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

*The wise one dispels negligence by means of mindfulness; he ascends the tower of wisdom and being free from sorrow looks at the sorrowing beings. Just as one on the top of a mountain top looks at those on the plain below, so also the wise one looks at the ignorant. (Dhammapada 28)*

## **REPORT ON THE SECOND QUEENSLAND BUDDHIST CONVOCATION**

**HELD ON SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2017**

On Saturday, November 18, the QSA held its second Convocation Ceremony at the Wat Thai Temple, Forestdale. Like the inaugural ceremony last year, this year's ceremony was also enjoyed by those present. Many monks and lay people from diverse Buddhist lineages were able to attend even though it rained throughout the day. One recipient even braving the rainy conditions and driving up from the Gold Coast wanted to be part of the celebrations.

Many awards were conferred on members of BESS, the QSA, the Chaplaincy Programme of QSA, the Buddhist Council of Queensland and various temple communities. These awards were given in recognition of the significant contribution to Buddhism of each

recipient.

I was inspired by their efforts which were varied indeed. However, they all shared a selfless willingness to help others on their path to enlightenment. In this regard, I believe the Convocation Ceremony was a wonderful opportunity for everyone to affirm their commitment to Buddhism.

Thank you to all those who attended and also to those behind the scenes who worked hard to bring about the success of the Convocation.

The monks in the Thai Temple deserve special mention for providing excellent facilities. A few photographs from the convocation this year are given below.

Rev. James Wilson  
President QSA

*Welcoming address by the QSA President Reverend James Wilson*



*Certificate awarded to nuns of Chung Tian Temple accepted by Venerable Miao Lai*



*Certificate awarded to Dr. Anne Nguyen, Associate Professor at Griffith University, BESS RI Instructor at McGregor State School*



*Certificate awarded to the President of BESS, Mrs Lyna Chen, RI Teacher at three different State Schools in Brisbane*



*The President and Secretary of the Buddhist Council of Queensland Kim Hollow and Maeve Hollow and Mrs. Lyna Chen President of BESS with the President of QSA Reverend James Wilson*



SELECTION OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING  
PROGRAMS  
FOR 2018

**Course Number SIB 001:Batch Number 6**  
**Qualifying Course for Buddhist Chaplains**

The Buddhist Chaplaincy training program at the qualifying level will be held for the sixth occasion beginning from Sunday 4 February 2018. The contents will be enhanced to cover some areas of mental ailments.

The intended time table is as follows:

Sunday 4 February 2018  
Sunday 11 February 2018  
Sunday 18 February  
Sunday 11 March 2018

Each day the hours will be 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

The campus chosen for the program is the Sri Lanka Buddhist Monastery (Brisbane), 114 Considine Street, Ellen Grove, Queensland 4078. The venue will be the second building (upstairs building) from the road.

The course leader will be Dr. Barbara Sullivan, Buddhist Chaplain. Barbara has just retired from the University of Queensland where she held the position of lecturer until recently.

Enrolments are accepted now.

The process is set out below:

1 Read the 2018 Prospectus of Siddhartha Institute of Buddhism included among the documents listed at the end of the Educational Services section of the Services Menu of QSA website [www.sanghaqld.org](http://www.sanghaqld.org)

2 Read the 2018 information pack on the course selected, Qualifying Course in Buddhist Chaplaincy (earlier called Part 1 of the Chaplaincy Course).

3 Write an email to QSA via [infoqsa@gmail.com](mailto:infoqsa@gmail.com) stating that you wish to be enrolled as a student for this course. If you are already registered as a student for whatever course, you need to quote your student number.

4 In your email please give your postal address, and telephone numbers.

5 You will then receive confirmation of enrolment and instructions to proceed. The Registrar may ask for additional information.

6 If you are from another country or from a distant place in Australia and you find it difficult to attend classes, arrangements can be made to follow the course via internet. In these cases there may be further correspondence.

7 Please read the QSA regularly for updates of rules and processes.

8 Students must have completed school education. If you have higher qualifications such as Diplomas or degrees, please state so in your email. Ability to read and write, using a computer, minimum IT skills are essential.

9 75 % attendance or participation in required form is the minimum expected.

10 A take home examination will be given at the end of the course in addition to ongoing assessments and reading.

## BUDDHIST CHAPLAINCY TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR 2018

### Course Number SIB 003: Teaching Meditation for Buddhist Chaplains Meditation for Buddhist Chaplains

1 The enrolment process is similar to that given under Course SIB 001 above with obvious relaxations for students already registered with the Siddhartha Institute of Buddhism.

2 The course is primarily intended for those who have already qualified as Buddhist Chaplains. However others may enroll for the course giving a reason why they wish to follow this course.

3 The course dates are:

May 2018

Sunday 13th

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>

June 2018

Sunday 3rd

Sunday 10 th

Sunday 17th

4 Course hours are 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

5 The venue Will be the Ellen Grove Campus, Sri Lanka Buddhist Monastery (Brisbane), 114 Considine Street, Ellen Grove, Queensland 4078.

6 The Meditation Hall or the Library room in the new buildings at the front will be venue.

7 80% attendance is expected.

8 A take home examination will be given at the end of the course in addition to ongoing reading and assessments.

9 The course leader will be Dr. Barbara Sullivan, formerly of the academic staff of the University of Queensland. Barbara is a Buddhist Chaplain registered with QSA.

10 You can ask for the information pack by sending an email to QSA

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

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Issued by the president of QSA, Reverend James Wilson

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