



Convergence Newsletter

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Drum roll... This time we keep the drums beating through co-creation: the Mini Gathering which is upon us next weekend, the mid-year Mini Convergence in the school holidays, the newsletter, a glad-to-be-alive party, and a reflection on the heart sharing weekend in Christchurch.

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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).

Mini-gathering

Fri 11 – Sun 13 May
Journey's End

Starts Friday afternoon.
Come for as long or as
little as you can

Saturday night roast!

Beef for the meat-eaters, plus
something vegan and delicious

Sharing circle

Saturday night

A safe space to speak from your
heart and listen deeply to others

Bring breakfast and food to
share for lunch and dinner.
Bring bedding, bunks available

Tree planting!

On Saturday afternoon, we'll start planting the banks
with a few poro poro and other natives. Please bring
tools and plants if you have them spare.

Healing workshop

Sunday morning

Come and learn about healing
with pendulums. All welcome,
no experience needed

Love up the site

On Saturday and Sunday, come share
the satisfaction of turning slash heaps
into lovely firewood. Bring bags for
cones. There may be other jobs too, and
cooks & cleaners are always welcome!

And more ... bring your ideas
for co-creating a great weekend!

Mini Gathering 11–13 May

Mark our next mini gathering in the calendar if you haven't yet! There'll be a roast again on Saturday evening, and a workshop on Sunday morning. Everything else is co-created by those present, so come and make other things happen.

There are scraps to burn from the wood pile clearing, so bring tin foil, marshmallows and potatoes. Gutters still need clearing, and some framing in Leigh Lodge needs a touch-up. Tools will be provided, but bring personal protection gear if you have it.

Someone will be on-site from Friday afternoon, and we finish Sunday afternoon.

Amana's Party — Glad To Be Alive

Sat 19 May 2018 7:30pm

Come dressed like you feel glad to be alive. Potluck, bring what you like to eat and drink. Come to have fun. If you like open fires, bring some wood — the hotter it gets, the less clothes you need to wear. I take the sun wherever I go, so come and enjoy the heat.

41 Grantley St, North New Brighton. 382 9077.

— Amana

Newsletter Co-Creation

This newsletter isn't just the opinion of those putting it together, it is co-created like Convergence. If you have any thoughts, reflections, musings, suggestions, ideas, or are running any Convergence-type events, write it up, send it to us, and it'll be included. It's a great way to get the ball rolling!

— Newsletter fairies

Mini Convergence

Wed 11? – Sun 15 July 2018

Yes, this year we can have a real Mini Convergence!!!

The Journey's End site is booked from Wednesday (11 July) through to Sunday. This is a chance for the Convergence family to gather from nearby and further afield, and have a ball.

We've booked the site for 5 days but that doesn't mean the event has to run for all 5 days, or that everyone has to commit to being there from the Wednesday onwards. That — and everything else — is up to those who co-create it.

Co-creators are needed to think about things like food, cost, workshops, and all the good things in life. Those of us who have organised the Mini Gatherings are stepping back and leaving the opportunity to create to others. Here's your chance, be a daredevil, have a go!

If no-one wants to come for the longer Mini Convergence, there'll be a regular Mini Gathering from Fri 13 – Sun 15 July instead.



Christchurch Heart Sharing Weekend

As a way of helping keep Convergence more alive throughout the year, we decided to hold a weekend heart sharing circle at our house. This built on the heart sharings that are happening in the top of the south and to extend the monthly pot-luck and heart sharing evenings that have been happening in Christchurch for a good while now. We wanted to keep things as simple as possible. We started on a rainy Saturday morning with eleven of us from Convergence and a Convergee's friend, who lives in Dunedin. We added some chi gung and centring meditations, which we decided would be good to have even more of in the future. We had a pot-luck meal for Saturday lunch and takeaways from a Thai/Vietnamese restaurant just down the road for dinner. Two people stayed overnight. Sunday lunch was a massive spread of left-overs. We had a real mix of cultures including German, Dutch, Indian and Kiwi and also gender diversity that added depth to our sharings and the magic of sharing circles. Topics ranged from family relations to keeping secrets to cultural and gender differences to personal growth.

We only had space for a smaller group, but that had a positive effect enabling us to go deeper and get to know each other on a deeper level than otherwise. The simple format meant that not much organising was involved. We are planning for our next weekend. There were other people who wanted to come but could not make it this time, so spaces will be available for more people to experience the power of sharing circles. If you are interested in being on our email list to hear about future events contact Victor at victorandmonika@gmail.com

— Victor

Musings on the Mini Gathering

May 11–13 offers the opportunity to dive once again into the goodness that is Convergence. Having just experienced a deep heart sharing weekend with fellow Convergees I have been reminded of the special bond of aroha that we share, and the magic that happens when we gather together. I am looking forward to re-connecting with friends, and hopefully making new ones, of walking the land again, of connecting with the trees and the river.

We'll be working together to tidy the place up, and hopefully putting some native trees in the ground. There will be good food and good company by the roaring fire at night. I hear there may even be a workshop offered. Come and nurture the land. Come and enrich yourself. Come for re-connection and laughter. If in doubt — just come anyway.

Rebecca has offered some native trees and plants from her garden to plant out at Journeys End. There's no planting plan yet — but we know where they need to go — where we need shelter or privacy. As well as the actual planting it would be good if somebody could bring some fertilizer pellets, some water absorbing pellets, some carpet squares to suppress weeds, and wire or plastic covers to keep the pests off.

If people want to bring more native plants to plant — well, hooray!

— Michael/Michelle/M