



T.O.S. news

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Annual General Meeting Report

The Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday 9 December, 2017. The office bearers for 2018 are:

- President: Brian Harding
- Vice-President: Dianne Manning
- Secretary: Susannah Mason
- Treasurer: Carolyn Harrod.

Janet Harding is the TOS Representative to the Brisbane Theosophical Society Committee.

TOS members work as volunteers in a number of areas, choosing those of particular interest to them, such as community service, education, healing, animal welfare and environment.

In addition, the group chooses several projects to support each year with donations and voluntary work. For information, talk to one of the committee or visit www.theosophyqld.org.au

Meetings in 2018

All interested people are invited to attend the planning meetings which are held quarterly from 10.00 to 11:30 am in the T.S. rooms. Meeting dates in 2018 are:

- Saturday 10 March
- Saturday 9 June
- Saturday 1 September and
- Saturday 8 December (AGM).

Thanks for Supporting our TS AGM Collection

Thanks to the generosity of TS and TOS members, the collection at the TS AGM in early December will enable us to donate \$430 to TOS educational programs in developing countries. With projects managed by the TOS, all funds can be used for the project because the administrative work is done by volunteers.

The support of the Brisbane TS in matching the collected donations is very much appreciated.



Students of the Golden Link College in the Philippines – The College provides students from families in need with an education from kindergarten to college that is based on theosophical principles. The Brisbane TOS sends annual donations to the College.

New National TOS Executive

With the agreement of the International President of the TOS, Tim Boyd, Australian TOS Groups have elected a new team to guide the TOS in Australia from 2018. In the past, the TOS Executive in Australia has been appointed by the International President. We welcome our new National Coordinator, Rhonda Phillips, National Secretary, George Wester and National Treasurer, Dianne Manning. Rhonda is President of the Perth TOS and George is an active TOS and TS member in Perth. Dianne is our Brisbane TOS Vice-President.

We would also like to thank the outgoing National Coordinator, Jean Carroll, for her leadership over the past six years.

Social outing

In February, members will enjoy a bus outing to the Margaret Olley Art Gallery in Murwillumbah. As well as steeping ourselves in the beautiful work of this prolific artist, we are looking forward to spending time together over lunch.

Planned events to support our Altruistic Projects

Concerts

We are once again planning two concerts to be held later in the year and dates will be announced when they are confirmed with the musicians. These concerts are uplifting musical experiences as well as providing a social opportunity to meet up with friends over an excellent High Tea style afternoon tea. Funds raised by the concerts will be donated to international TOS projects.

Afternoon Tea

Following the success of our afternoon teas in the Annerley Community Bookshop, we will be holding another similar event in the middle of the year – date to be announced. The Community Bookshop is a warm and welcoming place with comfortable seating and a wealth of fascinating books and media to browse through. Catching up with friends is also a priority for many people attending. Funds raised by donation will be contributed to a local project supporting people in need.

Workshops

One or two workshops are also in the planning stages, using TOS members' expertise and various interests. Details will be available in March.

A meditation

Let my love spread its laughter in all hearts, in every person belonging to every race. Let my love rest in the hearts of flowers, of animals, and of little specks of stardust.

Yogananda

For contemplation

What the world needs most of all is brotherhood, first in the heart of man, and next, as its reflection in the outer world... In the spiritual life radiation is existence; there is no separation between being and doing.

N. Sri Ram