

EXPERIENCES AND OBSERVATIONS RELATING TO HASTINGS

(taken from the monthly flyers)

Mike Lyons, March 2003:

“Programs in Hastings will be enhanced and build upon the existing coherence of the area which is closely in accordance with the principles of Maharishi Sthapatya-ved and the underlying fundamental harmony of Natural Law.”

Meredith Simpson, August 2003:

“Hastings is an ordinary little town, but since I’ve lived here, everywhere I go I see profound beauty and gold light shimmering in everything and my body feels as if it is made of consciousness.”

Craig Forster, February 2004:

The Mornington Peninsula/Westernport Biosphere Reserve is a body set up under the auspices of the United Nations, the Commonwealth and State Governments, and local council. The aim of the project is to foster sustainability – economical, ecological and social. Craig Forster, Biosphere founder and a long term practitioner of TM, sees the creation of Coherence as underpinning the whole project.

We, the Hastings Coherence Creating group, became paid-up foundation members of the Biosphere. Craig Forster left a phone message commenting on this: “I am very pleased that you are a foundation member of the Biosphere and very pleased you have been able to bring on these Coherence Days at Hastings. The fact that we can have a Meditation Centre in Hastings, right in the middle of the Biosphere, is terribly important to the quality of the Biosphere and the fashion in which it engages the community. So thanks for the Coherence Days and for bringing Maharishi’s concepts and envisagements. Wonderful!”

Lorraine Clayton, November 2004:

Lorraine was unable to come on the October Coherence Day as she had to work. Her job at this time is at the Pelican Pantry, the cafe near the jetty used for hospitality training. Usually, every day, especially weekends, is high drama among the staff: shouting, tears, etc. Over the Coherence Day the atmosphere was completely different: peaceful and happy. It was so marked that everyone was commenting on it and how beautiful it was. We had 11 attending that day – 3 more than the super-radiance number for Hastings.

March 2005: Frank Hoff, Manager, Peninsula Community Health Service, Hastings,
Reports that the on-going trouble they have had for years with the institution next door to them, has completely stopped since Coherence Days have been held in the PCHS rooms.

Jan Charlwood, on the purchase of 37 Hodgins Road, September, 2005:

For myself and my family this step has brought such profound and immediate growth that the house feels like an advanced technique on the ground – and I have not even moved in! As it is not actually a MSV house, but only well aligned and with further MSV improvements; and as I had already had the experience, 8 years ago, of turning my house in Mornington to face East, without anything like the effect; I can only surmise that the benefits must be enhanced by the vastu of the area as a whole.

Speaking very personally, I have never felt so grounded and yet so expanded – a great feeling of strength. And – hopefully this will make sense: All my life I have had the deep desire to just go bush – only my commitment to teaching TM has prevented me doing so. Now it feels as if the whole world has somehow become the bush.

James Charlwood, September 2007, commenting on a passage he read about Westernport Bay.

“The range of habitats found in Westernport Bay is reflected in the eclectic range of population found living on and visiting the Peninsula. The industry of Hastings brings exactly what is required – a robust population to reside in an aligned grid town. The gift of Knowledge to this population would be for them to know that simply living their lives in an aligned grid town with water to the east, is to immerse themselves in a life aligned with Natural Law, thereby raising the economic sustainability traditionally provided by a working class, to spiritual sustainability.”

Jim was one of the group of sidhas who had bought a block of land in Hastings in March 2005. His experience was that his business, which until that time had been struggling, then took off. Although he has not built yet, he credits the Nature Support from owning that block with further aspects of good fortune he has had from that time.

Isabelle Lange, January 2005:

“Yesterday I drove to Hastings with a friend and met Jan at the jetty. We sat overlooking the Harbour. Here is my experience:

“First, I noticed the lightness and sweetness of the air. Then it was as if an invisible hand had lifted a veil and opened a window of perception on my forehead between my eyes creating a great expansion of the mind. A thought came, ‘Here, Saraswati is everywhere.’

“Then I had a vision of Mahlakshmi standing very tall. The palms of my hands spontaneously turned towards the sea and I felt a tingling in them. Lakshmi’s flow of abundance poured from my palms far out to sea and looped back forming a mandala to return to the shore. I noticed the neat and friendly industrial complex on the piece of land to my left blending harmoniously into the greenery and saw it was an integral part of her wealth and abundance. The town was a heart opened like a lotus between the rounded arms of Long Island and Crib Point.

“I said to Jan, ‘Durga is sitting peacefully further away behind me’. Later on, as we walked up Carpenters’ Lane North leading to the centre of the Hastings grid from the northern side of the hill directly in line with the jetty, I found her there. To my amazement, there, at the entrance to a property sat the statues of two tamed stone lions guarding her dwelling place.

“Finally we drove up Carpenters Lane South, this time coming to the Durga Hill from the South. It lead to a dead end from where we could see a fenced golden field – not for sale at this time – sloping gently from the top, the centre of the grid, towards the sea with lovely views of the Bay, the sea sparkling in the distance. It would be lit by the first rays of the sun emerging from the sea. This would be a perfect site for an Australian Mother Divine home and a Peace Palace seen like a beacon from the town below.

“To the right of Durga Hill, further below, overlooking the sea, is a huge development site in which people are fast building monumental homes looking straight towards Sandstone Island. Hastings is starting to become a home for the wealthy as is already the case with the whole of the rest of the Peninsula. This makes the town a great investment proposition but we need to act fast while prices are still low and places suitable to all, easily available.

“Hastings proximity to Melbourne and to the wealth of the Peninsula, would make it a clever centre from which to run retreats, Panchakarma treatments, an academy and, in fact, there is so much land available at present that one could create a Maharishi International University overlooking the sea, or at least a Ladies College.

“As we drove around the perfect lines of the Vastu, the Saraswati expansion of the mind never left me. I had previously experienced the three aspects of Mother

Divine, one after the other, during the Nine Days of Mother Divine course as the program unfolded, but I had never experienced them as a Three in One Principle all at once in one spot as I did in this auspicious, Sthapatya-ved sound environment.

"I believe that we should offer the Hastings potential for the scrutiny of the Ladies on the Mother Divine Course, especially with Mike Lyons having nominated it as the best opportunity for a Sthapatya-ved Ideal Village development he has seen in Australia. The seals and penguins who live at Phillip Island have known all along that the Goddess of Natural Law is particularly lively there."

Jan Charlwood, October 2007:

Looking back I would say that the experience of being involved in Hastings has felt like being picked up by a wave. At first it was such a little wave I didn't notice it. But it built and built and carried me on and on. Sometimes, I seemed to fall off and flounder around, but then I would feel myself being carried along again. Now I am starting to realize that the "falling off" could be nothing but my own fearfulness coming to the surface, and perhaps all I really need to do is trust the process and continue the ride.

It is not something I ever planned to do in my wildest dreams. I did not even want to do it. Many, many times – in fact, regularly – I have wanted to run away. But always when I felt like this, Nature would present me with another step to take, and not to take it would have felt like a sin of omission.

Perhaps I just have to learn that I am not "making" anything happen – that it is more like Michaelangelo feeling that the figure already existed in the stone, he just had to uncover it. It seems that what is happening, is happening of its own accord, I just have to listen very carefully for the directions and be prepared to play the part I am given.

As I said to a sidha once who commented that I loved Hastings, "No, I loved Mornington and I loved my life there. Hastings is the frog I have to kiss." Living by the principle of "highest first", I dare to hope the tale will have a happily-ever-after ending – not just for me but for everyone, everywhere – after all, this is Knowledge of integration of life.