

Winter 2015

Talking about peace in a climate of fear



September 21 is the International Day of Peace. While people around the globe meet to celebrate and appreciate peaceful resolution to disagreements, many of the conditions that aggravate conflict remain unresolved in Australia.



Poverty and disadvantage, violence against women and open displays of racism are visible and confront us, while freedom of speech, the ability to dissent, and the sense of fairness and egalitarianism are under threat. Making these links between disadvantage, oppression and conflict are part of the important work of PFP.

We also look at the health professions' reaction to changes to refugee related legislation, the *Border Force Act*, that appears in contradiction with mandatory reporting of child abuse where refugee children in detention are concerned. Psychologists for Peace are inspired by the July 2015 protest in Sydney of doctors and health professionals against the Border Force Act. The APS has also joined with other organisations to urge swift amendments to protect health practitioners who disclose abuses or reveal health concerns for asylum seekers.

Be sure to check out our events section for the many peace events you can be involved around Australia for Peace Week. Check our events section for more information.

Best wishes,

Psychologists for Peace

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1. PFP News

PFP Annual meeting

The PFP annual meeting will occur at the 50th Australian Psychological Society Annual Conference (Wednesday 30 September - Friday 2 October 2015, see more below). The AGM is on the 2nd of October.

Date:	2 October 2015
Time:	12:00 pm
Venue details:	Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre Corner Gold Coast Highway & TE Peters Drive Broadbeach, Queensland 4218
Room:	5

*NB Lunchtime AGMs are 40 mins in duration to allow approximately 10 minutes for delegates to collect lunch prior to attending their AGM and to allow time for rooms to be refreshed following the AGM

Also at the Gold Coast – PFP student award winners in symposium!

PFP congratulates the two winners of the award for peace research, Benjamin Low and Alison Clark, who are profiled below. Their work will be featured in a symposium on *Cycles of transgression, trauma and healing: New research in Australian peace psychology*, right after the AGM, from 1 to 2:30 on the 2nd of October. The symposium is convened by Winnifred Louis, and the four talks in the symposium are:

- Testing alternative models of the interrelationships among trait mindfulness, emotion regulation and empathy in predicting forgivingness after interpersonal transgressions; PARKER, K. (La Trobe University), WERTHEIM, E. (La Trobe University), CHAMBERS, K. (La Trobe University), & BADCOCK, A. (La Trobe University)
- Naive idealists or informed critics? The accuracy of predictions of peace activists regarding the long-term consequences of the Gulf and Afghanistan wars; SANSON, A. (University of Melbourne)
- Being 'Here First' Determines 'What's Fair' For Immigrants: The Autochthony Orientations Model; LOW, B. (The University of Queensland)
- Sacred devotion through social interaction: Group-based values and psychological pathways to political activism and radicalism; CLARKE, A. (University of Melbourne)

Congratulations to Ben Low and Alison Clark, joint 2014 Peace Project Award Winners

We are delighted to announce two winners for the 2014 Peace Project Award.

Alison Clark, from Murdoch University, (supervised by Dr Emma Thomas) wrote a thesis titled "Sacred Devotion through Social Interaction: Group-based Values and Psychological Pathways to Political Activism and Radicalism". The judges said that her thesis was a very good and thoughtful piece of research which showed an excellent application of theory to the problem of radical activism, with a solid study based on that theory.

Ben Low, from UQ (supervised by Prof Matthew Hornsey), was the other winner, with a thesis titled "Being 'Here First' Determines 'What's Fair' For Immigrants". Ben did a very sophisticated theoretical analysis and a well-designed empirical study to test his predictions about prejudice, and has made strong contribution to our understanding of bias and discrimination towards immigrants.

Both Alison and Ben are presenting their research at the APS Annual Conference at the Gold Coast, so we have a great opportunity to hear more about their studies. Congratulation to both prize winners, and we wish them all the best in their future work.

WA PFP Peace Art Prize – "Peace is Possible"

The deadline is approaching soon for the Biennial Western Australia Peace Art Prize. The objectives are to inspire young people with artistic talent to apply creative ways of communicating a perspective of peace: peace within the self, in the family, in the community or between communities, nations and globally; and to encourage young artists, their peers, families, teachers and the viewing public to consider ways of promoting peace in their own lives.

Conditions are elaborated at this link <https://www.psychology.org.au/Assets/Files/2015ArtAward-ConditionsofEntry-APS.pdf> but in brief:

- * Artwork should reflect the objectives and theme of the project.
- * Open to school aged students (Yrs. 10 - 12) in Western Australia.
- * The art project is open to all 2D media including painting, collage, mixed media and photography.
- * The size of the project should not exceed 90 cm x 110 cm.
- * Registration form and entry fee should be submitted by 5pm. Friday 21 st August 2015.

Tips for promoting peace

Psychologists for Peace has created *this Tips For Promoting Peace* online guide to help people incorporate peace-building into their everyday activities: <http://www.psychology.org.au/Assets/Files/Tips-for-Promoting-Peace.pdf>



Psychologists for Peace have a Kiva lending group. Kiva helps people connect with others in the majority world to allow person to person small loans. These loans help people get small business off the ground, which is a great way to alleviate long term poverty.

PFP members have loaned over \$35,000 to over 1000 small business in the developing world since established.

Join here: http://www.kiva.org/team/psychologists_for_peace

2. Recent Publications & Resources

Peacebuilders Toolbox

The Canadian School of Peacebuilding has released a resource to make organising for peace easier. “Many of the tasks involved in peace work – networking, organizing, story-telling, fundraising and job hunting – now take place, at least in part, online. But how do those interested in peace navigate the great ocean of the online world? What are the tools that can help those doing peace work to save time and at the same time help create a community?”



“As current and former Co-Directors of the Canadian School of Peacebuilding and teachers at Canadian Mennonite University, we’ve teamed up to develop an online toolbox that we hope will help you in this work. From the nitty-gritty of administrative organization to where to look for sustainable peace funding to sites with peace stories and inspiration, in this pdf toolbox we share the online tools that we have used, tried and tested over the last seven years. This is our whole platform of online resources for peace work.

“This toolbox is a gift for you, as a thank-you to all of you who are part of our network of engaged peacebuilders. We hope that these tools will be of use to you as you seek to build peace in your own context.”

[CLICK HERE to get the Peacebuilders' Toolbox: 52 Online Resources for Peace Work](http://csop.cmu.ca/toolbox-opt-in)
<http://csop.cmu.ca/toolbox-opt-in>

Militarisation, the new norm. John Menadue.

“I was surprised recently on arriving at Sydney Airport to see the new Australian Border Force (ABF) decked out in their new military-style uniforms. The personnel looked like part of the Australian Defence Force instead of Customs and Immigration officers. There was clearly a new message being conveyed.” Read more here:

<http://johnmenadue.com/blog/?p=4291>

3. Calls for papers & Conferences

Gold Coast, Queensland

50th APS Annual Conference

Celebrating the past, looking toward the future

29 September – 2 October 2015

GOLDEN JUBILEE



APS Australian Psychological Society

50th Australian Psychological Society Annual Conference

Conference: Wednesday 30 September - Friday 2 October 2015

As well as the student award winners (see above), invited and keynote speakers include:

- Our very own Professor Ann Sanson, developmental psychologist and peace psychologist, who is giving this year's Fellow's Address on what leads to a happy and healthy life.
- Professor David Kavanagh is a clinical psychologist who leads the award-winning ePsych research group at the Institute of Health & Biomedical Innovation at Queensland University of Technology.
- Professor Suzanne Chambers is a health psychologist and has worked as a practitioner and researcher in psychological support for people with cancer for over 25 years. She is an Australian Research Council Future Fellow and the Menzies Foundation Professor of Allied Health Research in the Menzies Health Institute Queensland at Griffith University.
- Carlo C. DiClemente, Ph.D. MDQuit Tobacco Resource Center; Center for Community Collaboration; Home Visiting Training Center; Professor, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

<http://www.apsconference.com.au/>

26 – 28 August, UNE Peace Studies Conference 2015. Parramatta, NSW.

School of Humanities. UNE FutureCampus, 232 Church Street, Parramatta.

"It seems necessary that if peace infrastructure is the 'new way' of peace and conflict studies, and if it includes itself in a scientific pursuit of peace, a standard definition should be considered. The conference invites supporting and opposing papers on defining peace infrastructure. Yet, the conference also questions whether 'peace infrastructure', as a concept, term and plan for implementation, is any different to previous, much-maligned concepts of 'tick-box peacebuilding' that prefers bureaucratic and economic 'solutions' to often social and cultural problems.

"The conference seeks to advance this debate by inviting an interdisciplinary and interactive discussion. We would like to invite theorists, practitioners and practical-theorists, from a variety of Humanities interests, on topics including:

- Peace of politics, (Human security, order, institutionalism and statebuilding; Democratization, elections and civichood, Civil disobedience and activism; Peace agreements and peace processes);
- Peace of 'the local' (Localisms versus globalisation, Civil society as the medium between the local and the state; Resilient communities, local private sector and mechanisms for dispute resolution; Critical peace etc);
- Peace of the past (Environment and heritage; Historical comparisons of peacebuilding missions and war)
- Peace in the future (Environmental peace; Education and empowerment; International development and the 'growth economy'; Technologies and the science of peace)

Please contact Paddy Tobias – ptobias@myune.edu.au – for personal enquiries or further information, or check out the Facebook page for the conference.

<http://www.une.edu.au/about-une/academic-schools/school-of-humanities/study-areas/peace-studies/peace-studies-conference>

28 & 29 August, Pax Christi Australia National Conference, Malvern, Victoria.

The theme of the conference is: A World without Weapons, a Vision and a Challenge (Programme attached)

Following the extensive ANZAC Commemorations we seek

- To explore the possibilities and challenges of a *World without Weapons*, spiritually and politically.
- To hear from people who are already "living the dream."
- To consider key challenges the issue poses for people of faith in Australia.

<http://paxchristi.org.au/event/pax-christi-australia-conference-national-meeting/>



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4. In the news

Open letter on the Border Force Act: 'We challenge the department to prosecute'

More than 40 current and former workers at Australia's detention centres on Nauru and Manus Island challenge Tony Abbott and Peter

Dutton to prosecute them under new secrecy laws for speaking out over human rights abuses.

“Today the Border Force Act comes into force. It includes provision for a two-year jail sentence for “entrusted persons” such as ourselves if we continue to speak out about the deplorable state of human rights in immigration detention without the express permission of the minister for immigration and border protection. This strengthens the wall of secrecy which prevents proper public scrutiny.

“If we witness child abuse in Australia we are legally obliged to report it to child protection authorities. We have advocated, and will continue to advocate, for the health of those for whom we have a duty of care, despite the threats of imprisonment, because standing by and watching sub-standard and harmful care, child abuse and gross violations of human rights is not ethically justifiable.

Read more: <http://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2015/jul/01/open-letter-on-the-border-force-act-we-challenge-the-department-to-prosecute>

Joint media release: Australia’s health groups call for the Australian Border Force Act to be amended.

15 June 2015.

“Australia’s peak health professional bodies are voicing collective concern about the appalling secrecy provisions in the Australian Border Force Act 2015 which threaten jail for up to two years for health and medical professional who disclose information about the conditions in immigration Detention Centres.



“This law actively restricts health professionals from fulfilling their duty to advocate for the best possible patient care.

“Restricting our ability to speak out about conditions in detention, and threatening us with imprisonment for up to two years is a direct attack on our ability to work for the health and protection of our patients.

“Urgent amendments must be made to this Act to ensure protections for health professional and all contractors to speak freely in support of the need for best practice care and against harmful conditions or practices which may impact on those detained.

“As organisations representing Australia’s health professionals, it is inconceivable to us that the Government should seek to gag our ability to advocate strongly for our patients.

“Changes must be passed immediately.

https://www.psychology.org.au/news/media_releases2015/15June/

New Peace Museum opens in Muntok, Indonesia

The new Peace Museum in Muntok commemorates the prisoners in WW2 war who died at Muntok camp. A Memorial Park will be planted in front of the Museum, with a model of the memorial wall in the original town cemetery, where the internees were buried. Further fundraising is required to complete these projects. If you can support in any way then please contact Rosemary Fell of the Malayan Volunteers’ Group.

www.malayanvolunteersgroup.org.uk

Environmentalists for Peace

On this episode of Earth Matters we talk to Robin Taubenfeld and Kim Stewart from Friends of the Earth Brisbane about their report '*US Bases in Australia: the social and environmental risks*'. Robin has recently been protesting the US-Australia war games up in Shoalwater Bay near Rockhampton, Queensland. Talisman Sabre is a joint US-AUS military exercise that takes place every two years in Australia, primarily on the central coast of Queensland at Shoalwater Bay, north of Rockhampton. The Talisman Sabre exercises are some of the world's largest military operations. Talisman Sabre 2015 involved 34,000 US and Australian personnel (22,000 US and 12,000 Aussie) engaged in nuclear-weapons-capable land, sea and air warfare practice.

<http://www.3cr.org.au/earthmatters/episode-201507261100/environmentalists-peace>

Jo Vallentine: ABC Sunday Nights

Jo Vallentine was one of three 'Quaker grannies' arrested for demonstrating against the US-Australia-Japan Talisman Sabre military training exercise in Australia's north.

<http://www.abc.net.au/sundaynights/stories/s4276664.htm>

Media release: VLAD-like freedom of association restrictions applied to peace activists

15th July, 2015 – “Faith-based peace activists being arrested for trespass onto Talisman Sabre military training area are receiving harsh bail conditions that prevent them from associating with people from their community, with whom they share accommodation and transport.” Jim Dowling and Andy Paine were required by a Rockhampton court to refrain from associating with other peace activists as bail conditions.

“Bail conditions are supposed to limit harms, not political and civil liberties,” says Margaret Pestorius, one of the Convergence organisers. “Queenslanders should be concerned at this challenging of the ‘freedom of political association’ principles. Many of us have been warned by civil libertarian lawyers, that VLAD-like concepts, designed to contain criminal violence, would transfer over to political activity and this looks like that.”

“Freedom of political association along with freedom of communication are basic concepts enshrined in common law. They are the basis for democracy,” Ms Pestorius said.

As Jim said about the matter himself, “this is punishment, not bail conditions”.

<http://www.peaceconvergence.org>

Video: Protests at Talisman Sabre 2015 cost police over \$50,000

<http://www.themorningbulletin.com.au/news/protests-talisman-sabre-2015-cost-police-over-5000/2706250/>

Video: Peace Pilgrims

David, Andy & Jim speak about their reasons for taking faith based nonviolent action in response to the Talisman Sabre military exercise at the Shoalwater Bay Training Area.

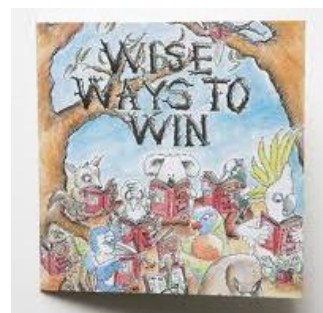
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HBnR-j5lccg>

5. PFP Merchandise

Psychologists for Peace have available a range of colourful and helpful posters for peace advocates and educators. They target a range of age groups.

We have the PFP prize winning children's book “Wise Ways to Win” and educational posters themed on issues including bullying, dealing with anger, how to say sorry, peaceful families and conflict resolution, all brightly illustrated and easy to understand.

<http://www.groups.psychology.org.au/pfp/resources/educational/>



6. Events and activities

Doctors and Health Professionals Against the Border Force Act – events

- August 8, **Brisbane**: 11am, King George Square. RALLY
- August 3, **Sydney**: 6pm, 23 Mary St, Surry Hills. FORUM. Speakers include: Nicole Judge, participant in new series of Go Back To Where You Came From beginning 28 July and former worker on Manus Island.

August 5-7, Melbourne. Atomic Photographers Guild exhibition – CICD

5-7 August, 10am – 4pm. Trades Hall from Victoria Street entrance.

August 6, Melbourne. Hiroshima Day Vigil Medical Association for the Prevention of WAR & ICAN5:30pm – 6:30pm. on the steps of St. Paul's Cathedral (cnr Swanston and Flinders St).

Followed by: ICAN 'Hiroshima' commemorative screening. 6.30pm. Kaleide Theatre, RMIT

Tickets: \$15/\$25 – Bookings are essential, <http://www.trybooking.com/IBYU>

August 12, Melbourne. Australia 1946-1976: From ANZAC to Vietnam

ANZAC Centenary Peace Coalition's third forum. 7.30pm – 9.30pm. Melbourne Unitarian Peace Memorial Church, 110 Grey St, East Melbourne. Tickets: <http://www.trybooking.com/IGNZ>



September 21: International Day of Peace is celebrated throughout the world! Many local peace organizations have organized events on September 21 and throughout the year. Search to see what is organized in your area. <http://internationaldayofpeace.org/>

September 19. Dandenong event

www.wfwpaustralia.org | www.upf.org

DATE: Saturday September 19th
TIME: 9:30-4:40pm
VENUE: 'The Castle' Hemmings Park, Princes Highway, Dandenong

CONTACT: 5968 2664 for more information

PUBLIC TRANSPORT:

- 800 bus from Bay 7 at Dandenong Train Station (Bus leaves at 9:35am)
- Get off at the corner of Princes Hwy & Potter St.
- On Princes Hwy, walk along Hemmings Park to 'The Castle'.

ENTRY \$20 includes morning tea & lunch banquet
Buy tickets online @ www.wfwpaustralia.org

September 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29. A World in Ferment - Risks and Opportunities

Lecture Series Presented by Prof. Joseph A. Camilleri OAM. 6.00pm – 8.00pm. St Michael's Hall, 120 Collins Street, Melbourne. \$15 per lecture or \$50 series pass. Bookings: www.stmichaels.org.au

Crowdfunding opportunity: Quaker Grannies for Peace

Help filmmaker David Bradbury make the Quaker Grannies 4 Peace documentary about the inspiring action of three Quaker women who with their bonnets and cups of tea confronted the Military Machine.

<https://www.chuffed.org/project/8502/>





7. Contact Us

PPF is an interest group of the Australian Psychological Society. Its members are psychologists, and others, who are concerned about the prevalence of war and conflict in our world and are interested in applying their professional skills to issues relating to promoting peace and preventing war. We are working to promote peace in the world and prevent conflict through psychological research, education and advocacy.

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