



LIVING MINDFULLY

8-WEEK MINDFULNESS AND MEDITATION COURSE

Monday Evenings - May 24th - July 12th - Mona Vale

This course is an opportunity for you to gain understanding of the foundations of mindfulness and how to integrate this powerful tool in your daily life. You will learn tools for developing compassion towards yourself and others, gain skills that will help you engage with difficult feelings and situations and develop a kinder and wiser relationship with yourself and the world around you.

Whether you just started your mindfulness practice or want to deepen it further, this course will give you the techniques and tools over the course of 8-weeks that will enable you to weave mindfulness practice into your day to day experience at work, at home, family life and on the cushion.

Each week will expand on a different topic and will provide a set of tools including guided meditations, inquiry, journaling and practices you can do at home to keep you engaged and motivated throughout the course.



Who is this Course For?

This course is for anyone who is interested in deepening self-awareness, gaining a better understanding of the effects of stress on the mind and the body, calming the overthinking mind, responding to stressful situations in a wiser way, or simply wanting to be more present to life and relationships.

When: Monday 24th May to Monday 12th July

Times: 7:00 - 9:00pm (NSW time) on each Monday evening for 8 sessions.

Where: 63 Bassett St, Mona Vale NSW 2103 (Onespace)

Cost: \$120 per person + Dana (the course fee covers room hire and admin costs).

Registration is a two step process:

Step 1: Pay the registration fee click [here](#)

Step 2: Fill in your [Registration form](#)

Additional Cost 'Dana' - In keeping with a 2,500 year old tradition no fee has been charged for the teachings. At the end of the course you are invited to give a donation (dana) to express your appreciation and to support the teacher.

For more Information click [here](#) or email Renata on stillwaterinsight@gmail.com

About the Teacher



Renata Malinauskas - Renata has been a Dharma practitioner since 2012 in the Insight Tradition. She has sat (and managed) around 15 silent meditation retreats up to 14 days length. She is a

certified Mindfulness and Compassion Teacher and is currently in a 4 year training to become a senior Insight Meditation teacher in Australia through the [Insight Meditation Institute](#). Renata is the co-founder of [Still Water Insight](#) and is currently the vice Chairman of [Sydney Insight Meditators](#) in which she has been a committee member since 2016.



COURSE OUTLINE

Every session will include a meditation and discussions on application to our life situation.

Week 1: Intro to the course

- Intention setting
- Intro to Mindfulness: what it is and its benefits
- Intro to Meditation and setting up a daily practice

Week 2: Challenges to practice

- What keeps us away from being present
- Our brain under stress
- Relaxation and grounding techniques

Week 3: Mindfulness of Breath

- Intro to Mindfulness of the Body
- Breath as an anchor to the present moment
- Different ways of working with the breath in meditation

Week 4: Mindfulness of Body

- Relationship to your body
- The impacts of trauma and possible challenges
- Using Mindfulness practices when in the grip of trauma or stress

Week 5: Mindfulness of Feeling tone

- Why we do what we do
- Learning to respond rather than react
- Taking in the good: rewiring the brain and building resilience

Week 6: Working with strong emotions

- How to work with challenging emotion
- The role of compassion
- The universality of pain and suffering

Week 7: Mindfulness of mind

- How perception works
- The creation of an identity
- Exploring just 'being'

Week 8 - Happiness

- Defining happiness
- Difference between pleasure and receptivity
- Final thoughts and closing circle