



**Buddhist Council of NSW**

*Working for the Buddhist Community*



# **ANNUAL REPORT 2019**



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*Vien Giac Temple Abbess Anh Thien with BCNSW operations manager Ann MacArthur.*





## How we work

Families, temples, sangha and Buddhist community organisations all provide the framework for Buddhist life in NSW. The job of the Buddhist Council is to work with these to support a flourishing Buddhist community. We do this by:

### Supporting Buddhist organisations

- Circulating information
- Advertising and taking part in community events
- Providing access to low cost insurance
- Offering training and support in managing an organisation and meeting statutory requirements
- Collaborative projects

### Programs for vulnerable age groups and life stages

- Young people: special religious education
- Illness and death: hospital chaplaincy
- People in custody: prison chaplaincy

### Making Buddhism available to all

- Providing information on Buddhist organisations and events on the website and social media
- Responding to general queries
- Providing resources on the Dharma
- Providing religious related training

### Liaising with government, interfaith and other groups

- Providing a point of contact for the government
- Attending the Multicultural NSW Religious Leaders Forum and other government meetings
- Attending interfaith activities and working with other faiths on issues of common concern



## Welcome

At the time of our last annual report the Buddhist Council had recently had a change of leadership and welcomed new Board members. 2019 has been a year of renewing our direction, strengthening relationships with members, and developing our programs. You will find details of this in this report. Here I would like to highlight a few aspects of our work.

At last year's Annual General Meeting we flagged our intention to take a more collaborative approach. We have worked hard at this, strengthening member support, taking an active role in interfaith groups and with government, and taking a more active approach to issues that affect us all such as religious freedom and climate change. We are working with the government on ways of supporting new child protection laws in Buddhist temples and organisations, and are thinking through what contribution we in the Buddhist community can make to mitigate climate change. In all of this we are aware of how complex the Buddhist community is: in NSW more than 207,000 people from more than 60 countries, with a variety of languages, schools of Buddhism and cultural heritages.

We have also worked hard to strengthen our chaplaincy and Special Religious Education programs, providing greater support to chaplains and teachers and also working with government and other providers to make sure that these programs meet the needs of the Buddhist community.

Internally, we have digitised much of our administration with a customer relations management system which gives us much better tools for managing and reporting and supports the work of our staff and volunteers.

None of this would be possible without our very active board, our excellent volunteers, and the enormous contribution of Ann MacArthur as operations manager and Glenn Sloan as (volunteer) general manager. We are grateful to members who have worked with us through the year.

Gawaine Powell Davies

Chair





# Supporting Buddhist organisations

*"We highlighted some of the key ways we assist member organisations"*

## Membership renewal program

After much planning and discussion following last year's annual general meeting, we launched a membership renewal program with the aspiration of strengthening links with Buddhist member organisations. In the past we did not ask the 130 some organisations who have registered with us to regularly renew their memberships nor did we ask for an annual subscription, although many groups have been very generous with donations. This left us without a clear membership base, and without the funds we need to do our work.

Our new membership arrangement offers three tiers depending on the size of the organisation. These with the corresponding annual subscription are Seedling (small organisations) \$55, Budding (medium size organisations) \$150 and Blossoming (organisations with a turnover of more than \$250,000) \$300. We do not want to turn away any Buddhist organisation due to financial need and have made provision for organisations to ask for a subsidy. Membership subscriptions will

run from July to June the following year.

In our correspondence at the end of 2019 encouraging renewals, we highlighted some of the key ways we assist member organisations:

- supporting member events through events listing on our website and publicity through our monthly e-news and Facebook page as well as attendance by Board members and Ambassadors
- offering public liability and voluntary workers insurance at a reduced rate
- supporting visa applications for bringing venerables and teachers to Australia
- providing advice on incorporation and governance
- helping members access support on legal, financial and taxation issues
- providing access to dispute resolution

We also provide a Buddhist voice at local, state and national levels.



## Member events

The Buddhist Council supported Ding Hui Monastery, Bori Sa Temple and Prajna Monastery to produce the Combined Vesak celebration at Burwood Park, a cherished annual event. While speeches, chanting and bathing of the baby Buddha happened at the main altar, our booth was used to promote our SRE and chaplaincy programs. We provided a display of educational boards explaining Buddhism also staffed by volunteers and hosted a children's activity tent. Board member Tina Ng was the emcee for the day and Chair Gawaine Powell Davies was a speaker.

We were delighted also



BCNSW volunteers Sofan Chan and Trish Nguyen at our stall at Combined Vesak celebrations

to join in Vesak celebrations with individual temples, including Australian Chinese Buddhist Association and Prajna Monastery, Jongbopsa Korean Temple, Nan Tien (Darling Harbour) Mahamenawa and Sakya Tharpa Ling, and to attend other ceremonies and events at Mahamenawa, Nan Tien Temple, Wat Phrayortkeo Temple, Vien Giac Temple and Huayen. It was also a pleasure to attend workshops and conferences organised by Mitra and Nan Tien.



Venerables bathing the baby Buddha at Burwood Park 17 May 2019

*Mr. Thoulanh Chounlamountry, Senior advisor of the Wat Phrayortkeo and BCNSW Chair Gawaine Powell Davies parading three times around the sacred Bodhi Tree with offerings of saffron robes, flower, candles and incense sticks.*



## Member profile

### Bodhi Day with the Lao Buddhist Society of New South Wales

In 2009, the Fairfield City Council (FCC) asked the monks of Wat Phrayortkeo, the temple of the Lao Buddhist Society of New South Wales in Edensor Park, to be the 'Guardians' of the Bodhi tree. This touched the hearts of many Buddhists and has started a significant partnership between the Lao Buddhist Society of NSW and FCC. This sacred tree is located in Bonnyrigg Town Centre Park, where the motto is "The World in One Place." The Lao Buddhist Society has had many events, festivals and ceremonies bringing people from diverse backgrounds and faiths to one place to pray for peace together.

For Bodhi Day around November each year, Lao Buddhist Society of NSW commemorates the sacred Bodhi tree that Prince Siddhartha Gautama sat under and meditated until he found a way out of suffering. To celebrate the Buddha's attainment of enlightenment all are invited to parade three times around the sacred tree and sprinkle scented water onto the plant. This is a spiritual significance to ask for peace for humanity and peace for the world.

In 2019 the Lao Buddhist Society generously donated the dana from their Bodhi Day festival to the Buddhist Council of NSW. Chair Gawaine Powell Davies attended to award certificates to Sunday school students.

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# Programs for vulnerable age groups and life stages



*Hospital chaplains networking lunch*

## Chaplaincy

We made a significant commitment to Buddhist chaplaincy in 2019 by offering a 400-hour course in clinical pastoral education (CPE). While we have offered the introductory unit of 40-hour CPE for over a decade, Buddhist chaplains have had to attend other providers for more advanced training. We now have a qualified Buddhist supervisor for the next level of training in Thay Thong Phap, who we engaged to deliver the course. Ordained in the Vietnamese Zen tradition Thay has experience as a teacher, a counsellor, a human rights advocate, a support worker with people who have an intellectual disability and a pastoral care worker. Most importantly, Thay has a vision of building a national Buddhist contemplative care network which we wholeheartedly support.

We subsidised six of our volunteer chaplains

*Thay Thong Phap*

to attend this intensive course of group and individual work. Meeting over one weekend each month from August they shared reflection, reading, seminar preparation and verbatim writing based on their chaplaincy visits.

Hospital and corrections chaplains held separate networking meetings during the year to discuss their unique challenges. We recruited new chaplaincy volunteers through the offering of the introductory unit of CPE course. We are grateful to Reverend Alan Galt assisted by Nicola LeCouteur from the Mental Health CPE Centre at Macquarie Hospital for presenting the

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course.

Another important development during the year was our engagement with the Civic Chaplaincy Advisory Committee (CCAC) which oversees chaplaincy across religious organisations. This was a crucial time for CCAC as it re-negotiated contracts for prison and youth justice chaplaincy and strengthened the administrative system supporting chaplaincy. We played an active role in these developments, and Gawaine Powell Davies is now vice-Chair of the committee.

During the year we provided 14 hospital chaplains and 8 corrective services chaplains. Although fewer in number, hospital chaplains increased their average contact hours from 136

to 153 in 2019. Corrections centre chaplains averaged 207 face-to-face hours per chaplain consistent with the previous year. Chaplains are also active in the pastoral care offices of the institutions they visit and are involved in activities from volunteer drives at hospitals to presenting at area conferences to corrections chaplain colleagues. They make themselves available after hours when possible to counsel and offer assistance to the bereaved. Chaplains are an enormous resource to the community and typically hesitant to promote themselves. Hence we were especially pleased when Anna Carmody represented corrections chaplaincy in an interview on ABC Radio National's Soul Search program in March.

## Corrections Centre Chaplains

Ettianne Anshin, **Dilwhynnia, Emu Plains**  
 Mary Wade, **Silverwater Womens**  
 Norbert Bohler, John Morony, **Lithgow**  
 Anna Carmody, **Long Bay**  
 Elizabeth Mowlem, **Junee**  
 Christine Thompson, **Goulburn**  
 Gary Thornell, **Case management**  
 Pema Thubten, **Bathurst, Macquarie, Wellington**  
 Daniel Troyak, **Long Bay**

Chaplains retired or on an extended break during 2019 Pra Nick Dhammarato, Hazel Duell, Ven Sudhira, Sue Luu.

## Hospital Chaplains

Barbara Burke, **Royal North Shore**  
 Vivienne Fettell, **Milton**  
 Jackie Iskandar, **Prince of Wales**  
 Susanne Jones, **Cambelltown**  
 My Lien Ly, **Bankstown, Liverpool**  
 Dane Millanta, **Royal Prince Alfred, St Vincents**  
 Anthony Mills, **Goulburn**  
 Trish Nguyen, **Royal Prince Alfred**  
 Minh Phan, **Bankstown**  
 Yoke Leng Tang, **Westmead**  
 Rev Heather Topp, **Canterbury**  
 Reverend Shigenobu Watanabe, **Royal North Shore**  
 Debbie Whitney, **Prince of Wales**  
 Don Yasalal, **Westmead**



## Chaplain's profile

**Reverend Heather Topp**

**Coordinating Hospital Chaplain at Canterbury Hospital**

I was ordained as an interfaith minister (best description is spirituality without borders) in New York in 2009, having initially taken Refuge in the Buddha in 2007. My journey since then has been one of healing, full of serendipitous moments for which I will be forever grateful.

In February 2020 I will complete the course in Clinical Pastoral Education 1 in Buddhist chaplaincy through the St Vincent's Hospital CPE and the Buddhist Council of NSW under supervisor Thay Thong Phap with a focus on bereavement counselling as well as spiritual counselling.

Working at Canterbury Hospital is fulfilling and interesting largely because it requires a multifaith approach. I visit all patients irrespective of their religion and am often asked to provide prayers for the dying, for example for Orthodox patients. I find this reinforces

my belief in the Buddha and gives great solace, bringing in the words of Venerable Thay, 'a loving presence'. A high percentage of our patients and staff are Muslim. There is a respect and acceptance of both faiths which I can only describe as 'enriching' for me. Buddhism also fits beautifully with our First Nation practice of Dadirri - sacred listening and contemplative reflection. In a multicultural society and as a hospital chaplain I believe there is a great need for more Buddhist hospital chaplains.

As an ordained interfaith minister and authorised marriage celebrant my Buddhist practice is of great value in performing ceremonies including weddings, baby naming and funerals, and when I am called upon to give memorial services at the hospital for staff members or persons with an affiliation to the hospital.





*SRE teachers with Sister Emerald at Healing Breath Centre*

## Special Religious Education

Public schools in NSW are required to allocate time each week for Special Religious Education (SRE) delivered by volunteer teachers from faith groups. As the major approved provider of Buddhist SRE we supported 61 teachers to attend 77 schools in 2019 engaging with an estimated 2,440 students.

Our SRE focus for the year was to deepen our training opportunities for existing teachers and expand our contacts with member organisations and other approved providers. The strength of the Buddhist Council syllabus is in accommodating all Buddhist traditions within the four strands of Values and Attitudes, Buddhism in Society, Being a Buddhist and Life Skills. Our training supports teachers to deliver this rich content in an age appropriate manner.

- The year opened with the 'Back-to-school Open Day' a new program of presentations and sharing between current and



*Workshopping games at Back-to-School Open Day*

prospective teachers. The highlight was an offering of lunch and a talk with Bhante Sujato and a visit by Venerable Zhili, SRE coordinator for Nan Tien Temple.

- Two instances of 2-Day SRE training graduated 26 prospective teachers. A

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*John Barclay presenting at the Buddhist Library*

fast track training session in July allowed practicing teachers to update their credentials. We were pleased to bring on board five teachers from Lankarama Temple in Schofield and three teachers from Amitabha Buddhist Association in Bankstown. We also welcomed teachers from Nan Tien Temple to our growing cohort of high school teachers.

- We organised a visit to Healing Breath Centre in the Blue Mountains for Buddhist Council and Nan Tien Temple SRE teachers where Sister Emerald gently guided us on 'Building Mindfulness in the Classroom'.
- The Buddhist Library hosted SRE teachers for a workshop on 'Resources for Children and Young People' with SRE lead teacher

John Barclay and librarian Molly Lim. The workshop showcased the growing number of books suitable for the SRE classroom and we are grateful to the Library for offering free membership to SRE teachers.

- In line with our assurance as an approved provider we initiated a self-reflection process at the close of the year where teachers were prompted with questions like what was your best lesson, and how did your students develop, how did you adapt to student needs?

We are grateful for all the support the SRE program has received during the year from presenters, school communities and donors and most especially to our creative and enthusiastic volunteer teachers.





*Creating a lesson plan group activity.*

## SRE Highlight

### Teacher training at Vien Giac Temple, Cabramatta

While they are only a small temple Vien Giac undertook the daunting task of obtaining Special Religious Education approved provider status from the Department of Education. With the great need for Buddhist SRE teachers in the Cabramatta area we happily collaborated to offer our 2-Day SRE Teacher Training program in October on the temple premises. Vien Giac Abbess Anh Thien presented her classroom strategies which have allowed her to teach up to one hundred students at a time! John Barclay and Ann MacArthur presented the other SRE training modules on child protection, resources and lesson planning and Buddhism in Australia to sixteen participants including monastics from Phuoc Hue Temple, who will be responsible for Sunday school classes.



*Enjoying the temple lunch.*

Our learning was sustained by exquisite vegan lunches from the temple kitchen and each participant left with a gift from the temple of a laminated painting of Shakyamuni Buddha as a classroom resource.

The weekend created a strong feeling of camaraderie which we hope will continue to support SRE teaching in the local area and beyond.





# Making Buddhism available to all

As well as working with Buddhist organisations and individuals, we also act as a contact point for people wanting to find out about Buddhism and the Buddhist community.

## Communications

To further bring awareness of Buddhist teachings and the activities of Buddhist organisations we kept up regular engaging communications with the general public through our e-news and Facebook posts. Beginning with greetings for the Year of the Pig in February and concluding in December with an end-of-year giving appeal to help fund the work of the Council, our monthly e-news publicised visits from international teachers, member developments and BCNSW courses and activities, along with ticket and prize giveaways. Each e-news ends with a selection of events in the coming month drawn from the extensive events listing on our website [buddhistcouncil.org](http://buddhistcouncil.org). In 2019 we listed about 75 new events each quarter.

We significantly increased the number of Facebook posts during the year with an average of 50 posts each quarter.

## Workshops

In July we partnered with Sydney Insight Meditators to bring American professor, writer and Zen teacher David Loy to Australia for talks and workshops on Buddhism and the ecological challenge. Known for his



*Sister Sophia*



*David Loy*

contribution to socially engaged Buddhist practice and his exploration of the relationships between Buddhism and social/ecological issues, Professor Loy helped us create a focus and support base for our work on climate change

We reached out to the local community around our St Leonards office with a weekend meditation class presented by Sister Sophia from Chan Miao Zen Centre. Sister Sophia had arrived from the home temple in Taiwan to set up the Centre. Having received member assistance from BCNSW to register her organisation, she then donated her time to teaching the five-week course.



# Liaising with government, interfaith and other groups



*Chair Gawaine Powell Davies represents BCNSW at Multicultural NSW Religious Communities Forum*

Our work with the Buddhist community requires good relationships with government, other faith groups and organisations that share our aims. This enables us to act as a voice for Buddhism and to help external organisations connect effectively with the Buddhist community.

At national level we work with other state Buddhist Councils through the Federation of Australian Buddhist Councils and with the Australian Sangha Association to give Buddhism a stronger voice. We made submissions and raised issues of national importance, including religious freedom (with representatives of other 'minority' faith groups) and visa regulations for visiting monks, nuns and teachers.

At state level we have links to government

through our chaplaincy and SRE programs and through Multicultural NSW, in particular their Religious Communities Forum, which also provides an opportunity to meet with other faith groups. We use our membership on the Civil Chaplaincy Advisory Committee and the Department of Education Consultative Committee on Special Religious Education to enhance these programs and ensure that the needs of less established religious groups are understood.

After the Christchurch massacre on 15th March we organised a letter of support from Buddhist organisations to Muslim organisations in NSW and to the New Zealand government. 26 Buddhist organisations signed. We also

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*“We attended interfaith services for peace, in support of refugees.”*



*Chair Gawaine Powell Davies speaking at the 16th Sakyadhita International conference*

attended interfaith services following the massacre, and we were subsequently invited to take part in a number of Ramadan gatherings. We attended interfaith services for peace, in support of refugees, and to mark the Bicentenary of the Birth of the Bab, the Herald of the Baha'i Faith.

Following the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Abuse, new laws have been passed about child protection, and the NSW Ombudsman's office has been charged with helping implement them. We have been working with them to help them understand the characteristics of the Buddhist community and will be helping them make contact with temples.

We have been liaising and working with other groups in response to the climate crisis, including the Sydney Buddhist Centre, the Australian Religious Response to Climate

Change, the Faith Ecology Network and Affinity (a Muslim group). We expect this work to develop further next year.

We are also contributing to the Sydney Statement, an interfaith project coordinated by the Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations to get young people of faith to express their experiences and develop a statement of values.

Finally we welcomed delegates to the 16th Sakyadhita International conference, which provided a wonderful opportunity to hear from Buddhist women from all over the world and present workshops from an Australian perspective.





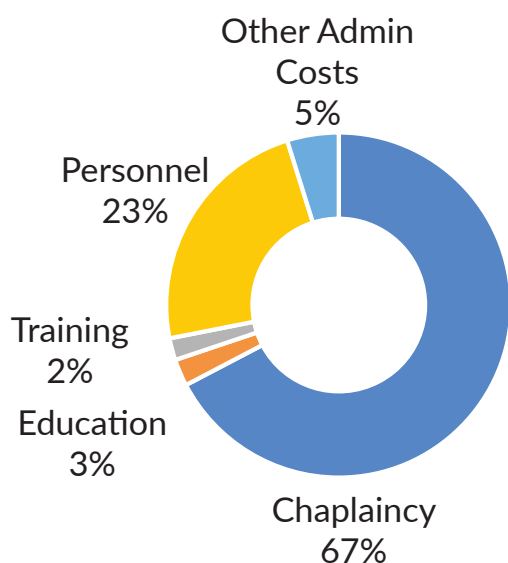
# Finance Summary

Five Year Financial Summary of the Buddhist Council of New South Wales.

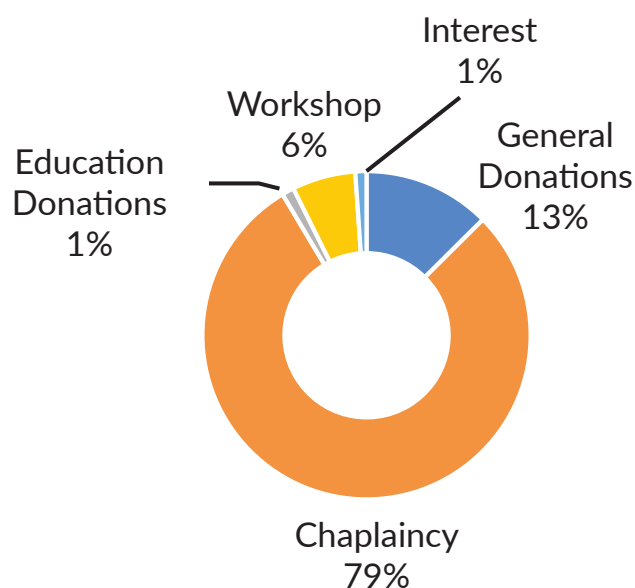
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Income	186,084	166,414	173,599	176,621	176,931
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>168,134</b>	<b>169,811</b>	<b>172,224</b>	<b>206,896</b>	<b>207,038</b>
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	17,950	3,397	1,375	(30,274)	(30,107)
Increase/(Decrease) in Members' Funds	17,950	(3,397)	1,375	(30,274)	(30,107)
<b>Total Members' Funds</b>	<b>146,123</b>	<b>142,726</b>	<b>144,101</b>	<b>113,827</b>	<b>83,719</b>

In the financial year 2019, Buddhist Council NSW had an operating deficit of \$30,107. Total revenue for 2019 was \$176,931 which was an increase of \$310 from last year (2018: \$176,621). Total expenses for 2019 was \$207,038 which is \$142 higher than last year (2018: \$206,896). The Council's financial position has decreased to \$83,719 which was attributed to the deficit in 2019.

## EXPENSES



## REVENUE





## Donations

The Buddhist Council relies on donations from the community for our financial sustainability. Any donations or bequests are much appreciated. The Education Fund has Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) statuses from the Australian Tax Office.

We are grateful for donations from the following organisations and individuals in 2019.

### Organisations

Amawatura Buddhist Centre  
Gebchak Rigpa Har-Sey  
Nantien Temple  
Shanti Mission  
Sydney Zen Centre  
Tharpa Choeling Abbey INC  
Wat Phrayortkeo Dhammayanaram Lao  
Buddhist Temple

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I Gede Raka Putra Gunawan  
Loretta Hsieh  
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Suong Le  
Lin Pong Lee  
Haw Chi Low  
Elizabeth Mowlem  
Sam Naidu  
Trish Nguyen  
Jonathan Page  
Minh Phan  
Matthew Rayner  
Luiz Ribeiro  
Nilanka Rodrigo  
Hassib Bou Said  
Patricia A Scheveling  
Sister Sophia  
Kim Tan  
Tan Tanuwidjaya  
Reverend Heather Topp  
Debbie Whitney  
Don Yasalal



## Governance

### Board of Directors

Gawaine Powell Davies	Chair
Ariya Chittasy	Secretary <i>from July</i>
Ben Webster	Secretary <i>until July</i>
Tina Ng	Public Officer
Zen Low	Treasurer
Lianne Ngo	<i>until November</i>
Venerable Juewei Shih	<i>from July</i>

## Our team in 2019

Team members	Position
Glenn Sloan	General Manager
Ann MacArthur	Operations Manager, Chaplaincy and SRE Coordinator
Phoi Duong Brenda Ferguson	Finance Manager
Lay Lim	Finance Assistant
Louise Neary <i>until July</i>	Web Event Coordinator
Sofan Chan	Member Services Coordinator
Josie Lister	Training and Communications Coordinator
Trish Nguyen	Chaplaincy Assistant
Bonnie Yiu	Office Assistant
Thanh Nguyen	SRE Assistant
Sister Sophia	Office and Events Support
Thomas Ilbery	Events Support





## Member Organisations

AABCAP (Australian Association of Buddhist Counsellors and Psychotherapists Inc.)

AMRTA Monastery

Adeikhtan Buddhist Missionary Company (Aust)

Aloka Community Incorporated

Amawatura Buddhist Centre (Inc)

Amitabha Buddhist Association of NSW Inc.

Amitabha Foundation (Australia)

An Khong Association Inc

Association of Engaged Buddhists

Australian Buddhist Mission & Aloka Meditation Centre

Australian Chinese Buddhist Society

Australian Chinese Pure Land Buddhist Association (Sydney) Inc. (ACPLBA)

Australian Institute of Buddhist Learning and Practice

Australian Institute of Tibetan Healing Practices

Bangladesh Australia Buddhist Society

Barom Kagyu Chodrak Drupju Chuling

Bhante Sujato in Sydney Group

Black Mountain Zen Group

Blue Mountains Insight Meditation Centre (BMIMC) (Buddha Sasana Association of Australia)

Bluegum Sangha

Bodhi Books & Gifts

Bodhi Events

Bodhicitta Foundation (India) Australia

Bodhikusuma Buddhist & Meditation Centre

Bori Korean Buddhist Society of NSW

Buddhist Compassion Relief Tzu-Chi Foundation Aust

Buddhist Peace Fellowship (Sydney)

Bup Bo Temple

Cambodian Buddhist Society Inc of NSW

Chagdud Gonpa Australia

Chan Miao Zen Centre

Chan Tam True Mind

Contemplative End-of-Life Care Southern Highlands Inc.

Dhammaduta Buddhist Association (Coffs Harbour)

Dhammaduta Buddhist Association of Australia

Dhammaduta Foundation Incorporated

Dhammakaya International Society of Aust

Dharma Cloud Monastery - Australia Buddhist Foundation

Dharma Drum Mountain Sydney

Diamondway Buddhism Sydney

Ding Hui Monastery

Drogmi Buddhist Institute

Dzogchen Community of Namgyalgar

Gebchak Rigpa Har-Sey Inc.

Golden Wheel Buddhist Association

Hongwanji Buddhist Mission of Australia

Huayen Buddhist Community of Australia Inc

Indonesian Buddhist Society of NSW

Kadri Bodhi Monastery Inc.

Kampuchea Krom Cultural Centre Inc.

Karma Dro Phan Ling Institute

Karma Samten Choeling Inc.

Karma Yiwong Samten Ling Tibetan Buddhist Centre Inc.

Kempsey Buddhist Meditation Group

Khachodling Inc.

Khmer Krom & Aust Buddhist Assoc

Korean Buddhism Jongbopsa Society (The)

Koyasan Shingon Mission Of Australia

Kuan Yin Buddhist Temple

Kunphen Dharma Centre Australia

Kunsang Yeshe Retreat Centre Inc.

Kyegu Buddhist Institute

Lao Buddhist Society of NSW

Liberation Prison Project Australia Ltd

Lin Yim Buddhist Institute

Ling Yen Mountain Temple (Australia)

Macquarie University Buddhist Association

Mahamakut Wat Buddharangsee Stanmore Inc.

Mahamevnawa Bhavana Monastery & Meditation Centre of Sydney

Mahasandhi Buddhist Centre

Man Su Vihara

Manjushri Buddhist Centre Inc

Metta Centre Incorporated

Mitra Youth Buddhist Network Incorporated

Mudita House Limited

Mukyoho

NP Publishing Inc

Nan Tien Institute (NTI)

Nan Tien Temple

No Problems Publishing Inc. Open Way Zen Centre

PAL Buddhist School

Panditarama Sydney Meditation Centre Inc.

Phuoc Hau Temple

Pointing Out Australia

Prajna Monastery Australia Inc.

Prasarn Bun Prasarn Jai Group

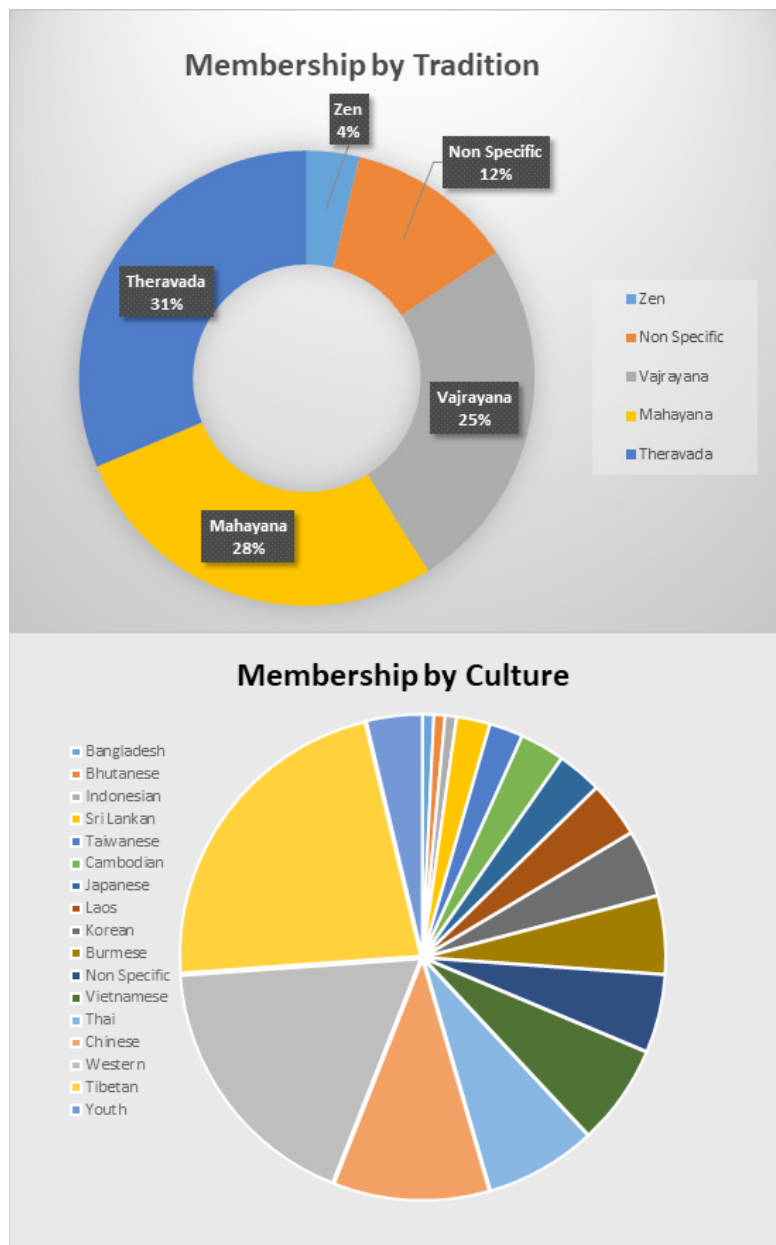
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 Recollective Awareness (Aust)  
 Rigpa Fellowship Inc.  
 Sakya Tharpa Ling  
 Santi Forest Monastery Inc.  
 Sasana Daja Burmese Temple  
 Shantideva Buddhist Foundation Limited  
 Siangthum Phrapotiyan Incorporated  
 Siddhartha's Intent Australia  
 Silky Oak Zen  
 Sri Lankan Buddhist Vihara Association  
 Sunnataram Forest Monastery  
 Sydney Burmese Buddhist Vihara Inc.  
 Sydney Insight Meditators  
 Sydney Meditation Centre

Sydney Zen Centre  
 Tallowood Sangha Inc  
 Tashi Choling Buddhist Institute  
 Tenzin Palmo Initiatives  
 Tharpa Choeling Inc  
 The Korean Buddhist Kwan Um Sa Incorporated  
 Theravada Buddhist Association of Australia Inc.  
 Tibetan Buddhist Society (Sydney)  
 Tibetan Buddhist Society of Canberra  
 Tinh Xa Minh Dang Quang  
 Triratna Buddhist Community (Sydney) Inc.  
 UTS Buddhist Meditation Society  
 Unibodhi - University of Sydney Buddhist Society  
 Unified Vietnamese Buddhist Congregation of A-NZ  
 University Buddhist Education Foundation  
 Vajrayana Institute Inc.  
 Vien Giac Temple





## Buddhist Council of NSW

*Working for the Buddhist Community*

**Our vision** is of a world where the Dharma – the teachings and practices of the Buddha – are part of everyday life and contribute to the wellbeing of all. We seek to achieve this through supporting a flourishing Buddhist community that:

- has strong and sustainable Buddhist organisations
- has productive relationships between Buddhist organisations, with other faiths, with government and other social organisations
- contributes to the wellbeing of individuals, families and communities and society through putting the Dharma into practice.

We work with and for the Buddhist community and others who share our vision to achieve this.





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