



Office of the Lord Mayor

Venerable Man Ko  
Chief Abbess Fo Guang Shan Australia and New Zealand  
Fo Guang Shan Melbourne  
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Dear Venerable Man Ko,

On behalf of the City of Melbourne I would like to extend my condolences to those mourning the loss of Fo Guang Shan Founder Venerable Master Hsing Yun.

I understand that from the age of 12, the Venerable Master devoted himself to propagating Humanistic Buddhism around the world, and selflessly sought to better the lives of those less fortunate.

The Venerable Masters' legacy of altruism, education, compassion, and Buddhist practices will live on, and he will be revered around the world for his leadership.

Fo Guang Shan Melbourne, founded by the Venerable Master, has been providing religious, educational, charitable, and cultural services to Melbournians, Buddhist, and non-Buddhist alike. Their work, inspired by the Venerable Masters' teachings, has improved the wellbeing of not only its members, but also the broader community.

It was a privilege for the City of Melbourne to host the world-first digital immersive experience "Wisdom & Light: The Journey of Venerable Master Hsing and his One Stroke Calligraphy" at Golden Square, which portrayed Venerable Master Hsing Yun's life journey and mission.

Melbournians will continue to honour the Venerable Masters' legacy at the annual Buddha's Day and Multiculturalism Festival, which will celebrate its 27<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2023, and continues to be one of the largest and longest running multicultural festivals in Melbourne.

I send my deepest condolences to those Melbournians mourning the loss of a selfless and compassionate leader of the Buddhist faith.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Sally Capp'.

The Hon Sally Capp  
Lord Mayor of the City of Melbourne

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