

# Broadcasting Management Group

## 2022 Report for the AGM

Buddhist Society of Western Australia

### Notable Achievements in the last year (since the 2021 AGM):

- The Broadcasting Management Group (subcommittee) meets once quarterly (as well as communicates regularly online). The organising group now consists of Siew Vei Ho (Online Recordings Supervisor and BMG Convenor), Jake Mitra (Dhammaloka Audio Visual Coordinator), Shiromi Piyasena (Podbean Coordinator, Online Retreat Teaching's Manager, Statistics Manager and Translations Line Manager), Tasuku Nakamura (YouTube Coordinator), Tonny Wijaya (System Administrator working with IT Tasks) and Manfred Beiter (Co-System Administrator working with IT Tasks).
- Sol Hanna (BMG Coordinator, Social Media Organiser and Translations Manager) and Nicole Moustakas (Online Recordings Supervisor and Podbean Coordinator) have stepped down on July 21 - *Many thanks and gratitude to Sol and Nicole for all BMG efforts.*
- Published Dhamma teachings (talks, guided meditations, retreats, sutta studies and Dhamma courses) on the BSWA podcast channels: (Podcast and DeeperDhamma) and BSWA YouTube Channel. This included the 'Satipatthana Workshops, teachings by our Sangha for the Armadale Meditation Group via Zoom from Bodhinyana Monastery, Monday Night Meditations at Wat Dhammayanaram - Cambodian Society of WA (CBSWA), teachings given at and for the Buddhist Society of Victoria and teachings by Venerable Canda at Anukampa Bhikkhuni Project (UK), of which Ajahn Brahm is the Spiritual Advisor. As well as Wednesday night teachings (Care Group) at Dhammaloka Centre, BMG also assisted in publishing Ajahn Brahm's 70th Birthday celebration events and videos.
- Almost all content is accessible via a searchable library of teachings at <https://bswa.org/teachings/> - there are now 3016 teachings available here, most of which are available in both audio and video. This includes 95 Dhamma articles.
- Jhana Grove Retreat Centre is now live streaming retreats with unlisted links, which are available on our website before each retreat starts.
- We continued to publish translations of Dhamma talks. We now have video subtitles in 16 different languages. These are available in our 'Translated Dhamma Talks' YouTube playlist here:

[https://www.youtube.com/c/BuddhistSocietyWA/playlists?view=50&sort=dd&shelf\\_id=7](https://www.youtube.com/c/BuddhistSocietyWA/playlists?view=50&sort=dd&shelf_id=7)

Thanks go to the many volunteers making this possible i.e. the translators, our new Translations Services Coordinator - Indira Fernando and volunteer Nirosha Moonasinghe.

- Our website's BSWA online membership system is now complete.
- We raised a net sum of US\$64, 562.18 from 546 regular donors via Patreon to support our Dhamma broadcasting activities during the 12 months from Jan - Dec 2021. Monthly earnings from donations have increased in the last year. We are most grateful to everyone who is contributing to supporting our online publishing efforts by donating via our Patreon channel.
- The AV team has grown and is made up of about ten volunteers: Ashok Weerasinghe, Calene Lee, Carl Hamonn, Choon Seng, Dani Dinse, Dilusha Silva, Gamini Katuwala, Konrad Sorowski Renee Ong, Truc Chung and Jake Mitra (Dhammaloka AV Coordinator).
- Issues of audio feedback in the hall, poor lighting, colors and video quality have been addressed.
- We have detailed training documentation, a rostering app so people know when they are on duty, a group chat to discuss, remote PC access for Jake and Ashok for maintenance, and we have online training videos and a training quiz.
- We have in 2021 also added a laptop (the most basic model of the Apple laptop range) and a wireless projection unit which work reliably with our existing Mac PC and Apple tablet. This helps in clearly showing the sutta text on YouTube for sutta classes and workshops and makes the task easier for the volunteer on duty.
- We assisted the Vesak 2021 celebrations by allowing overseas people to join online the Precept Taking event. Also assisted with NYE talk by Ajahn Brahm which was well received and featured our first live-streamed video animation.
- We assisted with Satipatthana Workshop by Ajahn Brahmali and Weds night lay talks.
- Looking ahead some of the things that may require attention are YouTube chatroom moderation by a dedicated volunteer, someone to represent AV Coordinator at meetings, a system for the hearing impaired in the hall, power supply protection to protect against power surges and a remote backup system.
- The Dhammaloka AV team provides a technical service for the BSWA to propagate the dhamma in hall and on YouTube which would be hard to replace, even with a paid service, as it does about 300 hours per year
- We received donations with thanks of an Apple TV unit, Bluetooth audio receiver, two wireless microphones, two Rode Lavalier microphones and many other items.