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Sahaja Newsletter

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The valiant one
In his hand holds
The weapon of Truth;
His body with the armor
Of Sahaj he adorns;
This is his chance
To ride upon
The elephant of knowledge,
And for final victory
Through the battlefield advance.

K.G., p.54:8



WAMURAN FUND-RAISING RAFFLE

Funds are needed for the completion of our Divine Mother's building at Wamuran.

We are raffling a return airfare (from anywhere in Australia or New Zealand) to Brisbane, plus accommodation for one on the property at Wamuran.

The raffle is to be drawn at the end of January. The winner's trip to be taken at a time of their choice.



Tickets \$10 each - available soon... don't miss 'em

- Help us put a roof on Shri Mother's house -

Contacts: <i>(so far!)</i>	Adelaide	Greg Noone	(08) 297 5474
	Cairns	Lyn Roles	(070) 342 488
	Melbourne	Debbie Miller	(058) 751 861
	Perth	Colleen Mahony	(09) 382 1983
	New Zealand	Pam Lean (Christchurch)	355 4304
	Sydney	Susi Hutchings	(02) 747 7835

Or order direct:
from Brisbane

Coordinators	Kim Pearce	(074) 966 716
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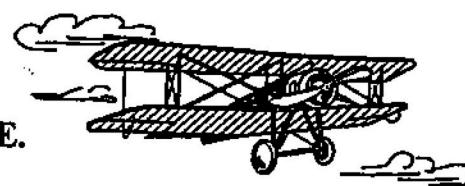
INDIA TOUR RAFFLE

We are very pleased to announce that this year's winner of the India Tour Raffle is - Paul Henwood.

Paul, of Golden Builder's fame, has put in many hours of work building for Sahaja Yoga in Australia, England and in India at the school at Dharamashala. Paul will be going on this year's tour.



**CONGRATULATIONS PAUL
- HAVE A WONDERFUL TIME.**



Thank you very much to all the ticket sellers for a job well done. \$3,600 was raised - \$3,500 going to the winner, and \$100 going to the building fund for Shri Mataji's property at Wamuran.

Until next year, lots of love from Kim & Wendy, and the Brisbane collective.

**P.S. Any "Brick-maker's" out there?
Ring Uncle Albert on 074/966 716**

A WOMAN'S GATHERING IN BOMBALA

Close to the Victorian border, in picturesque countryside, Sahaja Yoga has been asked to give a presentation. We have a new Yogini, Jill, living here. Jill got her Realisation and came to four public programs and then went back to Bombala after having - "a one day everything you can learn to start a new centre in a far away place by yourself session". By Shri Mother's Grace, Jill has been successful in establishing her self-realisation, and has one other lady who meditates regularly with her.

They have been giving realisation to many of their friends, and have been asked to present Sahaja Yoga at the Festival. The Festival is being held on November 18th to November 20th. Any ladies who would be interested in travelling down to Bombala and camping overnight, please call Deb Keetley on 042 671 357 soon.

Dear Sahaja Yogis ,

The center of S.Y. in Japan moved to a nice 4 rooms house with a cute little garden and a view to a vegetables plantation. We can see the Mount Fuji if the weather is nice. We have a meditation room and a guest room so deep yogis passing by are welcome!

It is incredible how everything happened so easily and smoothly. Sri Mataji, during her visit to Japan, had told us that we should move away from the center of Tokyo. So that's it ,we are in Yokohama! It is 40 minutes from Tokyo Station and the vibrations are quite cool.

The new address is :

Bruno Jatoba Descaves
GUMISAWA 7-6-30
TOTSUKA-KU
YOKOHAMA JAPAN 245
Tel & Fax : 81-45-861 8087

JAY JAY SHRI MATAJI

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**NAVARATRI CELEBRATIONS
IN N.S.W.**

On the First Night we started our celebrations with a Havan at Roseville Ashram. We prayed to Shri Mataji in the forms of Shri Ganesha and Shri Mahakali to remove all obstacles. This event was full of strong vibrations culminating in a joyous feeling all round. Afterwards, Bhajan practice was held.

On the Second Night, a Friday night, a Maha Havan was organised by people who live outside the Ashrams. The Yogis prayed to Shri Mataji as Shri Durga Mata to remove our bad habits and conditionings. Individuals offered some major world problems to the fire.

The Third Night saw "Music of Joy" in full strength, in Sydney's city centre. It was really melodious and very joyful! The Indian and Western musical feast, fulfilled the hearts of people whose faces beamed with satisfaction and bliss.

The Fourth Day was the MahaPuja Day. Early that morning people proceeded to the Newcastle Festival. The Realisation stall was up and running whilst the musicians played for all. Around 2.30pm everyone gathered in Pelaw Main, at Jacqueline and Catherine's place for the Puja itself. This large hall was the perfect setting, and was beautifully decorated for the purpose. The MahaPuja to Shri Mataji, in the form of Shri Durga Mata, was performed. Shri Mataji poured forth Her loving vibrations on all. Due to these strong vibrations, the Bhajans were so "alive" that everyone started dancing in a way that words cannot express. This was a particularly strong Puja. We surrender to You, Shri Mataji, again and again!!

The Fifth Night saw collective gatherings and meditations in our homes and Ashrams.

The Sixth Night heralded the concert of Pandit Prababhar Karekar. He is a well known professional vocalist from India. He started his performance with "Raga Malkauns", then carried the magical evening forward with beautifully devotional Bhajans. It was a mixed gathering, with new people from various centres attending.

The Seventh Evening saw the Havan at Hurstville Ashram, in Sydney's southern suburbs. We prayed to Shri Mataji in the form of Shri Durga to remove all the negativity hindering the work of Sahaja Yoga around the world. After the Havan singing was then devoted to the glories of our Mother Shri Bhavani.

The Eighth Night was marked by a MahaMeditation at Burwood. Doing this meditation we thanked Shri Mataji for everything. It proved to be a deep experience and everyone sang the praises of the Goddess from the Sanskrit translations and some by heart. It was a wonderful experience. At the end, we all spontaneously sang the Bhajans without even music.

The Last Day saw the Victory celebration. A symbolic effigy of Ravana was expertly prepared by Subash, David & Andrew. This seven-foot demon was rightly burned, as onlookers cheered and shouted with victory.

After which, a small Puja was performed and the Shri Rama Kavach was read.

All the Sahaja Yogis thank Our Great Mother, Shri Mataji Nirmala Devi, for giving us unending power and joy!!!!

"BULO SHRI RAKSHANAKARATI SHRI MATAJI,
SHRI NIRMALA DEVI NAMO NAMAH"



**PROPOSAL TO OBTAIN A COLLECTIVE PROPERTY
IN THE COUNTRY FOR SAHAJA YOGA
(EXTRACT)**

Basic Proposal

That a number of Sahaja Yogi's establish a Group to purchase a country property, say for example 6 foundation members. Say these persons all put in the same amount of money for the actual acquisition of the property, we get 6 equal share holders. It is then envisaged to create a 7th share which would be given to Sahaja Yoga.

Thus we have a property that Sahaja Yoga not only has use of, but part ownership without outlaying any money. It is envisaged that as Sahaja Yoga funds build, it can have an option to buy out the other foundation members of the group if they wish to sell, with the idea that maybe one day Sahaja Yoga will own the property outright, although this will depend on the ability to buy out the other members and the other members wishing to sell. It would still be possible for the other members to sell to other Sahaja Yogi's or back to the original group, after first giving Sahaja Yoga the option.

As this should not be looked upon as a profit making venture by the initial contributing members, yet still be designed to protect their "investment", some fair scheme would need to be worked out to establish the value of each members stake and what it could be sold for etc. Hopefully this removes any speculation and helps to keep everything clear. This could be linking the value to the C.P.I. or inflation increases, setting some yearly percentage increase levels etc.

Basically each contributing members financial involvement would be in 2 different areas.....

1. As a shareholder in the actual land, in which Sahaja Yoga will be a share holder.
2. As a shareholder in the improvements (buildings, houses, facilities etc), which will vary according to what's on the property to begin with, and with each members requirements for housing etc, and financial involvement.

So in the property, there are also 2 different interests in regards to the use of the property, even though they are linked and common in many ways. These are the interests (both financial and usage) of Sahaja Yoga, and the initial founding members.

Basically the foundation members interests are some or all of the following :

- to pool resources together to establish a method by which Sahaja Yoga gets a country property, for use to cover the variety of purposes as previously discussed.

- a place to live in the country that is collective with other Yogi's, for themselves and their families, with the added bonus and potential to realise something very important for Sahaja Yoga and Sahaja Yogi's. (although not all foundation members may wish to live there if they choose)

- a genuine financial and collective commitment to see that the scheme works and is a success. It is envisaged that these people will be committed to not only putting effort into their own interests (i.e. home and lifestyle etc), but also be a driving force in participating and establishing the Sahaja Yoga side of the concept i.e. helping to establish facilities, activities and an environment so the other Sahaja Yogi's can utilise the property for whatever purposes are going to be beneficial for Sahaja Yoga and Sahaja Yogi's.



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MOUNT DRUITT IN MARKETOWN
SAT. 29th OCTOBER - 9.00am - 3pm

SHOALHAVEN FESTIVAL
SAT. 29th OCTOBER - 12.00 till 8pm
Contact 044 218 878

GYMEA FESTIVAL - WARBORUN ST., (off Park)
SAT. 29th OCTOBER - 9.00am to 4.00pm
Contact Hurstville Ashram 570 8562
SUNDAY 30th OCTOBER
HELENSBURG FESTIVAL - in the middle of the town. 9.00am - 4.00pm
Contact Andrew Perusco 042 851 894