

Did You Know That

- Siddhartha Gautama, the Buddha, lived over 2550 years ago and today has more than 350 million followers of his teachings, throughout the world.
- There are more than sixty-three Buddhist centres throughout Queensland.
- More than seventeen different schools / traditions of Buddhist practice are represented in Queensland.
- At least 120 Buddhist sangha, *i.e. monks and nuns*, live, study and work in Queensland.
- Queensland will soon be home to Australia's first educational institution founded on Buddhist principles.
- In the 2001 Census, Buddhism ranked second behind Christianity, and is Australia's fastest growing religion/philosophy, with 1.9% of the population, or more than 360,000 people, declaring themselves Buddhist.
- Australian monks and nuns feature prominently as acclaimed, recognized Buddhist teachers throughout the world.

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An Umbrella Organisation for Buddhism in Queensland



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How the Council can assist Buddhism in Queensland

For Buddhists:

Providing an initial contact point to connect them with a Centre that supports their interest.

Bringing to their attention details of pending visits and talks by overseas and visiting teachers to places within this State.

Acting as an independent reference to teachings or other issues arising out of their practice of Buddhism.

Acting as their representative at local, state and federal levels of government in matters of Buddhist nature.

For Buddhism Generally:

Serving as a reference point for the community to engage Buddhism either for information or to inform the community about Buddhist activities.

Working with all levels of government to ensure that an effective and reciprocal support for Buddhist interests is maintained and encouraged within this State.

Working with the corporate and private sectors to promote Buddhist-related matters and issues.

For Buddhist Centres:

Liaise with Centres to all levels of government in matters affecting their operations and habitat.

Ensuring that Centre activities are widely promoted and supported throughout Queensland.

Helping in the establishment of new and proposed Centres wherever appropriate, and in the recognition of the status of teachers and their related groups.

Promoting the exchange of ideas, sharing of experiences in matters relating to the conduct, operation and community liaison between Centres, and between Centres and their immediate local community.

For Queensland:

Supporting the multi-cultural diversity that exists in this State through pro-active initiatives, including Multicultural Festivals, special events and exhibitions.

Participating in and promoting multi-faith dialog amongst the various religious traditions that are present in this State.

Helping establish a unified voice for all Buddhists and Buddhist Centres through this state to the media, business and public forums relating to this philosophy in this State.

How you can help us ..

The Buddhist Council of Queensland Inc. is a not-for-profit organization that supports outstanding community activity programs—solely relying on the generosity of Dharma groups and Centres, individual Buddhists, and those members of the community who desire to help support our goals and aspirations directly.

Without funds, the Council cannot operate and carry out its functions and therefore all financial assistance is warmly welcome.

Your donation, can be posted to the address below, or directly deposited to our bank account which will greatly assist us in delivering these goals to the people of Queensland and in supporting Buddhism throughout this State.

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