

THE AUSTRALIAN STRATHFIELD

Sahaja Newsletter



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BURWOOD SATURDAY NIGHT PROGRAMME ROSTER

START DATE: 3RD FEB 1996

BURWOOD (CLARENCE ST)

BURWOOD (NEICHE PDE)

CENTRAL COAST

YUVA SHAKTI (HAVEN 24.2.96)

CHATSWOOD

COOGEE

GORDON

HABERFIELD

HOMEBUSH

HORNSBY

HURSTVILLE

KATOOMBA

LEWISHAM

LINDFIELD

LINDFIELD EAST

MT KU-RING-GAI

NORTHMEAD

ROSEVILLE

STRATHFIELD (BERESFORD ST)

STRATHFIELD (NICHOLSON ST)

WOOLAHRA

WOLLONGONG

JAI SHRI MATAJI



Feb 2, 1996

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For this week's Newsletter.
many thanks from Charles Tiralongo

Advertising for Shri Mataji's Public Programme.

The bus and railway advertising for the 4th March programme is underway! Over the next few days posters will begin to appear on buses and in railway stations throughout Sydney.

Bus Advertising.

There are a total of 110 colour posters (8' x 2') going on buses throughout Sydney. 10 posters will be on private buses operating in the Parramatta area. 100 posters (2 posters per bus) will go on government buses operating out of 9 depots. The depots are Brookvale, Burwood, Kingsgrove, Leichhardt, Mona Vale, North Sydney, Botany, Ryde and Waverley. All government buses travel into the city as part of their daily route.

Railway Station Advertising.

The following railway station will have 1 x 2 metre backlit color posters (35 total):

Bondi Jct (2)	Burwood	Campbelltown	Campsie
Central (2)	Chatswood	Edgecliff (2)	Epping
Hurstville	Ingleburn	Kingsgrove	Kogarah
Liverpool	Martin Place (3)	Milsons Point	Parramatta (2)
Penrith	Punchbowl	Redfern	Wynyard (2)
Rockdale	Sydenham	Town Hall (2)	others TBA

If you see any damaged posters or they go missing between now and 4th March please advise Robert Monaghan on tel 747 4835 so we can get the problem fixed.



Donations for Advertising Fund

An ANZ account has been opened for accepting donations for the Advertising of Shri Mataji's forthcoming tour. By quoting the following information you can go into any ANZ Bank in Australia and make a donation.

SAHAJA YOGA ADVERTISING FUND

Branch : ANZ BURWOOD
BSB No: 012 245
Account No: 5524 69157

Alternatively, you can give donations to Susi Hutchings or Robert Hutcheon at Burwood.

P.S.

Any Cheques should be made payable to:
"Sahaja Yoga Advertising Fund"

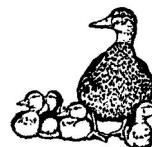


News from the South Coast

New peoples programmes are being held at Rocky Hall (50 kms West of Eden).

7 Seekers have had their self-realization, the vibrations were great. Rocky Hall area is a greenie and alternate lifestyle strong hold on the South Coast!

- Alfred Hewitt.



BABY NEWS

Congratulations to Joanna & Vinay Srivastava on the arrival of their baby daughter this morning at 3am (2/2/96) Western Australia.

Reports are, that she weighs 8lbs, has lots of black hair and her daddy's nose!
Mother, baby and Daddy are all doing fine.



Bajan Practice

Wednesday night
7.30 p.m.

Gordon ashram.
Everybody welcome.

Tour News

Over the last few weeks the working group has been very busy finding venues for the follow-up programmes that will be held after Shri Mataji's Sydney public programme.

The following is a short summary of our findings and thoughts. If you would like to contribute your advice/opinion please don't hesitate to call me on 747 2820.

Two rooms have been booked at Darling Harbour for Wednesday 6th March. (Each room, individually, was too small for the expected turn out. Ideas to work the two rooms are being expressed now - no decision has been reached.)

It is felt, that in offering a "2nd Chance" follow-up more seekers will take the opportunity to come along for the 1st or 2nd time.

This "2nd venue" will be held in 8 Suburban locations on Sunday 10/3. These venues have been booked and are at Chatswood, Hornsby, Manly, Burwood, Hurstville, Newtown, Woolrahra and Parramatta. These will cover North, South, East, West + Inner West. All Yogis will be invited to attend the Sunday follow-up programme in their area. This is a once only Sunday programme to invite the seekers to an ongoing course in the local ashram (or sometimes, the same venue).

The working group is also responsible for hand-outs at the public programme. It is envisaged that this hand out will be very simple and straightforward. Perhaps a brief outline of Shri Mataji's work & life, and then the details of the Wednesday follow-up at Darling Harbour & the Sunday venues + times. A short list of telephone contacts for North, South, East, West, Inner West + Regional.

As most of the focus seems to be in Sydney metro area we have arranged Sunday programmes for Katoomba + Central Coast areas. Both of these Ashrams will run ongoing courses as will Wollongong.

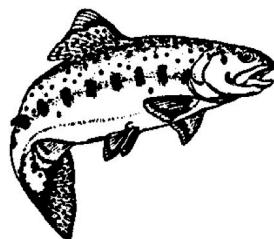
Next week I hope to have all venues, contact Nos + Starting times printed up for all yogis interested in Spreading Sahaja Yoga.

Regards. Sue Raggatt.

WINDANG HOLIDAY

On the long wknd 16 yogis adults and children trekked down the highway to sunny Windang to visit at the Stainsby's house. And what an enjoyable time was had by all! The house is situated between the sea and the lake. The beach was only a short walk over the dunes, and in the late afternoon on Friday we all headed down to the water. The local Sahaja yogis had gathered in the early evening, and we had a lovely Ganesha Puja with the children. The next morning after our meditation and breakfast, we headed off to the lake entrance only 5 mins away. There the water is very warm with many sand bars and some waist deep water-just perfect swimming conditions for the children. We went exploring and swam over to the island where we played with the marine life and saw the pelicans all sitting very nicely.. After a very big lunch we relaxed before heading over the dunes to the beach once again. That evening we had another "barbie" and then got ready for our big adventure.

That night we went prawning. We had to wear long pants, and shoes, take under water lights and big nets to catch the prawns. When you go prawning the weather and the moon have to be just perfect to catch many prawns, and as the conditions were not perfect we caught only 6 prawns. But a lot of fun was had by all as just being in the water at night was exciting. Sunday saw us all again at the lake and this time we took a huge picnic lunch and the canoe and the children had such a wonderful day. As the weather was very mild and not too hot we enjoyed ourselves there all day. We went back and had a nice dinner before heading home to Sydney. The children were asking to stay, so hopefully we can make it back before they leave. Many thanks to our most gracious hosts the Stainsby family. Your love and warmth was felt by all.



This year many people have expressed the desire to handle the Posterling a bit differently to previous years. Posterling and Handbiling are some of the means by which we can manifest our personal desire to fill Darling Harbour for Shri Mataji's Public Program on March 4th.

This is by far the biggest public program we have ever attempted to hold in this country, so in a way, personally each one of us should be inspired to put in our biggest effort ever to ensure that we fill the hall with seekers. What better way to welcome Shri Mataji to our country than to present to Heran auditorium full with 3.500 seekers (with people queuing to get inside).

Shri Mataji travels great distances to bless us with Her physical presence - in a way it is incumbent upon us to do our utmost to present a Public program worthy of Her. That is the motivation behind the advertising campaign this year. Whenever we spend money on such things as advertising we can err on the side of not spending enough, or we can err on the side of perhaps spending too much. In relation to its reflection upon our desire perhaps being too generous maybe better. This is also the motivation behind the collective Posterling and Handbiling which we are organising.

Anyone who has Posterling has found the best approach to take is to do it collectively, this being the case then what better approach could there be than for whole collective en mass Posterling Sydney together on the same day. In this way we help each other, and overwhelm Sydney with our desire and vibrations.

The day chosen for Posterling is Saturday February 17th, the following Saturday February 24th will be a Handbiling day, which is about two weeks before the program. We will have 4000 posters and 30,000 handbills, which will be distributed to the Ashrams and Centres based upon the area they will cover. Next week a list of Ashrams and the areas they will be responsible for will be published.

On Saturday morning of the 17th the Sahaja Yogis of each area will meet at a specified place and poster during the day. We will leave to each Ashram to contact the Yogis, new and old in their area and to rally their support on the day. It will work out to be about 200-300 posters per

Ashram. At the conclusion of the day we can all meet at Burwood for a Bar-B-Q, salad, bhajans and social night where we can spend some time relaxing and enjoying ourselves. Uncle Jo has kindly agreed to provide catering for us all - so come and enjoy - it will also provide us with a opportunity of practising our singing together in readiness for when Shri Mataji is with us.

In regards Posterling some things to keep in mind :

- o The best location is on the inside of shop windows. Offer to place the poster yourself - leaving it with the shopkeeper does not ensure that it will be put up. If Posterling within an area is difficult within shops such as the CBD or major shopping centres then pay heed to any notices prohibiting bill-postering. Do not place posters within shopping malls or shops without the consent of the shopkeeper.
- o Centre management for Shopping malls usually control what their shopkeepers can do. Posters should be delivered or posted to "Centre management" of shopping malls for placement on Community Notices Boards (as well as approaching individual shops).
- o Numbers of Posters should be delivered or posted to each Council in Sydney asking them to put up in the Council's libraries, Community Health Centres, Community Centres, Child Care Centres, Community Information Centres, Cultural Centres, Senior Citizens Centres etc (check the Whites pages for a list of services provided by your local council).
- o Medical Centres usually have notice boards which will take health related notices, as do the major hospitals.
- o Posters can be put on the inside of the rear and side windows of our cars. Our cars travel through the city and are parked at locations throughout the city.
- o Posters, and the small invitations should be sent to hotels, especially those around Darling Harbour as 'something to do' for their guests.
- o When Posterling it helps if you are in groups this helps to maintain ones enthusiasm.

Good luck and happy Posterling and Handbiling one and all

Parramatta - Number of Poster - 350
Co-ordinating Ashram - Northmead

Blue Mountains - Number of Poster - 100
Co-ordinating Ashram - Katoomba

The Greater West - Number of Poster - 400
Co-ordinating Group - 'Yuva Shakti'

The South - Number of Poster - 350
Co-ordinating Ashrams - Coogee

Hurstville - Number of Poster - 250
Co-ordinating Ashram - Hurstville

Northern Peninsula - Number of Poster - 350
Co-ordinating Ashrams - Lindfield / Lindfield East

Mt Colah - Number of Poster - 300
Co-ordinating Groups - Mt Colah / Wahroonga

Gordon - Number of Poster - 350
Co-ordinating Ashrams - Gordon / Roseville

Chatswood - Number of Poster - 300
Co-ordinating Ashram - Chatswood

Woollahra - Number of Poster - 300
Co-ordinating Ashrams - Woollahra

Burwood - Number of Poster - 300
Co-ordinating Ashrams - Burwood / Neich Pde

Strathfield - Number of Poster - 300
Co-ordinating Ashrams - Strathfield / Beresford Rd

Haberfield - Number of Poster - 250
Co-ordinating Ashram - Haberfield

