

# Vijayaloka News

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## Campbelltown Council

Following an inspection by Campbelltown council at Vijayaloka in December 2006, we received notification of major works to be done on the buildings to ensure compliance with fire and building regulations. It is essential for this work to be done if we wish Vijayaloka to continue to function as our retreat centre.

Much of the work required forms part of the first stage of the Vijayaloka Project launched late last year.

Council gave their assurance that they would like us to continue to operate but that we do have to bring Vijayaloka up to these specified safety standards.

There is still a significant amount of money to raise to pay for the essential works and of course we need physical labour and support (making tea, lunches for the builders for example).



**You can help to keep Vijayaloka by**

- **Coming on the work retreat 3-7 October**
- **Contributing financially to the 108 ways fundraising project**
- **Working with others to raise money**
- **Volunteering time to help with the building project**
- **Developing an Evacuation and Bush Fire plan or working with others to do so**

**Please let Viraja know how you would like to become involved: [viraja@fwbo.org.au](mailto:viraja@fwbo.org.au)**

## Work carried out

The water tanks have been ordered and are expected to arrive in August.

We are happy to report that the trees that were a threat to the dining and shrine room have been removed—without obvious impact on the aesthetics of the retreat centre. Khemmadhamma said the guys who did the work, took such care that you could not see the work had been carried out.

## Private Medical Insurance?

Check your policy to see if you can claim for meditation classes—then donate your money to Vijayaloka!

## Work to commence

Once the water tanks arrive the plan is to start work on the roof and upgrade of the dorms in September.

## 108 Ways to Practise

We aim to raise \$108,000 towards the stage-1 costs. So far have received \$38,000 of the monies pledged. So we still require at least \$70,000 to meet our stage-1 fundraising target. Can you help?

....from the family retreat "it really touched me. I think of Vijayaloka as the peaceful place..."  
Georgette 8 years old