

## E NEWS AUSTRALIA SEPTEMBER 2009

### **Brisbane – ICDP NEWS**

#### Healing times

ICDP is a great place to be. When ideas come to us and we pick them up a true story writes itself.

Last month we wrote about visiting Morningside Care in Kyogle to find out whether we could work under their Umbrella to access their Charitable Status.

Since then, Annie from the ICDP steering group has put together a selection of Government Funded Youth training projects. Run from Sine Cera would generate an income for Sine Cera which is another project under the umbrella of Morningside Care.

Last Thursday we had the visit of Susila Dharma chair Sofiah Mackay. To have Muhsin and Leonora present as well, when Annie opened her treasure chest of opportunities for Morningside Care, gave everybody present a clear picture of the possibilities ahead of us.

For me personally a miracle is happening. In 1989, when Ludwig and I were guided to live in Brisbane, we found a Subud Group in morning. They had lost Morningside Care, the project they had worked hard to create and fund together with the original organisers. The latter sold the project without consulting the group and bought land in Northern NSW. But recently, Morningside Care was unexpectedly left to Subud.

We recently had an email from a young couple asking how they could contribute to ICDP. I wrote to them to keep saving until we have the Charitable Status under Morningside Care, which should not be too far ahead. It looks quite reachable that Subud Australia will finally have some projects with charitable status. Up to now and also for the coming October course we have been very fortunate to have been given some generous donations from within Subud.

Thank you very much, our dear benefactors!

These developments to me are a healing process. The people who contributed work and funds when creating Morningside Care can now see that their efforts were not in vain and are experiencing a healing process.

RENEE GOETZ

### **NEWS FROM CANBERRA**

Maxwell has just told ENEWS about some exciting developments regarding the land. The water component of the application for connection has just been approved. They are waiting for approval for the connection of electricity and sewage.

The erecting of the outer retaining wall of the building will probably commence in November, when all the services have been installed. The wall will be entirely made of tyres, infilled with earth and rendered on the outside.

This will mean recruiting young members who would like to join the team in helping build an exciting new Subud place. So those of you who are free after university, either let Emmanuel Cahill at (03) 9707 1110 know, or call Maxwell on 0262319139.

## **MELBOURNE**

Needed: some video footage of an Indonesian performance from the melb congress last Jan. Hey all, Jayadi, my Indonesian husband needs some help.

As some of you may know he did a performance outside by the trees at the Melbourne congress and he is wondering if anybody happened to film this? To jog your memory he got members of the audience to wear the traditional masks and do improvised movements and dance.

Jayadi wants to apply for a performance grant and needs some dvd/video footage for his application and wanted to know if anyone filmed that outdoor performance. If anyone did happen to film this then would they be able to contact us on [jyadifrederika@yahoo.com.au](mailto:jyadifrederika@yahoo.com.au) or 0415 920 688

Thank you and warm regards to all,

Jayadi and Frederika

## **Perth: News from the top of the Hill**

Hilltop Farm, an hour's drive out of central Perth, is a small conference centre owned by three Subud families. Last year, following an appeal for someone to come and help the Popes run the place, Bereny Hadley from the Sunshine Coast group, drove valiantly right across the country to come and be our Manager. She now lives on the property and is steadily building up the business.

Unfortunately just as she started, the world-wide recession hit us hard, as West Australian groups and businesses economised, resulting in several cancelled bookings – and a very lean period followed. Things are picking up now, though, and all weekends are fully booked up for our usual busy period, October and November.

The Perth group doesn't use it much; they had a Kejiwaan Weekend up there last May, with some 25 members enjoying a barbeque on the terrace on the Saturday night. Another Keji weekend is planned for November, when we hope that the National Helpers will join us. And in Ramadan the Ismail family, part owners of Hilltop, are planning to spend some of the Nights of Power up there together with some of the other Fasters.

It has been very good for us having to live with uncertainty! For instance, we are still hoping that Salim Ismail, a medical doctor, will organise his health retreats at Hilltop. And two or three other Subud members have shown interest either in investing, or in using Hilltop for their own special interests such as star-talks, workshops, and so on. But, overall, we are still in need of support from more Subud siblings: so if anyone is interested in helping in any way (for instance by running a "Yes Quest" or other youth seminar?), please contact the Popes at [abdandsal@ozemail.com.au](mailto:abdandsal@ozemail.com.au). You can also visit our website at [www.hilltopfarm.com.au](http://www.hilltopfarm.com.au) and see where we are, and what the farm is like. We really are at the top of a hill – and at present our large sloping paddocks are green and lush with growing crops. \*\*\*\*

## **SYDNEY**

### **SubudProjects Website Launched**

A new international online initiative from Australia to showcase Subud projects to the world at large launched this month. The website [www.subudprojects.net](http://www.subudprojects.net) is designed to showcase enterprises, social projects, cultural and educational initiatives, projects of all kinds which have been inspired by the latihan and / or initiated by

Subud members.

According to Harris Madden, one of the founders of the site, "Bapak often said that the growth and development of Subud was not dependent on propaganda but would occur when people could see the proof, see the evidence of the latihan in the World. One of the most important purposes of SubudProjects is to facilitate this, to enable it to happen."

Any Subud member can create a profile of a project using a simple template on the website. Around thirty projects and enterprises have already been profiled and Harris hopes there will be between 100 and 200 by the time of the World Congress in January. The site has been developed in consultation with ISC and significantly, WSA Chair Osanna Vaughn and ISC Vice Chair, Maya Bernades, have both led by example and uploaded profiles of their personal projects.

As well as a facility to search on projects in various ways, [www.subudprojects.net](http://www.subudprojects.net) also contains articles and discussion about projects and an comprehensive section of relevant quotes and extracts from talks given by Bapak, and also by Ibu Rahayu.

The artwork for [www.subudprojects.net](http://www.subudprojects.net) website, which has a distinctive look and feel, was designed by Latif Vogel in Sydney (who also designed the logo for World Congress 2010) and the web development was undertaken by kitka Hiltula in Melbourne.

Harris is cautious to talk about what might happen next until this first stage is more complete and has a critical mass of projects. But he intends to propose a second stage of the website which will be a much more proactive platform for facilitating the development, funding, collaboration and cross-fertilisation of all kinds of Subud projects and 'project entrepreneurs' around the world. The platform will be a centre of project-related activity where, for instance, a young musician might find a sponsor or a collaborator in another country, or an enterprise might find a social project it wishes to support and engage with.

In the mean time, projects, enterprises and initiatives of any size in Australia (and around the world) are encouraged to submit their profiles to [www.subudprojects.net](http://www.subudprojects.net). Similarly, people who have made an individual career out of following their talent, such as artists or musicians or architects who have a 'body of work' they can refer to, are also encouraged to submit their own profile.

Harris is also looking for volunteers who can, with a little armchair research, help create profiles of projects and load them up onto the site. Anyone interested in making a contribution of a few hours work to Subud in this way should contact [harris@subudprojects.net](mailto:harris@subudprojects.net)

### **SUSILA DHARMA AUSTRALIA VOLUNTEER APPEAL FROM SOFIAH**

Just got an email about 6 new Australian Youth Ambassador (AYAD) Volunteer positions with Susila Dharma Projects in Indonesia that are open for applications. They are for jobs starting April/May 2010, for Australians 18 to 30 years. Travel, medical and living expenses all paid for by the program.

Application is quite involved so people can't leave to the last minute. I'm happy to answer questions on the program and comprehensive details are on the website.

**Applications close Friday 25 September 2009**

Sofiah Mackay

For details please contact Sofiah at: <[sofiahmackay@gmail.com](mailto:sofiahmackay@gmail.com)>

Here is hoping that Sofiah has now acquired a new computer.

### **FROM THE NATIONAL HELPERS**

#### **NATIONAL HELPER VISIT TO CANBERRA – BEGINNING OF JULY**

From the 4 corners of Australia, the intrepid NH's came for their final mid-year get together combined with a visit to the Canberra group. We worked on many issues including who to visit next and how to coordinate testing for the next NH's who will take over after the World Congress.

We were extremely well looked after all weekend. The ladies were housed at Halimah Armytage's beautiful abode and the men stayed at the Johnson's also beautiful mansion. We met there and Liliana provided us with delicious food, a lot of it pre organised by her and also many members of the group who brought meals. So we were regaled with a constant stream of delicious meals.

Then there were evenings with the groups and wonderful latihans too. Peter Jenkins was present for the whole time, which was of great. He met with his council and with the NH's. It is always best when the Helpers and Committee work in conjunction with each other... and in Canberra it felt that the balance was achieved.

We NH's met with the group over the weekend and enjoyed latihans and testing sessions with our sisters and brothers, coming together afterwards to enjoy yet another beautifully prepared feast.

One of the highlights of this enjoyable time was visiting the land that will house the Canberra Subud house. It's a beautiful piece of land with a short walk to the lake and plenty of land. We were shown photos of how it will all look and it is fantastic!!!! The land was bought with the money raised through the sale of beanies and scarves. Amazing group effort!

**Note to all members in Australia;** please be sure to test if it is right to put your name forward to become a part of the incoming National Helper team. Also, if you have ever been a National Helper, the International Helpers are asking those interested to test with the National Helpers if it is right to put their name forward at the World Congress to become an International Helper

### **SUSILA DHARMA INTERNATIONAL**

#### **Seeking nomination for the next chairperson of Susila Dharma International**

The next Susila Dharma International Chairperson and other new Board will be appointed at the World Congress in January 2010.

The chairperson's term is from one Congress to the next (4 years usually).

Board members are elected by the members at the AGM for a 3 year period and we have a few vacancies to be filled at the next AGM, which will be held during Congress.

Directors are elected by the voting members of SDIA – SD Nationals. Any SD projects can put forward names for consideration through their SD National or SDIA.

#### **Procedures for nominating and approving candidates for SDIA chair**

We would like to have several candidates for SDIA Chairperson so that the International Helpers and delegates can have a choice.

A suitable candidate must be willing to serve and provide a CV and information about their skills and experience well before Congress.

Candidates may be nominated by any Voting member (National SD) or by the Board.

It is essential that before testing for Chairperson at World Congress the candidates meet the Board to talk to their experience, qualifications and ability to take on role and also describe their vision and what they can bring to the position. Only then will selected candidates will then be tested at the Congress Plenary.

**Note:** The complete article has already been sent to Council from the national office. Chairmen, please distribute to the members in your groups.

### **PARLIAMENT OF THE WORLD'S RELIGIONS**

An international event of great importance to Subud is being held in Melbourne in December. Osanna Vaughn, our chairlady of the World Subud Association will be speaking at one of the seminars.

Many Subud members from all over the world will be attending this gathering, and later proceeding to New Zealand for the World Congress in January.

For more information contact: <[info@parliamentofreligions2009.org](mailto:info@parliamentofreligions2009.org)>

**LEWES SCHOOL SINGS:**

Osanna sent Peter this link about the Lewes New School (in the United Kingdom),singing.

: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BsNVmOa5Pd4>

Says Osanna, "It's enough to cheer anyone's day."

**WORLD CONGRESS 2009 NEWS**

Still some places left for the Milford Track Tramping trip (from 19<sup>th</sup> until 25<sup>th</sup> of January 2010), deadline expiring soon.

For more details, go to the congress website

<http://www.subudworldcongress2010.com/>

and click on the Milford Track link under "latest news and events".

If you wish you can also sent an E-mail to [arif@hamarconsulting.com](mailto:arif@hamarconsulting.com) for further information.

Regards

Arif Matthee

**ANNOUNCING PUBLICATION OF NEW BOOK**

**Subject:** THE DAWNING - A NEW BOOK BY EMMANUEL ELLIOTT



Emmanuel Elliott's new book is a vivid account of his spiritual journey and experiences and relates Subud to a wider context of awakening in our time such as the apparitions of the Virgin Mary at Fatima and elsewhere.

The book is available in Australia and New Zealand from Harris Smart.

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at the above address.

### **BAPAK'S MESSAGE**

Asking forgiveness is in reality not just only saying to Bapak and Bapak saying it to you, but, as between yourselves, you should also say it to one another. So this feast day of Lebaran both celebrates the end of the Fast and is also used to ask forgiveness of one another, so that none of you will have anything stored up to hold against one another any longer, and so that our Brotherhood will remain firm, will remain closely united and will remain free from dissension.

Thus it is clear that God wills human beings to be harmonious amongst themselves, so that there should be harmony between one race and another. So if there is still any disharmony left lingering amongst you, then even though someone may say that he is worshipping God and loves God, for instance, yet if he still has any bad feeling towards other people hidden within him, that means that he is not yet purified. He is not yet in accord with what God has declared to His messengers, nor with what you yourselves are doing each time that you receive and practise the latihan kejiwaan.

That is why the most powerful weapon in life, with which to make your life safe and happy, is nothing other than doing the best you can towards your fellow beings.  
(Bapak's Four Talks during Ramadhan 1978)

Ed: This is a bumper issue as articles were specifically requested by members. Apologies to those whose submissions were not published in this issue.

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