

Beholding Divine Beauty, *an invitation*

10 - 15 May 2024

Alice Springs / Mparntwe



"And God saw that it was very good" Genesis 1

How do we behold beauty ... taste it, experience its offerings

Where is beauty in our lives, how to consciously receive even momentary impressions of its presence

Could this be a source of daily nourishment, of encouragement in these uncertain times, apocalyptic some say

How might beauty "save the world"

When is beauty divine, sacred ... where does meditation sit in it all, where attention?

Over the days in the evocative landscape of Central Australia, we will explore these questions, encouraging each other in our 'noticing' in the way of *dadirri* and other contemplative practices, sharing around the campfire each evening what has 'come' to us, been revealed. Our hope is increasingly to attune ourselves and our times of silent prayer to the rhythm of the place where we are, to all and everything.

The days will be marked by a cycle of prayer, meditation and silence, held by Paul and Judi Taylor, long-time members of our meditation community www.wccm.org.

***A thing of beauty is a joy for ever.* John Keats**

PLACE Campfire in the Heart Retreat Centre, Alice Springs/Mparntwe

DATES & COST Friday 10 May afternoon till Wednesday 15 May afternoon

There will be 3 levels of accommodation offered, numbers are limited in each level, all-inclusive prices for the 5 nights are

- * Private room \$995 per person
- * Shared room \$695 per person
- * Swag camping \$555 per person
- * It's possible to come daily (non-residential) \$400 for all sessions and meals

Free accommodation (in a caravan) is reserved for one volunteer, in exchange for their assistance throughout the event, ideally arriving a few days before the retreat and staying on afterward to assist with clean-up and preparing for the next guests. Minimum 2-week volunteering stay.

Applications to volunteer: <https://forms.gle/zgS5Z9f4EKDtXcbp9>

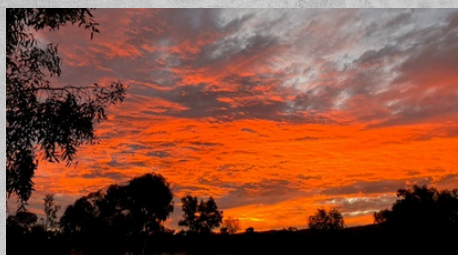
NO. OF PARTICIPANTS Around 15

ENQUIRIES Judi taylor.judi@outlook.com 0412 456 845
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REGISTRATION Registrations can be made by completing and submitting the on-line form

[CLICK HERE FOR REGISTRATION](#)



A 50% deposit will be required within seven days of the confirmation of your registration to secure your booking. Please feel free to pay the full amount at this time, or full payment is due by 26 April (two weeks prior to the retreat).

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

If the retreat is cancelled, all payments will be refunded. If you are unable to attend for other reasons, a full refund (less 10% to cover costs) will be provided up to 26th April; after this date, refunds are only possible if your place is able to be filled.

The wonderful beauty of prayer is that the opening of our heart is as natural as the opening of a flower. To let a flower open and bloom, it is only necessary to let it be; so if we simply are, if we become and remain still and silent, our heart cannot but be open, the Spirit cannot but pour through into our whole being.

It is for this that we have been created. John Main osb