

JUNE 2015

Newcastle Spiritualist Church Inc



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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 & Bill John	Meditation/Healing
	Committee Meeting	**7pm**	9th June
WEDNESDAY	11am-2.30pm	Yvonne Warren & Joanne Jo Burgess	Meditation/Development
	7.30pm-9pm		Meditation/Development
THURSDAY	Readings \$25	Side entry, down drive	8.30-1pm
FRIDAY	7.30 pm - 9.00 pm	Jenny Havebond	Meditation/Development
SUNDAY	3.00 pm & 7.00 pm	Various	Services. All welcome
SATURDAY	COFFEE CLUB 20th June	High Tea Tomago House Book this week.	\$20 to be paid this week
	Bendy Yoga with Jim	7.45am-9am	\$5 members, \$10 others.

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.*

Greetings,

Another end of month, how fast they are going. Cooler weather is here. We need to make the effort in these cooler months to come along, remember the airconditioner.

Congratulations to all those members undertaking courses in various subjects, in their quest to learn more and develop their inherent spirituality. As with all things worthwhile, time is needed, coupled with desire and that important guidance at the right time.

With our wonderful group of experienced facilitators and those who run courses and workshops, we all have the opportunity to grow and learn.

Our membership is growing as more are pursuing their path.

Coffee Club is out for fun this month. 20th June High Tea at Tomago House. Bookings needed for numbers, money due this week. \$20

Reminder, all those booked for our Tocal retreat to finalise their payments by 30th June. Deposits are not refundable. Please co-operate so we can plan and organise this Retreat for all to enjoy.

Till next month

Charles Freeman

President

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

OUR ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS Must be paid by 30th JUNE.

\$10. If you hold a concession card \$5

This gives you 12 monthly newsletters, and access to our extensive Library.

Our Treasurer, Marcia asks that your money is placed in an envelope with your full details and handed to your Circle leader or Committee member. Please, do not let it take months. Lets pay it now!

PROGRAMME FOR JUNE 2015

DATE	SPEAKERS		
<u>7th June</u>			
3pm	Val Hood	Chair	Jenny Havebond
7 pm		Chair	
<u>14th June</u>			
3pm	Cecile Trapman	Chair	Ivo Van Emmerik
7pm	Assunta Martinelli	Chair	Marcia Parkes
<u>21st June</u>			
3pm	Suzie Price	Chair	Krystyna Johnson
7pm	Paula Finn	Chair	Mark Boyle
<u>28th June</u>			
3pm	Rose Mayhew	Chair	Marcia Parkes
7pm	Charles Freeman	Chair	Marcia Parkes
<u>5th July</u>			
3pm	Sue Crosdale	Chair	Anona
7pm	Terry Tomlin	Chair	Mark Boyle

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Once again a great cross section of speakers for the platform.

Val Hood is a Sydney Medium, originally trained in UK

Cecile Trapman is a frequent visitor, with family ties to foundation of Spiritualist Church in Newcastle.

Susie Price, popularly known as the Ghostwhisperer. I believe Susie was voted Psychic of the Year.

Paula Finn popular Medium returns.

Rose Mayhew, well know Newcastle medium, studies and trained in UK before moving out here.
Trained a number of our members in mediumship.

Sue Crosdale, formerly at Cessnock Dolphin Centre returns. Sue is a teacher, practitioner, healer using kinesiology and other modalities.

Regular speaker, Terry Tomlin will be along with his down to earth wisdom, sharing with us all.

As always a number of our members have stepped forward to speak, and others to chair.

How fortunate we are, imagine if no one found our various speakers, put a programme together, or stepped up to chair or do readings.....and if no one set the Church up, and organised refreshments for after Service.
It doesn't just happen, members have to care enough to spend the time and energy to help "keep our show on the road"

Take a moment to say "thank you" to those that keep Swan Street on the rails, consider how YOU may help!

As usual, this is my opinion.,

BITS AND PIECES

How many times have you heard "Spirit works in mysterious ways"? Well we have proof yet again here at Swan Street.

Two days ago, a phone call was received from Matthew Kennwell, a spiritualist residing in Adelaide. Matthew was concerned about the graffiti on our Church website, and offered to remove it for us. He is actually a website designer, and offered to remedy our problem and tighten up security on our site, free of all charge. We just couldn't get it sorted so we were considering closing site down! Thank you Spirit, once again.

Newcastle Spiritualist Church Inc our webpage, is now clear of problems. Thank you Matt!

Matthew has done as he promised, and on further conversation with Charles, reveals he has been in UK for 4 years, studying Spiritualism, and is hosting Medium Karen Line Jones, in August Her details Karen came into Spiritualism over 30 years ago, and is an Officiant of the Spiritual National Union (OSNU), and holds awards in (CSNU) in Speaking, Demonstrating, and Tutoring within the SNU organisation, and is the President of the Tamworth Spiritualist Church www.spiritualismcommunity.org.uk in the midlands, England, where she is the resident medium and also is the Phenomena Officer for the West Midlands (SNU) district. Karen's personal website is www.soulgifts.co.uk

So perhaps in August or September, we may have opportunity to meet them both.

Coffee Club in May was very interesting, with Automatic Writing as the main subject for discussion. A group of a dozen, and the majority had at some time tried automatic writing, and we shared the result. We had some who had tried it for the first time as a result of introduction of subject, (successful) and we discovered that a number had been writing over years, some of it lyrical, almost poetic. Seems we all have the latent ability...More in July. June 20th brings our first outside foray, we are off to Tomago House, National Trust property, to experience a guided tour of this remarkable site, and of course share in Vintage Afternoon Tea. Camera can be taken, and the possibility of a "resident ghost" mentioned. An ideal opportunity to suss out the Coffee Club group, tour a National Trust property, with more than one ghost, and partake of a vintage afternoon tea. See you there. !

Had a reminder recently of just how our members are untapped treasures, think about it. We are able to attract many well known speakers, among them Mediums of note, but those of our members prepared to step up to platform, sometimes at short notice, and contribute to the Service, even as speakers or chairperson is a great indication that we are doing things right here at Swan Street. It can be almost overwhelming the first time, but it builds confidence. With so many members realising that training and growing is a gradual process, being prepared to attend classes and then stepping up, is extension of learning. It is great too, as members share their stories, we get to know them better.

N\$C VINTAGE TEA AT TOMAGO HOUSE \$ATURDAY JUNE 20TH

1pm to 5pm with lunch around 1.30pm then tour of home and surrounds. Cost \$20

Lunch is various sandwiches, scones with jam & cream, unlimited tea, coffee and juice.

Charge goes to Tomago House National Trust. Lucky door prize and another for the best hat!

If you prefer not to wear a hat, donation of \$2 for John Hunter Kids Club

Where is it? 21 Tomago Road Tomago **money must be paid this week.**

Please place your money in envelope, with your details on front, give to facilitator or committee member.

Holy Humor

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly,
"I know what the Bible means!"

His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?"

The son replied, "I do know!" "Okay," said his father.

"What does the Bible mean?" "That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly,

It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'

(This one is my favorite)

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There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk.

"Only the Ten Commandments," answered the lady.

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"A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't

find a space with a meter. Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block 10 times.

If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses."

When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note "I've circled this block for 10 years.

If I don't give you a ticket I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."

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There is the story of a pastor who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation:

"I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money

to pay for our new building program. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets."

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While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage.

The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign...

"Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust."

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A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question,

"Boys and girls, what do we know about God?"

A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the kindergarten boy.

"Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked.

"You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven... "

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A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend.

The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him.

Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump.

"Reverend," said the young man, "I'm so sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits

until the last minute to get ready for a long trip." The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean.

It's the same in my business."

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Sunday after church, a Mom asked her very young daughter what the lesson was about.

The daughter answered, "Don't be scared, you'll get your quilt."

Needless to say, the Mom was perplexed. Later in the day, the pastor stopped by for tea and the Mom asked him what that morning's

Sunday school lesson was about. He said "Be not afraid, thy comforter is coming."

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The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building.

Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute.

The substitute wanted to know what to play. "Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently.

"But, you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances."

During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need \$4,000 more.

Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up."

At that moment, the substitute organist played "The Star Spangled Banner."

And that is how the substitute became the regular organist!

We regularly receive the newsletter from Werringtons Spiritualist Church, and this month's one was of much interest to me. They always contain gems regarding Spiritualism, and this one concerns Emma Hardinge Britten and our Seven Principles, as on the front page, and on display at Swan Street.

The origin and concept of the Seven Principles came through Emma's mediumship, to provide a suitable guideline// principles to follow in our daily lives.

The Principles are equally important to assist us on our Spiritual pathway

It seems that Emma Hardinge Britten played a pivotal role in organising and bringing together Spiritualists both by her powerful inspired speaking and her ability to communicate by pen and publish to a wider audience. At the first National Conference in 1890, Emma advocated her concept for the fundamental basis of Spiritualist philosophy which later became the Seven Principle of SNU Spiritualism. Resolutions were carried unanimously that have since shaped the direction of Modern Spiritualism

The details of this lady's contributions are very interesting, check them for yourself on Google.

CIRCLES OF KINDNESS

Every kindness forms a ripple
Spreading out like rings of light,
Reaching out to many people,
Some unknown and far from sight.

Kindly acts are never wasted,
They can help the sun to shine,
Touching hearts and lifting spirits,
Making gloomy days seem fine.

Every kindness, like the river,
Keeps on flowing all year through,
As you send out loving wishes,
Kindness will return to you.

Let your kindly thoughts go forward,
Let them travel far away.
Help them spread and form a circle,
Share a kindness every day.

by Iris Hesselden
Submitted by Rhonda Morgan

*Angels walk among us
but they're very hard to see
no wings or halo do they have
they're just like you and me .
The thing that makes them different
is the kindness that they show
to each and every one of us
everywhere we go.
When a homeless person reaches out
and most of us rush by.
The Angel will not question him
it doesn't matter why.
Angels don't see color nor creed
to them we're all the same
an open mind is a beautiful thing
and it is their claim to fame
Angels never need reward
for the service they provide
recognition is not what they seek
their conscience is their guide.*



Better life

Trouble comes and goes in waves but can be avoided by a positive attitude and thinking sometimes it is very hard to let go of it but correcting one self is important because the degree of severity will only increase when left unabated. Please use uttermost caution to stay positive as possible for a better life in the end.

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I have just finished reading Spirit Healing by Harry Edwards. No Blog this month sadly as my computer is not cooperating.



BOOK REVIEW

By Shirley Darby.

The most famous Spirit Healer in England was a man called Harry Edwards. He established the Harry Edwards Spiritual Healing Sanctuary, where he worked for many years with other Healers. Their work was healing people who came to their Sanctuary (in the hundreds) and absent healing for people all over the world who contacted them by letters and phone calls. Other Healing Sanctuaries have been formed all over the world since then.

At the time of his death in 1976 his mail totalled tens of thousands of letters each year.

This book describes the different illnesses that were cured, usually instantly when they were sent healing. Much to the disbelief of doctors who usually came up with some other reason for the cures.

Harry said that Spirit Healing was the work of the Spiritual Guides and Angels they were in contact with during their healing work. He covers many of the different ailments that were cured (and a few that were not). He said that the term 'Faith Healing' was connected only to the belief that the patient would get well through their belief that they would. He said that Spirit Healing was a science which needed administration by the Spirit beings that they were working with.

In September 1959 a letter was sent to each of the London hospital authorities from the National Federation of Spiritual Healers asking permission for its accredited members to go into the hospitals under their management for the purpose of giving healing when requested by the patients. Such treatment would be given by means of prayerful intercession and the laying-on of hands.

By November no less than twenty-two of these authorities granted permission, which means that approximately two hundred London hospitals have now officially opened their doors to Spiritual Healer.

Since then many other hospitals have worked with Spiritual Healers, mostly in cases where the patient has been told that there was no hope of survival.

Don't be afraid to be open minded.

Your brain isn't going to fall out.

Remember that your items are always welcome for inclusion in our newsletter, email is good, snail mail is good too. Always pleased to receive items, and also to hear feedback from readers. Each month I send the newsletters out and very seldom hear feedback, unless someone didn't get their copy.

One stipulation, Anonymous email or letters go straight into the bin

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