

Chairperson's Report November 2013

I feel that the Gathering held in Akaroa in October, the Inaugural Australasian Gathering, marks a real coming of age for Healing Touch New Zealand. Our registration was full, with many Australians and Lisa Anselme from Healing Beyond Borders joining the large numbers of 'locals' making this a truly international event.

Akaroa was a beautiful venue, each speaker bringing their unique gifts of knowledge and 'beingness' to share. We journeyed from the natural world of the dolphins; to the ancestors of this land and their esoteric knowledge and gifts with Maurice Grey; to managing the health of our individual cells; practicing unconditional love; helping those with depression; a holistic view of health from the a traditional Chinese medicine perspective to communities in action - Heal Christchurch; and a more reflective view of the larger picture - to 'Communitas' - transformative heart centered communities. All this interspersed with yoga on the beach, laughter yoga and a peep in to Rongoa - native medicinal plant medicine. Throughout this we worked on our individual pieces of art creating a mandala which was revealed at the conclusion of the conference a physical manifestation of our unique individual gifts woven into a larger vision.

Our vision¹ was truly manifested and I thank each one of the Gathering Team, speakers and participants for all that they brought to make this so. Particular thanks to Debbie Carter and the "team" for cherishing and nurturing this vision to make it a reality.

¹ The Gathering Vision: The heart of Community Holding the Light.

As the One Soul we journey...engaging...flowing....traveling in the fullness of time across the oceans of our life experiences...

Meeting the desires of the ego...being buffeted by fear...all the while in search and acceptance of our own love and uniqueness and that which connects us divinely.

Let the love and vision of the One become the love and vision of Community manifesting tenfold. By staying true to our heart's desire it burgeons to meet other's , to create an essential part of a greater puzzle and a completion of the whole.

Welcome to the Gathering, where we will explore the many ways we can hold our light, become heart-centered, and engage with our communities through the gift of Healing Touch.

Numbers of classes and numbers of students are expanding with more classes planned in both Auckland and Christchurch next year. To meet the growing demand Sharron Maree has just begun her level One Instructor training, Debbie Carter her level Two instructor Training and I am waiting for the next level One Instructor training to be held in Australia.

The outlook is for growth and consolidation in the Healing Touch New Zealand Community. The Australasian Gathering being an example of this growth and maturing of our members and their dedication and vision for holding heart centered space for others to grow and heal.

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