

## Backhouse Lecture Committee

### **PART A: REPORT**

#### **Achievements/Activities**

Backhouse Lecture 2022:

Yarrow Goodley presented an online lecture *Creating hope: Working for justice in catastrophic times* at Yearly Meeting in 2022 with a small audience of 'in-person' Friends. Feedback from Friends suggests that this lecture spoke to current concerns about climate change and inclusive community with a creative and compassionate approach.

Backhouse Lecture 2023:

Jon Watts, will be the lecturer for 2023 as a hybrid online and in-person event at the Farrell Centre, Friends School on Tuesday 4 July at 7pm. Jon's lecture is entitled *Fearlessly Faithful: How Stories of Spiritual Courage Can Light Our Path Forward*. It will be a reflection on his experience amongst Friends as a musician, film-maker and blogger over many years.

Backhouse Lecture 2024:

Jackie Leach Scully has accepted an invitation from the Backhouse Lecture committee to present in 2024. Jackie has come from the UK where she was very active among Friends (including presenting the Swarthmore Lecture in 2002) but is now resident in Australia. She proposes a lecture about disability, and what disability, difference and normality mean for Friends in the twenty-first century.

### **PART B: ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

None.

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