BSWA 2025 AGM – Spiritual Director's Address

In 2024, 3 anagarikas were given novice monk ordination and 4 novice monks took the higher ordination, one of whom went to India to continue his practice.

Just before the start of the Rains' Retreat in July 2024, we moved in to our new kitchen building that is more hygienic and efficient.

We held a successful Royal Kathina where we raised over $85,000 to go towards the purchase of the land described below.

In order to cater for the growing number of monastics at Bodhinyana Monastery (29 during the Rains' Retreat) we purchased a 50 acre property with existing buildings on Lot 4 Deldillia Follows for $2,260,000. We now have 24 candidates on the waiting list to join Bodhinyana Monastery!

We continue to upgrade our bushfire protection equipment with new hoses and a pump and do regular fire drills.

Our senior monks continue to teach not just in Perth, in hospitals, prisons and online, but also in Albany, Melbourne, Sydney, England, Norway, Finland, Poland, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia.

Our hermitage in Albany continues to be upgraded under Ajahn Mudu's hard work. In particular, the entrance road is being upgraded together with new pipe work for the water supply, a new water tank plus underground electricity. The funds were raised from generous donations made at my 73rd birthday party.

Kusala Hermitage also continues to thrive. The new accommodation building for Ajahns Santutthi and JR have been completed as well as work cleaning up the stretch of the Canning River that passes by their hermitage.

With Mega Metta, Ajahn Brahm in Perth, March 2025