

Annual Report to Annual General Meeting of the Buddhist Society of WA at Dhammaloka on 30th April, 2022

Overview

2021 to 2022 was another historic year for Dhammasara and the BSWA and its committee & members. After the completion of the Sala Complex, the carpark & Dhammasara Access Road, the 4 additional New Kutis and 2 Retreat Kutis work in progress, hopefully 1 Retreat Kuti will be completed before Vassa 2022. The transition of taking over Santi Forest Monastery had been smooth and successful and now, they are up running, having a lot of material and financial support. The Dhammasara nuns have been posted to Santi doing a great job. We would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks to the BSWA committee & members, all the supporters and volunteers for your kindness and support.

Community 2021-2022

Now, we have a community of 9 Bhikkhunis, 3 Samaneris and 2 Anagarikas in total, a community of 14 at Dhammasara. 3 Bhikkhunis have been posted to Santi. Venerable Sorata had disrobed, and Padma had left for Thailand to spend Rain Retreat at Plum Village. 2 Anagarikas from overseas are in the process of making their travel arrangement to Dhammasara and will be joining us soon, hopefully before Vassa.

Activities

- Ajahn Hasapanna has been giving the Friday night talk, conducting meditation class and sutta class at Dhammaloka.
- **Ajahn Hasapanna's teaching tour in the SW with BAMBI**
Ajahn Hasapanna gave a series of teaching and Meditation sessions at Fore Grove, Margaret River, Busselton and Nannup, organised by BAMBI. The teaching was well received by the locals.
- Venerable Munissara conducted a weekend retreat 7-9 May at Jhana Grove organised by KM.
- Ajahn Hāsapañña conducted the Vesak Silent Day retreat on the 26th of May at Dhammaloka.
- Entry to the Rains Ceremony on Sunday, 11th July had been cancelled due to the Covid-19 restriction.
- Dual-Sangha Bhikkhuni Ordination, an auspicious and historical event in Dhammasara Nuns Monastery on Sunday, 1st August 2021. Two Samaneris (Venerable Paramita and Pasanna) from Dhammasara and two Samaneris from Newburry (Vic), Venerable Sela and Sankappa. And now they are fully ordained Bhikkhunis.
- On the Pavarana day (official ending of Rain Retreat) 21st October, the bhikkhunis went to Bodhinyana for the invitation for Admonition from the Bhikkhu Sangha.
- Our Kathina was held on Sunday, 31st October at Dhammasara and thanks to the volunteers, supporters who helped us to make this a successful event. We had raised \$60,000.00 for this event.
- We had organised 2 small busy bees on the 7th of November and 14th November, a big Sadhu! to all volunteers who help us with the Bushfire preparation work e.g raking, clearing the fire breaks and gutter etc...
- Ven. Analaya attended the Mental First Aid training 5th -6th January 2022 at Dhammaloka.
- Nearby bushfire: Just after midday, on Wednesday 23/2/2022, the first day varnishing project, we had to ask the volunteers to leave quickly as there was a bushfire nearby. The fire was only 2km away at the intersection of Reen Road and Toodyay Road and the wind was blowing from southeast. The Dhammasara community sprang into action mode, all nuns came back to the complex with their evacuation kit. Chairs, mats and loose items were put away very quickly. We were all ready for evacuation if needed. The fire wardens kept watch on the progress of the fire. The fire was brought under control that late afternoon, and it was All Clear by the next day.
- Ajahn Hāsapañña weekend retreat 25-27 Feb 2022 had been cancelled due a positive Covid-19 case at Jhana Grove.

Building & Maintenance

- The nuns painted all the water tanks downpipes of the Kutis and at the Sala Complex.
- The Decking at the Sala Complex Patio has been painted.
- The stairs to the 2nd Stupa and Bodhi Tree area have been sealed.
- The spreading of the mulch (free) along the Main Entrance embankments to prevent erosion have been completed. Planting around the embankments of Sala Complex and new kutis area to prevent erosion has been done.
- The installation of the stainless-steel flash back at the dishwasher area had been done.
- Repairing of stairs at the Stupa had been completed.
- We replaced one of the Roller shuttle's motor at the Nuns Cottage and 2 remote 240V fused motors to library and dining room shutters.

- We replaced the faulty Biomax sewage pump and fixed the broken effluent pipe.