



Quaker witness today



Villagers in Kampong Thom, Cambodia training in food security techniques, funded by QSA and Australian Government foreign aid.

Non-violence initiatives

The **Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP)** was started by American Quakers for use in prisons in 1975. The fundamental belief of AVP is that there is a power for peace and good in everyone, and that this power has the ability to transform violence.

Introduced to Australia in 1991, AVP runs workshops in prisons, schools, and with community and professional groups.

Friends Peace Teams also originated in America.

They seek to develop long-term relationships with communities in conflict to create programs for peace-building, healing and reconciliation.

Australian Quakers are part of the Asia West Pacific Friends Peace Teams who work in Indonesia and Nepal.



AVP Mandala

Quakers for peace and justice

Recent and current Quaker witness includes the work of the **Quaker Peace & Legislation Committee (QPLC)** in producing action alerts, discussion papers and submissions. Other examples are:

- ◆ human shields in Iraq in 2003
- ◆ Quaker funds supporting peacebuilding initiatives
- ◆ the work of **Friends School** Hobart (established in 1887) in reflecting Quaker values such as the intrinsic worth of each person, and the use of restorative justice
- ◆ marking the **United Nations International Day of Peace – 21 September**.



Silent vigil in Canberra during Quaker Yearly Meeting 2009.

“Let us all go forth in a spirit of love and truth and peace, answering to that same spirit in everyone.”

Australia Yearly Meeting
response to WWI centenary 2014

Quaker Service Australia

Quaker Service Australia (QSA) was established in 1959. Through support for community-based ecological sustainable development, it seeks to express in a practical way the concern of Australian Quakers for the building of a more peaceful, equitable, just and compassionate world.

Currently QSA has projects in Cambodia, India, Uganda, Zimbabwe and Indigenous Australia.



Going forward together

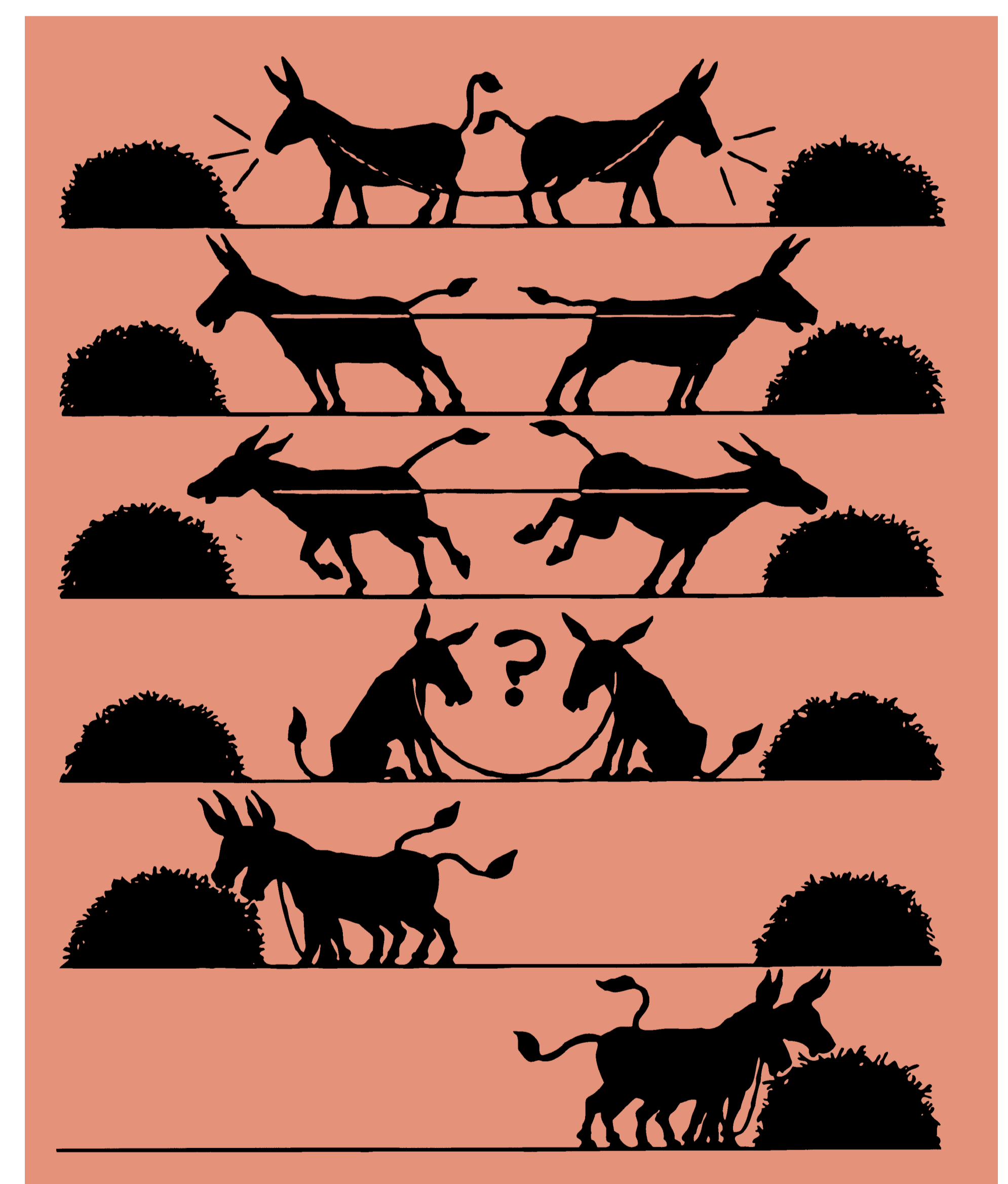
Quakers work with other peace and justice groups including:

- ◆ Medical Association for the Prevention of War
- ◆ National Council of Churches in Australia (and state bodies)
- ◆ Pax Christi
- ◆ Women's International League for Peace and Freedom
- ◆ Independent Peaceful Australia Network (IPAN)
- ◆ refugee support groups
- ◆ state-based peace and justice groups.

We need to examine our own lives to discover our complicity in those things that lead to violence and injustice.

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IS BETTER THAN CONFLICT

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