

MZG Calendar & Contacts

About the Melbourne Zen Group

MZG was established in 1985 and is affiliated with the Diamond Sangha, a group founded in 1959 by Robert Aitken Roshi in Hawaii. The lineage has roots in both the Rinzai and Soto schools of Zen Buddhism. Our teachers are Subhana Barzaghi Roshi and Susan Murphy Roshi; both live in Sydney and visit Melbourne twice a year. Our activities include: weekly zazen (group sitting meditation), monthly zazenkai (longer group meditation), full moon sits, twice a year sesshin (week-long retreats with our teachers), weekend workshops and talks.

Group Zazen Schedule

- Tuesday evening 6.30pm - 8.30pm
- Saturday morning 10.00am - 12noon
- Last Saturday of the month 9am - 1pm
- Full moon sits - see page 3 for details.

Please arrive early. Help in setting-up is welcome. To help cover costs, we recommend a \$5 contribution, or \$3 concession, per session, or a weekly amount (if sitting more than one session) of \$6, or \$4 concession.

On the first Tuesday of each month, zazen finishes half an hour earlier to allow time for Dharma Sharing: reflecting on personal experience in relation to an aspect of Zen practice. On the last Saturday of each month, there is a talk and Dharma Sharing in the last hour of zazenkai.

Orientation, guidance and support

Orientation for newcomers is advised. For orientation, guidance or support in matters relating to Zen practice, contact our Practice Facilitators via Jill Baird on 9328 2207 or email: jillebaird@yahoo.com

Venue (Melway Map 30 B7)

Enter CERES Community Environment Park in East Brunswick from Lee Street. Go to the Education Centre, second building on the right after the CERES entrance gate.

Committee Members

- Peter Wong (Chair) 9481 5986
- Clive Williams (Secretary) 9489 5214
- Nola Firth (Treasurer) 5428 9363
- Colin Briton 9481 5986
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Membership & Newsletter Subscription

Enquiries about subscribing to the newsletter may be directed to Clive Williams: 9489 5214 or cliwil@hotmail.com We suggest that applications for financial membership be made only after having spent some time participating in the group's activities.

Newsletter Contributions

Contributions from members, however brief, of any facet of their experience with Zen, are very welcome. Send contributions to Colin Briton at 8 Edward Street, Northcote, Vic 3070, or cbriton@alphalink.com.au Brief extracts from publications appearing in this newsletter are for the purpose of private study.

Contacting Melbourne Zen Group

For introductory information about MZG, write to us C/- CERES, Cnr Roberts & Stewart Streets, Brunswick East, Vic 3057, or contact Jill Baird on 9328 2207 or at jillebaird@yahoo.com For other matters, please contact a committee member. You can also visit our website.

Our website: www.mzg.org.au

Visit our website and subscribe to our latest news updates by email. The website features information and resources regarding Zen practice.

Upcoming MZG Sesshin

- 2 – 8 Oct with Subhana Barzaghi (Walking Sesshin)
- 3 – 10 Dec with Subhana Barzaghi at Adekate Lodge

MZG Calendar MAY 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31					1 Zazen 10am – 12 noon
2	3	4 Zazen, 6.30 pm–8 pm, followed by Dharma Sharing	5	6	7	8 Zazen, 10 am-12 noon
9	10	11 Zazen, 6.30 pm–8.30 pm	12	13	14	15 Zazen, 10 am-12 noon
16	17	18 Zazen, 6.30 pm–8.30 pm	19	20	21	22 Zazen, 10 am-12 noon
23	24	25 Zazen, 6.30 pm–8.30 pm	26	27	28 Full moon sit 7-10 pm. See page 3	29 Zazenkai, 9 am-1pm, includes talk by Paul Sanders

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MZG NEWS & NOTICES

Weekend with Susan Murphy including Baby Naming Ceremony Sat & Sun 26–27 June

The weekend with Susan Murphy Roshi on 26-27 June will include a full day zazenkai, half day workshop and baby naming celebration for Shannon and Stuart's (soon 1 year old) daughter Clare. All activities will be at CERES. Watch the MZG website for more information. Enquiries: Meg (03) 9489 5880.

Sangha Forum on Including Women in Sutra Dedications, Sat 12 June, 1-2pm

There will be a Sangha Forum on June 12th at CERES to discuss some recent suggestions that we include a number of individual women in our sutra dedications. Everyone is invited to attend and add your voice and views as we explore the specific changes we may choose to make, as well their wider implications and meanings for us and our practice. More details and information will follow in the June newsletter. If you are cannot be there on June 12th, you can send (succinct!) contributions in writing to Emma Stone at stone.emma@yahoo.com or call 0448 837 912.

Zazenkai talk by Paul Sanders “Living Freely with Uncertainty” Sat 29 May, noon

Paul is an ordained Uniting Church Minister who has been a student of Fr. Pat Hawk Roshi. He continues in formal training with Bob Walker Roshi, a Dharma heir of Pat Hawk.

See page 5 for details.

Committee meeting

The MZG Committee meets each month. If you would like to attend, or would like some matter raised, please contact a committee member.

Telephone dokusan

Susan Murphy offers telephone dokusan to MZG; if interested please contact Kirk Fisher on 0425 754 057 or email kirkfisher@aapt.net.au

Full moon sits

Full moon sits are on 28th May (25th June, 23rd July, 27th Aug, 24th Sept, 22nd Oct, 19th Nov, 17th Dec), 7-10 pm. For further details contact Meg on 9489 5880.

OTHER GROUPS:

2010 Victorian Observance of the United Nations Day of VESAK A multicultural celebration of the Buddha’s birth, enlightenment and passing

Melbourne Town Hall

Saturday 22 May 2 – 4.15pm

Music, dance, performances, chanting, meditation, talks and information displays. Visit www.unvesak.org Event coordinator: Frank Carter: ftcarter@optusnet.com.au

Art exhibition

Sangha member Oscar Ferreiro will be showing a new installation work titled ‘Present tense’, 4 June - 26 June, opening 3 June, 6-8pm, Artist Talk: Thurs 24 June 12.30-1.30pm, at West Space Gallery, Level 1, 15 - 19 Anthony St, Melbourne.

Tea & Zen Exhibition

This National Gallery of Victoria exhibition will explore the philosophical meanings underlying the ‘Way of Tea’ in Japanese culture. Showcasing ceramic and lacquer tea utensils as well as Zen paintings, the exhibition will create a contemplative setting to evoke the spirit of the ‘Way of Tea’.

When: Thursday April 15 - Sunday August 29, 2010

Where: NGV International, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne

Cost: Free of charge

Information is also listed on the National Gallery of Victoria website.