

# PROGRAM 2020

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

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

**28 March / 25 July / 24 Oct.**

## Community days + Tarot study

**Facilitator: Ursula de Morsier**

Community days from 9am to 4 pm = working bee (morning) + lunch + sharing (afternoon).

The sharing from 1-4pm 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. 21 - Sun. 23 February:**

## Living in the Truth

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

**Facilitator: Yves de Morsier**

In our postmodern era everybody wants to follow their own truth and any opinion seems acceptable. Diversity of beliefs constitutes a wealth, but it does not mean we can adapt truth at will. An unfathomable Truth exists which is the Reality that shapes our world. Today we have lost in great part our faculty to remain rooted in it.

We will observe how science, knowledge and our own experience are incomplete means but may yet serve as guides. We will investigate how our egocentric perception has to develop into an all-encompassing hetero-centric vision and how we may find a consensus concerning our common future despite our differences. We will also examine ways of how to live in the Truth and how to accept the consequences of such a choice.

**Sun. 29 March – Thur. 2<sup>nd</sup> April:**

## Insight Meditation – 4 days

**Teacher: Lesley Lebkowicz**

**Organiser: Mary McLean**

This is a retreat of 4 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)

**Fri. 22 – Sun. 24 May:**

## True Wealth

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

**Facilitator: Yves de Morsier**

Wealth is nowadays mainly understood as material ownership. Yet it encompasses so many other much more essential aspects of our lives.

We will see how money gives us access to goods we could not afford, by lack of time, skills, resources or energy and how it changes therefore our perception of values and needs or forces us into passivity. We will investigate some different traditional or possible approaches and practices which may help us to focus on the essential.

**Fri. 26 – Mon. 29 June:**

## Insight Meditation Self-retreat

**Organiser: Mary McLean**

This is an extended weekend of meditation for participants who have a good practice in meditation. 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 August:**

## Our Relationship with the Land

**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.

**AGM on the 29 August (morning) in Bega**

**Fri. 4 – Sun 11 September:**  
**Insight Meditation – 7 days**  
**Teacher: Lesley Lebkowicz**  
**Organiser: Mary McLean**

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**Fri. 20 – Sun 25 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.

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. 27 – Sun. 29 November:**  
**Harmony – Searching for God**  
**Workshop. From Fri 5pm to Sun 9am.**  
**Facilitators: Yves de Morsier**

Harmony consists mainly in adaptation to the laws of the Universe. But it is also the path how to readjust our sense of meaning of Life and to discern the presence of the Ground of Being in the most mundane aspects of daily life. Because our society has lost the awareness of this sacred dimension of Life, it has also lost the leading thread.

We will look at different spiritual traditions and observe how they provide complementary instructions to help us recognise the deeper Reality in what we see, and how to meet God as a personal yet invisible relationship. For instance the Christian metaphor of the Trinity will guide us to distinguish a rather discrete Presence from the many imposing illusions that try to mimic it.

***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 2020**

Main activities in this year:

- 11 regular meditation (weekends on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of the month),
- 3 community days and reflexion on the Tarot,
- 4 meditation retreats - Insight Meditation Group (March, June, September, November),
- 4 workshops examining who we are and how we live (Febr., May, Aug., Nov.),
- 3 more themes – dates to be fixed (Uluru Statement, Non Violence, Climate Breakdown).

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