



UNITY BULLETIN



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The Victorian Unity Bulletin is the official bi-monthly newsletter of the Sathya Sai International Organisation of Australia & PNG: Victoria Regions and is published by the authority of the Regional Coordinating Committees. All Sai events are to be submitted to appropriate Regional Presidents before inclusion.

*"Welcome pain and grief
as hammer strokes that
shape you into a sturdy
sadhaka (spiritual
aspirant)"*
- Sathya Sai Baba

**November /
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Sai Calendar of Events September/October 2017

Saturday, 11 November

Sunday, 12 November

Sunday, 19 November

Thursday, 23 November

Monday, 25 December

Akhanda Bhajan

Ladies Day

Birth Anniversary of Sathya Sai Baba

Christmas Day

IMPORTANT DATES

18th OF EACH MONTH - Articles/Events submitted to Regional Presidents

23rd OF EACH MONTH - Articles/Events verified and inserted in Unity Bulletin

25th OF EACH MONTH - Unity Bulletin finalized

All late or urgent articles will only be considered on merit and under exceptional circumstances.

All articles MUST be submitted to Regional Presidents prior to entry in Bulletin.

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SIGNIFICANCE OF DEEPAVALI

"What does Deepavali signify? It signifies killing the demon in man. 'Nara' means man and 'Asura' means demon. This demon is present in every human being. It is not necessary to acquire great *Astras (weapons)* and *Sastras (books/manuals)* to kill this demon.



Embodiments of Love!

Human birth is meant to attain peace and not for occupying positions of authority. One may have all types of wealth and comforts but bereft of peace life itself has no meaning. There are many in this world who are well-to-do, highly educated and occupying positions of authority. But, in what way is society benefited by them? They have no time or inclination to wipe off the tears of the suffering humanity. How can we help the poor and the downtrodden? This should be the concern of the people in power. But, nobody seems to think on these lines. In the name of social work, people are actually indulging in 'show-work'! They drive away the beggars who come to their doorstep begging for alms. Man should engage himself in acts of charity in order to experience peace. **Sathya Sai Baba, 23 Nov 2015**

Global Akhanda Bhajan

Continuous Devotional Singing for 24 hours

From 6:00 pm Saturday, 11 November 2017
To 6:00 pm Sunday, 12 November 2017

Venue: Eley Park Community Centre
87 Eley Road
Blackburn South VIC 3130
Melway Reference: 61 H5

ALL WELCOME

Ladies Day Celebrations

Sathya Sai International Organisation of
Australia & PNG

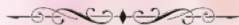
Women in Leadership

VIC Region West

Date: Sunday, 19 November 2017
Time: 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Venue: Mill Park Community Centre
Cnr of Blamey Avenue & Mill Park Dr
Contact: Vashanta Raviendran 03 94675845

VIC Region East

Date: Sunday, 19 November 2017
Time: 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Venue: St Judes Community Centre
53 George Street
Scoresey
Contact: Ananthi 0434 417 292



The programs will include plays, devotional singing and messages on the significance of Ladies Day

Dinner will be provided at the end of the program

ALL WELCOME

Sathya Sai Baba's Birthday Celebration

92nd Year of the Advent of Sathya Sai Baba
2017 will be celebrated on

Thursday, 23 November 2017 by VIC,
East and West Regions



Love All
Serve All

Help Ever
Hurt Never

“Walking In HIS Image”

Thursday,
23 November 2017

Time:
7:00 pm to 9:30 pm

Venue:
Hungarian Community
Centre
760 Boronia Road
Wantirna

Sunday,
26 November 2017

Time:
10:30 am to 1:00 pm

Venue:
Epping Memorial Hall
827 High Street
Epping

Dinner will be served from 5:45pm

Lunch will be served from 1:00pm



Plays by SSE children, Young Adults, energising
devotional singing and more to conclude the
celebration

ALL WELCOME

For more details, please contact:

Deo Narayan 0401 799 130
Selvador Selvalingam 0417 552 760
Deven Srikantha 0438 221 907
Davendra Prasad 0431 187 137

The Universal Prayer

"The Gayatri is the universal prayer enshrined in the Vedas, the most ancient scriptures of mankind.

It is addressed to the Immanent and Transcendent Divine, which has been given the name 'Savitha', meaning 'that from

which all this is born'. The Gayatri may be considered as having three parts:

(i) praise, (ii) meditation, (iii) prayer.

First, the Divine is praised, then it is meditated upon in reverence, and finally an appeal is made to the Divine to awaken and strengthen the intellect, the discriminating faculty of mankind.

Gayatri is a treasure; you must guard throughout your lives. If you have not caught the sounds of the mantra correctly now, learn it from your parents or from your family priest. Never give up the Gayatri; you may give up or ignore any other mantra, but you should recite the Gayatri at least a few times a day. It will protect you from harm wherever you are travelling, working, or at home."

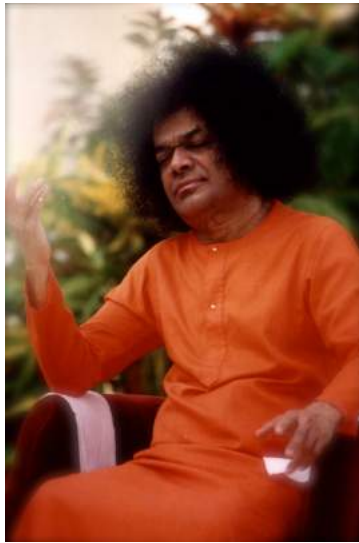
- Sathya Sai Baba, *Divine Discourse*, 20th June 1977

OFFERING 92 MILLION GAYATRI CHANTINGS AT HIS LOTUS FEET TO MARK THE 92nd YEAR OF HIS ADVENT

This year, we are proposing to chant in total 92 million times the Gayatri Mantra in 212 days, commencing from 24th April 2017 to 23rd November 2017 as part of the Global Akhanda Gayatri Chanting initiative of the SSIO. In 2015, we successfully chanted 9 million Gayatris in Australia for the 90th anniversary of Sai's advent.

Sai has said that if chanted with devotion, the Gayathri Mantra, will purify the self, the community we live in and help mother earth to recover from the calamities it is facing. This in turn will bring in world peace.

Larger centres or clusters of centres/groups could organise "Gayatri chanting days" and chant 1008 or more Gayatris. This will ensure greater participation. Kindly give your counts weekly or monthly to your Centre Devotion Coordinator or his/her nominee who will then forward the counts to the National Devotion Coordinator or his nominee. You could send the counts by email to nationaldevotion@gmail.com



LIQUID Love

Blood donation at

Mt. Waverly Blood Bank
Pinewood Shopping Centre
Blackburn Road
Mt. Waverly

Dates:

On Saturdays from:

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

4 / 11 / 18 November 2017

Contact:

Bala 0422 646 644

Vinay 0400 061 527

Unity Bhajan

Victoria Region East hosting a Unity Bhajan on Sunday 24th December at Springvale Sai Centre

Time: 10:30 am 24 Dec, 2017

Venue: 1A The Crescents
Springvale

VEDIC CHANTING

West Region

Every Sunday - Time 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Venue: 7 Lomandra Court, Bundoora 3083

For further details contact: Kalai - 0402 957 957

East Region

Every Sunday - Time: 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Venue: 44 Northam Road, Wantirna 3152

Every Sunday - Time: 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm

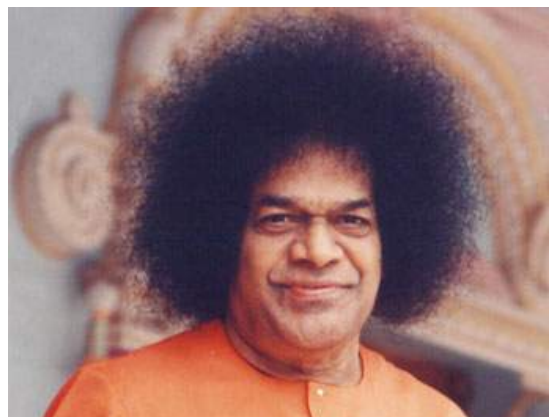
Venue: 79 Barter Cres, Forest Hill 3131

Anyone wishing to learn Veda please contact Mahen on 0413 607 965

Vedic chanting - Learning over SKYPE

Every Working Day: Time: 7:00 am to 7:25 am

Contact: Achuta on (03) 9511 4463



Plenty Residential Service picnic with disabled

Date: Sunday, 3 December 2017

Time: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Venue:

Janefield Drive – 11 River Drive
Bundoora
Melbourne
Ref 10 – D7

Contact:

Kapil 0430 057 799
Saraswati 0409 847 563



COMFORT BEARS



Please keep knitting as these 'comfort' bears really do help children in distressful situations whether overseas or in Australia.

If you need the pattern on how to make these, kindly contact: Ami Chand on 95850273 or Trish Newcombe on 97726643 or Ursula Aruma on 95125597

NOTICE

Shepparton Group

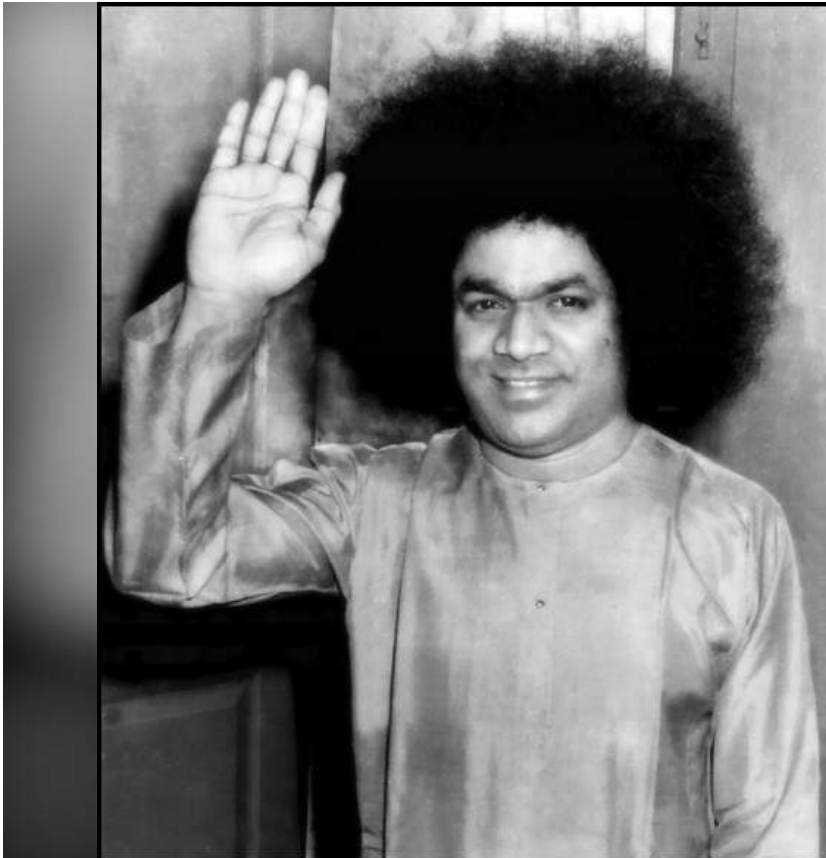
Devotional singing will be commencing at Shepparton on a alternative month basis, to be held at The Senior Citizens Centre, Shepparton

Venue: 122 Welsford St, Shepparton.

Parking at rear.

Devotional singing commences at 12:00 pm, then lunch and Study Circle.

Contact: Chris Parnell - Ph: (03) 5821 3483



“I have come to light the lamp in your hearts, to see that is shines day by day with added lustre”

SERVICE TO MAN IS SERVICE TO GOD

Meal Service Programs

Every Tuesday in the Dandenong Area
7:30 pm – 9:00 pm Dandenong Market Foyer
Clow Street, Dandenong (Melway Ref: 90 E7)



We serve bread rolls, fruit, pasta, rice packets, tea/coffee, milo and cakes.

For more Information please contact:
Thambirajah Balendra - 9808 6675; 0422 646 644,
Sanjay - 0409 515 092 or
Santhakumar - 0402 455 779



Every Thursday in the CBD Area
8:30 pm – 10:00 pm Victoria Market
(Behind the car park, Franklin Street)

We serve cooked vegetarian food, biscuits, coffee, tea and Milo, fresh fruit and packet juice

For more information please contact:
Rajan Babu - 0434 054 347 or
Ching Ong - 0425 715 026



School Breakfast Program

Breakfast is served in a number of schools throughout Victoria during the weekdays. For information on how to get involved, please contact the relevant people below:

Region East – Clayton and Springvale Primary Schools
Bhagavantam Dasika - Ph: (03) 9803 4552
Thambirajah Balendra - Ph: (03) 9808 6875 or 0422 646 644
Sanjay Unandkat - Mob: 0409 515 092



Region West – Thomastown Primary School
Vasanth Ravi - Ph: (03) 9467 5845

Recycling at the Mews

Women of the University Fund (WUF) would greatly appreciate your help in procuring the following items for recycling:

- a) Stamps; urgently required (preferably with envelope cut in half).
- b) Wool, aluminium cans, clean aluminium foil, greeting cards, books, bric-a-brac and so on

For more information please contact: Trish - (03) 9772 6643

Sai Baba Books & Publications

Manager and Central Supplier - Margaret McDonald Sai Books/DVD's/Bhajan CD's are available at cost price.

For enquiries & orders, please contact Margaret or Randall McDonald (03) 9722 1740



VICTORIAN CENTRE/GROUP MEETING TIMES

Please be seated 15 minutes before the start

	CENTRE/GROUP	Melway	Day	Time	Contact	Phone
SAI EAST REGION	BERWICK Bridgewater Children's Centre, 45 Bridgewater Boulevard, Berwick	110H3	Each SUNDAY	10:00 AM	Gary Torpy	97020457 0405452575
	BOX HILL 29 Strabane Ave, Mont Albert	47 A6	Each FRIDAY	7:45 PM	Shama Mohan	0417394941
	CLARINDA Clarinda State School, 1166 Centre Rd, Clayton South	78 J3	Each THURSDAY	7:30 PM	Krish Perumal	0425864379
	CLAYTON Clayton South Primary School, 539 Clayton Road, (entrance via Narrumburn Street)	79 B3	Each THURSDAY	7:30 PM	Ritesh Puran	95705562 0415457405
	CHELTENHAM 218 Centre Dandenong Road, Cheltenham	87 D2	Each THURSDAY	7:30 PM	Vinesh Latchman	0407809204 0404838502
	DONCASTER EAST GROUP 105 Beverley Street, Doncaster East 97 Blackburn Road, Doncaster East		1 st FRIDAY 3 rd FRIDAY	7:45 PM 7:45 PM	(Samy) Narayana Samy	98426321
	ENDEAVOUR HILLS Hallam Gardens Children's Centre 26-28 Nettle Drive, Hallam	91 J12	Each THURSDAY	7:30 PM	Brenda Prasad	97558050 0431242922
	MORNINGTON GROUP Rotating venues (Please call for details)	N/A	1 st SATURDAY	2:00 PM	Christine Maskiell	97879834
	NUNAWADING East Burwood Hall, East Burwood Reserve, 310 Burwood Highway, East Burwood	62 C7	Each THURSDAY	7:30 PM	Dr. Ramani Sivakadadchan	8802 8399 0412252472
	OUTER EASTERN GROUP Rotating venues (Please call for details)	N/A	1 st SUNDAY	4:00 PM	Randall McDonald	97221740
	SPRINGVALE 1A The Crescent, Springvale	79 K11	Each SUNDAY	10:30 AM	Saras Verma	97010925 0406886848
WAVERLEY Highvale Primary School, Ashton Street, Glen Waverley	62 E10	Each FRIDAY	7:30 PM	Santhakumaran	97785675 0403455774	
SAI WEST REGION	BARANDUDA/ALBURY GROUP 221B, Andrews Street, Albury	N/A	1 st THURSDAY 3rd SUNDAY	7:30 PM 10:30 AM	Padma Ayyagiri	0400474939
	EPPING Meadow Glen International Athletics Stadium (Function Room) McDonalds Road, Epping	182 J10	Each THURSDAY	7:30 PM	Suruj Nair	0438401564
	EUROA GROUP Alchera, 234 Gap Road, East Longwood	N/A	1 st SATURDAY	11:00 AM	Chris Parnell	58213483
	GEELONG GROUP 15 Koorong Court, Highton	465 B2	Each FRIDAY	7:30 PM	Selva Selvalingam	52442802 0417552760
	HOPPERS CROSSING Activity Room 3, Central Park Community Centre, 80 Lonsdale Circuit, Hoppers Crossing	206 J1	Each THURSDAY	7:30 PM	Swaminathan Pazhannur	0402401051
	MELBOURNE St Joseph's Church Hall, Fitzgerald St (off Chapel Rd) South Yarra	58 D4	Each SUNDAY	4:30 PM	Sant Ram	0451030858
	MILL PARK Mill Park Community Centre, Cnr Blamey Ave & Mill Park Drive, Mill Park	10 A6	Each FRIDAY	7:30 PM	Sukanathi Sanjeevan	0413987464
	SEDDON Uniting Church Community Hall, Cnr Gamon & Mackay Street, Seddon	42 A7	1 st TUESDAY	7:30 PM	Sarma Pochincharla	93954880 0419304754
	CAROLINE SPRINGS Stevenson House, 10 Stevenson Cres. Caroline Springs	358 G1	Each SUNDAY	4:00 PM	Sivakumar Kandiah	0402787284
TARNEIT Penrose Community Centre, 83 Penrose Promenade, Tarneit	202 C2	Each THURSDAY	7:30 PM	Jyothi Subadra Briers	0470468948	