



Zone 3

New Zealand



Australia



Fiji



New Zealand



Papua New Guinea

ZONE 3 HIGHLIGHTS

COUNTRIES	CENTRES/ GROUPS	SSIO MEMBERS	SSE STUDENTS	ISSE	SATHYA SAI SCHOOL
Australia/ Papua New Guinea	82	3,355	658	1	1
Fiji	10	205	232	1	1
New Zealand	26	1,021	178	1	1
TOTAL	118	4,581	1,068	3	3



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Australia

In September 2016, the SSIO hosted an all-faith music festival in Melbourne with the theme “Love Is the Source; Love Is the Path; Love Is the Goal.” More than 300 people, including national and state politicians and councillors, attended the event, which was broadcast by a local TV station and covered by a local magazine.

In October 2016, the Sathya Sai School in Australia organised a Family Fun Day in a local park near the school with the objective of inviting members of the local community to learn more about the school and its values-based education. More than 150 people from the surrounding communities attended the event.

In December 2016, Mr. Neville Fredericks, Chair of SSIO Zone 3, spoke at the annual meeting of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association, called the Jalsa Salana (Annual Gathering). The event, attended by over 3,000 delegates from Sydney, included politicians and faith leaders.





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In January 2017, SSIO members participated in the Family Day of the Sister Kate's Home Kids in Perth. The day brought together many former residents of this home, who are survivors or descendants of marginalised aboriginal communities.

SSIO volunteers took part in a workshop titled "Healthy Ageing" on 2nd April 2017 at the Senior Citizen's Centre in Turner, Canberra. Health professionals provided valuable information on health-related issues for senior citizens.

Young adults of the SSIO of Australia organised an annual blood donation drive from November 2016 to May 2017. The Australian Red Cross estimated that the group collected enough blood to save about 1,000 lives.

Fiji

Less than a year after a catastrophic tropical cyclone hit the Pacific Islands, massive floods again struck vulnerable communities around Fiji's capital, Suva. SSIO relief work, initially stymied by the flooding of roadways, focused on getting schools functioning, since the floods struck just as the academic year began. In coopera-



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tion with the government, SSIO volunteers provided an annual supply of academic materials and food to more than 1,600 students from 15 schools. SSIO members from New Zealand organised a medical camp that provided medical services to about 3,000 patients in May 2016. A team of 90 doctors and healthcare professionals offered dental, vision, gynaecological, and gastroenterology services to the residents.

New Zealand

April 2016 saw the inauguration of a new interfaith friendship group by the SSIO of New Zealand. Faith groups and indigenous communities came together to form a special taskforce to plan future activities emphasising love, cooperation, and service. The first of these efforts consisted of a “Fun Day Out” for children with special needs, hosted in collaboration with the Kaipataki Community Facilities Trust (Auckland Council) in September 2016 in Auckland. More than 1,300 people attended the event. On 23rd April 2016, a team of 70 SSIO volunteers assisted in the beautification of the Fo Guang Shan Buddhist Temple in Auckland. The event



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began with a prayer invoking Lord Buddha's blessing along with protection for Mother Earth, and concluded with a sermon from the Abbess, a senior nun.

During Christmas 2016, members of the Sathya Sai Centre of Hutt Valley, touched by the needs of local Pacific Islanders, distributed hampers with food and toiletries to indigent families.

Sixty young adults participated in a three-day camp in Auckland in January 2017, focused on creating a practical toolbox based on Sathya Sai's teachings to overcome life's challenges.

The Pomare School in Lower Hutt, Wellington, held a Parent Appreciation Day to thank SSIO volunteers who offered their services at the school.

In keeping with the national SSIO theme of "Love Nature and Care for the Planet," Sathya Sai young adults took part in cleaning the Ngati Otara Community Park, Auckland, in March 2017.

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