

ANSD Riverina**Report to AGM of ANSD August 4, 2023, Brisbane Conference.**

Our quarterly gatherings have continued via Zoom, with good attendance and eager participation.

March was a highlight, following the group decision last year, to meet in person once a year, in Wagga Wagga, with a guest speaker. Sally Longley readily agreed, months earlier.

Sally was still on Zoom, but this was very successful. Her fees were lower, no transport or accommodation costs, and she does this style well. Attendance was not as high as hoped, but those who couldn't attend, were still able to join via Zoom.

Sally gave us a morning and afternoon session based on her book, *Conversations with Silence*. Sally's illuminating presentation was well received and we came away eager to read her book again, as silences are indeed, 'like portals to the Divine'.

We will return to our set text, Janet Ruffing's *Spiritual Direction; beyond the beginnings*, at our next workshop, in August.

Conference. I am attending, with apologies from two other members, who had to withdraw for family reasons.

AGM. At our March gathering, we called our general business meeting, our AGM, our first. After discussion, we shared the roles of our workshop, over three people. Convenor, chairperson and facilitator. I was asked to continue as convenor, and agreed. Ann Murphy is chairperson.

Facilitator changes with each workshop.

Treasurer. As we don't pay fees, we have no need for this role. In regard to our day with Sally, we divided her fees and the cost of the provided lunch among attendees.

Anne Friedlieb.

Convenor

July 30 2023.