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NEW GOMPA & CENTRE DEVELOPMENT





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ABOUT CHENREZIG INSTITUTE

In 1974, the first Tibetan Buddhist Centre in Australia and one of the oldest in the West was founded as Chenrezig Institute.

Located in the hinterland of the Sunshine Coast, Queensland, the place has flourished into a dedicated Buddhist educational and practitioner facility. The property and land were consecrated Chenrezig Institute. A place where sentient beings can come to learn Dharma, to meditate, to purify and collect merits.

Many great Buddhist masters including His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Rinpoche's, yogis and Sangha have been hosted here while teaching their profound wisdom, insights and practices on the Buddhist path.

Chenrezig Institute was the foundational centre for the international Tibetan Buddhist organisation, The Foundation for the Preservation of the Mahayana Tradition (FPMT) Tibetan masters Lama Thubten Yeshe and Lama Zopa Rinpoche founded the organisation.



Founders of Chenrezig Institute - Lama Yeshe on the left, Lama Zopa Rinpoche on the right

THE VISION OF GESHE TSULTRIM & THE NEW GOMPA PROJECT

Our current Gompa has been the beating heart of Chenrezig Institute for nearly five decades, a place of learning and practice, offering the precious Dharma to thousands of students and visitors from near and far. However, the time has come to develop further and create a new Gompa; a place where people can come together in search of spiritual growth, further learning and practice.

We are delighted to announce that our new Gompa project has been blessed by His Holiness, the Dalai Lama. Our vision? That our new Gompa will carry on the Chenrezig Institute's legacy for centuries to come.

Why a new Gompa?

For Chenrezig Institute to continue serving its Dharma community and guests, the facilities such as driveways, toilets, Big Love Cafe and short-term accommodation require updates and renovation to meet the current building and comfort standards. Whilst satisfactory, the existing facilities currently provide sub-standard access for older and disabled visitors.

Our existing Gompa building has reached the limit and cannot hold additional attendants for special occasions or major teaching events. The building is a typical Queensland rural structure, which is practical in the Queensland environment, yet is not representative of a Temple with rich symbolic and spiritual significance like a Holy Object.

What will the new Gompa look like?

To address these issues and fulfil the vision of Geshe Tsultrim, Chenrezig Institute is proposing to build a new Gompa and improve the existing facilities and amenities. The new Gompa will be built with architecture that respects, honours and inspires the spiritual practices of the Tibetan Buddhist lineage, holding sacred practices and art.

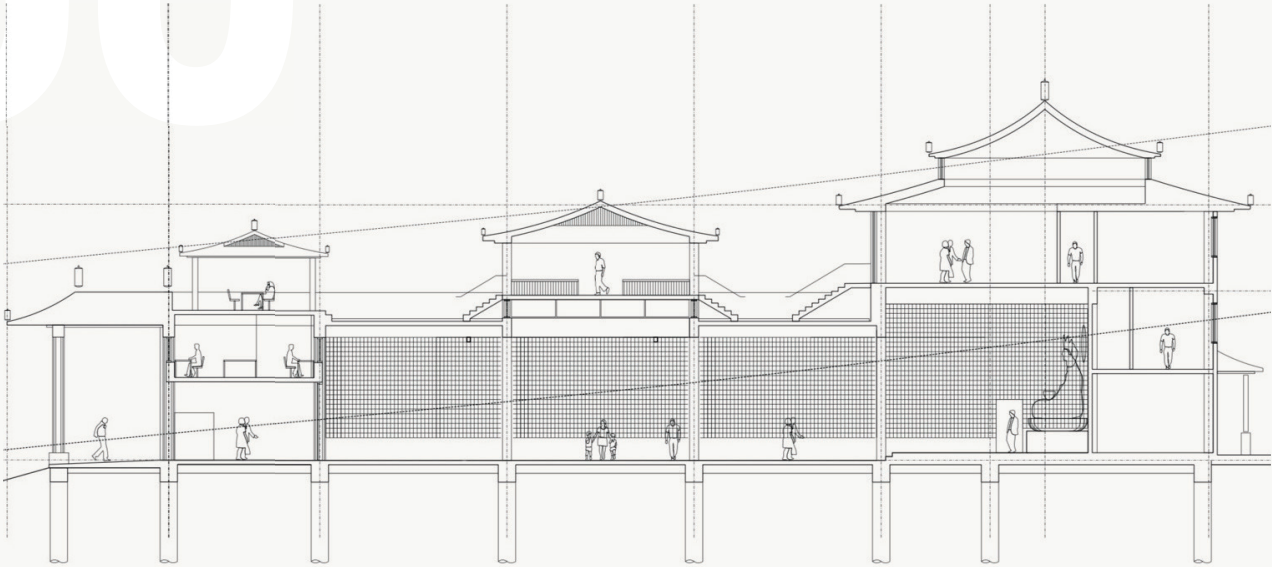
Where will the new Gompa be built?

The site is at the highest point and crown of Chenrezig's property, which is currently the safest place in the event of bush fire and has been used as the assembly point evacuation. The site has a secondary road access from Upper Rambert Road which is accessible by trucks during construction and the site is clear of trees and has low levels of development constraints in terms of ecological impact, stormwater and bushfire.



As the sun rises from the sea, it will be the first place the light touches as the sunlight cascades across the new golden roofs and pure white walls that crown Chenrezig Institute. This will be greatly enhanced by the intimate closeness to the sky and vast panoramic views that stretch across the Sunshine Coast's hinterland all the way to the ocean. Being visible from a great distance, the intention for the new Gompa is to provide inspiration, happiness and peace to the entire region.

We invite you to be a part of this special project and show your support in any way you can.



THE NEW GOMPA BUILDING



For illustration only – Tashi Lhunpo Monastery, India

- Level 01:** Lama Zopa Rinpoche and Resident Teacher’s accommodation and roof terrace.
- Ground Level:** Gompa, Protector Room, altar, reception, shop, kitchen, amenities and storage.
- Mezzanine:** A suite of offices and meeting rooms.
Adjoining accommodation buildings.
- External:** Landscaping, parking, access road, pathways and small dam.

The new Gompa building will consist of three levels, integrated into the natural contour and landscape. The building will be safe, secure, strong, cyclone, termite, and fireproof to last hundreds of years. The building will be equipped with modern amenities such as lifts and disabled access. The design and choice of materials will be environmentally sustainable and we will incorporate renewable energy by using solar and battery systems to power the site.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE & MASTERPLAN

Phase One - Feb 2023 to Dec 2024

- **Feb - Mar 2023:**
Completed preliminary practices, pujas and prayers to remove obstacles.
- **Apr – Jul 2023:**
Completed preliminary planning and design drawings, along with consultation with local and state Government.
- **Sept – Dec 2023:**
Upgrade of toilets near the Big Love Cafe.
- **Feb 2024:**
Council approval, with construction of the new Gompa to commence.
- **Sept 2024:**
Teachings and consecration to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Chenrezig Institute.
- **Apr 2024 –Mar 2025:**
Construction of external structure and internal fit-out of level 1 of the new Gompa, altar and Protector Room.

Phase Two - Jan 2025 to Jun 2025

Complete internal fit out of Lama Zopa Rinpoche and Resident Teacher's accommodation, kitchen, amenities, stairs, lifts and roof terrace.

Complete internal fit out of amenities, reception, offices, meeting rooms, kitchen, storage on ground level and mezzanine.

Commence improvement on landscaping, parking, access road, pathways to the new Gompa.

Phase Three - 2025 to 2026


Apr – Dec 2025:

Construction of accommodation buildings adjoining the New Gompa.

2026:

Upgrade of the Big Love Cafe, with services temporarily relocated to the new Gompa during the renovation.

Upgrade/replacement of existing accommodation huts to include en-suite bathrooms and kitchenettes.

A photograph showing a woman with long dark hair, wearing a light purple t-shirt, seen from behind as she spins a row of colorful prayer wheels. The wheels are in shades of red, green, yellow, and blue, each with gold Tibetan script. The background features a stone wall and lush green plants under bright sunlight.

Building a temple collects incredible, vast amounts of merit, because it is a holy place containing Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha. The number of atoms making up the monastery's temple is the same number of lifetimes that you will be born as a king in the deva or human realm, with all wealth and power. The merits increase all the time, for eons.

Lama Zopa Rinpoche
– Spiritual Director of Chenrezig Institute for Wisdom Culture and the FPMT

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

How can you get involved?

1. Sponsor a Statue

In support of our new Gompa development, we're inviting friends and followers the opportunity to sponsor our gold gilded statues of Shakyamuni Buddha, Four-Armed Chenrezig, Manjushri and Arya Tara. This is a deeply special and rare opportunity to show your support for the project like no other.



Shakyamuni Buddha



Four-Armed Chenrezig



Manjushri



Arya Tara

Each 20cm statue will be:

- Placed individually in lit shrine alcoves
- Part of the beautiful ornamental frieze on our new Gompa's walls
- Exquisitely ornamented to ancient traditional craftsmanship.

Each sponsor's name will be inscribed on a name plate placed below their sponsored statues. Statues will be filled and consecrated at a special Puja and ceremony held at Chenrezig Institute specially for our sponsors. These beautiful statues will last for thousands of years and inspire all who sees them to enlightenment.

Every benefit to every sentient being influenced by each statue benefits the sponsor continuously. Buddha descended to teach on the earth from the God Realm of 33.

Sponsorship cost

\$3,300 (Monthly direct debit plans available)

2. Donate directly to the project

Your tax-deductible donation will help us build and maintain our new Gompa at Chenrezig Institute. All donations over \$2 are fully tax-deductible. Thank you for your support and generosity. We truly appreciate your gift and blessing.



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