Annual General Meeting and mini-conference of the Anthroposophical Society in Australia

Friday 10th - Sunday 12th May 2019 Templestowe Victoria

Stepping into the Unknown ... -a Centennial opportunity!

With anthroposophy entering its second century as an active reality in the world, how can we be awake and aware to what is wanting to grow in our present time and what is reaching towards us from the future? We have the opportunity and responsibility to courageously find how human wisdom can become an individual and collective living experience through our attentive listening and our good will -love.

<Where the surging deeds of the World's becoming ... Thine Own "I" unite with the World "I" >

Following the visit of Constanza Kaliks and Bodo von Plato, this is an opportunity to work with the Foundation Stone Meditation as a beginning for such questions as:

- Who and what is calling to me from the world?
- How can I bring the spirit into my daily life?
- How might our society better serve the wider society today?
- What would be a truly contemporary leadership form of the anthroposophical society?

Come and join other members whose hearts also burn with such questions as these, -for together, in harmony of soul, those who ask such earnest questions are able to receive wise guidance from the spiritual world.¹

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1 'The Influence of Spiritual Beings upon Human Beings', Rudolf Steiner, 1 June 1908, Berlin, GA 102

#### Intention

In this conference gathering and annual meeting for members and friends of anthroposophy in Australia, we have consciously chosen to draw the resources and content from those who are present.

Over four sessions we will work in small groups with a facilitator assisting the dynamic. Our own prior work with the second part of the Foundation Stone can be the beginning for progressively deepening the "unknown-future" questions the group takes up. The sequence, 'Fire, Air, Water, Earth' is just one suggestion. More important is for the group to cultivate a kinship and harmony in their work together.

An opening session, where we hear together a number of 'seed thoughts' and the Foundation verses, followed by a final sharing of each group's work, then in silence, "listening together" will close the work sessions.

#### **Program features**

- Harmonising through music and/or movement will begin each day and close the conference.
- There will be a time for hearing about and conversation on 'emerging leadership forms in the Anthroposophical Society'.
- The AGM begins at 2:30pm on Saturday, then a refreshment break, followed by time for 'breathing out'- moving physically!
- Time for sharing members' initiatives, then for networking, games or informal discussion.
- Evening programs: Friday Eurythmy , Saturday Music. Finishing around 8:30 !
- The working sessions are within a paced program, with 90 minute meal breaks, free time and opportunities to walk about, meet up and pause.

#### Venue

Holy Cross Centre 207 Serpells Road (Cnr Smith's Road) Templestowe 3106 VIC. www.holycrosscentre.com/

#### Accommodation

Rooms are twin share; some single use may be possible depending on numbers. Breakfast, linen, towel is included in the rate. A small number of ensuites are available for \$20 extra. (Please email to confirm availability)

#### Meals and Refreshments

Menu will be predominantly vegetarian with some meat options available. Vegan and gluten free options need to be booked at \$14 extra.

#### For Interstate Visitors

<u>Start</u>: Fri 10 May at 2:00pm <u>Finish</u>: Sun 12 May at 1:30pm. <u>AGM</u> Sat. 11 May at 2:30 - 4:00pm Evenings will finish: 8:30 / 9:00pm

Transit from Tullarmarine airport to venue:

**Taxi** range: \$65.03 to \$91.05 (~ 45 min.) (co-ordinate arrivals & share!)

Skybus www.skybus.com.au/melbourne-airport (\$17 single, \$33 rtn. Senior) to Southern Cross Station. PT Vic: <u>https://classic.ptv.vic.gov.au/</u> then Lilydale or Belgrave trains to Blackburn sta. (Myki \$6/3 + fare \$4.40/2.20 ~ 75min to Sta. +15min to site). We can collect people from Blackburn Sta. (North side).

Airport bus Eastside: <u>www.airportbus.com.au</u> \$35 single (stop: Blackburn Sta. then as above)

We may be able to offer an airport pick-up for *small* numbers up to 11am (co-ordinate arrivals with others, email request & pick-up time with registration and consider a donation to Vic branch).

### Please note Registration closes Mon 15 April

- *the conference team:* Maria J Garrido, Andy Mardes, David Morgan, Brendan Rayson, Claire L Hayashi

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## PROGRAM Stepping into the Unknown ...

## 10-12 MAY 2019 Templestowe. Vic

### Anthroposophical Society in Australia

| Friday 10 May                                                               | Saturday 11 May                                                                                     | Sunday 12 May                                                      |
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|                                                                             | 9:30 harmonizing – singing / movement                                                               | 9:30 harmonizing – singing / movement                              |
|                                                                             | 10:00 work groups – session II 'air'<br>our macro to micro questions                                | 9:45 closing group - session IV 'earth'<br>engaging - transforming |
|                                                                             | 11:00 break                                                                                         | 10:45 break                                                        |
|                                                                             | 11:30 work groups – session III 'water'<br>our micro questions – engaging                           | 11:15 groups - sharing 5-6 x 10 min [75 min]                       |
|                                                                             | 12:30 pause & stretch                                                                               | 12:30 pause & stretch [in silence]                                 |
|                                                                             | 12:35 ASinA leadership forms:<br>conference conversation [25 min]                                   | 12:35 "listening together" [in silence] [25 min]                   |
|                                                                             | 13:00 lunch                                                                                         | 13:10 harmonizing to close, FSM                                    |
| 14:00 register / orient / meet & greet                                      | 14:30 Annual General Meeting - ASinA [90 min]                                                       | <b>13:20</b> Depart                                                |
| 14:45 opening welcome                                                       |                                                                                                     |                                                                    |
| 14:50 harmonizing – singing / movement                                      |                                                                                                     |                                                                    |
| 15:00 "stepping into the unknown" - seed thoughts presenter viewpoints, FSM |                                                                                                     |                                                                    |
| 16:05 break                                                                 | 16:00 break                                                                                         |                                                                    |
| 16:35 work groups-session I 'fire'<br>FSM part II - macro questions         | 16:30 'breathing out' – outdoor observation, singing,<br>'Bothmer' gym., creative, themed workshops |                                                                    |
| 17:35 free time possible visits MRSS, MTC, optional 'reserve walk' [guided] | 17:30 initiatives, networking,<br>games, informal discussion time                                   |                                                                    |
| 18:00 dinner                                                                | 18:00 dinner                                                                                        |                                                                    |
| 19:30 eurythmy performance Birgith.                                         | 19:30 music evening Vincent Ward et al.                                                             |                                                                    |
| 20:30~ close                                                                | 20:30~ close                                                                                        |                                                                    |