

# THE GREAT STUPA WALKING TRAIL

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## **JEWISH CHANUKIAH**

Jewish symbol of light and peace, placed with a backdrop in a garden of the five Holy fruits. The Chanukiah has eight branches and helper central candle. It is used to celebrate Chanukah.



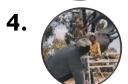
#### **GANESH TEMPLE**

Built in honour of the Hindu God, Ganesh, and in memory of Brishti Shresta, this traditional Nepalese temple is dedicated to all children who have passed away from brain cancer.



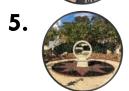
## **QUAN YIN GROTTO**

Quan Yin represents the compassionate aspect of the Buddha. This 7-metre-tall statue was sculpted in Vietnam in poly-marble and hand painted here at the Great Stupa.



## **FOUR HARMONIOUS FRIENDS**

This life-size statue of the four brothers represents an important Buddhist teaching of working together harmoniously. It has been made by a sculptor from Thailand named Joy.



## THE BAHAI STAR

The Bahai faith believes humanity is one family bound together in a global society. Funding was raised by the Bahai community as part of our interfaith installations.



#### THE GREAT STUPA PRAYER WHEELS

Each wheel contains 20 million 'Om Mani Padme Hum' mantras. Spin the wheels clockwise to energise the compassionate energy for the world. Hand-made from copper in Nepal.



## **BODHI FOREST**

The Buddha attained enlightenment after meditating under a Bodhi tree. Our trees come from cuttings of that original tree, brought to Australia by His Holiness the Dalai Lama.



#### **GOLDEN THAI BUDDHA**

This Buddha statue was offered to the Great Stupa by a benefactor. It was made from fiberglass in Thailand. The Buddha's eyes have been painted by a Tibetan artist.



# **HEART SUTRA WALL**

Carved from solid granite in Vietnam, the heart sutra is in English on one side and Vietnamese on the other. This famous sutra of the Buddha is a teaching on wisdom.



#### ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

St Francis is known as the patron saint of the environment and animals. This statue was offered by the Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst and blessed by Bishop Les Tomlinson in May 2018.



# DZAMBHALA

Dzambhala symbolises richness in all its forms and embodies the power of wealth to benefit beings. He holds a mongoose in his left hand and a wish fulfilling jewel in his right.



#### **IK OANKAAR**

This mantra is sacred to Sikhs all over the world. It symbolises one with God and one with humanity. It is the first of its kind in Australia and was unveiled in November 2019.