



# Southern Star

Member Newsletter

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## Musings from the President's corner

**W**elcome to 2015! On a world scale, it has been a troubled birth, continuing from the chaotic and disastrous energy of 2014. The ongoing Pluto-Uranus square has had us consulting the history books, looking at the last square in 1932-4, pondering the outcomes and shaking our heads. The old French saying, 'plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose' (the more things change, the more they stay the same) has a frightening ring to it now.

Our first meeting on February 7<sup>th</sup> will look at possibilities and probabilities for 2015. But as world events play out around us, we surely must stop and give thanks that we live in this wonderful country. It's not perfect, and it has plenty of problems, but they pale into insignificance when compared to Syria, Sierra Leone or North Korea. Ours, to use an overused phrase, are 'first world problems'.

### Membership Fees are now due!

It's a new year, and time to renew your investment in FAASA. We have a great year planned, so it will be worth every penny!

We can vote to change our governments, and the old and new prime ministers shake hands as they hand over the key to the Lodge. We have clean water, fresh food and comparatively clean air. We have been touched by terrorism, but we don't have whole cities reduced to rubble, thousands dying, millions in refugee camps or testosterone-fuelled thugs raping and butchering as they please.

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## What's On

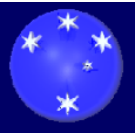
**Sat 7<sup>th</sup> February** – 2pm – *What's the Scene for 2015?*

**Sat /Sun 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> February** – 10am-4:15pm – *Incarnation* – Workshop with Melanie Reinhart

**Sat, 11 April** – 2pm – *The Quindecile*

**Sat, 2 May** – 2pm – *One Chart: 3 Interpretations*

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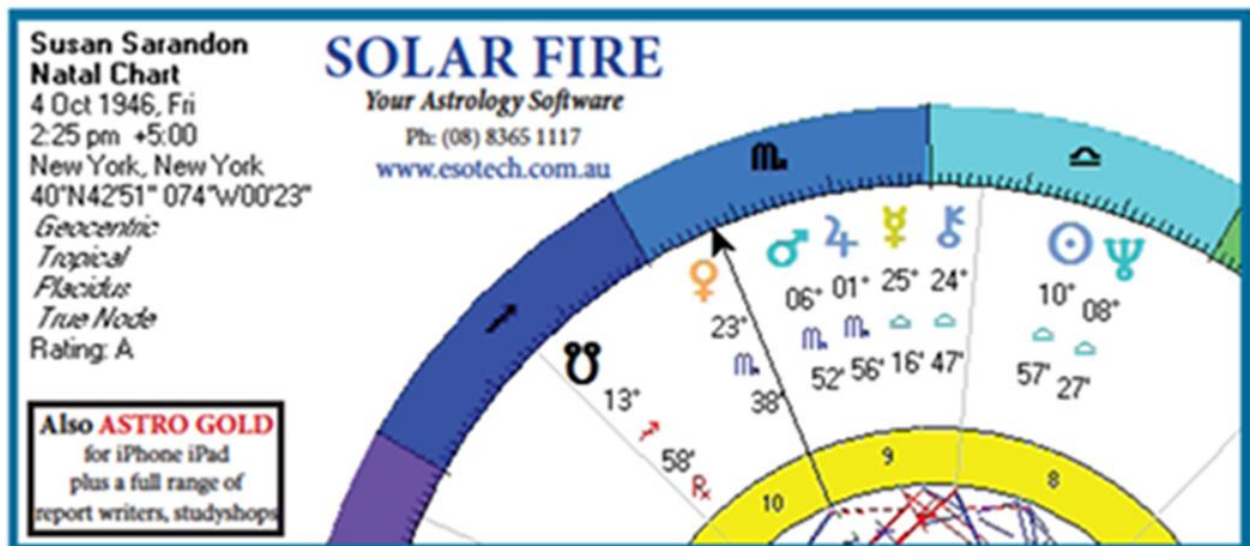
## From the Editor

In western culture, it's a new year and a new beginning. The timings for astrological new year however is the ingress of the sun into Aries and our personal year begins with the return of our natal sun to our natal degree.

It had been my intention to kick-off the 2015 newsletter with an exploration of both these topics, but I must confess to falling prey to the distractions of sun, sand and surf – so tune in again next month!

Meanwhile Michael Holland has provided some of his observations of astrology ... and for those of you who would like to learn more on this fascinating topic, turn to page 7 for Astro Mundi's timetable for 2015.

*Ann Collins*  
Editor



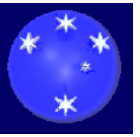
## Musings from the President continued ...

So I think this is a time to count our blessings. We are all travellers and we are so lucky that our road is so safe and protected. We may have uphill climbs and rocky patches, blockages through scorching fires or flooding rains, but on the whole the road is good. Life is abundant and

opportunities abound, if only we can recognise them. Perhaps now is the time to move beyond ourselves and our own needs and ask ourselves: what can I do to make the world a better place? In what small way can I improve the life of someone else?

Till then, may love and laughter light your way

*Cate*



# Next Meeting



**FAASA next meeting: Saturday Feb 7, 2 pm**

## What's the Scene in 2015?

**Saturday Feb 7, 2 pm**

**TS Rooms, behind New  
Dimensions Bookshop  
310 South Terrace**

**Members \$10  
Conc. members \$8  
Non-members \$14  
Conc non-member \$12**

**Afternoon Tea  
provided!**

**Three of Adelaide's best known astrologers will take a look at the year ahead. We certainly live in interesting times, so don't miss it!**



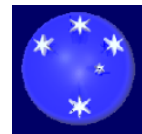
Alice Portman is one of our best-known astrologers, and was an inaugural member of the FAA in 1971. She has been practising professionally since 1973, being honoured with Professional Membership in 1984. She has researched and consulted in Adelaide, Darwin and Sydney and has clients all around the world. Alice has expertise in many areas of astrology, and her current passion is Genetic Astrology. More on her website: [www.aliceportman.com](http://www.aliceportman.com).



Mari Garcia is a consulting astrologer who has been involved with astrology since 1990. She has lectured widely both in Australia and the USA and has published articles in Australia and overseas and writes for several local and national publications. She runs a consulting practice in Adelaide and is co-principal of ASTRO MUNDI, which offers courses in astrology, including Traditional Astrology as well as special interest workshops and Master Classes. Mari can be contacted on 08 8563 9182 or check the website: [www.astromundi.com](http://www.astromundi.com).



Cate Whelan has been studying astrology for over 30 years, gaining her FAA Diploma in the mid-90s, and she has consulted and taught astrology since then. A former high-school teacher, she has lectured in SA and interstate and is the current president of the FAA in South Australia.



## Speakers for 2015

Monthly meetings of the Federation of Australian Astrologers SA Inc are usually held on the first Saturday of the month at the Theosophical Society, 310 South Terrace, Adelaide.

\$10 Members, \$8 Concession Members and non-members \$14. Afternoon tea is provided and everyone is welcome.

Please [contact us](#) if you would like more information about the Federation of Australian Astrologers SA and our activities.

**Sat Feb 7, 2 pm**      *What's the Scene for 2015?*

Alice Portman, Mari Garcia and Cate Whelan

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**Sat April 11, 2 pm**      *The Quindecile*

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**Sat May 2**      *One Chart: 3 Interpretations*

Mari Garcia, Cate Whelan, Vivien Lowe



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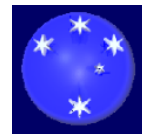
Full membership:	\$70
Concession membership:	\$50
Joint membership	\$100
Joint concession	\$75

For those astrologers who would like to advertise on our website this year, you can do so for an extra \$30. For this you can post a photo and 100 words. A bargain!

Also, a reminder that our monthly meeting fees have had to increase.

Member \$10, concession member \$8, non-member \$14, concession non-member \$12.





## *February Workshop*

# Incarnation



A weekend workshop in Adelaide with

## Melanie Reinhart

February 21st and 22nd 2015

Hosted by FAASA Inc

Time: 10.00am – 4.15 pm each day

Cost: Members: \$120 per day or \$200 per weekend

Earlybird by 6th Dec \$100/\$180

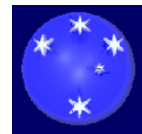
Concession members: \$100/\$180 ~ earlybird \$90/\$160

Non-members: \$140 per day, \$240 per weekend

**Venue:** TS Rooms behind New Dimensions Bookshop, 310 South Terrace, Adelaide

- **Booking details:** Direct Deposit: FAASA Inc, ANZ, BSB 015-367, Account 499070824, with confirmation email to [treasurer@faasa.com.au](mailto:treasurer@faasa.com.au) or
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# *The value of Astrology*

to non-Astrologers and to culture as a whole

*By Michael Holland*

Many non-astrologers describe astrology as a 'pseudo-science' and as 'worthless'. According to such people, we have nothing to gain by considering or studying astrology.

But astrology teaches something valuable which applies outside astrology and benefits culture as a whole:

Look for patterns.

Primitive man wandered round in tribes before there were cities or written records. They looked at the sky and tried to understand it. They looked at nature, and human affairs, and asked the same question.

And some stone-age Einstein said: Look for patterns.

Today, we take this idea for granted, but there was a time in the evolution of mind when it did not exist. Who conceived of it? Some primitive astrologer?

Perhaps?

And this idea can powerfully help us today.

Do you want to predict Tony Abbott's next move? Look to the pattern of what he has done and said so far, and extend that pattern into the future.

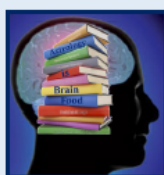
Do you want to know how a colleague at work is going to react to something? What is his or her pattern – and extend it into the future.

Finding the pattern gives anyone a powerful tool, not just astrologers. The idea of looking for patterns is one of astrology's contributions to non-astrologers and to culture as a whole.

*Michael is a non-astrologer who joined FAASA in 2014 to find out more about it. These are his observations.*



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**Unit 1** first class Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March

**Unit 3** first class Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March

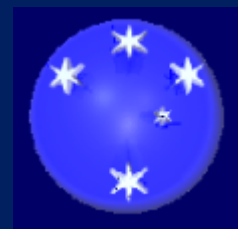
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Joint Concession*	\$75
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