

SANTRM Meeting for Worship for Business
Sunday 2nd June at 1.00pm 2024
Friends Meeting House gathering space North Adelaide

10. Documents in Advance <https://www.quakersaustralia.info/yearly-meeting-2024-july/documents-advance-log-required>

p29 Child Protection Committee report

We support the adoption of the QA draft Child Safety Policy and Procedures. We have found this document very helpful during our preparations for Yearly Meeting 2024.

p30 Children and JYF Committee report

We are grateful for the report by Fiona Gardner, and we strongly support the recommendations by the C and JYF Committee.

SANTRM's experience is that, even when significant financial support is offered to families, and experienced carers are willing to contribute, the number of children and JYFs attending this midwinter yearly meeting has been small. We know that winter is not an ideal season for outdoor activities, camping or informal gatherings for young people and wonder if the timing of Yearly Meeting needs to be re-assessed.

p31 Climate and Species Extinction Working Group report

We support the Travel Guidelines adopted by Standing Committee September 2023

We support the amended Action Plan – For Our Home

We support the formation of a QA Earth Witness and Action Committee

We support a subscription by QA to the Australian Religious Response to Climate Change.

p40 Handbook Revision Committee report

We appreciate the work of the Handbook Revision Committee, knowing that is meticulous and important work. We are grateful that the members of the committee are committed to this task.

p50 Thanksgiving Fund Committee report

We value the work done by the Thanksgiving Fund Committee which supports Friends to bring concerns for peace, social justice and the environment into being. We see this as central to the work of Australia Yearly Meeting.

We support the proposed changes to the *Handbook* to reflect current practice of the committee.

We support the recommendation that Friends who support an application to the Fund, continue to support the work during and after the life of the project.

We support the recommendation that nominations for new members to the Thanksgiving Fund Committee, which is hosted by SANTRM, are sought from the whole QA membership by the QA Nominations Committee.

We note that the Preparatory Session will be on 23rd June online.

p54 Transition Implementation Working Group report

We support the committee's suggested change of title.

We support the extension to the contract of Holly Dhynes for a further two years.

We support the recommendation that the duties of the Probity Adviser become part of the Public Officer's role

p56 Use of Undirected Donations Working Group report

We support the recommendation that undirected donations or bequests go to the Thanksgiving Fund. We support the recommendation that one Friend is a member of both the Thanksgiving Fund Committee and the Q.A Finance Committee, to facilitate communication and an understanding of issues from different points of view.

We support the introduction of a facility on the QA website to make it possible to donate to Quakers Australia and to the Thanksgiving Fund.

We support the recommended changes to the *Handbook* by the committee.

p58 Yearly Meeting Organising Committee report

SANTRM believes that, abiding by the QA Travel Guidelines, Yearly Meeting needs to be online or a hybrid meeting in future.

Offering a hybrid Yearly Meeting in 2024 has been exciting, rewarding and at times challenging for SANTRM. We have deeply appreciated the expertise and experience that the Yearly Meeting Organising Committee has shared with us.

Preparing for YM24 has brought our small meeting together during a courageous and risky enterprise. We felt led to fulfil a genuine need, and the experience has extended our knowledge and skills and pushed our boundaries. Relationships between Friends, within the meeting and within yearly meeting have grown stronger. However, we don't have the capacity to do it all again next year.

SANTRM is happy to support another regional meeting to host Yearly Meetings in 2025. Two members of SANTRM will remain on the Yearly Meeting Organising Committee until YM25.