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Perth Insight Meditation Group



November 2008 Newsletter

The Perth Insight Meditation Group is a not-for-profit organization of a small group of people who support meditation retreats in Perth. As the group has strengthened over a 14 year period, several Perth based retreats are organized annually, led by a range of visiting lay and ordained teachers invited from around the world.

See our website for more details. www.pimg.org

The PIMG Management Committee

currently includes:

Wendy Francis; Anne Del Fante (Treasurer); Bavali Hill (Secretary); Kanthi de Tissera; Laura Bernay; Michael Sandford; Sue McBurnie, Keith Mc Burnie, Geetha Mendis.

Welcome to new Committee members Sue, Keith and Geetha. Additionally, thank you to those people who have come forward to offer support with setting up and running retreats, as this generous contribution helps to spread the workload.

PIMG mailing address is P.O.Box 1611, Fremantle. 6959. Retreat Registration forms can be downloaded from the website, where a Phone Contact is listed for each retreat.

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Retreats for 2009

Friday 20th March to Saturday 28th March. Insight Meditation Retreat

Teachers: Guy Strong and Sally Clough from USA.

Venue: Redemptorist Retreat Centre, Vincent Street, North Perth. WA.

Contacts: Wendy Francis 9371 2961 and Geetha Mendis 0416153417 .

Friday 25th September to Saturday 3rd October. Insight Meditation Retreat

Teacher: Patrick Kearney

Venue: Jhana Grove Retreat Centre, Serpentine, WA.

Contacts: Bavali Hill 9335 3847 and Michael Sandford 9335 9308

Day and Half day Insight Meditation Retreats throughout 2009

Teacher: Sky Dawson

Venue: Beaconsfield Yoga Centre, Field Street, Beaconsfield.

Email to Register: raysky@optusnet.com.au See PIMG website for dates.

Retreats for 2010

May 2010 - Sayadaw U Tejaniya

September 2010 - Steve Armstrong and Kamala Masters

November 2010 - Patrick Kearney

Details of all three Retreats are yet to be confirmed, and will be posted on the PIMG website as information becomes available.

Jhana Grove Retreat Centre, Serpentine

See <http://www.bswa.org/modules/articles/article.php?id=13> for a full panoramic photo of July progress at Jhana Grove Retreat Centre. Due to rising costs and theft from the building site of roofing material for 4 houses, \$500,000 has been granted by the Lotteries Commission for finishing projects, to help refurbish the hall, provide cabinet work and for landscaping. The building phase is virtually completed, with finishing underway.

PIMG's first opportunity to use this purpose built Buddhist Meditation Centre will be with Patrick Kearney's retreat in October 2009. We are excited to be able to use this centre.

Official Opening of Jhana Grove on April 10th . www.bswa.org/

Ajahn Brahm has extended a welcoming invitation to all PIMG members to attend the official opening. See the Buddhist Society of W.A website for further information.

PIMG Retreats for 2008

PIMG ran three highly successful retreats this year, with Patrick Kearney from the Blue Mountains teaching for 2 weeks in April, Sayadaw U Tejaniya from Burma teaching for two weeks in May, and Daw Ariya Nani from Switzerland teaching for 2 weeks in July. All three retreats were fully booked and many new people have joined PIMG's membership through attending these retreats.

Farewell to Ray James

Ray James was an inaugural Committee member of PIMG. He contributed to the early management of retreats, and helped to bring Steve Armstrong and other overseas teachers to Perth. Ray assisted his long time partner and Insight teacher, Sky Dawson, in the running of PIMG's One day Retreats at Beaconsfield Yoga Centre over the last few years, and Ray ran the popular stretching sessions at these days of silent practice.

Ray left his body on 24th June 2008, after a year of illness, and was blessed with a personal meeting with Sayadaw U Teyjaniya, who visited Perth to teach in the preceding

month. Our sincere condolences to Sky, who nursed Ray through his illness, and who has also been a very active member of PIMG, since its inception.