



Convergence Newsletter

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Only 30 days till the Opening Ceremony! We hope you're all as excited as we are. This year's Convergence promises to be a cracker, with lots of light, colour and energy — and heaps of ways to chill, connect and bliss out.

Read on for more info about what's coming at Convergence, the final mini-gathering for fun and site prep, and some great events in December.

Wishing you all a fantastic month and see you at Convergence!

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Convergence notices and newsletter

There now is an email list for Convergence notices, which are sent out more often than the newsletter, and are better for news that can't wait. You can get more information and opt-in here: <http://convergence.org.nz/notices>

Send notices you would like to be included to mynotice@convergence.org.nz

Contributions for the next newsletter can be sent to mynotice@convergence.org.nz. To receive the newsletters send email to info@convergence.net.nz and ask for it. The newsletter is produced approximately 4–5 times a year (before mini gatherings).

Earlybird finishing today

Today 30 November is the last day for earlybird pricing...

<http://convergence.net.nz/registration/>

Converge to Emerge

This year's theme — Converge to Emerge or maybe Convergence to Emergence — means a lot to different people.

There are some great reflections on the website and comments on the Convergence facebook page. They range from “cool calm chaos” and “to emerge has required surrender and rebirth” to “it links us to our heritage and gives a vision for the future” and “an emergence of the spirit of Convergence”.

What do I want to emerge as? Rested, more enthusiastic about life, more at peace, clearer about where I'm going. I love Frank's “Converging with people I trust allows me to emerge into what I can be” — this is what Convergence has meant to me for the last 6 years. Discovering myself, discovering others, discovering better ways of being.

— Rebecca

Mini Gathering 8–10 December

Our last gathering before Convergence — put it in the calendar now. Traditionally with BBQ and lots of fun.

The November gathering did a fantastic job but there's still plenty to do:

- Storing saw dust up for the composting toilets.
- Fixing the foot bridge across the river. The log across the river was swept away so that's the only bridge available. Confer with Don first! (Robert T has already done most of this — thanks!)
- Digging flood silt out of the sauna drainage channel, and getting the sauna working. The earlier the better ☺. This could be your chance to play with the fire pump!
- Digging silt/mud out of the well that supplies Convergence with water.
- Mowing the whole site.
- Trimming the edges with a weed-eater and generally giving the site lots of love.

More details may be forthcoming on the Notices email list just before the weekend — keep an eye out for them.

Tips, Tricks and Bits

This list of essential information about what's happening this year and what to bring is kept updated until just before Christmas: <http://convergence.org.nz/prepare>

Increased self-sufficiency at Convergence

This year there are fewer buildings available than in earlier years, so please come prepared.

The Leigh Lodge kitchen won't be available. It'll be possible to fill your flasks with hot water from the

Amberley kitchen, but there'll be no kitchen for cooking breakfast etc in.

There'll be fewer flush toilets and no more smelly portaloos. Composting toilets for the win. If you've got a solar shower, please bring it because there are fewer showers this time.

A reminder as well that Convergence doesn't offer rubbish disposal, apart from composting. Truck it in, truck it out! This includes babies' nappies; parents, please come prepared.

Enlightened Tribe — Wearable Lights Playshop

Create Wearable Light Magic After Dark.

Come join the enlightened tribe who will be seen wandering around the site after dark.

There will be a warm-up workshop about making wearable arts with LED lights, or make your own outfit beforehand. Some light strings will be available for participants (5m long), but if you can, please bring your own lights and accessories, and join the creative fun and contribute to the visual feast. You may want to bring spare clothes to attach the lights to, to keep your artwork intact for longer. Tighter fitting clothes or a onesie probably work better than baggy ones. You'll be encouraged to wear your artwork as much as possible; please bring spare AA batteries.

Look for the sign to get place and time. Any age welcome.

Be the magic after dark!

Glass jars for tea candles

One of the loveliest Convergence traditions is the path of tea candles leading down to the river on New Year's Eve. The only problem is that on a windy night it's tricky to keep the candles alight.

There's a simple solution: put the candles in glass jars. That needs a lot of glass jars, but if everyone brought one, we'd be sweet. So please collect up your jars, soak the labels off, and help create a thing of beauty.

New Year's Eve Ceremony

The theme for the New Year's celebrations will be "The Age of Aquarius". We are now in the age of Aquarius — so be prepared to get your groove on, let the sun shine in and spread that peace, love and light.

Bring your best 70s party gear (but leave the LSD behind).

(Yes, yes — we know that the New Year's Eve group hasn't been formed yet — but hey, if you haven't got your gear with you on New Year's eve it could be a little inconvenient to have to pop home to get it!)

Cheers M and Chrissy W

Want to offer a workshop?

Christine Carter is coordinating workshops this year. If you're keen to offer one, please contact her by emailing workshops@convergence.net.nz.

Workshops on the theme Converge to Emerge are especially welcome, or on any theme you feel moved to offer, really. It'd be great to have a wide range of workshops.

There's plenty of marquee space for holding workshops, from big to small and intimate. Healing or touch workshops that would benefit from massage tables are welcome to use the massage tent too.

Christchurch Convergence Potluck

Sunday 3 December, 5pm to 10pm, 36 Albert Tce

If you're in Christchurch, come join the Convergence family at Sue Longden's new house for an evening of connection and friendship. Please bring food and drink to share.

Men and Women's Summer Heart Sharing

At Tui Treefield, Thursday 7th to Sunday 10th December 2017

The Men & Women's Heart Sharing is an event for men and women, singles and couples, grown out of the old Men and Women's Gatherings at Tui Community.

The Heart Sharing provides the space to explore the similarities, and the differences, between the masculine and the feminine. It offers the chance to listen in a new way, to acknowledge and honour those differences in how we may listen, view, respond and react to life, especially in our relationships with each other. This is not a workshop, and we will co-facilitate our time together.



Here's a photograph from a recent heart sharing. Come join us in the Treefield, and put yourself in the picture. We'll share a meal at 7 pm on the Thursday, and the heart sharing will evolve from there. We ask that you be present on Thursday evening when we first meet, be there as we begin to form our community.

Bring your own breakfasts, and food to share for combined lunches and dinners which we will cook communally. The kitchen will be the heart of the event, offering the opportunity to contribute to each other through the preparation of healthy wholesome food to build and sustain our community of men and women. The fire circle will be where we do our work.

For those with young children, your children are welcome in the Treefield during the event, except during circles. We want to support parents of younger children to attend, and could do so by running a crèche during circles. Don't let your responsibility to your children deny your Self the opportunity for restoration, growth and play.

Ideally, all would sleep on site, either in your tent, or marae style in the teaching room. The invitation is to build the energy by staying in our community of men and women. While we welcome those who cannot attend the full event, we do urge you to be present for the entire event, to deepen both your experience, and the experience of others. So, can you commit to attending the whole event?

Also, consider what you might want from our free time in the afternoons, a walk to the beach, working with clay or wood or paint or..., sharing music/dance/play. If you are willing to share a skill, bring materials along which you can be reimbursed for, and bring life to our group by awakening or encouraging the creative spirit in others.

The heart sharing will be a wonderful opportunity to explore your Self in relationship with men and women, and simply to rest, play, restore yourself. Do come prepared to take responsibility for what you need, and to participate fully.

The cost for the event is on a sliding scale from a minimum of \$100 – \$200 per person, more if you can contribute that. Do not let the lack of money stop you from coming, and do please talk to me if money is an issue for you.

I'm looking forward to our next Heart Sharing Event at the Tui Treefield.

Regards

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9th November 2017

Meditation



3 days of kindness with breathing,
movement and meditation on sound, by the
Beautiful Wakamarina River Gorge.

7pm Friday 8th 4pm Mon 11th December.

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 (\$15 per night) and the teaching sliding scale (\$20-\$70 per day)

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

Contact: David txt 0276959398 <davidwakeling@xtra.co.nz for details and bookings for hut and camp site.