

# theosophy auckland

#### **HPB Newsletter**

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From the President's Pen

14 February 2024



#### Dear Members,

A belated **Happy New Year** to you all! I'm finally getting pen to paper to kick-start our theosophical year after a busy time over the holidays. Recently, I attended the Christchurch Convention and it was wonderful to see so many Auckland members in attendance. The programme was brilliant and it's always lovely to catch up with members from around the country. The **2025 Convention is to be held in Auckland** next year, and we're giving you advance notice that Auckland branch will be assisting with this National event.

We start the year with **Adyar Day** on 18<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00 pm followed by supper and a cup of tea – a lovely beginning to our theosophical calendar. Following that is our **TheosoFest Open Day** on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March between 10am and 4pm. This will be a special opportunity to catch up with members and friends, listen to short presentations, browse the library, buy food and drink. We will also be fundraising for the TOS with various items and crystals for sale. We encourage you to check out the new book titles for sale at the book depot, including the reprinted version of Geoffrey Hodson's Spiritual Dairy '*Light of the Sanctuary'*. This has been out of print for some time. We hope you are able to pop in for at least part of the day and look forward to seeing you there.

Overseas guest speaker **William Meader** will be speaking on Tuesday 5 March. You will need to book and prepay for this event (details below). International speaker **Freddy Silva** is now fully sold out mid-March. Our **Monday evenings** will be starting again on Monday 11 March and monthly **Saturday morning discussion group** will begin again in April. I hope you are able to take advantage of some of these studies and special events on offer at the branch. See the programme for further details at the end of this newsletter and don't forget all the information is online as well. For those of you who know **Barry Bowden**, you may be interested in attending the School of Theosophy in April (25-28), which he is facilitating, so keep an eye out for that in your magazine or online.

Our **theosophical library** will open regularly again on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 10 am. As mentioned in my December email, head librarian **Johanna Vroegop** passed to higher service at the end of last year. A group of HPB branch members attended the service celebrating Johanna's life, and it was truly special to hear from others who knew Johanna and to listen to some of her poetry and see her paintings. I came away with a gift of one of these for the branch, which will be framed and put up in the bookshop. Johanna served in our bookshop and library for as long as I can remember, working quietly in the background. We will miss Johanna and are very grateful to her for the dedication of service to HPB. We wish Johanna Love and Light as she travels onward on the next part of her journey.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome to the branch committee, members Chris Watkins and Melanie Sell, along with a special thank you to outgoing committee member Anoma Ranaweera for all her hard work over the years and her support for the work we do at our branch. All the best to you Anoma!

I hope to see you soon. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any suggestions or queries. My email is: <a href="https://www.hoper.org.nz">https://www.hoper.org.nz</a> or you can text on 021 1755 170.

With best wishes,



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Renée

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# TheosoFest ~ Open Day

Come join us: Sunday 03 March, 10 am - 4 pm Find out what theosophy is all about, Mix with like-minded persons, Library open, and food and drink to buy Please bring cash TOS fundraising table and crystals for sale.



#### Important upcoming events & dates:

Adyar Day Celebration Evening - Short presentations followed by a lovely supper a support a lovely support a lovely support a support a lovely support a lovely starting at 7.00 pm HPB Lodge Annual TheosoFest Open Day Love to see you there, on Sunday 03 March at 10 am - 4 pm Monday Evenings begin again on Monday 11 March Exploring theosophy together beginning 7.30 pm The National TSNZ School of Theosophy to be held in Auckland 25 - 28 April 2024, details in the March issue of TheoSophia magazine.

#### All welcome as we discuss some very interesting topics:

## Monday Evenings ~ 7.30 pm Exploring the Ancient Wisdom

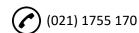
Come join us beginning on Monday 11 March Details in the attached programme Short presentations followed by discussion and enquiry

## Visiting overseas guest William Meader

Tuesday 05 March 2024, 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm 🌋 😂 🛎

We are looking forward to hosting William once again and have a lovely evening planned. You will need to prebook and pay in advance. Seating is limited and cost is \$30 per person/or \$20 non-waged, tickets can be secured directly: Contact Joy Breayley via email: <u>joyb@xtra.co.nz</u> or phone: 027 420 0383 Must book and pay in advance, ALL WELCOME!





#### Visiting overseas guest Freddy Silva

Sunday 17 March 2024, 🛸 NOW FULLY BOOKED

We are excited to be hosting Freddy Silva at Auckland Branch

### Saturday Morning Discussion Group 10.30 am - 12 noon Come join us for morning tea Solution Library open 10 - 12 All welcome as we discuss some very interesting topics:

- 13 April Living Theosophy –what is Desirelessness?
- 11 May Living Theosophy what is Good Conduct?
- 08 June Living Theosophy what is Love?

#### National Event: 2024 School of Theosophy, Auckland

25 - 28 April, Impediments to Self-Awakening

with international guest facilitator: Barry Bowden from Australia

Details are in *TheoSophia* magazine (March 2024 issue) Further information online: <u>https://theosophy.nz/events/convention-2024</u> <u>This is a must register event</u> and places are limited so book early.

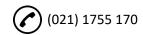


## Science Corner

One of our members, Peter Baker, has suggested an article from the NZ Herald back in 2011, by Dr James Hansen and colleagues, entitled *"The case for young people and nature"*, might be of interest. Dr Hansen makes the point that "... there is a huge gap between what is understood by the relevant scientific community and what is known by the people who need to know - the public." Dr Hansen is an eminent climate scientist in the US. If you wish to read the article you can Google "The Case for Young People and Nature, by Dr James Hansen" and it should be the first item on the search page.



Painting by Johanna Vroegop gifted to HPB Branch





The Temple Bell

If I sit very quietly If I become very still No movement of the mind No stirring of the emotions Sometimes I can hear the tinkle of a temple bell

> If I am not expecting it If I am not listening for it It comes

From long ago? Or from far away? From deep inside? Or from high above?

I do not try to see where it comes from I do not think about it It never comes if I reach for it I never find it if I chase after it

> Catharina Machielse (Johanna Vroegop penname)

## Happenings at HPB, Auckland

#### Pictures from our Christmas Gathering...

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Beautiful evening with members and friends laughing and interactive participation in a Christmas carol as part of our activities for the evening together. (above)

We were very privileged to have NZ Opera Singer extraordinaire Gina Sanders who put together a beautiful line-up of young and emerging musical performers, who were just magical to listen to.

#### I enjoyed seeing all the smiles!



HPB member Trish Lynch sharing a story – many members contributed by sharing a poem or story as part of the evening.









Members and friends having a great time!

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	Auckland Theosophical Centre 4 Warborough Avenue, Epsom, Auckland PROGRAMME 2024
	February 2024
Sunday 18 7.00 pm	<b>Come join us for Adyar Day Gathering</b> Short Introduction followed by video featuring Adyar by International President Tim Boyd shared supper afterward Bring a plate to share if you can
	March 2024
Sunday 03 10.00 am – 4.00 pm	<b>THEOSOFEST</b> OPEN DAY – HPB LODGE Come join us for a great day out (full details in the newsletter)
Tuesday 05 7 – 9 pm	International guest presenter on the Ageless Wisdom William Meader <i>Forerunners of the Light</i> Must pre-register to attend, details in newsletter
Monday 11 7.30 pm	Exploring Theosophy An Introduction to Theosophy and the Ageless Wisdom, the Society and its mission (1)
Monday 18 7.30 pm	Exploring Theosophy Who Am I ~ the sevenfold nature of the Human Being (2)
Monday 25 7.30 pm	Exploring Theosophy <b>Reincarnation</b> (3)
29 March – 01 April	<b>Easter Break</b> Please note the library will be shut over the Easter Weekend
	April 2024
Monday 08 7.30 pm	Exploring Theosophy <b>The law of Karma</b> (4)
Saturday 13 10.30 am – 12 noon	<b>Saturday Morning Discussion Group</b> Living Theosophy – what is Desirelessness?
Monday 15 7.30 pm	Exploring Theosophy <b>The Power of Thought (</b> 5)
Monday 22 7.30 pm	Exploring Theosophy An Introduction to Meditation (6)
25 – 28 April	National Event - SCHOOL OF THEOSOPHY with international facilitator Barry Bowden Impediments to Self-Awakening Must register event, details: <i>TheoSophia</i> magazine March issue and online: Theosophy.nz
Monday 29	Break
	May 2024
Monday 06 7.30 pm	White Lotus Day Gathering followed by shared supper afterward

Saturday 11 10.30 am – 12 noon	<b>Saturday Morning Discussion Group</b> Living Theosophy – what is Good Conduct?	
Monday 13	Break	
Monday 20 7.30 pm	International guest speaker Barry Bowden <b>The Science of Self-Knowledge</b>	

#### Always much to ponder on

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## Beauty is a light in the heart

Kahlil Gibran

The universe is the combination of a thousand elements, and yet the expression of a single spirit — a chaos to the senses, a cosmos to the reason.

Helena Blavatsky

