



# BODHI TREE

FOREST MONASTERY AND RETREAT CENTRE  
HOME OF BUDDHANET.NET AND THE BUDDHA DHARMA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION INC.

## IMMEDIATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REQUIRED TO PURCHASE, DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN OUR PROPERTY

Bodhi Tree Forest Monastery and Retreat Centre is asking for financial support from the larger National and International Buddhist community. Currently we are paying rent for the use of 95 acres of beautiful land, associated buildings and infrastructure at Tullera, five minutes from Lismore in the Northern Rivers of New South Wales, Australia. Recently we were offered the property at a very reasonable price and seek to secure a quick purchase in order to implement our vision.

We urgently require funds to purchase the property; to create, maintain and sustain the development of the Monastery and Retreat Centre; and to establish a new home for Buddhanet.net. Our Monastery and Retreat Centre, as well as Buddhanet.net, is run by the Buddha Dharma Education Association (BDEA Inc.), a not-for-profit Buddhist organisation, and is supported entirely by *Dana* (donations). The BDEA Inc. was established in 1992 by Venerable Pannyavaro Thera who was ordained in Thailand 20 years ago. Ven. Pannyavaro is Vice-president of the World Fellowship of Buddhists and the Buddhist Federation of Australia.

Our current situation is this:

- we are paying rent of **AUD\$1,800 per month** out of limited funds
- we have already spent at least **AUD\$25,000** on internal roads, grading and clearing on the property
- as per our agreement with the landlord we need to purchase the property before **June 2006**
- **Buddhanet.net** is currently run from a small hut on this property; is one of the largest Buddhist websites in the world with over 750,000 hits per day; is ranked number one on the Google search engine; has won many major international awards; and has recently been acknowledged by National Geographic and PC Magazine as one of the top websites on the Internet.

What we require is:

- **AUD\$400,000** to purchase the property either through a loan or by donation
- A mortgage to cover this amount would cost around AUD\$4,000 per month and we are already able to cover AUD\$3,000 per month through existing recurrent pledges
- **AUD\$1,000** pledged recurrently per month are the extra funds we require to cover the mortgage
- **AUD\$1,000** to be pledged recurrently per month to cover the further development of Buddhanet.net
- **Donations (Dana)** by way of a 4WD vehicle, tools, materials, equipment, food or labour

## DONATION/PLEDGE FORM

If you would like to contribute to BDEA by helping us purchase and maintain the Bodhi Tree Forest Monastery and Retreat Centre as well as support the ordained Sangha, please fill in the form below. You may choose to donate a lump sum or alternatively, pledge a recurrent monthly amount.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Country:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Postcode:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MY CONTRIBUTION IS:** AUD\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **IN THE FORM OF:**  **A Recurrent Monthly Pledge**  **A Lump Sum Donation**  
PLEASE TICK APPLICABLE

**MY DONATION IS TO BE MADE VIA:**  **CHEQUE**  **CREDIT CARD**  **MONEY ORDER**  **DIRECT DEPOSIT**  **CASH**

- To make a donation via cheque, please write it out to '**Buddha Dharma Education Association Inc**' and post it with this form.
- To make a credit card donation via a secure internet site, please visit: [www.buddhanet.net/dana/](http://www.buddhanet.net/dana/)
- To make a direct bank deposit, details are: **BSB: 082-016 Account No: 49127-3678 Account Name: Buddha Dharma Education Assoc.**

**I HAVE MADE A DIRECT DEPOSIT**  **I HAVE ATTACHED A CHEQUE**  **I HAVE DONATED ONLINE**

*Please contact us if you require a receipt for tax purposes (Australia Only)*

Please Post Completed Form To: **Buddha Dharma Education Association Inc.**  
78 Bentley Road, Tullera  
NSW 2480 Australia.

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