ROHATSU SESSHIN

ANNANDALE

Thursday 3rd to Tuesday 8th December 2026

This sesshin will be co-taught by **Peter Bursky** and **Allan Marett Roshi** at the Annandale zendo. Following the close of sesshin, Peter will receive Dharma transmission as a Diamond Sangha teacher at Hannaford Community Centre at 3.30pm on Tuesday 8 December.



Imei Shūkei, *Plum Blossoms in the Snow* (detail).
Late 18th century. Museum für Asiatische Kunst, Berlin.
Photo: Jürgen Liepe / Staatliche Museen zu Berlin.

Peter Bursky has studied primarily with Subhana Barzaghi Rōshi and Allan Marett Rōshi. An apprentice teacher since 2019, he is also a musician and a student of Ueda Sōko-ryū Japanese tea ceremony. **Allan Kyōun Marett Roshi** began Zen training with Yamada Koun Roshi in 1976 and later studied with Robert Aitken and other Diamond Sangha teachers. He received transmission from Subhana Barzaghi in 2018 and teaches at the Adelaide Zen Group.

When Gautama loses his eyeball,
Plum blossoms in snow on a single branch
Become thorn brambles, here, there,
everywhere, right now.
Nevertheless, I laugh - Spring wind blowing a wild confusion.

Poem by Tiantong Rujing

Rohatsu celebrates the Buddha's awakening. This moment outside of time is traditionally commemorated in time on December 8. At sesshin we commit ourselves in turn to the Buddha's timeless path of practice realisation and extend ourselves into the tangled flowering of this very life.

Our five-day non-residential sesshin will be held at Sydney Zen Centre, 251 Young Street, Annandale, beginning Thursday evening December 3 and running through to Tuesday morning December 8.

Participants can choose to attend full-time or in specific blocks (early morning, morning, afternoon, evening) on specific days. There are 18 blocks in total, with one morning block on Tuesday. This flexible structure is designed to accommodate the demands of people's busy lives, particularly at this time of year.

The schedule includes zazen, walking meditation, sutra recitation, dokusan, teisho and a dharma enquiry session as part of Peter's transmission ceremony on the Monday evening.

All participants are asked to attend Thursday evening for the opening of sesshin, unless there are exceptional reasons not to.

Supper will be provided Friday-Monday evenings, and breakfast Friday-Monday mornings. Please bring/plan your own lunch.

COST Full-time: SZC member $400, non-member $470
Part-time: SZC member $22 per block, non-member $26 per block

Rohatsu flyer & application form

Please fill out the blocks of sitting you wish to attend and send the completed application form to Ameli Tanchitsa at ameli.tanchitsa@gmail.com.

Please return the application form with full payment by **Friday November 20**. Late applications create difficulties for planners.

SESSHIN SCHEDULE

Thursday 3 December

6.30-8.30pm Arrival, zazen, opening words with Peter and Allan, orientation.

Friday 4 to Monday 7 December

6.00am	Tea, Verse of the Rakusu, kentan, zazen and kinhin
6.30am	Zazen/kinhin; dokusan or shosan 6.30-7.20am
7.25am	Meal gatha
7.30-9.00am	Breakfast, samu and rest
9.00am	Sutras and kinhin
9.30-11.00am	Zazen and kinhin
11.00am	Outside kinhin
11.30am	Zazen
11.55am	Meal gatha
12 noon-1.30pm	Lunch and rest
1.30pm	Zazen and kinhin
2.00pm	Teisho
2.40-2.50pm	Long kinhin
2.50pm	Zazen/kinhin; dokusan or shosan 3.00-4.45pm
4.00pm	Reading
5.00-6.30pm	Supper and rest
6.30pm	Zazen and kinhin
7.00pm	Zazen/kinhin; dokusan or shosan 7.00-8.15pm
8.15pm	Evening closing ceremony and closing words
8.30pm	Finish

Tuesday 8 December

6.00am-9.30am One morning block. Tea, Verse of the Rakusu, Kentan, zazen/kinhin; shosan, closing ceremony, tea & sharing.

3.30pm Peter's transmission ceremony at Hannaford Community Centre.

ROHATSU SESSHIN 2026 **APPLICATION FORM**

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Emergency contact

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

Previous meditation experience (non-SZC members, please specify)

COST Full-time: SZC member $400, non-member $470
Part-time: SZC member $22 per block, non-member $26 per block
There is no fee to attend the transmission ceremony.

Number of blocks _____ Total $ _____

Tick the blocks you wish to attend. There are 18 blocks in total, including Thursday evening.

Early morning 6.00-7.30am	**Morning** 9.00am-12 noon	**Afternoon** 1.30-5.00pm	**Evening** 6.30-8.30pm
-	-	-	**Thu 3 December** ☑
Fri 4 December ☐	**Fri 4 December** ☐	**Fri 4 December** ☐	**Fri 4 December** ☐
Sat 5 December ☐	**Sat 5 December** ☐	**Sat 5 December** ☐	**Sat 5 December** ☐
Sun 6 December ☐	**Sun 6 December** ☐	**Sun 6 December** ☐	**Sun 6 December** ☐
Mon 7 December ☐	**Mon 7 December** ☐	**Mon 7 December** ☐	**Mon 7 December** ☐
Tue 8 December One morning block ☐		**Tues 8 Dec** Transmission Ceremony at 3.30pm ☐	

Please return the application form with full payment by **Friday November 20**.
Email the completed form to ameli.tanchitsa@gmail.com.

Payment: Sydney Zen Centre Limited PayID: **info@szc.org.au**
In the payment description, give your surname followed by **SE**.
Please email Ameli about an alternative payment method if EFT is not an option.

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