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Update on Hastings Community, Victoria, Australia

We regularly receive enquiries from overseas and around Australia, mainly through our website, as to whether we have a Meditator or Sidha community in Australia. For many reasons Australia is an attractive destination including being in a relatively strong economic position despite the recent global events. The town of Hastings, which is located on the beautiful and sought after Mornington Peninsula south of the Melbourne inner suburbs, is gradually becoming home for a small Vedic community and in the light of the several recent overseas enquiries we felt it would be good to provide an update on development in the area.

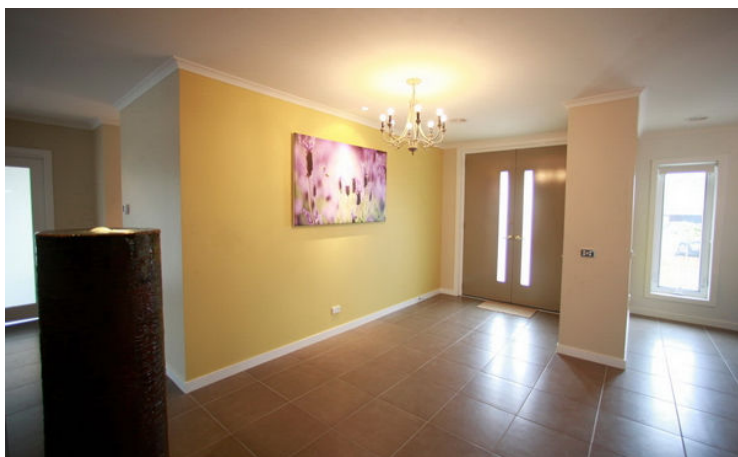


East Facing



North Patio

Ben Sierakowski, a Sidha and businessman in Melbourne, has commenced several projects in Hastings including 2 new quality homes which are almost complete. The first 237m² home with attached 56m² double garage exhibits Ben's well known creative flair, particularly inside the home. It has a master bedroom with ensuite and huge WIR, 2 other bedrooms, a rumpus room with skylight, meditation room, large kitchen and meals area, laundry with skylight and utility room, an entry space which is open all the way through the living room to the Western wall of the house. It has a spacious bathroom plus separate powder room.

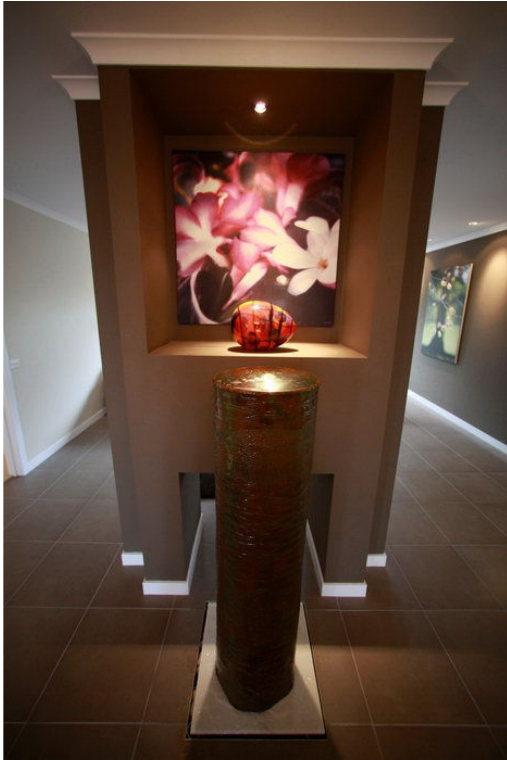


Front Entry



Kitchen

The Brahmastan is creatively highlighted by a hollow copper cylinder, which has water cascading down the sides and a light inside, plus an open decorative lighting feature behind. The outside white brick walls have many narrow but tall windows for extensive light above the earth coloured plinth. The roof is covered with terracotta tiles.



Brahmastan



Living area

The second 272m² home, which has an attached 62m² double garage, is essentially U shaped with a partly covered courtyard facing to the east and the morning sun. The home has 4 bedrooms, including the master bedroom with ensuite and WIR, a second bathroom, powder room and laundry. The kitchen, dining and meals area is open and expansive and is located in one wing. The meditation and living rooms are in the other wing.

A small porch covers the entry to the house and garage. The external white brick walls have a matching blue plinth below and tiled roof above. Ben is a very talented gardener and has created all the landscaping and gardens.



North Facing



South Wing

Ben has a third lot in the same street where the house foundations and concrete building pad have been laid and this home will move forward next year.

In 2002 Ben purchased a 7241m² lot in a prestige subdivision on elevated land on the outskirts of Hastings. He intends to build a country residence for himself on the land and has already commenced a well designed layout of fruit trees, shrubs and other native plants. Detailed building plans will commence early next year. It will be a large building and could be used by a group of Sidhas until required by Ben for his own use.

Ben purchased another lot in Palm Cove, which is very much at the north end of Australia and at the other extreme from Hastings, which is very much on the south end of Australia (almost 3000kms between them). This tropical area of Far North Queensland is a popular international and national holiday destination and Ben has completed plans and drawings for a 560m² two storey building. With his enthusiasm and design skills he has created a beautiful and practical facility which could be used for Maharishi Ayur Veda treatments for up to 3 individuals or couples at one time. More on this at a later time.



Palm Cove

Building one Vastu Home is a major task. Ben has taken on these numerous Vastu projects, as well as managing his business interests, with his characteristic optimism and energy. He has designed all of his homes and spent his spare time working on site during construction. As he says it has been a steep learning curve understanding the building process at the relative level but nevertheless very evolutionary at the absolute level. Well done to Ben for such a huge contribution to Hastings and Australia. We wish you every success in 2011.

David Creedon has almost completed his home in Hastings. He is planning to inaugurate the home and move in early in the New Year. Vic and Annabel's home is also due to be finished around February 2011. See their blog for progress <http://hastingsvastu.blogspot.com/> Both of these houses are only a few streets from Ben's 2 homes. We will write separate articles on these 2 homes when completed.

Meredith Simpson's 2 homes in Hastings are currently rented out. One is in the same street as Ben's homes and the other a few blocks away. The first home she built has recently had a 'makeover' with a new 3 door garage being built outside the Vastu, a new timber Vastu fence with gates has been erected, new coloured concrete paths and driveway have been laid and the entire lot fully landscaped with shrubs and plants by a professional company. These homes have been featured in previous articles. Meredith has another 2 lots in Hastings in the same street as Ben. One will have 2 homes built on it and will eventually be subdivided – the development and building plans are well underway. The other is a good size lot with wide frontage and will accommodate a quality home.

Peter Anderton completed his plans earlier this year and will commence building his 185m² home and 48m² garage/workshop in 2011. In mid 2009 Peter was lucky enough to be in the right place at the right time to purchase a rare well orientated 725m² vacant block in the older part of Hastings closer to the water although not far from the other Vedic Architecture designed homes in the newer subdivisions.

Another couple have purchased an attractive 2.7 acre lot on the Western outskirts of Hastings and are moving ahead with plans and drawings for a superb Vastu home.

Two other Sidhas have lots in the same street as Ben and Meredith and hopefully they will be able to build soon.

We have inspected and reviewed land in Hastings in an endeavour to find a suitable location to build a Maharishi School and a Maharishi Invincibility Centre – this will be an ongoing pursuit.

Currently there are 13 Sidhas, 14 Meditators plus additional non meditating family members in Hastings. The super radiance number for Hastings is 8. We also have firm expressions of interest from others who would like to move there and some wish to build Fortune-Creating Homes.

Jan Charlwood runs the TM Centre, which hosts regular Coherence days and is open 24/7 for Group Meditation and related activities.

The town of Hastings is almost perfectly aligned according to Vedic Architecture and the other Vastu features relating to land and water are ideal. Natural Law has supported all the Sidhas and Meditators who have purchased lots in the area as land values have increased significantly and with large infrastructure projects planned for the region and limited land availability it is expected to remain a good investment.

The Fortune-Creating Homes, the Sidhas and the Meditators will ensure a healthy and coherent community in Hastings.

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