

## A message from the Trustee-Directors of LETA (Life Eternal Trust Australia) and LEPA (Life Eternal Properties Australia)



Dear Australian Family,

Jai Shri Mataji!

Welcome to the first of our regular Newsletters.

As Trustee-Directors of LETA/LEPA (Life Eternal Trust Australia – Life Eternal Properties Australia) we are acting to fulfil our duties and obligations for open communication and transparency by sharing important information with our Sahaja Yoga family.

This is particularly important leading into the Easter LETA/LEPA meeting when we will be present to discuss these and other matters of importance with the Collective.

Our intent is to encourage clarity and open communications.

### New Website

To improve awareness of the LETA/LEPA Trustee-Directors and our roles and requirements we have created a new website especially for Sahaja Yogis as the older leta.org.au site has more of a government compliance focus and is used when local councils, government bodies and organisations require information about Sahaja Yoga.

We hope the new website will assist you in understanding the role of the Trust as requested by H.H. Shri Mataji, with information about the members, the workings of the Trust and legal compliances and policies required by Australian Government law as a Registered Charity.

There is also information about the Collective properties, creation of LETA, and much more.

Please have a browse.

New LETA Sahaja Yoga Website Link: <a href="https://www.syletanews.com">https://www.syletanews.com</a>

Questions and feedback are welcomed at:

life.eternal.trust.australia@gmail.com

## **Expansion of Trustee Board**

In June 2022 the Trustee/Directors called for applications to expand the Board as directed vibrationally from Shri Mataji. Information and a list of requirements was provided to all those who enquired.

15 applications were received, and all names were given to the independent facilitators who conducted the selection at Balmoral using our two-step selection process where those checking the envelopes do not have any knowledge of the names inside.

Firstly, Yogis who were able to correctly feel which envelopes contain Shri Mataji's photos were then taken to the second step of checking the names of the applicants without knowing which names were inside the numbered envelopes. From this process four new Trustee/Directors were selected on vibrations.

The Board meets regularly for training, working through issues and the administration of Sahaja Yoga matters.

The Trustee-Directors fundamentals are based on truth and Shri Mataji's guidance in the purest form.

### LETA - LEPA Trustee - Director Board members



Adam Potts



Sue Nickson



Suhas Bhasale



John Tedesco



Craig Armstrong



Hari Gaikwad



Chris Kyriacou

# Audited Financial Accounts for Financial Year FY22

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of December 2022 LETA's independent auditor provided the audited financial accounts for FY2022 to the Trustees.

As required the Annual Financial Statement have been submitted to the ACNC (Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission).

#### **Finances**

LETA administers the Sahaja Yoga funds nationally. Each state is self-determining in regards to their spending. Our qualified Finance Team manages compilation of National Bookkeeping to fulfil Australian Tax Office requirements.

LETA with the limited revenue sources like a portion of the NSW Dakshina and donations used to maintain properties including insurances, public liability for all programs throughout Australia and our online presence.

The Trustee-Directors continually scan the many grants that come available seeking funding we may be eligible for. Government and corporate grants along with significant savings on Stamp Duty etc. have added to Collective funds.

As the sources of income have reduced in recent times due to Covid with a reduction in spending and GST refunds, reduced attendance and donations LETA will look for new ways to structure the administration of required funds.

# Update to Life Eternal Properties Australia (LEPA) Company Term of each Director

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Directors Terms, the following provision has been inserted in the Constitution of the Company.

Term of each Director:

Each Director shall be elected to the office of Director for a period of five (5) years and upon completing the term shall be eligible at the AGM for re-election to the office of Director.

### Shareholding of Directors

The members of LEPA are shareholders each holding one share in Life Eternal Property Australia Limited which is the Trustee of Life Eternal Trust.

This reflects the way the company was formed in the later 1990s.

The formation of LEPA:

- 1. The Shareholders wish to ensure that upon the death or retirement as a shareholder in the Company that their share is transferred to a person duly approved by the remaining shareholders of the Company.
- 2. The intention of the Shareholders is to ensure that each Shareholder is a person approved by the remaining shareholders of the Company and is an active participant in the life of the organisation known as Life Eternal Australia and Sahaja Yoga.
- 3. This amendment ensures that upon the death of a shareholder in the Company that their share is <u>not transferred</u> to their estate.

Background of Life Eternal Properties Australia Pty Ltd (LEPA)

On the 24th of December 2004, HH Shri Mataji updated and personally signed the LETA Deed Life Eternal Trust (Australia) to remove the three previous personal Trustees and to appoint one sole corporate Trustee being **Life Eternal Properties Australia** Pty Ltd which holds the titles for all Sahaja Yoga Collective properties.

HH Shri Mataji improved the corporate restructure with the appointment of LEPA (Life Eternal Properties Australia Pty Limited) as the sole corporate Trustee to provide better protection to the Sahaja Yoga property holding assets held in Trust by LETA to serve the aims and objectives as outlined in the Life Eternal Trust Australia Deed.

In addition, a new dissolution clause was also added to LETA Deed so in the event of LETA ever being wound up there would be no uncertainty with respect to how the major property assets would be treated. Rather than the property assets be distributed at the discretion of the Trustee at the time.

In the event of LETA ever being wound up all the property assets would be passed onto another charitable entity of the same type, purpose and aims as LETA being Life Eternal Trust Western Australia.







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# Indian Trust's and Life Eternal Trust Australia come together

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Meetings have taken place between Life Eternal Trust Australia with Trust's of India including the Delhi Trust and we have held a series of programs in Delhi. We have also worked with the Mumbai Trust where programs have been held, including at Vashi.

As we all worked together we all recalled and recounted HH Shri Mataji's advice to us in the 1990's that Australia's place in the world is as a part of the SE Asia region and that we should look to build strong relationships with India and the other SE Asian countries.

HH Shri Mataji asked us to host a number of International Pujas in India particularly with the Mumbai Trust to jointly host MahaShivarartri Puja which we hosted on numerous occasions in Pune.

She also encouraged us to bring musicians to Tour India and in particular one notable Tour working with the Delhi Trust to Assam which Shri Mataji directed and was very pleased with. It was to be the first of many subsequent Australian Tours to India working with our brothers and sister Trusts.

A tremendous feeling of goodwill was evident amongst us all as we talked of our aspirations to continue to deepen our relationship as we all

felt as spiritual brothers with unity and friendship and the feeling of a familial relationship amongst us all.

One of the outcomes of our collaboration was the idea for the 100th Advent Music of Joy India Tour 2023 which we began to work together to realise.

It was suggested the Indian and Australian IT Online promotions teams should meet at the earliest opportunity and find ways of operating together, collaborating, and leveraging shared objectives and outcomes.

#### **Marriage protocols**

All the Trusts agreed on the importance of maintaining HH Shri Mataji's protocols of Sahaja marriage and to seek to re-involve and engage the Yogi's whom HH Shri Mataji had directly worked with and instructed in these protocols with Sahaja Marriages hosted both in India and Australia and that we should seek to promote and preserve the spiritual principles HH Shri Mataji created in the rites involving spiritual matching and Sahaja marriage.

Australia will share with the Trusts a Sahaja Marriage protocol compiled from instructions provided by Shri Mataji and supported with India to build this partnership.

## **Expressing our Appreciation**

We all as Trustee-Directors for Sahaja Yoga Meditation Australia want to express our gratitude and appreciation to the Councillors and all the Volunteers around the country who are taking up the task of sharing HH Shri Mataji's gift and blessing of Sahaja Yoga with a growing number of public programs and other great initiatives to reach the seekers of truth and bring them to Mother and Her family.

Thank you.





## Newsletter offered to Her Holiness

An auspicious offering of this Newsletter was made to HH Shri Mataji Nirmala Devi at Nirmal Dham on the 19th of March 2023.









Wishing you all peace and bliss,

Adam, Chris, Craig, John, Hari, Sue and Suhas.

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and much more .....

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