

DSC Report - Dhammaloka Management Group Report 2020-2021.

Dhammaloka Subcommittee:- Since last year's AGM, we have again lost some DSC members and we thank them for their valuable contributions, may the merits they have gained lead them on to Nibbana. We have also gained some new members, ie., both caretakers are back in the DSC and so are Manel Fernando from the Library and Jake Mitra from the BMG. However we are still trying to get a **Volunteer Coordinator** who will recruit, direct, motivate and retain the many volunteers needed for an organisation such as this, such as:- Audio Visual, Care Group, Cleaning, Dhamma School, Events, Gardening, IT, Lawnmowing, Library, Meditation Teachers, Parking, Reception, etc. **More volunteers are always needed, please indicate what area(s) you are interested in volunteering for, see Admin's Amanda or myself, Bill Prins, events@bsw.org Mob. 0417 954 326.**

1/. Maintenance: Maintenance has been ongoing with many minor repairs, major spring cleaning, regular gutter cleaning,. The management of maintenance has been improved with a new App called "**MaintainX**" which allows all relevant stakeholders to see what is happening as it happens. The existing Planned Maintenance Schedule is now managed via MaintainX as well. The existing analogue CCTV system was replaced with an expanded coverage digital system. All locks around Dhammaloka have been consolidated so that fewer keys are necessary.

We also had a termite infestation in the main Dhamma Hall which culminated in getting a pest exterminator to treat them, this involved removing the plants and digging a trench around the back and sides of the hall. We have engaged a contractor to pave all these areas around the hall which should be happening within a fortnight.

Cleaning: As we have had difficulty getting volunteers we now have employed some part time paid cleaners

Renovations: We have had major renovations at Dhammaloka with the male Caretaker's quarters being converted to Operations Manager Office, Conference Room and an enlarged Treasury Room, with the male caretaker moving to the front half of 37 Milford Way and the back half converted to the CareGroup Listening Hub and Office'

2/. Gardening:

A. Dhammaloka Gardens - Some problems with the existing reticulation resulted in some parts of the gardens dying. These problems are now resolved. As we have had difficulty getting volunteers we now have employed some part time paid gardeners.

B. 37 Milford Way - Garden – We now have a contractor for getting the reticulation and gardens underway within the next month

3/. Events:

A. Events held – Last years Songkran was cancelled because of Covid and Vesak was held as a Live-streaming event only.

B. Planned Events -

a. Songkran (Buddhist New Year) on 11 04-2021, which will be held together with the Thai Culture Club who will provide the entertainment (Thai dancing and Thai costume competition)

b. Vesak on 23 - 05 -2021, Preparations are in progress

c. Vesak Silent Retreat Day- Ajahn Hasapanna.

d. Entry to the Rains - Dhammasara Monastery - TBA

- e. Entry to the Rains – Bodhinyana Monastery - TBA**
- f. Entry to the Rains (Kusula Hermitage) – TBA**
- g. Ajahn Brahm’s Birthday - Special Meditation Retreat and other events - TBA**
- h. Katina - Bodhinyana Monastery - TBA**
- i. katina Kusula Hermitage - TBA**
- j. Katina Dhammasara Monastery - TBA**
- k. New Year's Eve with Ajahn Brahm**

The Events have also assisted with security and parking for several special Community Coordinators Events.

4/. Security: Due to Covid we have dispensed with ICP Security guards, which has saved the BSWA several thousand dollars.

We will have security guards for Songkran and Vesak as well as 2 x portaloos. We also have permission from the City of Stirling to use Nanson Reserve for parking again

5/. Safety: OSHE policies and procedures have been mostly completed and are being implemented by the various facilities under Project Accord.

6/. Emergency Planning Committee: Emergency Plans for all of BSWA's facilities are 90% complete. No change since last year as the EPC is still in recess due to continued absence of volunteers.

Signed: DSC Chairperson Dhammaloka Management Group.

Date: 24 - 03 – 2021.