

MEDIA RELEASE

UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

Media Peace Awards 2001

Finalists Announced

24th September, 2001



The United Nations Association of Australia today announced the finalists for the 2001 Media Peace Awards (**see list attached**).

These awards are particularly relevant in light of the recent terrorist attack in the United States.

The Media Peace Awards, now in their 23rd 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. Refugee issues inspired many outstanding entries and there was a strong emphasis on the promotion of multicultural issues. A large amount of reportage and analysis was devoted to Aboriginal reconciliation, highlighting its continuing importance to our nation.

The awards are judged across print, television and radio media and are also given for the promotion of specific social issues, such as Aboriginal reconciliation, multicultural issues, understanding of women's rights, and environmental issues. This year an award for the promotion of positive images of the older person has also been included.

In 2001 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 Hotel in Melbourne on October 19, to coincide with the observance of United Nations Day. ABC journalist and presenter, Maxine McKew will host the evening.

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MEDIA PEACE AWARDS 2001
FINALISTS

MAJOR AWARDS

BEST TELEVISION

"The Inside Story"

Debbie Whitmont and Peter McEvoy
Four Corners, ABC TV

"Secrets and Lives"

Amanda Collinge, Cassandra Hill and Susan Bell
Insight, SBS TV

"A Bridge Over Myall Creek"

Ben Cheshire, Quentin Davis, Scott Taylor,
Ian Harley and Andrew Dickson
Australian Story, ABC TV

BEST RADIO

"Canada's Treaty in Trouble"

Antony Balmain, Carey Dell
ABC Radio National

"The Battered Defence"

Belinda Hawkins, Kirsten Garrett
and Linda McGinness
Background Briefing, ABC Radio National

"Hate Shall Not Weary Them"

Brian Abbott
SBS Radio

BEST PRINT

"The Reconciliation Games"

Series of Articles
Michael Gordon
The Age

"Asylum Seekers"

Series of Articles
Peter Mares
Australian Financial Review

"Juvenile Justice Series"

Bill Birnbauer
The Age

SPECIAL CATEGORIES

PROMOTION OF ABORIGINAL RECONCILIATION

"A Bridge Over Myall Creek"

Ben Cheshire, Quentin Davis, Scott Taylor,
Ian Harley and Andrew Dickson
Australian Story, ABC TV

"Aboriginal Melbourne Series"

Anne Crawford
The Age

"GP Heals a Deeper Rift"

Rosalind Pulley
The Cairns Post

PROMOTION OF MULTICULTURAL ISSUES

"Secrets and Lives"

Amanda Collinge, Cassandra Hill and Susan Bell
Insight, SBS TV

"Asylum Seekers"

Peter Mares
Australian Financial Review

"Dear Bert"

Christina Heristanidis
SBS TV

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

"Saving the Murray"

Amanda Hodge
The Weekend Australian

"Paradise Acquired"

Amanda Hodge
The Weekend Australian

"Organic Farming"

Ian Henschke, Kym Klopp, Andrew Burch, Chris Nilsen
Landline, ABC TV

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

"The Battered Defence"

Belinda Hawkins, Kirsten Garrett
and Linda McGinness
Background Briefing, ABC Radio National

"A Gamble With Life"

"Ending the Affair"

Karen Kissane
The Age

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

"Baba Joginder Singh - The Living Legend"

Manpreet Singh
SBS Radio

"Delinquent Angel"

David Blackall
SBS TV

"Grey Voyagers"

Tony Wright, Stuart Menzies and Steve Westh
December Films, SBS TV