



REACH

Monthly Bulletin of
The Vedanta Centre of Sydney
and its various branches

Motto:
Atmano mokshar-
tham
jagad hitaya cha
(For one's own
liberation and for the
welfare of the world)

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Sydney Centre Main building views from North East

Daily Activities:

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

e) 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.

f) The **Viveka Study Group** meetings were held from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. on Sundays for youth.

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

h) **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.

i) Classes on **moral and spiritual lessons** were conducted for children at Eastwood Public School on Wednesdays from 9:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. during the academic term.

j) **English language tutorial** was provided to children on Tuesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. during the school terms.

k) *Rāmanām Sankirtana* was sung on the *Ekadashi* days after the vesper service.

Celebrations:

a) **Shankaracharya jayanti** was celebrated on 15th of May 2013.

b) **Buddha Purnima** was celebrated on 25th of May 2013.

Other Activities:

Sangamam, a cultural programme, was organised on Saturday, the 18th of May 2013 at the Bahai Cultural Centre, Silverwater. The dance groups of M/s. Hamsa Venkat, Manjula Viswanathan, Janakan Suthanthiraraj, Aruna Gandhimathinathan, Ruchi Sanghi, Mridula Viswanathan, Padma Balakumar and Geetanjali School of Dance Charmed the audience with their colourful presentation. Swami Atmeshananda thanked the organisers, artists and the audience.

Overseas Visit:

Swami Sridharananda visited **Auckland, NZ** from 7th to 11th of May 2013.

FORTHCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Function	Centre	Date
Annual Programme	Brisbane	Saturday, 1 June 2013
Docu. on Swami Vivekananda	Canberra	Sunday 16 June 2013
Guru Purnima	Sydney	Monday, 22 July 2013
Seminar	Canberra	Friday, 23 August 2013



Adelaide Centre



Brisbane Centre



Canberra Centre



Melbourne Centre

University Clayton Campus of Law, Wellington
p.m. to 8:45 p.m. The recordings of these discourses are available in Audio, Video and MP3 formats.

b) Regular monthly satsangas (prayer meetings) were held on the first Sunday of every month. The program includes readings from *The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna* and other books and discussions there on, followed by *bhajans* and *ārati*.

c) **Group studies** through viewing of (i) the *Mundaka Upanishad* lecture series video is held on every Sunday from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. and (ii) the *Yoga Sutras of Patanjali* lecture series video is 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.

Adelaide Centre

Monthly activities:

a) The reading from *The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna* including discussion on relevant points was conducted on Sunday, the 12th and 26th of May at 3:00 p.m. at 33 Woodhouse Crescent, Wattle Park, SA 5066.

Contact persons: Dr. Raman Sharma 08- 8431 9775 & Mrs. Pathma Iswaran 08-8379 5336. E-mail: vedanta.adelaide@gmail.com.

Brisbane Centre

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. Contact person: Dr. Vikas Reddy 07-3720 0228.

Monthly Activities:

Swami Atmesananda visited Brisbane and conducted the following classes :

a) Monthly **Prayer Meeting** held in the Centre from 6:30 p.m. on Saturday the 4th of May 2013.

b) *Bhagavad Gita* class from 3:30 p.m. on Sunday the 5th of May 2013 at the Centre.

Canberra Centre

Monthly Activities:

Swami Sridharananda conducted a class on the *Bhagavad-Gītā* on Sunday the 19th of May 2013 at the Belconnen Community Meeting Room 2 Chandler Street in Canberra. Contact person: Mr. J. Venkataraman, Secretary - 02-6258 7612.

Melbourne Centre

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

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 30th to 31st of May 2013 at Monash Road (L. Theatre L4). The Thursday and Friday sessions were from 7:45



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

Monthly Activities:

The following activities held in this month:

- a) Monthly *satsangas* including the singing of bhajans and readings from *The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna* and other inspiring books were conducted on Sunday, the 5th of May from 11 a.m. 12 noon.
- b) Swami Sridharananda visited the Centre from 23rd to 25th of May and delivered **discourses** on *Bhagavad Gītā*. On 23rd and 24th the discourse was delivered from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and on 25th of May it was from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- c) A **Revision** session through playing audio recording of talks on *Bhagavat Gita* delivered in the previous month.



Auckland, NZ Centre

Auckland 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. Contact person: Mr. Monnay Kumar, Secretary +64 9 21675 134.

Monthly and annual activities:

- a) Swami Sridharananda conducted classes on *Srimad-bhagavad Gītā* on 9th and 10th of May 2013 from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. and on 11th of May from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- b) On Sunday the 11th of May a *satsang* was held which included singing of *bhajans*, *Arati* and meditation from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. including the discourse on *Srimad-bhagavad Gītā* by Swami Sridharananda.
- c) On the last Sunday the 26th of May the second satsang was conducted from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. 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.

Celebration:

- a) The Buddha Purnima was celebrated on the 25th of May 2013. The programme included bhajans, talks and readings from the life of Bhagavan Buddha followed by prasad distribution.

“One principle it lays down--and that, the Vedanta claims, is to be found in every religion in the world--that man is divine, that all this which we see around us is the outcome of that consciousness of the divine. Everything that is strong and good and powerful in human nature is the outcome of that divinity and though potential in many, there is no difference between man and man essentially, all being alike divine. There is, as it were, an infinite ocean behind and you and I are so many waves, coming out of that infinite ocean; and each one of us is trying his best to manifest that infinite outside. So, potentially, each one of us has that infinite ocean of Existence, Knowledge and Bliss as our birthright, our real nature; and the difference between us is caused by the greater or lesser power to manifest that divine. Therefore the Vedanta lays down that each man should be treated not as what he manifests, but as what he stands for. Each human being stands for the divine and, therefore, every teacher should be helpful, not by condemning man, but by helping him to call forth the divinity that is within him.”

- - - Swami Vivekananda

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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.