



Afterlife Conference

Melbourne 29th – 31st January
(Friday to Sunday) 2016.

We enjoyed our experience with the first Afterlife Conference in Sydney, so we will be continuing our presence at the Melbourne Conference. There are many benefits in attending. Many of the people attending would know of Swedenborg. This is one of the ideal places to share what we have to offer. We will be displaying various books/CDs/DVDs on the Afterlife for sale. The participants will receive a complimentary book 'Awaken from death' so that they can appreciate some of Swedenborg's insights in their own time. It is a wonderful opportunity to network with people having similar interests. And we will be promoting a greater understanding of the Afterlife via their Facebook Page. If you wish to find out more, their website is <http://www.afterlifeexplorers.com.au/>

We have a prominent position on the Exhibitor's Page of their website, which is an excellent way of letting people know about the work of the Swedenborg Association. This is what people will read there:

The Swedenborg Association of Australia is a group of individuals who seek to promote, in themselves and in others, an awareness, appreciation and application of the intellectual and spiritual riches that Emanuel Swedenborg revealed.

Kenneth Ring, Author and Founder of the International Association for Near Death Studies said of Swedenborg: "People who have had near-death experiences peek through the door of the afterlife, but Swedenborg explored the whole house." The Swedenborg Association can help interested seekers to explore, understand and apply Swedenborg's teachings through our familiarity with his work. We are happy to recommend books, talks, groups and videos dealing with many aspects of the Afterlife. We enjoy exploring and sharing our understanding of the spiritual realms and how it influences us in our daily life.

Swedenborg's view of Creation, the purpose of our lives, the different levels in our being and so on, helps us to understand ourselves better and undergo a spiritual transformation. So why not connect with us and see what benefits are available.

The program is diverse with many interesting speakers and topics. If you decide to attend please let the organizers know how you found out about it, and come and say hello to the people at the SAA exhibitor's table.

Michael Chester

Secretary's Report

By Alan Hudson

Just a brief introduction, I'm Allan Hudson the new secretary of the SAA. I have been retired from my profession as a Naturopath, Acupuncturist and Massage therapist for around 3 years. I worked at Nature Care College for over 25 years as a clinician, teacher, course development, clinic manager, Faculty Head for Tactile Therapies and Continuing Education. The role of secretary at SAA was not planned but just seemed to happen. Hopefully I can be of use to the association and the membership.

I have taken over from Jan Primrose who stepped down at the AGM. The SAA would like to thank Jan for her excellent work as secretary. Although Jan may have resigned from her position on the committee we are sure her involvement with the work of association will continue.

The new committee voted in at the AGM consists of:

Julian Duckworth	President
Michael Chester	Treasurer/Public Officer
Allan Hudson	Secretary
Jennifer Danckert	
Joe Vandermeer	
Carl Sarelius	
Wayne Kasmar	

Membership

We extend a warm welcome to our new members which also includes myself

Allan Hudson

Penelope Starr

Jonathan Bryce

Currently the SAA has 92 members