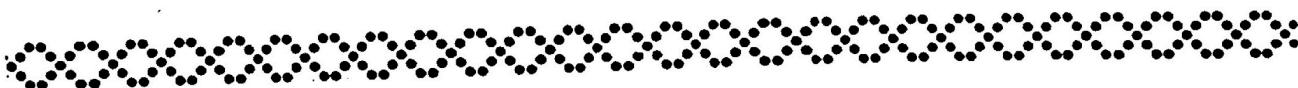




4th OCT '97

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THE SMOKE CLOUD OVER MALAYSIA

Please spare a thought during Navaratri for our brothers and sisters in Malaysia and Indonesia (as you know, John and Gulshan Fisher have just moved there). Forest fires and now the unquenchable fire burning in the peat layers in Indonesia are causing a smoke 'lid' on the already bad urban pollution in Malaysia. A recent phone call to Katy, Ivan Tan's wife, reveals that Ivan, Having gone out of the house without a face mask the other day, became quite sick. Such illness and the accompanying distress of having to stay indoors in closed-up houses is a hardship that thankfully is unknown to us here - though what of the approaching summer? Please commit this negativity to your havan fires and your shoe-beating during the coming time of Navaratri - when we do our best to lend support to the MahaDevi bringing light where formerly there was darkness.

Michael

HAVAN AT NEW ASHRAM

All are invited to Havan on next Friday the 10th of October at
24, Torrington road
Strathfield.
At 7.30 PM.

Programme

Friday 31/10
registration
supper

Saturday 1/11
meditation & breakfast
preparation concert
lunch
preparation concert
havan (2.30pm)
dinner (5.30pm)
Concert programme (7pm):
dance
play
music

Sunday 2/11
meditation & breakfast
preparation
puja (11am)
puja meal (2pm)

Close:
Site tidy up and departure.

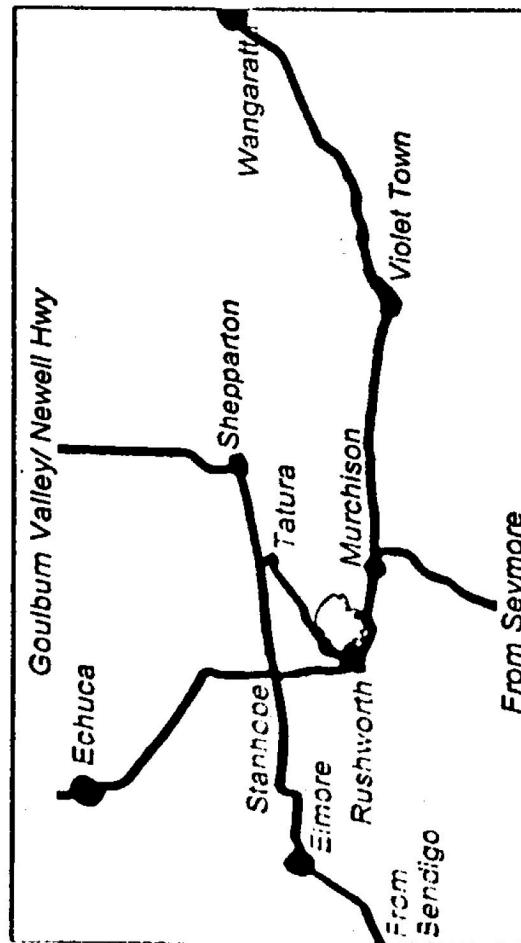
Monday 3/11

*Melbourne public programme.
Details to be announced.*

How to get there:

Address:
Waranga Holiday camp
Tatura Road
Rushworth Victoria 3612
Ph: 014 854 939

NB: Everyone please bring your own plate knife fork spoon and mug.



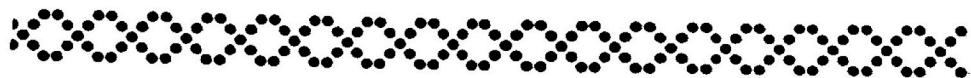
An invitation to attend an Australian Sahaja Yoga celebration...



Diwali Puja 1997

31st Oct to 2nd Nov

Waranga - Victoria



Diwali

Diwali is the celebration of the birth of Shri Laxmi, born out of the primordial ocean. It is also the time of the birth of Lord Jesus on the darkest night. This is why lamps are lit followed by the celebrations of the new year of the ancient Indian calendar (Shalivahanas). After Shri Laxmi was born the moon was also born (as a two day old moon) from the same ocean. This is the moon that was placed on Shri Siva's head to cool him down after he drank all the poison that had come out during the churning of the primordial ocean that produced Shri Laxmi and the crescent moon, as well as many other wonders.

The five day festival of Diwali takes place towards the end of the twenty day period following Dussehra, the time when Lord Rama slew Ravana at the end of Navatri:

Day 1 - Dhantrayodashi (13th day of the moon)

This is the day on which Shri Laxmi was born from the primordial ocean. She was born as Shri Gruha Laxmi and so on this day gifts for the house should be given to the Gruha Laxmi (housewife) of the home.

Day 2 - Narak Chaturdashi (14th day of the moon)

On this day the evil raksasa Narakasura was killed. This is the day when Hell is opened out so that raksasas can be put in Hell. Sahaja yogis are advised to go to bed very early and get up quite late the next day.

Day 3 - Dipawali (15th day of the moon)

This day is the celebration of Rama's return to his kingdom and his coronation. It is also the darkest night when there is no moon. Lord Jesus (MahaVisnu) was born at 2 am on this darkest of nights. On this night lights are to be lit in every room of the house and a Shri Laxmi puja celebrated. That is why this day is called Dipawali - Festival of lights.

Day 4 - New Year (1st day of the new moon)

In Maharashtra, the forefathers of Shri Mataji, the Shalivanas, celebrate the new year from this day. There is a custom in Maharashtra of putting a shawl and a kumbha (water-pot) on the end of a pole outside the house on that day.

Day 5 - Bhaubeej (2nd day of the new moon)

This day celebrates the birth of the moon from the primordial ocean. He is the brother of Shri Laxmi because he was born at the same time. So for us he is our maternal uncle and he is recognised as the brother of all the Goddesses. On this day Rakhi sisters from Raksha Bandhan honour their brothers.

Sahaja Yogis might like to celebrate Diwali with lights lit outside their houses, on the doorsteps, during the five day period. Or set off firecrackers to send the demons back to Hell on the darkest night. Or put up the kumbha and shawl. Or all of the above. But the gift for the Gruha Laxmi should not be seen as an option.

Bolo Bhagawati Shri Lakshmi Vishnu
Shri Adi Shakti Mataji
Shri Nirmala Devi
Ki Jai

Please return registration by

October 10th to:

Peter & Sandra Corpe

7 Sweetland St.

Mooroolbark 3138

or fax: (03) 9545 3307

phone: (03) 9726 9201

Family name.....

Family members attending:

(1).....

(2).....

(3).....

(4).....

Any special needs:

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Weekend cost including Dakshina

Adults \$108

Children (5 -16) \$20

Concession \$54

Total amount \$ _____

Please indicate method of payment:

cheque enclosed (Sahaja Yoga Victoria)

mailed

will pay on arrival

We shall need billets in Melbourne for
the Public program on Monday.