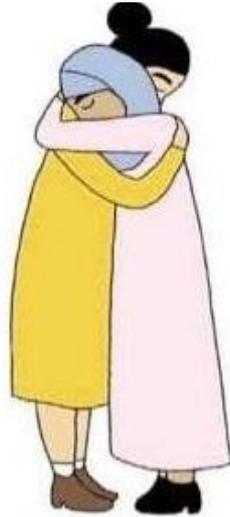




## NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2019



THIS IS YOUR HOME  
AND YOU SHOULD HAVE  
BEEN SAFE HERE

New Zealand, Friday 22 March 2019

Friday is worship day for Muslims. Today we stood with several hundred citizens of Wanganui and listened to the call to worship from the mosque in Christchurch where the terrible events took place last week, broadcast to the nation by Radio New Zealand.

New Zealanders are reaching out to each other, especially to the Muslim communities, in a heart-felt wish to support each other, to overcome fear and violence with love.

A few minutes earlier we were invited to stand and join hands with a person standing next to us, if we felt so moved, to listen to the list of 50 people killed in the shooting. Everywhere were chains of strangers holding hands for the ten minutes it took to hear the names. Later we signed the condolence book.

Women all over the country were invited to wear a scarf today in solidarity with Muslim women. Ronis was wearing one.

The Prime Minister, Members of Parliament, the Mayor of Wanganui, Maori leaders, Muslim leaders, other religious leaders are united with the people in calling for a response of support and love. We know this response is happening all around New Zealand. This tragedy is a launchpad for a new sense of community and tolerance. Leaders are speaking from the heart about what we must do to make racism of any kind unacceptable.

We feel humbled to be here in this moment of such intense sadness and reaching-out.

*Michael Searle & Ronis Chapman*



**DON'T FORGET**

**The Annual Garage Sale and Book Fair**

*Saturday 30 March at the Turner Meeting House, 8 am to 2 pm De-clutter your home and donate to this great cause! Of course, books of any and every kind are very welcome. Proceeds will be sent to Quaker Service Australia (QSA) as a donation from CRM. Please let us know if you can help. Contact: Alex at alexn20032003@yahoo.com, Kay de Vogel on 0438 653 208 or kay@devogel.id.au.*



**Wagga Friends** gave support to visiting British Friends Jackie and John Andrews during the period when John was hospitalized. From left: Jackie Andrews, Melanie Baulch, Andrew Gradon, Geraldine Gradon, Richard Green and Michael Bayles. Geraldine describes this fellowship [here](#).



Michael Bayles (second from right) is pictured at the recent Gay and Lesbian March in Wagga Wagga. Michael writes about the changes he sees in his community in this [reflection](#).

## Quaker Learning Australia

New to Quakers? Or just wanting to learn more about the who, what and how of Quakers? Quaker Learning Australia is a committee of Australia Yearly Meeting with two key responsibilities.

First, it is a source of online and printed resources and videos available to inquirers and seasoned Friends who are ready to learn more about Quakers. The Resources tab on the QLA webpage will introduce you some of those materials. The Committee plan to update and expand the range of resource materials, so it can be useful to check back with their web portal from time to time.

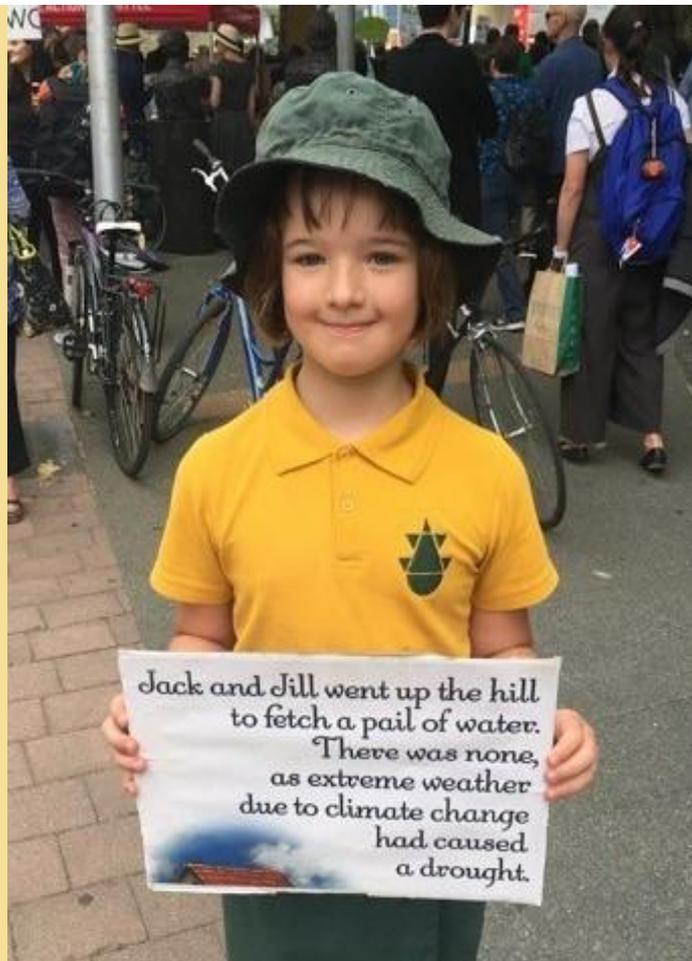
Second, QLA coordinates Meeting for Learning, a year-long immersion in a spirit-led life. The MfL year begins and ends with a week in retreat, living in community in peaceful surroundings. Skilful facilitators guide exploration of the inner spiritual life, and the expression of that life in the wider world. In the year between retreats, each person undertakes a 'project' of their own choosing. Past participants recall their Meeting for Learning year as one of deep importance to their spiritual growth.

The 2019 Meeting for Learning will be in New Norcia north of Perth 15-21 September. In 2020-21, MfL will be in Adelaide. We warmly encourage anyone from CRM to consider taking part. First preference is usually given to people who have never attended MfL, but some people do it more than once. Dorothy Broom or Kay de Vogel would be delighted to discuss it with you. [Read more](#) about Quaker Learning Australia.

Our Friend Andrew Glikson, a member of Canberra Regional Meeting and a noted scientist, has published a new book ***From Stars to Brains: Milestones in the Planetary Evolution of Life and Intelligence***. To get a copy go here: <https://link.springer.com/search?query=978-3-030-10602-7>

Laura (9) attended the Student Strike for Climate Change on Friday 15 March.

[Here](#) is a report written by her mother Marka.



Jill Sutton is the Quaker representative on the Australian Religious Response to Climate Change group which is doing splendid work and planning for its national conference on 8-10 November this year. Jill is practising new ways of greeting or saying goodbye.

[Read](#) Jill's letter published in *Panorama* on 26 January 2019.

**Notes from Faith in Action  
Session presented by Quaker  
Peace and Legislation  
Committee to Standing  
Committee, January 2019**

The session was a brief overview of the lobbying workshop held 24 -27 March 2018, aimed to increase confidence in effectively engaging with decision makers about a range of issues. Read the notes

[here.](#)

Australian company Electro Optics Systems (EOS) has sold its Remote Weapons System (RWS) to the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

The Independent and Peaceful Australia Network (IPAN) has started a petition about weapons exports. More information, including the link to this online petition is [here.](#)

Our Friend Nancy Tingey spoke movingly to Friends at a Friends Friday on 15 March about her long journey in developing an innovative approach to helping people with Parkinson's Disease to have improved quality of life. Ann Nugent wrote a review of Nancy's book which is [here](#). Copies of the book are available from Nancy Tingey.

**Our Friend Richard Murray self- published a book called God's obedient potter.**

**Reg Naulty has written a review which you can read [here](#).**



The Treaty Forum was held at the Centre for Christianity and Culture at Barton on Sunday 10 February. David Purnell facilitated the Forum, and is pictured here with Pastor Ossie Cruse from the South Coast of NSW, and Judith Kelly, a Yamatji woman from Western Australia. The full report on the Forum is [here.](#)

Our Friend Cameron Gordon just published a second daily reader for Lent -- one text only and one text with illustrations by him. This follows up a Lent Reader Cameron published a couple of years ago. Relevant Amazon links are below: -

A Second Daily Reader for Lent: [A Second Daily Reader for Lent.](#)

Here is the original Lent reader [A Daily Lent Reader](#). These links enable you to sample a few pages of each reader.



John, a CRM Young Friend, is in Year 8. He reflects on the change from primary to high school [here](#).



This is the view from the room in which Quaker Meetings are held on the second and third Sundays of the month at the Tuggeranong Senior Citizens Centre, 101 Cowlshaw Street, Tuggeranong Town Park. It's a very peaceful outlook, with the addition of birdsong. For information about this meeting, and CRM in general visit [Canberra Quakers](#).

**This is the second edition of the CRM e-Newsletter for 2019. If this is the first time you have received this e-Newsletter, you will notice that it contains links to longer articles and photos. We are always interested in your feedback. If you would like to contribute to the newsletter, please send an email to: [RMCANberraNews@quakersaustralia.info](mailto:RMCANberraNews@quakersaustralia.info)**



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