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Convention Begins Wellington Branch 2009 Activities

The National Convention for the Theosophical Society in New Zealand created a dynamic beginning for Wellington Branch 2009 year in January. With its theme of 'Intuition on the Path' there was wide scope for discussion, contemplation and insight along with a lot of fun and companionship with other members from around the country. Wellington Branch hosted the convention at Scots College in Strathmore over six days and for branch members a highlight was the public presentation in the TS Hall in Marion Street, from the Adelaide-based clinical psychologist Rosanne DeBats. Her subject *Mind and Brain: the Science and Mystery of Consciousness*, attracted almost 80 people – standing at the back, they were! Rosanne and all presenters provided a great programme and there was often penetrating discussion. A feature mentioned by our visiting guests was the trip to Matiu-Somes Island in Wellington Harbour. Successful even on a windy day! Look out for details of next year's convention in Napier.

First Term Programme

Our first term programme brings more intriguing areas for theosophical understanding. Whatever the subject, old or new, there are always further insights which can be gained through presenters and in discussions. We are pleased to welcome as a new Wellington resident TS member, William (Bill) Keidan from the Perth Lodge. He is a prominent theosophical speaker with a range of subjects and some are being included in this year's Wellington programme.

Specialist Activities

There is a lot to attract the enquiring mind! Check the programme listings and also see the activities additional to the Tuesday night presentations. These include yoga, mantra chanting and a Wednesday night study group with Allan Morse. We also hope to encourage sessions for younger people and children.

Best wishes for another enjoyable year in theosophy. And to the several Wellington members who contributed so well in assisting with preparing for and running the TSNZ Convention, *many thanks!*

– Clive Conland, president.

The 2009 School of Theosophy, at the Tauhara Centre, Acacia Bay, Taupo; 3rd to 8th April.

Theme: Perennial Wisdom – Tools for Transformation The principal tutor is Dara Tatray, President of the Theosophical Society in Australia. TSNZ is fortunate to have this consummate class leader and writer to conduct the school. So make your booking now for what will be another special event.

The cost for members is \$365 plus registration \$25 each, including all meals and shared accommodation. Camping space & single rooms available.

Register now through TS National Office at hq@theosophy.org.nz or 'phone 09 523 179

The Branch Committee for 2008/09 has the following members:

Clive Conland, president; Allan Morse, vice-president; Sabine Galvin, secretary; Russell Graham, treasurer; Silvia Soto-Bussard, librarian; Jo Barnsdale, Trevor Cunningham, Jenny Geelan, Brian Hart, Diane Morse, Brett Macdonald, Willow Lloyd-Smith and Simon Webber. Any of these will be happy to answer your questions or hear comments. They can be contacted direct or a message left on TS phones : 04-478 0966 or 04-233 0406

Whether in a speck of dust, or in a leaf or flower, or in the least living thing, it is the One Life which exists as the innermost reality, the truth of truths

– N. Sri Ram, former International President of the Theosophical Society