

NELSON RECOGNISED MEETING NEWSLETTER

Quakers - the Religious Society of Friends – Aotearoa New Zealand Te Hahi
Tuhauwiri

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Spiritual Thought

Peace begins within ourselves. It is to be implemented within the family, in our meetings, in our work and leisure, in our own localities and internationally. The task will never be done. Peace is a process to engage in, not a goal to be reached.

Sydney Bailey, 1993 (QF&P 24.57)

Recent Happenings

Elizabeth and Kataraina attended the memorial unveiling and tree planting in honour of Maui John Mitchell on Sunday 5 June at Rutherford Park. There were so many friends and family sharing their love for John and for what he and Hilary will always mean to them. A ten-year old Totara was planted in his memory and a carved seat was installed and blessed:



Kua hinga te totara kaha. Truly, a mighty Totara has fallen.

Te Waikoropupū Springs, Environment Court Hearing is currently in recess

On Monday the 23rd of May Marion Sanson from the Quaker Settlement and a member of Save Our Spring's organising team, travelled from Whanganui to give evidence concerning the spiritual presence at Waikoropupū Springs. The hearing continues in July.

Recently published in Newsroom

Philip Temple, Historian, published an essay on William and Arthur Wakefield. Arthur Wakefield died during the "Wairau Affray" where John Cotterell, one of Nelson's first Quakers, was also killed:

<https://www.newsroom.co.nz/white-mans-history-the-execution-of-arthur-wakefield>



[White man's history: The execution of Arthur Wakefield](#)

Dr Philip Temple is the Dunedin author of more than 40 books. He has won a number of prizes and fellowships, has received the Prime Minister's Award for Literary Excellence and made an Officer of the NZ Order of Merit for his 'services to literature'.

John and Hilary Mitchell's account of the Wairau Affray is available to read on theprow.org.nz.

Six Nelson Friends are currently studying Te Reo through the te Ataarangi movement, so I was struck by this poem published in Newsroom last week, from which I took the message, "tread softly":

Pākehā talking 'the reo'

By Anahera Gildea

My neighbour is learning te reo. Man he's proud.
His long body of white
flicking hair, conquering language. He doesn't feel
an inch of guilt. Nothing. Man he's proud.

I've learned my mihi, he says,
where you say your mountain and stuff. He struts
and tells me his mang-ga. His mow-anna.
He can tell me where *I'm* from too
he's found a site
to trace my whakapapa for me. Shit that's good.
It's all on the internet now. Your iwi all the way back
to your waka.

Man, he's proud. Do you know Poi E? he says.
Prince what's his name. The big guy. You'd like it.

(this is an extract, the full poem is available at <https://www.newsroom.co.nz/pakeha-talking-the-reo>)

Deadline for next Newsletter Our Newsletter is a way to share our lives – to help build our Quaker community. Thanks to everyone who has sent contributions. Please consider sending in your news, a book review, a quote that speaks to you.... Send newsletter items to Christine Gillespie at c.gillespie@xtra.co.nz **The cut-off date for items for the July newsletter is Friday, July 16th, 2022.**

A reminder about Quakers Aotearoa Website

<https://quakers.nz/> is the database for the New Zealand Religious Society of Friends. It is a useful source of information on people and events. Please get into the habit of referring to the database, and please make sure your details are entered and up to date. This is where we go when we are looking for a Friend's phone number, etc. This database is only as good as the data you enter so, please make use of this important communication tool. Nelson Meeting newsletters and lots of other material is posted and archived there.

Online Resources: visit our own website quakers-in-nelson.org.nz, the national website quakers.nz and our Face Book page [Nelson quakers](#).

Our Programme: below is a reminder of the different activities each month.

First Week of the Month: Sunday: Meeting for Worship, 9.00–10.00am **vaccine pass required** Sunday: Meeting for Worship, 10.30 – 11.30am
No vaccine passes required **Wednesday: Becoming Friends, 7.00 pm – 8.45pm**

(Alternate Even Months) Sunday: Business Meeting 12.00 pm No vaccine pass required, Zoom participation.

Second Week of the Month: Sunday: Meeting for Worship, 9–10.00am **vaccine pass required** Sunday: Meeting for Worship, 10.30 – 11.30am No vaccine pass required

Third Week of the Month: Sunday: Meeting for Worship, 9.00–10.00am **vaccine pass required** Sunday: Meeting for Worship, 10.30 – 11.30am No vaccine passes required **Wednesday: Home Discussions, 7.00 pm – 9.00pm** host decides if vaccine pass required if in person, or may use Zoom

Fourth Week of the Month: Sunday: Meeting for Worship, 9.00–10.00am vaccine pass required Sunday: Meeting for Worship, 10.30 – 11.30am No vaccine pass required

Children are welcome at all Meetings for Worship.