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4th August 2016

Dear member/member family,

Crafers New Temple and Monks' Residence - Operating Guidelines

As you know we are officially moving in to our new temple on this Saturday 6th of August 2016.

The committee with the advise from Swamin Wahanse has prepared the attached operating guidelines for our New Temple and Monks' Residence, which will be effective from Saturday 6th of August 2016.

We kindly request all our members to read and adhere to these operating guidelines, for the efficient and smooth functioning of the New Temple.

Theruwan Saranai

Ven. Udagabbala Sumdha Thero Advisor & Chief Incumbent Chandra Herath Secretary



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Adelaide Sri Lanka Buddhist Vihara (ASBV) - Crafers Temple Usage Guidelines

Structure:

1. Temple premises

- a. Main hall and inside Budu Medura (shrine room) is open to all the devotees from 8:00am to 9:00pm, daily unless otherwise advised by the Chief Incumbent or the ASBV Management Committee.*
- b. Inside Budu Medura can be used for offering of flowers, Buddha Pooja (Homage to the Lord Buddha), Ashtapaana Pooja and any other Special Pooja or dhamma related activity as approved by the Chief Incumbent.
- c. For offering candles and incense sticks, devotees are encouraged to use the outside Budu Medura once its construction is completed.
- d. To prevent fire hazards, when lighting candles/lamps and incense sticks devotees are advised to strictly confine to the allocated place/s of the outside Budu Medura
- e. Parents should be responsible to supervise their children at all time not allowing them to use the temple premises as a playroom or playground, as a mark of respect and to maintain discipline within the temple premises.
- f. Library facilities can be used by devotees in consultation and with the permission of the incumbent monks. When borrowing books, need to sign out and return within an agreed period by signing in.
- g. Pantry should be used only for the purpose of preparing Buddha Pooja and to offer daana for monks.
- h. Toilet usage should be as sign posted. It is the responsibility of the users to clean the toilet/s after using them and inform the monks or committee members if there is any maintenance needed.
- i. Routine and special daily activities are displayed on a notice board at the main entrance and the TV screen in main corridor.

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2. Car parks

- a. Should be used as sign posted on first-come-first-serve basis. If there are no car parks available on site, parking on the James Street and Shurdington road is not allowed and the Park-n-ride below the temple at the roundabout should be used.
- b. Parking at the monks' residence is not allowed for devotees unless otherwise notified or without obtaining prior approval from the monk/s.
- c. The devotees should not park their vehicles by any means to obstruct the driveways of neighbours or other uses/vehicles and should use the car park and nearby roads in a quiet manner.

3. Monks' residence

- a. This is the private residence of the monks and it should not be used as the first point of contact by the devotees visiting the temple.
- b. Monks are available during working hours of 8:00am to 9:00pm* at the temple premises on request unless otherwise specified.
- c. Monks are not available at the main temple for any reason after 10:00pm.

Function:

1. Accessing monks by devotees

- a. Devotees should arrive at the main hall and use the bell to notify their arrival to the monks. If they require meeting the monks outside the allocated hours they should use the intercom provided to contact the monks' residence. However, it is advisable to consult the monk/s beforehand and make an appointment if any devotee wishes to meet the monk/s outside the allocated hours.
- b. The monks will be available on the main hall routinely during the following times unless otherwise advised.

Weekdays

- Mid-day 10:30am to 1:30pm
- Afternoon –6:30pm to 8:00pm

Saturdays

- Mid-day 10:30am to 1:30pm
- Afternoon 5:00pm to 8:00pm

Sundays (during school term)

- Mid-day 10:00am to 1:00pm
- Afternoon 6:30pm to 8:00pm



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Sundays (during school holidays)

- Mid-day 10:00am to 1:00pm
- Afternoon 5:00pm to 8:00pm

2. Offering Daana and Buddha Pooja-

- a. Heel daana (breakfast) should be offered at the shrine in monks' residence or as advised by the monks.
- b. Dawal daana (lunch) should be prepared using the main hall pantry and served in the area designated for monks' dining in the main temple.
- c. The devotees should be responsible for preparation of the Buddha Pooja and daana for monks as well as cleaning afterwards including taking away rubbish bags.

3. Afternoon Pooja and Special Poojas

- a. All the preparations should be done at the main temple hall under the supervision of monks.
- b. The participant devotees should be responsible for cleaning after the Poojas.

4. Cleaning the temple

- a. The devotees offering daana should be responsible for preparing the main hall by cleaning, vacuuming, dusting etc. prior and after their daana.
- b. The devotees should remove all generated rubbish in bags from the premises of temple and monks' residence. Devotees are kindly requested to refrain from using council bins as these are reserved for use by the monks.