Broadcasting Management Group 2025 Report for the AGM

Buddhist Society of Western Australia

Notable Achievements in the last year (since the 2024 AGM):

- The Broadcasting Management Group (subcommittee) meets once quarterly (as well as communicates regularly in between). The organising group currently consists of Siew Vei Ho (Online Recordings Supervisor and BMG Convenor), Gayathri Kumari and Shane Tholen (Dhammaloka Audio Visual Coordinator - role sharing), Shiromi Piyasena (Podbean Coordinator and Online Retreat Teaching's Manager), Tasuku Nakamura (YouTube Coordinator), Tonny Wijaya (System Administrator working with IT Tasks), Selina Lai (Social Media Coordinator and Statistics Manager) and Stefan Ionita (Online Translations Coordinator).
- Konrad Srokowski and Truc Chung stepped down from the Dhammaloka Audio Visual Coordinator role in mid-2024. We thank them for all their help and wish them well.
- 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 teachings by our Sangha for the Armadale Meditation Group via Zoom from Bodhinyana Monastery, Monday Night Meditations at 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. We have also started publishing teachings by Ayya Karunika from Santi Forest Monastery.
- Completed back-publishing of Bodhinyana rains retreat teachings on Deeper Dhamma podcast and the current year, from 1994 to 2024 (30 years). Playlist: https://deeperdhamma.podbean.com/category/rains-retreats-bodhinyana. Going forward, we will continue to publish the current year's rains retreat teachings.
- Published Ajahn Brahm's 50th Bhikkhu Anniversary event talks - https://bswa.org/teachings/?teaching_topic=11094&teacher=0&media_type=&keywords=
- Almost all content is accessible via our searchable library of teachings at https://bswa.org/teachings/ - there are now 3900 teachings available here, most of which are available in both audio and video. This includes 105 Dhamma articles.
- Jhana Grove Retreat Centre has been continuing to live stream retreats with unlisted links, which are available on our website before each retreat starts.

- We published 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 We thank the many volunteers that make this possible. We also created 3 sub-channels for Bahasa Indonesia, Sinhala and Vietnamese as a trial as translated videos have a specific target audience and the lower viewership of these videos may impact the main channel's ranking.
- For social media, we continue to promote BSWA events and news by posting to Instagram and Facebook pages.
- We moved to Ko-Fi as our main fundraising platform as Ko-Fi offers lower fees and allows one-time donations from our supporters. Patreon is still active but we are encouraging our supporters to move to Ko-Fi. We raised a net sum of US$35,385.60 from Patreon, A$20,098.10 from Ko-Fi and A$1,783.19 from Podbean Patron to support our Dhamma broadcasting activities during the 12 months from Jan - Dec 2024. Total donations have dropped approximately 20% possibly due to the switch in platform and supported currency, i.e. Ko-Fi supports donation in Australian dollars unlike Patreon in US dollars, i.e. monthly donation of US$5 vs A$5 makes a difference. However, we hope to reach the same levels as Patreon and are most grateful to everyone who is contributing to supporting our online publishing efforts.
- AV team assisted with Ajahn Brahm's 50th Bhikkhu Anniversary celebration event which went smoothly.
- AV team continues to grow and develop in their skill as well as work together in Kalyana Mitta with a shared attitude of commitment to service.
- The microphones were replaced in Dhammaloka as the old ones were not functioning well and AV team also installed a new Bluetooth receiver to avoid cabling trip hazard.

Reported by: Siew Vei Ho, Online Recordings Coordinator & BMG Secretary, on 23rd March 2025.