

# Atisha Centre



ANNUAL REVIEW 2019

‘A Land for Completing the Human Potential’

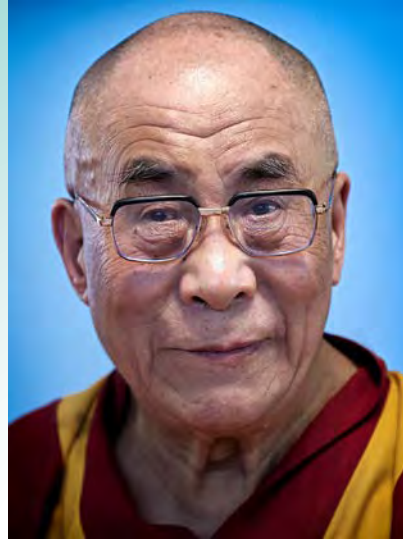
*Lama Zopa Rinpoche*



*“Bodhicitta is very practical, I tell you. It’s like medicine. The self-cherishing thought is like a nail or a sword in your heart; it always feels uncomfortable. With bodhicitta, from the moment you begin to open, you feel peaceful and you get tremendous pleasure and energy. Forget about enlightenment; as soon as you need to open yourself to others, you gain tremendous pleasure and satisfaction. Working for others is very interesting. It’s an infinite activity. Your life becomes continuously rich and interesting.”*

*Lama Thubten Yeshe*

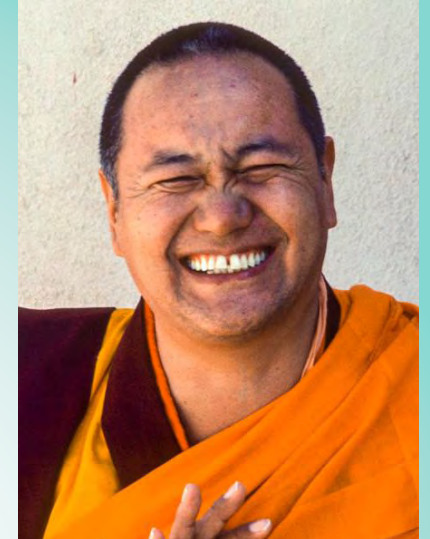




Our Spiritual Leader  
His Holiness Dalai Lama



Our Spiritual Director  
Kyabje Thubten Zopa Rinpoche



Our Inspiration and Founder  
Lama Thubten Yeshe Rinpoche



Our Resident Teacher  
Venerable Geshe Thubten Rabten





# OUR PURPOSE WHAT WE PROVIDE

ATISHA CENTRE is dedicated to



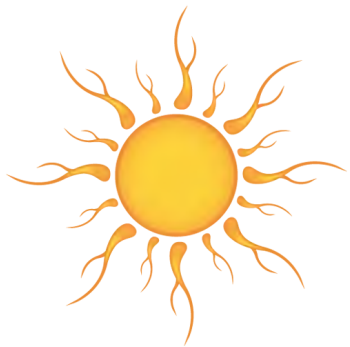
- The transmission of Tibetan Buddhism through the promotion of study and dissemination of Buddhist teachings, emphasising the teachings of the Gelug lineage of Tibetan Buddhism;
- Atisha Centre's mission is to preserve the Mahayana Buddhist tradition by maintaining teaching and retreat facilities that support Mahayana practitioners in study, contemplation and meditation.
- We welcome people of all backgrounds and faiths to develop their natural wisdom and compassion through essential education and service.
- Maintaining at all times an affiliation with **FPMT Inc.**, a Californian non-profit, religious corporation representing an international group of organisations and individuals devoted to the transmission of the Mahayana Buddhist tradition and values worldwide through teaching, meditation and community service, and based upon the Buddhist tradition of Lama Tsong Khapa.



# A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

In April this year, on the advice of Lama Zopa Rinpoche, the Board of Atisha Centre asked me to take on the role of Director of your centre and after some considerations I was happy to accept. I have now been in the position for six months and my transition into the job has been made a lot easier by the help and support I have received from the previous acting Director Liam Chambers and our Spiritual Programme Coordinator Andy Melnic, and from the other Board members, the previous Director Ruby Karmay, the staff and volunteers.

I can report that the Centre is thriving. It is continuing to fulfil its core purpose of making the Mahayana teachings of Shakyamuni Buddha, as passed down by great masters such as Lama Tsongkhapa, His Holiness Dalai Lama, Kyabje Lama Zopa Rinpoche and Geshe Rabten, available



to all who are interested in developing their hearts and minds. As all of us who attend the teachings at the Centre are aware, we are extremely fortunate to have such an inspiring resident teacher as Geshe Rabten. His clear and precise teachings and advice are expertly interpreted by Venerable Lobsang Dorje. I would like to take this opportunity sincerely to thank all our members, supporters and the Thubten

Shedrup Ling Monastery for their financial support to our Geshe Fund, which makes it possible for us to host such a great Buddhist scholar as Gen-la and his interpreter Venerable Dorje. I would also like to acknowledge and thank Kathy Rice, a long-time member and supporter of the Centre for her work in teaching Gen-la English and for organising the weekly afternoon tea with Gen-la that enables him to practise his English in a relaxed way with our volunteers and visitors.

Our spiritual programme, the heart of every Dharma centre is very full and continues to offer a range of teachings, courses and retreats. I would like to thank Andy Melnic our Spiritual Programme Coordinator for his hard work and dedication to fulfilling Lama Zopa Rinpoche and Gen-la's wishes by organising such a full programme of events. Thanks are also due to all our course and retreat facilitators especially Jeannie McIntyre for her help in facilitating the fortnightly Study Group. One of the highlights of the spiritual programme this year has been a very successful five week Heruka retreat very ably lead by senior FPMT nun Venerable Tenzin Tsapel. It is our hope to be able to offer more retreats in the new year, particularly some 10-day Calm Abiding (Shamatha) retreats. Our ability to run such a full spiritual programme depends on the support we receive in various ways from the monks of Thubten Shedrup Ling Monastery and in particular from the head monk Venerable Gyatso. Gyatso has allowed us to use the monks' meditation hall at the monastery when we have more than one event scheduled at the Centre.

The annual FPMTA national meeting was held at Chenrezig Institute in Queensland this year. Andy and I were able to attend, and found the two and a half day event very helpful in making us aware of the activities and work of the other FPMT centres in Australia, which are often very inspiring. We also learned of current FPMT policies in different areas, in particular around the issue of governance and how the FPMT would like the boards of each centre to be structured. To this end the Atisha Centre board voted at its last board meeting to establish an executive board made up of the chairperson and the office holders of the Centre and a separate management committee made up of the managers of the different management areas within the Centre. The Executive Board will have the responsibility of overall policy decisions effecting the Centre, planning for its future

development and finances. The Management Committee will be responsible for the day-to-day running of the Centre.

As most of you know, Lama Zopa Rinpoche will be returning to teach a one month retreat at the Great Stupa of Compassion from the 21st March to 19th April next year. Atisha Centre will once again be hired by Heart of Wisdom, the organisation running the retreat for, amongst other things, the accommodation venue for the nuns who will be attending.



The volunteers led by our Property Manager Steve Williams have done a marvellous job in developing and caring for our gardens and grounds in what must be one of the harshest environments to garden, one could imagine. In particular, a lot of work this year has gone into the Lama Yeshe Memorial garden. Another real success story has been the Atisha Dharma shop, now renamed “Lama’s Dharma Shop”. Thanks to the work and dedication of Robin Ralton and her team of volunteers the shop has produce a healthy profit which I think reflects the fact that it stocks some of the best Dharma books available along

with very high quality statues and tangkhas. Thanks also to our Office Manager Sally-Anne Mason for her ability to maintain an efficient and harmonious office environment and for organising our regular staff meetings. Our fledging nuns’ community has now grown to three with the arrival of Venerable Drime, newly ordained, who will be helping with the spiritual programme and accommodation.

The activities of Atisha Centre and the benefits it offers people, to develop their hearts and minds, is entirely dependent on our many regular and irregular volunteers without whom it would not be possible for the Centre to exist. I have not been able to name you all here but please know that you are appreciated and valued. Please accept our heartfelt thanks for all the time and energy you offer.

Finally, I would like to thank sincerely all our members because the truth is, that without your financial support every year, it would simply not be possible for us to offer the teachings of the Buddha to all who come to Atisha Centre.

**Frank Brock**  
CENTRE DIRECTOR





# MESSAGES FROM THE BOARD - SECRETARY

Even though I was living only a couple of hours drive down the Calder Highway, I first heard about a Buddhist Centre in Bendigo when I was attending a November course at Kopan Monastery in Nepal.

I remember having a quiet feeling, back then, that I wished to be part of Atisha Centre. This quiet feeling grew stronger as I attended teachings and became more familiar with this beautiful space.

I love staying at Atisha Centre, with its misty mornings and clear nights. I love walking on its stony paths, seeing the eucalyptus trees, hearing magpies and smelling the air after much needed rain. I love gathering in the dining room and courtyard, sharing nourishing food and conversation with a community of practitioners. I love the holy objects, the gardens and the Dharma store of treasures for the mind.

Especially, I love sitting cross-legged in the gumpa on a maroon coloured cushion, receiving teachings from our wonderful Gen-la, my heart and mind challenged and supported to be wise, compassionate and kind.



All this is due to the blessings of our teachers, His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Lama Yeshe and Lama Zopa Rinpoche.

It is also due to the amazing group of dedicated, committed people – sangha, staff, workers, volunteers, members, students - who contribute their energy, skills, resources and time to make the Centre a place to benefit all sentient beings. Thank you all for your kindness.



Carmella Quimbo

BOARD SECRETARY

# SPIRITUAL PROGRAMME

*"The dominant force of our mind is compassion and human affection. Therefore I call these human qualities spirituality."*

*His Holiness the Fourteenth Dalai Lama*

*"The happiness of all sentient beings – temporary and ultimate and the peerless happiness of full enlightenment – depends on whether or not I have compassion, loving kindness and a good heart. Therefore, I need to develop the method of compassion, the good heart, within me. I also need to develop wisdom. Therefore, I am going to purify my mind, accumulate merit and plant the seed of enlightenment by meditating on the path to enlightenment..."*

*Lama Thubten Zopa Rinpoche*



*A*tisha Centre's programme continues to flourish thanks to our wonderful teacher, Venerable Geshe Rabten, his excellent translator Venerable Lobsang Dorje together with the continued support from the monks at Thubten Shedrup Ling Monastery and the nuns from the virtual Machig Labron Nunnery. Many thanks also, to the volunteers and coordinators of our different events.

Our regular programme is progressing much as last year. On Wednesday nights Genla is continuing to teach, in depth, on the



*lam rim* text by His Holiness the 3rd Dalai Lama, "Essence of Refined Gold". Genla's commentary presents in detail, meditation methods of understanding and realising the graduated path.

On Tuesday mornings Venerable Rigtsal has been leading "Healing Support Group", which has now been renamed "Healing Meditation" and is open to everybody. This is a course of ten Tuesday morning meditations, discussions and support for people dealing with life problems, or dealing with others facing those. It has been developed and is led by Venerable Lozang Rigtsal and has proved very popular and has become a permanent fixture in our calendar.

Study Group successfully continues approximately twice a month and attracts a core group of students. Genla completed the very special



text by Nagarjuna: “Letter to a Friend”. At the beginning of this year Genla began to teach “Praise for Dependent Arising” by Lama Tsongkhapa. He completed this commentary in August. In September he gave a 5 day, succinct commentary on the whole text and seemed to be able to present the same teachings in a completely different light. In August, Study Group continued with Genla beginning to teach on “Lorig - Awarenesses and Knowers” by Purbuchok Ngawang Jampa. This series was put on hold due to a 5 week retreat which took several Study Group members away. So, Genla taught a shorter subject by Jetsün Drakpa Gyaltzen entitled “Parting from the Four Clings”. This will complete this year and “Lorig “ will recommence in the new year. New students are encouraged to attend and experience this particular style of Dharma delivery.



Our courses and retreats have been very popular and are increasing in number. In our Spring Retreat in September Geshe Rabten taught a concise version of “Praise for Dependent Arising” by Lama Tsongkhapa. The course was led by Venerable Jampa Choepal.

In November last year, Buddhist artist Andy Weber led two more thanka painting courses on “Yamantaka” and “Guru Rinpoche”. This year Andy is leading 2 more courses: “Wheel of Life” and “Prajnaparamita”.

At Xmas, we held our regular Chenrezig retreat, very popularly led by Venerable Tony Beaumont. This is such a great way to end the year and begin the next.

Sakadawa was a big celebration with pujas and offerings and a wonderful Nyung Nä retreat led by Dr Alan Molloy.

“Discovering Buddhism” has now reached Module 10 and has a steady group of attendees. Reports from the group are that DB is very

enjoyable and extremely informative. Many thanks to course leader Venerable Thubten Lhundrup.

We continue to hold “One Day Meditation” and “Intro to Buddhism” courses on Saturdays, led by Venerable Jampa and Venerable Tsapel. Many thanks! These one day events attract a lot of people.

This year we changed our monthly “Community Day” event to include the “Sunday Meditations”, lunch and “Afternoons with Gen-la” teachings. Genla presents the *lam rim* in one-off gems. These teachings are attended by both regulars and by those just wishing a taste of Dharma. This has proved a more popular format.

Our meditation programme is well-established with “Sunday Meditation” in the main gompa, led by different monks from TSL Monastery and by the nuns from virtual Machig Labdron Nunnery. There is “Friday Morning Meditation”, led by Carol Donne and we have “Tuesday Night Meditation” held in Bendigo and led by Venerable Jampa Choepal. Jampa has been extending the Tuesday nights with a further “Intro to Buddhism” course for beginners wishing to gain an overview.

One special Community Day we celebrate the birthday of His Holiness Dalai Lama. This year we offered more extensive prayers including the 16 Arhat prayers, for His Holiness’ long life and this was followed by animal blessings and community lunch.



Our book and gifts shop, is getting bigger and better and more interesting all the time, under the management of Robyn Ralton. It has been renamed “Lama’s Dharma Shop”. Thank you to all the hard work from Robyn and previously to Jan Townsend and to all the volunteers who help serve in the shop.

Thank you to our Gompa Manager, Neung Supol, for all her work setting up and generally taking good care of the gompa.

The “Publications Project” continues to develop. Geshe Rabten’s teachings are being transcribed and edited. We are always looking



for more volunteers to be involved with this project. All the teachings given by Geshela are available online as audio files, together with supporting handouts. From the beginning of this year all Geshela’s teachings have also been videoed and transported to Youtube.

Finally, many thanks to everyone who has helped with the Programme and to Michael Chambers for his continued IT troubleshooting, and special thanks also to Helen Sleswick, Helen Grundy, Brian Ashen and Katy Ward for their catering of Programme events.

---

*Many thanks to the following people for their efforts in making the spiritual programme happen and successful:*

- Venerable Thubten Gyatso for “Study Group” meditations and discussions, “Wednesday Night Teachings” in December, puja leading, “Sunday Meditations”.
- Venerable Tenzin Tsapel for “Vajrayogini and Heruka Retreats” leader, “One Day Meditation” courses, puja leading, “Sunday Meditations”.
- Venerable Jampa Choepal for “Spring Retreat” leader, “One Day Meditation” and “Intro to Buddhism” courses, “Tuesday Night Meditations” and “Tuesday Night Intro” classes, fire puja organiser/implementer, “Sunday Meditations”.
- Venerable Thubten Lhundrub for “Discovering Buddhism” modules, “Sunday Meditations”.

- Venerable Lozang Rigsal for “Healing Support Group” and “Healing Meditations”, puja setups, “Sunday Meditations”.
- Venerable Lozang Yeshe for “Tuesday Night Meditations” and Study Group” discussions, “Sunday Meditations”.
- Carol Donne for leading “Friday Meditations” and coordinating “Discovering Buddhism” and “Afternoons with Genla”.
- Fran Bullen for coordinating “Sunday Meditations”.
- Helen Sleswick for coordinating “Sunday Meditations”, “Healing Meditations” and “Community Day” events.
- Neung Supol for the role of Gompa Manager.
- Raelene Boycott for coordinating “Tuesday Night Meditations”.
- Jeannie McIntyre for coordinating “Study Group” and various retreats.
- Joanna Mananis for videoing - Publications Project.
- Julian for coordinating the audio for “Wednesday Night Teachings”.
- Robyn Ralton and staff of volunteers in Lama’s Dharma Shop.
- Johanna Winchcomb and Pauline Walden for managing the Library.

Please rejoice in all the good work done by everybody.

Much love,

**Andy Melnic**

**SPIRITUAL PROGRAMME COORDINATOR**



## ATISHA BOOK AND GIFT SHOP - LAMA'S DHARMA SHOP

We have had another very enjoyable and successful year in Lama's Dharma Shop, a year which also saw various changes of management.

In September 2018 Tim Allen went on extended leave and subsequently decided not to return to Atisha Centre. We are very grateful for the contribution Tim made to the shop, in particular with setting up the Vend point-of-sale system, and in establishing a routine of regular opening hours.

When Tim left, Jan Townsend and I became co-Managers of the shop until May 2019, when Jan decided to step back from a managerial

role and to offer her time as a casual volunteer. We are also grateful for all that Jan contributed to the shop during her time as co-Manager, especially with revitalising the clothes and accessories section which has been very well received.

Over the last twelve months I chose to focus on the book section, striving to provide the best selection available of traditional and more contemporary Dharma books relating to the teachings and teachers of our tradition. Rewardingly, book sales have increased strongly.



I also expanded our inventory to include a selection of beautiful handmade Tibetan carpets which are kindly supplied to us on consignment by Dorje at Tibet Handicrafts, Fitzroy. These are much enjoyed and admired by all who visit the shop, and, more importantly, we have already sold three carpets to one of the Spring Retreat participants.

A major improvement that was made in the shop in January 2019 was the installation of a heating/cooling split system. For some years we had been struggling with an old cumbersome portable air-conditioning device which was neither very effective nor reliable. When the intense January heat arrived I realised that we would either have to close the shop or get proper cooling. With the Board's approval we went ahead with installing a split system and we were able to trade all through January despite the heat. Our lovely shop is now cool in summer and warm in winter, keeping all our volunteers and customers happy, and I think this is reflected in our consistently strong sales figures.



As well as maintaining an interesting and useful stock of Dharma books, ritual items, and gifts, and providing a congenial environment for everyone to enjoy, we also achieved a very strong financial result for the 2018/2019 financial year with total sales of \$70,010.37 and a nett profit of \$30,164.18.

The success of the shop could not be achieved without the contribution and commitment of our wonderful volunteers – Pina Mancinelli, Vanessa Conroy, Pauline Walden, Cilla Brady, Fiona Silver, Lou Payne, and Jan Townsend. It is a team effort, and each person plays an integral role in the running of the shop.

I appreciate the harmony that exists between all staff and volunteers at Atisha Centre, and in particular I am grateful for the advice and support I have received from Liam Chambers, Frank Brock, Andy Melnic, and Sally Mason. Thanks also to Venerable Losang Dorje for keeping me informed of books that are relevant to Geshe Rabten's teachings.

It is a great privilege to be able to contribute to Atisha Centre, and to hopefully improve my practice of the six perfections whilst doing so!

My wish is that all beings benefit from the precious Dharma teachings and activities that are made accessible through Atisha Centre.

Robyn Ralton  
SHOP MANAGER

---





# OFFICE

*A*nother busy year in the office. It's been great to welcome our new Director, Frank Brock.

Thanks to Andy Melnic, the Spiritual Programme keeps growing and attracting people to the Centre. Every event keeps the office busy with bookings, payments and always lots to organise.

Thanks also to Pauline Walden who works in the office every Monday. Pauline's contribution is really appreciated.

The office runs smoothly when there is good communication and I think between the fabulous volunteers in the shop, the kitchen and our housekeepers we mainly get it right. I would also like to thank Wendy Buchan for helping me make sense of the money and the receipts that the office processes.

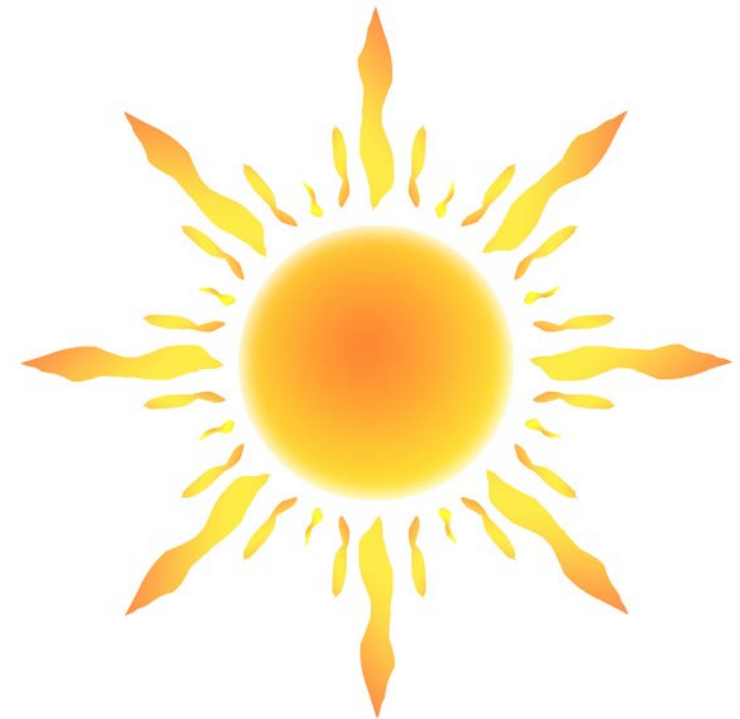
One regular event I have really enjoyed this year has been the conversation and laughter in the Courtyard when Geshe Rabten comes to visit. These visits enable Geshe Rabten to speak conversational English with us and I think staff and volunteers are the lucky beneficiaries of his fortnightly visits.



The office continues to be a busy place and we work hard to provide guests and retreatants an environment that is relaxing and nurturing.

Kind regards,

**Sally Mason**  
OFFICE MANAGER



# PROPERTY REPORT

Winter has been long and wet this year and at time of writing this report (10/11/19) the temperatures are still cold with cold winds. We have had a couple of hot days but not much of a warm spring. Despite the winter rains, the dam in the neighbour's paddock that we access for the garden watering, is at a level now in late spring that it is usually at towards the end of summer. If the summer is hot and dry with strong winds then we will be out of water for the gardens by the end of summer. Pray for summer rains!

The building renewal has continued with the exterior of the unit nearly complete. The library will be next to have an exterior paint job as well as a renewal of the interior of the toilet block. Next will be the timber doors and windows of the meditation hall/gompa and then we will move on to repaint the kitchen and office and then the shop.

Paving work is complete around the reclining buddha and the new pavilion roof over the statue.



The statue can then be repaired and repainted with adequate UV protection in place. The Lama Yeshe pond area has had a renewal of the gardens and pond and is looking very fresh with lotus plants soon to be purchased to go into the pond.

We have completed building nest boxes for owls which will be installed in the forest ready for the next breeding/nesting season. The next development will be homes for lizards and then more homes for insects so as to increase the growing numbers of wildlife that find sanctuary at the Atisha Centre and surrounding forests. The existing bird boxes are well used by the different species as nesting sites for young couples. A pair of breeding age kookaburras also moved

into the area over the last winter, possibly using one of the three kookaburra nest boxes installed in the forests.

Firewood collection, cutting and stacking with subsequent sales during the winter, combined with aluminium can collection and scrap metal sales has resulted in around \$3000 being donated to the Geshe / Translator fund. The wood supply is being gathered for the next winter with the help of the property management work volunteers and I hope to exceed this figure next year.

Kind regards,

**Steve Williams**

**PROPERTY MANAGER**





# MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Our current membership stands at 98 up from 94 at this time last year. While we have seen quite a few new members during the past 12 months, there has also been a corresponding decline in the number of older members.

Over the past year, requirements for membership have evolved in line with FPMT policy. This has meant members are required to sign a Membership Agreement form declaring:

- \* a commitment to the visions, values and goals of Atisha Centre, FPMT and the Spiritual Director Kyabje Lama Thubten Zopa Rinpoche.
- \* to adopt an attitude of universal responsibility as taught by His Holiness the Dalai Lama and
- \* to confirm that the practice of Shugden is not followed.
- \* Members are also required to supply the signatures of two referees.

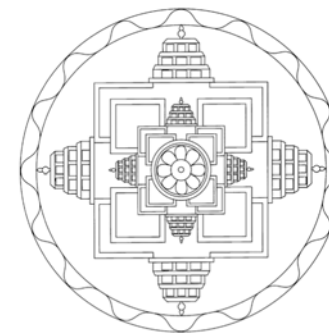
Acceptance of membership is subject to agreeing to these requirements and the approval of the Atisha Centre Board.

## Special Events coming up:

On the 21st December, Lama Tsongkhapa Day - All members are invited to participate in prayers commemorating 600 years since the passing and parinirvana of Lama Tsongkhapa, followed by a special lunch.

Furthermore, with the Heart of Wisdom Retreat occurring again next year, we are planning a special morning tea for all our members. This will be a very special occasion and a rare opportunity for all Atisha members to meet with and receive blessings from Lama Zopa Rinpoche.

Many thanks to all our members, whose generosity and commitment to Atisha Centre, enable the teachings, retreats and beautiful surroundings to flourish.



Kathy Rice  
MEMBERSHIP MANAGER

# MACHIG LABDRON NUNS' COMMUNITY

In January 2019, Lama Zopa said it is no longer beneficial for the nuns at Atisha to build on the site selected previously, between Atisha Centre and the monastery, nor another block of land we were considering. After further research and discussion with the three directors we settled on a new site – see site photo below.

The land slopes down to the North and is on the North side of the proposed Lama Yeshe Village, which is planned to be built on both sides of the road through the old Sandhurst Town village. Our site utilises a dry dam, to minimise tree clearing and disturbance to the undergrowth.



*The nunnery site is marked by an orange rectangle at the top of the site photo.*

The bank of the dry dam, on the downhill side of the dam, will be excavated to allow access for building and later pedestrian access connecting the ground floor kitchen, gompa level to the car parking on the far side of the dam wall. The opening to the lowest level of the surrounding land will allow storm water to drain naturally. The lower level will be embedded in the back half of the dam and open to the north onto a courtyard garden and the pedestrian access. This will provide additional insulation and ambient comfort to the lower floor and allow the upper level direct access to the surrounding land at the level of the lip of the dam.

Sketch plans are underway in consultation with Gruen Eco Design, to assist with passive design elements of the build, with the aim to minimise energy use while maximising ambient comfort. Both the Western Australian centres Hayagrieva Centre with Hospice of Mother Tara, and

Buddha House, Adelaide ran fundraising events for the project, during separate teaching visits earlier this year, which have been a welcome boost to funds along with a few regular and occasional benefactors. The site will connect to the new utilities being built by The Great Stupa, once they extend to the Lama Yeshe Village.



Tenzin Tsapel  
MACHIG LABDRON NUNS' COMMUNITY



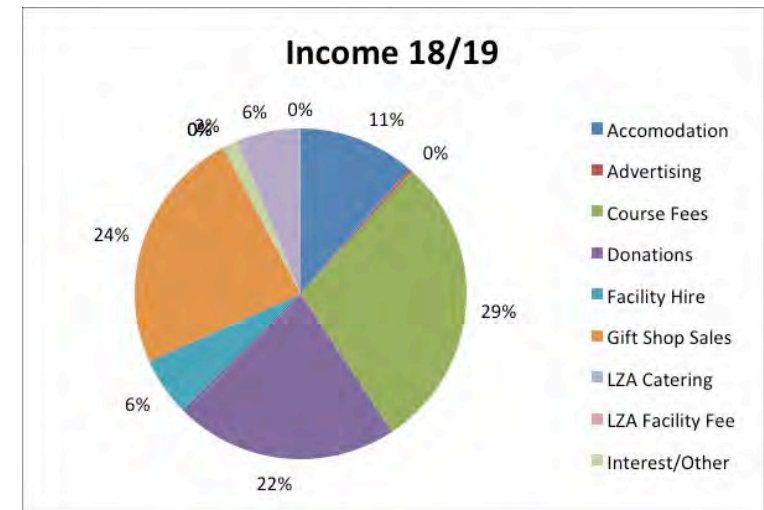
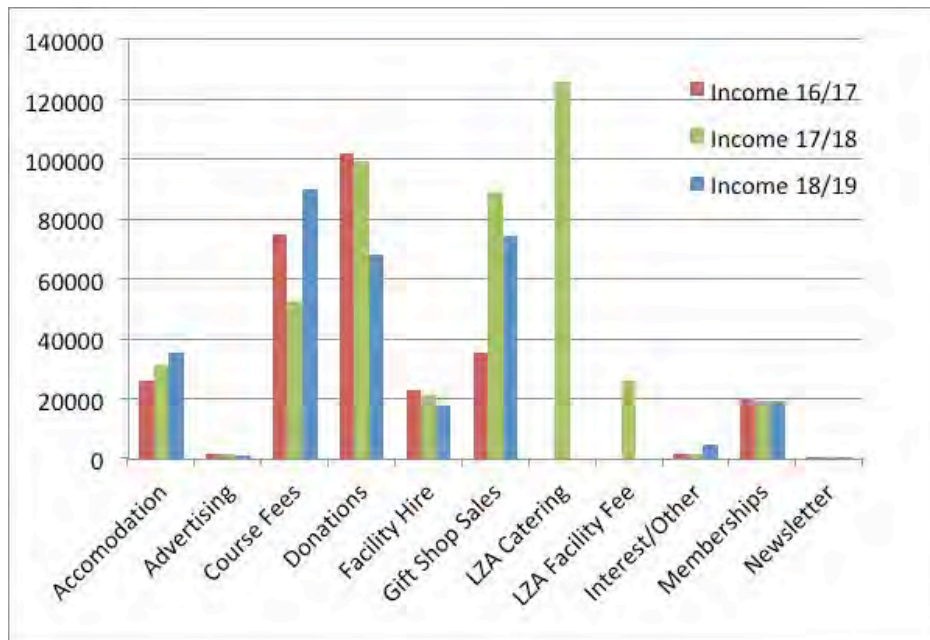
# FINANCES 2018

## FINANCIAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Atisha Centre has continued to operate on a sound financial footing over the 2018/19 financial year. There have been a number of positive developments highlighted below, which has enabled the Centre to slowly invest and improve facilities as well as delivering teaching, courses and retreats.

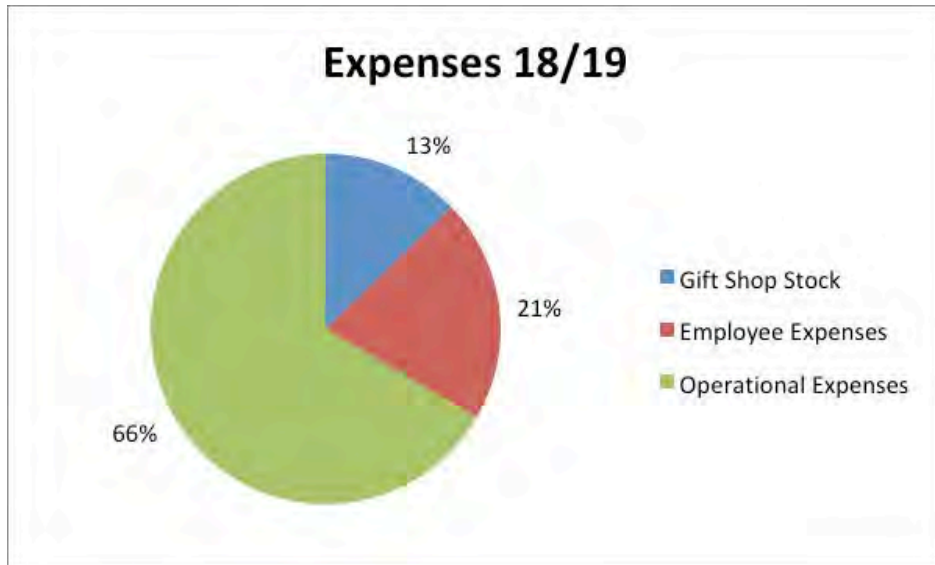
Key points include:

- Atisha Centre incurred an overall loss of \$11,139. The majority of this loss is due to the visa costs for the Geshe and his translator, totalling \$13,900.



- Total cash in the bank at year end was slightly down at \$204,000 (\$235,000 at end of 2018 financial year), however still significantly up from \$126,000 at the end of 2017. It should be noted that a significant portion of the bank funds are dedicated to the Nunnery (\$105,000) and dharma projects.





- The total income for the year is down compared to 2017/2018 by \$157,000 but this is due to the last Lama Zopa Retreat being held then. When compared the 2016/2017, when there was no Lama Zopa Retreat, the income has increased by \$27,000
- Course Fees has seen an increase over the last 2 years and the Gift Shop income has more than doubled compared to 2 years ago.
- A significant increase in course fees this year has also meant an increase in employee expenses (wages for catering staff), as well as an increase in operational expenses (catering food and general course expenses).
- Gift Shop Stock costs have also increased as a result of an increase in sales. The value of stock being held in the shop has remained steady.

Monthly recurrent payments include:

- Insurance \$1,123

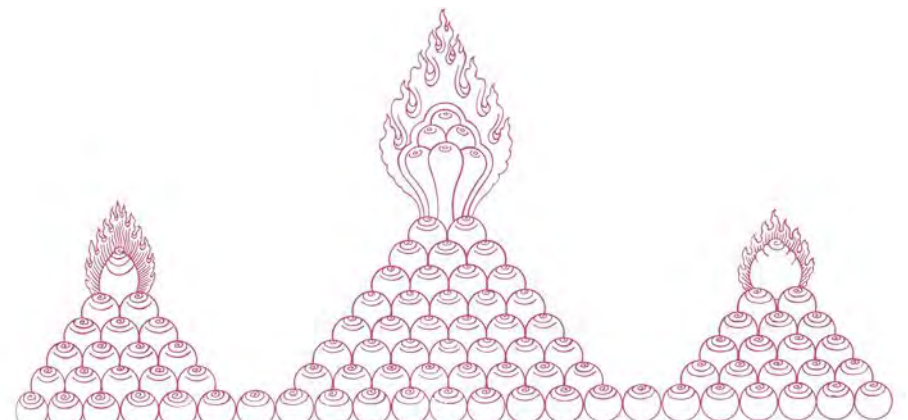
- FPMTA Levy \$388
- IT assistance \$50
- Photocopy Hire \$208

Offerings are also made on a regular basis including:

- \$50 to TSL Monastery
- Offerings to Sangha for meditations, teachings and retreats
- Geshe and translator offerings (\$1100/fnt) and insurance expenses (\$554/mth)
- Long life Pujas for HHDL and Lama Zopa Rinpoche
- Light offerings
- And other times throughout the year as required.

Regards,

**Wendy Buchan and Tom Castles**  
**FINANCE MANAGE AND TREASURER**





# ATISHA CENTRE STAFF

## BOARD

CENTRE DIRECTOR: Frank Brock

SPIRITUAL PROGRAMME COORDINATOR: Andy Melnic

CHAIR PERSON: Liam Chambers

TREASURER: Tom Castles

SECRETARY: Carmela Quimbo

## FINANCE and ADMINISTRATION

OFFICE MANAGER: Sally Mason

FINANCE MANAGER: Wendy Buchan

MEMBERSHIP: Kathy Rice

## SPIRITUAL PROGRAMME

SPC: Andy Melnic

GOMPA MANAGER: Neung Supol

SHOP MANAGER: Robyn Ralton

LIBRARY: Pauline Walden

TUESDAY NIGHT MEDITATION COORDINATOR: Raelene Boycott

DISCOVERING BUDDHISM COORDINATOR: Carol Donne

FRIDAY MEDITATION COORDINATOR: Carol Donne

## DINING AND CATERING

KITCHEN MANAGER: Vacant

## NUNNERY

MACHIG LABDRON NUNNERY: Venerable Tsapel

## PUBLICITY

WEBSITE: Andy Melnic

NEWSLETTER: Andy Melnic

## MAINTENANCE AND GROUNDS

PROPERTY MANAGER: Steve Williams

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

IT CONSULTANT: Michael Chambers

## ACCOMMODATION

ACCOMMODATION MANAGER: Venerable Drime

## MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

COORDINATOR: Sally Mason

## PROJECTS

MERIT BOX: Helen Sleswick

KADAMPA STUPA: Vacant

# THANK YOU

Atisha Centre would like to express the deepest gratitude and appreciation to all our teachers, members, supporters, volunteers, friends and benefactors.

Your kindness helps provide the conditions needed to carry out Kyabje Lama Zopa Rinpoche's great vision for the Centre and the FPMT organisation.

Our accomplishments are the direct result of your generosity and commitment to the Centre. May we all rejoice together.



Atisha  Centre  
Atisha Buddhist Centre

---

Atisha Centre Inc. No. A0045465N / ABN 44 568 476 377

25 Sandhurst Town Rd, PO Box 97, Eaglehawk, VIC 3556 / Phone: 03 5446 3336 / Email: [office@atishacentre.org.au](mailto:office@atishacentre.org.au) / Web: [www.atishacentre.org.au](http://www.atishacentre.org.au)