



Convergence Newsletter No. 41 - September 2016

Next weekend there is an important working bee at Journey's End:- a massive clean up effort after the recent logging of pine trees at the site so that it has time to settle before our main event. If your back is not as bad as mine then maybe you could show up and help?

River

P1	Convergence Working Bee, Saturday Sept 24 th – Sept 25 th , Journey's End, Loburn
P2	Program for 'Tracks' & 'Tides' events for boys/young men, and girls/young women.
P3	Mindful Immersion Retreat, Oct 4 th – Oct 9 th St Arnaud, Nelson Lakes National Park
P4	Braided Women, Nov. 11 th - 13 th , Journey's End, Loburn

Remember you can keep up to date and join in stimulating(?) conversations on our [Facebook Group – Convergence](#) . This is also a great place to advertise any events, workshops, accommodation, etc. Just contact any Facebook Convergee to be added to the group.

Mini-Gathering/Working Bee will be held at Journey's End on Sept. 24 – 25 mainly to clear up after tree felling.

Note the base of operations for eating, mingling, etc will be in AMBERLEY LODGE as Leigh Lodge is unavailable due to major repairs.

Some accommodation available in the small cabins:- Pines, Oaks and Chalet.

All cooking communal in AMBERLEY LODGE – BYO food for shared meals. Vegetarian or non-vegetarian.

Fun for the children as pine cones need picking up!

Bring gloves and any tools you may have which might help. Trailers?

The ***Rites of Passage Foundation (ROPF)*** specialises in assisting young people to make the fundamental, emotional and psychological shift from child to young adult. Our community led camps are designed as a powerful rite of passage for boys and girls and their families. They're also a lot of fun too!

Rites of passage are processes that mark the adolescent transition, for the participant, the family and the community, between the two life stages of childhood and adulthood. Adolescent initiation rites offer a community led journey of separation, transition and integration as a way to work meaningfully with adolescents as they move between the life stages of childhood into adulthood. In Aotearoa/New Zealand the Tracks programme provides a five day contemporary rite of passage for adolescents and, where possible, their fathers. The rite of passage is based on the assumption that adolescents need opportunities to find their voices and make meaning if they are to become more aware of who they are and where they belong.

We have a Programme for girls, called [Tides](#), and one for boys, called [Tracks](#).

We also offer weekend courses for any man or woman who has a personal interest in rites of passage, transition and the stages of life. These courses are the gateway to becoming more involved with the facilitation of the Tracks and Tides programmes.

ROPF is not affiliated with any particular faith or culture, but aims to provide a balanced, multi-generational community where young people can learn. We believe in supporting young people to stand tall, alive and full of hope for their and our future.

Tides Rite of Passage

Golden Bay, Treefield Events Park
27 September 2016 - 01 October
2016

Tracks Rite of Passage

Golden Bay, Treefield Events Park
04 October 2016 - 08 October 2016

Rising Sons

Golden Bay, Treefield Events Park
11 November 2016 - 13 November
2016

Tides Training

Golden Bay, Treefield Events Park
18 November 2016 - 20 November
2016

Good Men Make Tracks

Golden Bay, Treefield Events Park
02 December 2016 - 04 December
2016

Tides Rite of Passage

Golden Bay, Treefield Events Park
16 January 2017 - 20 January 2017

Tracks Rite of Passage

Golden Bay, Treefield Events Park
23 January 2017 - 27 January 2017

Tides Training

Golden Bay, Treefield Events Park
17 February 2017 - 19 February 2017

Tides Rite of Passage

Golden Bay, Treefield Events Park
18 April 2017 - 22 April 2017

Tracks Rite of Passage

Golden Bay, Treefield Events Park
25 April 2017 - 29 April 2017

5-day Mindful Immersion Retreat



Easter Silent Meditation Course

5.30_{pm} Wednesday 4th – 3_{pm} Monday 9th October

This gentle retreat will encourage mindful self-awareness of breath, body feelings and thoughts while sitting, walking and using gentle stretches and an hour of gardening each day.

Suitable for both beginners and experienced meditators.

In a small simple and stunningly beautiful bach next to the mountains and forest of the Nelson Lakes of St Arnaud. Forest walks across the paddock.

Led by David Wakeling



\$75 for all 5 days accommodation. Shared heated marae style sleeping accommodation. (part-time option)

Teaching koha: \$30-\$90 per day.

Bring wholesome food to share.

Arrive: Wednesday for soup at 5.30 pm

Bring: Loose and outdoor clothing, slippers, torch, umbrella.

Contact: David 5483317 txt 0276999398

A heart felt invitation from the Braided Women of Aotearoa, New Zealand, goes out to ALL WOMEN everywhere. Beautiful in your diversity through age, stage, creed, culture and experience.

Join us for the first
**Braided Women
Gathering**

*Celebrating and Living the Sacred
Feminine Together*

Experience the power of Women Gathering
Celebrate the global rise of the divine feminine

- ~Healing Sharing Circles and Ceremonies
 - ~Inspiring Wise Women Talks . . .
- and much more!

Our intention is for us all to be:
**INSPIRED, ENERGISED, CONNECTED,
NURTURED, SUPPORTED, VALIDATED,
EMPOWERED, ENRICHED
AND DELIGHTED!**

*November 11-13,
2016
North Loburn
Canterbury*

PLAN NOW!

Gather your sisters, daughters and friends, mothers and aunts, grandmothers and great grandmothers. Menarche age to silver haired women; all welcome.

We so look forward to being with you.
With love and blessings.

Braided Women Gathering Trust

Tickets available via website www.braidedwomen.co.nz

