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ACCOMMODATION

Participants from outside Melbourne are asked to arrange their own accommodation. Conference Secretariat can assist to arrange accommodation on request.

Special rates have been arranged for participants at the following:

- + Student Village (\$30/night) **Phone:** Secretariat office
- + Holiday Village (03) 9318 6866
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SECRETARIAT AND INQUIRIES

All correspondences, cheques, money orders and registration form please send to:

Australian Buddhist General Conference Secretariat
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Engaging Buddhism in Australia

Friday 20th - Sunday 22nd, February 2004

At Victoria University
St. Albans Campus, McKechnie Street
St. Albans, VICTORIA

Convenors:

- The Buddhist Federation of Australia
- Victoria University
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This conference provides an interchange of ideas and research between representatives of the Buddhist communities, academics and representatives of relevant government agencies on the issues, problems and challenges facing Buddhist communities within the framework of present-day multicultural Australia.

The conference will examine the state of Buddhism in Australia, with particular reference to the role it is playing, or could play, in addressing some of the problems of contemporary society.

The outcomes of the conference and the papers delivered will be published in a book under the general title of "Engaging Buddhism in Australia".

It is also an opportunity to serve as a nationwide Buddhist gathering for peace, wisdom and compassion in the interests of Australia and all human beings.

Program

DAY ONE: Friday 20th Feb, 2004

1. **Registration:** 8.00 - 9.00 am
2. **Conference Opening:** 9.00 - 10.00 am

Tea Break

3. **Session 1:** 10:15 - 11:45am
The Present State of Buddhism in Australia. Impact; changes; trends; tensions; relations between schools; future directions
 - Ven Lama Choedak Rinpoche (Sakya Losal Choe Dzong)
 - Allison Ribush (Mandala Books)
 - Brian Ashen (Buddhist Council of Victoria)

Luncheon

4. **Session 2:** 1:00 - 2:30 pm
Buddhism and Society/Community. Social cohesion; charities; family crisis; social welfare; youth; crime; corrections; business
 - Patricia Sherwood (Director of Sophia College of Counselling, WA)
 - Michael Wells (Buddhist Chaplain, Buddhist Council of Victoria)
 - Dr. Ranjith Hettiarachi (Buddhist Foundation of Australia)
 - Ven Thich Phuoc Tan (Buddhist Federation of Australia)

Tea Break

5. **Session 3:** 3:00 - 4:30 pm
Buddhism and Peace. Buddhist solutions for war, terrorism and conflicts and the way to reconciliation and harmony
 - Ven Ajahn Sujato (Santi Forest Monastery)
 - Jill Jameson (Buddhist Peace Network)
 - Prof Padmasiri De Silva (Monash University)

6. **Day One Conclusion:** 4:30 - 5:00 pm
Summary and comments

Nationwide Buddhist Gathering Dinner: 7:00 - 9.30pm at Quang Minh Temple

DAY TWO: Saturday 21th Feb, 2004

1. **Session 4:** 9:00 - 11:00 am
Buddhism and Health. The aged; mental health; the disabled; nursing; palliative care; Buddhist psychotherapy; meditation and well-being
 - Yeshe Kandro (Karuna Hospice Service)
 - Petrea King (Quest for Life)
 - Ven Chris Roberts (Australian Institute of Tibetan Healing Practices)

Tea Break

2. **Session 5:** 11:30 - 1:00 pm
Buddhism and Education/Communication. Training and education; propagation; internet; scholarly and cultural activities
 - Ven Pannyavaro (Buddha Dharma Education Foundation)
 - Judith MacDonald (Buddhist Council of Victoria)
 - Luu Tuong Quang (Head of SBS Radio)

Luncheon

3. **Session 6:** 2:00 - 3:30 pm
Creating "Australian Buddhism". Impact of Buddhism in Australia; white/ethnic Buddhism; Australian/American Buddhism; New Age Buddhism; cult Buddhism; Buddhism's contribution to Australia; hierarchy /democracy; individualism/conformity; monastic / laity.
 - Ven Ajahn Brahmavamso (Bodhinyana Monastery)
 - Ven Ajahn Vayama (Dhammasara Nuns's Monastery)
 - Ven Traleg Kyabgon Rinpoche (Kagyü Evam Buddhist Institute)

4. **Conclusion:** 3:45 - 5:30 pm
Reports and comments.

DAY THREE: Sunday 22th Feb, 2004

- Chanting and meditation:** 9:00 - 10:00 am
General meeting: 10:00 - 11:30 am
Lunch: 11:30 - 1:30 pm
Buddhist gathering: 1:30 - 3:00 pm
Closing ceremony: 3:00 - 4:00 pm

REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete and return this form by 6 February, 2004

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CONFERENCE COSTS (Per Person)

(Includes vegetarian lunch/tea breaks)

Full Conference Attendance

Normal Rate (non-refundable)	\$70
Concession	\$40

Part Conference Attendance - per day

Normal Rate (non-refundable)	\$25
Concession	\$15

Friday, Saturday, Sunday (Please tick)

Conference dinner \$25

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