

Buddha's Day and Multicultural Festival Pilgrimage



The Festival is a Green Event, help us reduce our ecological footprint by taking public transport, walking or riding.

Mystery Gift
 Take the Buddha's Day Pilgrimage; visit the Little Monk sites, collect all the stamps and enjoy the programs of the Festival. Receive a very special Mystery Gift at Information.

- The Bodhi Tree**
Field of Enlightenment
- Harmony Under One Sky**
Multicultural Performance Stage
- Buddha's Stage**
Bathing of the Buddha & Traditional Ceremonies daily
- Cloud & Water**
Venerable Master Hsing Yun Exhibition
- Buddha's Light in Victoria**
Photographic Exhibition
- Buddha's Day Knowledge Centre**
Book Store - Atrium
- The Chinese Art Hall**
Demonstration of traditional Chinese painting
- Fo Guang Shan Chinese School**
- Venerable Master Booklets**
- Games**
Kids games & activities
- Wishing Bell**
Make a heartfelt wish and toll the bell
- Buddhist Treasures Bazaar**
- The Little Prince & the Nine Dragon's Fountain**
The Legend of the Buddha's Birth
- Harmony Hall**
Arts, Crafts & Activities
- Tastes of Asia**
Vegetarian Food Fair
- Vegi-licious: The Karma of Being Vegetarian**
Vegetarian cooking demonstrations
- Fo Guang Yuan Art Gallery**
Exhibition and workshop by Fo Guang Yuan Art Gallery and artists from Multicultural Arts Victoria
- City West Water**
Wilbur the Water Drop & Water Education Trailer
- Free Health Assessment**
Treating the Body for the Soul - free health assessment by Doctors (BLIA VIC - Loving Care Group & City 1)
- Meditation Garden**
Indoor and outdoor meditation spaces
- Giant Brush**
Large stroke calligraphy demonstration

- Information**
- Eating Areas**
- Drinking Fountain**
- First Aid**



Highlights of 2013 Buddha's Day and Multicultural Festival

Bathing the Buddha

10am-5pm Saturday 18 & Sunday 19 May, Buddha's Stage

According to historians, the custom of bathing the Buddha in China dates back as far as the Three Kingdoms Period (220-280AD). As one of the most significant dates in the Buddhist religion, Buddhists all over the world continue to celebrate the Buddha's birthday by the tradition of bathing the little Buddha with fragrant water. A symbol of inner purification, the tradition is said to assist with the purgation of sins.



Annual Buddha's Day Baby Blessing Ceremony

2pm Saturday 18 May, Wisdom Hall - The Edge

Fo Guang Shan Melbourne is pleased to present the annual Buddha's Day Baby Blessing Ceremony, where children under the age of six will be blessed by the Venerables of Fo Guang Shan Melbourne, so that they may live a happy and fulfilled life under the protection and guidance of the Buddha and Bodhisattvas.



2013 Annual World Peace Blessing Ceremony

10am Sunday 19 May, Buddha's Stage

The World Peace Blessing Ceremony combines the traditional ritual of the "Bathing of the Buddha" and a ceremony for World Peace with a traditional "Welcome to Country" by Auntie Diane Kerr, Wurundjeri Elder, Traditional Owners of Melbourne. It marks the official proceedings of the two day festival.



Meditation and Tai Chi Introduction

4pm Saturday 18 & Sunday 19 May, Wisdom Hall - The Edge

2 sessions of Meditation will be hosted by Ven. Miao Zhe and Ven. Zhi Li.



Dharma Talks

3pm Saturday 18 & Sunday 19 May, Wisdom Hall - The Edge

'Happiness and Peace' with Venerable Miao Zhe of Fo Guang Shan Australia.



Meditation Garden

The Meditation Garden project is a public-participation art installation that combines creativity, innovation and meditation practice in Buddhism. The combination of stillness and sturdiness of shipping containers and the flexibility of timber pallets and plants allows us to create unique meditative space within Federation Square.

The Multifaith Multicultural Concert

6pm, Saturday 18 May, Wisdom Hall - The Edge

The Multifaith Multicultural Concert features singers and musicians of diverse faiths and cultures:

1. Water dance group
 2. Fo Guang Shan Melbourne & BLIA Vic Youth Choir
 3. Ghungroo School of Dance
 4. Melbourne Chinese GuZheng Ensemble
 5. Pegasus Dance Academy
 6. Saurabh & Atrmaj
 7. Brimbank Multicultural Community Choir
- Entry via gold coin donation.



Living in Multicultural Multifaith Melbourne Youth Forum

1pm-1.45pm Sunday 19 May, Wisdom Hall - The Edge

Living in Multicultural Multifaith Melbourne – is the sixth annual youth forum, focusing on the sharing and celebrating faith and culture amongst Melbourne's young people.



An Interfaith Ceremony for Peace and Understanding

3pm Saturday 18 May, Buddha's Stage

Presented by Fo Guang Shan Melbourne and The Interfaith Centre of Melbourne.



A Taste of Asia

10am-5pm Saturday 18 & Sunday 19 May, River Terrace

Vegetarian Food Fair, culinary delights from all corners of Asia.



The Harmony Hall

10am-5pm, Saturday 18 & Sunday 19 May, River Terrace

Fun activities for the whole family - paint a chinese opera mask; learn to make a dragon puppet, origami paper rose, crane, Japanese doll, a dragonfly, lotus flower, a red packet lantern or a fan; or scribe your name in chinese calligraphy.



Vegi-licious - The Karma of Being Vegetarian

11.30am-4.30pm Saturday 18 & Sunday 19 May, River Terrace

Buddha's Light International Association of Victoria is proud announce the return of

the popular Vegi-licious: The Karma of Being Vegetarian, vegetarian cooking demonstrations with chefs and cooks from some of Melbourne's finest establishments.

The Buddha Statue - Performance by Born in a Taxi

2pm-5pm Sunday 19 May, Main Square

Originally commissioned for the National Gallery of Victoria for their 100 year anniversary celebrations this act is life size rendition of a small Buddha figurine found in the Gallery. The performance plays with the notion of peace, stillness and reawakening, with just a dash of humour.



Zen Calligraphy & Painting

2pm-2.45pm Sunday 19 May, Wisdom Hall - The Edge

The Zen Painting and Calligraphy demonstration is presented by renowned Zen painting artist, Mr. Kim Hoa Tram.



Large Stroke Calligraphy

12pm Saturday 18 May, Wisdom Hall - The Edge

3pm-3.45pm Sunday 19 May, St Paul's Court

Large Stroke Calligraphy is a performing art that combines the beauty of Chinese Calligraphy and the movement of Tai Chi. Performed by Master Calligrapher Mr Dennis Wang.

