

NOV. 17-18 NOVEMBER RETREAT - FOREST RETREAT.

Spend some reflective time among the ancient giant eucalyptus trees of the Toolangi State forest, an area hopefully soon to be named the Great Forest National Park. Experience the beauty and presence of the primeval forests from which we emerged.

DECEMBER 22ND – SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION.

This is the traditional Yuletide of the Northern hemisphere. In Australia the main focus is the birth of Jesus and the celebration of mid-summer, and the blessings brought to us from all points of the compass. 1100.am to 2.30pm. No charge. Bring some food to share.

DEC. 19-22 CHRISTMAS RETREAT

A four-day period for private reflective time which includes the Solstice day.\$115 per

STANDARD ACCOMMODATION RATES

Per day fully catered: \$115/day

Weekends: \$210pp. (\$340 per couple)

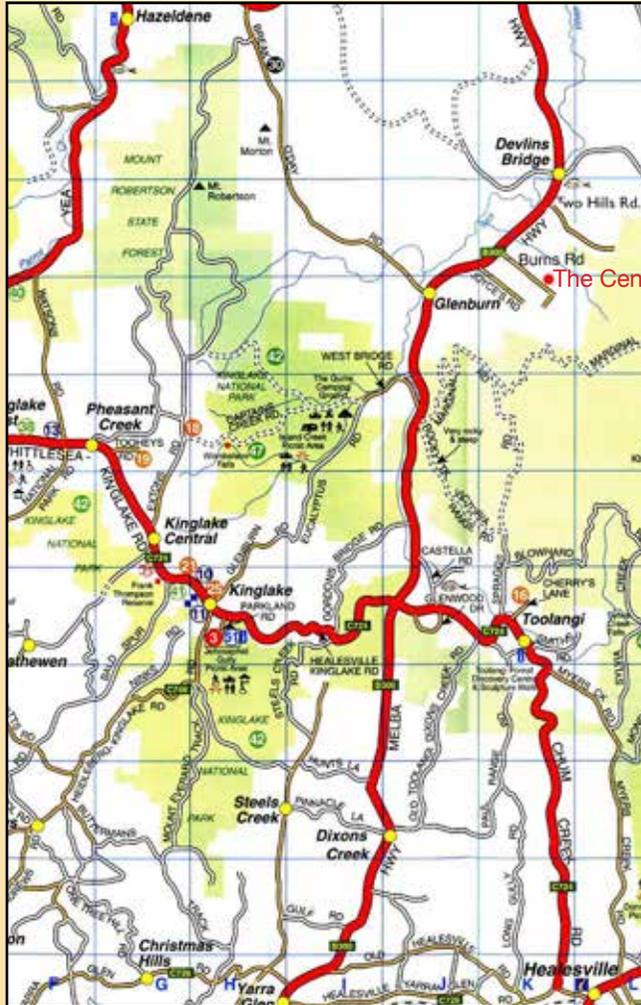
Overnight, self-catered: \$65/day (\$90 per couple)

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PRIVATE RETREATS

The self-contained flat or hermitage (pictured below) offers a beautiful retreat experience, with its own bedroom with double bed, living room/kitchen, and separate door to the grounds. Retreatants can choose full catering or can provide their own meals. The flat is available for weekends or several days at a time. Normal rates (above) apply. Two nearby rooms can accommodate other family members or friends. The large guest house can accomodate up to eight people.



LOCATION

The Centre for Ecology and Spirituality is situated in open eucalypt forest, on Katy's Creek, at 183 Burns Rd. Glenburn. 3717, halfway between Yarra Glen and Yea on the Melba Highway. It is 80 kms or 75 mins. drive from Melbourne. Burns Rd is 1.4 km on the right past the Glenburn Service Station. Look for the T-intersection and Childrens' Crossing signs. The Centre is 2 km down Burns Rd. Look for the green sign pointing to the Centre. A V-Line bus service (the Mansfield bus) runs daily from Southern Cross Station (Spencer St) to the Glenburn Service Station . Visitors can easily be picked up from there. CAUTION. Some navigating systems do not work properly after the Glenburn Service Station.

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*General Information
and
Program of events
2018*

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WHAT ARE WE ABOUT?

The Centre provides an opportunity for people to spend time on the spiritual and ecological dimensions of their lives. It offers space for reflection, discussion and education. The Centre wishes to be inclusive and welcomes all interested in the link between ecology and spirituality. The Centre is dedicated to the promotion of a sound spirituality which recognises the ecology of Creation, and the connectivity and balance of all life. It also endeavours to gain insights into the role of the human in what has now come to be known as the Ecozoic era of the world. The natural world is seen as the primary manifestation of sacredness, and the Centre encourages a holistic spirituality that honours the earth in its human and its more-than-human aspects.

The role of the human in the world is studied from a Christian perspective, and also in the light of other great religious and cultural traditions, and in particular in the light of a new cosmology drawn from the insights of modern science. A conviction that creation has been blessed with a spiritual wholeness that pervades all the matter, fauna and flora of Earth, and the complex systems of the Universe, leads to a practical spirituality of mutuality with Earth and its life, and an openness to the discovery of the sacred at every point

STAFF

Trevor Parton cfc facilitates learning. Trevor has an MA in Culture and Spirituality. He has an extensive educational background in Science and Ecology. Trevor also has interests in art, music and movement. Leonard Sheahan has completed training at Tabgha Farm in ecology and spirituality. Other adjunct staff visit to facilitate special events.

CENTRE COMMUNITY (2018)

Trevor Parton, Leonard Sheahan, Colleen King-Turner, Richard Walsh, Peter Ellis.

ACCOMMODATION

The Centre offers seven comfortable individual rooms for retreatants, and this can be extended to accommodation for a maximum of fourteen on a double or twin share basis for workshops and weekend activities. Married couples groups are welcome. Day groups up to 20 can be accommodated. A beautiful grass labyrinth is located at the Centre.

FACILITIES

We provide catering and there are facilities if you wish to self-cater. Linen and Towels are provided. A self-contained flat is available for anyone wanting to make a quiet retreat. (See photo)The flat may also be used for an extended stay by someone wishing to take some sabbatical time, or by married couples or a small family group. See rates over page. Please enquire by phone (03 5797 8532) or email (glenburnces@ipstar-mail.com.au)

FACILITATION

The Centre can be used as a quiet site for small groups of school staff and interest groups. The Centre can provide modules on spirituality, personal development and topics which

groups may wish to explore. Day only or sleep-over. Centre Staff are available to travel to schools and other venues to provide Days of Reflection, retreats or workshops.

2018 PROGRAM

MONTHLY WEEKEND RETREATS. The 2018 program features monthly retreats that commence at 9.30am on the Saturday and conclude on Sunday around 2.00pm. The fee for weekend retreats is \$200. If participants wish to arrive on Friday afternoon or evening then this can be arranged.

For the solstice and equinox days there will be no charge. Bring some food to share instead. Facilitator: Margie Abbott.

MAR.3-4 MARCH RETREAT - THE EMERGING NEW CONSCIOUSNESS I

Looking at the prophetic figures of the last 100 years from the religious and the secular traditions, in as far as they witness to a new human-Earth relationship.

Religious: Teilhard de Chardin, Sri Aurobindo, Matthew Fox, Thomas Berry, Brian Swimme, Pope Francis.

Secular: Rachel Carson, Jean Gebser, Jean Houston, Joseph Campbell, Gregory Bateson, Ken Wilber, The Earth Charter, the Nature Writers

MARCH 24TH - AUTUMN EQUINOX CELEBRATION.

Each year our Earth' orbit passes through two points where its angle of tilt is side on to the sun, giving days and nights of equal length – hence equinox. The ancients saw the autumn equinox as a celebration of harvest, mirroring the inner journey of the soul. Our world needs a reconnection of the human and the Earth, particularly the seasonal celebrations. 1100.am to 2.30pm. No charge. Bring some food to share. Earth Days facilitated by Margie Abbott.

APR. 7-8 APRIL RETREAT - THE EMERGING NEW CONSCIOUSNESS II

Both the religious and the secular prophetic figures have in common, a sense of the sacred nature of our world, and a desire to maintain its integrity. Both are called to acknowledge and celebrate the beauty and importance of the created order.

MAY 12-13 MAY RETREAT - THE UNIVERSE STORY RE-IMAGINED.

Tony Hempenstall and Peter Harney from the Archer Earth Community in Queensland offer us new insights to our appreciation of the Human and Earth Story, and the integration of both into our spirituality. Enter the Ecozoic era with our vision clear.

MAY 26 DANCE WORKSHOP

Circle dancing with Robyn Sussems is a popular annual event, with a reflective day of ethnic dances and meditations. 10.00am - 3.00pm. Fee \$40. Lunch provided.

JUN. 2-3 JUNE RETREAT - ECHOES OF EARTHSONG

EarthSong wound up its activities in December 2017. Over

its fourteen year life, themes around nature and soul were consistently looked at. Here is an opportunity to re-live some of those experiences in which many of us found so much fulfilment. Some members of the former EarthSong Presentation Team will facilitate.

JUNE 24 WINTER SOLSTICE

The winter solstice marks 'the birth of the light'. This is because the days will now get longer and the nights shorter. We celebrate around a fire for warmth, and tell the stories of our culture. At the darkest time of the year, we have reason for hope. 1100.am to 2.30pm. No charge. Bring some food to share. With Margie Abbott.

JUN 30-JUL 1 JULY RETREAT - THE WISDOM OF THE FEMININE

A Celebration of the spiritual wisdom brought to us by people such as Anne Primavesi, Jean Houston, Julia Cameron, Anne Hillman, Annie Dillard, Joanna Macy, Rachel Carson, Jane Goodall, Edith Stein, Simone Weil, Wangari Maathai and the list goes on...

AUG. 11-12 AUGUST RETREAT - MODERN DAY SAINTS.

The legacies of people like Mahatma Gandhi, Nelson Mandela, Martin Luther King, Mother Teresa, and others. What are the soul lessons they have left us so that we can live out our unique lives.

SEP. 10-18 SEPTEMBER RETREAT - THE FLINDERS RANGES RETREAT.

Spend a week in the Flinders Ranges among the ancient gorges that were home to the earliest multi-cellular life, and still are inhabited by unique flora and fauna. Daily reflective opportunities help us to integrate the world and our spirituality. Comfortable but rustic accommodation in shearers' quarters. Good kitchen, bathrooms and washing. Cost \$1700.

SEPTEMBER 22ND - SPRING EQUINOX CELEBRATION.

One of the most joyous events of the year, growing, planting, birds nesting, and in our country the explosion of wattle – so brilliant at Glenburn. It is a time for celebrations of gratitude and planning for the coming season. 1100.am to 2.30pm. No charge. Bring some food to share. With Margie Abbott

OCT. 6-7 OCTOBER RETREAT - ECOLOGY AND COSMOLOGY

It is possible to walk blindly through life not having examined the worldview of our culture. Each individual has a unique path to travel which may be quite different to our cultural legacies. Living our own authentic lives is a celebration of own inner creativity.

NOV. 10 DRUMMING WORKSHOP

Singer/Songwriter and drummer Christina Green offers an excellent day of drumming, singing and meditation. Drums are supplied and no previous experience is required. 10.00am - 3.00pm Fee \$40. Lunch provided