



TARA HOUSE FOR WISDOM CULTURE

12 Miller Grove, Kew. Phone 862 1401

IN THE BEGINNINGLESS

The Tara House we have come to know and love had its humble beginnings in Palmerston Street, Carlton and grew into the house in Miller Grove, Kew. Throughout those first four years the House grew largely as a result of enormous energy consistently maintained by a very small nucleus of people. Their efforts have just brought our precious Lamas to Melbourne and held two successful courses at Tara Institute, our new retreat centre.

SOMEWHERE TO TAKE REFUGE

Tara House exists to serve us, the Buddhist community of Melbourne, which is made up of some 400 students; some 5000 Buddhist Indo-Chinese refugees (who have no place of worship, no monks to receive blessings from at marriages, funerals and offering ceremonies or for spiritual instruction, personal counselling and the Buddhist education of children); and hundreds of other westerners who follow different Dharma traditions. There are also constant requests from members of the public for counselling and guidance.

The house at Miller Grove is not big enough to serve the community's needs. Lama said: "We need a big house with twenty rooms and lots of gardens and a beautiful temple where people can worship twenty-four hours a day. Everyone welcome."

INTERDEPENDENT ARISING OF A GESHE

Lama Yeshe has promised to send us a resident Geshe and translator, probably within six months so we must have the new centre ready.

A Geshe is a Lama who is perfectly qualified to teach all aspects of Dharma, having studied and meditated for up to thirty years and undergone rigorous examinations.

All the teachings and spiritual guidance we need would be available in Melbourne in the immediate future. This is an incredible opportunity to have powerful Dharma energy right here.

A LOT OF HELP NEEDED TO

Lama Yeshe says:

"If we do not strive to help other mother sentient beings, who will?" What a question.

Tara House is not its Directors and Committee members, it does not belong to any Lamas or Sangha members. Tara House is the students. That's us.

GET TOGETHER

The only chance we have had to meet as a community was at the Consecration Puja held at Realities Gallery where some fifty people remained until dawn out of a crowd of over two hundred. Delicious food was served frequently during the night and appetising pizzas were donated by Michael Dumais of Solary's Pizzas. It was an extremely beautiful and comfortable environment thanks to the generosity of Marianne Baillieu. At the Puja there was a TV documentary being made, sponsored by the Year of the Child movement. It traced the lives of four children, one of whom was a seventeen year old Vietnamese girl who attended the Puja. She had arrived alone in Australia and was saddened not to find a temple here. More and more Vietnamese are seeking to worship with us.

THINK BIG

And so we are looking for a highly accessible inner suburban mansion in acres of garden, possibly a long term lease of Government property, and are presently drafting a submission to them - there is a need, people are asking.

But this project is now too big for just a little band of pioneers, and so really it is up to us, those four hundred students. Maybe we did nothing for Tara House up to now - maybe there wasn't really anything for us to do. Now there is.

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Lots of people ask for help from Tara House. So far that help has been provided by too few, but if this greatly expanded community is to be served, then that very small group of people cannot continue to do it by themselves.

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Huge General Meeting and Get-together

Wednesday, November 28
at Tara House, 7.30 pm.

Help decide the future of the new Tara House.
Come and have your say. Please bring a snack plate.



TO HELP WE NEED

To give you an idea of the kind of help we need, here is a list without beginning and without end: Housekeeper for Tara House. Caretaker for Tara Institute. Helpers for Geshela and Rinpoche's visit. Typists. People to occasionally do shopping and errands. Shop assistant and someone to sell incense and Tibetan carpets. Business ideas and funding joint ventures. Funding for specific projects such as a creche project, a business project, a flowerselling project, etc., etc., etc. A mechanic for Tara House cars. An ansaphone, transcriber, video machine. Filing system, filing cabinets and cupboards. 10 gal. cooking pots. Candles. 15 metres of good maroon cloth for puja table and throne.

IBM Golfball typewriter needs servicing (about \$120). The front brakes on the Falcon needed replacing (about \$150). Rent at Miller Grove (\$525 a month). Please ring Uldis at Tara House 862 1401 if you can help out in any way.

1. DAILY MEDITATIONS

6-7 am everyday. Breakfast \$1.
6-7 pm except Tuesday and Thursday.

THE SHOULDERS OF RESPONSIBILITY

Before he departed, Lama Yeshe gave instructions on the development of Tara House to the following committee:

Dr. Adrian Feldmann Spiritual Director	862 1401
Max Redlich Director	862 1401
Konchog Donma Director of Tara Institute	862 1401
Liz Menzies Spiritual Director	862 1401
Uldis Balodis Director	82 8793
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Seona Gunn (architect)	516049
Max Feldmann	(059) 681464
Ross Smith (engineering consultant)	Bus Hrs 652 8176 After Hrs 204 839
Bea Ribush	836 9016
Robin Rankin Family and children's programmes	861 5044
Dr. Dorian Ribush	(057) 865268



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TARA HOUSE

2. TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

7.30-9.30 pm
Teachings &/or Puja.

3. Everyone is welcome at all hours to

use the meditation room and library.

HOW ABOUT A HAND FOR K.D.

Many people have already heard that Konchog "K.D." Donma is off to make retreat in India in December. Not many people may realise that she has \$5 to her name after years of selfless work for Tara House. We in Melbourne owe her a lot.



HOW TO DEAL WITH THE CARD

We have devised this pre-paid questionnaire card and we need you to fill it in and take part directly in the development of the new centre. Please don't waste it - send it back promptly. Maybe you don't think you're interested in doing anything yet - it doesn't matter, fill in the card anyway, maybe you can help on just the right day. Be practical too - don't think you should do so much and then get depressed and guilty because you can't. Don't overestimate - Lama says "Enjoy, much as possible, enjoy."

Anita Liz is offering to give lessons in basic Tibetan language - please contact her if you are interested - 862 1401.