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BUDDHIST SOCIETY CANDLE PROCESSION



A simple but solemn assembly of the transmission of the light was held at CIMBS on the night of 12th of Aug under the lead of Venerable Bao Ning. As the 'Praise of the Buddha' sung out, candles held by all devotee and participants were being lighted up by venerables and a circumambulation the Bodhi tree procedure began.

According to Mahaprajnapramita sutra, what the disciple of the Buddha had attained through practicing and propagated to sentient beings comes from the teachings of the Buddha. And what the Buddha taught comes from his realization of the Theory of Ultimate Reality. So the transmission of this teaching to the disciples and to all sentient beings is just like the transmission of the light, the same teachings that abide the Theory of the Ultimate Reality.

Every year, this 'Transmission of the Light' assembly



SENIOR CITIZENS CENTRE BUILDING PROJECT

This is the third of the numerous articles the Shire of Christmas Island will provide through regular issues of *The Islander* to continue informing the community of progress regarding the Senior Citizens Centre project being constructed at the Poon Saan Community Hall.

As previously advised the Shire of Christmas Island received significant funding assistance from the Commonwealth, together with its own financial contribution for the project and appointed Calmy Planning & Design Services to manage the project on behalf of the Shire and Council awarded the contract to construct and build the Centre to Watsons Island Carpentry and Excavation Services under the supervision of the appointed project contract manager.

The photos show the construction stage of the project whereby Watsons Island Carpentry and Excavation Services have now completed the majority construction of the building. The building construction to date allowed for a 'soft' opening of the building to coincide with the commencement of Seniors Week on Monday 20th of July 2015 so the Seniors could view the building. It should be reiterated that the 'soft opening' was not the official opening of the Centre as this will be undertaken in accordance with the funding agreement requirements at the completion of the project.

The building construction stage of the project is expected to be completed by the end of August/early September to 'lock up' stage 2015 whereby the internal fit out of the building will be undertaken. This includes providing the required furniture and equipment for the Centre.

Photos on the right are of the building construction to date – internal and external. The final stage of the project is the development of the adjoining car park that includes building retaining walls, kerbing and sealing. Further queries regarding the project can be obtained for either Councils Chief Executive Officer or the Manager of Community Services on 91648300.

