

YM23 Share and Tell Report

Name of Session:	Just what is it that Elders do?
Date/Time	Thursday 6 July, 11:15-12:45 AEST
Person submitting report	Margaret Clark
Clerk/ Convenor/ Facilitator/s	Margaret Clark, Silver Wattle Quaker Centre Elders' Committee
Summary (400 words or less)	<p>Some twenty-four Friends, including the three members of the Elders' Committee, zoom support and Elder support attended this session.</p> <p>During this session there was time for deep sharing of experiences, questions and thoughts to questions such as: 'what does an elder do', 'what does it mean to hold a Meeting' and 'how to informally or spontaneously elder or nurture the gifts of our Meetings and individual Friends?'</p> <p>Three Friends spoke of their experiences being the Elder for Meetings for Worship for Business and multiple day gatherings of Friends, as well as informal/spontaneous opportunities for eldering.</p> <p>There was considerable interest in this topic, and Friends appreciated the opportunity to share and learn.</p>