

2023 Quaker Settlement Seminar Programme

Reaching out to our Communities: with a focus on Young People and Families

17- 19 February

Come enjoy a weekend to brainstorm and create programmes to attract seekers of all ages to our Meetings. Would you like to see your Meeting become a vibrant place where people of all ages and cultures feel welcomed and actively involved? Come share and find out how other Meetings are succeeding in their outreach efforts and be part of developing a coordinated effort throughout the Yearly Meeting. *Facilitated by the YM Outreach Committee.*

Autumn Fun @ Quaker Acres

17 to 19 March

A playful, productive and friendly weekend for all ages to get some autumnal Settlement jobs done together. Bonuses are great food, free accommodation, and temperatures still warm enough for swimming in the Pool.

Yearly Meeting

18 to 22 May

Yearly Meeting, hosted by Whanganui Monthly Meeting, will take place at the Settlement. The gathering begins on Thursday with a preparation day to help us come with hearts and minds ready for the Yearly Meeting business.

King's Birthday Work Weekend

2 to 5 June

The long weekend for winter jobs, in the Settlement tradition of working together.

Men's Weekend

9 to 11 June

Welcome all men and those identifying with their inner masculine - cis, intersex, non-binary, all included - to a Quaker Men's Weekend. Come to the circle and explore Quaker Masculinities and their intersections in our lives and communities. *Co-ordinated by Thomas Owen connecting via zoom.*

Family Fun Weekend

7 to 9 July

Come together for Puanga/Matariki celebrations. *Facilitated by Jos Rossell and others.*

Penal Reform

25 to 27 August

Friends continue the tradition of a concern for criminal justice and penal reform. This year we shine the light on issues that result in a disproportionate number of Māori in prisons. *Facilitators: Penal Reform Committee.*

Worship

8 to 10 September

If you have trouble with the word 'worship' this is the seminar for you. If you don't have trouble with the word 'worship' this too may be the seminar for you, as we look at what we understand by 'worship'. *Facilitated by Linley Gregory, Lesley Young, Jillian Wychel and David James.*

Te Tiriti Refresher and Weekend

20 to 22 October

For those with some background and also those new to Aotearoa New Zealand's Treaty history. The discussions and resources will help build our understanding of evolving Treaty relationships. The weekend starts with a refresher course on Friday morning. *Facilitated by the Treaty Relationships Group.*

Rainbow Weekend

10 to 12 November

This weekend will be for Rainbow Quakers and for Friends who are asking questions about their sexual and gender identity and orientation. As we listen to each other's stories and have fun together, we Rainbow Quakers can learn from one another, across differences in age and in sexual and gender identity and orientation.

Co-ordinated by Elizabeth Thompson.

For further information go to: <https://www.quakersettlement.co.nz/seminars> or

contact the Quaker Settlement, 76 Virginia Road, Whanganui 4500, or email:

settlement@quaker.org.nz Participation by zoom will be arranged for those seminars which suit online participation. See the particular seminar's brochure for details.

The Settlement's pricing structure is "Pay as Led". For more information see the Settlement's Seminar webpage: <https://www.quakersettlement.co.nz/seminars>

The Quaker Education Fund (QEF) subsidy is available to cover half of all accommodation, meal and registration costs for one seminar during the year per individual, for Quakers, Attenders, and their family members, participating in the seminar.

BROCHURES for each event will be available on the Aotearoa New Zealand Quaker Website: <http://www.quakersettlement.co.nz/seminar-programme>, and electronic and hard copies will be sent to each Meeting and WEST representative well in advance of each event.

REGISTRATION with payment is essential and must be with the Settlement Contact person by the date given in the brochure. Please register well ahead to help avoid a seminar being cancelled for lack of registrations. Refunds are possible if reasonable notice is given.

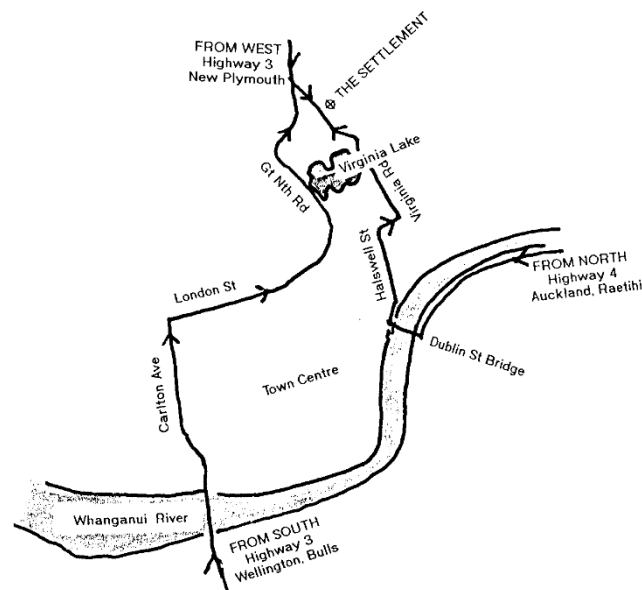
ACCOMMODATION is available in the Sleeping House (bring your own bedding) in 2-bed cabins and small bunk areas and the Family Room with ensuite. The Units offer twin beds with ensuite and linen provided. Sometimes Settlers may offer Billets when Units are not available. There is space for camping and two caravan points. Charging points are available for electric vehicles. A Mode 2 connection cable is required. Our menu is vegetarian. We will endeavour to meet special dietary needs given good notice.

ASSISTANCE with COSTS may be available. Some seminar Settlement costs are funded by the Quaker Education Fund. Check the programme for details of QEF assistance. Alternatively, your Monthly Meeting may be able to assist with your costs.

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The Settlement from above – drone photo courtesy of Dan Jose



GETTING HERE Virginia Road joins the main road to New Plymouth (SH3) about 1.5 km past Virginia Lake on the NW side of the city. We can meet buses (in town) and plane (at Whanganui airport) with prior arrangement. Rides from Wellington or Palmerston North can sometimes be arranged. Expect to share costs.

SOJOURNING We welcome visitors coming to stay at the Settlement to experience life in community and our environment or for a quiet retreat or for study. Accommodation subject to availability. Expect to self-cater. Extended stays before or after seminars will be charged at the lower seminar daily rates

Enquiries / bookings to:
Heather Jan, Quaker Settlement,
76 J Virginia Rd, Whanganui 4500
or <quakeracres@gmail.com>

ARE YOU INTERESTED in Quaker service, Quaker outreach, Care for the land, Sustainability, Permaculture, Living within a community? The Settlement ticks all those boxes. There are opportunities to join the Settlement from time to time, so come visit and explore whether this is could be your calling.

Apply in the first instance to
The Secretary, Quaker Settlement,
76 Virginia Road, Whanganui
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