## Buddhist Council of Queensland Incorporated. ABN: 69 825 774 318



An Umbrella Organization Representing Buddhists, Buddhist Groups & Institutions in Queensland
-- Affiliated Member of the Federation of Australian Buddhist Councils Inc. -Phone: 0422 819 379 Email: buddhist\_council@hotmail.com
Web: www.buddhistcouncilofqueensland.org



## We Need YOUR Help...

The Buddhist Council of Queensland Incorporated (BCQ) was formed in 1999...eighteen years ago...to serve the entire Buddhist community throughout Queensland. Much has been achieved in that time. We believe there are more than 40,000 Buddhists living throughout Queensland today in 2017.

We have assisted various dharma centres and groups in negotiations with state government departments, councils; sometimes helping with language and cultural issues that might have been a problem in those discussions.

We have raised the general population's awareness of Buddhism and its teachings, and introduced many people to discover meditation and even help coping with the dying process in keeping with Buddhist practices and customs.

We have also worked with all the other mainstream religions by contributing to inter-faith and multi-faith events.

Nationally, as a Member of the Federation of Australian Buddhist Councils, we have seen Buddhism formally recognised as a Religion in Australia and the Buddhist community are now invited to and regularly contribute to federal government decision-making processes.

These outcomes have only been achieved through the dedicated efforts of a very few people who, year after year, have provided the manpower and time to produce these wonderful results. Since 2006, our management committee has essentially been drawn from the same ten or so people year after year.

Now, after these past eleven years, it is time for a change...for new ideas, fresh energy and enthusiasm...to take up the Buddhist voice and help popular acceptance to grow and maintain that momentum and success.

We **urgently** ask all who read this to consider becoming involved in BCQ activities and support the dharma, accumulating great Merit along the way...and if not you, then perhaps someone else you may know who could assist?

If no one else is available to replace some of those presently involved **THIS** year, the Council's own future will be seriously at risk... so **PLEASE HELP US** continue this valuable community activity. You just need to be a practicing Buddhist from a recognised lineage and tradition and possess the right intention.

You can contact us to answer any question you may have before this coming Annual General Meeting and when nominations are called for the various positions, you will have your chance to help the dharma in this very special way......Thank you with Metta.