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RECONCILIATION TASMANIA held its inaugural International Day of the World's Indigenous People lecture on 31.07.2019. It was presented by Aunty Patsy Cameron and supported by International Human Rights lawyer and current Dean of the University of Tasmania Law School, Tim McCormack.

Patsy Cameron called her speech *Trick or Treaty? Tasmania's Unfinished Business.*
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Governor Davey's Proclamation to the Aborigines 1816, State Library of Victoria.

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The image adopted as the logo for Quakers in Australia represents the Aurora Australis, a natural phenomenon of the southern hemisphere, associated with Antarctica, a fragile and magnificent part of the planet. The Aurora Australis is considered an appropriate logo because of its association with:

• pure light, the centrality of the Light for Quakers

- beauty, a quality many associate with God or the Spirit within
- nature, a permanent reminder of everyone's responsibility to care for the world
- the colour blue, used by the UN
- the ephemeral and intangible, a reminder that language is inadequate to describe God, the truth or the Spirit within.

International Day of the World's Indigenous People

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Descended from Mannalargenna of the North East Coastal Plains Nation and Tongerlongter of the East Coast Oyster Bay Nation, Patsy Cameron began by honouring these ancestors as great warriors, leaders and resistance fighters of colonial times. Other leaders included Maulterheerlargenna of the Northern Midlands Stoney Creek Nation and Monpelliatter of the Central Plateau Big River Nation. They bravely defended their lands, people and ancient cultural traditions from the British invaders and eventually negotiated peace with the Van Diemen's Land Government in 1831. It was the resolution attained under that peace to which our attention was drawn.

Peace was negotiated after the intensification of lethal conflicts between the colonists and Aboriginal clans during the 1820s. Martial law was declared in 1828 allowing Aboriginal people to be shot on sight, and Lieutenant-Governor Arthur proclaimed two campaigns to try and resolve the situation. One was a military operation that deployed thousands of soldiers and colonists to drive Aborigines into the Tasman Peninsula where they would be captured. This actually resulted in Aboriginal people being dispersed away from their homelands in order to seek haven in remote neighbouring lands.

The second campaign commissioned George Augustus Robinson to circumambulate the island and negotiate with the clans still free in the bush to place themselves under his protection. Robinson took them into exile. It was during this campaign that the concept of a treaty was considered in the early 1830s. Indeed in August 1831, Robinson recorded a promise that he made on behalf of the Governor to allow the Aboriginal people to remain in their respective districts with provisions and protection and to be allowed to hunt; but the Aborigines had to desist from their wonted outrages upon the whites. Robinson omitted no opportunity to impress upon the Chief and other natives that they were to remain in their own country. Their removal to Wybalena was temporary. So the people at Wybalena waited for news of their return to their respective homelands. Eventually in 1846

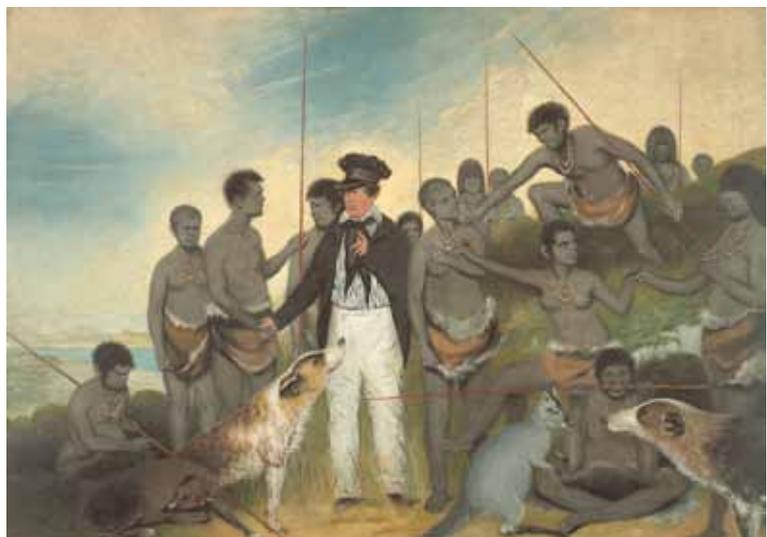
they petitioned Queen Victoria. They were then removed from Wybalena to Oyster Cove. They did not return to their homelands.

The Treaty made in 1831 was never honoured. Patsy Cameron maintains that the Treaty is an important part of Tasmania's unfinished business "a moral imperative". She calls on the State Government to formally acknowledge the existence of the Van Diemen's Land treaty of 1831 and so clear the way to support a Treaty dialogue with the living descendants of those warriors.

Tim McCormack spoke after Patsy Cameron. He pointed out that societies that fail to come to grips with their violent pasts that include unresolved and horrific injustice, will never flourish to their full potential. Denial, indifference, and societal blindness create a dead weight that persists indefinitely in the absence of change.

He acknowledged the significance of the *Aboriginal Lands Act 1995* and the Premier's 2015 "Reset the relationship" speech which led to amending the Tasmanian Constitution to recognise our Aboriginal communities as the first peoples of Tasmania. However, there is still unfinished work to do.

Further Tim McCormack drew our attention to *R v. Sious (1990)* a decision by the Supreme Court of Canada, where nine Justices held that a 1760 treaty between Britain and Huron Tribe was still valid and that a lack of reliance upon that treaty did not extinguish its application even after 230 years. A treaty with first peoples must be given a



The Conciliation, 1840, by Benjamin Duterrau, Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery

broad and liberal construction with uncertainties resolved in favour of the indigenous people. In other words, the Courts must deduce the true spirit and intent of the treaty from the Indigenous perspective rather than a literal reading of the text. The Court held “what characterizes a treaty is the intention to create obligations, the presence of mutually binding obligations and a certain measure of solemnity”.

Tasmanian Aboriginal leaders may not have had their Treaty in writing, but it was summarised in Robinson’s journal and the actions of the Aboriginal people in moving to Wybelena and years later petitioning the Queen, are certainly consistent with this being their understanding of Robinson’s promise.

Tim McCormack went on to point out that the sovereignty of the indigenous people was not extinguished with colonial invasion, dispossession and subjugation and that it has to be recognised, acknowledged and affirmed as co-existing with the sovereignty of the State. This is the attitude in the US, Canada and New Zealand. Aboriginal sovereignty is derived from the ancient reciprocal

relationship they have with their lands – a relationship rooted in their connection to kin and country, manifested in their song, dance and story, language, ceremony and law (Callum Clayton-Dixon).

To draw up a Treaty today, between the Aboriginal people of Tasmania and the Tasmanian Government would need to be negotiated and a consultative process entered into to identify those within the Aboriginal community who should enter into such negotiations. Patsy Cameron says that Tasmanian Aboriginals need to explore what a treaty would mean to them and how it should look in the 21st century. Perhaps it could begin with an acknowledgement of past wrongs including the deceit that resulted in the unfulfilled promise to Mannalargenna and Tongerlongter.

The full script of the lecture can be found at: <https://traca.com.au/blog/2019/08/26/trick-or-treaty-tasmanias-unfinished-business/>

Sally McGushin

Emergencies Ministry – Helping Out in the Huon

IN EARLY 2018 I was nominated and accepted to be the second Quaker volunteer on the Tasmanian Council of Churches Emergencies Ministry (TCC EM). Maggi Storr is the other Quaker volunteer.

In June I spent a day undertaking training to be a “personal support worker” along with a dozen other people from various churches and faiths around Tasmania. This was a very worthwhile day looking at the nature of disasters and trauma and how to assist people in a crisis.

After getting a police clearance and showing my “Working with Vulnerable People” credentials, I was given a blue lanyard with Emergencies Ministry printed on it and a photo ID attached.

This lanyard languished in my study until I began receiving emails in early January from the southern regional coordinator of the TCC EM saying that very hot weather was forecast in south east Tasmania and severe fire warnings for the south east. I was aware that things could develop and I’d be called on to assist.

As you may remember, we had thunderstorms in late December 2018 and again in mid-January 2019 with dry lightning strikes starting fires in many areas of the central and south west Tasmania. We started hearing about the Gell River fire in the south west burning many thousands of hectares in the World Heritage Area. These continued to burn and we heard the first emergency warnings from the Tasmanian Fire Service (TFS) in mid-January. An evacuation centre was opened in Bothwell as the fires in the central highlands threatened the townships of Miena, Liawenee and Waddamana.

In the last week of January, focus shifted from the central highlands as fires spread quickly south of Hobart; Geeveston, Castle Forbes Bay, Judbury, Glen Huon, Franklin and Huonville were all put on alert.

Over the Australia Day long weekend, I worked several shifts as an EM volunteer in the Tasmanian Emergency Information Service (TEIS) call centre assisting anxious callers and any call centre staff that needed debriefing (they didn’t—all were competent public servants volunteering to help out).

By this time EM volunteers were deployed on 6 hour shifts to evacuation centres in Bothwell, Queenstown and Huonville. Overnight shifts occurred, as often the many displaced people couldn't sleep and became more distressed at night.

I took part in a number of shifts at the Huonville evacuation centre. It was an eye opener. The Police and Citizen's Youth Centre was converted into a makeshift shelter for some 300 people including families, backpackers, elderly people, people with disabilities and alternative life stylers. The Huon Council staff were fantastic, handing out cold water and bedding and several non-government organisations were there including the Red Cross who were registering everyone. There was a calmness that was incredible despite people not knowing if their houses and animals were even still there. This went on for two weeks, living in limbo and not being allowed to return home to check. I was in awe of the resilience and stoicism of the people of the Huon, rarely was there a whinge or complaint. They were grateful for the listening ear and networking I was able to provide. One woman's face lit up when I said I would pray for her husband (who had stayed home to defend their house) and she said "Oh please I would like that".

There were many instances where I connected with strangers and we quickly formed a relationship out of the crisis. I would seek them out on my



The PCYC Centre held hundreds of people

next shift and we greeted each other like old friends. The human spirit is wonderful to behold in times of a disaster which hundreds of Tasmanians faced during the fires. I received more than I was able to give out.

Robin McLean



Smoke was a constant difficulty and in the air many helicopters and aircraft

Beginning Our Earthcare Conversations

DESPITE KNOWING there would be no time to include more geographically distant Friends, we spontaneously took up a free Friday evening on 30th August to begin our Earthcare conversations—or rather, to continue them following the challenges raised at Yearly Meeting (YM) 2019 in Hobart. Thus it was that nine or ten of us, including a Junior Young Friend (JYF), met over a shared meal and to talk about our Earthcare concerns.

When asked why they had come, Friends listed a range of reasons: to find out more; to offer information as one of the JYFs involved in the discussions at Yearly Meeting; because they had been moved by the JYFs' plain-speaking at YM and feel "Quakers are a bit complacent at times"; to explore ways we can do something for the environment; to commit to making changes with support from the group present; and because "the Earthcare Statement (2008) is a wonderful document which we often talk

about but have not really picked up as a Meeting to implement in our decision-making and actions". One Friend was interested in our vision as a community (though individuals are doing things), especially from the spiritual aspect, seeing this also as healing—holding Nature in the Light and healing Mother Earth.

Yet another Friend spoke of the Earthcare Epistle (2019) as a potent means of pointing the way forward and added that the 'Living the Change' workshop to be held at the Hobart Meeting House on 20th October would further enrich and develop us. It was felt that while a statement is sent to external organisations, an epistle is an internal, spiritual document obliging us to discernment and challenging us to commitment and action. This is not something we dealt with that Friday, but spending time together looking at the Earthcare Epistle (2019) is something we could do, perhaps

over several sessions. We also did not have time to consider the concern raised by Devonport Friends about overpopulation.

Most of our evening was spent on the JYFs' request that YMs and other Quaker events be vegetarian, with the aim of moving towards a plant-based diet. Discussed at their January and July gatherings by the JYFs, this direction resonates with their values and they are acting on these. We then touched on many diverse but related issues: the provenance of foodstuffs and ethics of eating, medical exceptions to vegetarianism, nutrition, buying local, comparative land use, carbon emissions, farming methods, killing pests and plants to clear land and protect crops, drought, starving people while grain is fed to animals, capitalism and also the practicalities of implementing this change to YM (with or without meat levies?). Can we as a community reduce our impact on animals and the environment by changing our diets?

Books such as *On Eating Meat* by Matthew Evans and the film *20/40* were recommended. Even the use of language was broached: identifying as vegan could be divisive and we don't wish to alienate one another. There are Quaker precedents for upholding one another on our journeys and each making carefully discerned conscious choices according to our circumstances and in our own time. 'Moving towards' is a gentler and more inclusive way of approaching such a radical shift.

We also shared information and energy-saving tips, promised to exchange shopping lists and recipes, and reminded each other of the theme of World Quaker Day, 6 October 2019, which is, 'Sustainability: Planting Seeds of Renewal for the World We Love'. In preparation for this Lyndsay Farrall will be leading a Friendly Friday in Hobart on 4 October 2019. It was clear that there was a variety of needs and interests amongst the Friends present, including the desire to do something rather than have more conversations (though for others, talking was doing). Suggestions for actions were to 'walk the Derwent' (in the way Friends in Western Australia had slowly walked the Swan River blending acknowledgement of country, creativity and history to build a relationship with the land and waterway) or to hold a beach clean-up day.

We heard that there will be a Winter School at YM20 on 'Quakers and our connection with animals' and that the JYFs have an Animal Welfare

Statement on their website. We decided to have fully vegetarian morning teas and shared meals at the Meeting House and this was taken up by the Care Committee and announced after Meeting for Worship a couple of days later. We were concerned that this is *our* decision (not just the JYFs') and some of us will discuss over coming weeks what we might bring to Regional Meeting to ask Tasmanian Friends to endorse the decision made at YM.

Apart from the forthcoming events already mentioned and issues raised, there was no clear next step. Hopefully, if anyone feels led, initiatives will emerge. The conversation could have continued. It was a beginning and we left with a sense of mutual support and understanding.

Kerstin Reimers, for those present

Information on earthcare and diet in the YM19 Minutes:

Minute YM19.23 Earthcare Committee Preparatory Session I, includes the challenge to each one of us 'to leave this Yearly Meeting with a personal commitment from the heart'. That's on p.20 of *Documents in Retrospect (DiR)*.

Excerpt from **Minute YM19.50 The Children and JYF Committee Preparatory Session Report**: 'We hear the concern of JYFs and the specific request that plant-based food options are provided at Yearly Meetings and that this be included in the planning for Yearly Meeting'. DiR, p.30.

Excerpt from **Minute YM19.54 Earthcare Committee Preparatory Session 2 Report**:

'We hear a recommendation from JYFs that Australian Quaker events move towards veganism and vegetarianism as forms of direct action to reduce climate heating.

'We ask that future Yearly Meetings have a vegetarian diet as a standard diet with a meat diet among the special diet options'. DiR, p.31.

For more background detail, see also the section relating to JYF discussions in the **Children and JYF Preparatory Session Report**: that is, the final two paragraphs of the report part and the first recommendation (taken up by Minute YM19.50 above), DiR, p.48.

The **Earthcare Preparatory Session Reports I & II** in DiR includes: suggested actions by children (it's a great list well worth our attention and response) and the JYFs' proposal to move towards a plant-based diet, both on p.50; and the Preparatory Session's support of the JYFs' recommendation 'that all AYM activities are vegetarian/vegan as a form of direct action to reduce climate heating' on p.51.

From the CJYF Coordinators

WE ARE so happy to be working as your new children and junior young friends' coordinators. We'd like to introduce ourselves ...

Gina Price

I live in Perth between the beach and Swan river in a timber house with an old shop attached. Here we have grown ducks, chooks, vegies, a huge mulberry tree, two children and even two sheep. Zoom is my work place where I meet with organisations and colleagues using collaborative leadership (or sociocracy) to build a more harmonious world. Mostly you will find me in our local area, walking up the mountain (a hill really with a mighty view over the flat surrounds), riding to the beach, or swimming in the pool or open water.



Tania Aveling

I live with my family (and the brush turkeys, mopokes, currawongs and possums) in the urban forest of the Brisbane Quaker Meeting House. I connected with other Quakers in my early thirties and felt like my faith had found its home. When I'm not working for money (and love), you can find me somewhere along a bike path being overtaken by MAMILS (Middle Aged Men in Lycra), watching bad TV or playing board games with my husband and kids, or curled up with a book.



Sketches by Alice Aveling!

We acknowledge the value of Generation Q as we plan to build further pathways for communication across the generations. Please stay tuned as we find our voice and style.



Against Our Oath is a gripping documentary feature film that follows the ethical conflict of doctors when the Australian government overrides their decisions for refugee patients. It's the inside story on the hotly debated Medevac Bill. Filmed over four years in seven countries by award winning journalist filmmaker Heather Kirkpatrick (who made *Mary Meets Mohammad*) the film will confront you with deep moral questions.

WATCH THE TRAILER HERE: <https://www.againstouroath.com/>

TASMANIAN PREMIERE Mon 4th Nov 6pm at State Cinema, North Hobart. Screening and filmmaker Q & A. Finishes 8.15pm after Q & A. Book here: <https://against-our-oath-doco-hob1.eventbrite.com>

Yearly Meeting Friends' School, Hobart 6–13 July, 2019

The presence of six children and seventeen Junior Young Friends (JYF's) created a healthy sense of community, and for some adults an invitation to partake in the more creative aspects of worship. Here are some favourite memories ...



Anne Brown & Clancy Fields paint together



"We loooved the floating ice creamery!"



"Can you push me please?"



Sophie enjoyed her day at the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery (TMAG)!



Mark-David & Solomon: the inseparables!



"Antarctic ice!"



A macro pile of microplastics, collected near Blue Lagoon campsite with representatives from Sea Shepherd.



Aline Irakoze showed prowess at crate climbing — the ceiling was her only obstacle.

The JYF program had a marine theme covering oceans, marine life and activism. JYFs had many opportunities to shine; showing gifts for physical agility, upholding the group, and expressing concerns through ministry.

JYF's took responsibility for setting and respecting camp rules, with support from five Young Friends (YF) who provided a 'Friendly Adult Presence' in a most effective partnership. Having overlap in age groups helps provide for gentle transitions. Here's what Josh Crane has to say as he prepares to transition into a YF ...



"Yearly meeting 2019 was a fantastic conclusion to my Australia Yearly Meeting experiences as a Junior Young Friend. It was thoroughly enjoyable and an incredible experience. I was able to not only connect with Friends but spiritually centre myself. The program which the JYFs participated in was not only marvelous but it was a fulfilling experience. I was able to feel like I was actually making a difference for the planet. Furthermore, the JYFs enjoyed participating in business sessions and enjoyed sharing their ideas and opinions relating to climate. The JYFs were very appreciative of the positive response to JYF concern and hope JYFs will continue to participate in Quaker business into the future. Overall AYM 2019 will forever be one of my greatest memories."



The SPICE Girls perform "Tell Me What You Want" at the concert.

When community is strong and flowing, the young can lead the old, the old'ish' can become young again, and we all grow each other!!

Have you completed the Children and JYF survey?

Our Yearly Meeting Children and JYF committee, led by tech-savvy Alex Brosnan, has developed a survey to help us understand how we can serve, inspire and grow young Quakers in Australia. You can access it either

1. Through the link: <https://bit.ly/2FUfjwi>
2. By emailing us at cjyfcoordinator@quakersaustralia.info.

Please take the time to complete the survey if you haven't done so already!

Dr Alice McGushin appointed to the The Lancet Countdown

FIRST YEAR Medicine at the University of Tasmania was a pivotal year for Rural Clinical School alumna Dr Alice McGushin and set her on the path which led to her recent appointment to the Lancet Countdown: Tracking Progress On Health and Climate Change.

Raised on Tasmania's rugged West Coast by community-minded parents, Dr McGushin arrived in Hobart instilled with a strong sense of social justice and a passion for global health and protecting the environment.

However, when presented with the renowned quote from climate change advocate and paediatrician Dr Anthony Costello "climate change is the biggest health threat of the 21st century", Dr McGushin's drive to improve people's health and her drive to protect the environment, came together as one purpose.

"Two of my great passions: the environment and global health, were now connected and so I pursued this for the rest of medical school," Dr McGushin said.

Throughout medical school, Dr McGushin threw herself into activities that allowed her to express her passions, including becoming the student representative at Doctors for the Environment, working with the Australian Medical Students' Association leading the Code Green Project, and working with the International Federation of Medical Students' Association on an environmental program.

At the time, Dr McGushin never imagined less than 9 years on she would be working side-by-side with Anthony Costello. Earlier this year, Dr Alice McGushin was employed by the Lancet Countdown: Tracking Progress On Health and Climate Change as Programme Manager, where she works with this esteemed professor, as well as fellow Australian and Executive Director of the project, Nick Watts, and many world-leading researchers in the field of health and climate change.

Based in London, Dr McGushin's role is to guide the academic direction of the Lancet Countdown, an international research collaboration of 27 academic and UN institutions from every continent.

Dr McGushin attributes her strong sense of social justice and passion for global health and protecting the environment to her upbringing on the West Coast of Tasmania.

"The West Coast has a key role in shaping who I am today, environmentally, the West Coast is



fascinating, with some of the most beautiful rainforests, rivers, waterfalls, and coastlines in the world," Dr McGushin said.

"The West Coast also has a strong community, community both my parents were very involved in, and so too were my siblings and I.

"I was signed up to every sport and helped out at and attended every community event.

"Growing up on the West Coast set the foundation of who I am today, driving my passion for the environment and my community.

Dr McGushin takes that sense of community with her everywhere she goes. While London is worlds apart from the wild landscapes of Tasmania's West Coast, Dr McGushin finds pockets of close-knit communities that remind her of home.

"I find communities wherever I can - through my local community garden, through my running club, and through other young people in London who are equally passionate about climate change and health," Dr McGushin said.

Running has developed into another passion of Dr McGushin's, one that emerged during her time at the Rural Clinical School. Earlier this year, Dr McGushin felt honoured to link her passion for running with her passion for the environment when she returned to the West Coast to participate in the inaugural Takayna Ultra, a 65km ultra-marathon fundraising to protect the Tarkine.

Dr McGushin's success in winning the event sweetened the experience even more.

"This was an especially special race for me. It was my first ultra in my country, my first trail along my home coast, and fundraising for something I care deeply about. It was such an honour to race and win this inaugural event," Dr McGushin said.

Love After Love

The time will come
when, with elation
you will greet yourself arriving
at your own door, in your own mirror
and each will smile at the other's welcome,

and say, sit here. Eat.
You will love again the stranger who was your self.
Give wine. Give bread. Give back your heart
to itself, to the stranger who has loved you

all your life, whom you ignored
for another, who knows you by heart.
Take down the love letters from the bookshelf,

the photographs, the desperate notes,
peel your own image from the mirror.
Sit. Feast on your life.

Derek Walcott

Red

Red is the colour
of my Blood;
of the earth,
of which I am a part;
of the sun as it rises, or sets,
of which I am a part;
of the blood
of the animals,
of which I am a part;
of the flowers, like the waratah,
of the twining pea,
of which I am a part;
of the blood of the tree,
of which I am a part.
For all things are part of me,
and I am part of them.

W. Les Russell

Peace Banners

WE HAVE a number of peace related banners in the Hobart Meeting House and these are available to anyone who would like to use them for a sympathetic cause. Some are Quaker banners while others are a bit more generic, and some support a particular cause such as freedom for West Papua.

The banners are stored on top of the shelves on the door side of the Children's Room. You need a ladder (from the store room off the foyer on the opposite side of the entrance to the toilets) to get them down and put them back.

Please feel free to have a look. Preferably when the Meeting House is fairly quiet, such as late Sunday morning when most Friends have left. Then you can spread the banners out, starting in the Children's Room, but probably over flowing into the foyer.

And if you can make use of a banner, please borrow one or as many as you need. Just let someone from the Peace and Justice Committee know. Then return as soon as practicable. These banners have been made to be displayed. They are very nicely stored on top of the cupboards but we do not want them to stay there all the time.

Some banners usually come down for the Hiroshima/Nagasaki Vigil in early August and the Human Rights Day march in December but we would be very pleased for them to be used on any other suitable occasion.

Also if you have a banner that would fit in with Quaker thinking and you would be happy to make it available to others, then you might like to think about storing it in the Children's Room.

Please see Sally McGushin (03 6278 9149/ mcgushin@bigpond.com) if you want some help locating them or getting them down.

If you do borrow any, then other members of the Peace and Justice Committee whom you could advise include: Maxine Barry, Jo Petrov, Peter Jones, Rob Rands and Jenni Bond.

Sally McGushin
(for Tasmania Regional Meeting Peace and Justice Committee)

Safe Ground

VICTORIAN FRIEND, Lorel Thomas, is the national coordinator of SafeGround, which provided a very informative and inspiring display for our Peace Space at Yearly Meeting 2019.

SafeGround is a not-for-profit organisation that aims to eradicate the impacts of explosive remnants of war to ensure a safe future for all. It focuses on raising awareness of impacts of war through community involvement both in Australia and overseas.

Its projects feature fieldwork by experienced professionals supported by in-depth research to ensure the accuracy of its information. SafeGround advocates non-violent action and keeps well informed about the humanitarian consequences of developing military technologies.

Its work includes working with landmines and cluster munitions in Cambodia but it also works in the Pacific Islands that are still contaminated by massive amounts of Second World War ordnance, where there is always an ongoing risk of explosion as well as chemical contamination as the weapons corrode and leak into sea and soil. SafeGround is researching and documenting these problems in the Pacific to attract attention to the need for funding and clearance. By bringing the scale of the problems and potential solutions to affected communities, local and national leaders and their local and international



partners, SafeGround engages them to take action.

SafeGround is a member of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines, the Cluster Munition Coalition and the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons.

SafeGround welcomes interest in its work and supporters, who are able to give in kind or financially.

To find out more about SafeGround, check out the website www.safeground.org.au or talk to Sally McGushin who has some literature and additional contact details.

Yearly Meeting 2020 Relocation

Canberra Regional Meeting has decided to re-locate YM2020 to a different site.

The new location will be Avondale College, at Cooranbong where YM2018 was held.

YM2020 was to be held at Greenhills camp just outside of Canberra, however Greenhills was always going to present some difficulties. In the time since the original decision was made by CRM to go there, some new difficulties arose.

We know Avondale is a great location, and we look forward to holding an enjoyable and effective Yearly Meeting there. Changes are in the air for the holding of yearly meetings, so we look forward to participation by many Friends.

Thank you Friends.

YM2020 Organising Committee, Canberra Regional Meeting

[https://www.quakersaustralia.info/events/yearly-meeting-2020:](https://www.quakersaustralia.info/events/yearly-meeting-2020)

Friends' Meetings in Tasmania

Hobart

Friends' Meeting House, 5 Boa Vista Rd, North Hobart (just off Argyle) Contact: 0432 159 606

Meeting for Worship every Sunday 10.00 a.m.

Children's Meeting every Sunday 10.00 a.m.; Junior Young Friends (High School age) 1st and 3rd Sundays 10.00 a.m.; Children's contact: Dawn, 0409 033 479; JYF contact: Maree-rose 0437 617 802.

Hobart Meeting House, Thursday mornings in school term 7.45 – 8.20 a.m.

Regional Meeting for Worship for Business

1st Sunday of the month at 11:30 a.m., Friends' Meeting House, Hobart.

No MfWfB in January 2019.

Devonport

Devonport Community Centre, 10 Morris Avenue, Devonport, Sunday 10.30 a.m. Contact: Sally O'Wheel, 6428 3019.

WORSHIPPING GROUPS

Southern Tasmania (formerly Huon)

Meet at 10.30 a.m. on the third Sunday at the CWA, Huonville, December–February. Contact Ann: 6266 6439.

Kingborough

At the homes of Friends Feb. to Nov., 4th Sunday 10.30 a.m. Contact: Peter Wilde, 03 6229 5017, wildepetbar@bigpond.com

South Hobart

3/14A Wentworth St, South Hobart
Third Sunday of each month at 10.30 a.m.
6223 4040 or 0408 273 994, Vivienne Luke and Des FitzGerald.

Launceston

Maggie's Place, 34 Paterson St, 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays, 10.00 a.m. Contact: Julie Walpole, 0402 048 147. Contact during December 2018 and January 2019: 0432 159 606

Quaker Women's Lunch

Each second Thursday of the month at Macquarie Food Store, 356 Macquarie St., South Hobart, 12 p.m.–2 p.m., upstairs. Enquiries: katepnl@hotmail.com

NB for 10 January 2019, change of time to 10 a.m.–12p.m. same venue..



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