



Convergence Newsletter

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Welcome to the first Convergence Newsletter of 2017. Keep reading, because inside you will find details of next weekend's mini gathering, invitations to retreats, and various Convergence notices.

You will notice a few changes to this newsletter. River has passed on responsibility for it to Volker, Rebecca and Michael/Michelle. We would like to thank River for his fantastic efforts over many years, and we look forward to helping keep the energy of Convergence going—by keeping all of you in touch with what is going on.

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Convergence Notices Email List

There now is an email list for Convergence notices, which are sent out more often than the newsletter. You can get more information and opt-in here:

<http://convergence.org.nz/notices.html>

Contributions for the next newsletter can be sent to info@convergence.net.nz. To be added to the newsletter recipients list send email to the same address. The newsletter is produced approximately 3–4 times a year.

Mini Gathering 25/26 Mar 2017 — Journey's End

Fri 24/3 evening to Sun 26/3 afternoon

Lots of people needed for a weekend of connection, fun and energy. Bring food for a big potluck meal on Saturday evening, shared Sat and Sun lunches, and your own breakfasts.

The sauna will be going, and there'll be music, dance or games in the evenings, and a sharing circle at some point. Other activities welcome too. Bring instruments, but consider leaving recorded music at home.

Things we'd like to get done include:

- Get the wood chipper out and operational (tires, petrol, ...).
- Chip slash piles from the top field.
- Wall stripping in Amberley Lodge, and in Leigh Lodge, as part of renovations.
- Clean guttering of cabins if necessary.
- Remove some grass with a line trimmer (provided).
- There are plenty of pine cones, free for the taking.

Bring if you have:

- solid rake (metal, not leaf rake), to move wood chips from grass areas
- solid shoes/boots
- ear muffs
- safety glasses
- work gloves
- chainsaw (some will be on site and may be used)

And if helping with wall gib stripping:

- crow bar, etc
- hammer
- dust mask

Journey's End Site Update

Thank you for all your gratitude and positive feedback for my updates about the Journey's End site before the last Convergence, which motivated me to write one more. See the lost&found part if you are missing some of your stuff.

<http://convergence.org.nz/updates/status-site-2016.html>

Volker

Get Free Firewood

Want free firewood? There are heaps of large branches at Journey's End with plenty of firewood left in them that the timber people didn't want, and that are in the way of Convergence. Please help with getting rid of them, and take the firewood home with you.

Dates: Last weekends of the months Jan to Apr: 25/26 Mar, 29/30 Apr 2017. These dates are in

addition to the mini-gatherings at Journey's End, although March coincides.

Contact Don 03 338 9865 (9 rings to answerphone), or perhaps 021 0259 3229 (no email or social media).

Don (via Volker)

Reflections on Convergence

The one thing that has really stuck with me from the last Convergence is the impression of change and evolution. The logging operation has created real changes to the Journey's End landscape—changes that we successfully adapted to and worked around; changes that created opportunities for those willing to take them. A number of "old hands" were absent for various reasons, and it was great to see new ones stepping up in order to get things done—perhaps in new ways.

The Men's Circle shifted to a new location over the river, and good news is that the Journey's End people have pushed a track through which joins the path to the shared circle with the Men's Circle. The Women's Circle got an awesome new tent, and the whole site seems vastly more open. Plus there is a firewood bonus!

As without, so within, and Convergence is but a reflection of the rapid change and challenge occurring in the wider world. Whether Convergence can adapt to those changes, rise above the challenges, and look for the opportunities when they arise is the same question that we can each ask ourselves as we go about our day-to-day business.

The mini-gathering coming up on the 25–26 March offers us another opportunity to re-connect with the Convergence spirit and the Convergence whanau for several days of sharing, fun, laughter, creativity, saunas, yummy food, and giving the site some love back.

Hopefully we will see some of you there for at least some of the time. Even popping in to say "Hi" would be great!

Long live the Evolution!

Michael/Michelle

Chapel Carpet Replacement — Help Wanted

Convergence people have damaged the carpet in the chapel with candles (tut tut folks—this is wasting your ticket money), and the site owners require Convergence to repair the damage.

Maybe someone who regularly uses the chapel could volunteer to coordinate re-laying replacement carpet. Please let us know if this sounds like you. Finding a local (i.e. Rangiora) carpet layer would be ideal.

We'll need quotes before contracting the work. The size of the carpet is 4.96 m × 8.00 m with rectangular shape. Replacement carpet is already on-site ready to lay.

Contact Volker if you can help, e.g. at

<http://convergence.org.nz/contact-form.html>

Thank you for not passing around my contact details on social media.

Mini Gathering Dates for 2017

This year's dates are:

- 25/26 Mar
- 6/7 May
- 29/30 Jul (winter social)
- 14/15 Oct
- 9/10 Dec (BBQ, and final site prep for Convergence)

Put these dates in your calendar now, and join in weekends of socialising, fun, and helping care for the site so our ticket prices stay low. Usually someone is there from Friday afternoon/evening. It's well worth it for keeping the Convergence energy up and not having to wait a whole year.


Details for each weekend will be sent out closer to the time. Go to

<http://convergence.org.nz/notices.html>

to be added to the notices list if you aren't already.

Men's Gathering at Tui Treefield

**MEN'S
GATHERING**
AT TUI TREEFIELD IN GOLDEN BAY
MARCH 2017
WED 22ND--SUN 26TH



**JOIN US FOR A GATHERING OF
CONNECTION, NATURE, RITUAL,
MUSIC, HUMOUR, DANCE, DISCOVERY.
OR JUST COME AND HANG OUT!**
\$140 FOR FIVE DAYS/FOUR NIGHTS
BRING YOUR OWN FOOD TO COOK AND SHARE
FOR MORE INFO CONTACT JOHN 027 217 7768 OR GREG 027 430 5051

Kindfulness Retreat

Kindfulness



3 days of Submersion in kindness by the
Beautiful Wakamarina River Gorge.
7pm Friday 28th 1pm Mon 31st April.

This gentle retreat will encourage mindful self-awareness of breath, body feelings and thoughts while sitting, walking, using gentle stretches and occasional tasks.

Suitable for both beginners and experienced meditators.

In a basic bach & huts next to the Wakamarina River

Led by David Wakeling “Insight Aotearoa”



Bring: Wholesome Food to share, koha for the place (min \$15 per night) and the teaching (\$20-\$70 per day)

Loose and outdoor clothing, slippers, torch, umbrella, gardening clothes optional.

Contact: David 5483317 txt 0276959398

<davidwakeling@xtra.co.nz for details and bookings for hut and camp site.