HASTINGS COHERENCE CREATING COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

HISTORY

Jan Charlwood

July, 2001: With increasing knowledge of Sthapatya-ved, it becomes apparent that Hastings is not only one of the very few places in Victoria with an auspicious placement of water, but that its roads already run true North-South, East-West. With other qualities – proximity to Melbourne – only 50 minutes – and other commercial centres, railway line, no high tensions wires, affordable house prices at every level of the market from cheap rentals to mansions and acreage. It becomes apparent that this could be an ideal place for an ideal village.

April 2002: Maharishi Sthapatya Veda Consultant, Mike Lyons, looks at these points and the map and says it looks very good and that any activities there will be more successful than elsewhere.

19 May 2002. Mike Lyons comes to have a look at Hastings. When he sees it, he says it is even better than he had envisaged from the map.

July 2002: Support comes from an unexpected source. Craig Forster, one of the key players in the development of the Mornington Peninsula and Westernport Biosphere Reserve - which has just recently been ratified by the United Nations – turns out to have been practising TM for 30 years and sees consciousness as underpinning the development of the new reserve – which has governmental support at the Federal, State and local levels. (see quote from Craig Forster on attached page, *Observations and Experiences*).

November 2002: Word about Hastings somehow spreads. An inaugural picnic is called by a group of people enthusiastic about its potential. The Westernport Business Centre is located as a venue for program. The manager is extremely helpful and charges us less than the stated rate. It almost seems as if everything is being pre-organised by Nature. Impressive numbers attend the picnic.

December 2002: Another group program is held at the Business Centre with a Solstice Sunset Boat Cruise afterwards. This has since become an annual event.

26 January 2003: First Coherence Day – Australia Day – for both meditators and sidhas. Again held at the Westernport Business Centre, the manager from now on reduces the fee still further – to a third the usual rate and provides continuing moral support over the coming years.

22 February 2003. Coherence Day.

22 March 2003: Autumn Equinox Coherence Day and first Sunrise Breakfast at Hastings waterfront - an annual event ever since.

25 April 2003: Coherence for Anzac Day.

19 May 2003: The first sidha house purchase in Hastings: 37 Hodgins Road by Meredith Simpson with a massive downpour of rain over the settlement time.

24 May 2003: Coherence Day – with Meredith taking up the duties of catering for the next couple of years.

23 June 2003: Winter Solstice Coherence Day, Celebration.

July 2003: Guru Purnima Coherence Day and Celebration.

10 August 2003: Coherence Day

20 September 2003: Spring Equinox Coherence Day and Celebration.

26 October 2003: Mahalakshmi Coherence Day and Celebration.

29 November 2003: Coherence Day and First Anniversary Picnic.

20 December 2003: Summer Solstice Coherence Day and Annual Sunset Boat Cruise.

2004:

26 January 2004: Coherence for Australia Day.

29 February 2004: Coherence for Leap Day

20 March 2004: Autumn Equinox Coherence Day and Annual Sunrise Breakfast.

22 April 2004: Akshaya Tritya - ground breaking on one of Ben Sierakowski's blocks.

25 April 2004: Coherence for Anzac Day.

23 May 2004: Coherence Day.

June 2004: New sidha, Lorraine Clayton, moves to Hastings.

19 June 2004: Winter Solstice Coherence Day and Celebration.

2 July 2004: Guru Purnima Celebration.

25 July 2004: Coherence Day.

23 August 2004: Coherence Day.

September 2004: Spring Equinox Coherence Day and Celebration.

11 September, 2004: First initiation in Hastings. Though the man learning had to drive further to learn in Hastings than if he had learned in Mornington, he is delighted with the understanding of Maharihsi Sthapatya Veda and that he can expect an enhanced effected from the overall good vastu of Hastings.

23 October 2004. Coherence for Victory Day – attended by John Ryder. He has located the centre of the wider Hastings Grid, and after lunch the course participants join him to walk there. It turns out to be at the top of a hill which slopes north and towards the sea to the east.

20 November 2004: Coherence Day and Second Anniversary Picnic.

18 December 2004: Summer Solstice Coherence Day and Annual Sunset Boat Cruise – 20 attend. This Coherence Day and those following are held at the Peninsula Community Health Services rooms. The manager, Frank Hoff, as a result of his contact with Annabel Cooper, who works at PCHS, offers us the complete use of the rooms on weekends. There is room for a hundred or so sidhas, individual rooms for meditators, kitchen and dining facilities, and room for foam storage – all for the same cost as the Westernport Business Centre. Westernport Business Centre manager, Peter Lees is pleased for us.

2005:

January, 2005: Isabelle Lange visits – see below for her experiences.

26 January 2005: Coherence for Australia Day Day.

27 February, 2005: Coherence Day – 20 attend.

19 March, 2005: Autumn Equinox Coherence Day and Annual Sunrise Breakfast. Meredith and Trevor Witt finish the Maharishi Sthapatya Veda improvements on Meredith's house.

25 April 2005: Coherence for Anzac Day.

22 May 2005: Coherence Day.

25 June 2005: Winter Solstice Coherence Day and Celebration.

21 July 2005: Following instructions from International, we celebrate Guru Purnima by doing our flying where we have a clear view of the moonrise. It is very inspiring to see the Guru Purnima moon rising over the sea while the sun sets behind us. We continue this practice every full moon for the rest of the year – and from time to time after.

July 2005: Mike Lyons and Meredith Simpson marry and Meredith decides to sell 37. It is an ideal place for a future Centre: It has good sized rooms for programs, is in a high profile location, has a flat at the back which could be used as separate teacher accommodation – all requirements for a Centre. Another advantage is that it is already known and liked by the sidhas, and has held many programs, gatherings and celebrations.

August, 2005: Nine blocks of land purchased by sidhas. Over all these years negotiations have continued regarding the collective purchase of these in a prospective subdivision. Finally they become available and the purchases are made.

1 September 2005: Settlement day for the purchase of 37 Hodgins Road by Jan Charlwood.

24 September 2005: Spring Equinox Coherence Day and Celebration.

12 October, 2005: Victory Day: Joining with the rest of the world – we raise a flag at 37 Hodgins Road, symbolic of the flag of the Global Country of World Peace. Later, a representative of the Elders of the area's traditional Custodians of Natural Law performs the traditional welcome chant.

23 October 2005: Coherence Day.

19 November 2005: Coherence Day.

16 December 2005: Annual Summer Solstice Sunset Boat Cruise

17 December 2005: Summer Solstice Coherence Day.

2006:

26 January 2006: Coherence for Australia Day

9 February 2006: Another initiation at 37 Hodgins Road and ground breaking for the new MSV house that Meredith has designed and is building - later bought by Mike Soos.

March and April 2006: Coherence Days run by Wendy Rosenfeldt.

26 May 2006: Jan Charlwood moves into 37 Hodgins Road.

24 June 2006: Winter Solstice Coherence Day and Celebrations.

3 July 2006: Annabel Cooper moves into the flat at 37 Hodgins road taking daily program number to three.

11 July 2006: Guru Purnima Celebration and inauguration of Monthly Group Checking.

20 July 2006: Coherence Day.

10 August 2006: Myrna Vanderloo moves to Hastings, taking daily numbers at program to 4 – half the super-radiance number for the town.

20 August 2006: Inspiring visit to Hastings by Cathy Knoles.

26 August 2006: Meredith's new Maharishi Sthapatya Veda house is completed and inaugurated just prior to being bought by Mike Soos – with big attendance at 37 for program and food.

27 August 2006: Coherence Day with new long flying implemented.

September 2006: Mike Soos moves into his house and has a young sidha staying with him. Daily programs in the area now involve six.

23 September 2006: Spring Equinox Coherence Day and Celebration followed by long group programs over the Nine Days of Mother Divine.

1 October, 2006: Victory Day Celebration. Permanent, dedicated Ladies Program Room inaugurated.

21 October 2006: Mahalakshmi Coherence Day and Celebration.

State MP for Hastings, Rosy Buchanan, reports of the area in the local newspaper that "the crime rate has reduced significantly over the past three months".

19 November 2006: Coherence Day

15 December, 2006: Annual Sunset Boat Cruise

16 December 2006: Summer Solstice Coherence Day.

Visit by Jeanette Martin. Her response is incredibly enthusiastic. She coins the phrase, "Hastings, established in Being" and comments on the "sweetness" of the people despite many being "lower socio-economic". She is also very enthusiastic about the accessability of the Mornington Peninsula as a whole – its beauty and its evident wealth – seeing a great potential market for Movement products and services. She organises a presentation on Hastings at the January WPA and organises this, preparing a video presentation with Ben Sierakowski and a banner painted by Annabel Cooper.

2007:

January, 2007: Enthusiastic response from sidhas at an Ideal Village meeting on the WPA when they hear that there is already a well-aligned town in existence close to a major population centre.

At the end of the WPA, two CPs, Diane Davie and Lyn Wilson, continue the course for another two weeks in Hastings.

Daily numbers at program continue at six or more until the end of April when a number of people move away for various reasons.

26 January, 2007: Coherence for Australia Day. Inauguration of a permanent, dedicated Men's Program Room at the Centre at 37 Hodgins Road, meaning that there is now two dedicated program rooms and a Knowledge Room.

25 February 2007: Coherence Day

24 March 2007: Autumn Equinox Coherence Day and Annual Sunrise Breakfast.

20 April 2007: Akshaya Tritya: The Hastings Coherence Association incorporated – Trevor Witt, president, David Creedon, treasurer, Jan Charlwood, secretary, Nadima Peake, meditators' representative and Mike Soos on the founding committee. The purpose is to ensure the on-going provision of program facilities in Hastings.

25 April 2007: Coherence for Anzac Day.

9 May 2007: Meditators' Meetings with Devonshire Teas established – to be held on the Second Saturday of Every Month.

27 May 2007: Coherence Day.

13 June 2007: Meditators' Meeting and Devonshire Tea

23 June 2007: Winter Solstice Coherence Day and Celebration.

11 July 2007: Meditators' Meeting with Devonshire Tea

29 July 2007: Guru Purnima Cohence Day and Celebration – with the flowers being taken to the Centre and high point of the Greater Hastings Grid – inaugurating our Tower of Invincibility.

8 August 2007: Meditators' Meeting with Devonshire Tea.

26 August 2007: Coherence Day.

12 September 2007: Meditators' Meeting and Devonshire Tea.

22 September 2007: Coherence Day and Celebration.

12 October 2007: Long daily group programs start for the Nine Days of Mother Divine.

13 October 2007: Meditators' Meeting and Devonshire Tea.

12 October – 20 October, 2007: Nine Days of Mother Divine - long group programs twice a day.

21 October 2007: Victory Day - Coherence Day and Celebration.