

## **Events Committee Report - presented by Anna Timms IYANZ 2017 AGM Christchurch**

### **2017 IYANZ Convention with Jawahar Bangera**

The IYANZ workshops were held in Nelson and Auckland over 2 consecutive weekends in April.

Nelson turned on its famous sunshine for the workshop, held on 21-23 April at the Mapua Hall. The 55 attendees thoroughly enjoyed Jawahar's insightful teaching infused with humour. Many students were attending their first workshop with a senior teacher and the excitement was palpable. The venue was perfect for this type of event with a fully equipped kitchen available for heating chai which was offered free of charge to participants along with boxes of local fruit kindly donated by a local Iyengar student. I was lucky enough to catch up with Jawahar in Mumbai recently and he commented on the lovely people and hospitality of Nelson. All in all a great success.

The 2017 Convention with Jawahar Bangera was held in Auckland over the weekend of 28-30 April. Michelle Robinson organised the Massey University Community Centre for the workshop and this proved to be a spacious venue with plenty of parking and café facilities on campus. The average attendance at each session was approximately 65-70 and all who attended enjoyed Jawahar's inspired teachings. Glenn McBeth set up a table to sell books from the IYANZ bookshop during breaks, and he also organised workshop t-shirts to commemorate the event.

Next year, the Association looks forward to hosting Gabriella Giubilaro in Auckland and Christchurch on the weekends of November 16-18 and 23-25, 2018.