

THE AUSTRALIAN STRATFIELD

# Sahaja Newsletter



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*You are the beginning, you are the end.  
You are alpha and omega.  
You are the sweet whispering of the birds.  
You are the dance of the wind.  
You are lustre in every colour,  
You are the fragrance of flowers.  
Even when all the flowers turn to dust,  
then also You will remain.*

**SUFI ODES**  
**TO DIVINE MOTHER**

# **COLLECTIVE PICNIC**

*this Sunday (7th July) 11.00am  
Strickland House grounds  
52 Vaucluse Road, Vaucluse*

Please note the changed venue.  
Parking is on Vaucluse Road and  
admission is free. Barbecue facilities  
are not provided, but portable barbecues  
are welcome.

This occasion is to celebrate the  
60th Birthday of our national leader,  
Mr Michael Fogarty.

If Sunday turns out to be a wet day,  
please come to Burwood, where we can  
all fit nicely under cover.



INDIA TOUR 1996.

FULL TOUR.

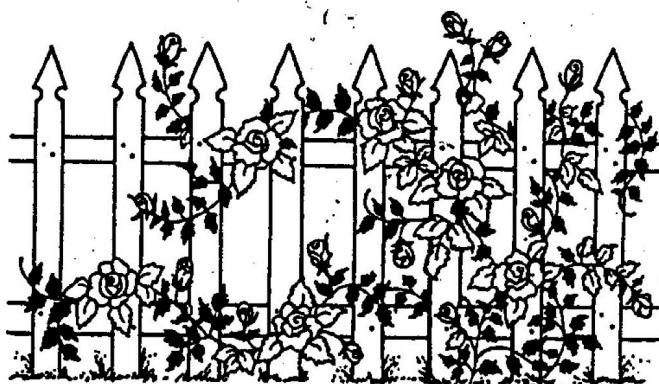
Seats have been reserved on Singapore Airlines departing Sydney for Delhi on 1st December '96 and returning from Bombay (Mumbai) on 2nd January '97. However to confirm these seats, the Airline requires the names of the passengers. Nearly half of these seats have already been allocated. If you intented to go on the tour please notify Peter Brownscombe at Burwood Ashram, immediately. The fare for this flight is \$1,670 (high season rate).

SHORT TOUR.

For the short tour 10 seats have been reserved on the Qantas flight departing Sydney for Bombay on 15th December '96 and returning from Bombay on 2nd January '97. The price for these seats is also \$1,670. Again, please let Peter Brownscombe know soon.

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The Newsletter would like to thank those who responded to the request for financial assistance, we also received a roll of 45¢ stamps, envelopes and photocopy paper. Some yogis supplied self-addressed stamped envelopes for us to send their newsletters in. As we mail over a 100 newsletters each week, any donations will be put to good use. If you would like to help, please contact the Newsletter.



# BHAJAN PRACTICE

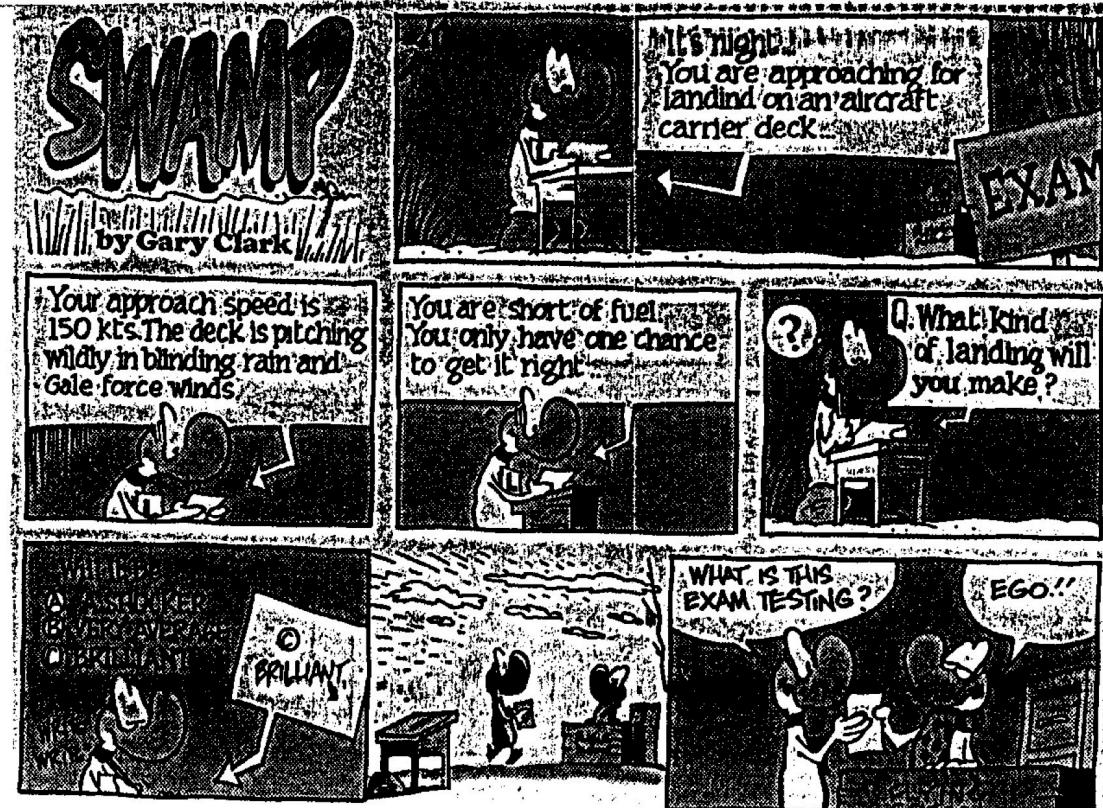
*next Saturday (13th July) 4.00pm  
Burwood Ashram*

A cordial welcome is extended to all yogis who would like to sing bhajans.

*No experience necessary*

#### JOIN THE NEWSLETTER CREW.

Want to help put the Newsletter together? You can learn on the job, no special skills needed. All that is needed is a sense of humour and to turn up at 7.30pm every Friday for 3 hours. For more info ring Carole (02) 560 6921.



Remember about.....?

## GANESHA Puja 1996, Cabella.

Dear Collective,

How are you all?..... amidst yellow pages, colour pages, country properties, Puja set ups, dismantlings, wash ups etc?

Well as I promised last week here is a summary of jobs that need to be done and the name of the coordinator.

We need your help! There is a lot to do. So please call us ASAP.

As you appreciate there are approximately 15 weeks left to accomplish the organisation and the 2 weeks prior that is under the surmise that the date will not change, which is always a possibility!

We look forward to your comments, commitments, activities, suggestions etc. etc.

Ciao!

### GANESHA Puja 1996, Cabella Task responsibles.

#### Joe Solomon.

##### General secretariat and treasury.

- Sending out letters worldwide with comprehensive information regarding the Puja.
- Budget control.
- Collecting all fees, banking; paying of all expenses.

##### Transportation and accommodation:

- Organise collection of International and interstate visitors from Airports, train and bus stations to Cabella and back.
- Organise accommodation for working team in Cabella.
- Be a contact point for all interstate and international visitors in case of need.
- Travel arrangements and accommodation.

#### Entertainment Program:

- Communicate with all interested parties who wish to perform nation wide.
- Finalise the program 6 weeks prior to the Puja.
- Organise all sound and lighting equipment required.
- Organise any other needs of the performers.
- Print a program for H.H. Shri Mataji.
- Organise a MC to conduct the program or be it yourself.
- Check all expenses to stay within the budget.

#### John Tudesco.

##### Registrations:

- Physical registering of attendees on site.
- Allocating sleeping quarters.

##### Catering:

- Prepare the menu for the weekend, this is Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner, Sunday breakfast, lunch and Puja meal.
- Purchase all food and beverage items.
- Rent and or buy cooking utensils other than already available at the camp.
- Organise teams to prepare the meals as well as clean up after the cooking.
- Have permanent water, coffee and tea stations in operation.
- Organise cold drink vending stations.
- Return all rented or borrowed goods.
- Control all spendings stay within allocated budget.
- Food transportation and serving to the attendees.

##### Flowers:

- Purchase flowers sufficient for the whole event.
- Organise people and necessary tools, vases, ribbons etc. to arrange the flowers.
- Ensure that at all times there are flowers either at the altar or where H.H. Shri Mataji is. This includes Her cabin, the car, the concert, the Puja, the walkway to the pendle.
- Make sure that flowers are always fresh.
- Check all expenses to stay within the budget.

##### Cleaning:

- Provide wash up stations after each meal and one for each beverage station.
- Keep a general eye on cleanliness.
- Organise clean up after the event.
- Washing and ironing of H.H. Shri Mataji's clothes.

#### Fred Meyer.

##### Technical services:

- Liaise with all task responsibles regarding technical needs they may have.
- Organise enough man power to complete all tasks and responsibilities.
- Organise trucks, tools, extension cords etc.
- Organise sufficient timber, paint, nails, screws etc.
- Supervise erection of the main stage backdrop frame and any other incidentals. Check lighting installation and organise spares if required.
- Keep a check on toilet and wash facilities, rubbish disposal and general maintenance.
- Check all expenses to stay within the budget.

##### Decorations:

- Take ultimate responsibility that all decorations are organised and completed in time. This includes the backdrops for both concert and Puja, entrance archway, general decorations in the hangar etc.
- Organise the purchase and/ or hire of theatrical props such as large vases, specialised lighting, coloured bunting, plants etc. etc.
- Collect and present designs for collective approval.
- Supervise the installation of all decorations, including Puja silver, flowers and plants.
- Organise the return of all borrowed and rented items after the event.
- Check all expenses to stay within the budget.

##### Recruitment, security and general affairs:

- Organise a task roster for all duties on the camp in liaison with other task responsibles.
- Keep a general eye on security around the camp.
- Organise a lost property station.
- Be a general information point.

