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United Nations Vesak Day

For the past 20 years, the United Nations has celebrated Vesak Day at each full moon in May.

This sacred occasion is marked by millions of Buddhists around the world on 17 May this year as they honour the life, wisdom and death of Buddha.

Congratulations to The Buddhist Federation of Australia on marking this significant event with a ceremony at Belmore Park on 4 May.

Over the past 20 years, the number of Buddhist residents in New South Wales has grown as more people are drawn to the central messages of peace, harmony and compassion.

This year's theme of Sustainable Development in Peace is particularly relevant as we all strive for a harmonious, peaceful and prosperous Australia.

I thank Buddhist communities in New South Wales for their contributions to our society and wish them peace and happiness on this sacred day.

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