



# Theosophy in Wanganui

The Newsletter of the Wanganui Branch of the Theosophical Society in New Zealand

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## BRANCH PROGRAMME

SEPT – DEC 2009

**Aug 30<sup>th</sup> 4.00pm Members Meeting (Important)** We would really appreciate your attendance at this meeting to help decide how we want to move forward as a Branch as far as building and funding issues go. Please come listen to ideas, suggestions and also contribute your ideas so that as a membership. Wanganui TS can create an informed mandate for upcoming branch representatives to work towards.

**Sept 12-13** Weekend with Vicente Hao Chin (president of Philippine Section) see programme below.

**Sept 20 - 2.00pm** An hour of inspiration and peace in honour of International Peace Day (21 Sept). With the gift of her beautiful voice and inspired words Claire will help us experience the Spirit of Peace. This will be a lovely combined Baha'i and Theosophical event.

**Oct 11 – 2.00pm.** Spiritual companionship with Jenni Wright. Spiritual companionship, involves gently walking alongside another person as they explore and define their uniquely personal connection to life, their higher Self or source of being. As we begin to uncover, and connect to aspects of ourselves that have been unexamined we begin to propel ourselves into more healing relationships and better overall health.

**Oct 18 – 2.00pm** Neuro Linguistic Programming (NLP) is both a communication process and a set of tools which enables you to influence, communicate and respond so effectively that you can empower every aspect of your life. Gloria Warrender will do a demonstration of NLP in action and also discuss and answer any questions you may have about the process

**Oct 24-26 Family Camp near Wanganui.** New addition to programme. See more info below.

**Nov 8 - 2.00pm** an Afternoon of Poetry with Doug Campbell and Vicki Weston. A semi classical, semi Humorous session of poetry.

**Nov 22 – 2.00pm** Adyar- A personal Perspective, with Sushma Webber, who will come up from Wellington to share with us from her experience of living and working there. Adyar is the International Headquarters of the Theosophical Society, located in Chennai, India.

**Dec 6 – 12.00pm Christmas Gathering**

## Vic Hao Chin Weekend in Wanganui

We have a big weekend coming up at Gifford House on September 12<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> with the visit of Vic Hao Chin (president of the Philippines) giving a series of presentations at our branch. There will be TS members attending from Wellington, Palmerston North, New Plymouth, and Auckland. I feel very fortunate that we are able to host this event.

In the programme below you will see that Wanganui members are responsible for providing a vegetarian lunch on both Saturday and Sunday, this needn't be anything complicated just simple finger foods and maybe a soup and some buns. If you can help with a plate of food for these lunches please let me know ASAP on 3466141 so we can coordinated with one another.

I strongly encourage all our members to come and take part in the weekend; Vic is an exceptional person who lives a truly theosophical life. He is a very inspiring Theosophist, presenter, author, and creator of "The Process of Self-Transformation". If you wish to find out more about Vic and the types of service he is involved in please visit <http://www.selftransformation.net>

We look forward to seeing you soon. Janine Sullenberger 3466141

### Saturday 12 Sept 09

10.30am - **Meet n greet**

10.40am – **Meditation**

11.00am - **Theosophy and the Problems of Society.** *An exploration of the role of the ageless wisdom and the TS in seeking the long term transformation of human society.*

1.00pm - *Lunch* (to be provided by Wanganui branch.)

2.30pm - **Root Causes and Symptoms** *five factors we must look into when undertaking project and programmes for change.*

5.30pm – **Dinner** (local restaurant with vegetarian options)

7.30pm – **The Moulding of our Destiny** *-How our thoughts and conditionings greatly determine our destiny and what are the factors that can free us from such imprisonment.*

This presentation will be advertised and open to the community.

### Sunday 13 Sept 09

9.30am – **Meditation**

9.50am – **Theosophical Education** *An educational approach that does not merely adapt to current social demands but looks into the long term growth and welfare of the human being.*

11.30am - **Workshop** so that the members can discuss or brainstorm about possible work directions in the future based on what ideas have been taken up in the previous four talks.

12.30pm **Lunch** (provided by Wanganui Branch)

2.00pm - **Meditation: Its Practice and obstacles** *an exploration of the purpose and obstacles in the practice of meditation.*

4.00pm (ish) end of programme

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## **Family Camps On Again, near Wanganui!**

TS Family Camps in New Zealand used to be an enjoyable feature of the Theosophical Society year in NZ. After a time of quiet, they have sprung forth again out of the energy and inspiration of Vic Hao Chin's visit to New Zealand.

The first one is set, then, for Labour Day weekend and it's open to all TS members. Cost is \$30.00 per person for the weekend. Food additional and cooking /tidying is our responsibility. Bookings are essential as numbers will be limited.

Time: October 24, 2009 at 10:30am to October 26, 2009 at 1:30pm  
Location: Green Pastures Camp, Rapanui Road (527), Wanganui  
(This is 50m before Basin Botanical Gardens)  
Camp site info and map: <http://greenpastures.comfypage.com/index.php>

Contact Janine at [chookrun@xnet.co.nz](mailto:chookrun@xnet.co.nz) for bookings or to help with planning etc.  
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Check out <http://theos-newzealand.ning.com/events/family-camp> to see the event notice and lots of other interesting things happening in the TS.

### **COMMITTEE / MEMBERS MEETING**

30 Aug at 4.00pm

#### **Every Wednesday**

Meditation 10.30am – 11.00am  
Discussion 11.00am – 12.00pm  
Shared lunch (soup) 12.00pm onwards

#### **Library open**

Every Wednesday 12.30pm – 2.30pm

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