

**Invitation to Australia Yearly Meeting, July 2021**

Australian Friends gather each year for their Yearly Meeting for Worship for Business. Also, for learning, sharing and living in Quaker community for a week.  Each year we invite a Friend, known as our Visiting Friend, from the Asia-West Pacific Section of FWCC. The intention of the Friend’s visit is to increase the links between Australian Quakers and other Friends in the AWPS region.

We invite applications from interested Friends who will be asked to:

* participate in the Yearly Meeting
* give a presentation to Australian Friends sharing their Quakerism, Quaker community and culture
* travel to other parts of Australia to share with Quakers

On returning home we would like them to share with Friends and others about their experiences in Australia.

**Costs:**

Australian Friends cover the costs for one Friend - visa, travel insurance, airfares, internal fares, accommodation, meals and incidentals.

**Time:**

Two to four weeks in June-July including Yearly Meeting 2021 (exact dates of YM to be confirmed)

**If you wish to be considered, please send the attached application which must include:**

1. A simple background statement about your life and interests, especially as a Quaker
2. What you hope to share with Australia Yearly Meeting
3. How the visit is likely to benefit Friends in your community
4. How the visit can support your work in your locality or region

We also expect a supporting minute or statement from one of:

* your Quaker Meeting
* the FWCC AWPS executive, or
* another Quaker source

**Communication:**

We need to know the best way to be in touch with you. We can Zoom, Skype and email or phone so we can talk to you.

**Thank you. We look forward to hearing from you.**



Jacqueline Schultze

Australia Yearly Meeting Secretary

The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Australia



**Application to be a Visiting Friend to Australia Yearly Meeting,**

 **July 2021**

Personal Name……………………………………………………………………

Family Name…………………………………………………………………………………….

Sex……………………… Date of Birth ………………………………………………….

Nationality……………………………………………

Home Address…………………………………………………………………………………………………………

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Postal Address……………………………………………………………………………………………………………

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Email……………………………………………

Phone including codes…………………………………

Best way to contact you to set up a video meeting - Email or Phone? …………………………………………….

**Please tell us about you:**

1.A simple background statement about your life and interests, especially as a Quaker

**Please tell us**

1. What you hope to share with Australia Yearly Meeting?
2. How the visit is likely to benefit Friends in your community?
3. How the visit can support your work in your locality or region?
4. Anything else you think will help us decide about your application:
5. Please **attach** a supporting minute or statement from one of:
	* your Quaker Meeting
	* the FWCC AWPS executive, or
	* another Quaker source

OR tell us who will be providing that statement .…………………………………………………

 AND

 Their email contact …………………………………………………………….

 and Phone number with all codes. ……………………………………………………….

Please email your application to: cfwcc@quakersaustralia.info

**Thank you for your application**

**We will contact you as soon as we can.**