



CALLING ALL AUSTRALIAN QUAKERS

Silver Wattle property was purchased on Friday, 30 September, 2011. This opens up wonderful new opportunities as Silver Wattle is developed to realise the vision of a Quaker study and retreat centre in Australia. Silver Wattle Quaker Centre is beginning a new phase of development. The groundwork has been laid. We will build on the experience of the last two years.

We invite all Australian Quakers and the wider Friends community to consider what Silver Wattle Quaker Centre may offer us. If you have thought of coming to Silver Wattle to see what's happening, come now. If that's not possible yet, you can still be part of Silver Wattle's development by exploring the website <http://www.silverwattle.org.au> and by subscribing to the monthly e-newsletter.

Silver Wattle offers:

- 'time out' for spiritual renewal and refreshment
- exploring the natural environment - bird-watching or walks in the bush or lake bed
- reading in the library
- learning together
- living in community
- having a holiday - on your own or with your family

You can do all or any of these by:

- coming to stay for short visits or longer
- taking courses
- offering to be a Friend-in-Residence
- participating in workshops
- joining in working bees

Silver Wattle is owned by Silver Wattle Quaker Centre Ltd., a company limited by guarantee. A Board of Directors manages the company and maintains oversight of the Centre's operation. Three committees have responsibility for the following aspects:

- Advisory Committee - strategic advice to the Board and Company
- Programs and Learning Committee - the SWQC learning and retreat program
- Elders Committee - appointment and support of Resident Elders

We are seeking skills/experience in:

- Marketing
- Landcare/Environment
- Finance
- Healing
- Indigenous concerns
- Relationships with YM and Meetings
- Preparing and cooking simple fresh food
- Food growing and preserving

We are building a list of people who can be called upon to provide specific advice from time to time. We also need to appoint additional people to the Advisory Board, and would particularly like to hear from you if you feel led to this service. Involvement need not be onerous. The Committee meets at such times, and by the means, that suits its members. We note the need for geographic spread if possible and invite conversation with you:

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