

E NEWS AUSTRALIA

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HELLO SUBUD YOUTH AUSTRALIA!!

Autumn is here and just around the corner is Easter and the first

SUBUD YOUTH GATHERING 2010

Easter is **Friday April 2nd to Monday April 5th** and we will be meeting in our nations capital Canberra. We'd love to be heading to sunny Brisbane but for many of us it's not a financial reality to fly (in a plane that is, or with our own will),, so while a lot of people are meeting up North we'll meet mid-south.

Ah but how will I get there? Buses, planes and lifts my friend! See how cheaply you can get to Canberra. Arrange a road trip with some folks from your area to make it super cheap- and lots of fun. Check out webjet for cheap flights! Let others know what you'll be doing- hit reply all and forward onto to those interested!

Where will I stay? Most likely we shall be camping at either Fraval and Johnson property's in Canberra. Accommodation will definitely be.... FREE of charge- woo a bonus! So bring your tents and sleeping bags and beanies.

How much will this Gathering cost me then?? All you'll need to pay for is getting there and back and food - oh and anything fun you'd like to do whilst in Canberra- which leads us to.....

What would you like to do????

Some suggestions so far are;

- kejiwaan, testing with helpers, chats about latihan/subud/life
- workshops for our lives/work (with help from the facilitators)
- Fun stuff - dance workshops, theatre sports, cooking, paintball, a hike/walk, musical jams, recordings together, touristy stuff- museums/exploring in town
- Arty stuff - design your own t-shirt, make a mural/mosaic/art piece together

We are happy to put a program together of what we'll do but ultimately what goes into it is up to Y.O.U. So write back let us know when you'll be arriving and what you'd like to see happen over the Easter week-end. If everyone writes back with one or two suggestions we will be set! Can be anything from above or something else entirely!

There is a strong possibility that during the Gathering we can help the Canberra group with some work on the property- we will know more and if this is for sure closer to the date. If you'd like to be involved in this- say so!

It is also most likely that over that week-end the testing for the National Youth Co-

Coordinator Roles will occur, it's not too late to put yourself forward or to ask us any questions. You don't need to be at either the Brisbane or the Canberra Gathering to be tested- so if you are keen but can't make it- still let us know! And if you can't make it to either gathering why not arrange something in your local group? Or even just hang out with the youth around you for an afternoon over the Easter break.

As always any questions/suggestions/ideas are most welcome,

with love and smiles,

Roland & Lucinda

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p.s. please let us know of any emails that are NOT on this list!

SUBUD ADELAIDE CENTRAL:

Tomik Subagio has informed us that Subud Adelaide South has changed its name and is now officially Subud Adelaide Central Incorporated.

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Latihan Time:

For Both Genders	Saturday	10.00am – 10.30am
	Tuesday	8.00pm 8.30pm

Subagio has also appealed to Subud Australia to refrain from abbreviating the Indonesian word "Kejiwaan" to "Keji".

May I humbly suggest that they stop using that abbreviation word "**Keji**" for "**Kejiwaan**" before the use of word is heard in Indonesia or Cilandak.

The reason is that the word "Keji" in Indonesian language means;

Depraved, Dirty, Cruel, Sadistic, Rude and many other bad things.

So please stop using that abbreviation. Just use the word "Kejiwaan" fully, like in using the unabridged word "Latihan" .

I wish you all a happy, harmonious gathering and success.

SUBAGIO
Subud Adelaide Central Inc.

BRISBANE

New Committee in Brisbane:

Roseanna Jansse recently resigned as chair of Subud Brisbane, and since the 7th March Alexis Gleeson has filled in the role.

Many members are working to hard to prepare for the Easter weekend kejiwaan get-together.

Alexis Gleeson is now the new Brisbane chair. Merin writes to say:

"Thanks are due to Muftiah and Myrna Buckingham who have been busy helping to organise the Easter kejiwaan gathering, along with resolving issues with the legal status of Subud Brisbane Inc., and repairing hall curtains!"

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CANBERRA

Susila Dharma news:

Sofiah Mackay has written to say that Teena Gill from Melbourne has now taken over as treasurer of Susila Dharma, from Grant Kelly.

MELBOURNE

Subud Melbourne will be holding its Annual General Meeting on March 21. It will also coincide with the new national helpers' first visit.

Sofiah Mackay, National Susila Dharma representative visited the Subud Melbourne group on Sunday the 14th of February. There was testing done, and a discussion and lunch that followed which stimulated much feeling and thought about the significance of Susila Dharma in Australia.

Beloved Subud Melbourne member Miriam Karin celebrated her birthday with the Subud Melbourne Group on Sunday 28th of February. Other members who celebrated birthdays in the last month were Sachlan Fraval (16th) Anisah Furness, Linda Pease and Rohana Fraval, all, believe it not, on Feb 17. A big and warm happy birthday to all.

There will be new tenants in the Subud Melbourne weatherboard house. Raynard, Amanda Jansse and their two children will become the new tenants from April. We wish them all the best and warn them to have enough tea and bickies for all the unexpected guests on latihan days (says the outgoing tenant Frederika)!!

Talented Subud Melbourne member Rohana Hayes performed in a very successful and entertaining theatre piece, 'The Seagull King', which was written and directed by her equally talented husband Michael Griffiths. It was thoroughly entertaining and enjoyed by all, with many a twist and plenty of humour. Their theatre group 'Communal Cats Theatre Company' hope to put the performance on again in May.

Wollongong

Updates from the new committee:

Chairman is Les Thomas lesliethomas1@bigpond.com

Secretary is Nancy Humpel nancy.humpel@sydney.edu.au

Treasurer is Wendy Neville

Rural and Remote:

Dear Council,

As you probably know, Mathew Thorpe, the Rural and Remote Chairperson, resigned a few weeks ago.

In order to replace him we would like nominations an/or volunteers to take on this job. Could you forward this request through your email contacts to the R and R people in your area, and nominate (with their acceptance) anyone who you believe would be suitable.

We are very fortunate in that we have already one nomination, sometimes it happens that people end up with an assistant from this type of process.

The candidate/s will be tested by the National helpers for their suitability. As with other Chairs the position has a two year span.

The closing time for nominations will be next sunday, 14th March.

Peter Jenkins

ed. requested that Maya pen a few anecdotes of her visit to Semarang. She wrote this amazing piece! Many thanks Maya.

INDONESIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING IN SEMARANG:

from Maya Korsybzka (Bernades)

Subud Indonesia held it's MUNAS 2010, over the weekend 5th, 6th, 7th of March in Semarang. Subud Indonesia holds a national congress every two years and what could better be described as a National Council meeting (Munas) on the year between. Thus the dewan of national helpers, the national committee along with the regional chairs (Indonesia has 7 regions) as well as the regional helpers, get together to report on the overall situation and to determine policies for the next year.

A last minute decision by Ibu Rahayu to attend to give a talk and do testing, of course changed the colour of the meeting and in fact 260 people turned up, including various foreign visitors. So, Raymond Lee was also there to translate for the non indonesian speaking members.

One thing that really hit home to me from Ibu's talk, (and I ask forgiveness that I am at this point quoting something that isn't in fact written down, still I trust it will be confirmed in the final translation), was when she said that before Bapak died, he had said that no one would take over after him, but that in fact it would be congress that would take over from him ! and I thought Wow ! suddenly it was clear to me what the awesome role of the International organization is.

I was invited to speak one morning and so I took the opportunity to mention what Ibu had said and to remind everyone that WSA is each and every subud country and by extension each subud member that it is not an entity somewhere up there on it's own.

So the role of the WSA encompasses all the countries and through this body we are all responsible together of carrying Bapak's receiving and message forward and making it available for everyone in the world who asks. The WSA chair, the International Helpers, the Subud World Council, the Executive team, the chairs and reps. of the affiliates are all simply Subud members taking on a role for a time, representing the individual countries and members for a time....and it also conveys the importance and responsibility for each country to interact and work with their zone reps who are the Subud World Council, so that Subud can function in a truly democratic and harmonious way.

Pak Kuswanda, noted that during the World Congress in Christchurch a lot of space had been given to the individual members to participate in workshops dealing with the various issues and concerns that we have as a community and he was happy to hear that this was the trend that we are adopting, so the worldwide initiatives for example are a way for everyone to participate and feel a part of the decision making process. He recommended that Subud Indonesia adopt this same trend at the next National Congress which will take place in Rungan Sari, Kalimantan in spring next year.

I find that the current national committee is very dynamic and has already begun this process.

Maya Korzybska
WSA deputy CEO.

KALIMANTAN NEWS:

Harris Smart writes again from Rungan Sari:

Well, things are never dull here with people always coming and going.

Following the celebrations that were held in Jakarta for Bapak's 14th Windu and the Golden Wedding anniversary of Haryono and Ismana, a number of people came on to Rungan Sari.

We had Abdullah and Salamah Pope, Abdurrahman and Rohama Mitchell and Maxwell and Heloise Jackson from the UK. (She was an international helper in the last lot.) Laksar Burra is also here.

I am reliably informed that Osanna Vaughn is coming in a couple of weeks along with her sons whom I understand are setting up a film production plan. (At the World Congress, many people probably saw the excellent video they produced about BCU school.) I understand that Emmanuel Bryson-Haynes is also involved in this enterprise in some way.

Rosella, Osanna's daughter, is already here teaching at BCU School.

Halim and Maya Korzybski are living here, on leave from La Source. Halim is an architect and involved in plans that are afoot here for the possible expansion of both the Rungan Sari hotel and the BCU School. Maya is of course also Vice-Chair on the WSA Executive Team. Halim, Maya and others are away at the moment, attending the Indonesian National Congress in Semarang.

A big event has been a conference of the World Wild Life Fund held in the Rungan Sari Hotel. It was attended by the Prince Consort of Denmark and surrounded by tight security, soldiers with guns. The main impact on us Rungan Sari dwellers was that we could not use the swimming pool.

On the River

In former times there were no roads in this part of the world and the way everyone got about was by boat on the river. And even now that there are roads, the river traffic is extremely important.

I went recently with some friends to the nearby village of Tengkilung. This looks pretty much the way it has probably looked for a hundred years or so. That is, it is mostly wooden houses which are built on stilts reaching out into the river. It looks quite exotic, like something out of a Joseph Conrad novel.

There we hired a boat, a long narrow canoe with an outboard motor and went for a trip up the river. The purpose of our trip was to go around a big island in the middle of the river which is a reservation for orang utans.

We wanted to see if we could see any orangutans and in fact we did see quite a few. There are certain places where food is laid out for them and naturally they gather

there, and we saw some at these eating places as well as others sitting up in trees.

As you may know, the orangutans are very threatened, like wildlife species all around the world. Their habitat is being destroyed and hunters kill them for meat and also to sell their babies to zoos. Some people buy these baby orangutans to have a pet, and then neglect them, keep them miserably locked up in tiny cages and so on.

Of course for years other people have been trying to combat this trade and rescue these orangutans and then try and train them so that they can live in the wild again.

The most famous of these orangutan rescuers is a woman called the Birute Gadalikis. A Canadian woman of Lithuanian descent. When she was young she was extremely beautiful with flowing blond hair and she was often featured in National Geographic walking about looking beautiful in the jungle, holding hands with orang utans.

The famous anthropologist Leakey, who did so much work on the origins of humankind in Africa, sent three women out to study the great apes. He sent Diane Fossey to study the gorillas in Uganda (the famous “Gorillas in the Mist” lady who was murdered). He sent Susan Goodall to study the chimpanzees. And he sent Birute Gadalikis to study the orang utans. The aim of course was to see what was the relationship between the great apes and human beings, what were the evolutionary linkages and so on.

Many years ago I went to the reservation run by Birute Gadalikis where she trains rescued orangutans so that they can live in the wild again.

I went on a really adventurous trip up one of these rivers, many years ago. It was like three or four days in one of these canoes upriver to where “no white man had ever set foot before”. Well, not quite, but it was remote.

This brief trip around the island reminded me of how incredibly uncomfortable it was to have to sit for hours in one of these canoes as had to on that long trip for maybe ten hours a day.

The local people are of course extremely flexible and adept at doing this but for me with my stiff western legs it was an agony which went on for hour after hour after hour of torture.

So this short trip around the island reminded me not to go on any long trips in these narrow canoes...

Fortunately, since then, I have made the same trip in the boat run by Gaye Thavisin and Lorna Mitchell in their tourism enterprise. This was a much more comfortable experience sitting on nice cushions.

All the best from, Harris

Rosella Vaughn writes

Volunteering at Bina Cita Utama School in Rungan Sari has been a really wonderful experience so far. I arrived here at the end of January and have successfully made it past the first month. Unlike most people suggested, I haven't been through some kind of phase where I felt completely out of place and didn't know why I had come. It was quite the opposite. Coming here was the first thing that I've been sure of in a long time: I've been experiencing a great feeling of purpose. I had something to offer that the school could use, so I'm now teaching Biology and Social Studies at the high school level.

What was even more important was how I was welcomed with open arms the moment I got here. I was invited for dinner all over the place – especially during my first week. Maia Jones, who has taken up the new job as volunteer coordinator, did a great job with picking me up and introducing me to the community and school. Karim and Rashidah MacDonald have supported me very much, as well as many other people in Rungan Sari. The community may not be what most people are used to in size, but it makes up for that in great diversity and heart. Everyone is willing to help one another. Daniela Bustillo always offers me a place to hang out if I want to retreat and rest from the busy life at the boarding house.

To read Rosella's full and entertaining report, please [click here](#)

MUSINGS ON THE 2010 WORLD CONGRESS

From Osanna Vaughn.

Prelude to the Official Minutes!

The 13th Subud World Congress has come and gone. By all accounts it was a positive experience for all present and, despite differences of opinions or ways of working that were cause of frustration at times, the atmosphere was harmonious and productive.

Kejiwaan activities played a central role as always, yet the many aspects that express who we are were also clearly evident at the exhibits, workshops, performances and presentations. This seems to clearly emphasize that the purpose of our association is to support not only the kejiwaan, but also its expression in our daily lives. The talents, projects and wings working party worded this feeling as follows:

We recognise the need to enliven our groups by transforming them into safe, healthy, caring, inclusive spaces, where members feel nurtured and empowered to explore and develop their God given talents as they arise through the Latihan, and the expression of those talents in their daily lives, to each fulfil their individual purpose as part of the human community.

More specifically, our INTENTION, applied as a first principle in our endeavours, recognises that: ...the Latihan is for both the inner life and the outer life, and that - as Subud members - we wish to be guided by the power of God in our endeavours in our

outer lives...

The World Congress in New Zealand was a wonderful event, but its reality needs to be felt and acted upon from now into the future; so I hope that the next term will see a renewed effort to find ways to nurture, support and encourage what Bapak talked about and encouraged so many times; namely, putting the Latihan into practice.

May our intentions and efforts be guided and blessed.

Love,
Osanna

On that note, group chairs, please choose one or two members in your group, as say a sub committee to create the safe space Osanna talks about. They can, with no agenda and limitless patience, discuss with every member who wants to share what he/she loves doing (their talents or abilities) and together find out and resource that, even though it may not appear feasible.

This will enable everyone in Subud to use his/her God given talent and have it resourced from the Subud network where possible. ed.

MILESTONES:

Weddings

Matthew Armytage, son of Harry and Irma Armytage to Naomi Lynch, at Poet's Lane, Sherbrooke, Melbourne on March 19. it was well attended by family members from all over Australia and the US.

Anniversaries

Ibu Ismana and Mas Haryono just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on the 19th of February in Jakarta.

Deaths

In the early hours of 26th January, Mas Usman, Bapak's interpreter in the sixties and seventies, passed away peacefully in his sleep.

He was buried at Suka Mulya, Cipanas later the same day.
He is survived by a host of children, grandchildren and greatgrandchildren.

(For those who knew Mas Usman, and would like to have a copy of his short biography written to commemorate his 40th day, please write to the editor <rohanafraval@gmail.com> or call 03 9558 0948 - ed)

Leonora Butcher

The news of the passing of Leonora Butcher in the UK was met with much sadness in Australia. Leonora is the mother of Maynard Gold, who is married to Irma, (daughter of Maxwell Fraval.) Leonora has many friends in Australia who hold her and her family close to their hearts and prayers.

May her soul rest in peace.

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