Report to the AGM 2025 of the Dhammaloka Subcommittee /Dhammaloka Management Group

Compiled from meeting minutes 2024/2025. Reported by Bill Prins in March 2025.

DSC consists of the following personnel:-

1. Bill Prins, Line Manager, Events Coordinator, Parking, HSE, Security, Emergency,
2. Lay Har Goh, Operations Manager,
3. Gah Siong Lam, DSC Chairperson, DSC Facility Coordinator, DLK Maintenance Coordinator,
4. Lynne Jackson, Female Caretaker & Cleaning Coordinator,
5. Nicholas Allott, Male Caretaker
6. The following six members now will attend meetings only on a needs basis:- Pay, Garden Coordinator; Manel Fernando, Library; Gulshan Carpenter, Volunteer Coordinator; Renee Ong, Volunteer Manager; and a BMG Representative.
7. Other users of the Dhammaloka facilities (Admin, Treasury, Dhamma School are also welcome to send representatives to any meeting to raise issues.
8. DSC Sub-Sub Committee "Letting Go Group" for the new Toilet blocks:
   Bill, Lia, Mili, Moon.
   We finally found another Architect (no.5), Lia from Jakarta who has drawn up the plans to our specifications for two toilet blocks, one behind the main hall in the Workshop at No. 37 Milford Way and the other on the Community hall / patio to replace the large Colorbond shed. The survey has been completed. Next is an engineers report with soil test results, energy efficiency report plus a CDC certificate. Then the calculation of the construction costs from a builder or owner builder and the council building permit. The workshop and the Colorbond shed will have to be demolished and an offset of 1.2 m from the fence/or 600mm from sewer main.

The Subcommittee is now managing the facility with a reduced number of members and bi-monthly instead of monthly meetings compared to previous years so far it seems to work.

Maintenance:
Jobs completed from 01 - 01 - 2024 to 31 – 12 - 2024:-

The Emergency PA System and an Alarm system was fitted at Dhammaloka with Grant money, This is tested every 3 months.

Biannual Termite inspection done.
Monks toilet repaired. Blocked sink fixed. Taps replaced in disabled toilet,
Repairs to
Reticulation
Gutters cleaned several times to prevent leaks from
overflow
Roofing contractor checked roof at Reception and No.12 Nanson Way.
All A/c units serviced. Electric Safety check done, report received. Various Electric repairs

completed and power point installed.
Car parking and Disabled Parking bays repainted. Replaced No.37 Milford way gate with a new electric operated gate.

Cleaning, gardening and paving repair jobs are ongoing

Cleaning: We now have professional cleaning contractors who are doing a great job. The present volunteers are also doing excellent work. Need extra cleaners for toilets during the week; still would like extra volunteers so as to implement a cleaning roster.

Gardening: Paul Nieman and Pay our past and present Gardening Coordinator did a terrific job, with their own volunteer group, started a community garden in the patio area with donated plants which is going very well.
Palm tree next to Eranjani's fence still being reviewed.
Trees at No.12, carpark, and elsewhere lopped by Stuart, at no cost.

Asbestos fence at No.12 Nanson Way was finally removed and replaced by a Colorbond fence. There was no response from the rear neighbour (21 Milford Way) who was approached by mail, re: replacing the back asbestos fence.
Asbestos shed cladding at No.12 Nanson Way was removed at the same time (it was to be replaced with Colorbond cladding, however since then the roof of the shed was found to be leaking, recladding of roof and walls has been cancelled as there is no immediate use for the shed. These asbestos issue has draged on due to our inability to contact the back neighbour (deceased estate).
Water corporation reticulation restrictions playing havoc with
lawns.

Jobs Outstanding:-

Crack in Community Hall wall plaster – minor and not urgent, will fix prior to repainting
Uneven paving around Main hall and Community Hall Patios, ongoing repairs
Car park line marking and stencilling, not completed.
Spot light and Roof speaker in Main Hall – OPEN, both issues have height issues.
Reference books for Dhamma School will be to kept in cabinet in the Conference Room,
New computers for Office, Library and Reception, with Windows programs;
Solar spotlight for outside ladies toilet;
Termite damage at Carehouse entry to fix –on
hold,

BSWA was successful in applying for a Security **Grant** that has come available for (curtains, window tinting, double glazing, awnings, grills, electric gates, extra CCTV cameras, etc.
This work will Progress over 4 years.
Minor crack in Main hall walls - minor and not urgent.
Wooden floor at No.12 to be stripped and revarnished,

Dhammaloka Security Report.

ICP Security has not been engaged on Friday nights since the start of
Rains.
However, Petty crime is up, especially in Nollamara, we've had reports of minor thefts from patio area. Drugs are also peddled in the local area.

Lynne Jackson's house was vandalised (broken window) on 25-01-2024

Parking - I've received another complaint from neighbours about the "Drop-off Zone" in front of the Community hall, where people will double park thus restricting through traffic from locals or Emergency Services. Unless we have a parking attendant there on the spot it will continue to be mayhem especially when Dhamma school is on as well. So far, I haven't been able to source a volunteer parking attendant for Sunday mornings or when large funerals occur at Dhammaloka.
We've also had some reports of members abusing our Dhammaloka volunteers – resulting in a notice to show respect and kindness to all attendees.

Dhammaloka WHS – Work, Health and Safety Report. (Previously known as the Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) Report). There is no environment any more.

Covid Update:- The media reports another Covid wave happening, but with no new actions or guidance given by government so any preventative actions is up to individuals. Masks are no longer mandated, but are still strongly recommended by the medical profession.
Please if you are sick with Covid, the Flu or similar symptoms please **Self Isolate** and stay home for the prescribed isolation period, 7 days.

WHS (Work, Health and Safety) Policy updated

Defibrilator: outdated pads and Battery replaced.

Made a draft Medical First Aid Plan for Dhammaloka which is still being assessed/revised.

It is a statutory requirement under the WA Worksafe Act that **each workplace (ie., Monastery / Hermitage)** must have in place WHS policies and procedures.
This is also a must for the insurance underwriters as it reduces our risk of accidents and incidents profile.
This may raise problems for monastics regarding safety apparel (overalls and steel capped boots) apart from safety helmets and other PPE, gloves, goggles, earmuffs, masks, fall arrestors, etc.
The Act also specifies **mandatory reporting** of some, prescribed (more serious) accidents.

Jansu Architect found on a Pro Bono basis, third time lucky, Susie will be looking at Dennis' plans and advice where to from there.

BSWA Events Coordinator's Report.

BSWA and Dhammaloka Events held:

New Year's Day Dana: Monday, 01 – 01 – 2024.
Lunar New Year: Friday, 23 - 02 - 2024.
Maha Bucha day for Thai community; Saturday, 24 – 01 – 2024.
Thai fundraiser for Albany: Sunday, 03 – 03 – 2024.
Songkran/Buddhist New Year: Sunday, 14 - 04 - 2024.
Wesak lantern making workshop: Sunday, 12 – 05 – 2024.
Vesak: Sunday, 12 - 06 - 2024.
Vesak Silent Retreat Day: Wednesday, 22 =05 – 2024.
BSWA AGM: Saturday, 22 -06 – 2024.
Entry to Rains: Dhammasara Monastery, Sunday, 07– 07 – 2024.
Entry to Rains: Bodhinyana Monastery and Bodhinyana Great Southern, 14 - 07 - 2024
Entry to Rains: Kusula Hermitage at DLK, Sunday,28 - 07 – 2024.
Ajahn Brahm's Birthday Party: Sunday, 11 - 08 - 2024.
Thai Fundraiser: Sunday, 18 -08- 2024.
Thai Fundraiser: Sunday, 08 - 09 – 2024.
Thai Fundraiser: 15 - 10 - 2024
End to Rains: At Dhammaloka for Kusula Hermitage on Sunday, 06 - 10 - 2024.
Kathina: Bodhinyana at Jhana Grove on Sunday, 20 – 10 – 2024.
End to Rains: Bodhinyana Great Southern on Sunday, 20 - 10 - 2024.
Kathina: Dhammasara on Sunday, 27 – 10 - 2024.
Ajahn Brahm's 50th Ordination anniversary: 01-12-2024 @ DLK; 05-12-2024@Bodhinyana.
Ajahn Brahm's New Year's Eve Party: 31 – 12 - 2024.
New Year's Day Dana: 01 – 01 - 2025.

As well as several funerals: 25-05-24, 28-06-2024 and 11-12-2024.

Upcoming Events at Dhammaloka:

Songkran/Buddhist New Year: Sunday, 13 – 01 – 2025.

Wesak Lantern making Workshop: Sunday , 04 – 05 – 2025

Vesak/Wesak: Sunday, 11 – 05 – 2025

Vesak, Silent Retreat Day: - 05 - 2025

Emergency Planning Committee (EPC) Report.

No change (EPC dissolved). To be updated with the new Bushfire warning system.