

# THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

## New Plymouth Branch



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### PROGRAMME May – June, 2021

**Venues & Time** - Public and Members' & friends' meetings will be held where noted, starting at **7.30pm** unless shown otherwise. Members & friends' meetings begin with a Healing Group ceremony for the first 10 minutes.

If you're thinking of bringing a friend to a members & friends meeting, as a courtesy to the hosts, please phone Peter or Nina Vink on 758 8174 or Jim Scrivener on 021-2511 011, 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: These dates apply providing Alert Level 1 applies or an equivalent where physical distancing is not required:

#### May 2021

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> **Atlantis 2.0** – a presentation by Donna Willard-Moore **Public**  
 What happened after Atlantis sank. The eight visitors who came to teach humankind civilization again.

**Time & venue:** 7.30pm at the Disability Information Centre, 28 Young St, NP

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> **A Meditation Course** - by Katherine Kingsbury **Members & friends**  
 An introductory session followed by discussion on the idea of our branch developing and running a course teaching it to the public.

**Venue:** Peter & Nina Vink's house, 218 Mangorei Rd, New Plymouth

#### June 2021

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> **The Impact of our Thoughts** – a talk by John Vorstermans, National President **Members & friends**

**Time & venue:** 5.15pm at the staffroom of Highlands Intermediate School, 260A Coronation Ave, New Plymouth.

Followed at 6.15 – 7pm by a **Pot Luck dinner** at the same venue  
*Please bring along a vegetarian dish (finger-food preferred) to share for a pot luck tea with our guest speaker.*

Summary:

5.00pm Arrive and set up

5.15pm Members and friends talk

6.15pm Pot luck dinner

7 – 7.15pm set up for the public meeting following at 7.30pm

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> **Theosophy –The Ageless Wisdom** by John Vorstermans, National President **Public**  
**continued**

Theosophy is a synonym for the Ageless Wisdom. In this presentation we explore what we mean and understand by Ageless Wisdom. What actually is it? How do we learn it? How is it practical in our lives? Is it something we can find in books and, if so, which ones?

**Time & venue:** 7.30pm at the staffroom of Highlands Intermediate School, 260A Coronation Ave, New Plymouth.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> **Darkness to Light** - a video by Tim Boyd, International President

**Members  
& friends**

A video of a talk by Tim Boyd screened live at the last convention

**Venue:** Peter & Nina Vink's house, 218 Mangorei Rd, New Plymouth

**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](mailto: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/](https://www.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](mailto: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](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup> August for Sept2020-Aug2021 were due on 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2020. 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](mailto: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**

**Wed 1<sup>st</sup> September** – Julia and Orest Tarnawsky visit for a public meeting and a members and friends meeting. Details to follow in a future newsletter.

### **EVENTS AT OTHER BRANCHES**

**Sat-Sun 15<sup>th</sup> / 16<sup>th</sup> May** – Wellington Branch Regional Event

Geoffrey Hodson -How he trained his pupils and conducted his superphysical investigations, Registration -\$25.00 (Members) \$40.00 (non-members). Contact: [tswlgtn@gmail.com](mailto:tswlgtn@gmail.com) /022-6268381 (Sushma)

(An email with an attachment of the details was sent to members on 20/4/21.)

This is a Central Region Event, for which there may be some subsidy towards travel and accommodation. If you'd like to car-pool, email [jimscrivener56@gmail.com](mailto:jimscrivener56@gmail.com) who will put you in touch with others wanting to do the same.

**Sat-Sun 21<sup>st</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup> August** – Palmerston North Branch Regional Event. Details to follow on their website.

### **NATIONAL EVENTS**

**30<sup>th</sup> July** - Induction day, for new members and new to committee only. Details to follow on TSNZ website.

**31<sup>st</sup> July / 1<sup>st</sup> August** - Immersion Weekend. Details will be in June issue of TheoSophia

**23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> October** - National Event. Still being worked on. Details to follow on TSNZ website.

