



BODHI TREE

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Eighty Acres of Beautiful Land

Five minutes from Lismore in the Northern Rivers of New South Wales, Australia has been donated as a site for Bodhi Tree Forest Monastery and Retreat centre. Site works and development are underway.

Supportive Conditions

Supportive conditions for ordained and lay practitioners to undertake long term intensive meditation practice are hard to find in western countries. To assist people to penetrate the heart of the Buddha's teaching The Buddha Dharma Education Assoc Inc. is planning three 'hermitage' areas in addition to a large meditation hall and group accommodation area at Bodhi Tree.



The Land

The land forms and tree cover at Bodhi Tree naturally divide the land making it easy for different activities to co-exist here.

From two streams with beautiful rock pools the land rises to a large flat plateau. There is a good balance of cleared and forested land with many impressive old trees, the creek valleys have plenty of flat and gently sloping areas. The plateau of 15 acres of rich red soil has expansive and uplifting views and is a natural choice for the Retreat Centre.



Hermitages

To support Monks and Nuns and Lay Yogis we are developing three separate Hermitage areas, along a lightly wooded valley with a stream and on the plateau.

Small Kutis or meditation huts will house individual meditators. Each hut will have a sheltered walking meditation place.

Retreat Centre

The Bodhi Tree Retreat Centre is for holding weekend, 10-day and longer teaching retreats for the local, national and international community. There is a great need for these facilities in Australia. We attract many visitors from Brisbane, a large city 2 1/2 hours north, to our weekend programmes. Australia is a vast country and there are no Theravada meditation centres north of Sydney.



Buddhanet.net

BuddhaNet.Net now has a home base at Bodhi Tree Monastery. Ven Pannyavaro pioneered a Buddhist presence on the Internet as webmaster of BuddhaNet.net since 1992.

Pannyavaro Thera's faith in the need for a quality presence on the web was correct and 700,000 people worldwide use the multitude of print and multimedia resources on the non-sectarian BuddhaNet site every day.



There are several hundred eBooks and essays to download free of charge as well as an enormous resource for teaching Buddhism in Schools. We are currently upgrading BuddhaNet to make it a searchable database. This is the first stage of expanding the site to include the World Buddhist Directory database and eLibrary.

We plan a BuddhaNet multi media centre and library on the land to facilitate the work of developing educational resources and transferring print, audio and multimedia resources into digital formats for the World Buddhist eLibrary

Buddha Dharma Education Assoc.

The Buddha Dharma Education Association Inc. (BDEA Inc.) was established in 1992 by Ven. Pannyavaro Thera. Ordained in Thailand 20 years ago he is also an authorised

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teacher in the Burmese 'Mahasi Sayadaw' Insight Tradition and is a vice president of the World Fellowship of Buddhists.

He teaches in Australia, Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore. BDEA Inc. is an incorporated community association under Australian Law responsible for Buddhnet.net and the Bodhi Tree Forest Monastery.

Supporting The Four Fold Community

The Buddha taught that the four fold community of Monks and Nuns, Lay women and Lay men needed to be strong and healthy for the Teachings to flourish. Mindful of this, we wish to support the meditation practice needs of all four groups.

Non-Sectarian

Just as a Bodhi Tree gives shade to whoever sits under it the Bodhi Tree Monastery is non-sectarian. Whoever wishes to train and practice in the Insight Traditions of Theravada Buddhism is welcome. This includes ordained and lay Sangha of other Buddhist traditions as well as people of different religious traditions.

Ordained Sangha in Australia

A place for Monks and Nuns returning from training in Asia. Western Sangha often struggle to continue their vocation and training without the supports of food, shelter and community available in Asia.

Asian monastics in Australia are often very busy attending to the cultural and pastoral needs of the communities they serve. Our facilities can help those Venerables who wish for an intensive meditation retreat, a respite from their demanding pastoral work.

The Lay Community

1. The Retreat Centre meets the need for introductory teaching retreats & group retreats from two days to a few weeks long.
2. The Lay Hermitage is for Lay Yogis to undertake longer periods of intensive practice (several weeks or months) away from the usual responsibilities of lay life, but close to Teachers.



Lay Teachers

Lay teachers, both women and men have played a big role in the development of Buddhism in the west. Bodhi Tree Monastery wishes to support these teachers and will make our facilities available to them.

Service

Atthacariya or beneficial action for the common good is one of the Buddha's four teachings on the foundations of community (*Sangha Vatthu*).



The Buddha Dharma Education Assc. is setting up Trusts under Australian Law to promote and support initiatives in the areas of aid work, social justice, environmental repair and peace at a local, national and international level. A working centre for Ordained and Lay Sangha will continue, and enhance the ancient pattern of the natural flow of Insight into Action and Service in community (*atthacariya*). Help us build and grow Fulfilling the vision of The Bodhi Tree is a big undertaking.

We ask you, as a member of the larger National and International Buddhist community for your financial help.

- A meditation hut costs AUD\$5,000
- The Buddhnet Multimedia Facility will cost AUD\$180,000
- The large Meditation Hall will cost AUD\$150,000
- The Retreat Centre sleeping rooms for men and women will cost AUD\$ 250,000
- Roads and drainage will cost AUD\$25,000

There are Several Ways to Donate

1. Use the secure on line credit card facility at: www.buddhanet.net/dana/donation_form.htm
2. You can send cheques or money orders made out to '**Buddha Dharma Education Assoc Inc.**'
3. Australian residents can make a gift that is fully tax deductible under Australian Taxation Law. Make these donations to '**BDEA School Building Trust Fund**'. This Trust fund is only for building and site development works. An official receipt for tax purposes will be issued to you.

If you wish you can use the form below to make a postal donation. Please fill in the form and send it to the Bodhi Tree Buddhist Forest Monastery and Retreat Centre.

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