

October 2024

Walking Cheerfully

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

Principal Content	
News of Friends	p 2
Wonderful Quaker Shop	p 4
Ubuntu	p 5
Book Review	p7
Quakers in Birmingham	p8
Silver Wattle Courses	p11
Yearly Meeting 2025	p13

we must respect two things: nature and human beings, and to remember that we have to care for all other species. We must work in harmony with nature. What matters most is kindness. Engineers have the capability to save the planet. Be passionate about climate sustainability.

Notes from an address by Professor Anusha Shah, President, institution of Civil Engineers



PHOTO: WENDY HARTLEY

NEWS OF FRIENDS

Paul Wilson, once a member of Adelaide meeting died on 5th August. He was a botanist. He and his wife, Jennifer, and their three children, arrived in Adelaide in 1958. They became very active in the meeting until their departure to Perth in 1966.

A REPORT OF THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND YEARLY MEETING IN PERSON

Julie Webb

While many Friends were eager to meet again face-to-face after three years of online Yearly Meetings, those of us unable to attend in person were very thankful that the online option was also made available.

Our first hybrid Yearly Meeting was a bold experiment and one I hope we can continue. Once again there were serious discussions about the best time in the year to hold Yearly Meeting, there being no one time that suits everyone.

As many people from SANTRM attended Yearly Meeting at West Beach, or heard about it at the feedback session hosted by Eastern Suburbs Meeting, I will focus on my personal impressions. Thanks to Zoom education sessions led by Emily Chapman-Searle and Sheila Keane over the Covid years, I was able to volunteer to do tech support. This year was even more complicated for the tech team onsite but relatively straightforward for the online co-host. I had also agreed to be an online Pastoral Carer. I felt a strong sense of community being involved in both those ways.

Home Groups have been especially important for those of us online, and many participants have formed ongoing friendships after getting to know each other each morning or afternoon. I appreciated being able to see Friends meeting in the Barcoo Room, both those in the Clerking team and those who spoke from their seats. Likewise, Friends in the Barcoo Room could see the faces of online Friends projected on to the wall at the front of the hall. Hybrid meetings of committees away from the Barcoo Room were a challenge but hopefully these difficulties can be ironed out with more experience.

As the week went on we were able to create breakout rooms so online Friends could chat between sessions, just as those onsite were able to do.

I zoomed in for some sessions in the afternoons or evenings, including the State of the Society address, the Summary of Epistles, the Silver Wattle and Friends School sessions, and some of the Meetings for Worship for Business. I attended the Backhouse Lecture in person and was delighted to catch up with many Friends I had not spoken to in years. I look forward to the printed version of Jackie Leach-Scully's excellent lecture. The Backhouse Lecture feedback session a few days later was also a very rich experience.

This first hybrid Yearly Meeting has involved a huge amount of work for many people, often doing things for the first time. It is inevitable that things don't always run completely to plan, and there were things going on behind the scenes that others would be unaware of. My thanks go to all those people.

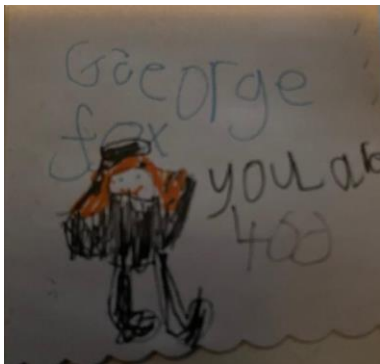
Documents in Retrospect. These make essential reading for anyone who wants to keep abreast of the activities and thinking of Australia Yearly Meeting. Documents in Retrospect is a lively account not only of the minutes of Yearly Meeting 2024 but a summary of all the work accomplished by Australia Yearly Meeting.

Readers of the newsletter will be delighted to know that the very first words of the Presiding Clerk's report said "I love it that 'Walking Cheerfully' is the name of the SANTRM newsletter. Not just a name but an invitation to Friends!"

The Documents contain a list of all the names on YM committees from the Australian Friend and Backhouse Lecture Committee to Child Protection, Finance and Quaker peace and Legislation. We are heavily involved as Yearly Meeting. Of particular notice is Jessica Morrison, the newly appointed Peace Worker. The new Principal of the Friends School has forward looking plans.

The State of the Society address was delivered by Bev Polzen, a wonderful survey of our extraordinarily active Yearly Meeting. She aptly concluded that it is not numbers but it is the quality of the travelling in the Spirit that is important.

George Fox: 400th anniversary of his birth.



Friends around the world have been celebrating George Fox's birth. The nearest Friends Meeting to Fenny Drayton, the birthplace of George Fox, is at Hartshill. They recently commemorated Fox's birth with a day of exhibitions and talks by local historians, ending with a hearty meal. Both the Harshill Meeting House and the Fenny Drayton 'steeple house' as Fox called the church, both have pull up banners to commemorate Fox. Read more about Quakers in the area at hartshill.quakermeeting.org/history



Birthplace of George Fox

The Friends in Stitches newsletter always makes interesting reading. It concerns the Australian Quaker Narrative Embroidery. Of particular interest to Friends in our Regional Meeting is the panel that is being stitched in Broken Hill concerning the work of Albert and Margaret Morris. Their membership was in what was then known as Adelaide Monthly Meeting.

Although an experienced botanist, specialising in arid and local vegetation, Albert Morris was in contact with Edwin Ashby. Albert Morris did much revegetation in Whyalla, but is

remembered for the abatement of the dust storms that used to plague the 'Silver City'. This was achieved by planting local, rather than non-acclimatised, vegetation on bare ground — in a ring around the city. His wife, née Sayce was a granddaughter of Alfred and Deborah Sayce who commenced meetings in Melbourne (in Bourke street) on 27th Seventh Month 1843.

OUR WONDERFUL QUAKER OP SHOP

Wendy Hartley.

Our wonderful Quaker Op Shop keeps going from strength to strength. Our 60 volunteers are aged between 16 and 89. The income consistently shows increases every month compared with last year. About half of our income is donated to Quaker Service Australia. Although the collection bin in the local shopping centre has been closed over the winter we are finding enough donations coming directly to the shop and interestingly, of a better quality.



We do things carefully. Some of the linens with a mark go to a volunteer's home to be cleaned and returned ready for sale. Some of the high quality knitted goods with small faults are mended. Jigsaws are all checked, and marked accordingly. Silver and brass are cleaned, as is some bric-a-brac to sparkle it up. The plants are grown in garden soil and watered with rainwater. You can look us up on Facebook! We are situated at 51 Kensington Road, Norwood. There is a car park at the rear. Opening hours are 10 am to 4 pm Monday-

Saturday inclusive.

Below is the green slip of paper which is popped into customers' bags.



UBANTU: A WONDERFUL TRUTH AND AN IMPORTANT SKILL

ADRIAN GLAMORGAN, Secretary of the Asia West Pacific Section of the Friends World Committee for Consultation.

To experience the necessity of Ubuntu, is both a wonderful truth and an important skill. Dear Friends now, and in the future,

It is a tender time for Friends in Asia West Pacific. Over the last forty years, much has improved economically for hundreds of millions of people across our region. But not all fruits have been sweet. Sometimes in the air there is a smell of forest smoke burning beyond our hinterland. Sometimes eyes are sore from desert sands carried from far away. Our children cough to the smog of factories and fossil fuels in our choked cities. There are days it can be hard or dangerous to breathe, and we dare not walk out. We have lost the blue of the sky.

We see fewer birds and hear less kinds of song. Above us carrion birds twist and turn, spying and living off the mountains of garbage. And at night, in hundreds of cities across our beautiful region, looking up into the darkness, people cannot see, and some have never seen, the beauty of stars twinkling in their serene glory. The very sight of our galaxy, crossing the night sky, has disappeared.

The very sight of our galaxy, crossing the night sky, has disappeared.

We have screens and internet, but many of our rivers and streams carry strange foam and undrinkable water. After the extreme heat, our monsoons arrive, more saturated with rain. Vigorous storms fill the drains, spill out across streets and into houses and across towns and farming land. The seasons shift, and grow hotter. The snow of Tibet and Himalaya melts twice as fast now, glacier ice dams break, and many rivers across Asia carry the brown muddiness from flooding upstream and deforested places. It is precious earth carried from headwaters to estuary and even out to sea.

The Pacific waters rise around and over islands. When king tide comes, a father laughs at his children swimming across their living room. But he isn't easy. In another generation or two there will be no island left. The people will have to find new homes, and their culture will be lost with the rising waters.

In Aotearoa New Zealand, there are new tornadoes. In Australia we watch the bushfires burning our country, and now there are fire tornadoes, and the water poisoned by fire retardant. We see bats drop out of the trees in the tens of thousands because of heat waves.

In Asia, there are many marvels of buildings and freeways and even superfast trains. But so much is thrown away there, as everywhere else across our planet. The plastics are used once and left for future generations to clean up. In our cities, selling so many things, we notice the epidemic of loneliness. So much money to make, and to need to make, but so little meaning, so little affection, so little account for differences or need. So much disinformation, too, about the "other," about minorities, about the best motives of the corporations and the surveillance of governments.

Our screentime grants us information, but not deep listening.

Our screentime grants us information, but not deep listening. For those who live in safe places, with secure futures, there is the puzzle of plenty, and the passivity of privilege. With it can come fear of the slightest loss, and keeping firm grip on power, so decisions are kept just to the chosen few. In tree-filled suburbs, houses are surrounded by high walls, razor wire, and electric fence, forgetting that wealth has made them prisoners in their own homes.

Instead of government spending on life, armies are prepared to strike across straits and demilitarised zones. Helicopters fly in to clear out Indigenous people from their ancestral home. Security agencies manage metadata, police point machine guns, corporate security guards lock gates, and lawyers serve legal summons. They don't seem to listen to farmers who want a better price, neighbours who treasure natural places, students who ask for freedom, workers wanting fair pay for labour, unemployed tired of hunger, the infirmed weary of being overlooked, or the girl who just wants to walk safely to school. It takes guns and tanks and water cannons and jet planes and cyber experts and opinion media and a particular kind of deskjob, to hold this hardness of heart and to run a system at such a level of control and supervision.

When it can be hard to breathe. Sometimes there is no protest, and no discussion. When someone asks, just say instead, "I saw a buffalo yesterday." It is safer, and you will live, or keep your job, one more day.

To experience the necessity of Ubuntu is both a wonderful truth and an important skill. In such a world, to find, understand and live out our interconnectedness, to experience the necessity of Ubuntu, is both a wonderful truth and an important skill. But Friends in Asia Pacific face three challenges.

Firstly, our small meetings and churches are separated by enormous distances. From Melbourne to Madhya Pradesh, from Bhopal to the island of Bohol, from Seoul to Sydney, from Daejeon to Dunedin, our scattered groups live far apart, a minority amongst half the world's population.

Secondly, we can learn so much from others' journey of faith. So we want to strengthen links with Woodbrooke, Pendle Hill, Silver Wattle, the Settlement, and in our own study groups, to experience time-friendly Quaker learning, and connect our youth and wisdom. We seek to strengthen the connections between Quaker schools, from Sohagpur to Hobart to Tokyo.

We know kindness is a strength not a weakness.

We know kindness is a strength not a weakness. Our Section can build networks of peace. Just as the corporations and arms trade work across countries, not just within them, we know that we may also need to work and pray together to build peace across the enormous distances, to reduce conflict in our lives and towns, and the threat of war and nuclear annihilation engulfing our whole region.

To share our lives and live in the Spirit a little more, FWCC Asia West Pacific's Section Gathering now meets each year, alternatively online and in-person. All Friends are invited, but we know that finding a week for travel, being able to afford it, getting a visa that will allow it, and deciding in conscience that climate justice requires it, are significant questions for each and all of us to answer.

We are finding a way to trust the love and truth in our hearts.

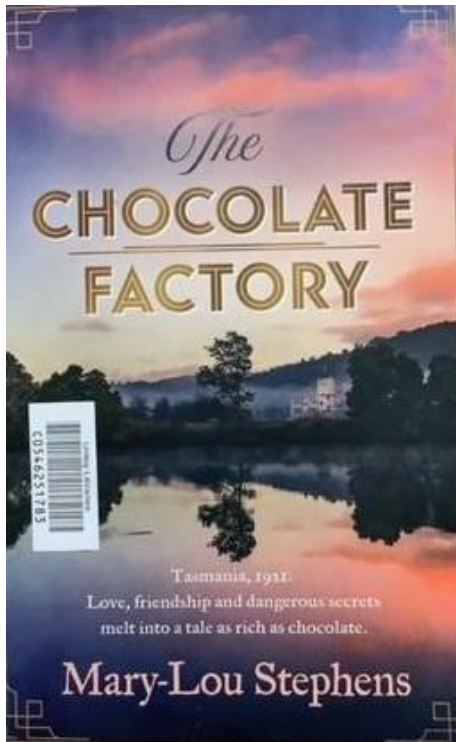
Yes, being together is a joy. But whenever Asia West Pacific Section Friends gather, or meet online to speak about climate, or peace, or consult annually with clerks to see how the Spirit prospers amongst us, or to learn more about Quakerism, we use English. It is our third challenge. Friends in Asia may be more familiar speaking Hindi, Cantonese, Korean, Japanese, Cebuano, or Tagalog, or Maori. So our Section is re-committing ourselves to language inclusion. We can learn from Friends Peace Teams Asia West Pacific pioneering language inclusion approaches, building a grassroots movement.

Yes, we are few in number. We live far apart. We speak different languages. But our beloved Asia West Pacific needs us, and we need each other. By remembering we are connected, that Ubuntu is the most obvious and ever-present reality of being alive, we are finding a way to trust the love and truth in our hearts, that we might walk cheerfully in our hearts across the many miles that merely geographically separate us. We want to see a blue sky, and the stars at night, and for us to know each other more in the Spirit. Please pray for Friends in Asia West Pacific, and all the ways of peace and life and willingness we need to sustain all of us in our Section.

Adrian Glamorgan Hiroshima Day, 2024 adrian@fwccawps.org

BOOK REVIEW

Wendy Hartley



The Chocolate Factory, Mary-Lou Stevens, 2024, tells the story the establishment of Cadbury's, Claremont, outside Hobart, in 1921. After the acquisition of a lovely waterfront site in the country north of Hobart, with views of Mount Wellington, a couple of dozen senior Cadbury employees from Bournemouth travelled to Claremont to oversee the setting up of the factory production. This book tells the story of this adventure to the other side of the world via ambitious young women, and the subsequent delays, intrigue and successes of this important venture, the first of its kind for Cadbury's overseas. There was almost free electricity promised by the government, as well as a plentiful supply of good quality milk procured from north-west Tasmania, and the cool climate was ideal for chocolate making. Every effort was made to keep the prized recipes secret, and this lead to interesting twists in this well

paced drama.

I recommend this book for all Quakers, as a way of finding out more about the owners' generosity and thoughtfulness to its employees, truly revolutionary for that time.

The author was a student at Friends School, Hobart.

Quakers in Birmingham

Charles Stevenson

My thanks to Wendy Burnett of Bull Street Meeting for checking some of my facts.

I have been asked to tell Friends in Adelaide something about Friends in Birmingham the city that I visit each year. (Could these visits be restlessness without my dear wife, Elizabeth ?) Birmingham the second UK city looks a huge country town compared with the massive size of London.



There is a lively Quaker presence in Birmingham as there has been close to 350 years. There has been a Meeting House in central Birmingham for all that time. The first one in the late 1600s was nearby and the current Meeting House is the third one on the site. This Meeting House, was at one time, the main meeting house in Birmingham until others were built out in the suburbs from the late 1800s.

I attend Bull Street meeting. This is because of the warm welcome I received. It is pleasing to feel at home in the midst of seasoned and well-concerned Friends. The current meeting house was opened in 1933 and designed by Hubert Lidbetter who also designed Friends House in London. It is of three storeys besides a basement which houses the current Central England Quaker Area meeting archives in a strong room. The older archives are in the Library of Birmingham. The basement also houses the enormous boilers to heat the premises. The meeting house is managed during the week for conferences and other meetings by Priory Rooms which is the trading company of Central England Quakers. There are nine of rooms available for this and a staff of about twelve to oversee these events. The meeting house itself is so large that it has two galleries.



*PEACE HUB AND ENTRANCE TO BULL STREET MEETING HOUSE
(NOTE ELECTRIC CAR RECHARGER)*

Fronting onto Bull Street next to the meeting house is The Peace Hub. It is a place to meet, have coffee and discuss the latest peace issue. The manager is Peter Doubtfire who is an attender at Bull St meeting.

Perhaps the most significant work of Central England Quakers is Peacemakers, which uses the offices above the Peace Hub. This is an exciting peace education project working with children and

young people mainly in schools. This impressive work can be seen at <https://peacemakers.org.uk>

There are currently fourteen meetings in the Birmingham area dating from the late 1600s to the 1980s. Central England Quaker Area meeting covers, not only Birmingham, but meetings in, for example, Coventry, Warwick and Stourbridge. The Area Meeting has a staff of two in the area office which is housed in the Bull Street premises. Some of these fourteen meetings are thriving, others seem to be in decline.

Friends are very active. Some Friends will be joining the Peace Pilgrimage which takes place over several days and will lead to an Arms Fair at Telford in early November. Midlands Green Quakers are active mainly in zoom meetings exploring ecological spirituality.

Central England Quakers hold a weekly climate change vigil next to the nearly St Philip's cathedral. At the end of September there is Quaker week and exciting activities to spread something about Quaker faith are being organised. This year – 2024 - also includes 400 years since the birth of George Fox with special events being organised by a number of meetings. Friends at present are busy examining the past to see what they can find locally that requires reparations for slavery. This is a movement that has gathered momentum in redressing wealth acquired by slavery.

Barbara Forbes from Bull Street Meeting undertakes close work with refugees, particularly those harassed by intransigent government regulations. She is also involved with Quaker Asylum and Refugee Network.

Woodbrooke as a study centre situated in Selly Oak on the outskirts of Birmingham has



STREET SIGN TO SELLY OAK FRIENDS' MEETING HOUSE

closed its doors mainly because of the enormous cost of pressing repairs to the building, and also lack of Friends attending residential gatherings. This has created a sense of sadness particularly in Birmingham but also in the whole Quaker world. On the other hand, Woodbrooke is now flourishing as an on-line enterprise which runs a variety of courses. Some of these can also be held at local meeting houses. The building has recently been handed back to Bournville Village Trust and part of the premises is now used by small businesses.

Wherever one goes in Birmingham one sees evidence of Quakerism. the name of Lloyd (Lloyd's Bank) and Cadbury (chocolate) are household

names. There is a John Bright Street, and a number of street signs pointing to 'Quaker meeting house'. At Five Ways there is a massive statue of Joseph Sturge.

Sturge was an astonishing Quaker. He tried, alas without success, to prevent the

Crimean War. He did much in the local community to alleviate the plight of the poor. He initiated the Adult School movement for those who had not had an education. Above all he was a leader in the anti-slave movement which was very strong in Birmingham, in spite of the pro-Slave industrialists.

There were other outstanding Quakers historically who also had connections with Australia. Florence Barrow comes to mind. A 1922 article in the *Adelaide Advertiser* aptly described her: “one of those real fine Quaker saints with a great sense of leadership and practicality as well as indomitable courage in overcoming obstacles “. This was one of the almost daily *Advertiser* articles about the Friends War Victims’ Relief Committee work in Poland which South Australia supported, and of which Florence Barrow had charge. Earlier she had been involved in relief in Russia. During the Nazi regime in Germany, she helped Jewish people to escape. Back in Birmingham she was a leading member of the House Improvement Society which alleviated slum conditions. She was responsible for Birmingham’s first purpose-built establishment for elderly people. Quietly spoken, always in green, she possessed a strikingly forceful character.

I have long been fascinated by Harrison Barrow. He was one of four Quakers who were jailed during World War One for publishing a pamphlet against war, without submitting it to the censor. At the time he was the prospective Lord Mayor of Birmingham. While in jail he declined one of the King’s Birthday honours. One of the other Friends imprisoned for the same reason was Arthur Watts, later clerk of Sydney Monthly Meeting, the husband of our esteemed Margaret Watts, and cousin to Winifred Keik, Adelaide’s first woman minister. Harrison Barrow organised a public meeting in the Birmingham Town Hall against the Boer War which caused a riot in which a policeman was killed, and Lloyd George (future British Prime Minister) escaped in disguise.

Because Birmingham was not an incorporated town with long established systems of government, it meant that the usual restrictions and penalties for non-conformists did not operate here, hence the enormous influence of Quakers, Unitarians, Presbyterians, Methodists and so on.

One of the outstanding features of Birmingham was the Lunar Society, so called because it met on the full moon when it was easier for members to get to the venue and home again. It was an extraordinary scientific society, the initiator of the industrial revolution which of course emanated from Birmingham. There was a disowned Friend on this influential society — Samuel Galton Junior. He was disowned because he was an unrepentant gun manufacturer! It is not clear how a Quaker could have become a gun manufacturer. Galton gave spirited defence for not being disowned but the minute of disownment said “fabricating instruments for the destruction of mankind is inconsistent with our principles”. Galton continued to attend meeting to the end of his life in a “powered wig and pigtail”. I personally query whether Galton was bipolar, for there was another side to the man. He donated a huge piece of land for a public park. He particularly loved animals and wrote several books about both animals and birds. We can only imagine what an embarrassment he was to Friends in the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. Even today he is mentioned with bemused embarrassment.

Beyond Birmingham, Britain Yearly Meeting is extraordinarily active. They are undergoing the huge task of revising Quaker Faith and Practice. At the recent Yearly Meeting they laid

down Meeting for Sufferings, the executive body that has been in existence for well over three hundred years. It is to be replaced by a continuing Yearly Meeting. Naturally many Friends are apprehensive. When I heard about this, I recalled a nineteenth Epistle "Although at the time it seems we wander hither and thither, when we look back, we see that it has been the Lord's work." One trusts that this will be the case with such a momentous decision.

In thinking about the work of Friends in Central England Quakers, my mind went back to that wonderful Isaiah chapter 40 about lifting up their voice with strength "they ... shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

SILVER WATTLE QUAKER CENTRE COURSES

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

Thu, Oct 17 to Sun, Oct 20. 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

Cost: Four day course \$450 single room or \$390 shared room (COVID rules may apply).

The price includes all meals and accommodation.

Anne Felton has had a long professional career in geology and Peri Coleman is an internationally renowned botanist and restorer of salt marsh environments. Both are long time Quakers. Their backgrounds enable them not only to interpret earth history from a western science viewpoint, but also to connect with the wonder of creation.

Windows to the Soul: A space to trace the "Grace of God" in our active lives

Fri, Nov 15 to Thu, Nov 21. Led by Christine Venner-Westaway

This six-day Retreat invites you into a space to reflect on your life's spiritual journey thus far, to understand how the human condition affects your decisions, and to come to a greater awareness of next steps on your spiritual journey. A looking forward by looking back - what to keep, what to lay aside.

You will be offered a range of 'windows' to the soul (interactive drawing, Enneagram personality insights, small group conversations, writing/journaling), opportunities in community to reflect, share, and learn together.

Cost is \$720 for single room/ \$550 for twin share, all meals included.

Christine's spiritual formation started from a very young age. In her teenage years she entered the convent and remained there for 18 years. Her experience of walking such an "active/contemplative" way of life has provided her with a substantial and enduring spiritual framework, spanning the next 40 years. For the last ten of those years, she has been attending the Brisbane Quaker Meeting House where she formally embraced

membership in 2020. She brings her lived experienced rather than any theological, biblical discourse or spiritual school of thought to walk the Quaker way as faithfully as possible. More recently she has been led to a life of nonviolent direct action and bearing public witness to the Peace Testimony. This journey, and the many other spiritual lessons and “tools, acquired along the way, will be on offer, alongside those shared by other Retreat participants.

Food for the Soul course

For those who are feeling spiritually hungry for ‘more’, Silver Wattle is once again offering the year-long course, Food for the Soul, from 7th February to 10th December 2025. The application period is open now.

The opening retreat (which will be held at Silver Wattle 7th - 13th February) is an immersion in community and spiritual practice.

Over the subsequent months, there is an online program of weekly morsels of Soul Food: online materials, released weekly, are generally in the order of one or two readings (say, 5-10 pages each) or a video (typically 10 minutes or so), as well as short pieces for contemplation (e.g. a poem or desert story). Some topics do require more time, for example Pendle Hill pamphlets which are about 30 pages.

Over the year, the group meets by zoom every 3 or 4 weeks for additional input and to stay close as fellow seekers. We ask participants to identify spiritual companions and also to set aside time for regular/ daily practice, part of which can be engaging with the online materials.

The online topics are grouped into four 7-week sections (The Inward Life; Spirit in Community; Inward Transformation; and Faithful Living) with 3-4 week breaks between sections. The opportunity to join midweek meetings for worship sharing continues through the year.

The closing retreat (6-10 December) at Silver Wattle is an opportunity to reconnect in person with your fellow participants and to further workshop your ‘next steps’ coming out of the program.

To ensure it is a good fit, there is an application process which closes October 1st 2024. If you would like to apply or find out more about the program you can contact Sheila.Keane@silverwattle.org.au Mobile 0402 284 528

Sheila Keane



Standing Committee: Friends in our Regional Meeting will be pleased to know that at the recent Standing Committee the Treasurer, Jonathan Benyei in his report on the budget, remarked on the “extraordinarily balanced budget of Yearly Meeting by the YM24 SA Organising Committee, and in particular, it’s treasurer Betsy Holden.” There was a small surplus.

Friends can read the important minutes of Standing committee by going into the Australian Quakers website.

Gathering in January 2025

There will be an online gathering Friday 17 to Sunday 19 January in association with Annual General Meeting which coincides with Standing Committee. It is to be known as January Yearly Meeting.

There may be a hub based at the Victorian Quaker Centre in Melbourne with a family-centred focus providing a program of activities for Children. Junior young Friends, affectionately known as JYFs, may also have a gathering at the same time

Yearly Meeting July 2025

at University College, Parkville, Saturday 5 to Saturday 12th July 2025

University College is an admirable site for conferences. Here is something about accommodation options

- **Heritage style Rooms (shared bathrooms) \$81.00 per night single occupancy**
- **New Ensuite Rooms (small European ensuite) \$93.00 per night single occupancy**
- **Graduate ensuite rooms \$100.00 per night single occupancy.**

Graduate ensuite rooms include large ensuite, double bed, air conditioning, linen and towel, hot and continental breakfast.

- **Graduate Apartments are similar to having your own apartment, complete with a carpeted separate lounge area, full-sized bathroom, kitchenette, and communal laundry facilities.**

Full Board Rates

5% discount for attendees choosing Full Board Rate (all meals inclusive)

One bedroom apartment – \$166 per night (1-person occupancy – additional pax = \$45 per night)

Two-bedroom apartment – \$225 per night (2-person occupancy – additional pax = \$45 per night)

(including a stovetop and oven).

Guests can choose full board

Or

Pay bed and breakfast rates for lunch and dinner.

Dining Hall Lunch @ \$21.50 per meal

Dining Hall Dinner @ \$22.50 per meal

**Blossom comes,
Spring winds blow,
we make our way
Through petal snow**

(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

WMSAdelaide@quakersaustralia.info

Meeting House bookings: RMSANTBookings@quakersaustralia.info

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

Zoom link every 2nd 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

WMSFleurieu@quakersaustralia.info

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

WMSSouthern@quakersaustralia.info

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.

Contacts: John Duguid (0487) 277 159, Barbara Sampson 0447 201489

WMSDarwin@quakersaustralia.info

REGIONAL MEETING.

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

Clerk: Jo Jordan RMSANTClerk@quakersaustralia.info

Treasurer: Lee Harradine RMSANTTreasurer@quakersaustralia.info

WALKING CHEERFULLY, South Australian – Northern Territory Regional Meeting Quaker Newsletter, October 2024. Walking Cheerfully is published bi-monthly. Editor: Charles Stevenson. cestev@adam.com.au or RMSANTNews@quakersaustralia.info