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MEDIA RELEASE

Media Peace Awards 2002

Finalists Announced

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The United Nations Association of Australia have announced the finalists for the 2002 Media Peace Awards (**see list attached**).

The Media Peace Awards, now in their 24th year, acknowledge the vital role that the media plays in building a peaceful society. These national awards are presented annually to members of the Australian media whose contributions promote values of cooperation and mediation, rather than conflict and violence.

Calls for tolerance and the celebration of diversity were the most common themes in this year's nominations, reflecting the concerns that have dominated political and social debate in Australia over the past twelve months. A large amount of reportage and analysis was devoted to refugee issues, suggesting that this continues to be the nation's most pressing issue.

The major awards are judged across print, television and radio. Special awards are also given for the promotion of specific social issues, such as Aboriginal reconciliation, multicultural issues, understanding of women's rights, environmental issues and the promotion of positive images of the older person.

This year a record number of entries were received, presenting the preliminary judges with an extremely challenging task. Finalists were chosen on the basis that their work demonstrated balanced media reporting, served to improve public awareness and fostered understanding about specific issues.

The winners will be announced at the Awards Presentation Dinner, at the Grand Hyatt in Melbourne on October 18, to coincide with the observance of United Nations Day. The evening will be hosted by Mr Kerry O'Brien, ABC 7.30 Report.

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MEDIA PEACE AWARDS 2002

FINALISTS

MAJOR AWARDS

BEST TELEVISION

"Sacred Stones"

Vicki Horne, Andrew Dodd, Chris Downey, Kyle
Neaves & Peter Thomas
Oxfam Community Aid Abroad & Albert Street
Productions
About Us SBS TV

"Breaking Bows and Arrows"

Ellenor Cox & Liz Thompson
Firelight Films & Tiger Eye Productions
About Us SBS TV

"Curtain Tape"

Margot O'Neill
Lateline ABC TV

"The Trauma of Refugee Children"

Helen Dalley & Paul Steindl
Sunday Program, Nine Network

BEST RADIO

"Voice from Inside"

Jacqueline Arias
ABC Radio National

"On the Raft, All at Sea"

Robyn Ravlich & Russell Stapleton
The Listening Room, ABC Classic FM

"Reconciliation: From Broome to Belfast"

Siobhan McHugh
ABC Radio National

"Time to Talk"

Isabelle Genoux, Barry Clarke, Ryan Egan
ABC Radio Australia

BEST PRINT

"Our Belief in Humanity"

Alan Stokes
The Australian

"Peace Call"

Mariza Fiamengo & Editorial Team
The Courier Ballarat

"Asylum Seekers"

Russell Skelton
The Age

SPECIAL CATEGORIES

**PROMOTION OF ABORIGINAL
RECONCILIATION**

"Building Bridges"

Michael Gordon
The Age

"Sacred Stones"

Vicki Horne, Andrew Dodd, Chris Downey, Kyle
Neaves & Peter Thomas

Oxfam Community Aid Abroad & Albert Street
Productions
SBS TV

*"James Fitzpatrick Young Australian: A Breeze
Through Our Country"*
Nick Way
Network Ten News Perth

PROMOTION OF MULTICULTURAL ISSUES

"Afghan Soccer Players"
Simon Royal
ABC TV

"When Shoes Wear Thin"
Adrian Glamorgan
Nova Magazine

"The Longest Journey"
Stephen Waldon
The Age

"Encounter - the Calamity and the Dawn"
David Busch
ABC TV

**PROMOTION OF UNDERSTANDING AND
RESOLUTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

“Down in the Valley”

Belinda Hawkins, Muditha Dias, Susan Wallace, Phil
Hankin & Peter Healy
Insight SBS TV

"Power into the Future"

Ken Eastwood
Australian Geographic

"Going with the Flow"

Claire Miller
The Age

**INCREASING AWARENESS AND
UNDERSTANDING
OF WOMEN’S RIGHTS AND ISSUES**

“Marriage, Sexuality & Betrayal”

Jacqueline Arias
ABC Radio National

"Budget"

Greg Smith
Women's Day

"Timor's Women"

Dawn Delaney
Inside Indonesia

**PROMOTION OF POSITIVE
IMAGES OF THE OLDER PERSON**

"Women's Circus"

Mary Gearin

7.30 Report ABC TV

"Arthur Bishop"

Sarah Schofield

ABC TV

"Old Nurses"

Mary Gearin & Katherine Swan

7.30 Report ABC TV