

URANTIA Book Readers - Conference – Warburton, November 3-6 1990

ARRABRI LODGE

SETTLEMENT

Going back to before Melbourne was established the Yarra Valley was home to aborigines from the Wurundjeri tribe for many thousands of years. They continued to live in campsites on river flats and swamps for some time after European settlement.

In 1845 Robert Hoddle (an explorer looking for the source of the Yarra River) came to Warburton and created detailed maps of the region. As a result a new community of farmers came to live in the area.



THE HILL, SERIES 9, 1936. WARRIBUNDJI GUEST HOUSE, WARRIBURTON EAST, VIC.

BEFORE ARRABRI

The original building (which is now our dining hall) was called the 'Maroondah Guesthouse' was built in the early 1920's. The picture left shows what Arrabri Lodge looked like in the 1940's.

(<http://www.arrabri.com.au/>)

Announcement – July/August 1990 – Six-0-Six



Registrations for our Australian Meeting of URANIA Book readers, to be held on Melbourne Cup weekend, Saturday November 3 – Tuesday November 6, will close August 3.

For more information and details see the March/April Newsletter. If you have lost or would like another copy of the registration form write to Six-0-Six or ring Madeline on (03) 561 6089.

If you have been to these Meetings/Conferences before, be hopeful for our efforts in trying to evolve a conference that keeps the features that you seem to want plus some freshness in content, format, venue and activities. If you have not been before, I hope that you can talk to someone who has attended – that is why I first came two years ago. I assure you that you are welcome whether you have studied the URANTIA Book in great depth, or have hardly read the book at all; whether you are a regular study group member, or have very little contact with other readers; whether you have had the book for many years or have only just heard of it; whether you have read any of the book – or even want to or feel able to; whether you can lead a presentation or just want to listen. I've actually met all these kind of people at recent conferences.

Melbourne Cup weekend was chosen because it is a similar time of year to recent conferences, because it is a lovely season in Melbourne(!) and to encourage Melbourne and Victorian people to attend over their long weekend. Warburton East was chosen because it is beautiful and close to Melbourne.

Arrabri Lodge was chosen for basic facilities comparable to recent conferences and because of its beautiful natural setting and 12 acres of on-site recreational amenities – including swimming pool, tennis court, trampoline, mini-golf, ropes course, flying fox, archery,

sensory/fitness/nature/ nocturnal trails, orienteering, games oval, volley ball, cricket, football, moonball, farm activities, animal feeding, weather recording, BBQ garden eating area, campfire facilities, art/craft areas, bush cooking, bush craft, yabbying, fishing, gold panning, bush/river walks and forest hikes.

People told me they liked recent conferences because of the atmosphere”, because of the friendship and fellowship, because of the stimulation of the presentations and discussions – both formal and informal and because the venues were beautiful. So really the conference depends mainly on the warmth and friendliness of those attending. If you have any doubt about coming, I invite you to trust the welcome you will receive for the whole four days and to trust those who are committed to preparing a quality weekend. You can ring me on (03) 579-4499

Martin McBurney, Conference organiser

Conference Update

(May/June 1990)

So far 9 people have registered early for the Australian Meeting of URANTIA Book Readers, to be held on Melbourne Cup weekend, Saturday, November 3 – Tuesday November 6, 1990.

As Melbourne probably has more URANTIA Book readers than any other capital in Australia we are expecting a lot more registrations to come in! We like to remind you that registrations should be in by Friday August 3. Please note two minor variations to times: a) arrival Saturday morning is after 11 am (not 9.30 am); b) arrival Friday evening is after 5pm (previously 5.30pm)

We have chosen Arrabri Lodge at Warburton East, 80km east of Melbourne, as our venue. This charming old lodge is nestled at the foot of the Great Dividing Range, not far from Mount Donna Buang with its beautiful rainforest, where the Myrtle beech trees are believed to be a thousand years old.

Warburton in the springtime, with its many rhododendron and azalea gardens, is a real tourist attraction.

Please see the invitation and booking form in your March/April Newsletter for more details.

A few people have requested the opportunity to present papers.

There is a small group of people who will lead the conference theme of “Living as we are meant to live”. They have agreed and committed themselves to a four month program of daily prayer and co-ordinated reading (every 3 days), from July through October.

If you wish to share that part of their preparation and register by June 18, we will send you a copy of their program for those months.

If you are unable to attend the conference but would still like a copy, just write to Six-0-Six and request a copy by June 18.

Martin McBurney

Last chance

(September/October 90)

Late registrations are being accepted for our Australian Meeting of URANTIA Book Readers, to be held o Melbourne Cup weekend, Saturday November 3 – Tuesday November 6.

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If you are still wondering whether to register, I urge you to talk to someone who has attended a recent conference. You are welcome to phone me on (03) 579 4499.

I wont' repeat information that was in my Conference reports in the May/June and July/August newsletters. I received a long distance call from a registrant who said he was looking forward to joining us, and the venue sounded exciting. I share his views – the venue is exciting and I look forward to your company in November.

The program and timetable for the conference will be mailed out in the first week of October.

Martin Mc Burney, Conference organiser

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