



Convergence Newsletter

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2020 eh? The year is almost at an end. Normally I'd be looking forward to Convergence, but these are not normal times, and sadly there's no Convergence. There are still Convergees however, and still that urge to gather together to share the good times and growth. So alternatives have sprung up to anchor the Convergence goodness in various places around the country—covered in this newsletter. It's okay to enjoy. And it's okay to just take it easy this year. Whichever way the journey takes you, look after yourself along the way. Much love. –M

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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 have included to mynotice@convergence.org.nz

To receive the newsletters ask info@convergence.net.nz for it (note the .org/.net difference!).

The newsletter is produced approximately 4–5 times a year (before Mini Gatherings). Contributions for the next newsletter can be sent to mynotice@convergence.org.nz, deadline is approximately 3 weeks before the Mini Gathering starts.

Working Bee 4–6 December — Help Needed

We need to raise the roof!!! And get that shed up...

We still need to finish that shed for larger Convergence items that don't fit into the container (like the stage). Please come and help if you can. We will have fun at Journey's End too, with swimming, relaxing in the sun, a Saturday night roast feast, and plenty of time for great conversations.

Accommodation is available in Leigh Lodge, bring your bedding. Bring your breakfasts, and food to share for lunches and dinners. No cost. Gate is open from about midday Friday.

The Last Gathering

On Saturday morning on 3 October, a group of us stood near the garage at Journeys End and stared in horror at several metres of crap piled high. A few hours later, it was all gone—firewood and building materials stacked tidily, compost moved to under trees, rubbish thrown out—in an impressive sign of what people can achieve working together. And by the end of the weekend, we had posts concreted in to be the framework of a big shed for Convergence's stuff.

As well, several people sorted out Convergence's stored food, separating out everything that needs to be eaten in the next 12 months and taking it back to Christchurch to sell. And more people cleared Convergence's goods away from around the container, which had to be done to comply with the Council's fire regulations.

It was a very productive weekend, thanks to the wonderful people who came and worked—and talked and ate and swam in the extremely refreshing river.

We're looking forward to another great weekend in December, putting the walls and roof on the shed. Hopefully the river will be warmer by now!

Sustainability

A hot, dry summer.

Convergence 2019.

Sustainability is having only this many clothes to wash afterwards.



River & Sarah's place near Motueka (Top of the South)

28 Dec 2020 – 3 Jan 2021

We are hosting a relaxed camping event in the spirit of Convergence. We can host up to 50 people on our 2ha rural property of paddocks & gardens. A time for co-creating workshops, circles, shared meals etc; or just chilling out, exploring the district & going to the beach. The property has a variety of spaces (indoor & outdoor) available for use. We are on The Great Taste (bike) Trail & close to a mountain bike park, so bring your bikes if you feel inclined.

Please bring your own food for self-catering and/or shared meals. Fridges will be available, though we suggest you supplement them with your own chilly bins. (Motueka Supermarket 7km)

Children are very welcome, but we have none (nor any young grandchildren any more!!) & therefore have no specific children's facilities. Please bring your own entertainment for them.

Access for caravans, campers etc. Some beds are available. There are cooking & ablutions facilities in the huge shed and also in the large house.

Sorry but no dogs.

Cost: \$5pp/per night, up to max \$20 per person. Children koha.

Contact sarah@somenicename.co.nz for bookings and more information.

Converging 2020, Event at Journeys End

29 Dec 2020 – 4 Jan 2021

An event in the Spirit of past Convergence events at the Journey's End site. This year theme is: *Emergence*.

You are invited to help co-create a simpler, stripped back event with less infrastructure, more spontaneity, self-responsibility and of course plenty of connection, magic and sharing.

The main objectives of the event are to continue keeping energy of Convergence, and the site high. To bring new ideas to the event, contribute to co-organisation of its refreshed appearance.

If that resonate with you, please join us. There is already a core group of frequent converges registered so great spirit and fun are guaranteed!

More details and link to registration page can be found here:

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=6bjno5abb&oeidk=a07ehd2fy3o634865b5>

This event is limited to people who have been to at least one Convergence event or are accompanied by a previous attendee.

Registration deadline is at the *end of November*, so there are only a few days left to register.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Rabbit Island Picnic

20 December 2020

Top of the South (Nelson Area) afternoon beach picnic at Rabbit Island 10 minutes from Richmond. A celebration of Sunday; relaxing kiwi culture and connection.

20th December just before the Great Conjunction! Ooo aaaah!

Meet at West end of beach car park from midday and throughout the afternoon or elsewhere on rabbit island if more suitable.

Bring togs, towel, yummy food to share and friends and family and bring good weather! (sorry no dogs but you can take them for a run at rough Island).

Previously intended to be for this Sunday and some invitations were sent out but it will be wet so please re-pencil into your calendar!

If you get lost call Tahi 027 404 2053

Hope to see you there...

Gathering at Rob Totty's

9/10 January 2021

All are welcome to a post (non) Convergence gathering at Rob's place near Oxford.

When? Saturday 9 January 2021 to Sunday 10 January 2021.

Where? 109 Mountain Road, View Hill, Oxford, Canterbury.

Food? BYO scrummy vegetarian food to share.

Staying over? Yup. There is lawn to camp/park on.

Activities? Easy access to forest walks and the local river for swims. Rob knows the best pools!

Things to know? Sandflies. Bring repellent.

Heaps more questions? Contact Rob on 027 224 5453

Getting there: [map link](#)

2 km south of Oxford, turn off SH72 (Inland Scenic Route) onto Woodside Road. Follow this for 7 km, then turn into Mountain Road and continue to Rob's place which is a few hundred metres on the left before the Coopers Creek car park at the end.

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Expand the Box Training

17–21 February 2021, Christchurch

After an epic training here in Golden Bay so much interest has come forward that Ana and Sybille decided to create an Expand the Box training in Christchurch.

Please contact either Sybille or Ana for more information or check out the website. Details still need to be falling into place.

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Annual Embodied Freedom Summer Retreat

Wed 24 – Sun 28 March 2021, Tui Events Park, Golden Bay

Join us for number 4 of Embodied Intimacy, now called Annual Embodied Freedom Summer Retreat. Five days.

Awaken & Open your Body, Heart and Soul
Liberate the dormant power within you

Through Open Floor movement, Conscious dance, guided sharing circles, safe nurturing space individual, partner & group work, we discover how to use feelings as a compass for life.

Integrate & rejuvenate with daily restorative yoga, soak in hot tubs & saunas. Beautiful outdoor venue next to Abel Tasman park.

All ages, genders and movement abilities welcome.

Early bird until 31 Dec \$590 — until 1 Feb \$680 — full price \$750.

Sign up: sybille@embodiedfreedom.co.nz

Please give me a call if you have any questions or what to know more about the event, about any of the other events in 2021, or to find out what training is the best for you at this moment in time.

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