

APPROX. DISTANCE FOR NSW COUNTRY TOUR IN KILOMETERS

Date	Day	Town	Time	DISTANCE - BETWEEN TOWNS	DISTANCE FROM SYDNEY
3-Feb	Wed	Wollongong	7.30pm	80	84
4-Feb	Thurs	Nowra	9.30am	70	
4-Feb	Thurs	Ulladulla	1.00pm	50	246
4-Feb	Thurs	Batemans Bay	7.30 pm	140	298
5-Feb	Frid	Bega	11.00am	100	446
5-Feb	Frid	Cooma	3.00pm	112	419
6-Feb	Sat	Wodonga	11.00am	150	591
7-Feb	Sund	Wagga Wagga	11.00am	150	492
8-Feb	Mond	Young	10.00am	120	372
8-Feb	Mond	Forbes	7.00 pm	110	396
9-Feb	Tues	Bathurst	9.15 am	180	209
9-Feb	Tues	Orange	1.30 pm	60	262
9-Feb	Tues	Dubbo	7.00 pm	150	418
10-Feb	Wed	Coonabarrabran	11.00am	160	578
10-Feb	Wed	Tamworth	7.00 pm	210	419
11-Feb	Thurs	Armidale	11.00 am	110	528
11-Feb	Thurs	Dorrig	6.00 pm	120	
12-Feb	Frid	Macksville	10.00 am	80	465
12-Feb	Frid	Grafton	4.00 pm	150	657
13-Feb	Sat	Coffs Harbour	10.00 am	80	574
14-Feb	Sun	Sydney			574



Country tour

Any Sahaja Yogi that can't afford to do full tour could be subsidised and assistance will be given in petrol cost if anyone wants to bring their own car. Total cost approx. for full tour 11 days = \$200/-



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"But witness state is not a mental state. It is a state of a spiritual ascent where you become a witness. Best way to practice witness state is not to criticize anyone.....
Actually, there's nothing to be criticized You have no right to criticize anyone or anything. But some people think if you do not criticize, then it will go on like this and it will never stop. It's not that.... With that enlightened attention you can just watch and stop the nonsense that is there. But we are always conscious that we are something great and we have to do this and we have to do that. Under these circumstances, what happens is that you become another problem. Because what can you do? You can't do anything. But what you can do is to watch."

HH Shri Mataji Nirmala Devi
Krishna Puja 1998

SHIVARATRI PUJA & BIRTHDAY PUJA- DELHI, INDIA

Programmes & Accommodation are currently being planned for Nizamuddin Scout Ground.

Shivaratri Puja

As announced in Ganapatipule, Shivaratri Puja will be held in Delhi.

Music programme: 13th Feb, 1999, Saturday

Puja: 14th Feb, 1999, Sunday

Cost for 2 days: Adults US \$211, Children US \$65

76th Birthday Celebrations & Puja

Music programme: 19th-20th Mar 1999, Friday

Puja: 21st Mar 1999, Sunday

Cost: Adults US\$225, Children US\$70

Costs include accommodation and Puja Dakshina. Additional stay will be charged Rs 325 per day, and can be paid in Rupees. Other cost to be paid in US\$ or UK pounds.

ANYBODY WISHING TO ATTEND Shivaratri Puja should contact Hari Gaikwad by Feb 3rd at the latest. For Birthday Puja contact Avinash or Tracy Nickkawde ph:9476 4271

Gidgegannup Report

Recently a number of developments have taken place with the Gidgegannup Ashram in Perth, which is of national interest.

The Gidgegannup ashram building is a huge hangar that rests amidst the most picturesque location you are likely to find anywhere, in an area known as the Darling Ranges about 50 minutes from the centre of Perth. It is nestled in the hills, built on land owned by Jo & Robin Reid, who live in an adjoining property and whose little spot of paradise extends 500 acres, backing on to Walunga national park. It is truly a sublime environment, and all visitors who come and stay testify to its magnificence, its grandeur and serenity, and the stillness and power of the vibrations.

Recently approval from council for land sub division of 50 acres was granted. This means that the substantial financial burden can be lifted from Jo & Robin Reid, and Sahaja Yoga has the opportunity to take property ownership and to make it a truly collective place, in every sense of the word.

With this in mind the yogis living here were asked to prepare an album of photographs and reflections/poetry etc expressing their feelings about Gidgegannup which could then be presented to Shri Mataji.

Verily they went to work and produced an album with photos capturing some of the beauty of the place and of people attending a Sahaja Yoga seminar, as well as photos of those living here, with their reflections and poetry alongside. A summary of the recent developments and financial situation of the property was included also so that we could receive Shri Mataji's consideration and advice as to the best course of action, particularly in regard to financial matters.

Amazingly, prior to the album being presented to Shri Mataji in Kalwe, Jo and Robin Reid were speaking with Her in Ganipatipule about Gidgegannup. Shri Mataji commented many times that it was such a beautiful place. The matter of the sub division was raised and Shri Mataji was informed that the outstanding lease on the building was \$360,000, She asked how much the land was. When informed that the land itself (50 acres) was a gift from the Reid's and that the total outstanding lease for property and building was \$360,000, Shri Mataji responded that this was not expensive and that the Australian's could easily afford it.

Following this, at the puja in Kalwe Craig Armstrong and Jo Reid thus presented the album, along with the gift from Australia (an exquisite Czechoslovakian vase) to Shri Mataji. Shri Mataji responded very affirmatively looking intently and with great joy at each photograph and said "I've been here, I know this place". She also commented on how much it had changed and developed since She had been here.

Those of us that are currently living in Gidgegannup and who shared our love of the place in the album, naturally feel very positive and enthused that Mother has given her blessing for Sahaja Yoga to go ahead with the acquisition. We feel that there is so much that can be achieved here for Sahaja Yoga. Many people have described this

amazing environment as another Vashi of the future. Recently established yogis have been using the place as a retreat for inner deepening, healing, clearing. As this is being written some 12 people are staying here; some new, some established, one from Sydney, one from Exmouth, the rest from Perth. One yogi who is staying says that the vibrations are so strong that one meditation here is like a year where he comes from and is so endeared with the place that he has donated \$1500.

We are now entering an exciting phase where Sahaja Yoga can take title over the ashram and we can start to use it more and more for seminars, follow up programs, a time out sanctuary for established yogis and a nurturing ground for new ones.

We feel very privileged and blessed that we are here, and we invite all Sahaja Yogis to come and experience the beauty and the bliss of this well kept secret. Our attention is now turning to what the best options are for financing this place and how we can best use it to spread our Mothers Divine Dharma.

Jai Shri Mataji

Your brothers and sisters in Perth.

Congratulations !!!

Graham and Leela Brown have been blessed with the birth of a Baby boy on the 18th January. He weighs 3.27kgs. All well and healthy.



Working Bee at Burwood

To paint the meditation room.
Sunday 24th January 99. Starts 9 am. Lunch provided

SHIVRATRI PUJA '99

The Shivratri puja will be on the 13th Feb. '99 at 3pm at the 10 Clarence St. Burwood.

Indian Dance Lessons

Jai Shri Mataji

To all my sweet brothers and sisters - If any of you is interested to learn the divine art form of Indian Classical Dance - Bharat-natyam style please give me a ring. It's for all people and everyone can do, it's lots of joy.

Jessica Miller

Ph: (02) 4232 1819.

P.S: Lessons will be run in Sydney even though I'm from Wollongong. (The phone no is Wollongong no.)

BHAJANS

Burwood 7:30
Friday 29th
Ragas and Bhajans