

THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

New Plymouth Branch



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PROGRAMME August – September, 2022 (*revision 1*)

Venues & Time - Public and Members' & friends' meetings will be held where noted, starting at **7.30pm** unless shown otherwise.

If you're thinking of bringing a friend to a members & friends meeting, as a courtesy to the hosts, please phone them to let them know beforehand. Ideally we invite people to members & friends meetings after they have been to at least a couple of public meetings and show interest. If your friend hasn't made it to a public meeting and is still interested, then either point them to the Theosophy New Zealand website <https://theosophy.nz/> or hand them first some of the pamphlets and the 'green book' as an introduction, so they will have some idea of what we're about. Ring or email Jim Scrivener (see details above), for extra copies of pamphlets etc.

COVID-19 Protection Framework:

The dates below will apply for any of the Green, Orange or Red Traffic Light settings in line with government guidelines.

The maximum number attending Members & Friends meetings is limited by the size of host's lounge, so please book your attendance with the host first by phoning or texting. (First to book, first served.)

Should lockdowns be imposed affecting any of the dates below, those meetings will automatically be cancelled.

Note: If you can't attend a meeting but have a computer and would like to participate digitally, please click on the Zoom links below, on the appropriate date and time. Please contact Jim on 021-2511011 if you'd like help.

August 2022	Meeting type
<p>Wednesday 17th <u>The Beginning of a Spiritual Life</u> by <u>Jim Scrivener</u></p> <p>A look at the ideas theosophy suggests as useful in beginning a spiritual life: Study Meditation and Service. An interactive session where we explore the ideas through stories and analogies.</p> <p><i>Jim is a retired architect with an interest in music and theosophy. He enjoys playing french horn in the Taranaki Symphony Orchestra and been involved in the Theosophical Society since 1988 serving the New Plymouth Branch in various roles since then.</i></p> <p><u>Time & venue:</u> 7.30pm at the Disability Information Centre, 28 Young St, New Plymouth</p> <p><u>Join Zoom Meeting</u> – <u>click on the link below (next page)</u> https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4642392089?pwd=bHcyMUJ6SWVzWnZOYkhseUkVTTMxQT09</p> <p><u>Zoom Meeting ID:</u> 464 239 2089 <u>Passcode:</u> 9aR2ZP</p>	Public

<p>Thursday 15th (<i>Note: if this date needs to be cancelled for any reason, the backup date will be Thursday 22nd also at 8pm</i>)</p>	<p><u>Earthing, what is it and how can reconnecting to our Earth help</u> by <u>Blake Marston</u></p> <p>Firstly, watch the documentary 'The Earthing Movie' - free to watch on YouTube - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=44ddtR0XDVU</p> <p>Earthing or Grounding is the practice of connecting the body to Earth's natural source of free electrons. Stop living disconnected, reconnecting to our Earth dissipates built up static electricity and replenishes your body with free electrons, leading to a life with less pain and more energy.</p> <p><i>Grounded Kiwi is a small family operated business based in New Plymouth. After first experiencing the benefits of Earthing first hand, we decided we wanted to help spread the word and make the products that makes Earthing everyday easy and accessible to everyone. We receive great feedback from our customers and they in return help spread the word of the positive difference Earthing has made for them.</i></p> <p><u>Time & venue:</u> 8.00pm at the Disability Information Centre, 28 Young St, New Plymouth</p> <p><u>Join Zoom Meeting</u> – click on the link below https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4642392089?pwd=bHcyMUJ6SWVzWnZOYkhseUkvTTMxQT09</p> <p><u>Zoom Meeting ID:</u> 464 239 2089 <u>Passcode:</u> 9aR2ZP</p>	Public
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Wednesday 28 th	<p><u>“Being the Observer”</u> by <u>Glenn Willard</u></p> <p>"Being the Observer", is a very old theme in Asia and particular Buddhism, as it is the basis for mindfulness. Like all ideas, the observer mind idea continues to evolve. This talk will cover some of the new thoughts on being an observer, and how these insights might change thinking.</p> <p><i>After completing his university degree with honours Glenn has had several different careers. He is a teacher, author, film maker, and public speaker. His interests took him on an inward journey to understand self. Here in New Zealand he opened a metaphysical book and crystal shop and learning various modalities of energy healing including: Reiki, colour, sound, magnetic, and crystal healing. His current interests include but not limited to: spiritual development, shamanism, nature walks, writing, bee keeping, and activities with the Theosophical Society. Currently he is teaching a weekly health and wellness class.</i></p> <p><u>Time & venue:</u> 7.30pm at the Disability Information Centre, 28 Young St, New Plymouth</p> <p><u>Join Zoom Meeting</u> – click on the link below https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4642392089?pwd=bHcyMUJ6SWVzWnZOYkhseUkvTTMxQT09</p> <p><u>Zoom Meeting ID:</u> 464 239 2089 <u>Passcode:</u> 9aR2ZP</p>	Public
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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. Whanganui, Hamilton, Palmerston North, Napier, Wellington) - if there is a talk or event you'd like to attend, email jimscrivener56@gmail.com to see if other members here are also interested in getting a car-load together. If you register with the branch in good time prior to the event, there may be a chance of applying for a subsidy towards travel or accommodation costs. Note that it can't be retrospective.

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.

Facebook Streaming

Our facebook live streams are available to the public so you don't need to log into facebook to view them. Simply go to facebook.com/TheosophyNP/ at the advertised time and the video will be right there. If you need help please call Ben on 027-517 6739 and we will make sure you can get to the stream.

New Plymouth Branch Library of over 700 books is now in shelves sorted & catalogued by author at the vice president's place. Work is under way to classify them by subject to make it easier to use. To visit, please phone or text Jim on 021-2511 011 (or email jimscrivener56@gmail.com) to arrange a time.

New Plymouth Branch Programme/Newsletter
We publish this usually every 1-2 months with the

programme. If you have a short article, quotation etc. either your own thoughts or others' that is theosophically related, or generally helpful, please email it in to Jim at jimscrivener56@gmail.com While inclusion is not guaranteed we will do our best depending on content and space.

Membership subscriptions reminder

Subscription invoices issued on 25th July, 2021 for the Sept2021-Aug2022 year were due on 20th September, 2021. A reminder that we have to lapse members when

they are a full 2 years in arrears, so please check if you've had a reminder, or if you have any questions, email the treasurer Jim (jimscrivener56@gmail.com) or phone on 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.



☛ DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

NEW PLYMOUTH BRANCH

- **Sunday 2nd October** - a day seminar 9.30am – 4pm 'An Exploration of Theosophy' presented by Renée Sell and John Vorstermans at the staffroom of Highlands Intermediate School. Lunch provided.
- **Wednesday 19th October** - AGM
- Do you have something theosophically-related interesting to share in a Members & Friends meetings talk or a Public Meeting? Please get in touch with any of the committee (see names at head of programme).

EVENTS AT OTHER BRANCHES

- In addition to checking what's on at other NZ branches on the TSNZ website, from time to time some international Zoom talks are available from the very active Theosophical Society in the Philippines and I endeavour to send links to members in emails as they come.

NATIONAL EVENTS

Although over now, **Theosophical Sundays - Science and the Ancient Wisdom / Theosophy - An Exploration Series** at <https://theosophy.nz/events/theosophical-sundays-online> copies of these talks will go up on the website once edited.

Also **Theosophical Immersion Weekend, 3-4 September 2022** at <https://theosophy.nz/events/immersion-weekend>

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

Check out the International School of the Wisdom online in July and onwards –see a full list and details at <https://www.ts-adyar.org/content/school-wisdom>



Two of our members are running independent courses in New Plymouth currently:

Glenn Willard - a wellness course on **breathing, Tai Chi and meditation**; Saturdays 9.30-10.30am; \$koha
Donna Willard-Moore - an **art/drawing** class to resume soon; Saturdays; time & venue TBA, \$20/session

For venue and other details phone Glenn on 027-325 2543 and Donna on 027-349 8372; or both on 06-752 4332, or email dwmgcw@farmside.co.nz



When I come to inquire into something, if I have prejudices or conclusions about it I cannot inquire. Therefore there must be freedom to inquire.

J. Krishnamurti, San Diego, CA, 27th February 1974 .
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