTERY

Under the leadership of Ven Jaganatha - BSV is now actively proceeding with the establishment of a forest Monastery. Having a Forest Monastery & Retreat Centre Allows the

Following Advantages:

Most forest monastics will not stay in a city centre for long periods of time. Monastery will allow practicing monastics to stay long-term, and thereby be available to offer their teachings more regularly at the Buddhhaloka - BSVs city centre. A dedicated space for Sangha to practice in seclusion helps forest monastics to progress in their practice, and pass on the benefits via teaching.

A well-attended information meeting was held on 26th February 2012 and a Project Group investigate the suitable sites and a Fund raising sub-committee has been setup. The Committee at its last meeting decided to call a Special General Meeting (SGM) on 22nd April 2012 to put a Special Resolution to the Members to obtain approval for setting up the Monastery. Details of this meeting are on the Notice Board. As it is a legal requirement to have not less than 75% of Member support for a Special Resolution, please make a point to participate in the meeting and support the motion and also assist in this worthy cause.

Prem Nawaratne

President, Buddhist Society of Victoria

ELECTION OF THE NEW COMMITTEE OF THE BSV

The following have been elected to the **Committee of the Buddhist Society of Victoria** for 2012-13 as follows:

<i>Padmini Perera</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Alice Chin</i>	<i>Assistant Treasurer</i>
<i>Cora Thomas</i>	<i>Vice President</i>	<i>Emma Song</i>	<i>Committee Member</i>
<i>Adrian Tee</i>	<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Gary Dellora</i>	<i>Committee Member</i>
<i>Chin Look Tan</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Dhananjaya Jayasekara</i>	<i>Committee Member</i>
		<i>Prem Nawaratne</i>	<i>Committee Member</i>

Committee members: Please note that portfolios have not been finalized as the Committee and Bhante Jag are presently sorting out sub-committee structures and divisions of responsibility. This task has become essential because of the new responsibilities and tasks involved in the establishment of the Forest Monastery.

REPORT ON THE BSV GARAGE SALE

Many thanks to Mettha for organizing the day and also to all those people who worked very hard indeed to make it such a great success. The resulting grand sum raised for the *Forest Monastery Fund* is nearly \$7,000.

PILGRIMAGE TO INDIA

BSV members are being offered the opportunity to go on pilgrimage to India in a small group with a very experienced and knowledgeable leader and guide. The pilgrimage will take place 1st November – 18th November inclusive and if the group is sufficiently large Bhante Jag can travel as well at no additional cost. Details are on the notice board at the BSV and at www.himalayanexposure.com.

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN SANGHAMITTARAMA NUNS RESIDENCE

March 2012 proved to be a month of energetic movements, with a hive of activities taking place at Sanghamittarama.

First, we had the short visit of Sister Santacari, an Australian 8-preceptor Sayalay who returned from a year's meditation training in Myanmar. She was later joined by Bhikkhuni Upekkha from Singapore, and followed by Priyanthi Peters who has the wish to go forth into homelessness. Sadhu! Sadhu! Sadhu! Pri! May your practice in the 8-fold path support you in this pure aspiration! And to top it all, we had a visit from Ayya Tathaaloka and Ayya Sobhana from Aryana Bodhi of the United States, both of whom had earlier gone to Dhammasara, Perth to perform higher ordination for two bhikkhunis. Again, we rejoice in this glad tiding of event, adding to the growth of the Theravada Bhikkhuni Sangha.

Pri's noble intention could not have come at a more appropriate time! Since March 2012, whilst Sanghamittarama underwent somewhat extensive restructuring to meet the balanced needs of the bhikkhuni/s, trainees and lay community, the Centre is at the same time, collaborating with the BSV towards the development of a four-fold forest monastery in Melbourne, a vision of the group of devout and dedicated women and men who initiated this nuns' residence under the spiritual guidance of Bhikkhuni Sucinta in the year 2007. This would mean offering more opportunities for women to go forth. Conditions for this direction were further seeded with the residency of Bhikkhuni Atapi and Bhikkhuni Dhammananda, and the path has now been paved for woman aspirants who wish to walk the Path of the Arahants, to come in to Sanghamittarama for training. We hope to invite more bhikkhunis to take up residency in our nuns' residence for this purpose; in June 2012, Ayya Nibbida, an Australian nun who will be receiving higher ordination in May 2012, will join the bhikkhuni Sangha in residence. A warm welcome to you Ayya Nibbida!

We do encourage all dhamma supporters and well-wishers to take the opportunity of interacting with the bhikkhuni/s and building up fellowship amongst the community, during our opening hours from 10.30am to 1.00pm daily from Mondays to Saturdays. On Sundays, the bhikkhuni/s and residents will join the bhikkhu Sangha at the BSV for the morning talk and lunch dana so as to give the laity the opportunity to offer dana to and interact with both bhikkhu and bhikkhuni Sangha members.

Meditation classes have been scheduled for lay participation on Fridays (guided meditation for beginners), Saturdays and Sundays (for those not needing instructions) and will start with chanting from 7.30pm to 8.00pm daily. Those interested only in meditation can arrive at 8.00pm if you wish.

The library of books, CDs, DVDs is open to all visitors. Please feel free to borrow an item to learn more about the Buddha-dhamma when you are at the Centre.

Activities lined up will include a Vesak Day celebration on 5 May, Saturday. The highlight will be the 8-precepts observation and an evening of spiritually inspired program for the young, middle aged and the not-so-young! Do lookout for our email notification for more details!

Khanti is also planning to hold a fund-raising event sometime soon with the hope to raise enough funds to cover for rental, utilities, and other expenditures. We appeal to one and all to give generously to help us support the bhikkhuni Sangha in their basic requisites so that they too will be able to remain at the Centre to support the laity in return. Lunch dana has been well taken care of; we appeal for monetary contributions to help us pay the bills. Any amount is important and is greatly treasured.

May we wish one and all a Happy, Peaceful and Spiritually Beneficial Vesak!

BSV WESAK CELEBRATIONS 2012

Ajahn Brahmavamso will be with us at the BSV to lead Wesak celebrations commencing Sunday 13th May and will return to Perth on Wednesday 16th May.

Saturday 12 th May	5pm – 7pm. <i>Youth Discussion with Ajahn Brahm</i> hosted by Melbourne University Buddhist Studies Society, at 185 Pelham St., Carlton - Law Lecture Theatre, GM15.
Sunday 13 th May	8am – 5pm. Wesak celebrations at Buddhaloka Centre (see separate Wesak program notice on page 9). 8.00pm Dhamma talk at Monash Religious Centre.
Monday 14 th May	8am – 5pm. One day retreat at Buddhaloka Centre. 8.00pm Dhamma talk at Monash Religious Centre.
Tuesday 15 th May	8am – 5pm. One day retreat at Buddhaloka Centre. 8.00 pm Dhamma talk at Buddhaloka Centre.

All are very welcome to attend

Please note: In accordance with the Theravadan tradition, all teachings are free including the retreat days. Donations are welcome.

WESAK PROGRAM

Sunday 13th May

- 8.00 am** **Silent meditation and taking of Precepts (5 or 8)**
9.30 am Dhamma talk by Ajahn Brahm
10.15 am Buddha Puja (offering of flowers and incense)
11.00 am Offering of Dana to the Sangha
11.30 am Community lunch in the dining area, 8 preceptors served first
12.30 pm Silent meditation
2.00 pm Dhamma discussion and meditation with Ajahn Brahm
3.30 pm Afternoon tea
4pm–5pm Dhamma discussion and meditation with Ajahn Brahm
8.00 pm *Dhamma talk, Ajahn Brahm, Monash Religious Ctre (13th May)*

IN-HOUSE DAY RETREATS CONDUCTED BY AJAHN BRAHMAVAMSO

Monday 14th May & Tuesday 15th May

- 8.00 am** **Meditation**
Meditation instructions; Short break; Questions/discussion
11.00 am **Break for offering of Dana**
Lunch for participants
12.30 pm **Meditation**
Meditation instructions; Short break; Questions/discussion
3.00 pm **Tea**
3.30 pm **Meditation**
Meditation instructions; Short break; Questions/discussion
8.00 pm *Dhamma talk, Ajahn Brahm, Monash Religious Ctre (14th May)*

**RESIDENTIAL RETREAT – DEVELOPING JOY
IN PRACTICE – WITH VENERABLE JAG**

Description: “Four Days of Joy” Meditation Retreat with Venerable Jag
When: 29 June (Friday) - 2 July (Monday) 2012.
Where: Maitripa Centre Healesville, 528 Myers Creek Road, Healesville Victoria.
http://www.evaminstitute.org/evam/centres/getting_there.html

Who: Aimed at beginner meditators who have not been on retreat before, or those who have limited retreat experience. Experienced meditators are also welcome! This retreat is not suitable for children due to the observance of silence. All applicants must be 16 years of age or older. Anyone under 18 must get permission (in writing) from their parents or legal guardian to attend.

What: The Four Days of Joy retreat will focus on developing joy and tranquillity through mindfulness of breathing and developing Mudita practice (development of Appreciative Joy) to enhance the Joy in one's sitting and walking meditation. Meditation teachings will emphasise development of joy/happiness as supports for one's daily practice within a Buddhist framework and is suitable for samatha and vipassana practitioners.

Other Information: Healesville can be quite cold at times, so it is advised to bring warm clothing for both day use and for sleeping. You need to bring your own Sheets/Pillow and sleeping bag (sleeping bag is recommended for those who suffer from the cold). The Heating at Maitripa in the individual rooms works at night between 7 & 10 PM. Outside of this, the only heated areas will be the main meditation halls (during the day-time).

BSV Members: \$200 Non BSV members: \$300 Concession: \$140 *

Note: Current cost of BSV membership is \$80 for full membership or \$50 for concession membership (per year). In order to get the discounted rate, you must be a financial member and have your membership approved before the BSV member rate can be applied. For more detail and conditions of membership, go to the Membership page.

** Concession includes anyone who has a Centrelink Health Care Card (most low-income earners can apply for a HCC from Centrelink), or is a full-time student; or is a Pensioner. Please attach a photocopy/scan of your current Health Care Card, Student I.D. or Pensioner Card along with the completed application form to get the concession rate.*

Evening Refreshments: Water can (and should) be taken as needed. People can partake of the following foodstuffs/tonics after midday during the designated tea-time/s on Venerable Jag's retreat:

Cheese (without fruit or vegetables)	Soy or cow's milk	Salt
Yoghurt (Plain or vanilla flavoured only)	Tea (any kind) & coffee	Miso soup
Chocolate (without fruit or nuts) and lollies	Fruit juices / Soft-drinks	Sugar & Honey

Should you have any other dietary requirements for the afternoon, please ask Venerable Jag if it is possible before application.

Applications can be submitted via the website – <http://bsv.net.au/?id=retreat-application>

TAN AJAHN DTUN'S VISIT TO THE BSV, 19TH-27TH MARCH 2012



The BSV was blessed by the visit of Ajahn Dtun, the Abbot of Wat Boonyawat, between 19th and 27th March. The visit by Ajahn Dtun, accompanied by 3 of Ajahn's disciples and 2 Thai lay supporters, was made possible by the invitation of Dr Priya Mendis, for which the BSV is most grateful. During this period, every day after the late-morning lunch, devotees were free to ask Ajahn Dtun any questions relating to the teaching of the Buddha Dhamma and Meditation.

Ajahn Dtun's inspiring and practical additional evening Dhamma talks (21st and 26th March) were given to packed audiences at the Buddhhaloka Hall on both occasions.

A BIG 'THANK YOU' FOR THE PAINTING WORK AT THE VIHARA!

Many thanks to Eddie and Sunil for their great effort in painting the vihara. The fresh paint is to match the newly sanded and lacquered floors that have given the rooms a much brighter aspect. This is just one example of the hard work carried out by supporters at the BSV.



BSV YOUNG ADULTS GROUP (YAG)

The YAG group has been successfully underway for about 2 months now. We have a growing membership of over 40 members and regular weekly attendances of 15-20 people. The Group has provided an arena where young people get together to discuss Dharma and meditate with like-minded people in a safe, relaxed and wholesome environment. Parents and older adults are not present, therefore empowering young people to speak up on issues relevant to them, in their language.

Discussion has been stimulating and insightful on topics such as relationships, societal progress, death and rebirth. Monk Jag has been instrumental getting the group started and facilitating the engaging conversations too. We hope to keep the momentum going with planned social gathering, community events and fundraising ventures. All young people (16-30 year olds) are welcome and Bhante Jag has announced that he is lowering the age to 15 for members

Where: BSV Dhamma hall – When: Sunday 6.30-8pm – Cost: Free. Carpell Dang .

BUDDHALOKA PROGRAM

71-73 Darling Road, East Malvern

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Sundays	8.30am	Unguided meditation
	9.30am	Dhamma Talk
	11.00am	Shared lunch
	4.00pm	Sutta discussion
	6.00pm	Unguided meditation
	6.30pm	Young adult group

Mondays	7.30pm	Unguided meditation & 'Question and Answer' session
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Tuesdays	7.30pm	Teaching and guided meditation by lay teachers
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Wednesdays	7.15pm	Melbourne Insight Meditation Group
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Thursdays	7.30pm	Meditation and talk by Sayadaw U Pandita Pre-recorded Dhamma talk if Sayadaw is away
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Saturdays	9am-3pm	Hall open for silent meditation
	3.00pm	Beginners' meditation & 'Question and Answer' session



SANGHAMITTARAMA PROGRAM

40 Chesterville Drive, East Bentleigh

☎ (03) 9579 0450 www.bsv.net.au

**Mondays to Saturdays,
10.30am to 1pm** Arrival of dayakas
Buddha Puja
Sangha Dana
Laity's sharing of lunch dana
Dhamma discussion.

If you wish to dedicate merits for loved ones or for special occasions, please write down details and provide to Sangha before Anumodana Chant. (anyone wishing to speak to Sangha members are welcome to visit during this time)

**Fridays, 7.30pm to
9.00pm** Beginners' Only – Guided Meditation class.
Begins with English Chanting

**Saturdays & Sundays,
7.30pm to 9.00pm** Noble Silence Meditation – Residents and experienced meditators only
Saturday – Class begins with Pali Chanting
Sunday – Class begins with English Chanting (Sunday)



FOREST MONASTERY & RETREAT CENTRE PROJECT

Who Supports This Project?

The BSV's Spiritual Advisor Ajahn Brahmavamso (Abbot of Bodhinyana Monastery in Perth), has already endorsed this project with a letter of support which was read at the public meeting. So what are you waiting for? Please get behind this project that will help monks and nuns in the Theravada tradition to form a base of practice and teaching at the BSV.



The Project

The Forest Monastery Project is now in full-swing with the vote by the BSV members giving unanimous support for it at the Special General Meeting held on Sunday the 22nd of April.

We are now trying to raise funds for this project and have established an account in which deposits can be made to help get the ball rolling.

Should you feel like making a donation, please go here to make a gift towards the Forest Monastery & Retreat Centre. Any donation given to the Forest Monastery Building fund over \$2 is tax-deductible (which might be quite handy come tax-time to reduce your tax-bill).

Source: <http://bsv.net.au/?id=monastery-project>



Donation Pledge
To BSV – Monastery Building Fund (MBF)
BSV – Forest Monastery Project

To: The Treasurer, BSV

I / We the undersigned in support of the establishment of the proposed forest Monastery by BSV pledge to make regular periodical donations until further notice to the MBF that will be setup as below to assist in the expenditure for this Project

Name(s):

Address:

Phone:

Email:

The Donation Amount: \$

Payment Frequency: Please select > Fortnightly / Monthly / Quarterly

Signature:Date:

Method of Payment:

- * Cash / Cheque – in a sealed envelope deposited in the BSV’s Donation box
- * Bank Order for Electronic Transfer of the payment

From my/our Bank:to
BUDDHIST SOCIETY OF VICTORIA - Monastery Building Fund A/C at
Commonwealth Bank (CBA): BSB Number: 063 009 A/C No: 1054 0860
Swift Code: CTBAAU2S

*Please tick (√) your preference

Note: All donations to Buddhist Society of Victoria Inc. Monastery - General Account are Tax deductible. The Treasurer will forward Official receipts for total aggregate payments received from each Donor at the end of the Fiscal year.

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Please fill in & retain this record of your Donation Pledge to BSV - MBF:

My / Our Name:

Donation Pledge Amount: \$ Date:

Payment frequency:

Method of Payment:

- * Cash / Cheque
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