

Broadcasting Management Group

2023 Report for the AGM

Buddhist Society of Western Australia

Notable Achievements in the last year (since the 2022 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), Konrad Srokowski and Truc Chung (Dhammaloka Audio Visual Coordinator - role sharing), 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), Manfred Beiter (Co-System Administrator working with IT Tasks) and Selina Lai (Social Media Coordinator).
- Jake Mitra (Dhammaloka Audio Visual Coordinator) stepped down on 30 April and Valter Landi took over but stepped down on Dec 22 due to personal commitments. *Many thanks and gratitude to Jake for his many contributions to the Audio Visual team, and also Valter for stepping up to take the role.*
- 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 Right Stillness 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.
- Almost all content is accessible via a searchable library of teachings at <https://bswa.org/teachings/> - there are now 3273 teachings available here, most of which are available in both audio and video. This includes 96 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 12 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

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

- For social media, Instagram is now linked to our Facebook page. now actively posting to help promote BSWA events and news. Automated replies set up for Facebook and Instagram to address queries.
- Dhammaloka switched to a new Internet Service provider, ZettaNet in Jan 2022 which has halved the cost of our monthly payment to \$400. We are also looking into getting our IT Vendor (Spartan) to do a health check on our BSWA servers as the servers are at their 7-9 years mark and starting to have issues.
- New feature on our BSWA website on the front page to allow more teachings (2) and events to be highlighted. Also, a back-end improvement to allow recurring events to be posted.
- We raised a net sum of US\$64,549.36 from 724 regular donors via Patreon to support our Dhamma broadcasting activities during the 12 months from Jan - Dec 2022. Monthly earnings from donations remain largely the same as last year. We are most grateful to everyone who is contributing to supporting our online publishing efforts by donating via our Patreon channel.
- Some movements in the AV team and members now consists of: Ashok Weerasinghe, Calene Lee, Choon Seng, Dilusha Silva, Chamari Senarath, Daniel Mackenzie, Jia Liao, McCormick Benjamin, Renee Ong, Konrad Sorowski (Co Dhammaloka AV Coordinator) and Truc Chung (Co Dhammaloka AV Coordinator). We thank the past volunteers for all their contributions.
- It's been a year of change for the AV team but they are now in a good position with 2 Co AV Coordinator to share the responsibilities, and Jake Mitra helping out as AV advisor.
- The AV team has introduced a backup person during events.
- We assisted with the Right Stillness Workshop by Ajahn Brahmali.
- Looking ahead some of the things that may require attention are the Wirecast streaming software upgrade together with the MAC PC OS upgrade, training and upskilling for AV volunteers and a system for the hearing impaired in the hall.
- 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.
- Not forgetting the broader BMG volunteers, as they help coordinate the events, edit and publish talks that AV team has recorded.

Reported by Siew Vei Ho