

Canberra Quakers

July 2019

Since the last edition of the CRM newsletter in May, Yearly Meeting has been held at the Friends School in Hobart. YM has its annual events, including the Backhouse Lecture, the State of the Society address, and the writing of Epistles. Included in this edition are several references to Yearly Meeting, including personal responses from some Canberra Friends. You can read these [here](#).



ROBIN LINDSAY'S LIFE IS CELEBRATED IN WAGGA WAGGA

On 2 June 2019 **Robin Lindsay** passed away aged 94 years. Robin had suffered a stroke and developed pneumonia four days earlier. His wife Cherry and three children Cathy, Sarah and Rick were with him in hospital. For many years Robin was one of the key figures in the **Wagga Wagga Recognised Meeting**. At his suggestion

the meeting moved from the Juvenile Justice Centre to the Haven where we met for quite a number of years until we moved to the Riverina Gums and finally now to the Uniting Church Drop-in Centre.

On the 9th June a Meeting for Worship to celebrate the life of Robin Lindsay was held at the family home at 535 Koorringal Road in Wagga Wagga. The meeting was attended by about thirty people including family and the Wagga Wagga Quaker Community. **David Liversidge** Co-Clerk of Canberra Regional Meeting was also in attendance. The meeting was held outdoors with a fire in the centre. An acknowledgement of Country and a reading of 4.31 page 219 from *"This we can say"* set the tone for a deeply spiritual gathering. Following the Meeting for Worship a Memorial was held at Legacy House where the eulogy was delivered and a large gathering of family and friends remembered and celebrated the life of Robin. He will be sadly missed.

Michael Bayles



Testimonies to the grace of God in the lives of Susan Clarke and Eddie Linacre

One of the important inclusions in Yearly Meeting is the reading of testimonies at the start of the day, and a special Meeting for Remembrance. At Yearly Meeting this year, shortened versions of testimonies to the grace of God in the lives of **Susan Clarke** and **Eddie Linacre** were read on Tuesday 9 July. *Here are the full versions of these:*

[Susan Clarke](#)

[Eddie Linacre](#)

Photo of Susan Clarke by Michael Norris

Photographer of Eddie Linacre unknown



Ben Penny became a Member of the Society this year. **Dorothy Broom** attended her first meeting in Canberra twenty years ago in July. One of Dorothy's non-Quaker volunteer activities is as a reader for Radio 1RPH. Read more about Dorothy's involvement [here](#).



Wagga Wagga Recognized Meeting hosted Rowe Morrow (on left) and Lady Borton (on right) recently. Rowe spoke at Yearly Meeting about how Quaker Service Australia supported two courses in permaculture she ran in Bangladesh. Lady Borton is an American Quaker who has worked with the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) in South East Asia, mostly Vietnam, for many years. Read more about these visitors [here](#).

DESPAIR AND EMPOWERMENT AFTER THE FEDERAL ELECTION FRIENDS FRIDAY 7 JUNE 2019

This was a chance to share with other Friends what they were thinking and feeling about the recent election result, and the challenges which confront the Coalition Government, Australia, and the world. Kay de Vogel and Margaret Bearlin wrote a detailed report on the discussion, which includes the following: 10 Reasons for Despair, 10 Reasons for Empowerment, and 10 Possible Ways Forward. Read it [here](#).



Young and old Friends
Wilbur and Malcolm
socialize after Meeting for
Worship at Turner
Meeting

Photo by Wilma Davidson



Here is what Friends have been reading and their reviews:

- **Reg Naulty** has reviewed *Appeasing Hitler: Chamberlain, Churchill, and the road to war* by Tim Bouverie. [Read more](#).
- **Stephen Hodgkin** offers another review of Parker Palmer's *On the Brink of Everything: Grace, Gravity & Getting Old*. [Here](#) is the review.
- On the subject of ageing, our Friend **Jill Sutton** was quoted in the Canberra Times recently, in an article about overhauling Australia's 'aged care' culture. You can read more of the article [here](#).



Jacqui Schultze (Secretary, AYM) and **Jo Jordan** (Immediate Past Presiding Clerk AYM) are pictured in Hobart in July 2019, when attending Standing Committee. **Anne Zubrick** (West Australia Yearly Meeting) began her term as Presiding Clerk at the end of Yearly Meeting 2019. **Photo: Susan Rockliff**

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