



Association of Engaged Buddhists

AEB AGM Meeting Minutes - 30 November 2025

Chaired by Chris Burgess, President

1. Confirmation of the minutes of the 2024 AGM: confirmed by members
2. Committee report for the last financial year (2024-2025)
3. Finance report (2024-2025): available at the meeting
4. For discussion: future direction of the Association

Summary of the discussion of future direction of the Association:

Teaching meditation evenings:

- We won't continue to hold Wednesday evenings

Dana Days:

- continue to come together on a monthly basis at Lewisham, last Sunday of the month at 10:30am

Retreats:

- We will continue with a few AEB retreats a year over long weekends

Membership involvement in committee:

- Chris Burgess, David Wilson and Kahren White will remain on the committee
- Robert Ljubcic will step down from the committee but continue to be involved with supporting AEB and Vejjasala
- We need more membership involvement in the committee to continue, currently a large amount of work is shared by a very small group of people
- Many thanks to Bhante for his continued and ongoing service to the Association
- We will aim to schedule working bees in advance for Vejjasala throughout the year
- Vejjasala is growing in terms of the other community groups who are using it. We are keen to continue to grow the use of the retreat centre for like minded groups.
- Maintenance of Vejjasala – This falls primarily on Robert and David, many thanks for the effort and time they have put into maintaining the property
- The things we are looking for:
 - Website/social media up to date

- o Vejjasala – coordinate retreats, volunteer cooks, Marie has volunteered to support next year, more support would be great
- Marie and Carolyn have kindly agreed to continue on as the Dana Day coordinators
- The Association will continue to support Bhante, ensuring he is supported is a priority for the Association. In 2025 we invested in a new secondhand car for Bhante.

Finances:

- Association remains solvent, David provided an overview of the financials for the Association
- Huge thanks to our regular financial supporters
- Have had significant expenditure to support Bhante and replace appliances at Vejjasala, expensive property insurance due to the history of fires in the area.
- Retreat income is increasing,
- Membership and fee income is stable, we currently have about 60 members, down from about 200 five years ago.
- If we choose to, we can continue in this way for some time. The primary limitation is human resources for the maintenance of Vejjasala.
- We may need to move to using professional services to maintain Vejjasala
- Many thanks to David for the work he has done on improving our financial oversight and management

Vejjasala:

- Vejjasala is well maintained at the moment
- Special thanks to David and Robert for the work they have done to maintain Vejjasala,
- Significant retreat and maintenance activity at Vejjasala during 2025

Any comments on plan for next year:

- Nil

Chris proposes the plan for the AEB is enacted for 2026, seconded by David

Elect 2026 Committee members

Chris – to continue as President

Kahren – to continue as Secretary

David - to continue as Treasurer

No further people volunteered to be on the committee, so the membership will continue as is. proposed by Chris, seconded by Carolyn.

Meeting closed