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HPB Newsletter

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From the President's Pen

Date: 28 February 2025



Dear Members,

We had a wonderful start to the year with the national summer Convention being held in Auckland in January. It was a beautiful gathering with interesting presentations on *Awakening The Heart*. We were very fortunate to have Dr. Jude Currivan, international cosmologist and futurist, join us as keynote speaker, and it was special to see so many members get the opportunity to chat with her. We were also very fortunate to have Shona Hammond Boys, a peace ambassador for New Zealand from Auckland. Her

presentation was described her experiences through creativity and the opening of the heart. The feedback we have received has been incredibly positive. HPB Lodge played a huge part in making this event so successful, with an amazing entertainment night at our hall and arranging the outing, amongst many other things. Thank you to all the workers who helped make this possible.

Our **Monday evenings** will begin again on **Monday 10 March at 7.30 pm**, with the theme: **Ancient Wisdom ~ Modern Insight**. A pathway of discovery awaits every human being, words can but point the way, yet true insight is to be known experientially and goes hand in hand with an ethical, wholesome life. It must involve the whole person at every level of their being.

If you are interested in finding out more about this series, I would recommend attending the introductory session on 10 March to see an overview of what we will be studying over the ten weeks in this series. The library and bookshop will be open from 7.00 pm on each of these Monday evenings.

Our **Theosophical Library** is open regularly on a Saturday morning from 10 am – 12 noon beginning on Saturday 08 March 2025. All are welcome!

The first of the **Saturday Morning Discussion Group** dates are 12 April, 17 May and 14 June 2025. Topics centre around key theosophical ideas and right conduct. Full details are in the programme attached.

We have a number of **Important Dates** coming up including **White Lotus Day** on Thursday 08 May and the National Section's **2025 School of Theosophy** with International guest Juliana Cesano. Please see page 2 and 3 of this newsletter, for further details. Note the School of Theosophy is a must-register event.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the lodge soon, and don't hesitate to bring like-minded friends or family to our introductory series. If you have any questions or queries, please contact me.

With best wishes for the year ahead,

Renée





Important Dates:

Mark your calendars

Monday Evenings new series beginning Monday 10 March 7.30pm Studying together: Ancient Wisdom ~ Modern Insight
Library opens at 7.00 pm. See programme for details.

Saturday Morning Discussion Group, 10.30 am - 12 noon

A monthly daytime offering: 12 April, 17 May and 14 June...
Library open from 10.00 am. See programme for details.

2025 Upcoming School of Theosophy, 10 – 14 May 2025

Must register for this event, details online: <https://theosophy.nz/events/2025-school-of-theosophy>

Amazing theme: Three Paths of Inner Unfoldment:
Exploring jnana, Bhakti and Karma Yoga.

White Lotus Day: Thursday 8 May at 7.30 pm

Come join us as we celebrate White Lotus Day. A day where Theosophists around the world gather to celebrate the life of Helena Petrovna Blavatsky, one of the key founders of the modern theosophical movement. It is called White Lotus Day because on the anniversary of HPB's passing, lotuses grew with unusual profusion.

Library open Saturdays beginning 8 March 2025, 10 am – 12 noon

(N.B. Easter weekend, library is closed)

All welcome as we discuss some very interesting topics exploring theosophy on our Monday evenings and Saturday morning discussion groups!

Monday Evenings Exploration

Ancient Wisdom ~ Modern Insight

Monday 10 March 2025 at 7.30 pm

A 10 week series delving into the Ancient Wisdom's foundational ideas & concepts.

Easter Break: Monday 21 April 2025



Monday Evening Study Series



Mondays beginning 10 March at 7.30 pm 🌷📖🍵
A programme establishing a sound foundation of knowledge
and a coherent overview essential for further studies
in the Ancient Wisdom

THEME this year: **Ancient Wisdom ~ Modern Insight**

Come join us as we study, discuss, question, do practical exercises
and join with other like-minded people in our search for Truth.

Saturday Morning Discussion Group 10.30 am – 12 noon



Come join us for morning tea 🍵🍪📖 Library open 10 – 12
as we discuss some interesting topics:

12 April Creating Awareness in the Individual – how do we do this?
17 May The Search for Real Knowledge – what does this mean?
14 June Understanding and Tolerance – are they necessary?

National Event:

2025 School of Theosophy 10 – 14 May

Three Paths of Inner Unfoldment:
Exploring Jnana, Bhakti & Karma Yoga
Director of studies: **Juliana Cesano**



Details are in *TheoSophia* magazine (March issue)

Further information online: <https://theosophy.nz/events/2025-school-of-theosophy>

This is a must register event, book early

The Three Objects of the Theosophical Society in New Zealand are:

- To form a nucleus of the Universal Kinship of Humanity, without distinction of race, ethnicity, creed, gender, sexual orientation, caste or colour.
- To encourage the study of Comparative Religion, Philosophy and Science.
- To investigate unexplained laws of Nature and the powers latent in the human being.





Happenings in Auckland

Convention 2025

held at the Rose Park Hotel, Auckland



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Beautiful flowers - Convention



Auckland Member Stephanie Mayes with International guest Jude Curriuan

Auckland Member Murray Stentiford speaking at Convention



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Young theosophist Melanie Sell with Kelly Lim Harris, friends from school days, catching up after our beautiful Saturday evening at HPB Lodge.

Best Convention ever!



National President Richard Sell thanking International guest Jude Curriuan

Saturday Evening Entertainment with invited special guest Kelly Lim Harris





More pictures... Convention 2025



held at the Rose Park Hotel, Auckland



Wendy Rapp speaking on 'My Body My Earth'

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Suzanne Vesty speaking on her inspired paintings

Renée Sell with special guests, Jude Currivan and Shona Hammond Boys.



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Richard Sell and Melanie Closs thanking Suzanne Vesty (second left) and Helen Dynes (right).



Kirsty Morton from Whanganui

Simply the best...



A special evening at the Rose Park...so much love and gratitude all round!



The beautiful gardens across the road!



Auckland Theosophical Centre
4 Warborough Avenue, Epsom, Auckland
2025 PROGRAMME

February 2025

Monday 17
7.30 pm

Adyar Day Gathering
Join us today and find out more about this special day

March 2025

Tuesday 4

Workshop on the 7 Rays
With International guest **William Meader**
Must register event

Monday 10
7.30 pm

Exploring Theosophy
Ancient Wisdom ~ Modern Insight (1)
Introductory evening with further details

Monday 17
7.30 pm

Exploring Theosophy
Ancient Wisdom ~ Modern Insight (2)

Monday 24
7.30 pm

Exploring Theosophy
Ancient Wisdom ~ Modern Insight (3)

Monday 31
7.30 pm

Exploring Theosophy
Ancient Wisdom ~ Modern Insight (4)

April 2025

Monday 07
7.30 pm

Exploring Theosophy
Ancient Wisdom ~ Modern Insight (5)

Saturday 12
10.30 am - 12 noon

Saturday Morning Discussion Group
Creating Awareness in the Individual - how do we do this?

Monday 14
7.30 pm

Exploring Theosophy
Ancient Wisdom ~ Modern Insight (6)

18 - 21 April

Easter Weekend Holiday Break
Please note library closed over this weekend

Monday 28
7.30 pm

Exploring Theosophy
Ancient Wisdom ~ Modern Insight (7)

May 2025

Monday 05
7.30 pm

Exploring Theosophy
Ancient Wisdom ~ Modern Insight (8)

Thursday 08
7.30 pm

White Lotus Day Gathering
Come join us on this special day

10 - 14 May	<p>2025 National School of Theosophy</p> <p>Three Paths of Inner Unfoldment: Exploring Jnana, Bhakti & Karma Yoga</p> <p>International Director of Studies: <u>Juliana Cesano</u></p> <p>Must register event: Details in magazine or online at: theosophy.nz</p>
Monday 12	Break
Saturday 17 10.30 am - 12 noon	<p>Saturday Morning Discussion Group</p> <p><i>The Search for Real Knowledge - what does this mean?</i></p>
Monday 19	Break
Monday 26 7.30 pm	<p>Exploring Theosophy</p> <p>Ancient Wisdom ~ Modern Insight (9)</p>
June 2025	
Monday 02	<p>King's Birthday Holiday</p> <p>Please note library closed over long weekend</p>
Monday 09 7.30 pm	<p>Exploring Theosophy</p> <p>Ancient Wisdom ~ Modern Insight (10)</p>
Saturday 14 10.30 am - 12 noon	<p>Saturday Morning Discussion Group</p> <p><i>Understanding and Tolerance - are they necessary?</i></p>



Thoughts to ponder...

An older member once remarked when he was reminiscing about meeting Past International President of the TS, N. Sri Ram, he asked: *“With all the intrigues and petty squabbles going on in the TS world, how do you cope with all that? Does it upset you?”*

Sri Ram turned to him and quietly said
‘It’s all just wind blowing in the leaves’

