

Our year started with the disappointment of having to postpone our Energy of Change Retreat due to the Covid pandemic. This retreat was to be held in Auckland and is currently on hold until everyone feels more comfortable with joining together in this way.

During the remainder of 2021, we ran two series of webinars, which were open to everyone but with a discounted rate for our members. These 12 sessions were run by a variety of experienced mediums, who shared their knowledge and wisdom on many different subjects and were enthusiastically received.

We also continued to run our weekly meditations on a Thursday evening again with many experienced mediums contributing. They each bring a different flavour to the meditations that they share. These evenings now have a core group of followers with others joining in as and when they have the time. We often hear the comment that people forgot until it was too late to join, so we have been encouraging people to set a weekly alarm to remind themselves.

At the beginning of 2021, we realised that we probably wouldn't be able to run an in person retreat again this year. We therefore decided that we would devote the month of June to running an online retreat. We contacted many people around the country asking if they would be willing to run a session for us and received an overwhelming yes response. With so many people willing to participate we were able to put together a program of at least one webinar each day of the month, with some days having two or three. The sessions were recorded so that people attending could listen to them again if they wished.

While we were unable to have the personal connection that we would have got from a physical retreat, there was certainly a feeling of building a community throughout the month, with most people choosing to come to multiple sessions. We thank all who attended for their participation because without you, this event wouldn't have been the success it was.

We would also like to sincerely thank all our presenters who gave their time for the two series of webinars and the Midwinter Retreat program, and also those who continue to share their wonderful meditations. Without you, these events could not be held.

As many of you know, we have been working for some time to upgrade our website. This was finally completed in April this year along with installing a new financial system, membership program, Events Calendar and Directory system. Although there were a few hiccups, as there always is with a new system and programs, without these upgrades we wouldn't have been able to run an event such as the



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Midwinter Recharge. My grateful thanks go to Amanda, Gail and Joanne for the wonderful input they all gave to create this website.

We hope that you are enjoying the information available on the website and the chance to listen to meditations. We have chosen to limit access to some areas to members only, as we see this as a benefit of belonging to our organisation. We also encourage our members to enter their events on the Event calendar and also add their information into our Directory.

We continue to send out a monthly newsletter to our many subscribers, sharing information about what is happening both within Spiritualism New Zealand and with our members. We also include interesting articles and other information that we hope will be helpful to all on their spiritual journey.

Our membership and subscribers to our newsletters have continued to grow throughout the year. This was particularly obvious during the Midwinter Recharge program, where many people joined to take advantage of the 50% members discount.

We continue to discount all that we do for our members as well as giving many other benefits to belonging to our organisation. We are committed to keeping quality events at affordable prices for our members, while still covering our costs. We are passionate about building a spiritual community throughout New Zealand and providing whatever services we can to help all those on their spiritual journey.

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