

# THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

## New Plymouth Branch



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### PROGRAMME / NEWSLETTER June — July 2026

June	Meeting Type*
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<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b> 5.30pm <b>Committee meeting</b>	<b>M</b>
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Following a healing service and short meditation (please bring one you'd like to share), members are welcome to observe the committee meeting

*Followed by a pot luck dinner at 6.30pm - please bring a vegetarian dish to share, and stay for the 7.30pm talk*

**Venue:** Disability Information Centre, 28 Young St, New Plymouth.

<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b> 7.30pm <b>Reincarnation Through the Ages, Pt 3</b> by <u>Ingrid Vercammen</u>	<b>P</b>
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Through personal experiences, spiritual insight, and a guided meditation into a possible previous lifetime, Ingrid Vercammen invites listeners to explore the soul's journey across incarnations, karmic connections, and the deeper purpose behind human life.

**Venue:** Disability Information Centre, 28 Young St, New Plymouth.

<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup></b> 5.30pm <b>Discussion on the previous talk</b>	<b>MF</b>
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Following a healing service and short meditation, (please bring one you'd like to share), a chance to discuss the previous talk by Ingrid Vercammen, books you've been reading, or anything else.

*Followed by a pot luck dinner at 6.30pm - please bring a vegetarian dish to share, and stay for the 7.30pm talk*

**Venue:** Disability Information Centre, 28 Young St, New Plymouth.

<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup></b> 7.30pm <b>The spiritual harvest/ascension of humanity</b> by <u>Scott Baker</u>	<b>P</b>
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In the Law of one Ra tells us we are now at the harvest time, the designated 75,000 year cycle for 3rd density human life has come to completion and we as a human collective are ready to progress into the next level of life, 4th density Christ Consciousness. These are literally the last days, the end times, the time of the harvest when the angels come among us to gather the wheat. Ra explains in detail what this means and how to prepare for this climatic milestone in human history.

**Venue:** Disability Information Centre, 28 Young St, New Plymouth.

July	Meeting Type*
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<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup></b> 5.30pm <b>Committee meeting</b>	<b>M</b>
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*Followed by a pot luck dinner at 6.30pm - please bring a vegetarian dish to share, and stay for the 7.30pm talk*

**Venue:** Disability Information Centre, 28 Young St, New Plymouth.

<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup></b> 7.30pm <b>Resonance, life and the hidden octaves—The Evolution of Vibrational Healing: From Ancient Wisdom to Modern Rediscovery</b> by <u>Dennis Carswell</u>	<b>P</b>
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This talk explores the evolution of vibrational healing through the lens of The Theosophical Society, tracing a journey from ancient sound-based practices to modern therapeutic approaches. Beginning with the timeless teaching that all life is vibration, it examines how this idea has appeared across cultures, re-emerged through early scientific inquiry, and taken form in the work of pioneers such as Royal Raymond Rife, Olav Skille and Carolyn McMakin. Integrating these perspectives with contemporary VibroAcoustic Therapy, the presentation offers a thoughtful and balanced exploration of resonance, the etheric body, and the possibility that healing may involve restoring harmony across both seen and unseen levels of being.

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**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> 5.30pm Discussion on the previous talk**

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Following a healing service and short meditation (please bring one you'd like to share), a chance to discuss the previous talk by Dennis Carswell, books you've been reading, or anything else.

**Venue:** Disability Information Centre, 28 Young St, New Plymouth.

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm To be advised by Benjamin Upton**

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Topic to be advised. Ben's talks are always interesting and often involve cutting edge research on current issues that we face immediately. Keep this date free!

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*Note: Events may change due to unforeseen circumstances — check the latest programme at [theosophy.nz/centres/new-plymouth](https://theosophy.nz/centres/new-plymouth) where you can download the latest pdf Newsletter.*

**Zoom meetings:** Some meetings are noted in the 'Venue' part "Or, use Zoom link below". While in-person meetings are definitely the best, if you can't make it person, you can join those ones, by Zoom\*. (The link is the same for all meetings) **Click on the link below**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4642392089?pwd=bHcyMUJ6SWVzWnZOYkhseUkvTTMxQT09>

or use the following : **Zoom Meeting ID: 464 239 2089** **Passcode: 9aR2ZP**

**Help with Zoom:** let Jim know if you'd like help using Zoom. Ph 021-2511011 or email [tsnewplymouth@gmail.com](mailto:tsnewplymouth@gmail.com)

*\*Note: From time to time, the meetings listed with a Zoom option cannot be zoomed for technical or other reasons. We apologise in advance for the inconvenience.*

### **Brief biographies of some of the speakers**

**Ingrid Vercammen** is an intuitive entrepreneur, author, and former psychotherapist with over three decades of experience in emotional development and spiritual exploration. She holds a Master's Degree in Political and Social Sciences from KU Leuven and spent many years in Belgium practicing psychotherapy, using modalities such as NLP, Voice Dialogue, Regression Therapy, Hypnosis, Script-As, and guided visualisation. She also taught seminars on positive thinking, non-verbal communication, meditation, and conflict handling.

After emigrating to New Zealand, Ingrid co-founded Van Dyck Fine Foods, the company behind the award-winning 'Marcel's' pancakes brand. Under her leadership the company grew into a successful international business.

Her later work in women's empowerment led to the creation of Women Beyond Ordinary, a platform dedicated to strengthening women's inner leadership and confidence.

A member of the Theosophical Society since 2023 — though long connected to spiritual study — Ingrid brings a grounded, life-experienced, and open perspective to the topic of reincarnation

**Dennis Carswell** is a recently retired industrial refrigeration engineer with an innate interest in all things to do with mechanics, electrics and hydronic (fluids).

He has found a connection to these through sound and thus vibration so the Vibroacoustic Therapy Practitioning is a perfect fit for him to transition into.

**Benjamin Upton** is a software developer from New Plymouth who spends his spare time uncovering the connections between the scientific and the spiritual.

A keen follower of scientific theories that have been swept under the carpet by the mainstream scientific dogma, he hopes one day we as a collective will experience a consciousness renaissance.

## **Brief biographies of some of the speakers continued**

**Scott Baker** is an internationally accomplished spiritual teacher and martial arts master with over 50 years of experience. He is a native of New Zealand but immigrated to the USA in 1985 to attend university. After graduating magna cum laude, he went on to earn a PhD in psychology in 1995 and spent more than 30 years teaching leadership skills within different corporations throughout the USA and internationally. He returned to his native home in 2015 to dedicate himself to the study of the Law of One, Kabbalah, and Hermetic principles. He is now retired and lives in the blissful countryside of Taranaki, between the mountain and the sea, spending up to 3 hours a day in meditation.

**Ideas for future talks or events:** Please get in touch with any of the committee with your ideas.

### **Members & Friends meetings**

If you've been to a few public meetings or are a friend of a current member, check out first the Theosophy New Zealand website <https://theosophy.nz/> to get an idea about the Society is about. Then, feel free to attend the Members & Friends meetings. These meetings begin with a Healing Service for the benefit of people we know personally, who are currently ill. This is followed by a short meditation. (Feel free to bring a suitable short meditation.) The rest of the meeting is devoted to further discussion on the previous public talk or some other theosophical idea, and is a good way of widening one's perspective.

### **New Plymouth Branch Programme/Newsletter**

We publish this bi-monthly, with updates as necessary. We welcome a short article, quotation, event report, book review etc. either your own thoughts or others' that is theosophically related, or generally helpful, please email it in to Jim at [tsnewplymouth@gmail.com](mailto:tsnewplymouth@gmail.com)  
While inclusion is not guaranteed we will do our best depending on content and space.

### **Other resources on the web – Theosophy World**

<https://www.theosophy.world/>  
Have a look at a wealth of articles publications, ebooks, video and audio archives, all searchable and perfect to help you research something.

### **Events accessible by Zoom**

In addition to checking what's on at other NZ branches on the TSNZ website, international Zoom talks and meditations are available from the very active TS in the Philippines. <http://www.theosophy.ph> Email C J Romero [theosophilpres@gmail.com](mailto:theosophilpres@gmail.com) to be put on their email list.

**Other events outside our branch** – keep an eye on the Theosophy NZ website <https://theosophy.nz/> for upcoming events you might be able to attend. Also keep an eye on neighbouring branch activities via the pages at <https://theosophy.nz/centres> (e.g. Palmerston North, Hawkes Bay, Wellington) - if there is a talk or event you'd like to attend, email [tsnewplymouth@gmail.com](mailto:tsnewplymouth@gmail.com) to see if other members here are also interested in getting a car-load together.

### **NATIONAL EVENTS**

see <https://theosophy.nz/events>

### **INTERNATIONAL TS YouTube channel**

Check out replays of conventions and more at [www.youtube.com/@TheosophicalSocietyAdyar](http://www.youtube.com/@TheosophicalSocietyAdyar)

**New Plymouth Branch Library** of over 800 books is in shelves sorted & catalogued by author at the president's place. Our wonderful Benjamin Upton has created an online searchable catalogue with brief summary for each book for the library. Type [library.tsnp.nz](http://library.tsnp.nz) into the address bar of your search engine (not into the search panel). For newer phones there is an app. you can download from there. To visit the physical library, please phone or text Jim on 021-2511 011 (or email [tsnewplymouth@gmail.com](mailto:tsnewplymouth@gmail.com) )

### **Membership subscriptions reminder**

Subscription invoices issued on 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2025 for the Sept2025-Sept2026 year **were due on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2025**. A reminder that we have now to lapse members when they are one year in arrears of the invoice date, so please check if you've paid. If you have any questions, email the treasurer Jim ([tsnewplymouth@gmail.com](mailto:tsnewplymouth@gmail.com)) or ph 021-2511 011. Even if you can't make it to meetings, bear in mind the subscriptions are at a similar level to those for National Section members who are not affiliated to any branch, but still receive the magazine and all the other advantages of membership.

**The greatest achievement of humanity is not its works of art, science, or technology, but the recognition of its own dysfunction.**

**Eckhart Tolle**

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