

SUBUD AUSTRALIA E-NEWS

YOUR SUBUD AUSTRALIA E-NEWS: CONNECTING US ALL AND KEEPING THE SPIRIT ALIVE

LETTER FROM OUR CHAIRMAN PETER JENKINS

Dear All,

With this issue of E-News, we extend a big welcome to Rohana Fraval, who has taken on the job of editing E-News (almost immediately after finishing her term as Chairlady of Subud Melbourne). The best way you can welcome and support Rohana would be to send her your group news and other information.

We also welcome Emmanuel Cahill as National Youth Chair. Many of you would have met Emmanuel at the Australian National Congress in Melbourne.

I guess we all have high hopes of the World Congress in Christchurch next January. The World congress also has high hopes of us. How important are Australians to this Congress? Of the 1,200 registrations needed to reach break-even, ISC vice chair, Maya, tells me they are counting one third of this number, 400 registrations, from Australia. Maybe we can beat that figure. Let us see.

Peter

YES QUEST AT WORLD CONGRESS:

What is it?

Young people from the countries of our Asia/Pacific Zone (India, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Australia, Japan, Indonesia, Vietnam, and New Zealand .. etc) will each develop a Wing Project to take back and run in their own country.

There will be six morning workshops during Congress and a three day camp after Congress to complete this work. We also intend to have a lot of fun and put on a performance at World Congress.

This is a joint Asia-Pacific Zone/Yes Quest event, facilitated by the Yes Quest Team.

Will there be financial support?

Yes, financial support will be available in three ways:

1. The three-day camp will be free
2. We will assist participants to apply for travel subsidies allocated to the Quest from the International Youth Travel Fund (IYTF).
3. We are raising money for additional subsidies for those needing extra assistance.

What sort of project will I be expected to develop?

It should be a 'Wing' project. That means it can be a Youth, Cultural, Social Welfare, Health or Enterprise project. It can be a big project or a simple one such as:

- Becoming a journalist for the zone newsletter
- Organising cultural and/or fund-raising events
- Becoming a Wing representative for your country
- Organising a youth or SICA camp or gathering
- Starting a business

Do I need to have an idea for a project now?

If you have an idea for a project, that is great. If not, we help you develop one. The main thing is to want to do something for Subud which is also in keeping with your talent and capacity.

How do I get selected for this Quest?

Write down in two or three hundred words, a little about yourself and your ambitions, why you want to join this Quest and how you think you will benefit.

We will send successful applicants information on how to apply for Travel Fund and other grants. Please understand that most financial help will probably be directed to those from poorer countries.

Mark your email entries, "Quest at Congress" and email to:

<peterjenkins4@gmail.com>

We have not yet set a deadline for entries, but we will soon. However, the quicker you send in your entry, the more chance you have of a grant from the IYTF before it is all allocated.

Peter Jenkins

NEWS FROM AROUND AUSTRALIA:

ADELAIDE SOUTH

Tomik Subagio wrote to say that the Board of Bina Cita Utama school were very appreciative of the donations received from the group. Subud Adelaide South was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for supporting Christy, a local Kalimantan student. The scholarship has enabled her to advance to high school.

Another student called Fenny has now been awarded a scholarship from the donations of Subud Adelaide South, who continue contributing to the BCU Scholarship Funds annually.

BRISBANE

A very successful art exhibition was held in Brisbane. Under the auspices of Subud International Cultural Association (SICA), Sebastian the SICA chairman, organised the first of three monthly art shows, accompanied by wonderful music.. The first one had a spectacular flamenco guitarist who charmed everyone with his virtuosity, creating an ideal ambience.

The crowd came not only to view the art work, and listen to the wonderful music, but also partake of the delicious food.

Asariah says that she is now painting from a new, deeper place within her. Not having painted for ages, this new drive has given her so much joy that she is in her studio all the time, driven to paint, paint and paint.

I have some stunning pictures, which I will include in the next issue, if possible.

Still from Brisbane, Renee wrote to say that the International Childrens' Development Programme (ICDP) was a tremendous success. There were twelve attendees who were blown away by the attitude and harmony during their weekend seminar.

Laila from ICDP UK was the trainer. A member of the Grameen bank also attended.

You can read the unabridged version from Renee in Subud Voice.

CAIRNS

The Cairns group has about five members, all of them at a distance of at least one to two hour's drive. As the latihans are held at Kuranda Fish Farm, not many are able to meet regularly. One member does not drive, and the others are too far away.

Michaela had some very interesting news. Not only has Samara (Constantina) jumped ship and gone to New Zealand, now sibling Carmita has joined her in Christchurch. With all the work involved with the forthcoming World Congress, I am sure Samara is delighted to have a little help. Brother Rahman is planning to join his sisters in a couple of weeks!

Facing an almost empty nest, Michaela is quite happy to leave as well. Anyone interested in a 154 acre, breath taking tropical landscape? Surrounded by rainforests and a cool climate, it will be perfect for a couple in their 40's with young children. There are twelve horses and several heads of cattle. Hundred acres of the estate are security fenced. There are ten hectares of fish farms, where Barramundi, Sooty Grunter, Black Bream and other Australian native fish are bred.

It is a great lifestyle as it is at the foot of the Dividing Range at an altitude of 1200 feet. So no tsunami surges or drought. The climate is cooler than the outlying area, as there is plenty of rainfall. Anyone interested, please contact Michaela for other relevant details at: 07 4093 0147 or email Michaela at:

[<margaritaschionning@hotmail.com>](mailto:margaritaschionning@hotmail.com)

CANBERRA

Maynard Gold, the vice chairman of Canberra tells me that the building project is moving forward. It looks like the planning will be approved in the near future, and excavating will commence in June. The project comprises Subud halls and a small cottage for a caretaker family.

Ruth Mackay is now on the Board of Sine Cera and is currently visiting Lismore. Knowing her zest for hard work and her eye for pragmatic details, we are sure to hear Sine cera moving forward and becoming a dynamic centre.

Just reminding everybody again, that Sofia Mackay is now the new Susila Dharma Australia chairlady.

DARWIN

Liliana reports on visit to Darwin:

Four national helpers, Luqman, Minhsu, Lydia and me Liliana, winged our way up to the Top End, leaving behind cold Canberra.

I found that I was on the same plane as Minh from Brisbane and also bumped into Luqman. It is always a joy to come across other NH en route.

We arrived in the wee hours of the morning and missed Elinor, who was waiting upstairs. Lydia and Luqman arrived an hour late at 2.30 a.m. and all of us finally found Elinor. She gets a lot of points for that one!

Warm, hot Darwin - what a change from Canberra. Since the last visit three years ago, the group has grown to seventeen members, seven men and ten women. Darwin owns its own hall, which converts into two, with its own live- in big green frogs in the loo!

We were graciously housed, looked after and cooked for; the girls with Elinor and the boys with Oliver and Audrielle. I think that we met all the women members and were kept very busy with latihans and testing.

We had a wonderful Saturday night on Oliver and Audrielle's deck overlooking their lush garden, with children running, enjoying the balmy evening.

On Sunday after latihans, we went to the famous night markets, watched the sun set over the ocean and enjoyed the yummy food.

Minhsu had to go home on Sunday. On Monday, we had a break. We had an amazing Indonesian lunch at one of the member's home.

This is the second time I have visited the Darwin group and it feels like family - I love those guys! They really appreciated us coming and it was wonderful to share the latihans, the meals and to get to know the newer members.

Thanks Darwin, I hope that you all got as much as I did from that visit.

Elinor's response was that they had an excellent national helper visit this weekend. The members are still euphoric after three days of worship and bonding together. The focus was on kedjiwan, so there were plenty of latihans, personal testing and enjoying one another's company. There were something like 18 members who turned up through the three days.

As Elinor said, the national helpers worked themselves to the bone. (They usually do).

Chris mentioned that on a previous weekend the group had a world congress DVD and a solar oven viewing. Vivienne's solar oven push has been embraced by some groups.

MELBOURNE CLARINDA (HEATHERTON)

Frederika Paembonan is now the new chairlady of Subud Melbourne (Clarinda). Young Steven Bryson-Haynes is the vice chairman.

The group is slowly inching forward and looking at property development proposals. This will include new latihan halls and facilities for the elderly. There is also a great need for new Subud premises all over Melbourne as young members live far away from the Subud house, like in central Melbourne and Templestowe, where there are a collection of Subud members. This decision lies with the group. A meeting is planned for the middle of May. Sofia Mackay and Chad will be the facilitators to assist in ascertaining what the objectives of the group are.

If the group decides to go ahead with the development plans, many of our needs will be met. An inviting community centre will attract young people. At the moment, we hardly see our busy young members.

The North Melbourne church hall is closed for the rest of the year, and access to two latihans a week are impossible.

Young people have nowhere to latihan and as Clarinda is quite far, we hardly see our city members.

MELBOURNE TEMPLESTOWE

A very enthusiastic Roland Fraval has become the new chairman of Subud Templestowe. He has a great deal of energy and will instill plenty of humour into the group.

Fianna is a new member who has joined the group. Muchtar and Roland have also recently joined Templestowe from Canberra.

Trish D has left for Sydney.

Joy wrote to say that the group has made an enthusiastic start to the SICA knitting project and are enjoying being part of the national initiative. The group has also borrowed the DVD on solar ovens from Vivienne, who initiated the project. There will be a viewing at the next knitting get-together.

PERTH

The first and third Sunday's 'soup after latihan' continue to raise funds for SICA and sponsoring 8 year old Susilawati's education at the BCU Rungan Sari school.

Group discussions continue, following the WSA initiative of questions put forward by Stefan Freedman.

Abdulla's 80th birthday was celebrated this month.

Interest and enthusiasm for the great knit-off is increasing. Ideas for wild and colourful pieces are circulating. It looks as if the finished blanket will be unusual, to say the least.

The re-decorated halls feels fresh and inviting. The new air conditioning unit in the blue room is a wonder to behold and all are delighted to welcome a new dance rental client.

Sophia, the outgoing national vice chair, visited Kalimantan and met many friends there.

Bavali attended the ICDP training in Brisbane, facilitated by Lailah from the UK and staying at Renee's home. Bavali said it was a fabulous training and she will give feedback on the project soon.

SUNSHINE COAST

A note from Rosemary:

The Sunshine Coast Group welcomes Peter Godfrey, a new member to Subud, who came to the hall to enquire if we were a meditation group and found instead, what he has been looking for, all along - Subud

Rosemary also suggested that maybe we could use the E-News to introduce new members who are opened in the groups?

SYDNEY SUBUD NORTSHORE

Helena Casbolt wrote to say that they have had a couple of members busy creating a 'rug of art' - a creation born of knitting. This was in response to Vivienne's initiative for SICA, and also to benefit the solar oven project. Luthfiah and Salama are coordinating the project, designing and finishing this exquisite piece.

Luthfiah and Herman H are the (grown up) children of some of South Africa's founding members. As a bonding gesture, Luthfiah had sent the embroidered Sydney commemorative placemat used in the 50th anniversary celebration to her relatives in South Africa. They proudly placed it on their banquet table whilst celebrating the 50th anniversary of Subud, thus connecting with Australia.

TASMANIA

Tasmania has recently reformed its Hobart group. There are now eight members: five ladies and three men.

Lucy reports that recently, they were forced to abandon the old meeting place as they were unable to meet the costs of the hall. They had been incredibly fortunate to have found a new meeting place in the 'Quaker Meeting House' at Friend's School. They are also delighted to have a new applicant among the ladies and interest from another potential applicant.

Kenneth Collette, one of our national helpers, has been working in Tasmania for the last couple of months. Here is what he has written:

"I managed to visit Michael Eadie nearly every week to do latihan. He lives on a farm near Oatlands (about an hour's

drive from Hobart). He has been the only active male member in the group (after Hadrian's passing). Michael is 74 and has always been very diligent with his latihan. He was very appreciative of the chance to do latihan with someone else.

The good news is that Lucy has been doing some great work to try and resurrect the group. Firstly, she has managed to contact/track down all the Subud people in Hobart, including a couple of men (Norachai Thavisin and Lucien Tellegen). Secondly, she has organised a very nice hall in New Town (north Hobart).

We had latihan there for the first time last week; 3 men and 5 women. I think everyone felt comfortable with the location. Hopefully, they will be able to start having regular group latihan there."

WOLLONGONG

Elena had some exciting news. She and Oliver are heading off on a seven month adventure, exploring the northern part of Australia on motor bikes! Camping and taking in the sights will definitely keep them stimulated and inspired.

Remote members please get in touch with them. A latihan here and there would be highly appreciated.

SUBUD WORLD ROUND UP

Greetings from Osanna, WSA chairlady, who is in Mexico. Last month she attended a very fulfilling gathering in Chile, where the 50th anniversary of the coming of Subud was celebrated with about eight 'pioneers'. For more information, please go to <www.subudworldnews.com>

Maya, ISC vice chairlady wishes to remind you that May 1st was the date for the opening of the on-line auction fundraiser for the International Youth Travel Fund. The aim is to raise money for youth to attend the World Congress. This project was created by Brianna and her brother Immanuel. Check out <www.subudartists.com>

The auction ends on June 22nd 2009.

The Subud World Council are meeting during the first week in June, at the Monasterio de Poio, just baptized as 'El camino' as the monastery is very close to the famous Santiago de Compostela pilgrim route. Those attending, can 'walk part of the walk' if they wish.

WORLD CONGRESS

Remember early bird fee runs until May 31st. So register now! Online registrations at <www.subudworldcongress2010.com>

Renata, our zone co-ordinator wrote to say that it was very exciting to receive the first registrations for congress. One hotel has had 80 rooms booked already.

Renata is on her way to Spain for the next World Council meeting

DISCOUNTED FARES

Air New Zealand is supporting the 13th Subud World Congress by providing discounted fares from around the world to Christchurch, for round trip fares commencing travel between 26 December 2009 and 28th February 2010.

To book your Air New Zealand discounted fare, please click on the link to your regional Air NZ homepage and enter your promo code on the Air NZ homepage (at the bottom of the left hand column).

Australia - Air New Zealand promo code SUBUD10AU - <www.airnewzealand.com.au>

WORLD CONGRESS WORKSHOPS

If you have a workshop to propose or if you are a good facilitator prepared to offer your services to facilitate an official workshop, please contact Miranda Wilson at: <programme@subudworldcongress2010.com> Miranda has been appointed by WSC as the workshop co-ordinator for the World Congress.

MILESTONES:

Births:

Melbourne welcomes the births of:

Nasharia, baby girl to Ali and Mitchell, sister to William.

Patrick, baby boy to Olivia and Dahlan.

Address change

New email address for Maria Jamieson, who has joined Maxwell's committee as secretary.

[<maryam@exemail.com.au>](mailto:maryam@exemail.com.au)

Quote sent by Maria:

"Every person will find for himself or herself, the right way towards God and what might be the right way for one, may be completely wrong for another. Therefore, you must discover your own self and develop your inner self, if you want to find the way to God. You must not follow or imitate anyone else

Editor's note:

Just a week ago, I was despairing that there was not much to report in E-News as we thought it was a quiet time in Australia. Suddenly this week I have been inundated with lovely emails and telephone calls. I have used as much as I possibly can, delaying mailing of E-News.

Apologies to those who have missed out in this issue. As you can see, it is quite large. Please send in MILESTONES and all your news for the next issue. The E-News will only be as interesting and exciting as the news you send me! Please send your submissions directly to E-News. Keep them pithy and under 150 words, if possible

Deadline for next E-News is June 5th.

All chairpersons, please distribute to all members in your group.

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