

# Campbelltown Spiritualist Church

CWA HALL AT THE END OF KING STREET CAMPBELLTOWN Service every Sunday 5.00pm to 6.30pm

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#### NEWSLETTER January – February 2015



## The Seven Principles of Spiritualism

- 1. The Fatherhood of God
- 2. The Brotherhood of Man
- 3. The communion of Spirits & the Ministry of Angels
- 4. The continuous existence of the human soul
- 5. Personal responsibility
- 6. Compensation & retribution for all good & evil deeds done on earth
- 7. Eternal growth open to every human soul

### **Upcoming Guests**

#### **JANUARY 2015**

4<sup>th</sup> - Ann Williamson

11<sup>th</sup> – Florence King

18<sup>th</sup> – John Smyth

25<sup>th</sup> - Maureen Romanowski

#### **FEBRUARY 2015**

1<sup>st</sup> – Sue Case

8<sup>th</sup> – TBA

15<sup>th</sup> – Terry Rose

22<sup>nd</sup> - Stephanie McKinnon

#### **OUR SPIRITUALIST CHURCH SERVICE**

- Welcome and introductions
- Song or Hymn and Opening Prayer
- Song/Hymn to lift the energy
- Address by the Guest Speaker
- Reading The Great Invocation &/or The Seven Principles
- Meditation and Healing
- Members of the congregation invited to share meaningful experiences or suitable readings
- Song or Hymn with freewill donation
- Demonstration: Spiritual communion (proof of survival) by guest medium
- OR Overheads, Psychometry etc.
- Notices
- Benediction (closing prayer/blessing) and closing Song or Hymn
- Tea and Coffee and a chat

#### HAPPY NEW YEAR



2015 has been designated the \*International Year of Light and the \*International Year of Soils by the sixty-eighth session of the United Nations General Assembly.

.....and how are all those New Year Resolutions working out?

Let's not get too serious about this, we need time to expand and grow so, we don't want to hem ourselves in with heavy duty impossibilities do we?

Let's all get out there and smell the roses or something and remember. ......Angels can fly because they take themselves lightly!

\*The International Year of Light and Light-based Technologies, 2015 is a United Nations observance that aims to raise awareness of the achievements of light science and its applications, and its importance to humankind. IYL 2015 opening ceremonies will be held 19-20 January 2015 in Paris

\*The aim of the International Year of Soils is to increase awareness and understanding of the importance of soil for food security and essential ecosystem functions

#### SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT......

Dust if you must, but wouldn't it be better to paint a picture or write a letter.

Bake a cake or plant a seed, ponder the difference between want or need.

Dust if you must but there's not much time, with rivers to swim and mountains to climb,

Music to hear and books to read, friends to cherish and life to lead.

Dust if you must but the world's out there, the sun in your eyes, the wind in your hair  ${\scriptstyle \sim}$ 

A flutter of snow, a shower of rain, This day will not come around again.

Dust if you must but bear in mind, old age will come and it's not kind. And when you go and go you must, you yourself will make more dust.

A house becomes a home when you can write "I love you" on the furniture.

(With kind permission: Ellie Engelen-U3A Hawkesbury)

#### NOTICES:

**C'MAS HAMPERS**: What a wonderful response to the request for donations. Once again we are grateful for the generosity of our congregation. The two families were most appreciative.

**SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH** Feel free to come and help set up, clear up, (many hands make light work) bring a friend, bring a plate of something, flowers from your garden, host a service, whatever makes you feel good - all contributions appreciated.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Best Wishes & Many Happy Returns to all our friends who are celebrating birthdays in January & February

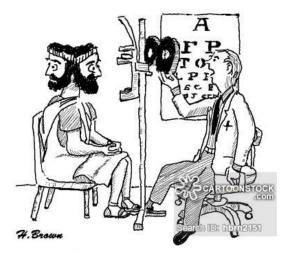
We hope that the year ahead will be all that you wish for......

"Here we are in a month named after the Roman god Janus, an appropriate personification of the start of the New Year. This particular Roman god had two faces so that he could look ahead toward the future and back at the past at the same time.

As we get rid of an old year and look forward to a new one, we all try to be a little like Janus.

We know through experience what we did wrong and what we did right, and hope to do better this year.

Some people make ambitious New Year's resolutions; others just take a deep breath and hope for the best...."



"MR. JANUS, YOUR HIND SIGHT IS FAR BETTER THAN YOUR FORE SIGHT."

#### A Bad Dream?

Jemima was taking an afternoon nap on New Year's Eve before the festivities. After she woke up, she confided to Max, her husband, I just dreamed that you gave me a diamond ring for a New Year's present. What do you think it all means?'

'Aha, you'll know tonight,' answered Max smiling broadly.

At midnight, as the New Year was chiming, Max approached Jemima and handed her small package. Delighted and excited she opened it quickly. There in her hand rested a book entitled: 'The meaning of dreams'.

#### **Auld Lang Syne**

Auld Lang Syne was partially written by <u>Robert Burns</u> in the 1700's, it was first published in 1796 after Burns' death. Early variations of the song were sung prior to 1700 and inspired Burns to produce the modern rendition. An old Scotch tune, 'Auld Lang Syne' literally means 'old long ago,' or simply, 'the good old days.'

Here are the lyrics: however, many people seem to remember only the first verse.

#### **Auld Lang Syne**

Should auld acquaintance be forgot and never brought to mind? Should auld acquaintance be forgot and days of auld lang syne? For auld lang syne, my dear, for auld lang syne, we'll take a cup of kindness yet, for auld lang syne.

Should auld acquaintance be forgot and never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot and days of auld lang syne?
And here's a hand, my trusty friend And gie's a hand o' thine
We'll tak'A cup o' kindness yet
For auld lang syne.





"The sun is just rising on the morning of another day, the first day of the new year. What can I wish that this day, that this year, may bring to me?

Nothing that shall make the world of others poorer, nothing at the expense of others; but just those few things which in their coming do not stop with me but touch me rather, as they pass and gather strength:

- A few friends who understand me, and yet remain my friends.
- A work to do which has real value without which the world would feel the poorer.
- A return for such work small enough not to tax unduly anyone who pays.
- A mind unafraid to travel, even though the trail be not blazed.
- An understanding heart.
- A sight of the eternal hills and unbelted sea and, of something beautiful the individual hand has made.
- A sense of humour and the power to laugh.
- A little leisure with nothing to do.
- A few moments of quiet, silent meditation. The sense of the presence of God.
- And the patience to wait for the coming of these things, with the wisdom to know them when they come."

Guide words: An Anthology of Inspiration and Humour, p. 13



My New Year's resolution is to eat better, so from now on I'm only going to date people who can afford to take me somewhere other than McDonalds!

#### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

People are so worried about what they eat between Christmas and New Year's, when what they should be worried about is what they eat between New Year's and Christmas!

# Sydney teen collects 2015's first coin after camping out at Royal Australian Mint since Christmas

By Gordon Taylor

Photo: Harley Russo holds the first minted coin for 2015 at the Royal Australian Mint. (ABC News)

Related Story: Sydney teen mints first 2014 coin after five-day wait

Related Story: Coin camp-out earns teen collector a pretty penny

A Sydney teenager has camped outside the Royal Australian Mint in Canberra since Christmas Day to receive the first coin minted of the year for the third year in a row.

Harley Russo, 15, spent seven nights sleeping on concrete outside the mint so he could be the first to strike a coin in 2015.

It was the <u>third year in a row he had been first in line</u> to mint the first coin for the year struck anywhere in the world, due to Australia's time zone.

Harley said the wait was painful but worth it.

"It's the longest I've ever stayed so it was a bit more of a challenge," he said.

"But there was some talk on Facebook that people were planning to get here on Boxing Day, so I decided I'd get here on Christmas."

Harley said he began collecting coins as a part of a family tradition.

"Mum showed me a couple of coins she had as a kid and I thought they were pretty great," he said.

"Then we came to the mint and I saw some silver sets with holographic designs and I fell in love with it.

"I just see that at the end of it there's going to be a chance to build for my future.

"I won't be letting go of the coin anytime soon."



Photo: The 2015 coin was designed to commemorate the centenary of World War I. (ABC News)

Mint chief executive Ross MacDiarmid said the \$1 coin Harley collected was designed to commemorate the centenary of World War I.

"The theme this year is very much around the Anzac and it's part of our series that goes right through from 2014 to 2018," he said.

"There's a cross to symbolise the sacrifice that Australians made during WWI, and particularly places like Gallipoli and Fromelles.

"It was obviously a sombre period for Australians, but one that we thought was appropriate to reflect on for 2015."

Along with Harley, the first 100 people to mint a coin in Canberra received a special certificate of authenticity.

Harley said he and his family would almost certainly be back next year, vying to be first in line again.

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"Thank you, Life, for all my experiences this year.
I am so grateful for all I have seen, done and learned."

-LOUISE HAY

Dear Ones.

The New Year is almost upon us. Let's welcome 2015 with love and joy. Know that what we give out comes back to us multiplied.

This year will be different from any other we have lived. Our knowledge and understanding will grow and deepen in new ways. Our capacity for compassion will expand. Our ability to give and receive love will make daily living feel like heaven on earth.

Every New Year brings us the opportunity for a fresh start. In 2015, peace is within our reach, even as new adventures beckon. This is a wonderful time for reflection. As you prepare to begin your New Year, ask yourself these simple questions:

What shall I now release from my life? What or who no longer works for me? What am I holding on to that holds me back? What thoughts or beliefs belong to the old me? How am I being unloving to myself? What do I believe that really works for me? Am I ready to let go? What is going on in my life that is terrific and wonderful? Where am I being very loving to myself? Where am I most content? What do I want to bring to my life? How do I want the next year to be? Who do I want to bring into my world? How do I want to look? What image do I want to project? How healthy do I want to be? What changes can I make to feel healthier? How prosperous do I want to feel? What kind of world do I want to live in? How much love am I willing to experience?

Take time to acknowledge all of your positive growth and change in the last year.

#### Then affirm:

I am one with the infinite wisdom and capabilities of the Universe itself.

All good is available to me, right here and right now.

All I have to do is to use the power of my thoughts to create that which I desire.

And so it is!

Life loves us, and will bring us wonders all year long. I wish you a fabulous 2015!

Love,

