

Yearly Meeting 7-14 July 2018 Avondale College, Cooranbong NSW

NSW Regional Meeting warmly invites Friends to attend YM2018 at Avondale College, a Seventh Day Adventist tertiary college at Cooranbong, near Morisset in the lower Hunter Valley. Avondale College was also the venue for YM2004. It is located in a semi-rural setting, close to Lake Macquarie and the Watagans National Park. There is a small shopping centre with two cafes, in Cooranbong, 1.5km from the College, and more extensive shopping facilities in Morisset, 8km away.

Travelling to YM

Morisset, the closest railway station, is on the Central Coast and Newcastle Line, a comfortable and scenic 2-hour journey from Central Station (Sydney). A shuttle bus will operate between Morisset and Avondale College on Saturdays 7 and 14 July. Friends are asked to organise their travel so that they arrive at Avondale between 1.00pm and 5.30pm on 7 July. Friends may like to consider the environmental and energy impacts of travel to YM and making appropriate arrangements for carbon offsets. Details about travelling to Avondale College is provided in a separate document on the AYM website.

Timetable

The YM2018 timetable is still being finalised.

Welcome to Country

It is possible that the Welcome to Country will take place before dinner on Saturday 7 July – another important reason why Friends should plan to arrive prior to 5.30pm.

Peace Witness and Excursions

A peace witness and free time for excursions will be scheduled between lunch and dinner on Wednesday 11 July.

Facilities

Avondale College has a range of venues and spaces for meetings, displays and other aspects of the YM programme. Most of these venues and spaces are wheelchair accessible. **The main venue for YM sessions will be the Ella Hughes (Ladies) Chapel.** There is a wealth of recreational facilities, as well as 7km of walking tracks, on the campus. An Avondale College campus map is provided separately on this website.

Accommodation

- Separate halls of residence provide single (Ella Boyd Hall & Andre Hall), twin (Andre Hall & Watson Hall) and some limited triple (max. of 7 rooms in Watson Hall) accommodation.
- One, fully equipped, self-catering cottage, with five bunk-style rooms (each accommodating 4 or 6 people) and two bathrooms is available. Although the max. capacity is 26, a cap of 20 beds will be applied, as it is unlikely that all the top bunks could be used. The cottage (No. 19) is located on Central Road, the access road to Avondale College from Freemans Drive at Cooranbong, and is 800m from the main YM venue.

It is very important that Friends choosing twin or triple accommodation or beds in the bunk rooms in the self-catering cottage, provide information on who they will be sharing with.

Please note that, due to the limited number of triple rooms, and beds in the self-catering cottage, a cap will have to be applied, **and beds will be allocated on a first-in-first-served basis.** This

means that Friends preferring shared accommodation in such rooms should all register early **(well before 4 June)** to avoid disappointment.

The charges per night for will range from:

- **Adults and waged YFs:** from \$33 in the shared bunk rooms - \$42 in twin and triple rooms - \$53 in single rooms
- **Children 6-11 years, JYFs, and unwaged YFs:** from \$20 in the shared bunk rooms- \$28 in twin and triple rooms - \$35 in single rooms
- **0-5 year olds:** accommodation will be FREE, but they need to be booked into a bed (except in the case of a baby in a cot).

Alternative accommodation options in the Cooranbong area can be found at: <http://www.avondale.edu.au/community/local-accommodation-options/> - but please note that "Avondale Holiday Cottages" refers to the self-catering cottage which we have already reserved for YM.

Catering

The meals will be vegetarian, and some special diets can be catered for.

For 0-5 year olds = FREE

For children 6-11 years = half-price.

For adults: Breakfast \$12, Lunch \$19, Dinner \$19 (or \$50 per day).

Other, limited, self-catering opportunities

In addition to the self-catering cottage, some small-scale, limited, self-catering is possible in the three halls of residence. As there are only small kitchenettes, it won't be possible for numbers of Friends to prepare and cook evening dinners.

These equipped kitchenettes can only feasibly be used for preparation of breakfasts, light lunches and the microwaving of pre-prepared evening meals. All kitchenettes have large fridges.

Andre Hall, with just one kitchenette, is the preferred hall of residence for self-catering as it will only be occupied by YM participants (twin rooms, with some single occupancy at the single room rate). The kitchenettes in the other halls of residence will be shared with students.

Queries regarding accommodation and self-catering can be directed to Liz Field via: cymplanning@quakersaustralia.info

Morning & afternoon teas

Avondale College will be providing teas and coffees (no biscuits as at YM2017, to keep costs down) and Friends are asked to bring their own mug.

YM registration fees & overall costs

These fees cover the YM overheads such as the venue costs, the children's programme and child care, the JYFs' programme, invited guests, transport costs, morning and afternoon teas, and administrative costs etc. We are expecting YM participants to register and pay these fees (as applicable), even if they are attending YM on a casual basis and not booking accommodation or meals.

Daily registration fees:

- Adults and YFs-waged = \$37 (or \$222 for all-of-YM).
- Adults who would otherwise experience hardship and YFs-unwaged= \$20 (or \$120 for all-of-YM).
- JYFs and Children = no fees

The overall cost for “all of YM” (full-fee registration, 7 nights’ accommodation and 3 meals a day) for adults in a single room will be \$943 - less than the \$968 “all of YM” cost at YM2017 (for full-fee registration, a bed in a shared room, and 2 meals a day).

CHILDREN & JYFs

Planning for the care of children under 12: We are asking families with children under 12 years to register as early as possible, to allow us sufficient time to make suitable arrangements for their care. Any offers to assist with planning and managing the children’s programme, and to participate in the care of the children, would be much appreciated. Please contact Jenny Madeline (see below) in the first instance if you can help.

Planning the JYFs’ (12-17 year olds) programme: The planning group for the JYFs’ programme has drafted a provisional programme which includes a 3 day, 2-night camp from Tuesday 10 to Thursday 12 July. Offers from Friends to participate as FRAPs (Friendly Responsible Adult Presences) on the JYFs’ programme would be much appreciated. If you can help, please contact Lisa Wriley: cymplanning@quakersaustralia.info

NB: JYFs and FRAPS participating in the JYFs’ camp, who are staying in accommodation at Avondale, need to book in for accommodation on the nights of Tuesday 10 and Wednesday 11, as we will be charged for those nights.

Winter School

The theme for Winter School is “Turning Points”. This theme was chosen as it encompasses many situations in our lives and is open to be explored in different ways ranging from discussions on various aspects of our lives, to dancing, painting, etc. Convenors are needed. Please contact Elizabeth Mitchell via: cymplanning@quakersaustralia.info

Share & Tell

It is important that Friends who would like to present a Share & Tell session contact Ann Britton prior to the commencement of YM, so that timetabling and room bookings can be arranged: cymplanning@quakersaustralia.info

Book Sales

QSA has offered to manage a 2nd hand book stall – made up of Quaker-related and spiritual books, and more general fiction and non-fiction. Donations to the stall would be much appreciated.

Displays and other sales

Displays will include the WW1 Exhibition, the Friends in Stitches tapestries, and Silver Wattle Quaker Centre. QSA will have a display and will also be selling handicrafts. Any individual Friends who wish to display material and/or sell items are asked to contact Jenny Madeline.

IT facilities

Friends will have access to WiFi in meeting rooms and accommodation areas of the campus, and also access to computers and printing facilities.

YM2018 REGISTRATION & FINAL DATE FOR REGISTRATION

On-line registration for YM2018 will be available from early/mid-April, via a link from the AYM website: www.quakersaustralia.info **It is very important that Friends complete their registration by 4 June**, so that we can advise Avondale College of our accommodation and catering requirements.

General enquiries should be directed to Jenny Madeline via cymplanning@quakersaustralia.info

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Transport to Avondale College, Cooranbong (in the Hunter Valley):

1) By car from the north or south:

Take the Morisset exit from the M1 and follow your SatNav, google map or road map to Freemans Drive, Cooranbong. Avondale College is reached via Central Road, which is opposite the Cooranbong shops on Freemans Drive.

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Avondale+College+of+Higher+Education/@-33.0777776,151.4470031,15z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x0:0x7e6639d56c4de66d!8m2!3d-33.0861901!4d151.4615085?hl=en-US>

2) By train (train travel details from Brisbane – see below):

The nearest train station is Morisset (8kms away). Morisset is a very pleasant, 2 hour, scenic journey from Sydney (Central Station) on the Central Coast & Newcastle Line.

Friends arriving in Sydney via plane, train or coach should make their way to Central Station and then to the Grand Concourse (G) for regional and intercity trains.

The Newcastle trains usually consist of 4 carriages, with the front and rear carriages being “Quiet” carriages. See link to map of Central Station:

<http://www.sydneytrains.info/stations/maps/Central-StationMap.pdf>

Central Station accessibility:

The map shows the location of lifts and escalators at Central. There is a lift at Morisset but, on arrival from Central, there is a direct exit from the platform to the parking/pick-up area.

Train Schedules:

On weekends, trains run hourly from Central Station to Morisset (Newcastle train), and it is highly recommended that Friends catch one of the following trains from Central: 11:16, 12:16, 13:16 or 14:16 (arriving Morisset at 13:09, 14:11, 15:09 and 16:11 respectively). These trains will allow you plenty of time, before darkness falls, for registration on arrival at Avondale College and settling into your accommodation.

Sydney Train Timetables: <http://www.sydneytrains.info/timetables/#landingPoint>

Opal Tickets:

You must have an Opal Card to travel on all Sydney transport.

Single Opal Card tickets can be purchased from machines at stations, or Friends can consider obtaining an Opal Card in advance. <https://www.opal.com.au/ordercard/?execution=e1s1>.

Interstate seniors cannot purchase an Opal Card on line but can follow a process for obtaining a card in advance. https://www.opal.com.au/en/about-opal/opal_for_interstate_seniors/

Fares:

Domestic Airport to Morisset (weekends & off-peak, & including Airport Station Access Fee):

\$19.75 Adults
\$15.37 Children
\$14.90 Seniors

Central to Morisset (weekends and off-peak):

\$5.95 Adults
\$2.97 Children
\$2.50 Seniors

3) Train travel from Brisbane and the north coast of NSW:

Unfortunately, the timing of the two daily trains from Brisbane is not ideal. One train leaves the Roma Street station at 05:55 and arrives at Fassifern station at 18:11. The other train leaves Roma Street at 15:00 and arrives at Fassifern the next morning at 04:52.

As the trains do not stop at Morisset, arrangements can be made to meet Friends at Fassifern (20+ minutes from Morisset), although preferably not at 04:52.

If you need to be met at Fassifern please contact the YM2018 Planning Committee (cymplanning@quakersaustralia.info). Friends travelling on the daytime train should make sure to have refreshments on the train as they are likely to miss dinner.

4) **Timing of Airline Bookings:**

Please make airline bookings consistent with the information provided by the YM Planning Committee concerning travel time from the airport to Central and Central to Morisset (and vice versa).

If you are arriving in Sydney by plane, you should allow an hour for collection of luggage and train travel from the airport to Central, and transfer from the suburban platform to the Grand Concourse. Nevertheless, you may have a wait at Central, depending on your plane arrival time.

Here is a link to timetables: <http://www.sydneytrains.info/timetables/#landingPoint>

Upon Arrival at Avondale College

Friends arriving on the recommended trains will be met at Morisset station and transported to Avondale College. Friends arriving outside those times will need to contact the YM2018 Planning Committee via cymplanning@quakersaustralia.info in advance to make other arrangements.

Lunch/Refreshments

As most Friends will be travelling over the lunch period, it is recommended that you bring your own lunch from home. At the moment, there is only a small kiosk on the Grand Concourse at Central Station, with very limited refreshments. If you have sufficient time, there are other refreshment places at the Eddy Avenue exit (Exit 2).

Tea and coffee and biscuits will be available near the Registration Desk during the afternoon.

Transport from Avondale College to Morisset and Fassifern on 14 July

Transport will be provided to Morisset (for trains leaving at 10:32, 11:33, 12:32, 13:33, and 14:32) and to Fassifern (for trains leaving for Brisbane at 09:14 and 16:48).

STOP PRESS: As at 26.3 2018, the Sydney Trains future trackwork schedule indicates that no trackwork is planned on the Central & Newcastle Line on 7 or 14 July. However, on 14 July, express buses, rather than trains, will be running from Central Station to the Airport.



ADM AdministrationK10	CH ChemistryR9	HFC Hanson Fitness Centre C10	M Maths BuildingS8	SS Sculpture Shed.....B9
AH Andre Hall.....J7	CC College Church.....M8	IN Industrial Technology C15	MH Media HouseM5	TC Tennis Courts.....B17
BH Bethel HallH9	C College HallH12	IH Institute House.....N5	MD Men's DirectorF14	T Turner Wing.....L11
B Biology.....R10	CE College Education.....Q4	LC Ladies ChapelK6	MB Music BuildingG10	WH Watson Hall.....H15
BR Boiler Room.....B12	E Education Building.....Q11	LD Ladies DirectorJ6	MS Music StudioF10	WLT Watson Lecture Theatre..G15
BK Bookshop.....E7	EB Ella Boyd Hall.....G6	LT Lecture Theatre.....L13	NU Nursing BuildingT6	W White Building.....K12
BS Business Studies.....P14	FL Fit Life.....D7	LB LEVIC BoatshedG3	OR Outdoor RecreationC15	X Campus Garden ShedF18
CAF Cafeteria.....D8	FLP Fit Life PoolC7	LIB LibraryL14	P Pottery ShedB11	Y Maintenance Shed.....S15
CSA Chan Shun Auditorium ..D12	GH Greer Hall.....G13	MW Maths Workshop.....U7	R Residences.....P5, O5, L6	