



Quakers.nz Website

Report from

- **Website Oversight Committee (WOC)**
- **Website Technical Services Team (WTST)**

**YM 2024 has major
decisions to make**

**The current website
will be progressively
less secure from
early 2025.**

We need to act.



**There are no
straightforward
options – all come at
a cost.**

**We are looking to
YM for guidance as
to how to proceed**



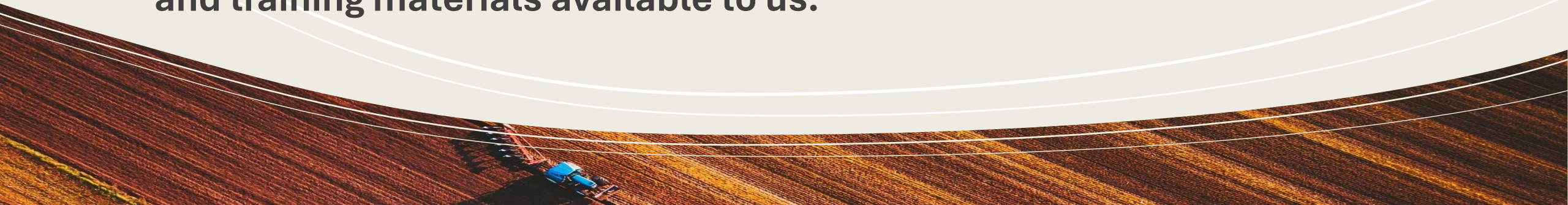
Where we have come from - YM2019 Min 12

“The Website Development Team has reported to us and given a detailed demonstration of the main features of the new website which is nearing readiness to go live.

“We appreciate the bottom-up approach which enables Meetings and committees to develop their own identity and content while maintaining the overall look of the website.

“We are grateful for the work that has gone in to making this website so appropriate for our needs and so reflective of who we are as Friends.

“We recognise the effort and energy which will be needed in future to keep this up to date and fresh and are pleased that there will be a support team and training materials available to us.”



Recommended Option: Simplify the existing website and migrate to Drupal 10

The cost is \$95K plus GST. Yearly Meeting can recover the GST. Funds will need to be allocated to this. The benefit is the continuity of our single website for the Quaker community in Aotearoa.

Are there alternatives?

- Most of our time has gone towards defining and costing a migration of the existing website to Drupal 10.
- We have looked briefly at alternative solutions using 'drag and drop' page builders. However, they would require starting over.
- We have also looked at the Quaker Meetings Network (QMN), which is used in Britain and parts of the US.

Can we work with Australian Friends who are in a similar situation?

- We have had an interest in each other's work since May 2023 and have shared information.
- There are many similarities but also differences.
- Cooperation could work in either direction.
- We will continue the dialog.
- Can this produce a secure website that meets our needs by early 2025?

WTST and WOC prefer the path that has been investigated and documented in detail.

We recommend that we proceed with migration of the existing website to Drupal 10, BUT we know that Friends will need to locate the financial resources to do so.



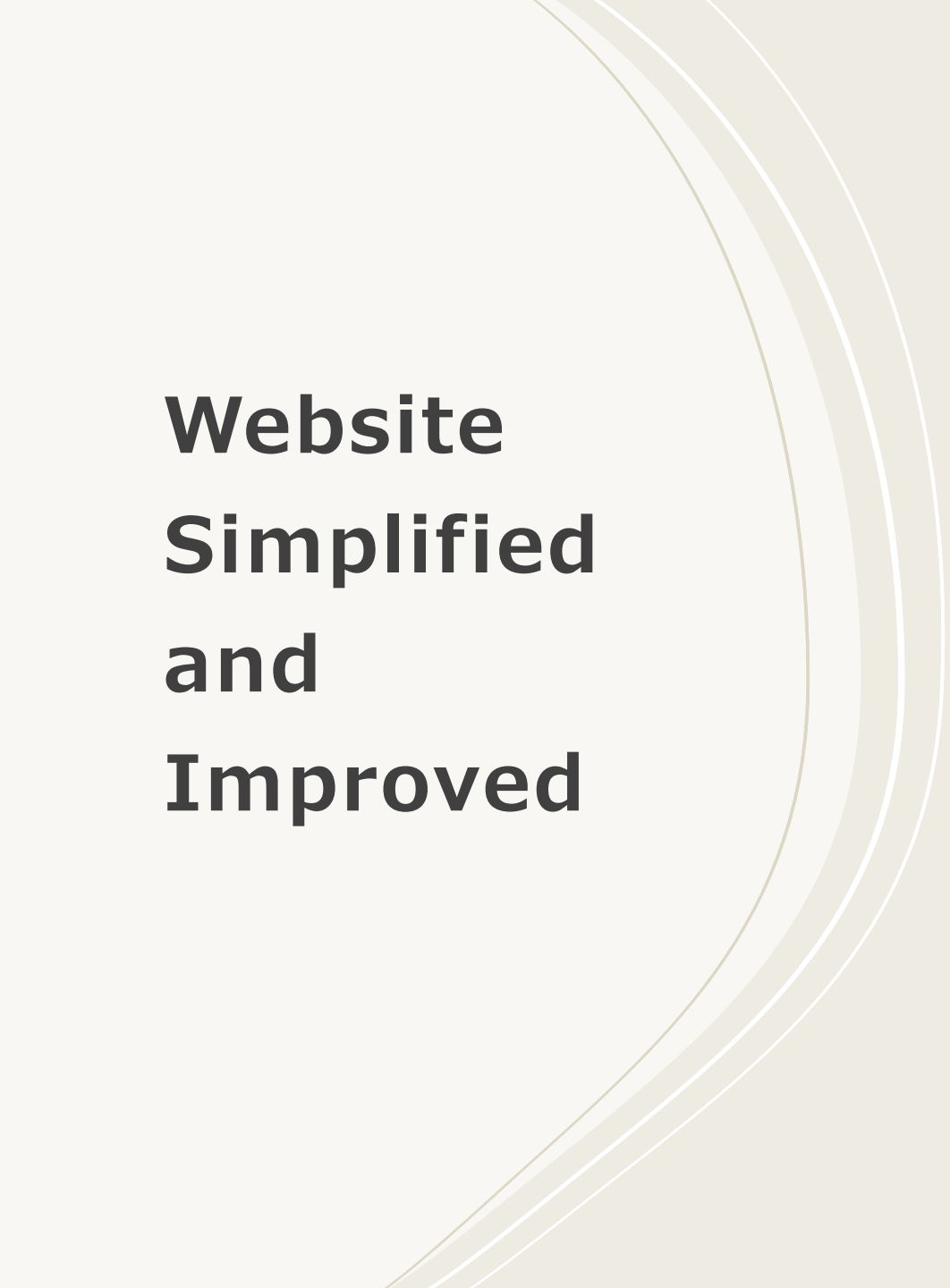


Today's session:

- Update on work towards migration
- Questions

Tomorrow's session:

- Move towards a decision



Website Simplified and Improved

NEW HOMEPAGE AND MENUS

- **Homepage – Links for Enquirers**
- **Public Menus – Easier to navigate**
- **Private Section – More accessible**

IMPROVEMENTS

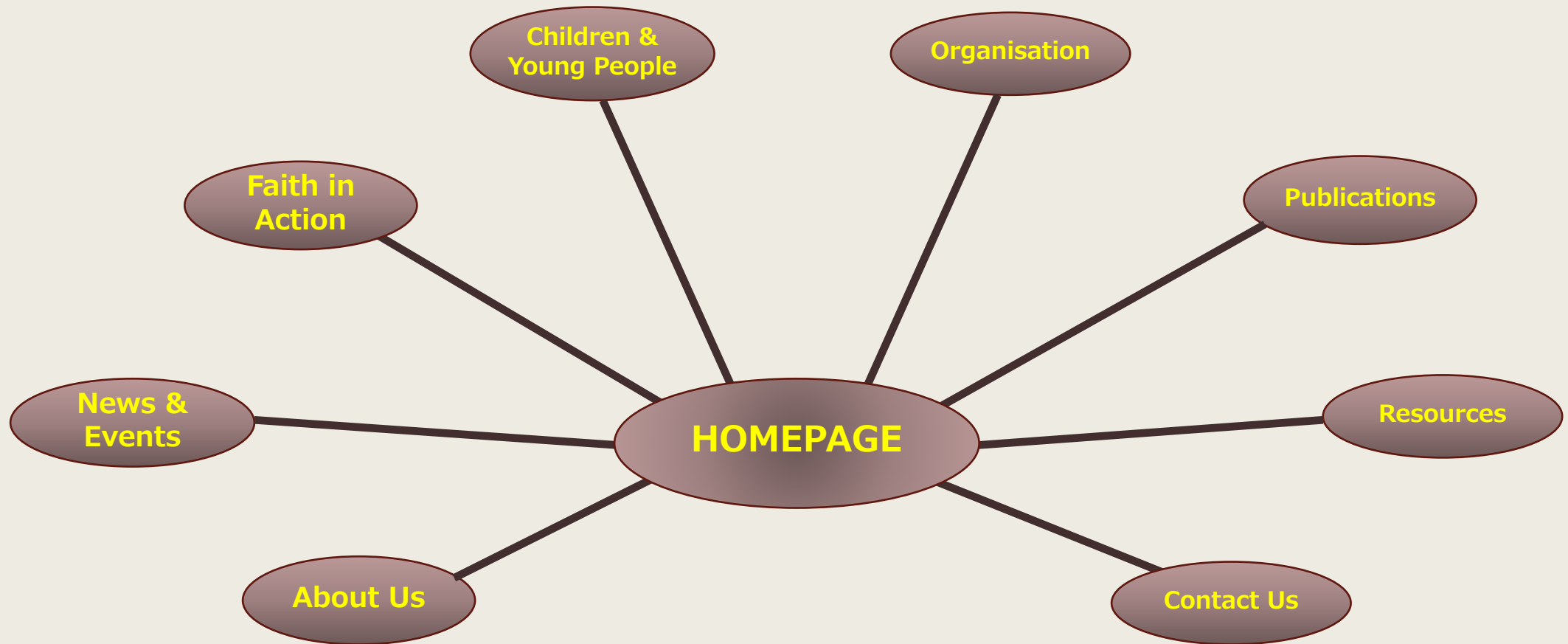
- **New Search including all documents**
- **Simpler Meeting Record & Appointments**
- **Simplified Quaker Book Sales**
- **Easier login using Google/Facebook**
- **Designed for mobile devices**

Public Menu Diagram

HOME

Search

Log In



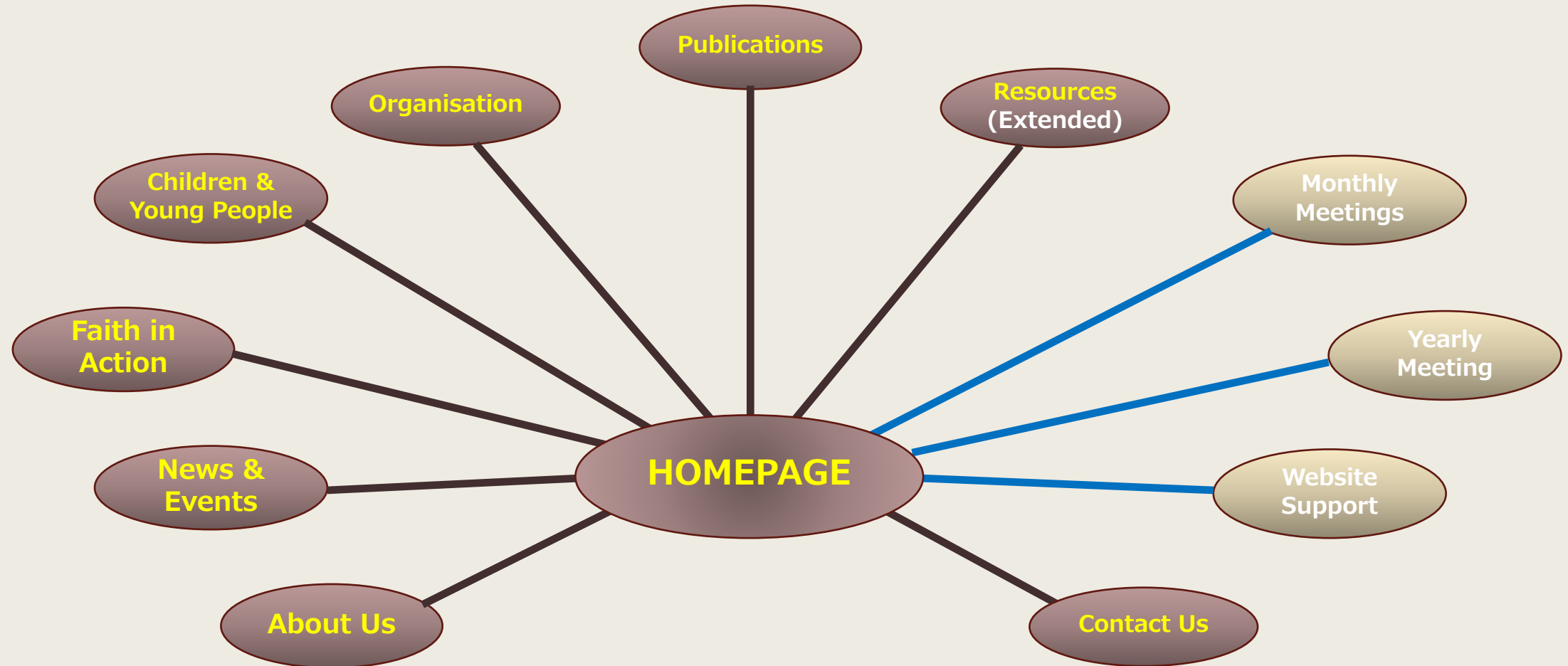
Logged-in Menu Diagram

HOME

Search

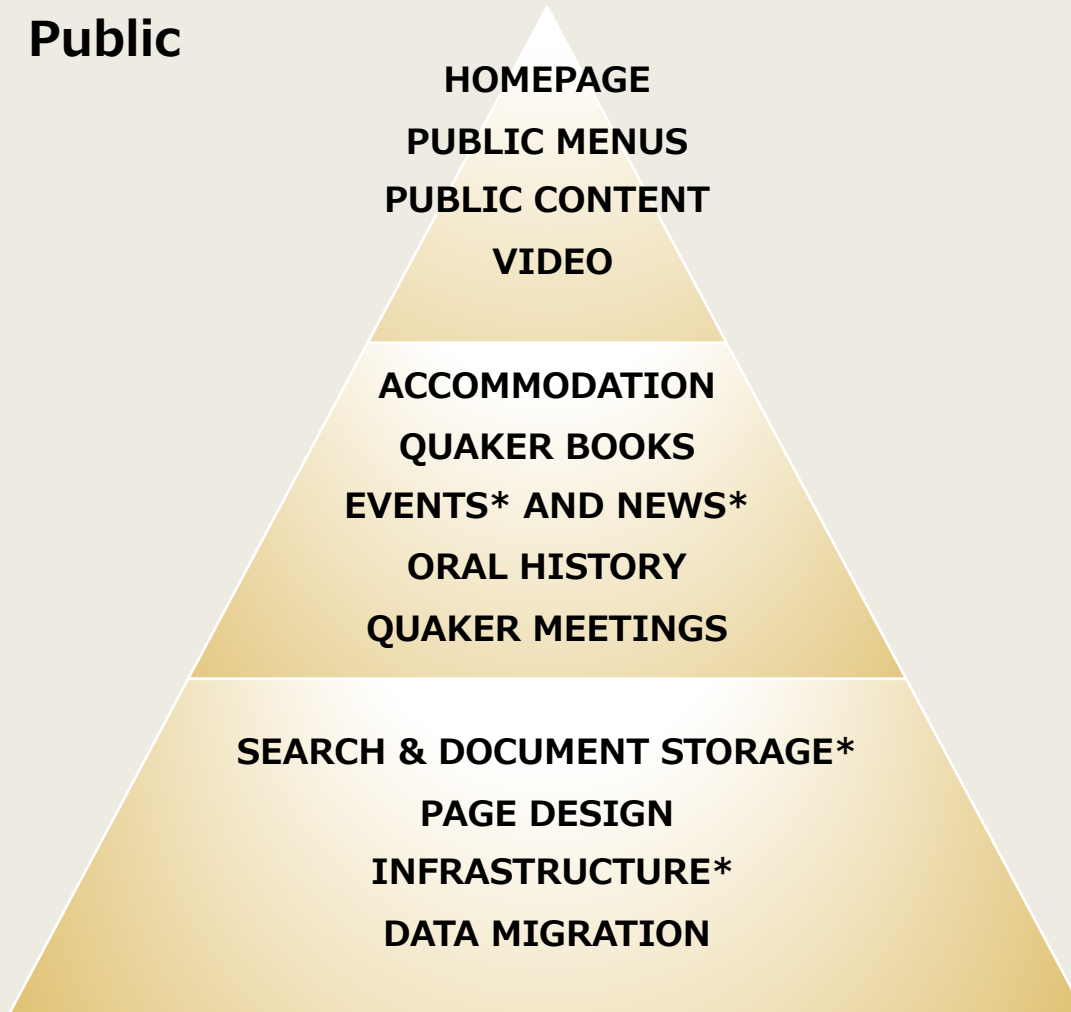
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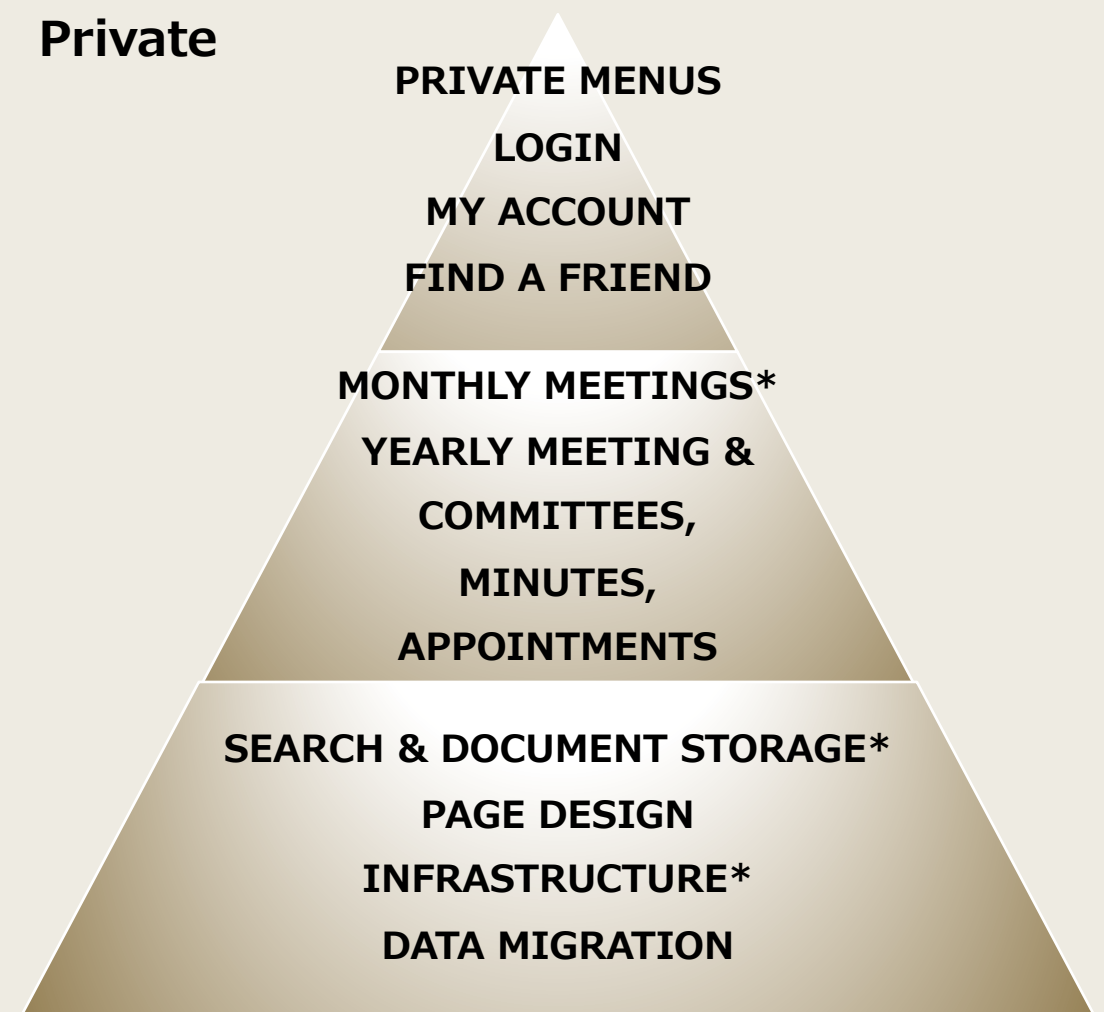


What is included in the migration?

Public



Private



* Shared between Public and Private

Scoping, Documentation and Costing Project

Scoping process (Completed)

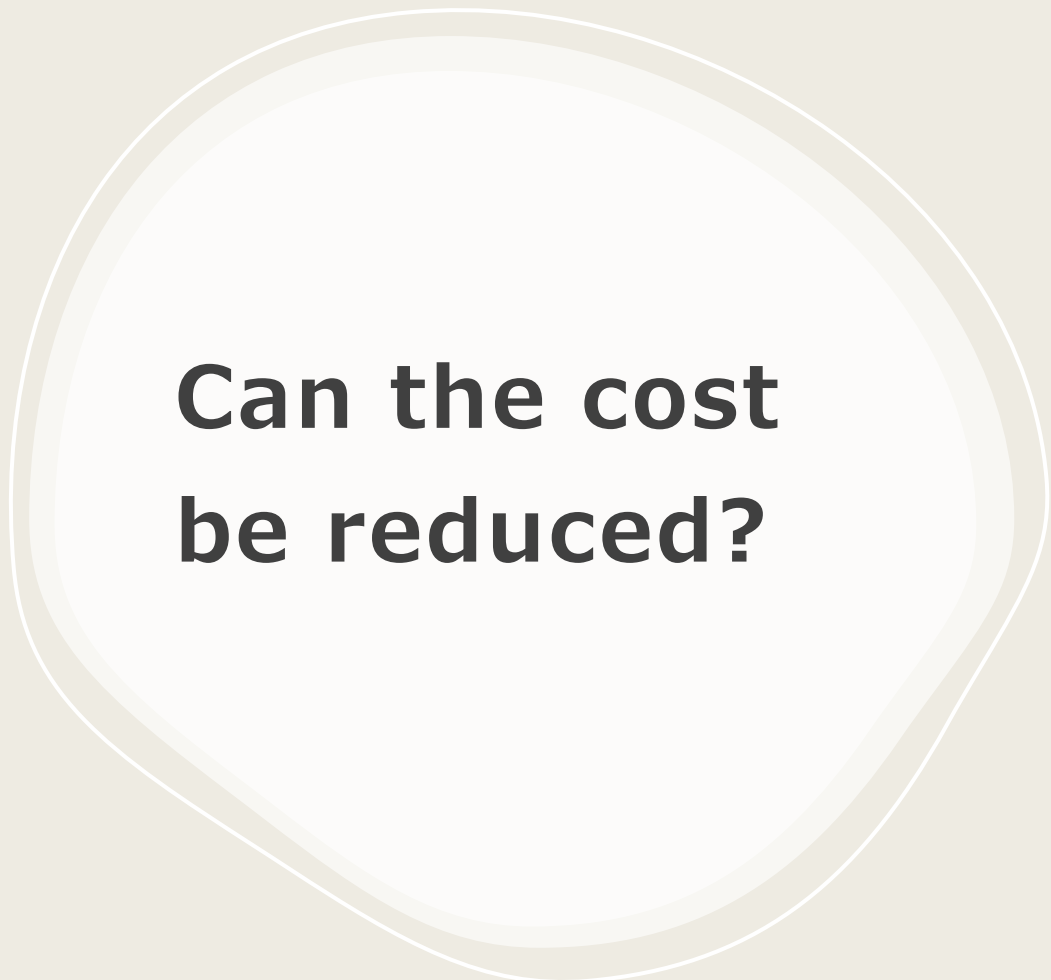
- Initial overview
- Interviews with Friends
- Creation of 'user stories' to cover all features required
- Review and sign-off

Cost estimate

- \$95K plus GST

Running Cost

- \$600 plus GST per month



Can the cost be reduced?

- **A simple Outreach site could be built using “Drag & Drop” website builders, but all other functions would be lost.**
- **We would still need to create solutions for Monthly Meeting records, Membership and MMA Book, Yearly Meeting records and committees, Quaker Book Sales, Friends Newsletter etc**
- **We would need to find a way to link all these individual parts.**
- **All this would need to be redesigned from scratch.**



Is Quaker Meetings Network (QMN) an Alternative?

- **Out-of-the-box, “Designed for Quakers”**
- **Low upfront cost, low running cost per Meeting, but the Meeting has to do the work**
- **Not currently available in Aotearoa**
- **Under consideration by Quakers Australia but changes would be needed to work**
- **Focused on Local meetings and Area meetings – each website is separate**
- **Separate national Outreach site is needed**
- **Separate membership database & MMA book would be needed**



Questions?

Q: Will Drupal need another major upgrade in 6 years?

A: No

Itomic (Australian / International Drupal & Wordpress developer)

- Drupal 7 was the last major version of Drupal that *doesn't* provide a relatively smooth upgrade to a higher major version. From Drupal 8 and up, the upgrade path is relatively much smoother and, therefore, more cost-effective. There are many tens of thousands of Drupal 7 site owners, worldwide, facing the same challenge as you.
- The official EOL (end of life) for Drupal 7 is currently set at Jan 2025. It's unlikely to be extended to a later date.

Acquia (International Drupal developer)

Moving to Drupal 10 from Drupal 9 will be an upgrade, not a migration. Because Drupal 9 and 10 architectures are so similar, you can make updates to your codebase without rebuilding or mapping over content from one version to the other. It also means the less custom code you have, the easier it will be to upgrade.

Building around QMN – What is Needed?

1. National Public Website

Home . About Us . Faith in Action . News & Events . Children, Young People & Families
Organisation . Publications . Resources . Contact
Quaker Books . Oral History . Grants . Bequests & Donations . Accommodation
Quaker Meetings Directory & Map

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2. Quaker Meetings Network – Monthly Meetings Outreach and Intranet

Monthly Meetings Public Site . Quaker Meetings for Worship . Monthly Meeting Intranets

FEASIBILITY TRIAL | DEPLOY | CONTENT | MAINTAIN

3. Quaker Meetings Network – Yearly Meeting Intranet?

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4. Friends Register

My Account . Find a Friend . Meetings(?), Members & Attenders Book Extract

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