

THE AUSTRALIAN

Sahaja Newsletter

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"REASON"

"For instance , you have an uncut cloth which you want to have cut into a tunic or a cloak. Reason has brought you to a tailor. Until that moment, reason was fine , for it brought the cloth to the tailor. Now in this very moment reason must be divorced and you must abandon yourself wholly to the control of the tailor. In the same way, reason is fine for the sick man until it brings him to the physician; when it has brought him to the physician, after that reason is no use to him, and he must surrender himself to the physician."

Rumi

One of the Great (realised) Mystics of Persia.



ADI SHAKTI PUJA 1994

Sri Mataji stressed that this was a very important puja. She talked for almost an hour and explained that the Adi Kundalini is part of the Adi Shakti: but that this was a puja to the Adi Shakti in her entirety.

She said that before her birth, there was a big meeting and all the Deities agreed that She should incarnate to save the people.

Once before, the Adi Shakti incarnated and that was at the time of Adam and Eve. This was the time when humans were given free will so that they were no longer bound by the rules of nature as are the animals.

To do this, the Adi Shakti incarnated as a serpent and talked to the pair of them, but especially to Eve.

It's a sad fact about seekers. There are those who simply seem to be determined to destroy themselves! No matter what you tell them, their idea of freedom is to go to destruction!

There seems to be three types of seekers:

1. The professionals (Professional seekers) who do everything irrespective as to whether it's positive or negative.
2. Half-baked seekers
3. the deep seekers (real seekers).

It is in this group we find the Sahaja Yogis BUT the thing is that there is not a lot of room in the Kingdom of God.

We must - must go as deep as we possibly can, otherwise we may miss out!!

She talked a lot to the ladies as shaktis. They are to be nice, to have patience, to be happy, to have love and no expectations. We must change. It's like is is with children - the mothers are too attached. We must love them, but they must have discipline.

She said that in the past, men had come as incarnations but could not stand the destruction that humans seemed bent upon. Jesus crucified at 33 years, Mahammed poisoned, Buddha dying

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in his thirties and so on. Only a woman could come at this time because it is such an important era.

We should surrender our egos. It's like when you jump in a river and try to swim and get worn out. It's much easier to float and let the river do it for you.

There were between 700 & 800 people at the puja which was organised by Belgium, Holland and Spain.

(Notes from Kerry & Bernadette Kyriacou from France) 30/6/94

SYDNEY NEWS.

LIKE TO SEE TORVILL & DEAN ?.

Roseville Ashram is getting together a theatre party to see Torvill and Dean, on the 16th July, the afternoon show. The more people that come, the cheaper the tickets. If interested please contact Roseville AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, so booking can be made.

Phn. Roseville (02) 419 8075.

FAIRS & FESTIVALS

St George's Basin Colonial Fair - Saturday 2nd July '94

Sahaj Yoga stall in Community Centre
Meriton Street
St George's Basin

Even BIGGER festival

HEART, MIND & SOUL FESTIVAL '94

Fairfield Forum - Shopping Centre
Station Street
Fairfield

Thur 14th 10 am-9 pm
Fri 15th 10 am-5 pm
Sat 16th 9 am-4 pm
Sun 17th 10 am-4 pm

Music of Joy and Self-realisation (in separate room)

Kay McHugh, 6 BUTLER ST, BRINSMEAD,
CAIRNS 4870.
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ATTENTION ALL PARENTS OF CHILDREN ATTENDING
DARAMSALA SCHOOL WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FAMILY
SUPPLEMENTARY ALLOWANCE OR PART THEREOF.....

As the situation stands at the moment, once the children go overseas we are no longer eligible according to the Social Security act. This is neither fair nor consistent with what is happening in other countries.

Shri Mataji was "surprised" to find this was the case in Australia, and gave big bandhans on two separate occasions that this situation be changed.

I am in the process at the moment of having my case reviewed by various levels of the appeals system. At this point I am at the level of what would be equivalent to a "High Court" appearance in September for my last official review. If this review finds in my favour, it would be the test case for all other parents in the same situation to appeal.

However, the act is quite explicit and probably needs addressing from the other end, ie. through protesting to your representative member of Parliament. This I have also done. He is obliged then to send my letter to the Minister of Social Security.

What we need now is for all parents eligible for this allowance to see their MP, who will also be obliged to pass on your protest to the Minister of Social Security.. He should then address the appropriate clause and have it changed in Parliament by inserting a discretionary clause to allow the Social Security employees to be able to decide on individual cases.

Please contact me if you require help in addressing your MP and I will help draft a letter, or we can exchange ideas. I will soon be seeking legal advice so may have more information soon as to our avenues of action.

Shri Mataji has this problem very much in Her attention, so we should ACT so She can work through us to change things.

I am putting this in the Newsletter so all Sahaja Yogis can have it in their Collective Attention. Obviously it will be of great benefit to future parents of children who will be attending Daramsala School.

Jai Shri Mataji.

Like to get away, spend a weekend relaxing by the beach, now is your chance, on July 9th a Puja to herald in the new Newcastle Ashram will be held and all Yogis are most cordially invited to attend. Come for the day or even better make a weekend away of it and stay Saturday night. Our house has a commanding position overlooking Redhead beach providing a relaxing environment to soothe the woes and strains of city life. Tired of looking out your window at the suburban sprawl, then let the sweeping vista of grandfather ocean soothe and calm the soul.

On Sunday a picnic and soccer match is planned for one and all. Attached is a map with directions on reaching our home. Everyone is welcomed to stay Saturday night, accommodation will be India Style so bring sleeping bags etc. Please ring and lets us know if you are coming for catering purposes. Details as follows.

Saturday, July 9th 3:00pm
17 High St, Redhead Newcastle
Phone (049) 42 6379.

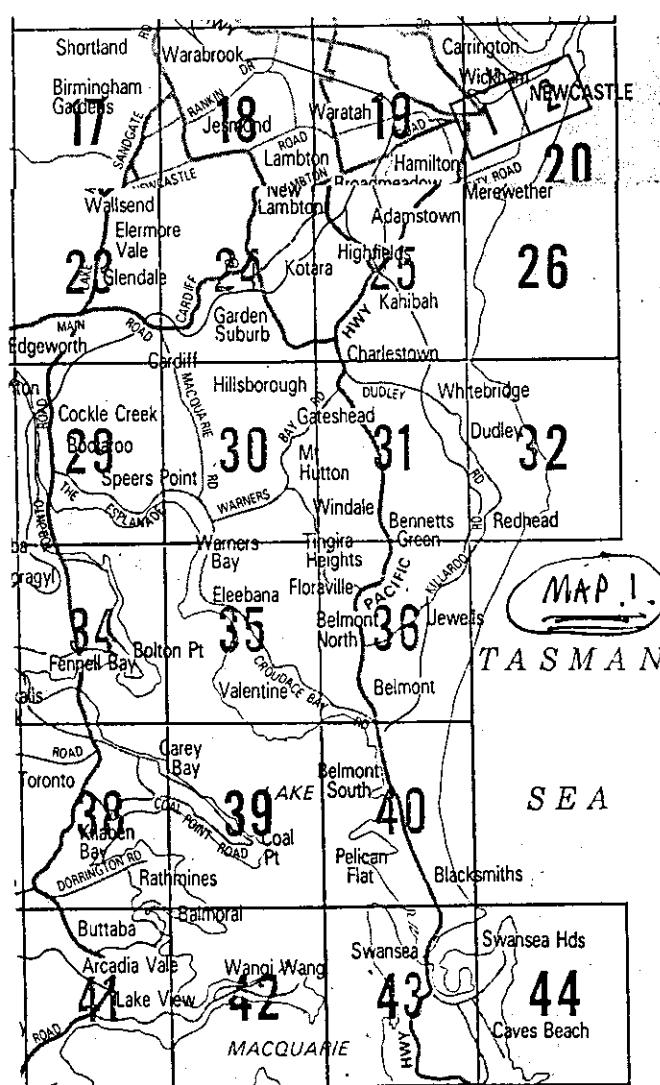
Directions

Drive north along the Pacific Highway past the Hawkesbury and Gosford, continue driving past Ourimbah. You will see a turn off to Wyee, keep driving, take the next exit from the expressway which is the Charlestown and Swansea exit.

See MAP 1 this exit will take you into Swansea and over a low level bridge spanning the entrance to Lake Macquarie. Keep driving north, you will pass through the Newcastle suburbs of Belmont , Bennetts Green. You will begin to drive up a hill as you enter Charlestown, before coming into Charlestown there will be a right hand turn off the highway signposted as Redhead, the road is Dudley Road.

See Map 2 after turning into Dudley road, continue along the road for a number of kilometers then take a right hand turn into Redhead Road. This road will wind its way down to Redhead itself. At the bottom of the hill there will a sign signaling a left turn to Redhead Beach, this is Steel St, take this turn. Drive along Steel St and take the fourth turn on your left into Beach RD (see Map 2). Drive along Beach RD which will turn to the right and become Ebsworth St. Drive up the hill along Ebsworth and take the first on the right and then next on the right, you have arrived at High St.

High St is a cul-de-sac, our house leads from a driveway at the end of the street. Parking is limited in the street, if it appears congested park in Ebsworth St, or the parking lot of the surf club.



India ends telephone service monopoly

In a major economic reform, the Indian government last month ended its monopoly on telecommunication services and allowed private investors to set up phone companies in India.

In a country where telephones are still a luxury and people often pay huge bribes to get a connection, the new policy hopes that by 1997 private companies will be able to provide phones instantly.

"The agonising wait for telephones will come to an end," Communications Minister Sukh Ram told reporters after unveiling the new telecom policy in parliament. The focus of the policy is to provide "world class quality", he said.

The step is the latest in Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao's three year old economic liberalisation program aimed at lifting state controls on key industries and attracting foreign investment.

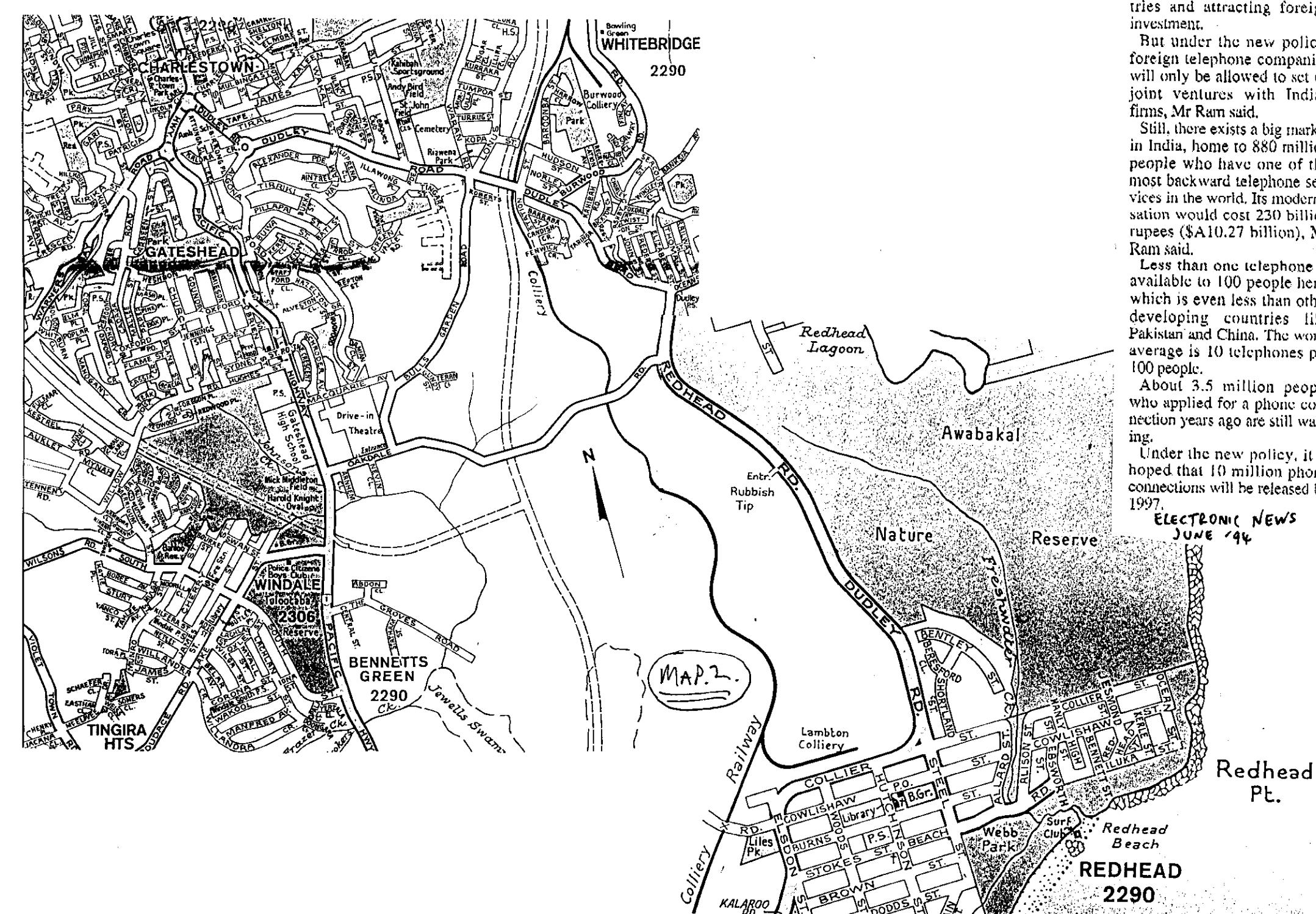
But under the new policy, foreign telephone companies will only be allowed to set up joint ventures with Indian firms.

Still, there exists a big market in India, home to 880 million people who have one of the most backward telephone services in the world. Its modernisation would cost 230 billion rupees (\$A10.27 billion), Mr Ram said.

Ram said.
Less than one telephone is available to 100 people here, which is even less than other developing countries like Pakistan and China. The world average is 10 telephones per 100 people.

About 3.5 million people who applied for a phone connection years ago are still waiting.

Under the new policy, it is hoped that 10 million phone connections will be released by 1997.



FROM ENGLISH NEWSLETTER.

Sahaja Yoga in Israel

Having shared with Sara Bar-Haim so many wonderful experiences on Shri Mataji's European Tour last year, Rita and I decided to visit her in April in Tel-Aviv where she is now living. A few isolated Sahaja Yogis have been living there for some time, who got their realisation in different countries, mostly in Russia, some in Australia, Austria and the UK. Some of them have already met Shri Mataji. They have been longing for SY to 'start' in Israel.

In the last few months the Israeli collective has really formed. There are regular weekly meetings, Pujas and Havans held at Sara's flat. There are about 20 yogis now and new people being personally introduced almost every week! A doctor's seminar is being set up shortly.

It was a very moving experience to share in the setting up of a 'new country', although not really that much different from any new centre. After so many years, with Shri Mataji's love, we have such a lot of experiences which we enjoy automatically and in these circumstances were able to see it being used in a very practical way. We took out quite a number of audio and video tapes given by England and whatever else we could carry, quite reminiscent of India Tour!

At the weekly meeting we had a guided meditation (led by Vicki except when she went into complete silence after saying the mantra for the left heart). The new video equipment (funded by the Austrian collective) was inaugurated and much enjoyed with the (ever popular) 1987 talk by Shri Mataji at the Porchester Hall. Then Rita gave a demonstration workshop at which we all put our attention on one (very lucky) lady after which we sang hearty bhajans. Photo's were taken of the group which were presented to Shri Mataji at the Sahasrara Puja. On Israel's Independence Day we had a Havan on the veranda at Sara's flat. Everybody shared in the setting up and in the reading of the names. We didn't even try to cover what we were doing as 'bar-b-queues' are quite normal on that day, so is 'singing'.

The Russian-Israelis have brought with them to Israel the beautiful qualities which we so much love about Russian SY's. It is a sweetness which should be very nourishing for the growth of SY in Israel. The whole trip was 'propelled' along by vibrations. At some point we were aware that for the whole week we had made no decisions about anything at all, even though we were busy from early morning till late at night. It was one long round of joy.

It was a very special thrill to realise that the flow of vibrations has now started in the Holy Land. Or should we say "started again".