

Quakers Australia Committee Report

Nominations Committee	
Membership of the Committee/Working Group: Felicity Rose (TRM), Bev Polzin (VRM), Allan Knight (WARM), Wilma Davidson (C&RQ), Judith Pembleton (QRM), Jo Jordan (SANTRM), Jennifer Burrell (NSWRM).	
Part A – Report	
Progress We are able to bring names forward for the discernment of Friends:	
Role	Name/s we bring forward
Presiding Clerk	Duncan Frewin, QRM Term to begin at YM25, when Bruce Henry’s 3-year term concludes.
Probity Adviser	David Purnell, C&RQ We recommend that the role of Probity Adviser be included in the role of Public Officer (which David Purnell already holds), so that it be a lifetime appointment.
Staff Oversight & Support	David Liversidge, C&RQ For a 3-year term commencing YM24. We support the recommendation by the Transition Implementation Working Group that the title be changed to ‘Staff Liaison Friend’.
Archivist	We understand that Saadia Thomson-Dwyer wishes to lay down her service, and recommends that she not be replaced. We await the discernment of Friends in this matter.
The Australian Friend Committee	Michael Griffith, NSWRM For a 3-year term commencing YM24. Other Friends on this Committee are: David Swain, NSWRM, who wishes to continue until YM25; Margaret Clark, C&RQ, who wishes to continue for a further 3-year term until YM27; Sue Parritt, VRM (2025).
Backhouse Lecture Committee	Yarrow Goodley, SANTRM For a 6-year term commencing YM24. Other Friends on this Committee are: Tracy Bourne, C&RQ (2026); Drew Thomas, TRM (2029); Mark Macleod, TRM (2029); Brydget Barker-Hudson C&RQ (2029); Duncan Frewin QRM (2029).
Child Protection Committee	Clinton de Young, WARM For a 3-year term commencing YM24.

	As yet, we have not found a second Friend willing to serve on this Committee.
Children & JYF Committee	<p>Sarah Davies, NSWRM</p> <p>For a 3-year term commencing YM24.</p> <p>Other Friends on this Committee are: Di Bretherton who wishes to serve another 3-year term until YM27; Justine Shelton, VRM (2025), Doug Amarfio, C&RQ (2026), Craig Applegate, C&RQ (2026), Clare O’Leary, WARM (2026).</p>
Handbook Revision Committee	<p>Alan Clayton, VRM</p> <p>For a 3-year term commencing YM24.</p> <p>Other Friends on this Committee are: Julie Walpole, TRM (2025); Michael Corbett, QRM (2025); Judy Still, VRM (2026).</p> <p>Ron Martin (VRM) has laid down his service on this Committee.</p>
Publications Committee	<p>We understand that Margaret Bywater, TRM, and Jenny Stock, SANTRM, wish to remain on this Committee for a further 3 years until YM27.</p> <p>Other Friends on this Committee are: Sue Headley, TRM (2025).</p>
Quaker Peace & Legislation Committee	<p>We note that QPLC have named Alex Nicolson, C&RQ</p> <p>For a 1-year term commencing YM24.</p> <p>at the request of C&RQ (this is a hosted committee)</p>
Safe Quaker Community Committee	<p>Susan Nelson, VRM; Chris Hughes, VRM</p> <p>For a 3-year term commencing YM24.</p>
Aotearoa/New Zealand Yearly Meeting 2025 representative	Adrian Glamorgan, WARM
Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (ARRCC) representative	Gerry Fahey, VRM, wishes to continue for a further 3-year term, concluding at YM27. He also serves on its committee.
Independent and Peaceful Australia Network (Ipan)	<p>Frances Long</p> <p>For a 3-year term commencing YM24.</p>
QSA Board of Directors (formerly known as Management Committee)	We note that David Carter and Chris Macmillan have been appointed to the Board by the Urgent Decision-Making Process, and have commenced their service.
QSA Company Members	We support the following names, discerned by the QSA Board: Alan Clayton, David Tehr, Garry Duncan, Jackie Perkins, Gill Fitzgerald.
Nominations for YM24	
Minute checkers	Liz Field, Jenny Stock

Epistle writers	Restina Nininahazwe , Dale Hess, Sally O'Wheel
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Issues

We recommend that a Hosted Committee can find members from anywhere in Australia without involving QA Nominations Committee.

- In our *Handbook* (5.3.7.3), it is suggested that members of a Hosted Committee are from within the Host Regional Meeting, although members may also be co-opted. It is not clear from the *Handbook* if these co-opted members are from within the Host Regional Meeting, or from elsewhere within Australia Yearly Meeting. We recommend that Friends may be co-opted to a Hosted Committee from anywhere within Australia Yearly Meeting, without requiring discernment from QA Nominations Committee.

We recommend that if a Working Group wishes to become a Committee, this recommendation should form part of their report to Yearly Meeting for the discernment of Friends.

Part B Items for consideration by Standing Committee or Yearly Meeting Business Meeting

1. We bring forward names as listed above for the discernment of Friends.
2. We ask Friends to consider our recommendations above.
3. Following Friends' discernment, we ask the Handbook Revision Committee to clarify the *Handbook of Quaker Practice and Procedure in Australia*.