



Association of Engaged Buddhists

## ASSOCIATION OF ENGAGED BUDDHISTS

### Annual General Meeting Agenda 2024

- Confirmation of the minutes of the 2023 AGM: available attached below
  - Confirmed by Megan and Chris
- Committee report for the last financial year (2023-2024): attached below
  - time given for reflection
  - Megan gave summary of report
  - Thanks given to this year's committee and Pip and Dave for their contribution to Vejjasala, thanks to Brownyn for contribution to newsletter
- Finance report (2023-2024): available at the meeting
  - Overall position is sound, reduction in revenue primarily from reduced membership fees and donations along with loss of fundraising activities such as food fair
- **Special discussion:** Future of AEB - proposal attached below

#### Teaching/Mediation Evenings

We are proposing to reinstate Dhamma Talks/Meditation every two weeks on a Thursday night, starting in the new year at the latest. These will be held at a new venue in the Concord area which is privately owned and is being created for the Metta Centre. It will feature a large meeting space along with provision for overnight accommodation for Sangha. It is close to parks and has plenty of street parking along with easy access. In a gesture of great generosity, Metta Centre has offered to let us use the space free of charge for both regular teachings and Dana Days. The space is in its final stage of construction but we hope to be able to access it and share more details in the next few weeks. Talks will be streamed on Zoom for our remote members

#### Dana Days

Will be held on a monthly basis (4th Sunday of every month), again at the new venue, starting in November (24th). These will be held with or without Sangha in attendance so the community can meet and socialise.

#### Retreats

We believe it's important to give members and friends as much notice as possible regarding 2025 retreats, so the following dates have been put aside for Association retreats to be led by Bhante Tejadhammo at Vejjasala. Please mark them in your diary if you wish to attend, we will release booking forms in the new year:

- Easter 2025 (Thurs 17th April – Mon 21st April) for a longer retreat
- June long weekend (Fri 6th – Mon 9th)
- October long weekend (Fri 3rd- Mon 6th)

[The plan was accepted by those present](#)

## **Membership**

We recognize that there has been much disruption and not many regular activities in 2024 but we are hoping to change that in 2025, so in recognition of this we will be extending membership for all existing members to the end of December and starting a new membership year in Jan 2025. Membership will now run in line with calendar years to make it a simpler process. We will also look again at member benefits again such as discounted retreats and informal weekend retreats in the new year.

- Election of up to seven committee members
  - Standing for re-election: Chris Burgess, David Wilson, Robert Ljubicic
  - Nominating: Kahren White, others to nominate at the meeting
  - Re-elected: [Chris Burgess](#), [David Wilson](#), [Robert Ljubicic](#), [Kahren White](#), [Sue Toohy](#)