

Quakers and Concerns from Both Sides Now: Discerning and Supporting

**Thursday October 4, 2018 4 pm to
Sunday, October 7, 2018 1 pm**

with Sue Ennis and Catherine Heywood

*“You don’t get a Concern because you want to do something.
It comes because the Spirit wants you to do something.”*

How do you know if what is nudging, or moving you, is a Concern? How do we in our Meetings support Friends with a Concern? What happens after we approve the Minute of support? Over this 4-day weekend we will hear the stories of several Australian Friends, as they respond to questions about their experience of having a Concern. How does this resonate with us? This course is for

- anyone who would like a clearer understanding of what “Concern” is in the Quaker context
- those who are feeling nudged by the Spirit to some action, or who are social activists wondering if their Meeting might support them
- those who might be asked to guide an individual or the Meeting through the process of discernment and support of a Concern.



Sue Ennis has been actively involved in social justice since the mid-70’s when she was part of a house-church in inner Melbourne. Sue joined Quakers in the mid-1990s and has gained much from the Quaker understanding of ‘leadings, concerns, holding in the light and laying down a concern.’ This has helped her become more spiritually discerning, and spiritually supported in the issues she takes up. Sue is an experienced Adult Educator who has led Quaker learning sessions locally and at AYM, and is ready to share her experiences.

Catherine Heywood finds great joy in both teaching and learning, especially within her spiritual community. She brings a working lifetime’s experience in adult education, including teacher professional development as well as her twenty plus year personal journey with Friends, her study in Organisation Dynamics, and more recently as a facilitator with Meeting for Learning. She is keen for Friends to understand as fully as possible both “the task, and the fine tools” which we have inherited from our Quaker predecessors. (Quoting words of Ursula Jane O’Shea in her 1993 Backhouse Lecture)



Course Costs : Single \$372 Shared \$342
Includes all meals, accommodation and course materials.
Transfers: Airport \$35, Bungendore train station \$10
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