Spiritualism New Zegland

Registrar's Report

Annual General Meeting - 18 August 2021

Like many other organisations, our year started in quite a different fashion due to the covid pandemic. This encouraged us to look at new ways that we could reach out to our community and so we started online Church services and coffee mornings and then later a free weekly meditation series on Thursday evenings. The meditation evenings are continuing to happen each week. We are extremely grateful to the mediums around the country, who are giving us their time to provide the meditations and to all those who are joining us, some on a weekly basis and others casually.

During the year, Anne Roughton, Barbara Hand, Joanne Duncan and Sue Boyle spent a weekend in Auckland and Nelson meeting with people in these areas, doing a Clairvoyant Evening on the Friday evenings and then a variety of workshops through the weekend. These weekends are valuable not only for the sharing of knowledge but also for the connections we make with the people in the area.

We decided not to run webinars during the summer months and so we have run a Spring webinar series in 2020 and are currently running a Winter webinar series. These series consist of 6 webinars run by different people on different subjects. Again, we are very grateful to these people who give their time and expertise to share their knowledge with those who attend.

Our membership has continued to grow throughout the year with a boost given with the offer of early bird special for the retreat to be held in September in Auckland. As at 30 June we had 130 members, 1.089 subscribers to our monthly newsletter and 1,063 followers on our Facebook page. The monthly newsletters continue to be greeted with enthusiasm by many and they are proving to be an important part of bringing our community together and letting people know what is happening around the country.

Much time over this year has again been spent on revising our website. This has been an ongoing process as it was decided to completely revamp the current website, after we had spent some time trying to update it. We are currently at the point of reviewing the new outlay, updating our membership system and events system, and installing a new directory. We are currently contemplating some extensions to our website along the lines of perhaps listing Registered Healers and also providing more support for our members who are mediums. There will be much excitement and relief once this process has been completed.

While the Energy of Change Retreat is set to happen in September in Auckland, a lot of work has gone into preparing for it. Again, we have many presenters to thank for giving their time and expertise to run one of the many sessions that will be available. At the time of writing this we only have 2 rooms left to be booked along with any people who wish to attend on a daily basis.

Much work goes into the preparation of these retreats and I am grateful for the commitment of our Promotions Committee for their work on this, the website and the many other projects that they have tackled during the year. This committee is made up of Joanne Duncan, Sue Boyle, Anne Roughton, Gail Payne, Lyn Herriot, Amanda Cartridge and myself.

Barbara Hand Registrar 11.8.21