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## Chairperson's Report

We have an interesting year for 2019, with seven successful events. The thing I enjoyed about our presentations this year was the immense variety of Astrology presented. There was fertility astrology from Nicola Allsop, Cayce's astrology from Rick Boyd, the 12 Tribes from Jeannette Lewis-Hill, Traditional astrology from Joy Usher, Solar transits from Peter Burns, Chiron from Zane Stein and 6/12<sup>th</sup> house from Cate Whelan.

We like to cater for every member's taste and I think we have done that and hope to continue in that vein next year; so stay tuned. We would also like to continue with the webinars, similar to what we did with Peter Burns. We can get top astrologers on screen for an affordable cost. We envisage one per year but depending on the success of this venture, we may have more in the future.

Thanks to Margie Crocker we have managed to get the new WA regulations in place and they are operating well. Hence, I am now chairperson instead of president.

Rick Boyd has taken on our outdated website and has now modernised it for us. Please have patience though, as some of the old information still needs changing, but it will happen soon.

Thanks to Del Meredith we have the role descriptions for all the committee established and a new speaker form for making it easier to integrate speaker technology with ours to avoid the occasional hiccup we have experienced at the SPLC venue.

We have welcomed Stefanie Schroder to the committee. She is young and enthusiastic with good IT and social media skills and we will be using her talents for the Meetup groups proposed for next year.

Jeannette Lewis-Hill is leaving the committee after many years of serving our organization. Fortunately, she will still attend our talks and give presentations. Thank you, Jeannette and all the best, for your future plans.

Soon we are having a speaker planning meeting for next year, and would love to hear from anyone who has a presentation or topic to offer.

**Jeff Farrow**

FAAWA Chair 2019

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# SAGITTARIUS

## An Esoteric Perspective

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NOV 23<sup>RD</sup> – DEC 21<sup>ST</sup> 2019

Over the years I spent a fair amount of time contemplating the message of Xmas and how the birth of Jesus relates to Capricorn in a deep esoteric sense. The doorway, initiation into a new way of being etc. But only yesterday did I realise that, in fact, it is Sagittarian energy that leads us into Xmas. Sagittarius propels us into the 'silly' season in a light and happy manner: the buoyancy and optimism we often feel, the socializing, the over-spending and issues around inclusiveness. On the one hand we eat, drink and are merry, setting aside the suffering of the world; and on the other hand, we try to think of the bigger picture out there – giving donations to struggling villages and ensuring the poor amongst us still get a Xmas lunch. Things look bigger under Sagittarius. Our parties are louder, or our loneliness is more pronounced. Sagittarius is an expansive sign. Its generosity is seen in both our gift-giving and our bellies. At least for us fortunate few! But within these pavlova light statements above, there lies clues to the deeper crisis and conflicts that Sagittarius must resolve. For each sign has its own task, or crisis, it must take on in order to uncover and discover the loving, wise and clear-thinking Soul-Self that lies within.

### Crisis of Sagittarius – half beast, half human.



The crisis of Sagittarius is contained within the image of the Centaur, half human, half beast. The clue to resolution is in the one-pointed arrow directed to the heavens. Sagittarius is a deeply philosophical sign. They care about living honourably and truthfully. They are 'big picture' thinkers and driven by a need to experience and understand, to drink the cup of life. When the centaur holds sway that cup is filled with earthly delights without thought for others. (the mantra for those unevolved Sag parts of us is: *let food be sought*). Or they allow their own personal truths to become dogmas that all are expected to live by. As they mature, Sagittarius may bounce between individualistic self-centred tendencies and a broad, inclusive view of their place within the frameworks of society. Whether through outer or inner travels, Sagittarius learns tolerance and understanding. They come to understand that on the human, everyday level, most truths are subjective. The

task of psychosynthesis is begun: to control the lower nature and use it in service to the higher. The arrows of desire are then aimed at higher aspirations: the search for noble truths that uplift and

bring compassionate wisdom. Sagittarius becomes a unified personality: conscious of the Soul. The mantra for Sagittarius then becomes:

*I see the goal, I reach that goal, and then I see another.*

To further guide us, or to add clues as to the deeper mystery of Sagittarius:

**The Ninth Labour of Hercules: Killing the Stymphalian Birds.**

The killing of the Stymphalean birds is the peculiar task of the Sagittarian influenced individual (or nation). The Stymphalean birds were a large, menacing flock of predatory birds with beaks of steel and razor-sharp claws. Even their feathers were as sharp as steel and cut like a knife anything that lay in their path as they wafted down to earth. Upon arriving at their nesting grounds Hercules was confronted by these aggressive predators swooping down upon him. Valiantly he stood his ground and defended himself with his heavy club, and then arrows. Although the birds retreated, they were not defeated. Once again, Hercules came to realise that brute force alone wouldn't cut it (so to speak). As he pondered his dilemma, he recalled the advice given by his wise teacher who had set him his tasks:

*The flame that gleams beyond the mind reveals direction sure.*

Meditating upon this, an idea came to him. He returned to the swamp where the birds lived. This time he brought, not weapons, but a cymbal. A cymbal so loud and horrendous he covered his own ears when banging it. The birds thought so too and flew off never to be seen again.

**The story behind the story.**

When Hercules first attempts to be rid of the birds with force, he is basically using his lower mind and his brute instincts. But no problem is solved in such a way. It is tantamount to pushing it away, repressing it, only to have it resurface later (the birds return). Hercules has lots of ideas around how to be rid of pesky birds! Cudgeoning, involves no great planning and seems convenient. Arrows also seemed like a good idea at the time. But none of these worked. (think of all those Sagittarian arrows being shot indiscriminately before direction is set upon). Hercules is only able to find a solution when he goes beyond his preconceived mental constructs on the matter. All our mental constructs are part of our lower, busy mind. Even our most abstract, spiritual aspirations, usually have an entire office block of constructed thought-forms around them: what it is, how to do it, etc. But what if these very thoughts that once gave us a sense of direction are now holding us back? What if we can no longer come to a more essential Truth because we have already decided what the Truth is? To shift the paradigms we live by involves the ultimate Sagittarian voyage to the great beyond: the higher Intuitive mind. And this is what Hercules/Sagittarius reaches for when he hears the edict: *The flame that gleams beyond the mind reveals direction sure.* Sagittarius must learn to sit in the Silence. This is the ultimate goal, that all goals along the way lead to: (*I see the goal, I reach that goal, and then I see another*) Along the way we have the opportunity to dispel illusions and unreal thinking. To do so we must also learn to sit in a place of harmlessness (the birds can be seen as all the hurtful thoughts and words we use against ourselves and others – but that my dear readers is a story for another day). To overcome this tendency within we must find the place beyond: the place of silence.

Sagittarius – Intuitive Buddhi mind - the sound of Silence

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**A thought to meditate on for Sagittarius**

**Light:** "A beam of directed, focused Light. In this the point of light becomes the beam, revealing a greater light ahead and illumining the way to the centre of the light." (Alice Bailey, Esoteric Astrology, p. 330)

**Lynette Malone**



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**Next Newsletter - February 2020**

# December 2019 Wild West Oz times

## Information from Moontime Diary 2019

|                     |  |
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| <b>Tuesday 3</b>    | Jupiter enters Capricorn 3:20am<br>Mercury sextiles Pluto 1:22pm<br>Venus sextiles Mars 11:47pm                    |
| <b>Wednesday 4</b>  | <b>First Quarter Moon</b> 2:58pm   |
| <b>Sunday 8</b>     | Sun square Neptune 4:59pm  |
| <b>Monday 9</b>     | Venus sextiles Neptune 5:48am<br>Jupiter square Chiron 12:27pm<br>Mercury enters Sagittarius 5:41pm                |
| <b>Tuesday 10</b>   | Mercury trine Chiron 5:31pm  |
| <b>Wednesday 11</b> | Venus conjunct Saturn 6:04pm   |
| <b>Thursday 12</b>  | <b>Full Moon Gemini 19°51'</b> 1:12pm  |
| <b>Friday 13</b>    | Mars trine Neptune 7:54pm<br>Venus conjunct Pluto 11:16pm  |
| <b>Saturday 14</b>  | Chiron goes Direct   |
| <b>Monday 16</b>    | Jupiter trine Uranus 3:01 am   |
| <b>Thursday 19</b>  | <b>Last Quarter Moon</b> 12:56pm<br>Mars sextiles Saturn 5:59pm  |
| <b>Friday 20</b>    | Mercury square Neptune 12:19pm<br>Venus enters Aquarius 2:41pm   |
| <b>Saturday 21</b>  | Venus sextiles Chiron 7:14pm   |
| <b>Sunday 22</b>    | <b>Sun enters Capricorn 12:19pm - Summer Solstice</b><br>Venus square Uranus 9:30pm<br>Mars sextiles Pluto 10:32pm |

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| <b>Monday 23</b>    | Sun square Chiron 11:16pm                                 |
| <b>Wednesday 25</b> | Sun trine Uranus 5:43am                                   |
| <b>Thursday 26</b>  | <b>New Moon in Capricorn 4°06'</b> 1:13pm – Solar Eclipse |
| <b>Saturday 28</b>  | Sun conjunct Jupiter 2:25am                               |
| <b>Sunday 29</b>    | Mercury enters Capricorn 12:54pm                          |
| <b>Monday 30</b>    | Mercury square Chiron 12:57pm                             |
| <b>Tuesday 31</b>   | Mercury trine Uranus 6:21am                               |

## January 2020 Wild West Oz times

Information from Moontime Diary 2020

|                    |  |
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| <b>Friday 3</b>    | <b>First Quarter Moon</b>                |
|                    | Mercury conjunct Jupiter 0:41am          |
|                    | Mars enters Sagittarius 5:37pm           |
| <b>Monday 6</b>    | Mars trine Chiron 5:53am                 |
| <b>Tuesday 7</b>   | Sun sextiles Neptune 2:21pm              |
| <b>Wednesday 8</b> | Mercury sextiles Neptune 9:02pm          |
| <b>Friday 10</b>   | Sun conjunct Mercury 11:19pm             |
| <b>Saturday 11</b> | <b>Full Moon in Cancer 20°00'</b> 3:21am |
|                    | Mars square Saturn 7:47pm                |
| <b>Sunday 12</b>   | Mercury conjunct Saturn 5:51pm           |
|                    | Mercury conjunct Pluto 6:13pm            |
|                    | Uranus moves Direct                      |
| <b>Monday 13</b>   | Saturn conjunct Pluto 0:59am             |
|                    | Sun conjunct Pluto 9:20pm                |
|                    | Sun conjunct Saturn 11:15pm              |

**Tuesday 14** Venus enters Pisces 2:38am

**Thursday 16** Venus sextiles Uranus 7:17am

**Friday 17** Mercury enters Aquarius 2:30am  
**Last Quarter Moon** 8:58pm

**Saturday 18** Mercury sextiles Chiron 7:08am  
Mercury square Uranus 4:31pm

**Monday 20** **Sun enters Aquarius** 10:54pm

**Thursday 23** Sun trines Chiron 2:02am  
Sun square Uranus 2:54pm  
Venus sextiles Jupiter 9:07pm

**Saturday 25** **New Moon in Aquarius 4°21'** 5:41am – **Chinese New Year**  
Mercury sextiles Mars 9:09pm

**Monday 27** Venus square Mars 9:36am

**Tuesday 28** Venus conjunct Neptune 4am  
Mars square Neptune 6:34pm



# FAAWA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019

An enjoyable afternoon was had by all at the Secret Garden on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November for the FAAWA Annual General Meeting. The formalities were soon completed with a just a couple of changes to the committee.

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Lynette Malone

We say good bye to **Jeannette Lewis-Hill** and **Del Meredith** who have both stepped down from the committee and we thank them for their dedication and contribution to FAAWA, *they will be missed.*



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