

# ANNUAL REPORT



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# 1. Organization Overview

## 1.1 About BPI

Buddhas' Practice Incorporated (BPI) is a registered charity organization in the Northern Territory, Australia, dedicated to promoting Buddhist teachings and practices. Founded in 2019, BPI provides a welcoming space for meditation, Buddhist study, and spiritual growth.

## 1.2 Our Mission

To spread the Buddha's teachings, help sentient beings understand the principles of karma and causality, and guide practitioners toward enlightenment through meditation and Dharma study.

## 1.3 Contact Information

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## 2. Chairperson's Message

Dear Members and Friends,

It is my great honor to present the Annual Report for Buddhas' Practice Incorporated for the financial year 2023-2024. This year has been marked by significant growth, deepened understanding, and strengthened community bonds.

Throughout the year, we have witnessed remarkable dedication from our members, preachers, and volunteers. Our organization has grown from 74 to 87 members, with 67 actively participating in our Annual General Meeting. This growth reflects the increasing interest in Buddhist teachings and the value our community finds in our programs.

Under the guidance of our esteemed Advisor Bennie Spirit, we have conducted numerous activities including daily online worship, weekly Dharma talks, monthly committee meetings, and special celebrations. Our Buddhist Teaching and Research Center (BTRC) has successfully conducted four thesis defense debates, demonstrating the depth of scholarly pursuit within our organization.

Our office in Parap has been open 306 days this year, providing a welcoming space for meditation, study, and spiritual guidance. We have also strengthened our multilingual outreach, with dedicated preachers serving Chinese, Vietnamese, and Japanese-speaking communities.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to expanding our reach, deepening our practice, and serving the community with compassion and wisdom. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all our members, volunteers, and supporters who have made this year possible.

May all beings be happy and free from suffering.

Yuping HE Chairperson Buddhas' Practice Incorporated

## 3. Membership Report

### 3.1 Membership Overview

As of 30 June 2024, BPI has a total of 87 registered members, representing growth from 74 members in the previous financial year. This 17.6% increase demonstrates the growing appeal of our organization and its teachings.

### 3.2 AGM Attendance

Category	Number
Total Members	87
Members Present	67
Apologies (with Proxy)	9
Absent	11
<b>Attendance Rate</b>	<b>77%</b>

The Annual General Meeting held on 19 October 2024 via Zoom achieved a 77% attendance rate, demonstrating strong member engagement.

### 3.3 New Members

During the 2023-2024 financial year, BPI welcomed 13 new members while 2 members ceased their membership, resulting in a net growth of 11 members.

## 4. Committee Reports

### 4.1 Buddhist Teaching and Research Center (BTRC)

**Director:** Huaigu WANG

#### 4.1.1 Thesis Defense Work

The BTRC held four thesis defense debates during the financial year. Four Dharma preachers successfully completed and defended their theses on the following topics:

- On the relationship between doubt and disease
- On the relationship between arrogance and disease
- On the relationship between greed and disease
- On the relationship between hatred and disease

All participating preachers — Guiling SUN, Meiling CHEN, Shan YAN, and Zhifang LIU — successfully passed their respective thesis defenses.

#### 4.1.2 Essay Writing Seminar

Huaigu WANG presided over four sessions of the essay writing seminar. Five Dharma preachers actively participated, enhancing the ease, fluency, and quality of their writing through presentation, study, and discussion of theses.

#### 4.1.3 Dharma Lectures

BTRC preachers have consistently delivered lectures throughout the year, promoting Buddhist teachings. The following table summarizes the lecture activities:

Preacher	Course	Times
Guiling SUN	Learn what causes suffering and what brings bliss	360
Meiling CHEN	The Flower Adornment Sutra / Australia's Wonderful Dharma	600
Huaigu WANG	Australia's Wonderful Dharma / The Flower Adornment Sutra	345
Shan YAN	Research Afflictions & Various Sutra Studies	640
Zhifang LIU	Various Sutras & Wonderful Dharma	321
Thimytrang LE	Vietnamese Buddhist Teachings	333
Lixin HE	The Lotus Sutra & Inner Journey	348

## 4.2 Vice-Chairperson's Report - Acts Learning Program

**Vice-Chairperson:** Jing DONG

The ACNC Act Learning program has been a cornerstone of our educational initiatives this year. Classes were conducted daily from Monday to Sunday, 6:30-7:30 PM Beijing Time (8:00-9:00 PM Darwin Time).

### **Key Achievements:**

- Developed basic understanding of the ACNC Association Act's framework
- Gained familiarity with Act-related vocabulary
- Improved fluency in reading and reciting the Act
- Enhanced English proficiency among Chinese-speaking members

The program has employed various teaching methods including repetitive playback, shadowing, recitation, keyword analysis, and interactive discussions to maximize learning effectiveness.

## 4.3 Chinese Preacher's Report - Meditation Center Preparation

**Chinese Preacher:** Chengli LI

The preparation of the Meditation Center at 35 Brooking Circuit, Virginia, was a major project undertaken this year. The primary aim was to provide a dedicated space for meditation practice, along with access to relevant meditation books and on-site guidance.

### **Major Accomplishments:**

- Completed housing construction (August 2023 - January 2024)
- Successfully installed Buddha statue (May-July 2024)
- Compiled meditation-related books based on Buddhist scriptures
- Decorated Buddhist Hall (July 2024)

Although government approval for community use was not obtained due to zoning restrictions, Chengli LI continued to dedicate herself to writing meditation books, including 'Wonderful Wisdom of Observation' and 'Summary of Meditation and Samadhi', both currently being compiled and translated.

## 4.4 Vietnamese Preacher's Report

**Vietnamese Preacher:** Thimytrang LE (Grace)

### **Key Activities:**

- Organized 3rd Anniversary Celebration (November 19, 2024) with 40 attendees
- Hosted Vietnamese Lunar New Year Celebration (February 10-11, 2024) with 18 participants
- Conducted 172 Buddhist worship sessions and receiving believers for practice
- Delivered multiple Dharma talks on various sutras including Medicine Buddha Sutra and Ksitigarbha Sutra

The Vietnamese community has shown genuine interest in Buddhist practice, with many members developing joy and aspiration to apply principles in their daily lives.

## 4.5 Secretary & Web Manager's Report

**Secretary & Web Content Manager:** Yinfeng WANG

The Secretary has fulfilled all duties in accordance with the NT2003 Act, including coordination of correspondence, recording and archiving meeting minutes, maintaining the Register of Members, and managing key documents.

### **Meeting Statistics:**

- Total meetings held: 18 (17 Committee Meetings + 1 AGM)
- All minutes properly recorded and archived
- Member register maintained and updated

The website has been enhanced this year, becoming a platform for authentic Buddhist teachings. Special recognition goes to Yuping HE and Zhaohe YANG for their contributions to web content management, which attracted esteemed authors Dr. Mr. Bodhi and Dr. Mrs. Bodhi to publish their works on our platform.

## 5. Financial Report

**Treasurer:** Yuping HE (Part-time)

### 5.1 Financial Summary

Item	Amount (AUD)
<b>INCOME</b>	
Donations	\$70,743.54
Membership Income	\$1,296.00
In-Kind Donations	\$1,351.88
Interest Income	\$94.52
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$73,485.94</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Total Expenses	\$69,187.53
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$4,298.41</b>

### 5.2 Assets and Liabilities

Assets	Amount (AUD)
Cash at Bank	\$258,697.94
Cash on Hand	\$419.98
Non-current Assets	\$40,826.00
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Current Liabilities (ROU)	\$39,600.00
Non-current Liabilities (ROU)	\$9,900.00
<b>Net Assets / Members' Fund</b>	<b>\$299,943.92</b>

The organization maintains a healthy financial position with sufficient reserves to support ongoing operations and future development.

## 6. Activities Summary

### 6.1 Regular Activities

#### 6.1.1 Daily Activities

- On-site Office Operations: 306 days (11 AM - 8 PM)
- Online Worship: 732 sessions (twice daily)
- Online Dharma Speech (Audio): 365 sessions by Rev. Fashan
- Online Dharma Lectures: Delivered by 8 BTRC preachers
- ACNC Act Learning: Daily sessions led by Vice-Chairperson
- Buddhist Teaching Lectures: 150 sessions on Samadhi and Sutra of Medicine Buddha

#### 6.1.2 Weekly Activities

- Dharma Talks by Advisor: 40 sessions based on member requests
- On-site gatherings for practice and study

#### 6.1.3 Monthly Activities

- Management Committee Meetings: 17 meetings held
- Monthly financial reports and cash flow presentations

#### 6.1.4 Annual Events

- 3rd Anniversary Celebration (November 17-19, 2023) - 3 language sessions
- Advisor's Birthday Celebrations (November 19 & 29, 2023)
- Annual General Meeting (November 30, 2023)
- Asian Lunar New Year Celebration (February 9-10, 2024)

### 6.2 Special Buddhist Teachings

- Meditation Instruction - Phenomenon in Activating Supernatural Powers (Aug-Sep 2023)
- Sutra of Medicine Buddha Course (April 10 - May 2, 2024)
- Sutra of Ten Wholesome Deeds Course (May 16-31, 2024)

### 6.3 Community Engagement

- Meditation classes and space provided: 10 sessions
- Visiting members from overseas/interstate: 6 visits
- Community assistance and prayer requests: 11 occasions
- Volunteer certificates issued: 9 certificates
- Taking Refuge certificate awarded: 1 (Ms. Chaoqun CAI)

## 7. Looking Forward

### 7.1 Goals for 2024-2025

As we look to the future, BPI is committed to expanding our reach and deepening our practice. Our key objectives for the coming year include:

- Attract more members to join our study and practice of Buddhist teachings
- Recruit talented individuals to fill key positions including Public Officer, Treasurer, and English Preacher
- Pursue fundraising opportunities, including government grants
- Continue developing meditation resources and completing meditation books
- Enhance website content and digital outreach
- Strengthen multilingual programs for Chinese, Vietnamese, and Japanese communities
- Help followers explore the roots of afflictions and experience the blessings of the Ten Good Deeds

### 7.2 Strategic Priorities

**Education and Research:** Continue BTRC thesis defense debates and essay writing seminars to enhance the scholarly depth of our preachers and members.

**Community Building:** Foster a welcoming environment that encourages new members while supporting the spiritual growth of existing members.

**Digital Presence:** Enhance our website and online platforms to reach a wider audience and provide accessible Buddhist teachings.

**Financial Sustainability:** Seek government grants and diversify funding sources to ensure long-term organizational stability.

### 7.3 Challenges and Opportunities

While we celebrate our achievements, we acknowledge the challenges ahead. The organization currently faces a shortage of personnel for key positions and maintains a modest financial surplus. However, these challenges present opportunities for growth and community engagement.

With the continued guidance of our Advisor Bennie Spirit and the dedication of our committee, preachers, and members, we are confident in our ability to overcome these challenges and continue serving the community with wisdom and compassion.

## 8. Management Committee 2024-2025

Position	Name
Advisor	Bennie SPIRIT
Chairperson	Yuping HE
Vice-Chairperson	Jing DONG
Treasurer (Part-time) & Public Officer (Part-time)	Yuping HE
Secretary & Manager of Web Content	Yinfeng WANG
Treasurer Assistant	Dawn SPIRIT
Director of Buddhist Teaching Research Centre	Huaigu WANG
Chinese Preacher	Chengli LI
Vietnamese Preacher	Thimytrang LE
Japanese Preacher	Lixin HE
Member Representative	Yuhua HU

## 9. Acknowledgments

The success of Buddhas' Practice Incorporated would not be possible without the dedication and contributions of many individuals:

**Our Esteemed Advisor:** Bennie Spirit, whose wisdom, guidance, and tireless dedication have been the cornerstone of our organization's spiritual and practical development.

**Our Dharma Preachers:** Lixin HE, Huaigu WANG, Chengli LI, Meiling CHEN, Shan YAN, Zhifang LIU, Guiling SUN, and Thimytrang LE for their countless hours of teaching and spreading the Buddha's teachings.

**Our Committee Members:** For their leadership, administrative support, and commitment to the organization's mission.

**Our Full-time Volunteers:** Bennie SPIRIT, Dawn SPIRIT, Thimytrang LE, and Yuping HE for staffing our office 306 days a year and providing support to all visitors.

**All Our Members:** For your active participation, financial support, and dedication to Buddhist practice and study.

**Our Neighbours and Community:** For your support and trust in seeking our assistance and prayers.

**Our Donors:** Whose generous contributions of \$70,743.54 have enabled us to continue our important work.

Together, we have built a vibrant spiritual community dedicated to the practice and propagation of Buddhist teachings. May all beings benefit from our collective efforts.

*May all sentient beings be free from suffering and find lasting peace.*

## 10. Contact Information

For more information about Buddhas' Practice Incorporated, our programs, or to become a member, please contact us:

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