



Buddhist Council of NSW
Working for the Buddhist Community

The Buddhist Council of NSW

Annual Report 2020





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Cover: The Ashoka pillar at Sunnatram Forest Monastery, Bundanoon in the midst of the summer bushfires. The main buildings of the monastery were saved by Rural Fire Service and Fire and Rescue crews with the help of three waterbombs delivered by helicopter. The accommodation that was destroyed means the monastery has only been able to open for day visits on Sundays.

Design and artwork donated by Brent Carswell

Who we are and what we do

We are a peak body for Buddhist organisations in NSW and the ACT, and a member of the national peak body, the Federation of Australian Buddhist Councils. 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. 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 through social media
- Responding to general queries
- Providing resources and running programs on the Dharma

Working with government, interfaith and other groups

- Acting as a link between government and Buddhist organisations
- Attending the Multicultural NSW Religious Leaders Forum and other government meetings
- Attending interfaith activities and working with other faiths on issues of common concern
- Advocating on issues of importance to the Buddhist community including climate change and religious discrimination



Report from the Chair

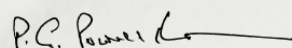
2020 was a strange and difficult year for us all, starting with bushfires and drought and then moving into covid. Many in the Buddhist community lost their work and income, families came under pressure and temples, sanghas and other groups had to find new ways of supporting their communities. For the first time Vesak and other celebrations were cancelled. At the Buddhist Council we were fortunate to receive support from the Federal Government and generous benefaction which allowed us to continue our work, albeit in new ways.

Early in the pandemic we developed information kits for Buddhist organisations in community languages, and throughout the year met regularly with the government and other faith communities, passing on information about changing rules. We became used to working with Zoom, and when it was clear that Vesak celebrations would be cancelled we organised an online celebration with Buddhist groups across Australia, working with Buddhist Councils in other states and the Australian Sangha Association. We also ran Stillness in Spring, a month-long program that offered meditation during Mental Health Month and also raised funds for the work of the Buddhist Council.

Our two biggest programs, chaplaincy and Special Religious Education, also flourished. In chaplaincy our first cohort of six chaplains graduated from the 400-hour unit in Buddhist training in clinical pastoral education and we enrolled a further six in a second offering. We were able to attract a further subsidy for prison chaplaincy, allowing us to employ our first full time Buddhist chaplain, Daniel Troyak. We were also able to extend our Special Religious Education program, thanks to a generous grant from the Hsing Yun Education Foundation. We contributed to the Sydney Statement, a statement of shared hopes and values from a group of young people of different faiths which may be helpful for Buddhist youth groups (thesydneystatement.org).

We continued to work with other groups on issues that are important to us all. We worked with Rainbodhi on a submission on religious freedom and non-discrimination to the Federal Government, and are keeping a watchful eye on this issue. We worked with the Australian Religious Response to Climate Change to strengthen the Buddhist voice on climate change. We also brought the Office of the Children's Guardian together with Buddhist organisations to look at how new child protection laws can best be implemented in temples.

I would like to thank all those who have made this possible: our members who have supported us and worked with us; the chaplains, SRE teachers and all those who work for the benefit of the community; the staff and volunteers, led by Ann MacArthur who miraculously holds things together, and Glenn Sloan, who is always there behind the scenes; and our excellent Board.



Gawaine Powell Davies

Chair

Supporting Buddhist organisations

Membership Renewal program

We are proud to have more than 130 Buddhist groups listed as members and initiated a program to formalize membership at the start of 2020. In the past we had not asked members to regularly renew their memberships nor had we asked for an annual subscription, although many have been very generous with donations. This had left us without a clear membership base, and without the funds we need to do our work.

Joining the Council

Membership remains open to all Buddhist organisations in NSW and the ACT. Applicants will still need to be endorsed by a current member. There is a one off joining fee of \$30. In 2020 we welcomed:

- Black Mountain Zen Group
- Buddhist Compassion Australia
- Chan Miao Zen Centre
- Wat Buddha Mounghoun
- Rainbodhi
- Mountain Spring Monastery

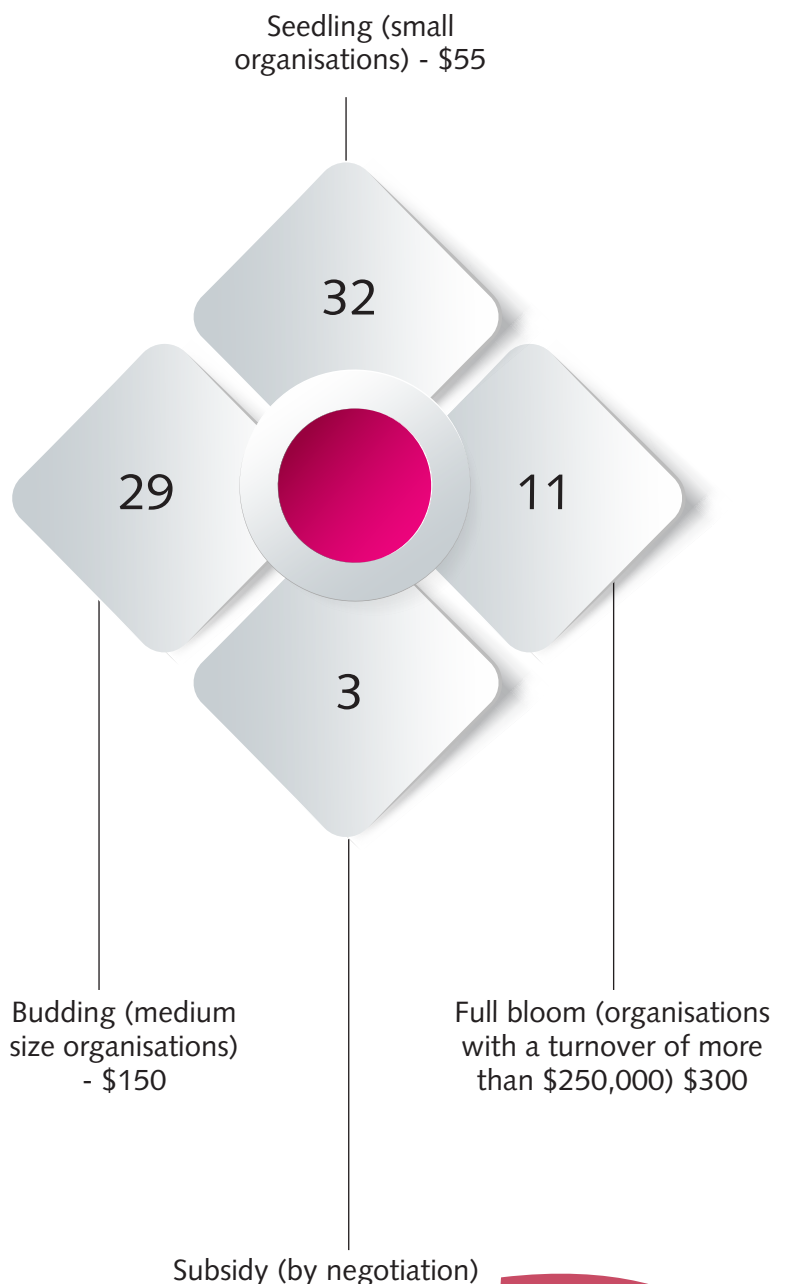
Renewing membership

Membership will run for a 12 month period, from 1st July to to 30th June the following year, to coincide with the financial year. In launching the program in January we offered the months before July 2020 as complementary. Anyone who renews before July will still receive membership up until 30th June 2021.

Membership fees

We set annual membership fees according to the size of the organisation, with organisations deciding which category they fit into. A subsidised rate is available by negotiation for organisations that cannot afford the fees.

2020 Membership by category





Members during COVID

We attended regular briefings on COVID matters from Multicultural NSW and the NSW Department of Health for religious communities and updated members on the changing restrictions. During the year 19 updates were emailed to members. In the early stages of the pandemic we provided info sheets on our website in key languages for Buddhist communities including Chinese, Thai, Khmer, Tibetan, Burmese, Indonesian, Korean, Nepali, Sinhalese and Vietnamese in addition to English.

While Vesak ceremonies in May had to be cancelled, as restrictions eased Buddhist organisations soon got up to speed with temperature checks, social distancing, pre-packaged food and QR code sign-ins. These images from Amawatura Buddhist Centre's Kathina ceremony in November are an indication of the care taken to keep Sangha members safe from the virus.



Providing discounted insurance

One of the key ways we assist member organisations is offering public liability and voluntary workers insurance at a reduced rate. In 2020, 43 members purchased public liability insurance and 17 organisations purchased voluntary workers insurance. A further six organisations used our insurance broker JMD Ross to purchase property insurance tailored to their needs.

Implementing child safe standards

Following the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Abuse, the NSW government adopted in principle the 10 Child Safe Standards as a framework for child-related organisations to uphold children's rights and work towards creating safe environments for children. The Office of the Children's Guardian has recently amended the Children's Guardian Act so that religious organisations have to report any allegations that a staff or volunteer harmed a child in their care.

During 2020 we circulated information to member organisations informing them of their responsibilities to implement child safe standards. We held two online workshops with the Office of the Children's Guardian to assist member organisations understand the legislation and create their own code of conduct and policies and procedures if they had not already done so.





New member profile:

Mountain Spring Monastery, Bilpin

Mountain Spring Monastery is affiliated with the Plum Village Tradition of Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh. Mountain Spring is still a young organisation setting up on a new property bordering the Blue Mountains National Park. They have recently completed the renovation of one of the existing buildings to serve as a meditation hall while planning is underway for a large meditation hall and dining hall. Until recently Mountain Spring hired the local community hall or held events outside. Now that the meditation hall called Returning to the Source, is complete, a regular program has begun of weekly days of mindfulness onsite, with a space to hold Dharma talks, meditation, precept recitations and ceremonies indoors.

Additionally, this space allows the residential monastic community to have sitting meditations and monastic activities together. Finally, with the opening of the hall, Mountain Spring can now make the daily schedule of meditation known and available for any friends who would like to join in. This was not possible before, since in the houses onsite there was only space for three or four friends.

Mountain Spring houses three nuns and two monks divided into two hamlets - the monk's hamlet is called Clear View, and the nun's hamlet is called Still Water.

<https://www.mountainspringmonastery.org/>



Ordination ceremony at Mountain Spring Monastery



Tree planting ceremony at Mountain Spring Monastery



Walking meditation at Mountain Spring Monastery

Programs for vulnerable age groups and life stages:

Chaplaincy

Chaplaincy is a form of service to others who are suffering. The Buddhist Council trains and appoints chaplains to volunteer to go into hospitals and prisons where they work as part of a multi-faith team. Buddhist chaplains offer emotional and spiritual support, loving-kindness and compassion. They bring a caring presence and willingness to listen, especially during times of difficulty. Chaplains may be ordained monastics (monks and nuns) or lay people.

During 2020, we provided approximately 1,500 hours of support to people in hospital and over 2,000 hours of support to people in prison.

We provide accredited training for chaplains through the NSW College of Clinical Pastoral Education. The Introductory Unit of CPE, which takes place over five days, teaches participants how to express their Buddhist beliefs in their offering of care to individuals in life transitions from birth to death and dying.

For the first time in Australia, our cohort of six chaplains graduated from the 400-hour unit in Buddhist training in clinical pastoral education and we enrolled a further six in a second offering.

Corrections Centre Chaplains

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



Hospital Chaplains

Barbara Burke **Royal North Shore**
 Vivienne Fettell **Milton**
 Lisa Fung **Westmead**
 Jackie Iskandar **Prince of Wales**
 Susanne Jones **Cambelltown**
 Dane Millanta **Royal Prince Alfred, St Vincents**
 Anthony Mills **Goulburn**
 Trish Nguyen **Royal Prince Alfred**
 Minh Phan **Bankstown**
 Reverend Heather Topp **Canterbury**
 Reverend Shigenobu Watanabe **Royal North Shore**
 Debbie Whitney **Prince of Wales**
 Don Yasalal **Westmead**
 Chaplains retired or on an extended break during 2020, My Lien Ly and Yoke Leng Tang.



Australia's First Full time Buddhist Chaplain

In 2020, we were pleased to announce the appointment of Daniel Troyak as Australia's first full-time Buddhist chaplain. Daniel has been offering sessional Buddhist chaplaincy at Long Bay Correctional Complex in Sydney since 2016. With the award of a subsidy from Corrections NSW the Buddhist Council engages Daniel on a full-time basis to work as part of an interfaith team providing spiritual care to inmates.

Daniel's initial training was through the Buddhist Council of NSW Introductory Unit of Clinical Pastoral Education, and this year he graduated from the inaugural 400-hour unit of CPE for Buddhist chaplains. Daniel states the importance of the role of Buddhist chaplain, "In NSW the number of adult prisoners diagnosed with a mental illness is as high as 63% so Dharma and meditation is vital to promote wellbeing." The Buddhist Council is committed to developing our outreach to this vulnerable population.

Daniel offered some background on Buddhist chaplaincy in the prison 'setting': There are so many amazing teachings the Buddha presented that can help those incarcerated, such as those on interdependence, impermanence and compassion. The hours can be long with many obstacles in the way, but once I'm with an inmate my focus is only them. As a chaplain I have a tremendous amount of responsibility to support without bias, being witness to one's vulnerability and then presenting only true and authentic Dharma as skillfully as I possibly can. I've rejoiced witnessing inmates walk out of prison at the end of their sentence and never come back. Dharma is that 'great!'



Daniel at the Great Stupa.



400-hour CPE Unit graduates (left to right) Reverend Heather Topp, Gary Thornell, Trish Nguyen, Anna Carmody, Thay Thong Phap (supervisor), Daniel Troyak, Barbara Burke and Jenny Washington (supervisor).

How completing 400-hour CPE has changed my Chaplaincy

Barbara Burke

Completing the 400-Hour Unit of CPE was for me a transformative experience. Commencing the Unit in September 2019 and working as a Pastoral Carer at Royal North Shore Hospital at the time, I was only ministering to patients listed as of the Buddhist faith. Since completing the Unit I am now delivering Contemplative Care to those of all religious faiths, spiritual backgrounds and to those with none at all, with confidence and ease.

A very important lesson I learnt in the unit is that my role when visiting patients is not to attempt to 'fix their problem', but to simply step into it with them, hold their hand and assist them to 'be with what is'. Another aspect of this is to avoid attachment to a certain outcome with my visits: I have to leave my ego at the door. I also came to know that the practice of equanimity is essential to avoid burnout.

Sometimes the burden a patient is carrying can be very confronting and overwhelming. It is in these

instances particularly, that while showing the utmost heartfelt compassion and empathy, I must also balance this with wisdom and not take their suffering on board. I divest myself emotionally after a visit by making a vow to dedicate the merit of my meditations to them.

Summing up, the 'precious' gift I received from the 400-hour CPE is the realisation that the common denominator in my hospital visits is our shared humanity rather than our belief system. I do feel in communion with the patients I visit and my source of strength is my 'Buddha Nature', 'Christ Consciousness', 'Divine Essence' - whatever you choose to name it. I am enjoying my work immensely at Royal North Shore Hospital and I consider it both a privilege and an honour: though my purpose is to provide succour and comfort to those in need it has truly also become a vehicle for my own spiritual growth and healing through my post-visit reflections.



Special Religious Education

Teachers adapt to COVID-19

SRE teachers across NSW found themselves without a class to teach in March as Covid-19 forced schools to shut down or change the way they operated. We attended regular briefings with the Department of Education and passed on information to teachers about restrictions as they were put in place and eventually eased. As teachers returned to classrooms following the lockdown they dealt with changes on a regular basis. For example, teachers adapted lessons to avoid sharing resources amongst students, avoid group singing and in some cases holding classes outdoors.

SRE Learn at Home

With the aim of making learning fun and not adding any extra stress to home schooling, our teachers helped us launch the [SRE Learn at Home](#). Teachers were invited to submit slideshows or videos that they use in the classroom. This provided an excellent way for our SRE teachers to keep up their involvement with teaching while they were stood down from school. The material was edited to ensure it would be easily understood by parents and divided into Primary and High School categories. We provided 13 slideshows, ten videos and links to numerous stories and printed sheets.

Training and Professional Development

Our training equips volunteers with resources and teaching methods to enable them to confidently provide guidance for children to explore and practice Buddhist wisdom, and cultivate kindness and compassion in their own lives.

Current and prospective teachers are invited to a Back-to-School networking meeting in early February. At this year's event at Metta Centre in Bankstown guest speaker Tom Halbert led us through a workshop on sustainable development. Teachers learned about the shared goals of spirituality and the



SRE teacher training maintaining social distance and joining on ZOOM.

environment and activities that will have an impact on their communities.

Our scheduled training for new teachers for April was cancelled, but we re-grouped by October to offer a hybrid face-to-face and ZOOM course for 30 participants. The online option enabled us to connect with a group of current and prospective teachers in the Northern Rivers area strengthening our regional reach. Our group devised and shared resources and lesson plans to share Buddhist values with



SRE teachers share ideas at Back-to-school workshop.

children and tackled difficult classroom management situations. Five new teachers were authorised to start the new school year in 2021.

A Generous Gift to our SRE Program!

Our work was supported by the Hsing Yun Educational Foundation (HYEF), a charity established in Australia by Nan Tien Temple to advance education, community and social welfare and culture through Buddhist wisdom and values. The focus of the grant was to develop online resources, offer training for regional areas and produce a flyer to help inform schools and parents about Buddhist SRE. The generosity of HYEF enabled us to support a dedicated volunteer SRE coordinator Thanh Nguyen.



In addition to the SRE Learn at Home page, we set up a Buddhist SRE Teacher Facebook group to enable better sharing of ideas and resources.

SRE Teacher Profile Raja Salgado

I have been a teacher for the past seven years at five schools in Eastern Sydney, both high schools and primary schools with quite varied demographics.

I am a semi-retired consultant physician. I come from a Theravadan tradition and follow a teacher in Sydney who is ordained in both Theravada and Mahayana schools.

What I enjoy most about teaching is explaining to the children the value of the Dharma to improve their own lives, and to do it in such a way that is interesting to them. I like to focus on simple things such as meditation on the sound of a gong, and on the breath and also playing mindfulness games. With the older students, I like to use a scientific approach, for example discussing the beneficial effects of mindfulness for the brain, which they find interesting.

The Buddha has said 'The gift of the Dharma is the highest gift.' If you can give that gift to youth you can change their entire lives for the better.



SRE teacher Raja Salgado.

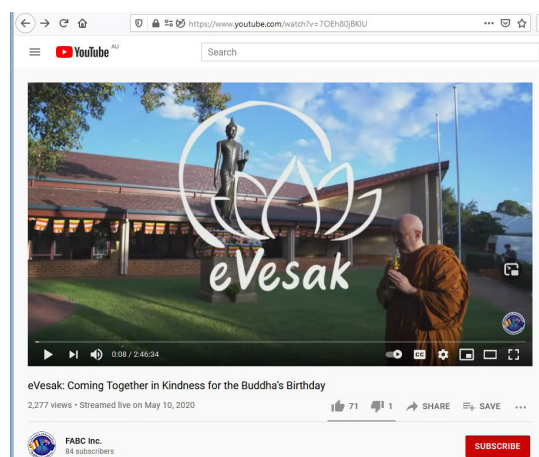
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Buddha's Birthday Celebrations Go Online

eVesak: 'Coming Together in Kindness'

2020 marked a new kind of celebration for Buddha's Birthday, or 'Vesak' - usually a local event. With COVID restrictions causing the cancellation of face-to-face gatherings 'eVesak Coming Together in Kindness' took the celebration online with unprecedented national participation. We joined forces with the Federation of Australian Buddhist Councils, the Buddhist Council of Victoria, the Buddhist Council of Western Australia, the Australian Sangha Association and Nan Tien Institute to solicit videos from Buddhist groups and temples from each state. The intention was to create community online by sharing our traditions and rejoicing in the diversity of Buddhist practice around the country.

A two-hour live broadcast on Sunday 10 May 2020 coinciding with Mother's Day hosted by Buddhist Council of NSW Board member Tina Ng and Simon Kearney in Victoria, the program included 37 items. These included a message from the Prime Minister and dignitaries, prayers and sutras from Theravada,



Screen shot of opening sequence of eVesak: Coming together in kindness for Buddha's Birthday

Mahayana and Vajrayana traditions, inspiring Dhamma talks from some of this country's leading teachers, performances from lay practitioners and interfaith prayers.

The program received wonderful feedback and is still available for viewing on YouTube: [eVesak: Coming Together in Kindness for the Buddha's Birthday](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7OEn80BKJU).

E Vesak: Congratulations to the organisers of this Event online. Sunday, May 10, 2020

Dear Tina

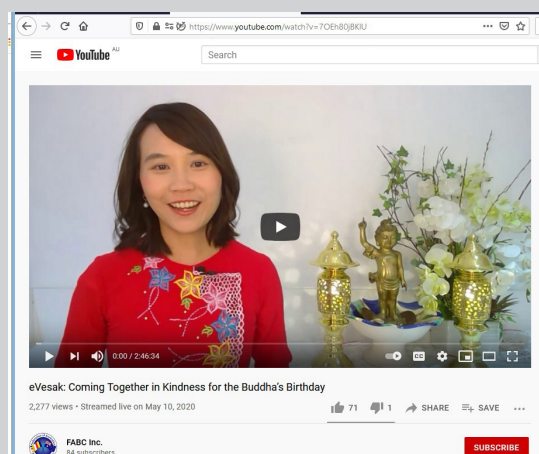
Congratulations on the success of the E Vesak. You did very well. You came across as a very confident and joyful person with great enthusiasm about the Buddha's teaching.

I watched the whole thing and really enjoyed it. Well done. And Thanks to all who put the program together. The Buddha's story was well represented by a diverse group of people.

It was good to see the FABC and all the State Buddhist Councils come together to work on such an important event like Vesak.

I hope it is the beginning of a new level of communication in the spirit of cooperation among all Buddhists in Australia through their leaders who represent their interests.

Tholla Chan, Cambodian Buddhist Society of Western Australia



Buddha's Birthday MC Tina Ng

Stillness in Spring Meditation Fundraiser

With no chance of gathering for a fundraising dinner or auction in 2020, a team of board members and staff led by Ariya Chittasy planned an online fundraiser to boost Buddhist Council resources. Stillness in Spring invited people to make a meditation pledge in the month of October and invite friends and family to sponsor them. While Stillness in Spring reached just 76% of the \$10,000 fundraising target and attracted fewer meditators than anticipated, it nevertheless was an important contribution to our finances and had the added benefit of publicising Buddhism to the wider community. We programmed four guest meditation teachers to lead free ZOOM sessions on Sunday afternoons which were supported by resources on the Stillness in Spring dedicated website <https://stillnessinspring.raisely.com/>.

- *Becoming aware of your body with Alan Basal*
- *Following the breath with Venerable Dr Juewei*
- *Meditating with a relaxed body and mind with Tina Ng*
- *Creating Loving Kindness Bhante Sujato*

An additional aspect of the project was to involve member organisations in promoting and offering events for Stillness in Spring. We are grateful to Amitabha Foundation Australia, Australian Association of Buddhist Counsellors and Psychotherapists (AABCAP), Lao Buddhist Society, Metta Centre, Nan Tien Temple and Rigpa Sydney.

With the hard work of creating the website and fundraising platform done, we anticipate another meditation fundraiser in 2021.





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Working with government, interfaith and other groups



Our work with other groups has expanded this year as we have faced the problems of Covid and started to address other issues that affect the whole community.

Covid

Initially we focussed on providing information in English and ten other community languages on how to respond to the Covid pandemic, and created a Covid page on our website. These provided links to government and other websites and covered issues particular to the Buddhist community: for example taking food to monastics. During the year we attended regular meetings with Multicultural NSW and the Minister for Multicultural Affairs, passing on concerns and circulating information about Covid restrictions. We also organised (with the Federation of Australian Buddhist Councils and the Australian Sangha Association) a national online Vesak program in lieu of the live events that had to be cancelled.

Child safety

Following the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Abuse, the NSW government

has introduced new legislation for faith based organisations. Unsurprisingly, these are presented in organisational and bureaucratic terms that do not always fit easily with how community organisations operate. We brought the Office of the Children's Guardian together with Buddhist organisations in a series of meetings and workshops to get to know each other and identify the support that Buddhist organisations will need. We are grateful to the Office of the Children's Guardian and especially Elleker Cohen for working with us on what is likely to be a long process.

The climate crisis

The climate crisis affects us all, including the countries from which many Australian Buddhists have come. The Buddhist Council has joined the Australian Religious Response to Climate Change, where we campaign with people from other faiths for a swift and just transition to renewable energy that protects the rights of Indigenous Australians. This has included putting information into Buddhist Council newsletters, signing letters to the Prime Minister from faith leaders, taking part in meditation outside politicians offices and putting pressure on banks and insurance companies that support fossil fuel projects. In 2021 we are taking part in the international Sacred People Sacred Earth movement which is putting pressure on governments in the lead up to the very important COP 26 conference (following the Paris Accord) in November.

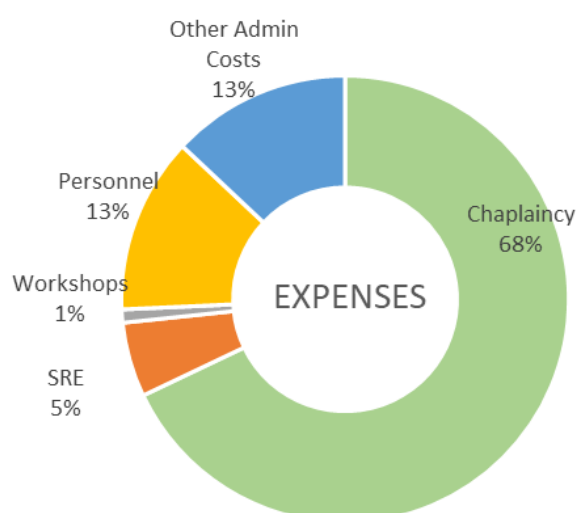
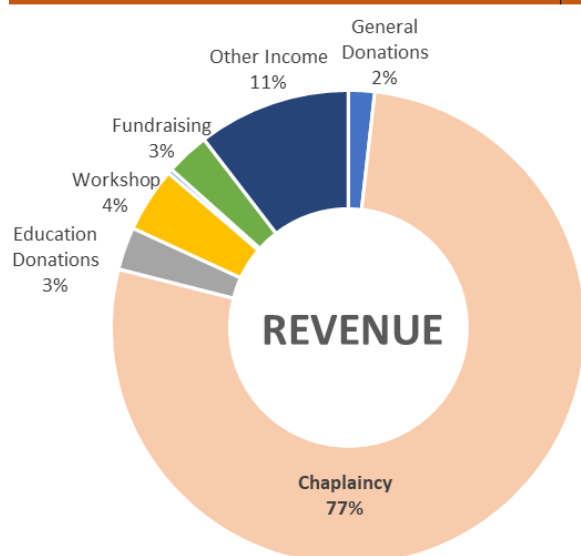
Religious discrimination

Over the last couple of years there have been several attempts to introduce new laws at national and state level to protect people from discrimination on religious grounds. Unfortunately the effect of these proposals would be allow faith organisations to discriminate against individuals, including those of minority religions. We have made submissions to the relevant enquiries, in collaboration with Rainbodhi and people from other faith groups.

Financial Summary

Five Year Financial Summary of the Buddhist Council

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Income	166,414	173,599	176,621	176,931	260,513
Expenses	169,811	172,224	206,896	207,038	225,850
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	- 3,397	1,375	- 30,274	- 30,107	34,662
Increase/(Decrease) in Members' Funds	(3,397)	1,375	(30,274)	(30,107)	34,662
Total Members' Funds	142,726	144,101	113,827	83,719	118,381



Our board in 2020

Gawaine Powell Davies	Chair
Venerable Dr Juewei	Secretary
Zen Low	Treasurer
Tina Ng	Public Officer
Akaliko Bhikkhu	Board Member
Tonto Kaewsatun	Board Member
Justin Luu	Board Member
Sourina Simmalavong	Board Member
Glenn Sloan	Board Member

Our team in 2020

Glenn Sloan	General Manager
Ann MacArthur	Operations Manager
Jackie Iskandar	Finance Manager
Lay Lim	Finance Assistant
Sofan Chan	Member Services Coordinator until June

Wendy Nash	Member Services Coordinator from July
Thanh Nguyen	SRE Coordinator
John Barclay	SRE Teacher Trainer
Trish Nguyen	Chaplaincy Assistant
Vivian Salim	Chaplaincy Assistant from August
Bonnie Yiu	Office Assistant
Josie Lister	Training and Communications Coordinator until September
Annie Ng	Web and Database Assistant from March
Anne Marie Dwyer	Policy and Reporting Assistant from June

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) status from the Australian Tax Office. We are grateful for donations from the following organisations and individuals in 2020. We also acknowledge the donation received by way of a substantial reduction in our rent in response to Covid

Achara Chan	Global Network Productions	Patricia Au
Achara Chatimathor	Golden Wheel Buddhist Association	Patricia McLoughlin
Albert Chan	Hassib Bou Said	Pho Wong (IMO of Fook Cham Wong)
Amrta Monastery	Haw Chi Low	Phu Dai Ta
Anna Crossley	I Gede Raka Putra Gunawan	Pierre Le
Association of Engaged Buddhists	Jacqueline Iskandar	Samantha Lim
Australian Institute Of Tibetan Healing Practices (AITHP)	Jimmy Nguyen	Sonya Clarkson
Blue Mountain Insight Meditation Centre	Johan Marais-Piper	Su Ee Lu
Bodhi Events	Jonathan Page	Sunday Service
Celesta Wijaya	Judi Taylor	Tashi Choling Buddhist Institute
Chanthanith Chittasy	KienEng Chan	The Art of Happiness P/L
Chien Hoong Gooi	Lance Bowman	Theresa Baw
Clement Chu	Lao Buddhist Society of NSW	Thi Anh Huynh
Dan Le	Lina Tirtaongana	Thi Nguyen
Dean Pistilli	Long Nguyen	Tonto Kaewsatuan
Dhammaduta Foundation Inc	Man Huynh	Vivian Salim
Diane Weaver	Marco Yiu	Wat Buddha Mounghoun
Dicky Tanuwidjaya	Margaret Tung	Wat Lao Phrayortkeo
Eddie Ip	Matthew Rayner	Wei L Chong
Gail Allard	Mei-Ann Lee	William Tan
Gebchak Rigpa Har-Sey Inc	Min Zeng (Jianda Chen)	Won Buddhism of Gosford
Gemma Choy	Nan Tien Institute	YU Fang Jing
	No Problem Publishing Inc	
	Pang Funn	

During 2020 we also raised funds from our Stillness in Spring project. We would like to thank the following organisations and individuals for their donations.

AABCAP	Zen Low	Annie Ng	Thanh Nguyen
Sofan Chan	Minnie Biggs	Stephen Crump	Gawaine Powell Davies
Lao Buddhist Society of NSW	Brigitte Fenske	Letty Funston	Josie L
Amitabha Foundation Australia	Nan Tien Temple	Craig Lewis	Trish Nguyen
Acacia Rickard-Porse	Metta Centre	Linda Mitchell	Wendy Nash
Anne-Marie Richardson	Tom Halbert	Anne Dwyer	Melissa Chittasy
Miaoze Shih	Jacqueline Iskandar	Tina Ng	Ariya chittasy
Clyde Castle	Yeemon Aung	Jue Wei Shi	Ann MacArthur
	Anoma Yapa	Lay Lim	Glenn Sloan
	Jane Gray	Vivian Salim	

Member Organisations

We would like to thank the following member organisations for their financial support:

AABCAP (Australian Association of Buddhist Counsellors and Psychotherapists Inc.)
 Aloka Community Incorporated
 Amawatura Buddhist Centre (Inc)
 Amitabha Buddhist Association of NSW Inc.
 Amitabha Foundation (Australia)
 AMRTA Monastery
 Association of Engaged Buddhists
 Australia Buddhist Foundation - Dharma Cloud Monastery
 Australian Buddhist Mission & Aloka Meditation Centre
 Australian Chinese Buddhist Society
 Australian Institute of Buddhist Learning and Practice
 Australian Institute of Tibetan Healing Practices
 Bangladesh Australia Buddhist Society
 Barom Kagyu Chodrak Drupju Chuling
 Black Mountain Zen Group
 Blue Mountains Insight Meditation Centre (BMIMC)
 Bluegum Sangha
 Bodhi Events
 Bori Korean Buddhist Society of NSW
 Buddhist Compassion Australia Incorporated
 Chagdud Gonpa Australia
 Chan Miao Zen Centre
 Dalai Lama In Australia Ltd
 Dhammaduta Foundation Incorporated
 Dharma Drum Mountain Buddhist Association (NSW)
 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
 Karma Dro Phan Ling Institute
 Karma Yiwong Samten Ling Tibetan Buddhist Centre Inc.
 Khachodling Ltd
 Koyasan Shingon Mission Of Australia
 Kuan Yin Buddhist Temple
 Kuan Yin Meditation Centre
 Lao Buddhist Society of NSW
 Liberation Prison Project Australia Ltd
 Mahamakut Wat Buddharangsee Stanmore Inc.
 Mahamevnawa Buddhist Monastery of Sydney
 Manjushri Buddhist Centre Inc
 Metta Centre Incorporated
 Mountain Spring Monastery
 Nan Tien Institute (NTI)
 Nan Tien Temple
 No Problems Publishing Inc.
 NP Publishing Inc
 Phuoc Hue Temple
 Pointing Out Australia
 Prajna Monastery Australia Inc.
 Rainbodhi LGBTQIA+ Buddhist Community
 Rigpa Fellowship Inc.
 Santi Forest Monastery Inc.
 Sasana Daja Burmese Temple
 Silky Oak Zen
 Sri Lankan Buddhist Vihara Association (Lankarama)
 Sunnataram Forest Monastery

Sydney Burmese Buddhist Vihara Inc.
 Sydney Insight Meditators
 Sydney Zen Centre
 Tallowwood Sangha Inc
 Tashi Choling Buddhist Institute
 Tenzin Palmo Initiatives
 Tharpa Choeling Inc
 Theravada Buddhist Association of Australia Inc.
 Tibetan Buddhist Society (Sydney)
 Tinh Xa Minh Dang Quang
 Triratna Buddhist Community (Sydney) Inc.
 Vajrayana Institute Inc.
 Wat Buddha Dhamma Foundation Ltd
 Wat Buddha Mounghkoun
 Wat Buddhavarn Inc
 Well-Aware-Ness Psychology
 Won Buddhism of Gosford Assoc Inc,
 Yeshikhorlo Tibetan Buddhism Association Australia

Other members:

Adeikhtan Buddhist Missionary Company (Aust)
 An Khong Association Inc
 Australian Chinese Pure Land Buddhist Association (Sydney) Inc. (ACPLBA)
 Australian Contemplative Observatory (The)
 Bhante Sujato in Sydney Group
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 Bodhicitta Foundation (India) Australia
 Bodhikusuma Buddhist & Meditation Centre
 Buddha's Light International Assoc of Aust Inc

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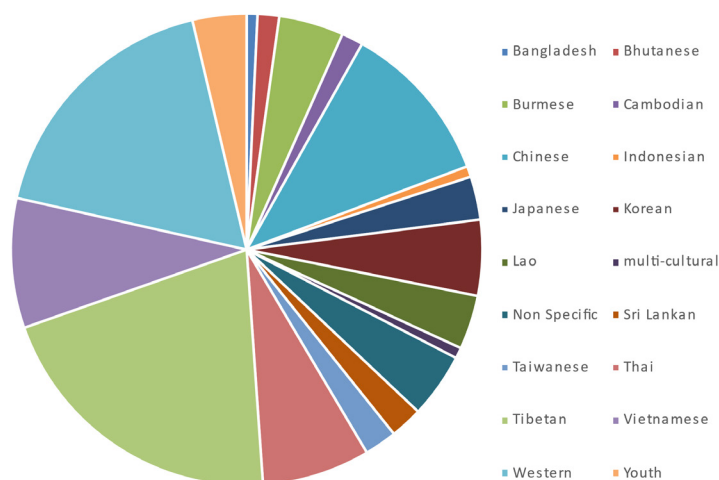


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Buddhist Peace Fellowship (Sydney)
Bup Bo Temple
Cambodian Buddhist Society Inc of NSW
Chan Tam True Mind
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Dhammaduta Buddhist Association of Australia
Dhammakaya International Society of Aust
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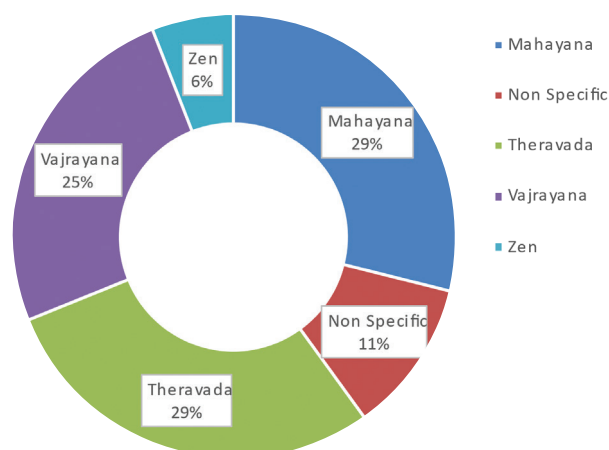
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Kyegu Buddhist Institute
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Ling Yen Mountain Temple (Australia)
Macquarie University Buddhist Association
Maha Bodhi Monastery
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Mitra Youth Buddhist Network Incorporated
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Open Way Zen Centre
PAL Buddhist School
Panditarama Sydney Meditation Centre Inc.
Phuoc Hau Temple
Prasarn Bun Prasarn Jai Group
Quan Am Thien Tinh Buddhist Charitable Association Inc (The)
Recollective Awareness (Aust)

Sakya Tharpa Ling
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Sydney Meditation Centre
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Unified Vietnamese Buddhist Congregation of A-NZ
University Buddhist Education Foundation
UTS Buddhist Meditation Society
Vien Giac Temple
Vinh Nghiem Pagoda Buddhist and Charitable Soc. (The)
Wat Buddharangsee
Wat Buddhavongsa-Yaram
Wat Dhamma Sameakky
Wat Lao Buddhassetta
Wat Pa Buddharangsee
Wisdom Song
Won Buddhism of Australia
Zen Open Circle Inc

Membership by Culture



Membership by Tradition



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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