

# THE AUSTRALIAN STRATHFIELD Sahaja Newsletter



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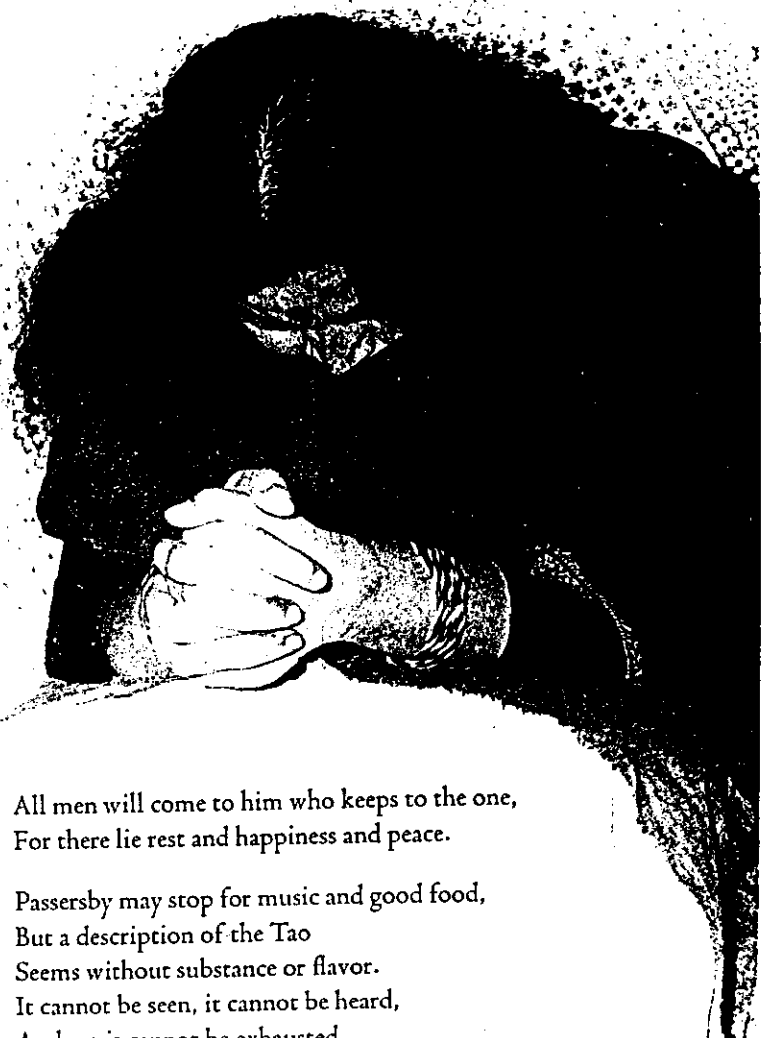
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All men will come to him who keeps to the one,  
For there lie rest and happiness and peace.

Passersby may stop for music and good food,  
But a description of the Tao  
Seems without substance or flavor.  
It cannot be seen, it cannot be heard,  
And yet it cannot be exhausted.

## Australia and its Future

(based upon material published SMH August 12)

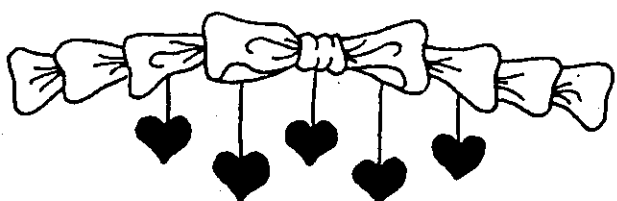
An unheralded event occurred on November 16, 1994 which may have far reaching implications for Australia's future. On that day under the UN sponsored proposal known as the Law of the Sea Treaty a whole new set of lines came quietly into force around the world, and in the process a new type of power was created, one based on ecological sovereignty.

No nation gained more on November 16 than Australia, which claimed legal stewardship and exclusive economic rights over a prodigious expanse of land, coastal sea, continental shelf and Antarctic icecap. It is the largest area of stewardship in the world, stretching over 28.5 million square kilometres, more than any other country. The convention has given Australia vast new territory to manage and to protect the living resources from harm. Australia's zeal in opposing the resumption of nuclear testing has demonstrated that the nation has embraced the new realities of environmental preservation. Australia now has broad maritime jurisdictions and with a strong conservation agenda provides an essential barrier to the despoliation of the oceans.

Economists have projected that the farming and harvesting of Australia's waters will overtake beef as an export industry early next century, especially given the Asian appetite for seafood. By every measure the sea has twice as much biological richness as the land. Under the Law of the Sea treaty, rights extend to harvesting of the sea, the sea bed, and the subsoil beneath. As long as such economic development is sustainable and managed with a view of the long term effects upon the eco-system.

In the information age and the globalized economy, Australia has position itself as a free-trade champion and is well suited to support its new role as a ecological superpower. Australia is also unique among the advanced industrial nations in having a culture that is acutely aware by sheer force of circumstances, of the limitations imposed by nature. Australia as a culture has long adapted to its environment rather than sought to dominate it. The sheer size and scale of our environment has meant this is the only rational approach. This sense of limitation, so different from the imperialism of the past, is an important intellectual resource. It matters, just as the character of a nation largely determines its ability to project its values abroad.

For all the recent talk about Australia's multiculturalism, Australia does have a coherent overriding culture - a deep egalitarianism that overshadows all other nuances of the sub-tribes that make up Australia. This ingrained cohering sense of fairness, of fair go, is more important than all the ocean territory we now effectively own, and has helped create a sectarian society where people of all countries have been blended into one nation.



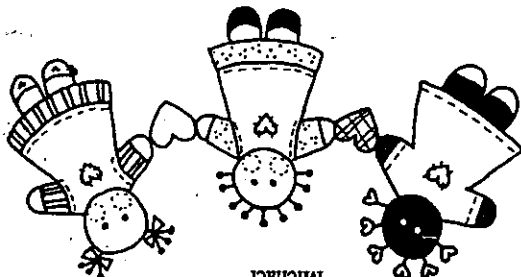
DAVID JONES, ELIZABETH ST, STORE SPRING FLOWER SHOW  
NOW SHOWING. THIS YEAR'S THEME: JAIPUR

**Notices**  
Any people intending to go on India Tour and who have not notified either Bevan Pearce or Peter Browncombe in writing at 10 Clarence Street Burwood 2134, are urged to do so without delay. Failure to do so, or to make the ground fare payment, could result in heartache (disappointment).  
If you wish to go but don't know if you will be able to afford it - let them know of your situation.

An information "kit" containing an official tour application form, a marriage application form, a tour itinerary and a calendar of deadlines is currently being mailed out to all those going on the tour. Tour application forms (for both full and short tour) should be filled in and returned to Bevan or Peter at Burwood by 20th September.

Any people wishing to make application to be married at Ganapathipule should also complete the marriage application form and give it to their state leader by 20th October.

with best wishes  
Michael



INDIA TOUR RAFFLE 1995.

TICKETS NOW ON SALE

\$15 each OR 2 for \$25.

Sellers Kim Pearce

Sarita Chavan

Tickets have been sent to all state centres, however, if you don't live close enough to a centre and would like to purchase a ticket, please send a cheque made out to LIFE ETERNAL.

TRUST before 2nd Oct. 95. Include your name and address also state that you want an India Tour Raffle ticket/s. Post to Kim Pearce, 10 Clarence Street, Burwood 2134 N.S.W.

Raffle will be drawn at Burwood on 7th Oct. 95.

GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!

**Travel**  
It seems that India Tour is now starting a little later than originally advised. The first day of the tour is Saturday 2nd December in Delhi. This will affect our departure, which instead of being the 26th November is now likely to be 29th or 30th November, subject to the travel agent being able to transfer the seats being held.  
The tour will travel from Delhi to Chandigarh, Yamuna Nagar, Dehradun, Lucknow, Varanasi, Bombay, Kolhapur and Ganapathipule.  
The tour still finishes on the morning of Sunday 31st December at Ganapathipule, and the whole of that day will be taken up with travel by bus back to Bombay. We will be able to stay at Washi and depart for Bombay Airport on the evening of 1st January 1996. Those on the short tour will leave from there for Australia. Those on the full tour will fly to Delhi, transfer to Delhi International Airport, and depart just after midnight on 2nd January for Australia via Bangkok, arriving early morning 3rd January. The plan is that the full tourists and the school children should be on the same Thai Airways plane.  
**Payment**  
A calendar of dates for parting with the money is set out hereunder:

INDIA TOUR 1995  
Notice No 2 29th August

**For those on the Full Tour**  
Ground Fare Pounds sterling 1,000  
(All payments to be made in Australian dollars equivalent by bank transfer on the nominated day, and the transaction confirmed by each traveller in accordance with the procedure which will be advised.)  
International air ticket Australian dollars 1,340  
by 28th October  
(1,240 if flying from Perth)

**Domestic air ticket Bombay - Delhi**  
Australian dollars 160  
by 28th October

**For those on the Short Tour**  
Ground Fare Pounds sterling 500  
(All payments to be made in Australian dollars equivalent by bank transfer on the nominated day, and the transaction confirmed by each traveller in accordance with the procedure which will be advised.)  
International Air Ticket Australian dollars 1,600  
by 18th November  
(1,450 if flying from Perth)

# STOP PRESS! The Latest Itinerary for INDIA TOUR - 1995

Friday 1st -		Arrival of Sahaja Yogis in DELHI
Saturday 2nd	December	Public Programme in DELHI
Sunday 3rd	December	Rest
Monday 4th	December	PUJA in DELHI
Tuesday 5th	December	Rest
Wednesday 6th	December	Departure for CHANDIGARH / LUDHIANA
Thursday 7th	December	Public Programme
Friday 8th	December	Departure for YAMUNA NAGAR (Stay at HATHNI KUND)
Saturday 9th	December	Public Programme in YAMUNA NAGAR
Sunday 10th	December	Departure for DEHRADUN
Monday 11th	December	Public Programme in DEHRADUN
Tuesday 12th	December	Departure for LUCKNOW
Wednesday 13th	December	Rest and Sight Seeing in LUCKNOW
Thursday 14th	December	Public Programme in LUCKNOW
Friday 15th	December	Departure for VARANASI
Saturday 16th	December	Public Programme in VARANASI
Sunday 17th	December	Departure for BOMBAY
Monday 18th	December	Arrival in BOMBAY
Tuesday 19th	December	Public Programme in BOMBAY
Wednesday 20th	December	Rest
Thursday 21st	December	Departure for KOLHAPUR
Friday 22nd	December	Departure for GANAPATIPULE
Friday 22nd -		
Saturday 30th	December	INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR AT GANAPATIPULE
Sunday 31st	December	Departure for WASHI Tour Ends

## PUJA ROSTER

	Set Up	Cook	Wash Up	Dismantle
Ganesha	Nicholson St	North Shore Burwood	Hurstville Eastern Suburbs	Chatswood Lindfield

THIS WEEKEND  
TWO FESTIVALS  
2nd September - Saturday  
CASTLE HILL FAIR  
All enquiries: Andrew Jones  
Ph: 686-1919

3rd September - Sunday  
GALSTON SPRING FESTIVAL  
Fagan Park  
Arcadia Road  
Galston. 9-4 p.m.  
All enquiries: John Brownscrobe  
Ph: 653-1697



LAST WEEKEND'S Redfern Festival was very successful. Two years ago Sahaja Yoga had a stall at this festival which was poorly received. This year the stall was full and people were crowding around Shri Mataji's photograph. Approximately 100 people received their realization including twenty Aboriginal adults and children.

This message came in from France last night.

# DIWALI PUJA

October 28/29/30 Nargol India

For, the auspicious occasion of the Diwali Puja, the Sahaja Yogis of India and France are most delighted to invite the Sahaja Yogis from all the world to worship and praise our Divine Mother Shri Mataji Nirmala Devi, under the form of Shri Laxmi. The Puja will take place at Nargol (3 hours by bus from Bombay), where Shri Adi Shakti after a long meditation, opened the collective Sahasrara 25 years ago.

In order to be able to welcome you in the best conditions for this unique event, we would need your help in getting, as soon as possible, an estimation of the number of brothers, sisters and children from your country expecting to attend the Puja. By the end of September we would need the exact numbers and your flight details.

The accommodations will be in Ponds and so, sleeping bags will be needed. The price will be as usual, but a second letter will be sent by the end of September to give all the final details.

As the Diwali Puja is in India, the wedding ceremony this year will most probably take place only in Ganapatipule during the India Tour. However, we would be very grateful to receive the marriage application forms (for Diwali occasion) before the Navatri Puja, in order for HH Shri Mataji to take a decision. Please keep a copy with you so that you can use it again for the India Tour if the weddings do not take place during Diwali Puja time.

Would those who have made arrangements to go to India for Diwali Puja or those who wish to accept this invitation please give their details to Greta More at 40 Beresford Road, Strathfield 2135 N.S.W. Greta has kindly agreed to co-ordinate this, but to help her please put the following information in writing to her straight away:

1. Name.
2. Passport number and country of issue.
3. Flight arrival details in India.
4. Flight departure details from India.

NOTE: Greta is not making travel arrangements; that you have to do yourself. She is just compiling the information.

The cost of the three days of the puja: 28th, 29th, 30th of October would be POUNDS STERLING 108. Best to have this in cash. Further information will be sent from France and made available to those going to the puja by the end of September.

Mention is made of the possibility of marriages at Diwali. This used to apply more to those who could not make it to India Tour and the wedding ceremony at Ganapatipule. I don't think it is relevant to us in Australia. But, marriage application forms can be obtained from Peter Brownscrobe or Bevan Pearce at Burwood. Not to be confused with India Tour for which marriage application forms will be sent out.

Michael.



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## GANESH VISARJAN FESTIVAL



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED FOR  
5th JOINT CELEBRATION OF GANESH FESTIVAL

Once again this year over thirty cultural, spiritual and religious organisations are coming together for celebration of Ganesh Visarjan, the biggest festival of Hindus in Australia

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FESTIVAL

Sri Ganesh Puja  
Visarjan at the Sea  
Religious Exhibition  
Cultural Programs  
Colouring Competition for Children  
Variety of Food Stalls

The program starts at 9 am in the morning at the Sri Venkateswara Temple, Helensburgh and finishes with Visarjan at 4 pm at the Stanwell Park Beach

A Special bus service will operate from the Helensburgh railway station to the Temple on the day

\* MUSIC OF JOY PERFORMANCE : 1-30 P.M. \*

Date: SUNDAY 3rd September 1995

Venue: Sri Venkateswara Temple, Helensburgh

Address: Temple Rd., on way to Stanwell Park off Princes Highway (NOT F6 freeway) from Sydney to Wollongong

For further details contact participating organisations, tune to the community Broadcasts on radio or ring Sanjeev: 745 2393

