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# Walking Cheerfully

NEWSLETTER OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS) SOUTH AUSTRALIA - NORTHERN TERRITORY REGIONAL MEETING.

Nothing Lowly in the Universe

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*“Quakers, among others, have always been called upon to act based on conscience and being faithful to the leadings of the Inner Light, irrespective of the seeming impossibility of the tasks ahead, whether it be the abolition of slavery, the prevention of war, the injustices of racial and economic inequalities, or ecological breakdown, knowing that nonviolent action, rooted in love, is ultimately more powerful than separation, division, opposition, and violence. We do not know what the next decades will bring, and there is no certainty that we will avoid enormous suffering to ourselves and other life-forms, although we cannot ultimately destroy the resilience and capacity of life itself to survive and thrive. We don’t need a false optimism so much as the courage, wisdom, compassion and humility to stay rooted and to keep faith with our commitment to do what we are called to do, grounded in the power of life and love. As Rabbi Tarfon, quoted in the front of this book, reminded us, it is not our responsibility to complete the work, but neither are we to abandon it. As Friends say, we can do no other.”*

**(Final paragraph from ‘Nothing Lowly in the Universe’, by Jenny Ratcliffe, the Crundale**



YEARLY MEETING 2024 PHOTO

# Beyond Understanding

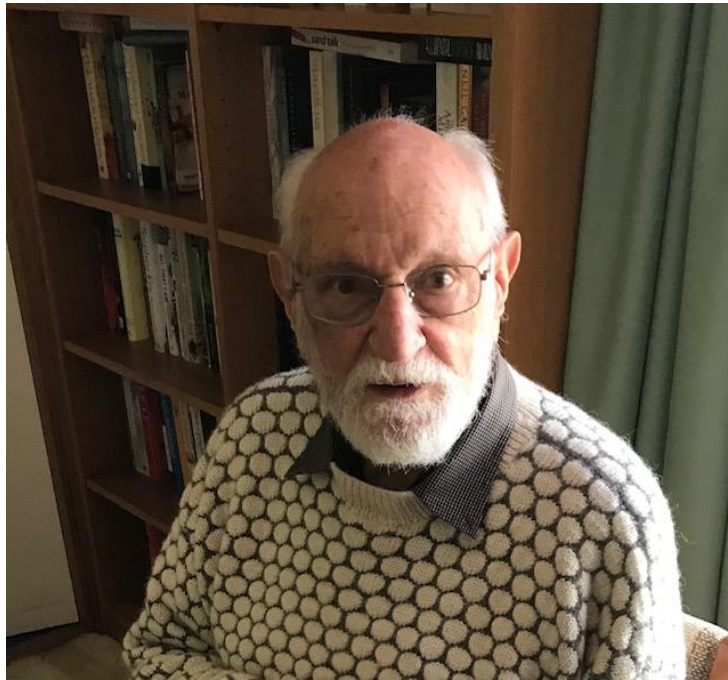
David D E Evans. June 2024

There's an Ocean of Darkness  
and an Ocean of Light  
There's an Ocean of Knowledge  
That extends out of sight.

Let's go fishing In that Ocean so wide  
Tasting, savouring, returning for more.  
Dipping your toe in the water, and filling a cup  
To take home and share with your neighbours.

What is Truth, Pilate asked  
God is Truth, Gandhi said  
Reality is Truth, Ellis<sup>1</sup> said  
There to be explored.

Beyond Understanding and out of sight  
Is the Ocean of Knowledge and Truth  
There for you is that Ocean where,  
You can dip your toe in the water.



*David Evans*

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<sup>1</sup> George Ellis, *Faith, hope and doubt in times of uncertainty. Combining the realms of scientific and spiritual inquiry*, James Backhouse Lecture 2008 [https://www.quakersaustralia.info/sites/aym-members/files/pages/files/2008 Lecture.pdf](https://www.quakersaustralia.info/sites/aym-members/files/pages/files/2008%20Lecture.pdf)

## NEWS OF FRIENDS

**The memorial meeting for Peter Clarke was full of surprises.** Chiefly, that so many people had been touched by his friendship, his astonishing general knowledge, and his keen awareness of world events. About twenty four friends of Peter's were present at the memorial meeting, held at the meeting house at 1 pm on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June. It was ably introduced by Jo Jordan.

His father, a military officer, died in Nuremberg after having given evidence of Nazi extermination camps. Immediately after the war the family migrated from Bath in England where Peter was born, to Vancouver in Canada. His brother John who provided much information about his peripatetic life, said that his wandering lust originated when working in the Yukon (1000 miles north of Vancouver) during university vacations.

We were reminded how Peter took copious notes in meetings and discussions, how he relished such discussions and drew people out, then gave his opinions — at length. At Tintinara, looking for Faith Coleman without her street address, he persisted in going house to house until he succeeded in finding her. Perhaps the greatest compliment from Peter concerned Jeanette Hanney who had known him for twenty seven years: that she was his closest friend in Australia.

He was a generous man though he lived very frugally. About a dozen Friends and those who had known Peter, spoke at his memorial meeting.

He always concluded his voluminous emails with “Walk cheerfully. Pay close attention. emphasising Quaker testimony of Simplicity

### **Quaker Values Committee for The Friends' School.**

We have put together a survey for Australian Friends so that we can find out more about the kind of information Quakers would like from the school. [This is the link](#) to the survey.  
Tracy Bourne, Convenor

**Auckland Friends** are looking to appoint resident Friend/s for a one year stint from April next year (2025). Please contact John Flack <[premises@nt.quakers.nz](mailto:premises@nt.quakers.nz)> for information.

**Meeting for Learning**, a transformative Quaker program, kicks off with a week-long retreat in Poatina, Tasmania, from October 7-13, 2024. This event is the beginning of a year-long spiritual journey, designed for individuals interested in deepening their understanding of Quaker practices and spirituality. Hosted by Tasmania Regional Meeting, it marks the beginning of a 12-month program that includes another retreat in 2025. Participants will benefit from ongoing support throughout the year, including a support group from their local community or family, aimed at nurturing their spiritual growth. More information, including how to register, can be found on the Quaker Australia website: <https://www.quakersaustralia.info/meeting-learning-2024>  
Sharon Matthews, Meeting for Learning Support Group

**Australia – West Pacific Section** is currently is seeking candidates for two positions, the AWPS Treasurer and the AWPS representative to the QUNO New York Committee. Gerry Yokota, Convenor, AWPS Nominations Committee

# A WONDERFUL YEARLY MEETING

Instigated by Jo Jordan, the first face-to-face Yearly Meeting for five years was a landmark occasion. Impressive were the Junior Young Friends, known by the lively acronym of JYFs, who said that face-to-face meetings were essential. Do you know that exactly the same was said at the very first intercolonial gathering of Australian Friends in Melbourne, in 1888. While in no way denigrating the importance of zoom contact, the innate human condition is for face-to-face contact.

To understand the Yearly Meeting there are two essential documents – *Documents in Advance* and *Documents in Retrospect*. Both are essential reading for an understanding of Australia Yearly Meeting.



*JYFS BEHIND THE YM TABLE*

Here are some comments about the occasion:

**Mary Pollard** from Devonshire Meeting, Sydney writes: "It was an inspiring YM - meeting so many friends in person for the first time for five years, and meeting new people. South Australian Friends did a magnificent job, together with others when arrangements were made online e.g. organising the share and tells, and the

main business of the Meeting. I loved returning to the Retreat at West Beach, and the shacks were very comfortable. My congenial 'shackmates' were Anne and Alistair Hall, the Aerotorea visitors. Wittunga Botanic Garden was a revelation."

**David Evans** from Adelaide Eastern Suburbs Local Meeting:

Yearly Meeting 2024 at The Retreat, West Beach, on the 6th - 13th of July was highly anticipated by the hard-working Local Committees and Yearly Meeting Organisers as well as the Australian Quaker



*THE YEARLY MEETING IN SESSION*

Membership. It was a joyful occurrence highlighted by Australian Quakers getting together once again post Covid. The enthusiasm was palpable. There was a spirit of progressive working together in the business sessions held in the Barcoo room of The Sailing Squadron with excellent support from Michael Searle and his Technical Team. The seven Friendly School were presented by ten facilitators. The thirty Share and Tell sessions were extremely popular with 46 facilitators presenting their involvements

and interest. It was great to hear from the newly appointed administrator of QSA (David Tehr) and to meet the newly appointed Principal (Esther Hill) of the Friends School in Hobart. The Backhouse Lecture from Jackie Leach Scully on Listening to those with Disability was memorable.

The retreat at West Beach is a beautiful location lending itself to group activities in the well appointed Shacks. A vigorous program for Young Friends was established. The food provided was more than adequate. The concert involving so many young people was a great success inviting more music in our Quakerly programs We are left looking forward to YM2025 possibly in Melbourne.

The intense commitment by so many local Quakers is taking some time for us all to come back to normal, but we are doing so looking forward to the future of Quakers in Australia.

There is no better summary of the life of the Yearly Meeting than in the epistle.

## **Epistle from Australia Yearly Meeting 2024**

From July 6th to 13th 2024 we gathered at West Beach, a suburb of Adelaide on Saint Vincent's Gulf, South Australia. We send greetings to Friends everywhere. We meet on Kurna land beside the white sands of Holdfast Bay, the eroding sand dunes held together by native plantings

This was a hybrid meeting. We were able to gather together in-person in large numbers for the first time since 2019, to hug one another, to share a meal, sit talking across the table into the night. Friends came from all parts of Australia and beyond via car, train, plane, bicycle (perhaps) and ferry to be here, under the flight path of Adelaide Airport. Our technological skills have developed over the COVID-19 years and we are now able to include on-line Friends almost seamlessly with occasional blips

The meeting was opened in Kurna language by the Kurna Elder, Uncle Rodney Midlah O'Brien who had to leave early to attend a NAIDOC (National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee) ceremony. A wide variety of Friendly Schools was offered, some creative, some pacifist, some environmental, some spiritual. These themes were followed up by Share & Tell sessions. Some of these looked at nurturing our Society

We heard in Bev Polzin's State of Society Address that even as we acknowledge the ageing of our members and the difficulties of filling roles, we rejoice that our use of technology has played a part in connecting each other across our big country. Isolated Meetings and Friends are brought into the centre. We express UBUNTU. 'I am because you are.' Following the disruptions of the pandemic we rebuild our community and grow from the challenges of COVID-19. The theme of Australian Yearly Meeting 2024 is Quakers in times of conflict and change. We live in an 'Ocean of Darkness'. War and environmental catastrophe beset our world on every side. We were awestruck to learn how Friends are finding that Infinite Ocean of Light and Love within and are led to varied involvements in groups such as Friends Peace Teams, Raising Peace, World beyond War, Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP), to name a few. We understand the importance of building partnerships and ultimately mass movements because we know we are a small Society and we cannot do it alone. We welcomed the newly employed Peacemaker, Jessica Morrison. The QPLC prepared a public statement focused on the following: First Nations' peoples, the climate emergency, Palestine/Israel, integrity, militarism and nuclear weapons.

The Australian Yearly Meeting endorsed The Climate Emergency and Species Extinction

Working Group's travel guide and action plan. The CESEWG was established in 2021 for a two year term, later extended for another year. A new committee will be formed called 'Quakers Australia Earth Witness and Action Committee'. As the working group completes its task, they ask how the Regional Meetings and individual Friends will proceed with the implementation of this plan to reach wider society. This is the beginning, not the end, of this urgent work. The 2024 Backhouse Lecture was presented on the birthday of James Backhouse by Jackie Leach-Scully, a bioethicist. The lecture was entitled God's ways, not our ways: a dissident Quaker response to disability. Jackie brings over 60 years of experience to her subject and 30 years as a disability activist. She asks the question: 'What might disability, difference and normality mean for Friends today?' as we enter a world where medical science now provides knowledge which allows us to decide who should be born and when they will die. We need to address the spiritual as well Page 2 of 2 as the moral and socio-political aspects of these questions. We are all limited, different and vulnerable, dependent on our communities. We were lifted up to learn of the work of the Friends' School and to meet the new Principal, Esther Hill. She told us how Quaker values and practices are incorporated into the daily life at the school, addressing the prickly issue of privilege and the role of a private school to model a different kind of curriculum and do things that a government school could not attempt. We were pleased to hear of the large numbers of scholarships offered to children whose families who could otherwise not afford to send them to Friends' School. She was joined by Friends from the Quaker Values Committee and by some inspiring year 11 and 12 students who spoke lovingly about their school. During the Meeting for Remembrance we were distracted by the fluttering movement of a Willy Wagtail bird. Michael Leunig, an Australian poet, likens talking to God to talking to a bird. Attempts were made to encourage the bird to leave the room, but the bird could not find its way out until later. No one saw it leave

On Wednesday afternoon we left the West Beach and travelled to destinations of Quaker interest around Adelaide. The Quaker opportunity Shop, which has been operating since the 1968, was a popular destination. We heard about the ongoing work of Silver Wattle involving land care, sojourning and learning opportunities. We are grateful for the vision and the struggle of the founders of Silver Wattle and rejoice in the growing realisation of the dream to create a centre of learning and spiritual nourishment for our community. Quaker Service Australia (QSA) has a new constitution and encouraged us to become members of the company and to donate to their projects to build positive peace. We look around the meeting at the high proportion of white-haired Friends and we know we need to rebuild our young community. Young Friends and JYFs told us about their urgent need to meet in person regularly at AYM to build their own community and learn from older Friends. They want to remember cooling off in water fights as well as experience Quaker processes. We continue to discern the right timing of Yearly Meeting. We were surprised by a visit from George Fox and some of the Valiant 60. and celebrated his 400th birthday with cake and singing the George Fox song. Later there was an enthusiastic concert. 'How can we make impactful action?' has been a reoccurring question and theme across this Meeting. What do we need to do now to continue to uphold our values of simplicity, peace, integrity, community, equality and stewardship

## **PUBLIC STATEMENT ISSUED BY YEARLY MEETING**

### **First Nations Concerns**

Quakers grieve that the Referendum to enshrine a First Nations Voice in the Australian Constitution was not successful. Australian Quakers consider it essential that First Nations peoples have an effective say in laws and policies that affect them. We commit ourselves to learning from First Nations people, and practising truth telling, truth listening and truth acceptance, as well as decolonisation of our thinking, practices and institutions. Original Australians have never ceded sovereignty. We call even more strongly on the Government to establish a Makarrata Commission to supervise a process of agreement- making between governments and First Nations and truth-telling about their history. We also call on the Government to embed the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People into Australian law.

The full implementation of the Statement from the Heart would provide the Australian people with an effective mechanism to confront the truth of our past and our present and to make way for abiding justice, healing, recovery and repair for Original Australians, and right relations between us all.

### **Climate Emergency and species extinction**

Quakers acknowledge that this moment is our last chance to act decisively to avoid catastrophic climate breakdown - for all beings on the planet. Quakers have adopted an Action Plan to guide both our corporate and personal actions. We recognise that our world and its occupants are an entwined whole.

Quakers recognise and welcome the changes the Labor Government has made to a range of policies and programs including emission targets, vehicle efficiency standards and solar energy.

However, these actions are not enough. We call on the Government to urgently adopt policies that will:

- move rapidly to end any support for extracting any new gas and coal, including ending all subsidies for the fossil fuel industries;
- enact all parts of the proposed new Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act and include a ‘climate trigger’ as the top priority;
- advocate strongly in support of Pacific Island nations in world forums, including joint convening of COP 31.

### **Palestine/Israel**

Quakers grieve deeply the decades-long injustices inflicted on Palestinians by the policies of the State of Israel. Our hearts are breaking for the extreme suffering and loss of life currently being experienced in Gaza, inflicted by the Israeli military. We acknowledge that people in Palestine and Israel are currently living in extreme fear, intensifying historical collective traumas felt by many. We affirm that of God in all people, whether victims or perpetrators of violence, and seek justice, freedom and peace for all. We note the courage of Palestinians advocating for their freedom; and Israeli conscientious objectors and solidarity campaigners supporting this goal. We commit ourselves not just to speaking up for Palestinian self-determination, but to creative and courageous action to challenge our Government’s complicity and to stand with all those suffering.

Quakers affirm our call for an immediate ceasefire, as well as the release of all hostages – both those kidnapped by Hamas; and Palestinians held by Israel without charge. These actions would be the first steps on a path towards justice and self-determination for Palestinians.

To prevent further loss of life, we urge the Australian government to take further steps, including

- recalling the Australian Ambassador to Israel for talks with the Australian Government,
- placing travel restrictions on Israeli Government officials involved in war making,
- Ending all military ties with Israel, including any direct arms sales to Israel or exports of weapons or weapons parts to Israel and divesting the Future Fund from any Israeli arms manufacturers (noting current investments in Elbit).

### **Militarism**

Quakers have a strong tradition of opposing war and seeking to remove its causes. Quakers in Australia are deeply distressed by increased military spending by our Federal Government, which appears to be part of a renewed global arms race. We continue to have fundamental concerns about the AUKUS partnership, as it limits Australia's sovereignty in foreign policy, is against the wishes of our Pacific neighbours, wastes public funds, and sets our focus on preparations for war rather than peace.

We support growing calls for Australian foreign policy to embed the principle of Human Security, including by increasing our foreign aid commitment and by strengthening our diplomatic capability.

We are deeply concerned about infiltration of militarism in educational institutions, predominantly through STEM programs sponsored by the Department of Defence and Arms companies. These programs take place in primary, secondary and tertiary levels, legitimising war and the use of violence. We call for an end to the marketing of war to children in

schools. We call instead for an increase in government funding at all levels of education and the orienting of schooling to peace building and saving the planet.

Australian Quakers recognise that a significant number of people around the world are suffering terrible violence. In particular, we recognise the climate violence that is being experienced by our Pacific neighbours.

### **Nuclear Weapons**

Nuclear weapons are a threat to all life on earth. In line with international treaties Australia has signed, Quakers call on the Australian Government to show its commitment to nuclear disarmament by:

- signing and ratifying the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW), in accordance with agreed Labor policy.
- changing our defence policy to explicitly distance Australia from US extended nuclear deterrence;

### **Integrity**

Quakers have a concern for integrity, both personal integrity and integrity in public office. Quakers ask all Governments to enact policies to ensure:

- grants are given according to merit, not in order to buy votes
- political donations are capped, and declared in real time;
- the influence of industry on political decision making is limited, especially when decisions affect the public good or the environment;
- real consequences for politicians/senior public servants/appointees who are proven to lack integrity; and
- the end of time-wasting personal attacks under 'parliamentary privilege'.



## FRIENDS WHO HAVE INFLUENCED MY LIFE GEORGE AND EDNA HUTCHESSON

Charles Stevenson



GEORGE HUTCHESSON AND HIS VIOLIN

The most striking thing about George Hutchesson was his sincerity and conscientiousness attitude. He was a quiet man with a wry sense of humour, a violinist, and the staunchest of pacifists. He married Edna Carthew in 1937, the beginning of a remarkable Union. Edna was an accomplished pianist. They kept open house at their Northcote Terrace, Meningie, home, where during the second world war they entertained Italian internees from the Loveday Internment Camp when they were on weekend leave.

The Imam of the Adelaide Mosque in Little Gilbert Street boarded with them. A booklet *Venture in Goodwill* was written after George and Edna's visit to the 1955 world peace congress in Helsinki, after which George was one of the four hundred delegates who went on to visit the Soviet Union while Edna attended a Women's Peace Congress in Lausanne, Switzerland. George and Edna befriended Indonesian students studying in Adelaide under the Colombo Plan when the White Australia Policy was still rife and hostility in the community to Asians still existed. Their daughter, Margaret, married one of these Indonesians, Hidris Katomi. (Incidentally, Margaret became professor of Musicology at Monash University). So appreciated was this friendship that the Hutchesson s were invited to Indonesia to meet the parents.



EDNA AND GEORGE  
HUTCHESSON

George was the capable clerk of the meeting for five years, and treasurer for twelve years. The press claimed that Hutchesson's were communists in an era which was hysterically anti-Communist. The South Australian Peace Council with which the Hutchessons were heavily involved was dismissed by the government of the day as a communist front. Edna believed that their phone was tapped by ASIO. Certainly ASIO had a file on their activities. At a demonstration on 'The Middle East Crisis' in 1958 outside the South Australian Parliament House detectives in full strength asked each person present to move on. The next morning an *Advertiser* headline announced 'Reds in Street Scene'. 'Reds' meant communists — in actual fact there were a number of leading citizens as well as clergymen present. The *Advertiser* stiffly accepted a shocked delegation from those who attended the demonstration and who decidedly did not identify as 'Reds'. The *Advertiser* refused to

apologise but did allow them to write a letter to the editor.

Both George and Edna grew up in the Mount Gambier area and came from a musical Salvation Army background. George's parents were the stalwarts of the Army's Yahl outpost.

Neither George nor Edna were given to ministry in meeting; but they did much to bind Friends together. George in particular was well loved. I believe it was his sincerity that was the factor. They both had admiration for many Friends of their generation, especially Frank Fryer who initiated the Peace Pledge Union to which many young conscientious objectors belonged in the early days of World War Two. It was through the Peace Pledge Union that the Hutchesson s met Friends.

Margaret Kartomi wrote about her parents in 'Growing up in a musical Quaker family', a chapter in Susan Blackburn's *Growing up in Adelaide in the 1950s*, published in 2012.

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## A DISCUSSION ON MEMBERSHIP .

David Evans.



At Friendly Gathering luncheon at the home of Inga Tolley on Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> June.

Around table l-r: Jane Duguid, Christine James, Inga Tolley, Topsy Evans, David Evans, Jo Jordan, Diane Cocetta. Eastern Suburbs Friends met to discuss the subject of Membership based on the *Friends Quarterly*, June 2024.

Charles Stevenson who led the discussion emphasised that membership was a current issue in England where some Young Friends are not seeing the point of membership. Quakers in England reflect that membership is comprised of predominantly white middle-class individuals, deeply concerned for Society. Quakers are seen as being unpretentious, straightforward, and above all, gentle.

Jo Jordan pointed out that previously Australian Young Friends would meet regularly. They have remained lifelong friends who still relate actively with each other, even though they may no longer be members.

**How would you describe yourself at this point in your life?**

Elizabeth Magarey said, daily I feel grateful for many blessings as well as at times feeling

frustrated and impatient with myself, for wanting more energy and more inner peace. There was consensus about being pleased to be associated with Quakers. David Evans said he feels he is a religious person still pleased to be associated with Quakers at this point in time after a 50 year membership.

**When were you attracted to Quakers and became a member?**

Topsy Evans said that she and David were refugees from other denominations. Although joining the Evangelical Union at University she no longer appreciated being told what to think. She related a story about Alec Nightingale who in Hobart Meeting quoted the advice, *'Friend, have you considered you may be mistaken'*. Topsy thought these are the kind of people that she'd like to be associated with. David Evans said that in Hobart when they arrived, having decided to send the children of the Friends School they looked at the Hobart Meeting and decided here was a group of people that talk about important things

Jo Jordan said in her 20s she was happy with the traditional Christian line of her parents. However she came across and read *Quaker by Convincement* and then met two Quakers, Lynn Arnold and Michael Tolley. Coming to Meeting Charles and Elizabeth Stevenson made her feel very welcome. She felt that the discussion evenings they had were wonderful and sometime later felt it was the right time to become a Member

Charles Stevenson having read about Quakers eventually summed up sufficient courage to attend a meeting for worship. He was profoundly impressed by the silence. When he became clerk of Australian Young Friends, at the instigation of Robin Wilkinson of Hobart Meeting, he thought he should apply for membership.

Elizabeth Magarey said she was attracted to Quakers in about 2003 and I became a member in about 2004 , in Adelaide.

**What does being a Member mean to you today?**

Elizabeth Magarey very much appreciated belonging to a group whose values she shares, appreciating the support giving and receiving, from such a group and belonging.

**Where do you find most inspiration inside and outside the quaker world?**

We felt in common the support of Friends and the "faith in action" that is seen working with other Friends.

**What does being a member mean to you today?**

Meaningful relationships in Local, Regional, and Yearly Meeting as well as International Quaker Organisations, and, finding like -minded people wherever they may be.

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## SILVER WATTLE QUAKER CENTRE COURSES

### **Clerking Amongst Friends**

Thursday, Aug 15 to Sun, Aug 18, 2024

Led by Julian Robertson & Sheila Keane

This course is for anyone who is interested in learning more about the role of clerking. It applies to a variety of settings (Yearly/ Regional/ Local Meetings and committees) and provides opportunities to explore your gifts in this area.

We will be learning as much from each other as from the course facilitators.

Topics will include: Spiritual preparation; Discerning the sense of the meeting; Clerking facilitation skills; Strategies to address difficulties, and Clerking online... as well as other topics that arise during our time together. There will be lots of free time to relax, share worship & meals, and be inspired by one another and the beautiful setting of Silver Wattle. **Cost:** Four day course \$450 single room or \$390 shared room, also includes all meals.

### **Thriving Through Crisis: Skills for Self and Country**

Fri, Sep 13 to Thu, Sep 19, 2024

Led by Helen Gould and Rowe Morrow

Many of us feel powerless in the face of the unfolding climate emergency, species extinctions, and global chaos. This course affirms us in the capacities we have and helps us become more skillful in responding to these interconnected crises. The course draws on Quaker, Buddhist and Permaculture practices. As Quaker William Penn wrote, we each have within us a guide to show us what to do, and we each have been given the ability to follow that guide.

The course will take a practical and spiritual approach to ways of responding creatively and constructively to “the end of normal” insofar as the crises of our time touch our own experience directly. The course will include the practice of deep listening and understanding the Self, the Other and the Landscape; as well as a deep practical understanding of how connecting with and listening to the Earth can empower us to live effectively and joyfully in a world of disintegration. The course will be structured so that there is a balance between guided class work and rest, and allowing ample connection with the landscape around Silver Wattle.

Cost \$720 single room/ \$550 per person twin share

### **Listening to the Landscape: Earth's Stories at Silver Wattle**

Thu, Oct 17 to Sun, Oct 20, 2024

Led by Anne Felton and Peri Coleman. This course is for people wanting to connect more deeply with the land that sustains us. Meet the soils, rocks, and landscape features around Silver Wattle, including Weereewa (Lake George). Learn how plants are uniquely adapted to different parts of the landscape. Visit elder trees and rare plants and find out why they are so special. This course is suitable for all ages, young and old. Adaptations will be made for those who have difficulty with mobility. Locals who are not Quakers are encouraged to attend to get to know their own landscape.

**Cost:** Four day course \$450 single room or \$390 shared room The price includes all meals and accommodation.

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**The FWCC World Plenary Meeting** to tend to FWCC business, surrounded by worship and fellowship with Friends from around the world.

The 2024 World Plenary Meeting will be hosted by Southern Africa Yearly Meeting, and held in South Africa and online. As the first ever ‘hybrid’ in-person and virtual World Plenary Meeting, our intention is that this will be the most inclusive FWCC event ever held.

The theme of the World Plenary Meeting is ‘Living the spirit of Ubuntu: Responding with hope to God’s call to cherish creation – and one another’.

**Foot slides  
boots squish,  
autumn leaves  
go to mush**

(not quite haiku)

**Robin Sinclair**

## MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP SOUTH AUSTRALIA

**Adelaide:** 11 am every Sunday.

Friends Meeting House, 40a Pennington Terrace, North Adelaide.

11.am New ALM Zoom Link. (Please use Chrome search engine for zoom to work best)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82235948640?pwd=cGdWM1NhNFRydXNFd3BMc0FyRE5hZz09>

ID: 822 3594 8640 Password: 521708

Clerk: Geoff Greeves.

Monthly mid-week meeting. 1 pm on first Wednesday of the month

Fellowship of Healing: in recess

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**Eastern Suburbs:** 10 am every Sunday. Leabrook Guide Hall, Rochester St., Leabrook .

Zoom link every 2<sup>nd</sup> and last Sunday of the month.

Clerk: Elizabeth Magarey 041 8895 955. WMSEastern@quakersaustralia.info

**Fleurieu:** 11 am second Sunday of each month. Contact: Chris Collins 0407 049 535

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**Hills:** 10.30 am second Sunday of each month. Various venues.

Contact: Robin Sinclair 0418 908 163 WMSHills@quakersaustralia.info

**Southern:** Third Sunday of month. Contact: Barbara Talbot

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## NORTHERN TERRITORY

**Alice Springs:** in recess.

**Darwin:** 4.45 pm first & third Sunday of each month. Salvation Army Community Centre. Cnr Lee Point Rd & Yanyula Dr., Anula, Darwin.

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## REGIONAL MEETING.

Business meetings: 1 pm first Sundays of February, April, June, August, October, December.

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