

BSWA AGM 2022 – Operations Manager Report

Period: Jan 2022 to Dec 2022

Here are some of the highlights for 2022:

Events Introduced in 2023

Mental Health First Aid Training – 2-Day Training in Jan 2022, attended by 24 participants including monks, a nun, retreat managers from JG, librarians, SEG teachers, BQ/KFC volunteers, Intro-to-meditation teacher and DL working team.

8-Precept Day – Started in Jan 2022 and happening on first Thursday of every month after Full Moon Day.

Book Club – Started in Jan 2022 and hosted by a monk.

Thank You Volunteer Day – Year end event to appreciate the contribution by our selfless volunteers.

People

Admin – Due to increasing workload, Aurora Tait was recruited to join the Admin team in Aug, job sharing with Elle Langley.

Volunteers – Grateful for the contribution of outgoing volunteers including: Vicky (eNews), Nick (Enlightened Times), Jake and Valter (AV), Stuart (Gardening Coordinator). Also appreciative that new volunteers have stepped forward to replace these positions.

Incidents

A sink hole outside 37 Milford Way was discovered in Feb. This was subsequently fixed in June with test done to ensure that no other areas were at risk.

Other incidents – Regular illegal dumping, thefts, tres-passing, dealing with people with mental illness in person and on emails. We engaged and got connected with local police (Community and Youth Engagement Officer) in Mirrabooka for support. Reinforced security in Dhammaloka with additional cameras and a Google Nest Door Bell.

Mandatory Reporting of Child Sexual Abuse

Monks, nuns and key volunteers within BSWA have taken the training to ensure compliance to the Mandatory Reporting of Child Sexual Abuse as required of Ministers of Religion that had commenced on 1 Nov 2022.

New Membership System

Trial has started for a new Membership System that is more user friendly and allows members to set and update their profile online.

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