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National integration draws near

Following much planning and many meetings, we are getting close to integrating our 5 associations into just one. A new constitution and by-laws have been drafted. This has gone through many changes since it was first circulated in March 2006. Peter Cook has asked me to pass on to everyone his sincere thanks for all the comments received. Peter went through all the comments and wherever possible he has, in consultation with the solicitors, made changes. Many important changes were made thanks to comments received.



Joining up to the new TTCS Australia will simply require filling out a new membership registration form

Resolutions have been prepared for a Special General Meeting of the TTCS WA to adopt the new constitution and to agree to change its name to TTCS Australia. This meeting will take place on 28 May 2006 at the Bayswater national centre, on the last day of the International Workshop.

A further resolution at this meeting will seek approval to establish an interim national Management Committee, provided that we get government approval of the amended constitution.

In addition we have been developing plans to wind up the old organisations - the old TTCS Australia, plus the ACT, NSW and QLD associations. It is expected that these will begin to wind up in July 2006, and members will be invited to join up to the new TTCS Australia during August and September. This will simply require filling out a new membership registration form.

Much work has also been put into developing a set of workable financial processes for operating with a single national bank account and chequebook.

These will continue to be discussed and trialled during May and June this year.

The next few months will be exciting as we really begin to operate as one integrated organisation. Despite our best efforts at careful planning, there are always a few surprises when doing something like this. And as the integration draws near, there will be lots of little details that will need our attention. But with good will all round I am sure we will succeed. The end result will, I am sure, yield a stronger and more cohesive organisation. I look forward to working with everybody during the rest of this year to achieve a major milestone for the Society in Australia.

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Aims and Objectives of the Taoist Tai Chi Society

- To make Taoist Tai Chi available to all
- To promote the health-improving qualities of Taoist Tai Chi
- To promote cultural exchange
- To help others



*Quiet Cultivation Centre
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rapid
progress*



ABOVE & LEFT:
The main practice hall at
different stages of construction



LEFT: Main practice hall floor being laid
BELOW: Meditation rooms



Artists impression
of the finished temple



The building of the Quiet Cultivation Centre (QCC) is progressing on schedule, with some components to be completed in the near future. Since the commencement of construction in mid 2005, work has proceeded at an astounding pace, even continuing during the harsh Canadian winter.

Before he passed away, Master Moy had raised over one million dollars towards this project. In the eight years since then, several more millions have been raised through workshops and member efforts from all around the world. Recently generous donations have been made by the Taoist Tai Chi Societies

of Great Britain, the USA, and New Zealand. Currently the cost of the whole complex is expected to be in the region of \$10 million. It is hoped that it will be possible to pay for most of that without borrowing large amounts from the banks.

Fundraising for this important project of the Society is ongoing, and the national board of directors of TTCS Australia recently resolved to commence a special fundraising campaign, which will focus on raising money for construction of the copper roof of the temple building which is part of the overall QCC complex. After considerable discussion, the international board of the Society opted

for the copper roof, despite its cost of around a half a million dollars. A copper roof was chosen because of its longevity and durability, as well as its aesthetic value (see photos of temple under construction and artist's impression of final appearance of the temple).

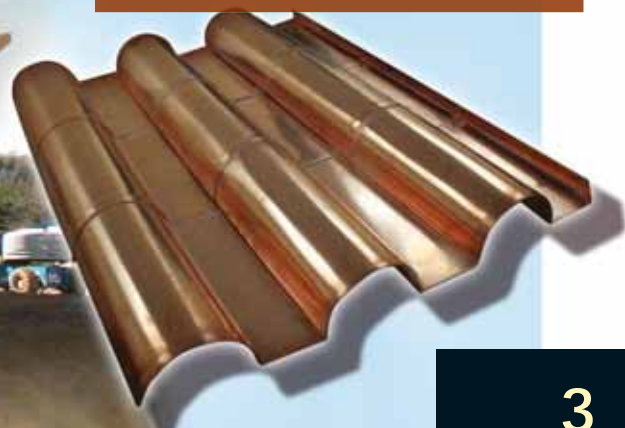
The campaign will invite members to donate money towards this project. While a donation of \$100 is suggested, members are invited to donate any amount they wish or can afford. ☺

Support the Copper Roof for the QCC

Can you help with a donation for construction of the copper roof for the QCC? Your donation will assist to put the 'crowning glory' onto the QCC temple.

Please donate via your local branch

Temple under construction
INSET: Copper roof tile



New President for TTCS Australia



Photograph of Elisabeth was taken by Susan Hutchinson at the Brisbane club rooms

Elisabeth Clevers-Schatten

has been appointed as President of the TTCS Australia following Peter Cook's resignation to take up the position of Executive Director of the Society. Elisabeth's appointment was unanimously agreed by the national board of directors at its meeting in February 2006. Elisabeth has taken up the position until the next Annual General Meeting of the (new) national Society occurs in late 2006.

Elisabeth has been a member of the Toowoomba (Queensland) branch of the Society since 1992. Elisabeth has served in many positions, including, at various times, as president, treasurer and secretary of TTCS Queensland, as well as secretary of the local Toowoomba committee. For the

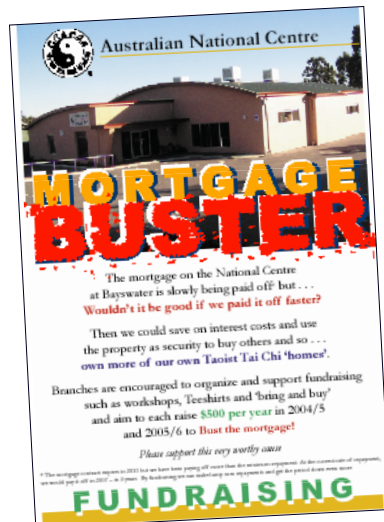
past two years Elisabeth has been vice-president of TTCS Australia. An Australian representative at the International Taoist Tai Chi Awareness Day in Toronto in September 2000, Elisabeth also serves on the Eastern Region Instruction Coordination Committee.

Thanks go to Dr Peter Cook, who was the inaugural President of the Taoist Tai Chi Society of Australia, serving in that role from 1993 to 2006. During that time, Peter provided excellent leadership to the Society, building the administration and strengthening the foundations of understanding that Mr Moy gave us.

We welcome Peter into his new role as Executive Director and Elisabeth into the President's chair. ☺

THE MORTGAGE IS BUSTED

The mortgage for our National Centre in Bayswater, WA is now fully paid off, thanks to recent generous assistance from the Taoist Tai Chi Societies of Queensland and the Australian Capital Territory. This early payout of the mortgage saves extra interest payments and means we have an asset to support purchase of other centres in the future. Thanks go to all members who contributed to the many mortgage buster fundraising projects (including workshops) during the past several years. The building was purchased in 1996 and re-built with practice hall, kitchen and bunkrooms in 1999-2001. ☺



Original Tao

All the forms of the mind

Are naturally infused and filled with the vital essence (ching),

Are naturally generated and developed because of it.

It is lost

Inevitably because of sorrow, happiness, joy, anger, desire

and profit-seeking.

If you are able to cast off sorrow, happiness, joy, anger, desire

and profit-seeking,

Your mind will just revert to equanimity.

The true condition of the mind

Is that it finds calmness beneficial and, by it, attains repose.

Do not disturb it, do not disrupt it

And harmony will naturally develop.

From *Original Tao. Inward Training and the foundations of Taoist mysticism*. Trans. By Harold D. Roth. Columbia University Press 1999. Verse 3. (circa 300 BC).