

## Brisbane News

Over the weekend of 14th - 16th Nov Brisbane Sahaja Yogis attended the Festival of Health and Harmony at the Brisbane Convention Centre. We were lucky to get the one remaining site for a discount price ideally located as people had to pass our stall on the way to the entry. An estimated 300 people received their self-realisation over the three days. Many "alternative" and New Age groups were there including a group of very colourfully dressed masseurs who danced around to Hawaiian music.

Our stall was very simply done with a huge poster of Shri Mataji as the back-drop. Many people just stopped and stared at the poster and were led silently to have their kundalini raised. The vibrations were strong and we all felt this feeling of happiness which only comes from giving self-realisation. Follow-up programmes were also well attended at the City Central Library and our regular weekly programmes in all areas have received a boost. As soon as we had finished packing up on Sunday evening, it was announced that a severe storm was imminent. The whole sky went black and the heavens opened up but not before we yogis had got safely into our cars!

This weekend, 7th Dec, we will hold our first programme in Toowoomba at the USQ arts and crafts markets. More on that later. Coming up on Dec 26th is of course the week-long Woodford/Maleny Folk Festival. Yogis from Sydney will be travelling to Wamuran to assist. This year promises to be even bigger and a follow-up seminar at Wamuran ashram is planned. For the past month we have been holding weekly day-time programmes for beginners at Wamuran.

Next year we hope to target as many festivals and markets as possible in Brisbane and country areas as this method seems to bring better results than relying solely on weekly programmes.

Vai Shakti Prasad!

## News from Tasmania

At the end of November, a weekend workshop was held in Hobart. As there are no Sahaja Yogis living in Hobart at present, we thought it best to organise a weekend, to try to cover a lot of ground in the two days.

Catherine Bisgard drove down from Launceston, and we stayed overnight in a motel near the library, where the workshop was held. She had put small ads in the local papers for two weeks before, but not many people responded. However, the five people who came were quality seekers, and this made it a very worthwhile venture. They all got realisation easily, and some of them had strong experiences in their meditation. They looked so different after the two days, their faces had lightened up and they were so joyous and excited about it all.

They could all feel their own vibrations, and were able to clear themselves and each other by the end of the weekend. They were really keen to continue, and were planning to get together to meditate and work on each other, and on their families.

Next year Catherine is willing to go to Hobart monthly for a while, to run programs. However, it would be great if any yogis would like to stay or live in Hobart for a time, to help establish Sahaja Yoga there. It's a beautiful small city, with its river and the mountains all round. So, please consider Hobart if you are thinking of relocating in the near future! .... Judy D.

## BABY NEWS

Congratulations to Ruth and Brad Cross  
- a baby girl (Lucy) born Sat 29th  
November, weight 6.5 pounds, all well!

Date: Thu, 23 Oct 1997 22:47:42 -0700 (PDT)  
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Subject: Technical Jobs in Canada

Dear Mark,

here is some information that might be of interest.

The Canadian government has begun a pilot project "passport canada" to bring in technically qualified people to Canada Canadian companies, in collaboration with the Canadian Government, are holding job fairs in Eastern Europe, India and Russia to hire and bring engineers and computer scientists to Canada. Those hired will be sponsored by the companies to obtain permanent residence in Canada. All relocation expenses will be paid by the hiring companies.

This is a big opportunity, as the pilot project is targeting about 3000 people initially. By sharing this, I hope some Sahaja brothers and sisters will also avail this opportunity to come to the Vishuddhi, and help spread Sahaja Yoga. Even a couple of Yogis would DOUBLE the strength of some collectives here :-), and I am quite certain the fallout would also be felt in the US.

If anyone is interested, please e-mail me for more information.

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## Christmas Puja 6:00pm Thursday 25 December

This year we will be holding our Sydney Christmas Puja on Christmas Day at 6:00pm at Burwood. You are cordially invited to come to Burwood and join us for a Christmas lunch, and assist with the setting up and cooking for the evening puja.

The puja roster is as follows. Many yogis are not able to participate in these activities due to family commitments. Any additional assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Setting Up	Burwood & Concord
Cooking	Eastern Suburbs & Northern Beaches
Washing Up	Southern Region (Woolongong etc)
Dismantling	Lindfield

# BLOSSOM TIME



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## A short report about the Albert Hall programme : London

We know with complete clarity and utter certainty that our Divine Mother was with us with Her full divine attention at every second of the Royal Albert Hall programme on Thursday, 3rd July 97. We had at least as many people in the audience as in other years - perhaps over 4,000 people and that ALL of them raised their hands at the end of the programme to show that they had got their Self Realization.

We have now seen it in our own experience that She is indeed the Organised of all organisers! The people settled down nicely with the soft music played on Spanish guitar and synthesizer and then with the first bhajans. There were many Sahaja Yogis from foreign countries to support us there (about 150 of them). We had decided that for a British audience it was best to appeal to their sense of "fair play" and announce right at the beginning of the programme that She would not be able to be there in person. I had suddenly said to myself just before going on to the stage that not a single person would get up and leave. I believe that it was Divine Mother, who said those words in my head, because indeed NOT A SINGLE PERSON left the hall. I honestly had the feeling that they did in fact understand that She could and would grant them their Self Realization even in Her apparent absence.

I must say that it was an incredible advantage to us that Sir C. P. and Kalpana were there and also Mr. Claus Nobel. I was able to point out that they, the audience, might be a little disappointed that they had come from Tooting or Southall in order to see Her, but that they could imagine that Shri Mataji's family and friends - who had travelled thousands of miles to see her - were also disappointed, but that all of us knew that She

would grant Self Realization regardless of Her Physical presence.

I realized after I had spoken to the people, that something very significant had happened that I had not foreseen and which absolutely clinched it for them. For some mysterious reason (!) the house lights were kept down even though normally they should have been up until the video was started. This small detail - organised by our Divine Mother - kept them rooted to their seats. If the lights had gone up while I was talking, they might have taken that as a signal to get up and leave! We know, that the Rutambhara Pragnya is just one aspect of Her infinite being and it served us so well on that evening.

Mr. Claus Nobel was a great help also. He is a charming and energetic gentleman and it was wonderful to hear someone from "outside" of Sahaja Yoga taking the trouble to come such a long distance in order to say publicly that it is Shri Mataji and Sahaja Yoga that offer the concrete and practical means of realising his own cherished ideals of living in harmony and peace with oneself one's fellows and with God hand. He also spoke very positively about the Sahaja Yogis that he had met all over the world.

Many people commented that during the playing of the video of the Albert Hall programme of 1995 there was a distinct feeling in the audience that Shri Mataji were actually present and that the Realization was indeed done by Her in Her actual form. After the Realization the people sat quietly while Simon Ayling played a raga on the violin. The meeting was not disturbed by any agitators either outside or inside the hall and many Sahaja Yogis commented that the employees of the Royal Albert Hall were this year extremely respectful of Sahaja Yoga and were very kind and considerate.

From : Derek Lee

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## Intense Public programs in Turkey

> From 8 October on we had intense public programs in the 3 biggest cities of Turkey: Istanbul, Ankara and Izmir by Yogi Mahajan with 2 days between each city where some 2000 people got their realizations.

Most important event was the very positive attitude of the media! 3 radio and 2 TV programs + articles in newspapers. The same media was very hostile and sarcastic against S.Y. some 2 years ago.

And the most of these "most important events" was the realization given by Yogi Mahajan on TV (20:00 h news) to millions! This prog. is also emitted to whole world by satellite! Many spectators phoned to tell they felt the cool breeze.

## Turkey being the first and the only country where Sahaja Yoga is practiced

this event is also important for the Islamic world where fundamentalism is on attack and this TV transmission was also watched in all these lands ( Middle East, Europe, central Asia covering almost over 150 millions people).

Seekers are coming by increasing number to the follow-ups. Surprisingly the contrary was expected referring to the past years. No bad reactions or arguing questions were observed during the programs (also surprising in Islamic country) but the interest being very high.

Yogi Mahajan pointed out also the world "Anatolia" (name of the peninsula where Turkey lays!) means "Motherland" as the word "ANA" means mother and "tolia" = "dolu" ..filled or full.. And told that this comes from the worshipping of "Mother-God" on this land where lot of "Mother" icons and statues were found, most of them being 3000 to 5000 years old.

During his visit in the historical parts of Istanbul, he also felt the strong cool vibrations inside the 1500 years old (360-525 A.C.) and famous Byzantian church "Saint Sophia"-meaning "high wisdom"- in Istanbul and told "this is the Mother's church!" and also visited the "Mother Mary's" birthhouse (supposed to be) near Izmir..

Very strong rain followed these programs and even Mr. Yogi Mahajan missed his plane to India so we had more opportunity to be with him (old and new yogis) and more contacts have been developed with the "media" also.

Wishing to have more Sahaj vibrations on the air by any means (TV, Satellite, Internet ...) so we send our love to the Universe by a more direct way!

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