

AUSTRALIAN NETWORK FOR SPIRITUAL DIRECTION Inc

SYDNEY REGION ANNUAL REPORT

2016

The group continues to meet every six weeks at St Joseph's Spirituality Centre at Baulkham Hills. Towards the end of 2016 an on-line survey was sent to all members prior to our planning day in December. Questions were around preferred times and venues of the meetings, suggestions for topics and Presenters and any other matters. This was most helpful for those who attended the planning day. In all areas of the survey we took the majority stance in our planning. This year we again had one full Saturday and in our program for 2017 we will be including two full Saturday gatherings, so as to cater for those members unable to attend the Friday meetings. Whilst we pay for the room at St Joseph's, I believe this has been a benefit for continuity of Sydney group as previously we had to find a new venue when the person offering hospitality moved on and this was a big part of the Sydney group discontinuing in the early 2000's. It has been a gift for me to be part of this group and to receive the trust and support of the group during my ten years as the Sydney Representative.

February	19 th	Presenter -	Roger Sharr. Aspects of Spiritual Direction (12 attended)
April	2 nd	Presenter –	Dr. Kerrie Hide (full day) Julian of Norwich (19 attended)
May			National Conference in Perth
June	24 th	Post Conference – Belden Lane's Input Presenter -	Sally Longley (10 attended)
August	5 th	Presenter -	Sally Longley Spiritual Direction as Peacemaking (14 attended)
September	16 th	“Noticing the Duck” by Mary Kate Morse – Art of asking Spiritual Questions Presenter -	Ann Bergman (16 attended)
October	28 th	Walking and Praying the Labyrinth Presenter -	Sally Longley (15 attended)
December	2 nd	Planning for 2017 Survey of all members was basis for 2017 topics, venue, etc.	(8 attended)