



Motto:
**Atmano mokshartham
jagad hitaya cha**

(For one's own libera-
tion and for the welfare
of the world)

REACH

Monthly Bulletin of Vedanta Centre of Sydney and all its Branches

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Sydney Centre

Daily Activities:

Daily worship including chanting and meditation is held every morning from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at

e) Sanskrit language classes were held on Saturdays and Sundays for various levels of adult students.

f) **Bala Sangha** Classes on **moral and spiritual lessons and drama and movement** were conducted for children every Saturday from 4:45 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. at the Centre during the academic term.

g) **Rāmanām Sankirtana** was sung on 6th and 21st February, the *Ekadashi* days after the vesper service.

h) A class for ladies on *Meditation and Spiritual Life* was conducted on selected Mondays twice a month from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Celebrations:

a) The **birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda** was observed on Thursday, the 3rd of February 2013. Amidst chanting of mantras and bhajans a special worship was offered to the Holy Trio. Swami Sridharananda gave a talk on the life and teachings of Swami Vivekananda after evening *ārati*.

A new posting:

Swami Sunishthananda arrived on 12th of February 2013.

the Centre. The vesper service is held in the evening from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. including devotional singing, reading from *The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna* and meditation.

Counselling, interviews and discussions with devotees are also conducted on a daily basis. The library is available to devotees for reference and research. The Centre maintains a **bookstall** which has a range of books on the Ramakrishna-Vivekananda, Vedanta, Yoga, and other spiritual literature. Devotional songs, discourses on the *Bhagavad Gitā*, the *Yoga Sutras of Patanjali*, *Mundaka Upanisad*, and other topics are also available in various media.

Weekly/ Monthly Activities:

The Centre conducted the following activities in Sydney:

a) Swami Sridharananda conducted **classes** on the *Bhagavad-Gitā* every Sunday morning from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Centre.

b) **Classes** on *Bhagavad Gitā* were also conducted by Swami Sridharananda at 1/11 Boyle Street, Balgowlah, NSW 2093 **Manly Beach** on Tuesdays from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

c) Some devotees availed **spiritual counselling** and guidance. The Swamis also visited the homes of devotees when required.

d) **Meditation** sessions were held at the Centre on Sundays from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

FORTHCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Function	Centre	Date
Maha Shiva-Ratri	Sydney	Sunday, 10 March 2013
Birth Anniversary of Sri Ramakrishna	Adelaide	Saturday, 6 April 2013
	Brisbane	Saturday, 9 March 2013
	Melbourne	Saturday, 23 March 2013
	Perth	Wednesday, 17 March 2013
	Sydney	Wednesday, 13 March 2013
	Auckland, NZ	Saturday, 16 March 2013
Sri Chaitanya Jayanti	Sydney	Wednesday, 27 March 2013
Ramanavami	Sydney	Friday, 19 April 2013
Sri Shankaracharya	Sydney	Thursday 26 April 2013
Buddha Purnima	Sydney	Saturday, 25 May 2013



Adelaide Centre

Monthly activities:

a) Swami Sridharananda visited Adelaide from 7th to 9th of February 2013 and delivered discourses on the *Srimad-Bhagavad Gītā* and *Yoga Sutras of Patanjali* at the Dulwich Community Centre, 14 Union Street, Dulwich SA 5065.

Celebration:

a) A prayer meeting was held to celebrate the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda on Sunday, the 3rd of February 2013 at 9:30 a.m. at 77 Marion Road, Ascot Park, SA 5043. It included chanting, *bhajans*, reading from the Gospel of the Holy Mother and *pushpanjali*.



Brisbane Centre View from road

Daily activities:

Morning worship, evening *ārati*, *bhajans*, and readings from *The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna* are the regular activities of the Centre at 181 Burbong Street, Chapel Hill, QLD 4073, A resident volunteer looks after the day-to-day activities at the Centre.

Monthly Activities:

a) **Prayer meetings** was held on 28th of February at a devotee's house in Deception Bay, QLD.

(Contact person: Dr. V. Reddy 07-3720 0228)



Canberra Centre

Swami Sridharananda conducted a class on the *Bhagavad-Gītā* on Sunday the 10th of February 2013 at the Belconnen Community Meeting Room 2 Chandler Street in Canberra.

Contact person: Mr. J. Venkataraman, Secretary - 02-6258 7612.

Daily Activities:

Vesper service is held daily in the Centre at **5-7 Angus Avenue, Ringwood, Vic 3135** from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. It includes set hymns, scriptural readings, meditation and occasional devotional singing.

The **bookstall** makes available literature on Ramakrishna-Vivekananda, Vedanta philosophy, and other spiritual topics in print, audio, and visual media throughout the period.

Weekly/Monthly Activities:

a) Swami Sridharananda delivered monthly **discourses** on the *Bhagavad-Gītā* from Thursday, the 21st of February from 7:45 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Monash University Clayton Campus of Law, Wellington Road (L Theatre L4). The lecture venue was shifted to the Centre at Angus Avenue on Friday, the 22nd February. It was conducted from 7:45 p.m. to 9 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. The recordings of these discourses are available in Audio, Video and MP3 formats.

b) **Group studies** through viewing of (i) the *Mundaka Upanishad* lecture series video was held on every Sunday from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. and (ii) the *Yoga Sutras of Patanjali* lecture series video was held on every Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (iii) The *Bhagavad-Gītā* study group meets on alternate Sundays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Celebration:

a) The birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda was celebrated on 9th of February 2013 from 8:30 a.m. till 12:30 p.m. and concluded with Prasad distribution. A special worship was offered on the occasion amidst singing of *bhajans*. Swami Atmeshananda gave a talk on the life and teachings of Swami Vivekananda. Br. Harshal offered the worship.

Special Programme:

The Vedanta Centre in collaboration with FIAV (Federation of Indian Association) organised an 'open-house' of the Centre from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Local councillors from Maroondah and Whitehorse councils, Representatives of various Indian associations and local media attended the function. The neighbours too were invited. The meeting gave the Vedanta Centre an opportunity to showcase Ramakrishna-Vedanta Movement and its' activities to all present. Swami Sridharananda welcomed the guests and a short documentary on the Ramakrishna Movement was shown to them. A selected few spoke on the occasion. The councillors and others expressed their happiness and delight for this given opportunity to visit the Centre and enhance their understanding of the Vedanta activities in Australia. The meeting concluded with light refreshment and a walk around the Centre.

Contact persons: Mr. S. Ravinutala, Secretary on 03-9803 6154 or Mr. Mohana Krishnan on 03-9801 6174.



Melbourne Centre



Perth Centre

Daily Activities:

The Centre located at **51 Golf View Street, Yokine W.A. 6060** holds vesper service daily at 7 p.m. with *ārati*, readings from *The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna* and meditation. The Centre maintains a small bookstall and a library.

Monthly Activities:

a) Swami Sridharananda visited the Centre from 13th to 16th of February and conducted discourses on *Bhagavad Gītā*.

b) Monthly *satsang* on Sunday, the 3rd of February from 11 a.m. which included the singing of *bhajans* and readings from *The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna* and other inspiring books.

c) A **Revision** session through playing audio recording on *Bhagavat Gita* talks

delivered in the previous month. **Celebrations:**

a) The birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda was observed on 3rd of February. The highlight of the celebration at the Sydney Centre and the talk given by Swami Sridharananda was relayed and played at the Centre. Swami Chandrashekharaananda visited the Centre from 4th to 14th of February 2013 and conducted satsanga, talks on Swami Vivekananda and meditation session.

Contact persons: Mr. H. Mukhopadhyay, Secretary - 0411 478 244, Mr. P. Parekh, Asstt. Secretary - 0430 511 699.



Auckland, NZ Centre

Daily activities:

A vesper service is held daily from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Centre at 27 Arawa Street, New Lynn, Auckland. It includes the singing of hymns and readings from the *Sri Ramakrishna The Great Master* followed by meditation.

Monthly and annual activities:

a) On Sunday the 10th of February a *satsang* was held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. which included singing of *bhajans*, discourse on the *Ramayana*, reading and discussion on the life of Swami Premananda and meditation.

b) On the last Sunday the 24th of February the second satsang was conducted from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The programme consisted of *bhajans*, reading and discussion on *Srimad-bhagavad Gītā*, reading from the *Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*, *Life of Holy Mother*, *Complete works of Swami Vivekananda* followed by meditation, *ārati* and Prasad distribution.

Celebrations:

a) The **Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda** was celebrated on 3rd of February 2013. The programme started at 11 a.m. and ended at 1 p.m. with Prasad distribution. It started with *bhajans* followed by talks and readings on life and teachings of Swami Vivekananda. Programme ended with Prasad distribution after *ārati*.

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“Know then, that thou art He, and model your whole life accordingly, and he who knows this and models his life accordingly, will no more grovel in darkness.”

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Please visit belurmath.org for the news and activities in connection with the 150th birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda

Some other websites:

<http://www.rkmdelhi.org/>

<http://rkmath.org/>

<http://vivekanandahouse.org/>

<http://shashwatabharata.in/>

Welcome

We welcome you all to the Ramakrishna - Vedanta Movement and invite you to attend our programmes and actively participate in the propagation of the Universal message of Vedanta as epitomized in the lives of Sri Ramakrishna, Holy Mother Sri Sarada Devi, and Swami Vivekananda.