



**Sathya Sai Organisation of Australia and Papua New Guinea
Service Wing**

**National Service Retreat 2008
30th - 31st August 2008**

BLISS

Better Living in Selfless Service

**RETREAT
PROGRAM**

Venue

**Assembly hall,
Balwyn High School,
Buchanan Avenue, Balwyn North
MELBOURNE, VICTORIA**

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Retreat Objectives:

1. To share knowledge and experience of service activities at regional, centre and individual level;
2. To understand service from the teachings and perspective of our beloved Sai;
3. To focus our attention towards an attitude of selfless service and to "Love all and serve all" without passing judgement;
4. To inspire every individual with Baba's saying, 'Service to Mankind is Service to God';
5. To raise awareness of our theme, 'BETTER LIVING IN SELFLESS SERVICE'.

This National Service Retreat is aimed at preparing plans to serve the community and the nation with service projects which will inspire the hearts and minds of our nation with the flame of Love, ignited by our very service itself. This retreat will equip the delegates with the tools to return to their centre or group, and supply devotees with the motivation that they will witness in themselves—the transformation of their hearts and minds.

Saturday, 30th August, 2008

Time	Topic	Facilitator
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Registration Yoga (Parallel Session)	
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Devotional Singing	
9:30 AM - 9:40 AM	Introduction	MC
9:40 AM - 9:55 AM	Attitude to Service	Neelika Kottachchi
10:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Service – Practical and Spiritual	Neville Fredericks
10:15 AM - 10:40 AM	What more can I do for Sai? – Individual reflection and self-analysis	Srinivasan Iyer
10:40 AM - 11:25 AM	Understanding Sai's Teachings on Service in the Australian Context – Small Group work	Dr Siva Muthaly
11:25 AM - 11:40 AM	Tea Break	
11:40 AM - 12:40 PM	Presentation of Previous Session's Findings – Plenary session	Dr Upulie Divisekera
12.40 PM – 1.10 PM	Launch of Australian Service Film	
1:10 PM - 2:00 PM	Lunch	
2:00 PM - 2:50 PM	Breaking barriers and Working Together - Outside Activities	Vessabhu Wong
2:50 PM - 3:10 PM	Service as a Spiritual Activity	Arthur Hillcoat
3:10 PM - 3:40 PM	Global Service Projects in relation to the Australian Context	Poppy Hillcoat
3.40PM – 4.00 PM	Tea Break	
4:00 PM - 4:35 PM	Service through the Sai Medical Unit – Talk and Interactive session	Dr Nadana Chandran
4:35 PM - 5:15 PM	Panel Discussion Q & A (Please submit written questions)	Chair: Krishnan Nair Panel: Pal Dhall, Neville Fredericks, Roger Packham, Neelika Kottachchi, Nadana Chandran
5:15 PM - 5:30 PM	Devotional Singing	
5.30 PM – 7.00 PM	Dinner	
7.00 PM – 8.30 PM	Central Council Meeting	
	Education as Service The Sathya Sai School – and how to get involved in the National Service Project	<i>Dr Pal Dhall (30mins) Neville Fredericks (10mins) Channa Seneviratne (10mins) - Sathya Sai School Financial Officer / Information Officer Two Students of Sathya Sai University (20mins)</i>

Sunday, 31st August, 2008		
Time	Topic	Facilitator
8:30 AM - 8:40 AM	Devotional Singing	
8:40 AM - 8:50 AM	Plan for the Day	
8:50 AM - 9:30 AM	How to Inspire all to do more Service - Group Brainstorming session	Neelika Kottachchi
9:30 AM - 9:40 AM	Presentation of Proposed Australian National Service Guidelines	Albert Barelds
9.40 AM – 10.20 AM	Service in the Australian Community - Talk and Interactive session	Moiya O'Brien
10:20 AM - 10:35 AM	Tea Break	
10:35 AM - 10:55 AM	Sathya Sai U-turn - Service through EHV	Doug Bettens
10:55 AM - 11:55 AM	Environmental Considerations and Service – Talk, Film and Workshop	Dr Roger Packham
11:55 AM - 12:20 PM	Conduct a Successful Community Project Y-Net	Minay Lodhia
12:20 PM - 12:40 PM	Alternative to Group Service - serve 24/7 Love@Work	Dr Venkat Reddy
12:40 PM - 1:25 PM	Lunch	
1:25 PM - 1:40 PM	Ladies Wing and Service	Jayshree Kapadia
1.40PM -2.40 PM	New Service Ideas - Group Work	Regional Service Coordinators
2:40 PM - 3:30 PM	Future Action – Panel to outline planning for what happens next including service to aboriginal community	Chair: Albert Barelds Panel: Neelika Kottachchi Neville Fredericks, Pal Dhall, Roger Packham, Krishnan Nair, Nadana Chandran
3.30 PM – 3.45 PM	Closing Remarks	Dr Pal Dhall

Stop Press: *Swami personally read and blessed the Workshop and its Objectives on 24th July 2008 when it was offered to Him by Deputy Central Coordinator Albert Barelds who tells us:*

“I quickly asked him with the folder open if He would bless the Service Retreat. As I put it on His lap, He looked at it with great interest and then put His right hand on it and said I bless and gave me a sweet smile”