



City of Greater Newcastle Lodge Newsletter

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Meetings:

*1.00pm, 3rd 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 January 2023 newsletter of the City of Greater Newcastle Lodge of the Theosophical Society (or 'TS'). You can read more about our Society and Theosophy on the next page. Below are the topics and presenters for the first three months of this year.



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PROGRAMME FOR FEBRUARY / MARCH / APRIL 2023

Sat 18 Feb: 'WHO WAS HELENA P. BLAVATSKY?'

**Facilitator: Pedro Oliveira, Publicity Officer, Newcastle Lodge
DISCUSSION**

A group discussion based on revealing testimonies about the enigmatic Madame Blavatsky by Col. Olcott, A. P. Sinnett, Annie Besant and the Mahatmas. Printed quotations will be distributed at the meeting for us to consider together.

Sat 18 Mar: 'THE THREE ENLIGHTENMENTS'

Presenter: Simon O'Rourke, Education Coordinator,
The Theosophical Society in Australia

TALK FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSION

Theosophy is the shoreless ocean of universal truth, love, and wisdom, reflecting its radiance on the earth, while the Theosophical Society is only a visible bubble on that reflection. Theosophy is divine nature, visible and invisible, and its Society human nature trying to ascend to its divine parent. Theosophy, finally, is the fixed eternal sun, and its Society the evanescent comet trying to settle in an orbit to become a planet, ever revolving within the attraction of the sun of truth. It was formed to assist in showing to men that such a thing as Theosophy exists, and to help them to ascend towards it by studying and assimilating its eternal verities.

H. P. Blavatsky
The Key to Theosophy

The Ageless Wisdom teaches that a Way or Path requires a number of preparations, or qualifications leading to the perfection of the human being, and the complete transformation of the soul. Pythagoras called this Metempsychosis. "Arise, awake.... Sharp as the edge of a razor, hard to traverse, untreadable is this path...". So says the Katha Upanishad. We will enquire into the stages of the Path and the powers acquired.

Sat 15 Apr: 'AN INTRODUCTORY VIEW OF MADAME BLAVATSKY'S WORKS: *Isis Unveiled* and *The Secret Doctrine*'

Presenter: Pat Bolsover, President, Newcastle Lodge

TALK FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSION

Written, respectively, in 1877 and 1888, these two major works by Madame Blavatsky challenge conventional wisdom on the science and religion of the ancient peoples of the earth, and present deep insights on the origins of humanity and of our solar system.

Interesting Reads – Rona Scott, Artist

Rona Scott was at one time a member of Newcastle Lodge. She was an accredited Australian artist, and an art teacher, who frequently exhibited at the Von Bertouch Galleries in Newcastle. Later, in Sydney, she painted a set of over 70 paintings called 'Cosmic Birth' during the early 1980s, inspired by the *Stanzas of Dzyan* in Madame Blavatsky's magnum opus, *The Secret Doctrine*. See the striking images of more than half of the collection and read about each one at: <https://theosophicalsociety.org.au/resources/the-rona-scott-gallery>

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.

We welcome newcomers.

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