

# The T.O.S. Village News

(The Theosophical Order of Service)

31 March 2015

## Coming Events

- \* **Good Friday Taizé Meditation** - 3 April 15 @ 6pm  
Liberal Catholic Church, Lacey St Perth.
- \* **Easter Retreat** - 'Consciousness after Death?'  
presented by Pedro Oliveria 5 & 6 Apr 15. TOS  
lunches available at \$10 per meal.
- \* **Tuesday Night Talk & Supper** - 28 April 15  
6:30pm - a talk by Ranger Red - Bradley Holland  
who has works with Australian Wildlife.

## Welcome to the Village

This newsletter is larger than normal because there is an exciting travel opportunity for TOS members to visit the Ankor Temples, Cambodia. The flyer & booking form are attached. If you would like a copy of the itinerary, please email me. TOS membership is only \$5, so if you are interested in travelling with a spiritual group, please join the TOS.

There are also flyers for the Easter Retreat and a talk by Ranger Red. The TOS will raise money at both events by providing catering.

The TOS is more than the local Perth group. Nationally there are 9 groups (including WA) and internationally the TOS is in 34 countries. I would like to introduce you to the 8 National groups through one paragraph. This does not do full justice to the work of the groups and I apologise in advance. All groups seem to have a theme of spirituality through service & mediation for 'World Peace'.

### ♥ Best wishes

Rhonda Phillips,  
TOS Chairperson [tosperth@gmail.com](mailto:tosperth@gmail.com)

**National Report** - Jean Carroll reports that our nine groups have been working through their individual 'Plans of Action'. The final template of these will be presented at next year's AGM. A sense of purpose is developing with our groups as local coordinators this year have circulated their events to all our groups, inspiring and building a nucleus. TOS joined the Facebook world this year [www.facebook.com/tos.oz](http://www.facebook.com/tos.oz)

**Total donations for the year \$28,227**



**Hobart** - The big event for the TOS Hobart was a talk by Margaret Eldridge, a local activist, who has worked with refugees and asylum seekers for 30 years. It was a thought provoking session and funds raised were donated to a local refugee support group. Also, Ro Dallow writes that funds were raised for the Hobart City Mission to create Christmas cheer amongst their clients.

**Brisbane** - Geoff Harrod reports that from mid-year, meditation for 'World Peace' was held before our meetings.

Major fund-raising activities in 2013-14

1. A Concert to aid the Pakistan Home Schools project
2. An Art Show 'Mobility for Life' raised funds for the Mobility Aids project in North India.

Also, we sold home-made edibles at the Banyo Bazaar.

**Sunshine Coast** - Joyce Tozer tells us that 3 of our members regularly visit the Detention centre in Brisbane as 'Buddies' for refugees.

Karen Shakespeare took household necessities on a rather hazardous journey through floods, by oxcart, to a remote village in Cambodia. Karen & Jean also visited the headquarters of 'Free to Shine', an organization through which several of our members sponsor girls education in order to prevent them being trafficked into brothels.

During the month of November TOS ran weekly meditations for 'World Peace' at our lodge.

**Sydney** - We have moved away from the purely educational talks we have previously held to a new emphasis on service and personal spiritual growth.

Richard Larkin and the TOS members have also organised a "Mushroom Network" that keeps in touch with Lodge members who are now unable to attend functions, so they can still feel part of our Society. Naturally we continue to raise money for various charities, such as the Exodus Foundation and the TOS run Golden Links College in the Philippines.

**Canberra** - We continued with our support of the education of a student in Pakistan and have been allocated a new student, a nine year old boy attending Aney Model Children Academy in Karachi. We wish him well in his schooling. We also donated a \$25 micro loan through KIVA to enable a woman in the Philippines to purchase seeds for her farming enterprise. Barbara continues to buy and donate warm winter clothes to the Mission without Borders project which sends them to the poorest countries in Europe. We collect used postage stamps for the Red Cross. By Janice Scarabottolo

**Melbourne** - TOS in Melbourne held two activities at the T.S. in Melbourne. The first was in October, with a workshop on "Living Earth, Meditative Art, Inner Peace and Harmony" and the second activity was on 21st June on "Healing of Relationships with Self and Others". From September 2013 to August 2014 a monthly TOS activity 'CREATIVE ART AND MANDALA HEALING' raised \$924 dollars for National TOS Projects. By Georgina Fode.

**Continue over Page: Mornington & Adelaide**

## TOS MEMBERSHIP FORM

I \_\_\_\_\_ (first name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Surname)  
wish to join the Theosophical Order of Service – Western Australian Incorporated.

My address: \_\_\_\_\_

My email: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

My Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Membership Fee: \$5.00

Cheque to: "The Theosophical Order of Service"  
Mail to: TOS, C/- 21 Glendower St, Perth, 6000

Or

EFT \$5.00 in to the TOS Bendigo Bank  
BSB: 633-000 Account: 116559105  
Reference: Your full name

And send an email to [tosperth@gmail.com](mailto:tosperth@gmail.com) advising of the deposit including your name, address and phone number.

### National TOS Branches continued.....

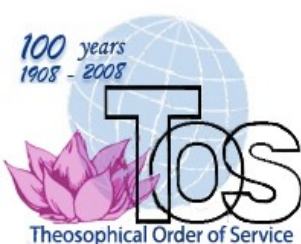
**Mornington** - Our group has signed the Charter of Compassion. We also collect donations for TOS at meetings, which will be donated to the Literacy Home Schools in Pakistan. Since the start of 2013, a new event has been added to our TOS program – a monthly workshop on Mandalas offered to the general public, at the local Mornington library. This is conducted by our enthusiastic committee member, Georgina Fode, who includes theosophical teachings and short meditations related to mandalas. She has attracted participants of varied ages and backgrounds, up to 25 people on Saturday afternoons, who each pay \$5, which goes directly to TOS. By Alice Oppen

**Adelaide** - Travis James and the TOS members of Adelaide held a 2014 Winter Solstice dinner. This was an enjoyable event with happy conversation. We donated \$200 each to three local Charities. We are now planning our next dinner to be in April. We finally sent our latest and last batch of books to the Golden Link School in the Philippines. Our current plans are to hold an Ethiopian day with people from the Bare Foot Initiative, a group that helps people in Ethiopia. We are also hoping that we will be able to have Ethiopian food.

## The Link of Hearts Healing Meditation

Anne Bower is coordinating a team of Meditators who will provide long distance healing to people on our TOS healing list. The person's name will remain on the list for one month and during that time the team will regularly send healing energy.

Contact Anne on [tosperth@gmail.com](mailto:tosperth@gmail.com) or 0408 784 443



### The Theosophical Order of Service - WA Inc.

We are a humanitarian service group who work to help others, near and far, and in the process transform ourselves.

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New members are welcome, however it is not necessary to be a member to attend our functions.

**You are welcome.**



## **TOS Fundraiser Tour to the Kingdom of Cambodia**

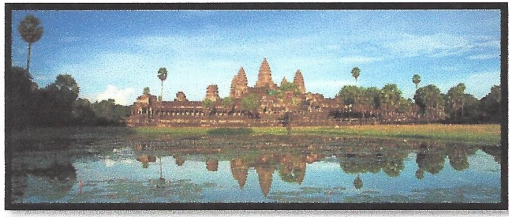
### **Sacred Sights & Service Tour 11-23 Oct**

**Twin share: AUD 920. Single supplement AUD607  
Based on min. 18 persons travelling together**

**Join like-minded people on this inexpensive trip to Cambodia. Cambodia is one of the poorest countries in the world, yet its people are one of the friendliest.**

**Nine nights Siem Reap, 3 nights Phnom Penh - visiting the three major Angkor Temples and TOS projects in Siem Reap, plus more. For detailed itinerary and full inclusions please register with our Expression of Interest. Day by day itinerary will be forwarded by email or Australia Post.**

**Contact Jean Carroll [tos.australia@gmail.com](mailto:tos.australia@gmail.com) or**



**Theosophical Order of Service  
Fundraiser Tour to Cambodia 11-23 October 2015**

Please complete this booking form in full and return with **AUD300 deposit per person to:**

Christiane Doeur  
Eastern Europe Travel  
Level 5, 75 King Street  
Sydney NSW 2000  
Tel. 02 9262 1144  
Email: christiane@eetbtravel.com

**Cheque:**  
Payable to Eastern Europe Travel  
**Credit Card:**  
Visa or Master Card (at 2%); America Express (at 4%) – balance only (\$300 deposit free of fees)  
*please indicate type of Credit Card, Number & Expiry Date, Name of Cardholder as it appears on the Card*

Mr/Mrs/Ms	Surname	First Name	Address (incl. email if app)	State	Telephone
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2.					
Citizenship	Passport #	Date/Place of Birth	Expiry Date/Passport	Configuration of Room Required - Double / Twin / Single	
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**Special Requests**

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**Price in AUD – based on 18 persons minimum\*\*\***

<b>TWIN SHARE</b>	<b>SINGLE SUPPLEMENT</b>
920.00	607.00

\*\*\*cost will increase slightly if Group size is less

**Payment Terms:**  
Full payment is due 60 days prior departure  
**(11 Aug 2015).**

**Cancellation Policy:**  
Up to 61 days loss of deposit incurred  
60 to 30 days 50% of the total cost will be charged  
29 to 15 days 75% of the total cost will be charged  
14 to 0 days 100% of the total cost will be charged

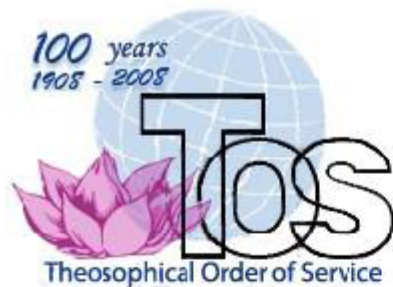
**Package inclusions\*\*\* :**

- Arrival & departure transfers from/to airport
- 12 nights' accommodation in centrally located 4\* hotels , incl. daily breakfast – Lunch & dinner own expense
  - 9 nights - Frangipani Villa, Siem Reap
  - 3 nights - Queen Grand Boutique Hotel, Phnom Penh
- Privately guided tours to 3 Angkor temples, incl. admission
- Half day privately guided tour to Floating Community Kampong Phluk
- Private coach transport Siem Reap to Phnom Penh
- Half day guided tour to Tuol Sleng Museum and Choeng-Ek (Killing Fields), incl. admission

**Additional small Tuk-Tuk Costs & Admission to attractions, where applicable (cost not included) :**

- Visit to Land Mine Museum/Jimmy's Village School
- Visit to Village sponsored by jimmy's School
- Visit to Gecko Project
- Visit to Royal Palace Phnom Penh
- Transfer to Foreign Correspondent Club at Sisowath Quay

\*\*\*TOUR COST DOES NOT INCLUDE VISA COST – AUD50.00 direct to Cambodian Embassy, Canberra or USD30.00 on arrival in Cambodia



***A very special TOS - fund raising activity***

***Members of the TOS are providing lunches at:***

***Easter Weekend Seminar being held at the:***

**THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY IN PERTH**

*21 Glendower St, Perth (08 9328 8104), on*

**= "CONSCIOUSNESS AFTER DEATH?" =**

*- featuring Pedro Oliveira*

*National Education Coordinator for TS Australia*

*When: Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2015*

*Lunch Time: 12:30 – 2:00pm*

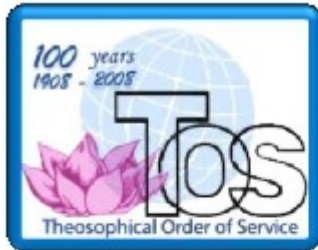
***An excellent buffet style vegetarian lunch***

***will be available as part of the***

***Theosophical Order of Service's fund raising activities.***

***- \$10 per person per meal (paid on the day)-***

***If you wish to participate in this fund raising activity which is encouraging fellowship during this seminar, then please add your name to the list in the TS Library by Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> March so that we will be able to cater appropriately.***



The Theosophical Order of Service is the 'Service' arm of the Theosophical Society. Whenever there is a need, small groups band together to provide relief. From schools in Pakistan to micro-loans for women in Bangladesh to Indigenous communities in Australia, to protecting animals or helping communities facing natural disasters, TOS is there offering help.

**PRESENTS**

## **-RANGER RED-**

*Bradley Holland*

Bradley has been working with endangered Australian Wildlife since 1992. His passion is saving our wildlife and he presents informative, educational talks to the community.

He has grand visions, some of which he has already implemented. During the last 4 years, he has been working with wayward youth, refugees from the Northam detention centre and indigenous youth. He is encouraged by the response of the Department of Corrective Services which recognises that youth who participate on his courses develop compassion, responsibility and self-respect by caring for the animals.

Bradley's vision is to developing Ranger Red sheds, where men can mentor youths and teach them skills by constructing shelters for the animals. Eventually, he hopes to set up a conservation park for endangered Australian Wildlife.



**A TOS fund raising night  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> of April.**

**21 Glendower St Perth - All Welcome**

Please join the TOS for our delicious snacks and light supper for \$8, starting at **6.30 pm**. Also check out our raffle basket and the other fund raising items



**TOS motto - A union of those who love  
in the service of all that suffer**

