

# PROGRAM 2021

*For all activities, costs for accommodation and meals to be covered by anonymous donations for DCH plus contributing some food to share.*

*If you do not have internet access, please feel free to ask us to send you by post the documents which are mentioned in the description below.*

**Monthly meditation practice**  
On the weekend of the second Saturday of the month, from Friday 6pm to Sunday 9am.

Silent time of contemplation with intense meditation. See website: [../meditprogram.pdf](http://meditprogram.pdf)

Dates for monthly meditation practice:

Feb. 12-14 / March 12-14 / April 9-11 / May 7-9 / June 11-13 / July 9-11 / Aug. 13-15 / Sept. 10-12 / Oct. 8-10 / Nov. 12-14 / Dec. 10-12.

*We are ready to organise some time of introduction to meditation if someone wishes it.*

**27 March / 24 July / 23 Oct. from 9am to 4pm.**

## Tarot study

**Facilitator: Ursula de Morsier**

The sharing will be based on the presentation of the Major Arcana of the Tarot from the viewpoint of Christian Hermeticism. It is not about the "laying of cards" (cartomancy), but based on an approach that at the depths of existence there is an interrelationship between all things by way of analogy. The Arcana will be presented as essentially 22 Spiritual Exercises, providing deep inspirations for the spiritual life and practice.

**Some dates still to be fixed for 3 themes we intend to reflect upon:**

- Response to the Uluru Statement of the Heart
- Non Violent Action
- Grief around Climate Breakdown

The days for these three themes will be announced later in the year, once they have been organised.

**Fri. 26 – 28 February:**  
**Our Relationship with the Land**  
Repetition of the workshop that has been cancelled in August 2020 (Covid)  
Workshop. From Fri 5pm to Sun 9am.  
Facilitator: Yves de Morsier

The recent fires have shown how the Earth is suffering from our materialistic contempt and from our ignorance of her spiritual wealth. We have to learn to listen to the Land and find a new way to relate to it. We do not own it but we belong to it. As First Nations People have taught us, the Land is the expression of our heritage and of the deeper Reality. The land is not a good to exploit but the source of Life: the incarnation that makes the Ground of Being visible?

We will learn to better read into the landscape and to observe how the land is a living entity that teaches us the main laws of life. We will also experience how we can discern the different energies in different places and find our own place in a given location.

**Fri. 5 – Wed. 10 March:**  
**Insight Meditation – 5 days**  
Teacher: Lesley Lebkowicz  
Organiser: Mary McLean

This is a retreat of 5 days, organised by the Insight Meditation Group (Vipassana in the Burmese Buddhist tradition). DCH offers the venue.

Fees will apply. If you are interested or wish to participate, please contact Mary McLean: [maryclaire.mclean@gmail.com](mailto:maryclaire.mclean@gmail.com)

**Sat. 3 April: from 10am to 3pm**  
**Living in the Moment: Slow Art**  
Celebration do "Slow Art" Day  
Facilitator: Ursula de Morsier

Since the 2004 bestseller "In Praise of Slow", the Slow Philosophy has spread into various areas, including art. April 3 has been declared the International Day of Slow Art.

Join us in an experience of looking at 5 works of art slowly, at least 10min each, which can be a profound experience to discover that one can see deeply into an image without an expert. We will then share our experiences, as well as enjoying a meal together.

**Fri. 14 – Mon. 17 May:**  
**Insight Dialogue – weekend**  
Teacher: Beth Faria  
Organiser: Mary McLean

This is a weekend retreat, organised by the Insight Meditation Group (Vipassana in the Burmese Buddhist tradition). DCH offers the venue. Fees will apply. If you are interested or wish to participate, please contact Mary McLean: [maryclaire.mclean@gmail.com](mailto:maryclaire.mclean@gmail.com)

**Fri. 21 – Sun. 23 May:**  
**Open workshop: Share with us what you are passionate about**  
Workshop. From Fri 5pm to Sun 9am.  
Facilitator: maybe you?

This space is left free for any of you to facilitate a workshop on a theme that is dear to your heart! Please contact us, if you intend to do so! It is

important that DCH may be a place of exchange that is fed by any of the participants.

**AGM on the 21 August (morning) in Bega**

**Fri. 27 – Sun. 29 August:**

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**Workshop. From Fri 5pm to Sun 9am.**

**Facilitator: maybe you?**

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**Thur. 14 – Fri. 22 October:**

**Insight Meditation 8 days**

**Teacher: Lesley Lebkowicz**

**Organiser: Mary McLean**

Same as above (March). If you are interested or wish to participate, please contact Mary McLean: [maryclaire.mclean@gmail.com](mailto:maryclaire.mclean@gmail.com)

**Fri. 19 – Sun 24 November:**

**Going to Ground – 5 days**

**Teacher: Jenny Taylor**

**Organiser: Mary McLean**

In the Burmese Buddhist tradition. Most of the retreat will be in silence. In addition to meditation periods, there will be talks and discussions about meditation, and optional small group discussions about practice. There will be ample time each day for rest, walking, writing or drawing.

Jenny Taylor has taught Buddhist meditation for over 20 years. She encourages a questioning, open

approach to meditation, and aims to help people develop forms of practice that are unforced, relevant to them, and supportive of their commitments to the wider world.

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### ***Booking and fees***

*If you intend to participate, please contact us.*

*The only income of DCH is through donations. You are invited to participate free of charge but are also asked to leave a donation that will allow someone else you do not know to take part later in another meeting.*

*Bank references: see on cover page.*

### ***Working bees***

*The infrastructure at DCH is adapted for welcoming around 12-15 people. It means there is a lot of work of maintenance to be done; we need your precious help. You are welcome to stay here for free for a longer time if you are ready to give a hand.*

*Participate in our regular working bees.*

*Enrol in our list of regular workers.*

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### ***Desert Creek House is:***

- *A place for prayer and contemplation, in a search for unity.*
- *A place for a simple way of life, in a search for harmony with nature.*
- *A place for sharing and community, in a search for reciprocity.*

### **PROGRAM 2021**

Main activities in this year:

- 11 regular meditation (weekends on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of the month),
- 3 days of reflexion on the Tarot + 1 Slow Art day
- 4 meditation retreats - Insight Meditation Group (March, April, October, November),
- 1 workshop examining who we are and how we live + 3 open ones (Febr., May, Aug., Nov.),
- 3 more themes – dates to be fixed (Uluru Statement, Non Violence, Climate Breakdown).

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