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### ***SHORT SAYINGS OF THE BUDDHA SELECTED FROM THE DHAMMAPADA***

*The fool who knows that he is a fool is for that reason a wise man; the fool who thinks that he is wise is called a fool indeed.*

**(Dhammapada stanza 63)**

## **FOURTH QUEENSLAND BUDDHIST CONVOCATION HELD ON 24 NOVEMBER 2019**

### **APPRECIATION FROM THE PRESIDENT OF QSA**

Thank you to everyone who attended the Third Annual Convocation of the Queensland Sangha Association. I would also like to offer my special thanks to Venerable Chanhorm for allowing the Convocation to take place within the main hall of Wat Thai Buddharam Temple.

This was a joyous occasion and attended by many.

The awards were presented to those who were considered to have contributed to Buddhism in some way. Nominations for the awards were received by the people around the recipients who felt their good actions should receive recognition. And, in bestowing the certificates we also express our heartfelt appreciation to those people and take comfort in the knowledge that they will continue to work for the Dharma.

Preceding the award presentations, we were honored to hear from Venerable Chokyi who spoke on prison chaplaincy here in Australia and abroad.

Again, thank you to the recipients, their guests, Venerable Chanhorm, Venerable Chokyi and the volunteers who helped in preparing the venue and providing refreshments.

### **PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE CONVOCATION**



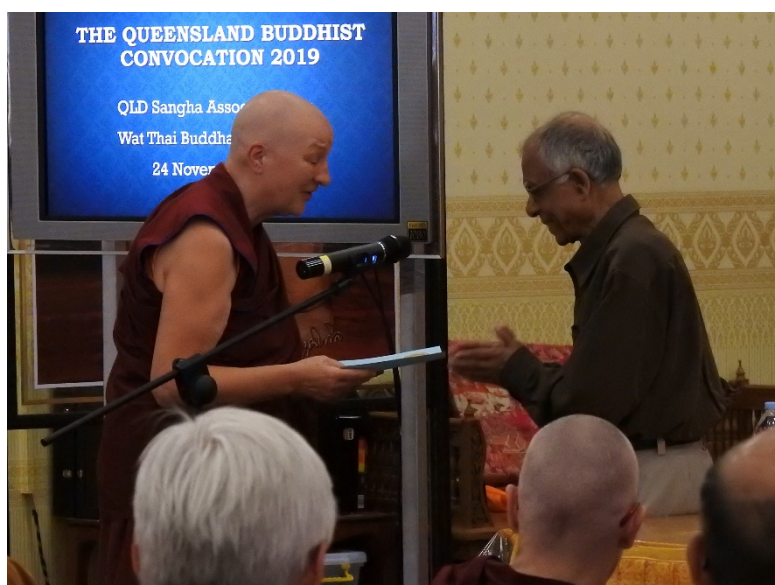
**Venerable Chonlatish Chanhom, Chief Monk of Wat Thai Buddharam giving the welcome address**



**The convocation in progress.**



**Rev James Wilson, President of the QSA, presenting awards to nominees from the Bodhi Chan Meditation Centre**



**Mr Rahu Sarath-Chandra, Executive Secretary of the QSA, presenting awards to Ven Tseten and other teachers in the Buddhist Education for Schools Service (BESS)**





**Dr Barbara Sullivan, Chair of Buddhist Chaplaincy Services, presenting registration certificates to new Buddhist Chaplains**

## **SUMMARY OF AWARDS MADE AT THE FOURTH BUDDHIST CONVOCATION**

### **1. Certificates of Completion, Queensland Sangha Association's Buddhist Chaplaincy Qualifying Course presented to:**

- Chris Jones
- Georgia Cummings
- Grace Yap
- Jens Troger
- Ricco Schadwill

- Robyn Bean
- Venerable Lien Han
- Venerable Sama

The QSA's Buddhist Chaplaincy Qualifying course consists of 20+ hours of training over 5 weeks - in Buddhism, communication and listening skills and mental health first aid. Inquiries for enrolment in the next course, to be offered in August & September 2020, can be sent to Dr Barbara Sullivan at [barbara.sullivan4005@gmail.com](mailto:barbara.sullivan4005@gmail.com)

**2. Certificates for new Buddhist Chaplains registered by the Queensland Sangha Association presented to:**

- Georgia Cummings
- Grace Yap
- Ricco Schadwill
- Robyn Bean

Registration as a Buddhist Chaplain now requires the satisfactory completion of 50 hours of volunteer work, a Queensland government Blue Card (working with Children check), agreement to QSA's Code of Conduct for Buddhist Chaplains and a recommendation from a senior member of the Buddhist community (monk, nun, teacher etc)

**3. Certificate to Jocelyn Thompson for Completion of the QSA's Online Course in Practical Buddhism**

**4. Award to Arno Hess for leadership in prison chaplaincy** (nominated by Barbara Sullivan)

**5. Award to Ven Lozang Tseten for outstanding service in relation to teaching Buddhism in schools** (nominated by Chris Jones and the committee of the Buddhist Education Service for Schools).

Venerable Tseten is the current President of the Buddhist Education Service for Schools (BESS). In this role she has served as the main driving force for ensuring the ongoing teaching of Buddhism in Queensland state schools. In 2019 Ven Tseten has recruited, trained and mentored

new teachers; she has provided ongoing training and supervision for the existing teachers; she has taught classes herself; and has energetically (and successfully) engaged in fundraising for the Buddhist Education Service for Schools.

**6. Awards nominated by the Buddhist Education Service for Schools (BESS) for volunteers who teach Buddhism in schools and/or work on the BESS committee**

Ann Nguyen, Venerable Sama, Sugee Kannangara, Carol Nicholls, Tracey Chin, Wai Jin Loh, Cathrin Feltham, Jack Wicks, Carolyn Choy, Chris Jones, Lyna Chen, Petra Depalo, Debbie Galvin, Tanuja Sarath-Chandra, Lynette Wakerley, Nicholas Lee, Maria Thornton.

**7. Awards nominated by Bodhi Chan Meditation Centre for volunteers who have provided exceptional service and support to the Bodhi Chan Meditation Centre.**

Mark Chappell, Jenny Hassan, Catherine Matthew, Julie Allinson, Alan Walker, Fay Walker, Magnus Bjornsson, Laila Bjornsson, Arno Hess, Lynn Kelly, Ming- Chang Chen, Shu-Chen Chen, Kym Wilson, Richard Liu, Pauline Wang, Thomas Yang, Wendy Yang, Yu Mei Cheng

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**Issued by the President of QSA, Reverend James Wilson**

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