

AVATAR'S ABODE 2017 ANNIVERSARY INVITATION

JUNE 9 11:30am thru to JUNE 12 2:30pm

In celebration and remembrance of AVATAR MEHER BABA'S 1958 visit



“Baba loves nothing better than good singing or dancing or a play ... to lighten His burden.” - Francis Brabazon

This year we would like to refocus on the original purpose of the Anniversary as conceived by Francis Brabazon as a time and place to entertain the Beloved. To achieve this we will need your participation, your voices, your many talented offerings. We invite you all to come prepared to entertain your Beloved Baba. The program is being designed to reflect this and we are also working on adjusting the day and night events to better accommodate young families. We will still be enjoying our special guest speakers and their wonderful Baba stories and experiences while we aim to balance the “talking” features of the Anniversary with our renewed emphasis on the “entertainment” components. As always there will be the third element that is such an important and enjoyable part of every Anniversary: the social networking and meal sharing. We want you to feel free to experience the Anniversary in whatever way brings you closer to Baba.

Our Invited Guests

Hardeep and Indra Hanspal



After spending nearly two years as a teenager (1961-1962) "*...wandering in search of God from place to place with great suffering and mental torture...*" Hardeep met his Beloved in November 1962. "*I had Beloved Baba's darshan at the East-West Gathering and found my God in the form and name of Meher Baba.*" After that, Hardeep had the opportunity to again meet Meher Baba for His Darshan in 1963, 1965 and 1969. "*So this long association with Baba and His mandali for more than 50 years of my life has given me a rich experience of His Divinity and grace and, above all, His love and compassion. I have many, many stories to share with what I feel.*" In 1971, Hardeep married Indra, and she became a Baba Lover after her first visit to Meherabad in 1976. In 1993, the Hanspals moved to Meherabad "*...to serve Baba's cause on account of sister Mani's [Mani S. Irani] directions by Beloved Baba's grace.*" They both do various duties for the Avatar Meher Baba Perpetual Public Charitable Trust including Hardeep's supervision of Samadhi Hill.

In addition other notable overseas attendees bringing their unique talents will be Ted and Janet Judson, Ward Parks, and Raine Eastman-Gannett.

The “nuts and bolts” of attending the Anniversary

Please complete your [Attendance Form 2017](#) by using this active link; alternatively you can also use the link available on the Abode's website. Your early response is of great assistance in helping us to host a successful Anniversary. There is no fee for attending the Anniversary; contributions are always welcome. On arrival at Avatar's Abode please check in at Reception. Donations to the Anniversary can be made at the Reception Centre or online at the Abode's website. (Suggested donation: \$20 a day per adult or \$70 for four days).

How to Participate

Volunteers: The Anniversary depends on volunteers; assistance from all is welcomed and your service will be greatly appreciated. Indicate your interest by ticking the appropriate button in the Attendance Form. Accommodation if available is reserved for full time volunteers.

Performance/Workshop Offers: All offerings are welcomed and where possible included in the program. You can register your interest by ticking the appropriate button in the Attendance Form.

Avatar's Abode Dining: Service is from dinner Friday night to lunch Monday. The meal costs are separate from your attendance contribution. You can either pre-pay for all meals on arrival at the Reception Centre or else pay per meal at the Kitchen.

Children: Parents remain responsible for their child's safety and well-being throughout. Some supervised child care times are provided during the days. Evening baby-sitting on Saturday and Sunday may be provided depending on expressions of interest. Please make requests via Attendance Form.

Accommodation: There are nearby motels and caravan parks at a range of prices. See Abode's website: [Visit/Motel accommodation](#). Requests for camping on the Abode during the Anniversary must be received by Friday 20th May via the Attendance Form.

Contact Details

Email Abode Anniversary: aa2017anniversary@westnet.com.au

Emergency contacts during the Anniversary: 5442 1961 or 0415 313 471

Transport

Air: The nearest airport is the Sunshine Coast Airport (also known as Maroochy Airport). Brisbane Airport is 100 km south.

Taxis are available from the Airports, Central Bus Stations, and Nambour Rail Stations - www.suncoastcabs.com.au or Phone: 131 008.

Shuttle Buses from Brisbane Airport (100 km south) leave hourly from both domestic and international terminals to the Sunshine Coast (Forest Glen BP Northbound) - www.con-x-ion.com.

Trains: Available to Woombye and Nambour. Woombye Station is the closest (5km from the Abode) but there is no taxi rank. Nambour Station has taxi ranks (10km from the Abode).

Buses: Available to Nambour (interstate) and Woombye (local). Note: There is no public transport (bus) to Kiels Mt. or Avatar's Abode.

Pick-ups: Volunteers are able to do most pick-ups at the local hubs (Sunshine Coast airport, Forest Glen Airport shuttle hub from Brisbane, Woombye train station and Nambour bus hub). See the Attendance Form "Special Requirements" to request and arrange for possible assistance.

If you require transport during the Anniversary please make this known at Reception and we may be able to arrange this with a local volunteer.

Feedback

If you have any feedback concerning this or any Anniversary that you would like to share please use the Anniversary email aa2017anniversary@westnet.com.au.

Thank you.

Avatar's Abode - 48 Meher Rd., Kiels Mountain, Qld 4559