

Annual General Meeting of Gitananda Association of Australia and New Zealand

Date: Saturday 17th October 2015 **Time:** 2.30 pm

Venue: "Mermaid Beachfront House", 241 Hedges Ave, Mermaid Beach Q 4218

Members Present:

Muralidharan; Margo Hutchison; Louise & Colin Sharman; Wendy Snape; Jenny Lloyd; Heather Box; Maratana Hope, Kathy O'Sullivan; Julia Ballinger; Lyla Ballinger; Lesleigh Camm; Zigi Georges.

Apologies from:

Dr, Ananda; Selwyn Williams; Cathryn Doornekamp; Dawn Williams; Bernadette Hearn

Agenda Item	Action to be taken/Outcome	Committee Member Responsible
1] Special Item	Members send their sincere best wishes and felicitations to Devasena on the happy occasion of her birthday on 24 th October .	
2] Current committee	Patron: Dr Ananda Balayogi Bhavanani Chairman: Muralidharan Treasurers: Devidasan (Aust); Ann-Maree Bukholt (NZ) Secretary: Cathryn Doornekamp eNewsletter: Margo Hutchison State Reps: NZ: Cathryn Doornekamp; NSW: Murali; SA: Devidasan Qld: Margo Hutchison; Vic: Bernadette Hearn • The current committee will continue to the next AGM in October 2016 • Committee Members list for 2015 will be updated by website host who will direct Secretary Items to Cathryn Doornekamp at gitananda.secretary@gmail.com	Cathryn Website Host India
3] Financials (Addendum)	 Australia: As of 17th October, 2015 the balance remaining after all expenses have been paid is \$2,883 AU. New Zealand: To be advised. 	Confirmation needed from Ann-Maree
4] Membership fees	Membership fees have been Bi-Annual since 2012 however this meeting decided unanimously to revert to Annual Membership Fees in 2016.	

A special plea to all unfinancial members:	Members
Your membership is valuable to us, payment of membership fees is essential for the continuation of our association; it enables us to bring Dr. Ananda to Australia and New Zealand for the benefit of all members and to spread the teachings of our Paramparai. If your membership has lapsed, please consider renewing it for 2015-16.	
For Australian Members EFT: • Account Name: Gitananda Yoga Association • BSB Number: 015-025 • Account Number: 498569383	
 Place YOUR NAME in 'Deposit Description' and Email Murali to Confirm your payment muralidharan33@yahoo.com.au 	
or post to: Gitananda Yoga Association 26 Trevitt Road, North Ryde, NSW 2113, Australia	
For New Zealand (Aotearoa) Members EFT: NZ bank name: ANZ Bank Address: Paraparaumu Account Name: Gitananda Association Account Number: 01-0731-0223208-00 Place YOUR NAME in 'Deposit Description' and Email Cathryn to Confirm your payment	
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	 Please Note: All Kiwis are to pay the equivalent in NZ dollars Please keep your contact details up-to-date (Name, Home Address, Phone number and email address) by emailing the secretary (Cathryn) at gitananda.secretary@gmail.com 	Members
5] Financial Membership for 2015	Current membership Australia/New Zealand • 74 members are listed • 5 are honorary members • 1 from the UK • 15 NZ members fully paid up till April 2016. • 54 Australian members • 14 paid up until April 2016 • 4 paid up until April 2015 • 36 unfinancial	Murali, Cathryn
6] Gitananda Events	 Yantra Course February 2015: This was attended by Murali and Jenny Lloyd. Yantra Course February 2016: If you are interested in attending the next course contact Murali muralidharan33@yahoo.com.au Members Retreat/Get together 2015: This was held at 241 Hedges Avenue Mermaid Beach on the Gold Coast and attended by 13 members. Reports will be included in the next eNews and sent to Yoga Life. Members Retreat 2016: It was unanimously decided to hold a retreat in 2016 at the same venue (which was a mansion overlooking the surf) and the booking has been made for October 2016. Dr Ananda 2017: Dr. Ananda will visit Australia as a Keynote Speaker at the IYTA 50th Anniversary Convention, 27 - 30 October, 2017 in Sydney. The IYAA have also invited Dr. Ananda to hold another retreat in South Australia. Details to be advised. 	Members

7] Newsletters	 Australian and NZ members are now kept up to date with a regular 4 monthly GYA eNewsletter Members are encouraged to subscribe to the beautifully produced international 3 monthly online magazine Rishiculture quarterly edited by Canadian member Jennifer Dany Aubé. 	Margo and Murali
8] Yoga Life Magazine	Yoga Life Magazine Subscriptions: can be paid via PayPal http://www.theyogatutor.com/icyer-books/yoga-life-international 1 Year subscription is 45 Euro, 3 years subscription is 120 Euro However ANZ members may continue to send subscriptions (or Ashram donations) to Murali if they prefer. Payable to "Gitananda Yoga"	Murali
9] Online Links; DVD's & Books	 Apart from http://www.gitananda-australia.org/ The Rishiculture Yahoo Group online, run by Dr. Ananda http://www.rishiculture.org/ is another outstanding way to keep in touch with our Yoga Tradition. The ICYER website http://www.icyer.com/Knowledge%20Base.php has some very interesting articles written by Ammaji and Dr. Ananda (including his research papers). This is a good site for interest, see Publications, Knowledge Base, then search any topic. Dr. Ananda's books and DVD's can be purchased from: http://www.theyogatutor.com/icyer-books/ and DVDs from http://www.theyogatutor.com/icyer-books/yoga-dvds Dr. Ananda's interesting You Tube Videos can be found at https://www.youtube.com/user/yognat2001/videos Members are encouraged to view the YouTube video clips of Dr. Ananda's DVDs and 'like' them or write an online comment or review. 	Members

The meeting closed at: 3.12 pm.

The next AGM will be held in October 2016

