

# THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

## New Plymouth Branch



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## PROGRAMME November 2020 – February, 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 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:

### November 2020

Wednesday 4	<b>TS Governance Board</b> update by <u>Renée Sell, National Vice President</u>	<b>Members</b>
	Renée, along with board member Marshall Hope, will give an overview for members about the governance of the TS, with time for discussion.	
	<b>Time &amp; venue:</b> 5.15pm at the staffroom of Highlands Intermediate School, 260A Coronation Ave, New Plymouth	
	Followed at 6.15 – 7pm by a <b>Pot Luck dinner</b> at the same venue <i>Please bring along a vegetarian dish to share for a pot luck tea with our guest speakers.</i>	
	Summary: 5.00pm Arrive and set up 5.15pm Members talk 6.00pm Pot luck dinner 7 – 7.15pm set up for the public meeting following at 7.30pm	
continued	<b>Our Pilgrimage in these Uncertain Times</b> a presentation by <u>Renée Sell, National Vice President</u>	<b>Public</b>
	We will be exploring some of the key theosophical ideas and the application in today's world, discussing the possibilities and opportunities for growth and how can we cultivate something positive in our 'new normal' way of being. An interactive session with discussion, questions and finishing with a meditation.	
	<b>Time &amp; venue:</b> 7.30pm at the staffroom of Highlands Intermediate School, 260A Coronation Ave, New Plymouth	
Wednesday 18	<b>Discussion night</b> – have you been reading an interesting book lately? a film or podcast? pondering interesting questions? Come along for a general theosophical discussion (and have a look at our branch's library.)	<b>Members &amp; friends</b>
	<b>Venue:</b> Jim Scrivener's house, 30 Hine St, New Plymouth	

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**December 2020**

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Wednesday 2 **End of year lunch** **Members & friends**  
*A chance to socialise, not worry about the dishes, and experience some great vegan cuisine. By Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November, please email Jim on [jimscrivener56@gmail.com](mailto:jimscrivener56@gmail.com) or phone 021-2511 011 to let him know if you will be coming, so that he can let the restaurant know numbers and arrange car-pooling.*  
**Venue & time:** 12 noon at **Lemonwood Eatery**, 1131 South Road, **Oakura**.  
<https://lemonwoodeatery.co.nz/>

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**February 2021**

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Wednesday 3 **Convention highlights** – If you weren't able to make it, this is a good chance to hear from those who attended about highlights of the TS convention held in January. **Members & friends**  
**Venue:** Jim Scrivener's house, 30 Hine St, New Plymouth

Wednesday 17 **Atlantis is not one city** – a presentation by **Donna Willard-Moore** **Public**  
Atlantis has been looked for in many locations. Some match Plato's description more closely than others. There are now at least 9 sites identified, leading to a breakthrough in archaeology. Hear the latest developments in person since this online-only talk aired last April.  
**Time & venue:** 7.30pm at the Disability Information Centre, 28 Young St, NP

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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, see if others here are interested in getting a car-load together. If you contact the branch ahead of time there may be a chance of applying for regional funding to help with travel costs, e.g. petrol. 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://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.

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**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.



**Passing on...** Some of our older members will remember with fondness long time member Gwen Evans who passed away in July this year aged 90. She'd been a member until 2016. Many will remember her endearing feisty nature and interesting stories at members meetings.



**OTHER EVENTS...**

**Sunday Evening 7pm Online Meditation 9 Aug to 20 Dec 2020**

See details: <https://theosophy.nz/events/sunday-evening-7pm-online-meditation>

**Convention 2021, 7-12 January 2021, at Wellington. "Awakening Compassion ~ Deepening the Connection"**

See details: <https://theosophy.nz/events/convention-2021>

Jim and Ben will be going – give Jim a ring on 021-2511011 if you're interested in car-pooling.

