



Subud Australia Newsletter

February 2014

Dates for your Diary

- 15-16 March National Helper & National Committee Visit to Wollongong
- 15-16 March Morningside Care AGM at Sine Cera
- March Next edition of Subud Ink due out
- 4-6 April Regional Gathering in Bungendore, NSW
- 16-17 May National Helper & National Committee visit to Sunshine Coast Group
- 6-9 June National Council meeting Sydney
- 2-17 August World Congress Puebla

Morningside Care AGM will be held on 15th March at Sine Cera, followed by the first Board meeting of the new Board on 16th March. There are several Board positions that will become vacant. Attendees are welcome to stay overnight on 15th and share in evening discussions and social events. Please contact Davin Shellshear if you are interested in joining the board or attending the meeting on dkea1598@bigpond.net.au.

Regional Gathering 4-6 April at Bungendore NSW – the information and booking forms have been sent out to all groups. The Silver Wattle Retreat is just outside Bungendore (famous for its magnificent woodwork gallery), about ½ hour from Canberra (towards Sydney & Wollongong). Max capacity is 24. Send any questions (and booking forms) to Silvana on s11vanac3vans@gmail.com.

Subud Ink – Latimah and Norina have taken on the next edition of Subud Ink and would love to receive articles, photos, deep and meaningful stories, what happened at congress, personal reflections etc at subud.ink@gmail.com.

World Congress – so far about 45 Australians have registered. If you can't make it, there will once again be a virtual world congress organised by our young film enthusiasts covering important, absurd, comical, entertaining and entertainment moments and more.

The international office holders in Australia will all be handing on to the next team – International Helpers AnDien and Luqman, WSA Exec Chair Maxwell, Zone Rep Hadrian, International Youth Lucinda and Roland. A big thank you to all these people for the voluntary work they have done, the sleep they have lost connecting internationally via skype with their counterparts in other parts of the world, the leisure time that has been consumed! Much of what is done is unrecognised and invisible to most of us but as with any organisation, if this work were not being done, we would begin to notice the wheels wobbling and even falling off. So thank you! To complete the international contribution from Australian members, we must also mention Amalijah and her ongoing involvement with archives and Silvana who has been a stalwart in the WSC “office” (there actually isn’t an office in any normal sense of the word – a converted bedroom - or two, even a nook in a storeroom, albeit a carpeted one!) It will be interesting to see how many Aussies are part of the next team.

The procedure for nominating people for the new team (WSA chair, WSC exec chair, wing coordinators) is first to get the nominee’s agreement. All nominations are sent to WSC through the country national committees and must be in by 2nd July. The selection is based on the candidate’s presentation to world congress and testing by the outgoing international helpers at world congress (so the nominee must be present.). There is a different procedure for zone reps and international helpers and both of these are in progress. The next zone rep for our region was chosen at the last zone meeting and is Surjadi from Indonesia: the next international helpers will be chosen through testing at Puebla.

(Job descriptions and information about *all* Subud roles can be found in Part 3 of ‘On the Subud Way’ and in the WSC Guidelines at www.subud.org)

WSA Census – every 4 years WSC asks all countries to send in the number of active members in their country: at the National Congress budget session it looked like 325 give or take a few is where we are at. Some group’s numbers are static, some declining and some increasing but overall a clear decrease from say 10 years ago. Is this a cause for concern? Do we know why? Is there something we need to address?

Lost contact – a Subud member in England is hoping to re-establish contact with Ruth McGee who moved to Australia with her husband Robin in the early 80s. If anyone has any memory or knowledge of where Ruth might now be, please email Asmaniah at oznationalchair@gmail.com.

Quote from Bapak

It is clear that humans can feel strong, or claim to be invulnerable and confident in facing anything, as long as their mind, heart and desires are still there. But when these have been stopped by God, a human being - and his or her inner feeling - is like a piece of cotton wool on the middle of a table, wafted to and fro, completely powerless. It is precisely that state we are now being trained for in the latihan, so that at that moment there will arise in us a strength beyond our imagining, the strength that comes from God who knows the life after death. (Nice, December 30, 1959, Recording 59 NCE 1)

Please send any snippets of news from your group or your members to oznationalchair@gmail.com for inclusion in the next newsletter.

With love and best wishes,

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