

# **Dedication for the official opening of the Melbourne Zen Centre temple, CERES**

December 11, 2011

**We dedicate our sutras, and our ceremony of temple opening  
to the practice of all good Dharmas.**

**We humbly acknowledge all the old ones  
and their centuries of care of this place,  
who knew themselves to share one mind with the earth  
and lived and acted with that mind.**

**We remember with reverence all teachers  
from the beginningless past,  
those living and those who rest in deepest samadhi,  
especially you, Robert Aitken Roshi,  
who first turned the Dharma wheel for the liberation  
of all the many beings in this great south land,  
and for the enlightenment of wattle bush and tussock grass.**

**The fierce and generous spirit of all the old ones  
forms the corners of this city temple;**

**It calls on us to find in ourselves and carry on  
their uprightness and integrity,  
to walk in sacred manner through all the pains and joys,  
the many challenges of daily life.**

**Our temple is erected with one blade of grass,  
one manna leaf, one handful of earth,  
one aware breath, one commitment of the heart.**

**May it shine with our abiding commitment to practice:  
to know ourselves as vast and empty,  
to share one mind with the great Earth and all her many beings,  
and come forth from there with kindness and fierce care.**

**May all beings find rest and true affinity here  
in the boundless heart of their Buddha nature.**