

QSA NEWSLETTER

Sangha Samaggi Togetherness of the Buddhist Sangha

Published by the Queensland Sangha Association Inc

September 11, 2017

QSA WEBSITE www.sanghaql.org EMAIL ADDRESS
infoqsa@gmail.com

CONTENTS

PAGE	DESCRIPTION
	Short sayings of the Buddha (Dhammapada stanzas 24 and 25)
1	A visit to the Chung Temple in Priestdaleu
4	Caboolture Mindfulness Centre
5	Langri Tampa Buddhist Centre in Camphill
6	Buddhist Chaplaincy Course Parts 1 and 2 , Part 4
3	Second Buddhist Convocation in Queensland

SHORT SAYINGS OF THE BUDDHA (SET 8 SELECTED FROM THE DHAMMAPADA)

'Whosoever is energetic, mindful, pure in conduct, discriminating, self-restraining, right-living, vigilant, his fame steadily increases. By restrained effort, earnestness, discipline and self-control, let the wise man make for himself an island which no flood overwhelms..t (Dhammapada 24and 25)

PRESIDENT' VISIT TO CHUNGTIAN TEMPLE

I recently visited Chung Tian Temple which was constructed in 1992 and is located at 1034 Underwood Road, Priestdale. When I reached the very end of Underwood Road, I turned into the large gate and passing through it I immediately felt the peace and tranquility characterized by traditional Chinese Buddhist architecture. After parking the car, I climbed the many steps to reach the outer building and was cordially greeted by an English speaking volunteer waiting in reception.

She introduced me to one of the many female priests living there and to another volunteer called Ralph. Ralph very kindly offered to show me around the temple complex.

Our first stop was the Tea Room where I could experience a Chinese tea ceremony. Sipping small cups of tea and eating a small plate of sweets helped to sever the ties to the mundane world and helped to prepare me for my journey through Chung Tian.

Chung Tian is resplendent with many fine rooms and features fulfilling many purposes. There are the many traditional Chinese gardens which surround the temple and continue into the courtyard and culminate in the Zen Garden. There is the Bodhisattva Hall, the Lotus Treasury World, the Meditation Hall, the Pagoda, the Art Gallery, the Museum and many more. It is easy to lose one's self in any of these places.

Chung Tian also offers many activities to enhance the Buddhist experience. These include traditional Chinese painting, calligraphy, sutra copying, Tai Chi, Chinese lessons, meditation and Dharma talks.

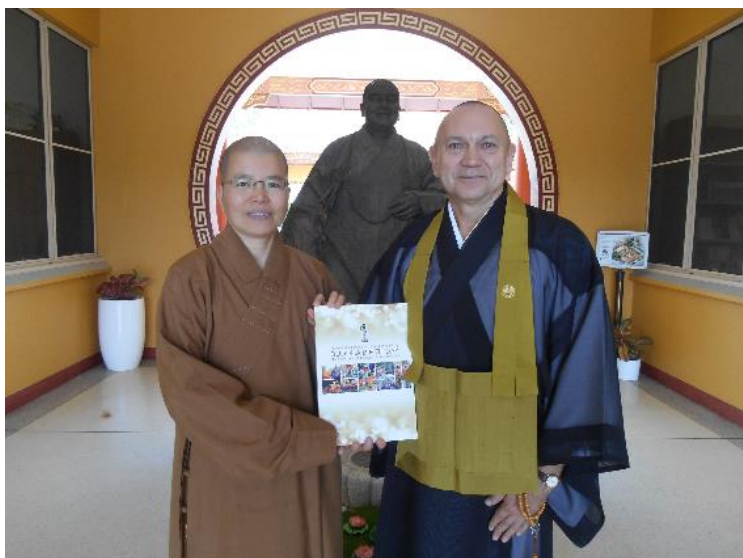
These activities form part of the vision of Venerable Master Hsing Yun, the founder of the Foguanshan Buddhist Order which originated in Taiwan. His statue sits at the entranceway and when I saw it after completing my tour of Chung Tian, I marveled at how one person could move the hearts of so many people from so many countries and cultures. And, this would endure far into the future.

For further information you can go to their webpage : www.chungtian.org.au



Entrance to Chung Tian Temple





President of QSA with the Abbot of the temple

MESSAGE FROM CABOOLTURE MINDFULNESS PRATICE GROUP

Dear friends

See a great movie about the life of Thich Nhat Hahn, an amazing Zen Buddhist master, and at the same time help a good cause, you can't do any better than that! Click this link to book your tickets - <https://au.demand.film/walk-with-me/> More information below:

Soul Traveller Radio is so excited to be presenting the Australian premiere screening of the beautiful movie 'Walk With Me'- about the life of Zen Buddhist master Thich Nhat Hanh and narrated by Benedict Cumberbatch.

The film will be premiering in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Perth, Adelaide and the Gold Coast on October 11.

Tickets are \$25 and \$5 from every ticket goes to The Bodhicitta Foundation. The Bodhicitta foundation NGO was founded by an Australian Tibetan nun, Ayya Yeshe, who has spent over 8 years in the slums in Nagpur, India, working with people from the community previously known as 'untouchables'.

Help support transformational films. We need at least 50 people in each city attending to ensure the film goes ahead so book today."

Smiles Joyce (Davies)

Caboolture Mindfulness Practice Meditation Group

English-speaking Buddhist Master arrives in Brisbane to discuss how Tibetan Buddhism is more relevant today than ever

Camp Hill will spring to life as English-speaking Tibetan Buddhist Master, Geshe Tenzin Zopa, visits Langri Tangpa Buddhist Centre in September (15-17), October (20-22) and December (17) to provide teachings on the topic of "A Wise Heart for the Modern World."

"This topic is particularly relevant in today's fast-paced world. Anyone who has ever been troubled by destructive emotions or distressed by worldly events can expect to benefit from these teachings," says Jane Willis, Director of Langri Tangpa Centre.

Led by Geshe Zopa - whose name aptly translates to "holder of knowledge" and "patience, tolerance and endurance" - participants will learn how Buddhist techniques can be employed to help us manage the increasing demands of our modern day lives.

"I continue to be amazed by how relevant these ancient teachings are to what we often think of as exclusively modern problems," said Ms Willis.

Forming part of a 6-month program of public talks and one-day courses, each event covers a stand-alone topic. Feel free to drop in for just one evening, one day, a few dates that suit – or join us for the entire program.

Everyone is welcome. No need to be Buddhist, or even religious. Just be sure to join us for tea and coffee beforehand.

Topics include:

- Discovering your Buddha nature
- Do you have to be religious to be a Buddhist?
- Integrating Buddhism and everyday life
- Keeping your head in difficult situations
- Live your values – and don't be distracted by worldly concerns
- Mindfulness and meditation – train your concentration
- Overcoming destructive emotions

Date and time:

Public Talks 7.30pm - 8.30pm		One-Day Courses 9.30am – 4.00pm (BYO lunch; Complimentary tea and coffee)	
September	Friday 15	Saturday 16	Sunday 17
October	Friday 20	Saturday 21	Sunday 22
December	-	-	Sunday 17

Location: The Langri Tangpa Buddhist Centre is located at [535 Old Cleveland Road, Camp Hill](#).

Contact: 07 3398 3310 or info@langritangpa.org.au for interviews, photo opportunities and other media assistance.

Miffi Maxmillion
(Spiritual Program Co-ordinator)

Langri Tangpa Centre Inc.
ABN: 4977 0532 185
535 Old Cleveland Road
Camp Hill QLD 4152
tel: (07) 3398 3310

fax:(07) 3398 3314

email: info@langritangpa.org.au

web: www.langritangpa.org.au

BUDDHIST CHAPLAINCY COURSE PARTS 1 & 2 FIFTH REPETITION

The next session of the course will be held on 14 October 2017.

Enquiries are being received in regard to the sixth repetition of part 1 of the Buddhist Chaplaincy course. The commencement of the sixth repetition will be announced in the near future. If you are interested please send QSA a brief email.

The education division is considering the possibility of conducting Part 4 of the Buddhist Chaplaincy course in the next few weeks.

Details of other training and education courses conducted by QSA will be announced in this newsletter or on the website of QSA

SECOND QUEENSLAND BUDDHIST CONVOCATION

Buddhist temples and groups are invited to nominate individuals who have made valuable contributions for the advancement of Buddhism in Queensland. Nomination can be made by writing a simple letter to the Queensland Sangha Association Inc using the email address infoqsa@gmail.com giving essential details such as name of person nominated, institution, person who is nominating, address of institution, telephone numbers.

Nomination can include those who have completed educational courses in Buddhism. The Siddhartha

Institute of Buddhism of QSA will submit nominations in respect of those who have followed Buddhist Chaplaincy Courses or have been approved as registered Buddhist Chaplains.

Nominations must be sent to QSA on or before 31 October 2017.

END OF THE 7-PAGE QSA NEWSLETTER FOR SEPTEMBER 2017

Issued by the president of QSA, Reverend James Wilson

**YOU ARE WELCOME TO FORWARD THIS
NEWSLETTER TO A FRIEND WHO IS LIKELY TO
BENEFIT**

**THIS NEWSLETTER IS NOT FOR PUBLIC CIRCULATION BUT FOR THE
INFORMATION OF MEMBERS OF QSA, SUPPORTERS AND FRIENDS. PAST
COPIES OF THE NEWSLETTER ARE PLACED IN THE CURRENT PAGE OF
THE QSA WEBSITE www.sanghaqld.org**

*If you do not want to receive this newsletter please advise QSA via
infoqsa@gmail.com*

If you want a friend to see this newsletter please let us know