

## **Report for Jhana Grove Meditation Retreat Centre for 2022**

### **Retreats**

- The Jhana Grove Retreat team continued to run BSWA retreats in 2022 in compliance with Government Covid Regulations.
- Weekend retreats were in much demand last year with long waiting lists. A few from overseas arrived two days after WA opened its border. Feedback from some was that they needed somewhere peaceful to go to.
- 25-27 Feb 2022 Weekend Retreat was cancelled due to availability of Retreat Manager. Since then, we have recruited a pool of Retreat Managers and Kitchen Assistants to ensure continuity.
- Australian Sangha Association (ASA) AGM and Conference took place from 15-16 March attended by some in person and others over ZOOM.
- The Thai community started organising Ajahn Brahm 3-4 day retreats. Ven Munissara translated the talks into Thai during the retreats.
- The Sri Lankan community had resumed running retreats taught in Sinhala at the end of last year.
- 7 - 15 Oct 2022 Ajahn Brahm Retreat organised by Bodhinyana Singapore - The Singaporeans were very happy to be back in JG. A handful extended their stay after the retreat ended.
- The number of people coming for self-retreats has increased.
- We are using a new booking system for BSWA retreat bookings as of Dec 2022, after the previous Booking System was shut down by the Service Provider.

### **Maintenance and Other Items**

- Conducted annual Jhana Grove spring cleaning in Feb 2022, with the help of five volunteers.
- PH level in water tanks were found to be not within normal levels. The calcite filter was serviced and topped up with calcite.
- Four new iron sedimentation tanks that will be used to filter iron in the bore water to be installed in early 2023.
- Plan to improve fire breaks around the cottages.
- A company is providing their time for free servicing the air conditioners and fridges.
- The garden is maintained by employed gardeners.
- Cottages were cleaned by paid cleaners.
- Ongoing maintenance was mainly done by caretakers, volunteers and Bodhinyana Monks.
- Experienced internet connectivity issue with the 4G Internet Connection. Started to subscribe to Starlink in Sep 2022.
- BSWA library team regularly runs a pop-up book shop in JG after retreats, selling books and other merchandise, including taking in new BSWA membership and renewals.

The Jhana Grove Subcommittee is very grateful and appreciative of volunteers in JG, from organising, setting up and running retreats and also those helping to keep the facility clean and well maintained. Highly commendable are also the groups bringing lunches for the retreatants including the group who came all the way from Nannup.

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