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# City of Greater Newcastle Lodge Newsletter

## **Meetings:**

1.00pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of  
the month except January

## **Venue:**

Wallsend  
Enterprise Centre  
(Wallsend Railway  
Goods Shed)  
76 Cowper Road  
Wallsend  
NSW

## **PLEASE NOTE:**

Meetings in 2023 are  
commencing at the new  
time of 1.00pm.

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Welcome to the April 2023 newsletter of the City of Greater Newcastle Lodge of the Theosophical Society (or 'TS'). Overleaf you can read more about our Society and Theosophy, or click through to our Facebook page and web page. Below are the topics and presenters for the next three months of this year.

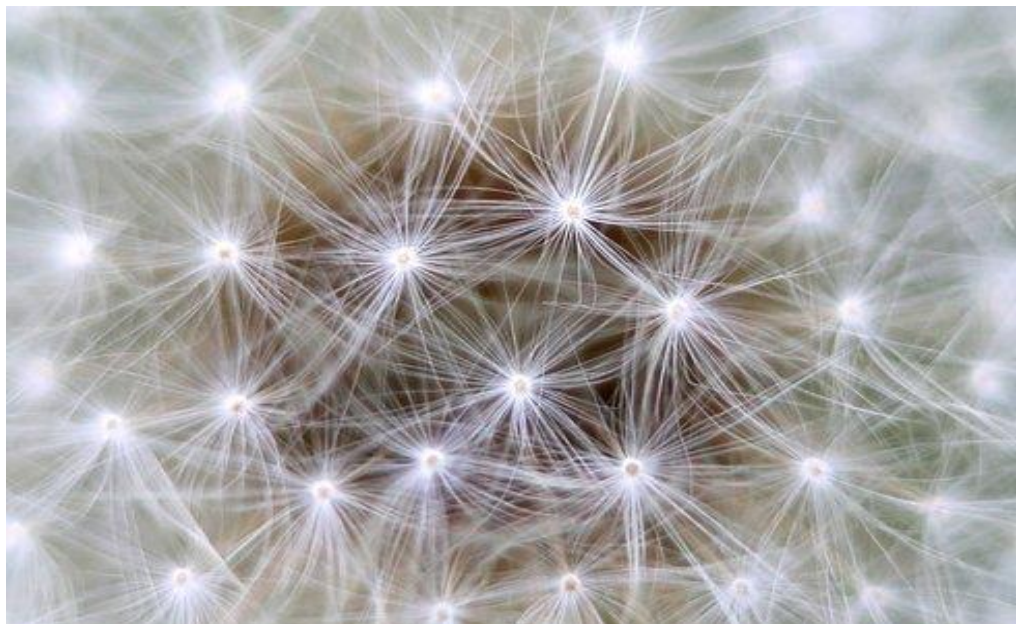


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## **PROGRAMME FOR MAY / JUNE / JULY 2023**

**Sat 20 May: 'FREEDOM OF THOUGHT AND THE TS'**

**Presenter: Linda Oliveira**, past TS National President and International Vice-President, past Editor of *Theosophy in Australia*  
**TALK AND DISCUSSION**

Humans commonly aspire towards a state of freedom, whether consciously or unconsciously. Freedom of thought is strongly embraced by The Theosophical Society and is seen as one of its great strengths. When we look at the Society's resolution on Freedom of Thought, how did it arise? What does it actually mean? How far does this intellectual freedom go? Does it pose any potential challenges? And how do we cultivate freedom of thought within?

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The Secret Doctrine is the accumulated Wisdom of the Ages, and its cosmogony alone is the most stupendous and elaborate system: e.g., even in the exotericism of the Puranas. But such is the mysterious power of Occult symbolism, that the facts which have actually occupied countless generations of initiated seers and prophets to marshal, to set down and explain, in the bewildering series of evolutionary progress, are all recorded on a few pages of geometrical signs and glyphs.

**H. P. Blavatsky**  
*The Secret Doctrine*  
 vol. 1, Summing Up

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*Newsletter Editor*  
 Linda Oliveira

### **Sat 17 June: 'FIRST STEPS IN THE SPIRITUAL LIFE'**

**Presenter: Jane Wilson**, Newcastle Lodge Secretary and a TS member for 16 years. She has attended theosophical schools in Australia and Adyar, India and has studied with theosophical groups in the UK and the USA.

#### **TALK FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSION**

First steps for the spiritual aspirant: suggestions and guidance from Theosophists like Annie Besant, Robert Ellwood and Joy Mills.... Where are we going and how do we get there?

### **Sat 15 July: 'WALKER OF THE SKY—THE INNER LIFE OF J. KRISHNAMURTI'**

**Presenter: Stephen McDonald**, National President of The Theosophical Society in Australia, Editor of *Theosophy in Australia*, past President of Blavatsky Lodge of The Theosophical Society, Sydney

#### **TALK FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSION**

J. Krishnamurti remains one of the most paradoxical religious figures of the 20th Century. But who or *what* was he? What was his relationship with the TS? In his personal account entitled, *Krishnamurti's Notebook*, he attempted to describe, in words, something of the deep inner life, which formed part of his daily experience. This talk will examine some aspects of Krishnamurti's inner experience (including some recent research about the "process"), which may enhance our understanding of his life's mission and his message

#### **Interesting Reads – The Universal Yoga Tradition**

Yoga ultimately culminates in a complete transmutation of human consciousness. Former International President of The Theosophical Society, Mrs Radha Burnier, provided profound insights into the tradition and nature of Yoga, when giving the prestigious Blavatsky Lecture of the English Section of the TS. You can read the lecture here:

<https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/articles/the-universal-yoga-tradition>

#### **About the Theosophical Society**

The Theosophical Society welcomes students or seekers from all walks of life, belonging to any religion or to none. It was formed to assist in showing to humanity that Theosophy exists, and 'to ascend towards it by studying and assimilating its eternal verities'. Freedom of thought and open enquiry are given special emphasis in the Society.

#### **About Theosophy**

Theosophy essentially refers to 'Divine Wisdom', Sacred Knowledge, which is a transcendent state of consciousness. In a secondary sense, Theosophy is an ancient yet distinct stream of enquiry, exploring and interpreting the truths of existence in terms suited to particular ages. At the core of Theosophy is the principle of indivisible Unity underlying the diversity of forms.



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**We welcome newcomers.**