



# QSA NEWSLETTER

*Sangha Samaggi Togetherness of the Buddhist Sangha*

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### ***SHORT SAYINGS OF THE BUDDHA SELECTED FROM THE DHAMMAPADA (80)***

Irrigators lead the waters, fletchers bend the shafts, carpenters shape the wood;  
the wise control themselves.



## VESAK CELEBRATIONS IN GOLD COAST

*The Gold Coast Buddhist Association Inc jointly with the Queensland Sangha Association Inc is celebrating the birth and enlightenment of Siddhartha Gautama Buddha in the renowned Gold Coast, in Southern Queensland. All Buddhist Associations, Temples, Monks, Nuns and lay people are requested to join as one in these celebrations.*

*The president of QSA, Reverend James Wilson and others representing QSA will participate. Every Buddhist group in the area are requested to join in.*

*A request from the chief monk of the Gold Coast Buddhist Centre is given below:*

### Please join us for a celebration of Vesak

The Gold Coast Buddhist Association Inc is organising a multicultural celebration of Vesak (Lord Buddha's birth, enlightenment and passing away) on Saturday, 29 May 2021, at the Robina Auditorium at 4pm. We are respectfully inviting the members of all Buddhist associations and friends of Buddhism in Gold Coast for this event. Representing the Queensland Government, Leanne Linard, the Minister for Children, Youth, Justice and Multicultural Affairs will be in attendance.

We want to provide an opportunity for each community attending the Vesak celebration to present a traditional Buddhist cultural item, such as a dance or dress parade, practised in their own country or their ethnic group. Also, we would like to give this opportunity to your organization to introduce yourselves

and give a brief insight about what your organization has accomplished so far and highlight any future events organized locally and internationally. (speech, movie, or presentation) Time limitations on each of the organizations is limited to 10-15 minutes.

After the above event, we plan to display a variety of Vesak lanterns. Once again you may participate in showing the types of lanterns or cultural items made in your country or types made by your ethnic group. Light refreshments and vegetarian finger food will be provided for all.

We hope your organisation will join our Vesak celebrations. You may do so by completing the attached form to confirm your participation. Please respond to our invitation on or before Saturday, 30 April 2021 - we need to plan well ahead to finalise seating arrangements because we are mindful that we must comply with the

restrictions enforced by the Queensland Government to fight the COVID-19 outbreak.

Thank you.

Ven. Pagnnasiri Thero  
President.  
Gold Coast Buddhist Centre

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You can ask for more details by emailing GCBC via [goldcoastbuddhist@gmail.com](mailto:goldcoastbuddhist@gmail.com)

You may also telephone Krishan Jayalath, Telephone 045-249-5552



## General Qualifying Course in Buddhist Chaplaincy Ninth repetition – June/July 2021

The ninth batch is full. A waiting list has been set up for additional applicants. Thank you to all who applied.

## INTRODUCTION TO HOSPITAL AND END OF LIFE CHAPLAINCY COURSE

(100 Hours)

**This new chaplaincy course aims to provide some basic tools to guide those who are interested in – or already engaged in – chaplaincy in hospitals, hospices, aged care and home care contexts.**



The topics to be covered include:

- Identifying and assessing needs for chaplaincy services
- Models and limits of chaplaincy in hospitals, hospices, aged care and home contexts
- End of life practice
- Aging
- Cultivating Presence - communication skills for chaplains
- differences and sensitivities in the Queensland community (culture, race, gender, sexuality, etc); differences within Buddhist communities in Queensland
- Buddhist and Inter-Faith rituals for supporting people who are ill, aging, dying and bereaved; Buddhist approaches to end of

- life and death
- self-care for chaplains.

This course will involve 20 hours of class attendance (9am to 1pm) in Brisbane on the following dates: September 12, September 19, September 26, October 17 and October 24.

In addition, students will be required to complete at least 80 hours of additional work including: reading in preparation for class discussion, practicing communication skills, internet research, keeping a reflective journal, writing a personal/spiritual biography, writing a short review of an assigned book, and completion of a final exam.

### Entry Requirements for Buddhist Chaplaincy 102:

- Completion of the Queensland Sangha Association's Qualifying Course in

Buddhist Chaplaincy or equivalent. See <https://www.sanghaqld.org/>

- a good level of written and spoken English. The course includes reading and discussion of English-language texts (some of which may be quite challenging) as well as written assignments. However, additional support is available for students for whom English is a second language.



For the full information package about this course – including how to apply for enrolment please email Dr Barbara Sullivan at [barbara.sullivan4005@gmail.com](mailto:barbara.sullivan4005@gmail.com)



## **BUDDHIST FORUM (3) PATHWAY TO NIBBANA SESSION 9**

Session 9 on mindfulness was held on Sunday 18 April 2021 from 2.00 p.m. under the leadership of Mr. Amaranath Jayakody, Dhamma Teacher of the Siddhartha Institute of Buddhism.

The talk related to Mindfulness. The topic covered was Sensations (Vedana). As usual the program included Walking Meditation, Sitting Meditation and Q and A.

If you wish to participate in forum 3 please ask for the ZOOM codes. Please write to [infoqsa@gmail.com](mailto:infoqsa@gmail.com)

## **BUDDHIST FORUM 04-REQUESTED TOPICS**

Buddhist Forum 04 started on 26 April 2021. The topic was Samma Dhitthi (Right View). The talk was based on a novel presentation of the Dhamma covered in the Samma Ditthi Sutta.

The significance of Right View as the 29<sup>th</sup> stage in the 37 factors of enlightenment was discussed. The relevant Dhamma was presented in three aspects (1) Confidence in the Triple Gem, Distinguishing between Wholesome and Unwholesome mental states (2) Nutriment both physical and mental and (3) Application of the Principle behind the Four Noble Truths to the 12 links in Dependent Origination, were discussed. The audience was partly Australian and partly Sri Lankan.

The ZOOM medium was used.

The presentation was made by Tanuja Yasanga Sarath-Chandra, Buddhist Chaplain and discussions were led by Rahubadde Sarath-Chandra, Buddhist Chaplain.

The ZOOM record of the Forum can be made available to anyone interested for limited time.

A request has been received for conducting Session 2 of this Forum on a selection of subjects from the Noble Eight-Fold Path including Right Effort, Right Mindfulness and Right Concentration.

There were about ten computers linked to the forum with more actually participating.

Session (2) will be held on Thursday 27 May from 6.00

pm to 7.00 pm on Zoom.

*Topics for future discussions can be proposed by readers of this newsletter.*





## **ROBYN BEAN**

Robyn Bean, registered Buddhist Chaplain, is editing the e-book *Practical Buddhism* written by Rahu Sarath-Chandra. We hope to formally publish the book both on internet and in print form.

The title and front pages are being developed right now. Design work will follow thereafter.

## **GRACE YAP-KIRK**

Grace Yap-Kirk has assumed her role as volunteer for assisting with graphic design of publications. Grace is also one of our registered Buddhist Chaplains, 2019 cohort.

We wish Grace all success and happiness in the role she plays in QSA.

## **Vacancy: DEPUTY SECRETARY (2)**

Lyna Chen from the Chung Tian Temple has been appointed by the committee as the Deputy Secretary (1) of QSA. The position of Deputy Secretary (2) continues to be vacant. Some management skills are necessary.

## **Vacancy: EDITOR, Dhamma Magazine**

QSA is looking for an editor for its Dhamma Magazine which commenced publication in September 2020. A good knowledge of Dhamma is essential and also some skills in editing. Applicants can be members of the Sangha or lay persons.

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