

TOS Australia Coordinator's report

Welcome everyone, this is my last report as National Coordinator of the Theosophical Order of Service (TOS). My term of six years is finishing at our AGM in Brisbane next year; during this time many friendships were developed, as I got to know more and more of our hard-working members. There were many changes and I have listed some of these below:

A Five-Year Plan as part of a development and educational programme instrumented by TOS International. This was the outcome of intensive workshopping at the last international convention of TOS held at Wheaton, USA in 2013. (The next TOS international convention is in Singapore, August 2018.) Our groups accepted the guidelines, with impressive results. We have now sown seeds for "building a nucleus" of servers. All our groups have benefited, inspiring each other, as we've shared knowledge on how we fund-raise. Learning from each other develops a stronger sense of fraternity as we move towards a more living and alive TOS.



Changing our Constitution by democratic vote to allow for our executive officers to be elected. Nominations have been received for our three executive positions and are to be ratified at our next AGM in January 2018.

Joining TOS Italy in their national project assisting refugees travelling through their country, as well as those staying on within their borders. Recently the TOS Italy has organised a paediatrician to work in a large refugee camp on the border between Turkey and Syria. We have had an incredible amount of support from all groups with this national project and were able to forward the amount of AUD\$9,000 to TOS Italy.

I encourage all of you to step up and do service, as service without self is the basis of leading a theosophical life. 'Service' takes many forms, which we can all apply to our daily lives, whether we are cooking a family meal, driving a neighbour to an

appointment or doing many of the mundane everyday acts that living demands. Through selfless service life becomes a joyful expression of living theosophy. Thank you all for supporting our national projects year after year, and to the undermentioned who have supported team TOS over the past six years.

Our secretary Travis a role with TS president.

To Carolyn Harrod, woman, who never and to Geoff Harrod, Fern, our auditor, who personally give continually.



James now leaves us for Adelaide as their new Congratulations, Travis!

this truly amazing ceases to inspire us all our web master, Donald and to so many others of themselves

To Barbara Atkinson, from the Brisbane Lodge, for her much-appreciated proof-reading of these TOS Links.

Finally, a sincere thank you to our national president of the theosophical society, Linda Oliveira, who includes TOS in the TS convention programme and regularly attends our AGM meetings.

I wish all our dedicated team leaders all the best. It has been a privilege to meet so many authentic people, who serve so graciously.

Yours,

Jean Carroll