

“A secret turning in us  
makes the universe turn.  
Head unaware of feet,  
and feet head. Neither cares.  
They keep turning.”



Map of Thorndon area

## Whirling Dervishes

Venue: 31 Hobson Crescent,  
(off Hobson St) Thorndon,  
Wellington.

Entrance to house is gate to right  
of ‘keep clear’ signs on garages.

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# Whirling Dervishes

from Rumi

**T**he wisdom and poetry of Jalal-uddin Rumi calls us to awaken to reality and the presence of love everywhere.

He lived in the 12th century mainly in Konya, Turkey; yet he speaks directly to us today.

**‘Walk to the well.  
Turn as the earth and moon turn,  
circling what they love.  
Whatever circles comes from the  
centre.’**



**D**iscovering the source within, he is said to have been so full of joy that he arose and turned about in circles. From him there came the tradition of ‘Mevlevi dervish turning’, better known in the West as the ‘whirling dervishes’.

Some Wellingtonians had the rare opportunity to learn the dervish turning from the present-day Turkish successors of Rumi’s tradition, and brought it back to teach others.



Visitors are welcome to the turning ceremony, usually held once a month on a Friday at 7.15 pm for one and a half hours.

Now in Wellington, you can see and experience the beauty and power of the ‘whirling dervishes’ ceremony in its pure and authentic form. You may learn it too if you wish. The turning is a form of meditation, coming to the centre through physical movement.

(See contact details overleaf)