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DAY	TIME	FACILITATOR	DESCRIPTION
MONDAY	7.30 pm- 9.00 pm	Marcia Parkes	Meditation/Development
TUESDAY	10.30 am - Noon	Carmel John	Meditation/Healing
	Committee Meeting	**7pm**	13th August
WEDNESDAY	11.00am-2.30pm	Yvonne Warren	Meditation/Development
	7.30pm-9pm	Jo Burgess	Meditation/Development
THURSDAY	9am to 1pm	\$25 Entry by side door	Readings
FRIDAY	7.30 pm - 9.00 pm	Carmel Colquhoun	Meditation/Development
SUNDAY	3.00 pm & 7.00 pm	Various	Services All welcome

## Our Philosophy is based on Seven Principles



*(With liberty of interpretation)*

1. *The Fatherhood of God.*
2. *The Brotherhood of Man.*
3. *The immortality of the soul and its personal characteristics*
4. *The proven facts of communication between departed human spirits and mortals*
5. *Personal responsibility.*
6. *Compensation and retribution hereafter for all good and evil deeds done here*
7. *A path of Eternal Progress open to every human soul who wills to tread it by the path of eternal good.*

Dear friends,



The passing of Rev. Meg Faber this month, in Forster gives us pause for thought. Knowing, as all Spiritualist, that she has but journeyed through "the door" Meg arrived at Swan Street, when she retired to Forster, and she offered to become a regular speaker & medium on our platform. In the ensuing years she has become an important part of our Church, while also opening & operating her Church at Forster. Many of our members have travelled to this Church as speakers. Meg passed after a n extended illness and will be missed.

Attendance at Circles and Services continue to grow, thanks to a wonderful programme of speakers and Circle leaders. As always, I would like to hear from any member with suggestions, and those prepared to chair meetings, or be speakers. Also it is time to consider who YOU would support for election at our October AGM. Initial letters regarding election will shortly be posted, and this is the time to put forward any changes you wish implemented. Please give it some thought!

Jo Burgess has organised a retreat that has been enthusiastically received, and I believed "fully booked." Check this out for yourself if you are interested. At one time these retreat were held yearly, but when the Morpeth Centre closed it became harder to find somewhere suitable.

Dedication Service will be held 27th October, if you are interested in being dedicated to Spirit, please contact me, so you can be included in this Service. Certificates will be available as keepsakes.

Thanks to all those who contribute in so many ways to our smooth running, keep up the good work. Each year facilitators, readers, and committee members are invited to have luncheon at RSL Cardiff. This will be held 31st August this year. A small gesture of appreciation.

Carmel Colquhoun

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Everyone is a genius, but if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree it will live its whole life believing that it's stupid- Albert Einstein.

One of the side benefits of forgetting names and faces:

You keep meeting new people every day.!

## PROGRAMME FOR AUGUST 2013

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPEAKERS</u>	<u>CHAIRPERSON</u>
<u>4th August</u>		
3pm	Rosie Connor	Gary Hall
7pm	Rev. Mark Penkala	Charles Freeman
<u>11th August</u>		
3pm	Michael Wheeler	Jo Burgess
7pm	Terry Thomlin	Charles Freeman
<u>16th 17th &amp; 18 August Retreat</u> <b>sorry, fully booked!</b>		
<u>18th August</u>		
3pm	Dave Everitt	Jennifer Judd
7pm	Mandy Brinkley	Marcia Parkes
<u>25th August</u>		
3pm	Ginny & Greg	Jenny Havebond
7pm	Vernice	Phil Trevillian
<u>1st September</u>		
	Susanah Steel	Jo Burgess
	Saanvi (Sylvie)	Maree Miller

**Another month bursting with opportunity (and mediums)**

**Rosie Connor is popular local medium, originally trained in UK.**

**Rev Mark Penkala is a regular guest speaker.**

**Michael Wheeler is well known medium, also a Pet medium, and writes a regular column in New Idea. This is Michael's second visit with us.**

**Terry Tomlin a regular speaker with wide knowledge of Spiritualism**

**David Everitt works with alternative medicine and Kinesiology**

**Mandy Brinkley comes along for her first visit with us.**

**Mandy works as healer, and wellness coach (self care, eating etc.)**

**Ginny & Greg Clarke welcomed back with their meditations and chants.**

**Vernice returns with her amazing "singing bowls" & toning.**

**How lucky are we? Remember to please let's know if you can suggest a speaker you would like to visit.**

## **BITS AND PIECES.**

As I write this, our wonderful Indian Summer continues, although there has been rumblings about dread westerly winds arriving any day. It is amazing the effects these winds have on us all, well perhaps not everybody, but certainly children, pets, and this granny. They seem to be able to penetrate, no matter what we wear.

Church Facebook page has proved a learning experience. Never had anything to do with Facebook, it took assistance from my daughters to set it up, and they still help me out when I really get in a mess. A minimum of 260 hits per week is pleasing, some times over 500 hits in a week. It really is worth checking out. (I am biased)

Want to pass a couple of things on, definitely not medical information, but..... Recently read that cramps can be stopped by drinking 2 tablespoons of the pickling vinegar in things like gherkins, and that sports trainers recommend this to those they train, for relieving cramps. So I tried it, and it works every time. It is a sweet type of pickling vinegar, not hard to take at all, and it is instant.

Also a reminder that Telstra Free directory assistance no. is 1223.

If you ring the advertised one 1234, the charge is 40cents!

Some times I ponder about including items I have come across, as they may be seen by some members as not suitable. Let me know what you think, my phone number and email are on the back of the newsletter.

Finally, if you wish to stop all telemarketing calls, go to [www.donotcall.gov.au](http://www.donotcall.gov.au). If you do not use a computer, get friend or family member to do it. Takes a minute.

I am always delighted to receive members contributions to include.!

Was lucky enough to see Sally Morgan when she was at Wests. Really enjoyed the night. Have heard that not everyone enjoyed it so much, but we sure did. It is such a subjective thing, every medium is different, everyone's expectations are different, and that old one. "you can please some of the people sometime, but you can't please all of the people all of the time."...something like that. To stand up and read before hundreds of people requires courage, and self belief. Those who do readings at Church would be more aware that I am just how much effort it can take, I did enjoy my night with Sally.

Jo Burgess tells me that the Retreat is fully booked, a waiting list even, so it will be great if we have found a venue for regular retreats. For many years this was an annual event, great to think it may be revived.

By now your annual subs are overdue. If you have overlooked this, please let Marcia Parkes have them as soon as possible.

The letters regarding the AGM will shortly be posted, and they should bring to mind that YOU are responsible for the election of our committee. All positions will be declared vacant, please consider just who you wish to elect. Why not stand yourself? Meetings take approx. an hour and a half, once a month. Hardly onerous, in fact can be enjoyable. Should you decide to stand for a position, and after election find it too difficult, you could opt out, although we really need those interested and committed. Unless we have a committed, viable committee things will just fold like a house of cards. Don't just talk about what should be done, hop on board and see it through!

*Tomorrow (noun)*

*A mystical land where 99% of all human productivity, motivation and achievement is stored.*

*Nostalgia:*

*It's a device that removes the ruts and potholes from memory lane.*

**"A wise woman who was traveling in the mountains found a precious stone in a stream. The next day she met another traveller who was hungry, and the wise woman opened her bag to share her food. The hungry traveller saw the precious stone and asked the woman to give it to him. She did so without hesitation. The traveller left, rejoicing in his good fortune. He knew the stone was worth enough to give him security for a lifetime. But a few days later he came back to return the stone to the wise woman. "I've been thinking," he said, "I know how valuable the stone is, but I give it back in the hope that you can give me something even more precious. Give me what you have within you that enabled you to give me the stone."**

**There are far greater things within us that we can share with one another that are worth far more than anything material. Know where your values reside. ~Will "Story" Rivera**

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### THE WRONG FUNERAL AND WE THINK GOD DOESN'T TALK TO US?

Consumed by my loss, I didn't notice the hardness of the pew where I sat. I was at the funeral of my dearest friend - my mother. She finally had lost her long battle with cancer. The hurt was so intense; I found it hard to breathe at times. Always supportive, Mother clapped loudest at my school plays, held a box of tissues while listening to my first heartbreak, comforted me at my father's death, encouraged me in college, and prayed for me my entire life. When mother's illness was diagnosed, my sister had a new baby and my brother had recently married his childhood sweetheart, so it fell on me, the 27-year-old middle female child without entanglements, to take care of her. I counted it an honour.

"What now, Lord?" I asked sitting in church. My life stretched out before me as an empty abyss. My brother sat stoically with his face toward the cross while clutching his wife's hand. My sister sat slumped against her husband's shoulder, his arms around her as she cradled their child. All so deeply grieving, no one noticed I sat alone. My place had been with our mother, preparing her meals, helping her walk, taking her to the doctor, seeing to her medication, reading the Bible together. Now she was with the Lord. My work was finished, and I was alone. I heard a door open and slam shut at the back of the church. Quick footsteps hurried along the carpeted floor. An exasperated young man looked around briefly and then sat next to me. He folded his hands and placed them on his lap. His eyes were brimming with tears. He began to snifle. "I'm late," he explained, though no explanation was necessary. After several eulogies, he leaned over and commented, "Why do they-keep calling Mary by the name of 'Margaret?'" Because, that was her name, Margaret. Never Mary, no one called her 'Mary,'" I whispered. I wondered why this person couldn't have sat on the other side of the church. He interrupted my grieving with his tears and fidgeting. Who was this stranger anyway? "No, that isn't correct," he insisted, as several people glanced over at us whispering, "her name is Mary, Mary Peters." That isn't who this is." "Isn't this the Lutheran church?" No, the Lutheran church is across the street. "I believe you're at the wrong funeral, Sir."

The solemnness of the occasion mixed with the realization of the man's mistake bubbled up inside me and came out as laughter. I cupped my hands over my face, hoping it would be interpreted as sobs. The creaking pew gave me away. Sharp looks from other mourners only made the situation seem more hilarious. I peeked at the bewildered, misguided man seated beside me. He was laughing too, as he glanced around, deciding it was too late for an uneventful exit.

I imagined Mother laughing. At the final "Amen," we darted out a door and into the parking lot.

"I do believe we'll be the talk of the town," he smiled. He said his name was Rick and since he had missed his aunt's funeral, asked me out for a cup of coffee.

That afternoon began a lifelong journey for me with this man who attended the wrong funeral, but was in the right place. A year after our meeting, we were married at a country church where he was the assistant pastor. This time we both arrived at the same church, right on time.

***In my time of sorrow, God gave me laughter. In place of loneliness, God gave me love.***

This past June, we celebrated our twenty-second wedding anniversary. Whenever anyone asks us how we met, Rick tells them, "Her mother and my Aunt Mary introduced us, and it's truly a match made in heaven."

If you Love God for all the marvellous things he has done for you, send this onto others.

***REMEMBER, God doesn't make mistakes . He puts us where we are supposed to be.***

## THE FIVE MINUTE TWINS



I have been an Astrologer for over forty years and have always included counselling in my readings.

Recently however, I have begun advertising that I am doing Astrological Counselling. I have had a few clients so far and they have found it .extremely helpful to understand what their partner has been trying to tell them for years.

A couple I read for recently were so pleased with their own counselling that they asked me to show them how to work with their twins as they had very different natures. I have done charts for twins in the past and found that it helped the parents to understand them. I asked the .couple how far apart they were born. Much to my surprise they said " five minutes". , a boy and a girl who were now only eleven months old.

Well, I did not know if I could find any differences in two charts in five minutes, but I said I would try. As I always do a Numerology Chart with Astrology I thought that perhaps the .Numerological names would help to show the differences.

I did an Astrological Birth Chart for each of them and naturally all the Planets were the same and in the same places. However, just five minutes had moved a part of a degree difference on the cusps of the houses of the charts. The cusps are the doorways into each of the twelve .sections of the chart. On the cusp of the 7th house (the house connected with Libra and partnerships/marriage etc.) the small change in the part of a degree had moved Saturn in Libra into the boy's 8th house (the house of occult studies, working for others, etc.) and had left Saturn in Libra in the girl's 7th house.

As Saturn is the Planet connected with our responsibilities and learning about our life's work this was a very important change in their Charts.

The parents had given the boy a name that held most of the numbers he needed to accomplish his work and the girl had a name with fewer numbers but more connected with her desire for responsibility in a partnership or marriage.

The parents confirmed my reading of the boys' character and the girl's. I was able to help them to understand the needs of both of them and the best way to talk to them to help them to understand their natures.

I am always amazed at how helpful and accurate Astrology can be. Just a small part of a degree was able to help these parents to understand their little children and help them to develop their own paths.

We all come into the world with our own paths to travel and if we can know the right minute we are born we can gain so much more understanding of what to do and where to go.

Fortunately I discovered about twenty years ago that my faithful crystal pendulum can help me to gain correct time for the many people I have done Astrology charts for over the years.

A palmist told me recently that babies have all the lines on their hand in place five months before they are born. So we have our Life's journey Charts and our life in our hands.

We are provided for our journey before we enter. It is OUR journey, no others. We should strive to be the best we can be of who we decided to be this lifetime and not try to copy another's journey. *Thank you Shirley for making your blog available*

*Paddy was coming through the customs at the airport carrying a large bottle.*

*What have you there?'said a suspicious customs officer.*

*'Tis Lourdes holy water. I am bringing it home with me,"said Paddy.*

*The officer took the bottle and tried some. 'Why it's Irish whiskey.'" he spluttered.*

*Lord bless me!"said Paddy, thnother bloomin miracle."*

## Another Government study provides outstanding results . . .

CSIRO Officials admitted that they found about 200 dead crows on the highway between Noonamah and Palmerston, in Northern Territory, where there was concern that they may have died from Avian Flu. The Territory Government approved and the CSIRO contracted a bird pathologist to examine the remains of all the crows and he confirmed the problem was definitely NOT Avian Flu, much to everyone's relief.

However, he determined that 98% of the crows had been killed by impact with trucks, and only 2% were killed by car impact. (*Didn't know there was a difference!*)

The Territory Government then hired an Ornithological Behaviourist to determine the disproportionate percentages for truck versus car kills.

After 18 months of research and \$2.7 million spent, the Ornithological Behaviourist determined the cause in the deaths. When crows eat road kill, they always set-up a look-out crow in a nearby tree to warn of impending danger.

His conclusion was that the lookout crow could say "Cah", but he could not say "Truck".

I just wanted to make sure that you knew your tax money was being well spent . . .

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A woman came home to find her retired husband waving a rolled up newspaper round his head.

Wife: "What are you doing dear?"

Husband: "Swatting flies – I got 3 males and 2 females"

Wife: "How do you know which gender they were?"

Husband: "Easy – 3 were on the beer, and the other 2 were on the phone"

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The following is the philosophy of Charles Schulz, the creator of the 'Peanuts' comic strip.

You don't have to actually answer the questions. Just ponder on them.

Just read straight through, and you'll get the point.

- 1.. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
2. Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.
3. Name the last five winners of the Miss Australia pageant.
- 4 Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.
5. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor and actress.
6. Name the last decade's worth of Ashes winners.

How did you do? The point is, none of us remember the headliners of yesterday.

These are no second-rate achievers. They are the best in their fields.

But the applause dies.. Awards tarnish.. Achievements are forgotten.

Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners..

Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one:

1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
4. Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
5. Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.

Easier? The lesson:

The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money...or the most awards. They simply are the ones who care the most

Pass this on to those people who have either made a difference in your life, or whom you keep close in your heart,



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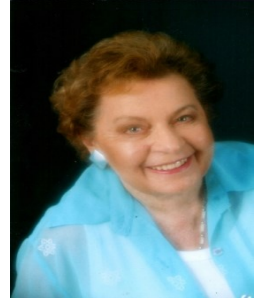
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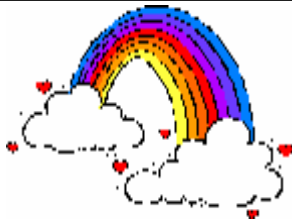
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