

Santi Forest Monastery

Change Information

July 2012



What we'll cover

- Our journey so far
- What's changing and why
- What will happen next
- How people and change will be supported
- Timeline for change
- Next steps



Our Santi journey so far

- We've achieved so much at Santi over the last ten years:
 - Established Bhikkhuni community
 - Built the Cave
 - Renovated the monastery
 - Given many many teachings, Santi and outside the monastery
 - Held Rains Retreat each year
 - Bush conservation program
 - Published multiple books
- And there is so much more to do and share!



What's changing and why?

- Bhante Sujato is leaving his role as the Abbot of Santi Forest Monastery on 27 July
- Why? To pursue his monastic journey with a sense of freedom, uncertainty and discovery. Bhante needs to leave his role as Santi Abbot to do this.



What will happen next?

- After Bhante leaves we will go through a **period of change**
- Many things at the monastery will **remain the same**, while others will change
- We have formed a **Change Committee** which will support the monastery through this change process and keep supporters updated and involved



Changes at the monastery

- **What will change:**

- Bhante Sujato will not be at Santi from 27 July
- New Spiritual Director, Ajahn Brahm
- Some Sangha and community members at Santi

- **What will NOT change**

- Santi's **mission** and **objectives**
- The **Rains Retreat** to be held between August & October
- **Teachings** will be held by resident monastics after the Rains
- Lay people are encouraged to **stay at Santi** after the Rains
- The **need to support** the Santi community to ensure it remains a spiritual place for us all



Santi change committee

- We have brought together Santi's monastic, community and committee members to form the **Santi change committee**
- This committee is responsible for **planning, facilitating and communicating** the change
- This committee will support the **smooth change transition**, from Bhante Sujato to the new spiritual leadership at Santi
- The change will take some time and will occur in a **number of phases**



Santi's change phases

July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	2013
Bhante Sujato leaving 27 July	Ajahn Brahm, Spiritual Director Current residential Sangha leading community, providing meditation guidance and teachings			New Sangha leadership established		
Rains Retreat				Kathina	Jhanathon	
Change Committee planning , communicating and stabilising change				Change Committee implementing, communicating and stabilising change AGM		Change Committee TBA

Phase 1

Phase 2

Phase 3



Next steps

- Farewell Bhante Sujato – **Sunday 22 July** at Santi ‘One last Dhamma talk’
- Bhante’s last talk at North Sydney, **Friday 27 July**; and **Wednesday 25 July** at the monastery
- Nuns will teach in Sydney, **9 & 23 November** and once in **December**; before establishing a regular schedule in 2013
- **Stay involved with Santi** as your spiritual place and informed through the various communication channels
- Bring dana during **Rains Retreat**
- Annual General Meeting – **Sunday 25 November** (TBC)
- **Seek more information** by visiting Santi’s website, reading our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), and/or emailing your questions or comments to santioffice@gmail.com

