

YEARLY MEETING 2022 MINUTES

Formal Sessions held online via Zoom

Initials used in the Minutes

A/NZ	Aotearoa/New Zealand
AF	<i>The Australian Friend</i>
ARRCC	Australian Religious Response to Climate Change
AWPS	Australia West Pacific Section (of QWCC)
AYM	Australia Yearly Meeting
COVID-19	Coronavirus disease 2019
CRQ, C&RQ	Canberra and Region Quakers, formerly Canberra Regional Meeting
DiA	Documents in Advance
DiR	Documents in Retrospect
FWCC	Friends World Committee for Consultation (see QWCC)
IPAN	Independent and Peaceful Australia Network
JYF	Junior Young Friend
LM	Local Meeting
NCCA	National Council of Churches in Australia
NSWRM	New South Wales Regional Meeting
QLA	Quaker Learning Australia
QUNO	Quaker United Nations Office
QRM	Queensland Regional Meeting
QSA	Quaker Service Australia
QWCC	Quaker World Connections Committee
RM	Regional Meeting
SANTRM	South Australia and Northern Territory Regional Meeting
SWQC	Silver Wattle Quaker Centre
TRM	Tasmania Regional Meeting
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VRM	Victoria Regional Meeting
WARM	West Australia Regional Meeting
YF	Young Friend
YM	Yearly Meeting
YM22	Yearly Meeting 2022

Formal Session 1: Saturday 2 July at 2.30 AEST

YM22.1 Acknowledgement of Country

The Presiding Clerk, Ann Zubrick, invited Gedda Fortey, a member of the First Nations Peoples Concerns Committee and CORE (Committee On Racial Equality), to introduce Ljudan Michaelis-Thorpe, a proud Bidjara/Dhunghutti woman, writer/producer and documentary filmmaker, to deliver an Acknowledgement of Country. A period of silent worship followed Ljudan's Acknowledgement. A Minute of Record will be brought to Formal Session 2.

YM22.2 Welcome to those participating in Yearly Meeting

The Presiding Clerk welcomed members and attenders, and visitors from overseas.

YM Assistant Clerk, Robin McLean, read a Letter of Introduction for the Representative from Aotearoa New Zealand Yearly Meeting, Saskia Schuitemaker, from A/NZ YM Co-Clerks Anne and Alistair Hall.

The Presiding Clerk welcomed international visitors to YM22 joining us online: Sanjeev Shukla, Principal, Friends School, Sohagpur India and Kins Aparece, Co-ordinator of Friends Peace Teams Asia.

A full list of those registered for YM22 will be included in *Documents in Retrospect 2022*.

YM22.3 Opening period of silent worship

During a period of worship the Presiding Clerk read the following:

Blessed be the longing that brought you here
And quickens your soul with wonder.

May you have the courage to listen to the voice of desire
That disturbs you when you have settled for something safe.

May you have the wisdom to enter generously into your own unease
To discover the new direction your longing wants you to take.

May the forms of your belonging – in love, creativity, and friendship –
Be equal to the grandeur and call of your soul.

John O'Donohue (extract from his blessing *For Longing*)

YM22.4 Formal Session Items - Explanation of Procedure by Presiding Clerk

The Presiding Clerk asked Emily Chapman-Searle to explain the process for the Formal Sessions, and alerted Friends to the Timetable and Daily Notices on the YM22 website.

YM22.5 Appointments for the duration of Yearly Meeting

Yearly Meeting notes that The State of the Society address will be given by Aletia Dundas (NSWRM) and the Summary of Epistles by Heather Saville (NSWRM).

Yearly Meeting notes the appointment of the Assistant Clerk - Robin McLean (TRM) and Recording Clerk - Allan Knight (WARM) for YM22.

Yearly Meeting notes the names of those appointed by their Regional Meetings as Elders for the duration of YM22:

CRQ: Michael Bayles and Lorraine Thomson

NSWRM: Rae Litting

QRM: Renee Ellerton, Gabriele Wit, Jess Donaghue

SANTRM: None.

TRM: Jen Newton and Felicity Rose

VRM: Catherine Heywood, Julie Ellerton

WARM: None (Note: WARM is providing Elders for the YM22 Presiding Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Recording Clerk)

Yearly Meeting notes the names of those appointed by their Regional Meetings as Pastoral Carers:

CRQ: Judy Angus, Christine Larkin

NSWRM: Therese Douglas

QRM: Jude Pembleton, Felipe Oliveira

SANTRM: Yarrow Goodley

TRM: Kay Allport, Janice Blakeney

VRM: Jill Parris, Dale Hess

WARM: David Tehr, Sally Herzfeld

We note that due to the online environment for YM22:

- Pastoral Care Committee will be the first contact point for any Safe Quaker Community matters.
- The AYM Child Protection Committee, Ronis Chapman and Lorraine Thomson, will be the first point of contact for Child Protection concerns.

Yearly Meeting notes the names of those not in membership who have been approved to attend YM22 by their Regional Meeting:

CRQ: Judy Angus, Brydget Barker-Hudson, Sophia Dacy-Cole, Zoe Freedman, Heather Herbert, Paddy Herbert, Stephen Hodgkin, Carolyn Langley, Carol Thornton, Max Wood

NSWRM: Ross Bembrick, Ann Maree Brady, Gordon Brown, Linda Cameron, David Carter, Brooke Goetz, Rose Griffith, Bronwen Hanna, Rob Hanna, Marilyn Hillery, Mary Jane Hogan, Marion Hooper, Katherine McNamara, Bryan Milne, Rob Osmond, Judy Osmond, Jasmine Payget, Michelle Peterie, Juan Roberson, Christine Sargeant, Justin Simpson, K Woodhouse

QRM: Tania Aveling, Jess Donaghue, Martin Kealey, Annette Ormiston, Lindsay Vieth, Gabriele Wit

SANTRM: Mary Butler, Faith Coleman, Tonja Wright

TRM: Sofia Jones, Biddy Searl, Steve Smith

VRM: Eneko Axeford, Claudio Bardun, Ian Burness, Em Chandler, Ann Herbert, Remy Jillard, Graeme Johnson, Tania Miletic, Renata Officer, Ann Roberts, Joanna Temme (and sons Jamie Thom, David Nyoul Vincent)

WARM: Ramon Andinach, Elizabeth Nichols

YM22.6 Items for Noting

Yearly Meeting notes that the YM22 Clerking Team will bring these Items to future Formal Sessions to ensure that they appear in the records of Yearly Meeting. We note that all information has been made available to Friends on the YM22 website here:

<https://www.quakersaustralia.info/yearly-meeting-2022/ym22-business/formal-sessions>

These matters will come to a Formal Session later in the week for minuting:

- a. DIA22 Reports which had no Items for consideration (Session 2)
- b. DIA22 Reports Items resolved through Preparatory Sessions (Session 2)
- c. Nominations Committee Report (Session 3)

These will be noted later in Formal Session 7:

- a. Testimonies
- b. Statements on behalf of Australia Yearly Meeting
- c. Reports from YM22 Preparatory and Explanatory Sessions
- d. Reports on YM22 Activities

Friends are encouraged to access the YM22 website and note the scheduled agenda items for each Formal Session

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YM22.7 The State of the Society Address

The Presiding Clerk introduced Aletia Dundas of New South Wales Regional Meeting, who then delivered The State of the Society Address.

A Minute of Record for The State of the Society Address will be presented to Formal Session 2.

The formal session closed with a period of silent worship.