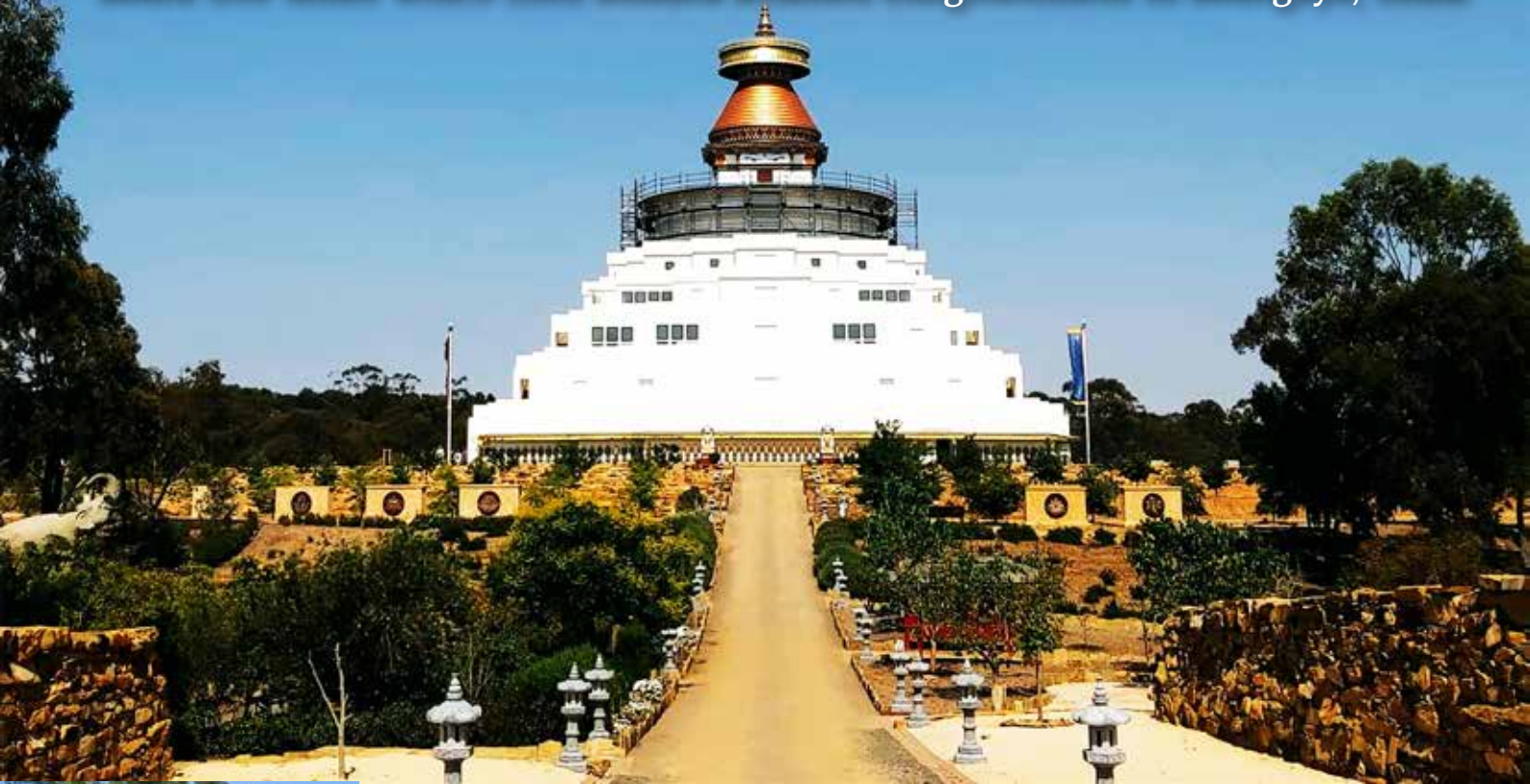




**A consecrated sapling from  
the sacred Sri Maha Bodhi Tree  
in Sri Lanka comes to Bendigo**

SUPPORT THE BUILDING OF A SHRINE  
FOR THE SACRED BODHI TREE OF BENDIGO

The Sri Maha Bodhi tree in Anuradhapura Sri Lanka is a direct link to the Buddha himself. It is over 2000 years old, grown from a cutting brought to Sri Lanka in 288BC by Emperor Asoka's ordained daughter, Sanghamitta Theri. As the oldest historically known tree on earth, it is a direct descendant of the Bodhi tree under which Lord Buddha attained enlightenment in Bodhgaya, India.



ABOVE: The Great Stupa of Universal Compassion nearing completion. Images from the film documentary of the gifting of the Maha Bodhi sapling officially witnessed by the First Secretary from the Australian High Commission in Sri Lanka and more than 100 well wishers

Following a formal ceremony in Anuradhapura, the sapling was flown to Australia where it will be planted in the Sri Lankan Shrine at the Great Stupa in Bendigo. Growing into a mature tree, it symbolises solidarity and mutual respect among Buddhist communities.

The sacred Bodhi Tree will bless visitors and link the many different Buddhist traditions represented in the grounds of the Great Stupa of Universal Compassion—enhancing this holy place of peace and calm.

To create an appropriate setting, we are building a Shrine that includes a Golden Gate enclosure to protect the Bodhi Tree.



*The designs for the Sri Lankan Shrine have already been prepared (see above) and a replica of the famous 12C Buddha at Polonnaruwa Vatadage (top) is being made for inclusion as an auspicious sentinel overlooking the new Bendigo Bodhi Tree.*

The Sri Lankan Shrine will reflect an undying dedication to the teachings of the Buddha and a commitment to the flourishing of the Dhamma in Australia.

Generate merit for yourself and your family by supporting this noble project. All contributions are welcome and helpful. To find out more about the project, refer to the back page for contact details.

# How You Can Contribute

**The Sri Lanka Shrine at the Great Stupa of Universal Compassion** is being coordinated and constructed under the management of a dedicated committee of local Bendigo Sri Lankan volunteers.

**We are seeking sponsors and benefactors at all levels.**

Contributions can be made in the form of...

- donations towards the project in general; and
- targeted sponsorships of specific aspects of the Shrine

In an effort to inspire future generations to practise generosity and create merit in their own lives, Donors who contribute substantial amounts will be recorded on a plaque at the Shrine. Other Donors will be honoured in a special commemorative brochure that will be available to mark the official opening of the new Temple.

## *Examples of Targeted Sponsorships*

- Lord Buddha Statue  
(replica specially made in Sri Lanka)
- Lotus seat carved from stone
- Two guardian stones (Korawak-Gal)
- Six Auspicious Pots (Punkalas)
- Concrete Temple Bell Post
- Dragon Arch
- Gold-plated protective fence  
around the Bodhi Tree

See below for further details and prices.

## *Other Bodhi Tree Sponsorships*

Parapet wall around Bodhi Tree

- \$100 per brick

Gold-plated protective fence

- \$250 per rail



# Targeted Sponsorship Details

Below is a current list of items that are available for sponsorships. To discuss in more detail, please contact a Committee member listed below.

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1. Lord Buddha Statue (Constructed by archaeology department of Sri Lanka – replica of the famous 12th Century Buddha Statue at Polonnaruwa Vatadage) REFERENCE <a href="https://www.flickr.com/photos/144908175@N07/38443832600">https://www.flickr.com/photos/144908175@N07/38443832600</a> <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Polonnaruwa_Vatadage">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Polonnaruwa_Vatadage</a>	A\$ 9,500
2. Curved Lotus seat for Buddha Statue (Made from stone and imported from Sri Lanka)	A\$ 6,500
3. Table for offering flowers (Made from stone and imported from Sri Lanka) REFERENCE <a href="https://www.dreamstime.com/stock-photo-anuradhapura-samadhi-bud-dha-statue-altar-close-front-closeup-sheltered-sacred-sitting-position-ru-ins-ancient-image84393203">https://www.dreamstime.com/stock-photo-anuradhapura-samadhi-bud-dha-statue-altar-close-front-closeup-sheltered-sacred-sitting-position-ru-ins-ancient-image84393203</a>	A\$ 4,000
4. Replica of the Moon Stone of Anuradhapura era-377BC (x3) (Replica constructed by archaeological department of Sri Lanka –This moonstone is a key feature of ancient Buddhist temples. It is an elaborately carved semi-circular stone slab usually placed at the bottom of staircases and entrances) REFERENCE <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&amp;v=1f5X7dCAwK4">https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&amp;v=1f5X7dCAwK4</a> <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sandakada_pahana">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sandakada_pahana</a>	A\$ 2,500 (each)
5. Guardian stones (Mura-Gel) for frontage (x2) (This design belongs to 7th Century and represents the cobra and it is considered to be the guardian of water and treasure) REFERENCE <a href="https://www.facebook.com/travelwithjeremi/photos/a.2337159136508880/2370540136504113/?type=1&amp;theater">https://www.facebook.com/travelwithjeremi/photos/a.2337159136508880/2370540136504113/?type=1&amp;theater</a> <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Muragala">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Muragala</a>	A\$ 1,750 (each)
6. Auspicious Pots (Punkalas) to be placed at the six corners on the concrete platforms (x6) (These stone carved pots are a common feature of ancient temples and they represent prosperity. A sign of good luck and abundance) REFERENCE <a href="https://www.shutterstock.com/image-photo/ancient-sri-lankan-stone-fine-arts-1510754741">https://www.shutterstock.com/image-photo/ancient-sri-lankan-stone-fine-arts-1510754741</a>	A\$ 1,000 (each)
7. Concrete platform for the outdoor statue of Lord Buddha (Total Cost - \$60,000)	A\$ 1500 (per square meter)

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8. Temple Blessing Bell concrete tower	-TBA
<p>REFERENCE  <a href="https://www.dreamstime.com/image-one-temple-sri-lanka-nadurana-rajama-ha-viharaya-beautiful-image120468462">https://www.dreamstime.com/image-one-temple-sri-lanka-nadurana-rajama-ha-viharaya-beautiful-image120468462</a></p>	
9. Dragon Arch ( <i>Makara Thorana</i> )	-TBA
<p>REFERENCE  <a href="https://xgress.com/p/5c223581816b24316326ec4a">https://xgress.com/p/5c223581816b24316326ec4a</a></p>	
10. Gold-plated protective fence around the Bodhi Tree ( <i>Ran Weta</i> ) ( <i>Specially treated for local weather. Cost includes base and other construction elements of the protective fence</i> )	A\$ 250 (per Rail)
<p>REFERENCE  <a href="https://www.alamy.com/stock-photo-the-lush-bodhi-tree-sacred-fig-in-pad-eniya-temple-surrounded-by-the-133941250.html">https://www.alamy.com/stock-photo-the-lush-bodhi-tree-sacred-fig-in-pad-eniya-temple-surrounded-by-the-133941250.html</a></p>	
11. Parapet wall around Bodhi Tree	A\$ 100 (per Brick)

To contribute for this historic event as a sponsor, choose any of these specific aspects of the Shrine, then contact the committee to reserve your sponsorship.

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