

Quakers Australia Committee, Working Group or Associated Body Report

Name of committee/working group/associated body/concern/group Sanctuary Management Committee
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Part A – Report
Progress Achievements/Activities <p>The Sanctuary Committee oversees management of the Sanctuary House, built in 1950 in the Bauhaus style by Rudi and Hanna Lemberg, The Lemberg were refugees from Nazi Germany where, in 1933, they first met Quakers.</p> <p>The Sanctuary was designed by Hugh Burich, a German refugee who arrived in Australia from Nazi Germany before World War II. Burich was a well-known architect whose designs reinterpreted the European modernist aesthetic for the Australian landscape.</p> <p>The home and surrounding bush garden were bequeathed to Australian Yearly Meeting in 1998 by Hanna Lemberg, along with money which was used to renovate the property.</p> <p>It has been rented out on the commercial market since 2001, the rent providing income for maintenance and surplus funds which can be used by AYM. There was a change in tenancy this year, with the new tenants moving in early 2023, once necessary repairs and maintenance were done.</p> <p>Regular bush work continues to manage invasive weeds. Pest control management has also been done.</p>
Issues (if any) <p>In late January 2023 the NSW Government estimated the value of the property to be \$2,890,000. The AYM Sanctuary Working Group, in its investigations these last several months, realised that the Sanctuary property (the building at 57 Boundary Road) is not included on the Ku-ring-gai Council's 2015 Local Environmental Plan, as having heritage listing. The Working Group is in contact with Council to clarify this.</p>
Part B Items for consideration by Standing Committee or Yearly Meeting Business Meeting None