



SILVER WATTLE QUAKER CENTRE

Silver Wattle is a retreat and conference centre owned and managed by a not-for-profit Quaker company.

The Centre overlooks the exquisite landscape of Weereewa (Lake George) and is located 12 kms from the village of Bungendore, accessible by train, and just 40 minutes from Canberra. We offer a pickup service for public transport.

We promote social and religious education, witness and service, especially in the areas of: spiritual renewal; ecological sustainability; social justice; and Aboriginal & interfaith wisdom. Seekers from all spiritual traditions are welcomed.

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*a place for spiritual retreat,
healing and study*



SILVER WATTLE QUAKER CENTRE PROGRAM 2018





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2018 COURSES

Silver Wattle courses enable a deepening of Spirit through prayer and community living so participants are renewed and ready to live and act in the world. Registration costs are listed on the website, about \$115/day including room, food and tuition. Participants are encouraged to stay for the full length of the course.

Transformation in Life's Transitions 19 - 24 March	Ann Zubrick	Exploring and musing on life's transitions (including those yet to come) through journaling, creativity, music, conversation and reflection.
Relating to your Inward Teacher - a (mostly) Silent Retreat 20 - 26 April	Janet Duke	A week in community in silence with opportunities for input and reflection. Individual spiritual direction available to help you listen to your Inward Teacher.
Sustainable Living - Preserving the Harvest 4 - 6 May	Ruth Gaha-Morris	Learn traditional methods to turn autumn harvest into a winter feast without the use of a fridge or freezer. Take home samples of your preserves as well as yummy recipes to use them later.
Intuition vs. Dogma: Jesus, Buddha & Muhammad 10 - 16 August	Arthur Wells & Helen Gould	Explore Quaker intuitions about Jesus, especially on the rule of God, compassion and forgiveness. Similar explorations in Buddhism and Islam. Practice some simple Tai Chi, Zen koans, and the Quaker "Experiment with Light".
Towards a Good Relationship with the Earth 20 - 23 September	Rowe Morrow	Respond to global warming through permaculture principles. Learn ways to live effectively, what has worked in other countries, and a larger view of life and the spirit. Keen gardeners, consider staying on for the Spring Gardening Week.
Quakers and Concerns - from Both Sides Now 4 - 7 October	Sue Ennis & Catherine Heywood	Learn how to recognise your own Quaker Concern. Hear stories of Australian Friends and learn how our Meetings can support Friends living with a Concern.

Additional courses

- Creativity, Nature and Spirit (October)
- Indigenous Spirituality (November)

Details of additional 'pop-up' courses & events can be found on the website www.silverwattle.org.au



COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

Silver Wattle Community Gatherings build connection with country, Spirit and each other.

We acknowledge participants' contribution to the ongoing work of Silver Wattle and ask for donations to cover costs, up to \$60 per night.

Gardening & Land Care weeks
Summer 2 - 8 February
Autumn 27 April - 3 May
Winter 27 July - 2 August
Spring 24 - 30 September

Led by Silver Wattle staff and volunteers, each week includes opportunities for shared work, play, rest and learning. You might find yourself mulching, planting trees, clearing walking tracks, harvesting, preserving, or even just keeping folks company while they work. f/Friends of all ages welcome.

Supporting younger f/Friends

Keep an eye on the website for gatherings of Young Friends, Junior Young Friends, and family gatherings. Discounts available.

ACCOMMODATION AND VENUE HIRE

Silver Wattle is available for casual accommodation and venue hire. Catering is available on request. We welcome Quakers and others with shared values and purposes.

We welcome:

- Residential group venue hires (up to 28 people)
- One day venue hires (up to 35 people)
- Sojourners on personal retreat
- Campers and ecology enthusiasts
- Longer term resident volunteers (work exchange arrangements)