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Media Peace Awards 2004

Finalists Announced
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The United Nations Association of Australia has announced the finalists for the 2004 Media Peace Awards (**see list attached**).

The Media Peace Awards, now in their 26th year, acknowledge the vital role that the media plays in building a peaceful society. The Awards were initiated as a national program in 1978 and seek to promote tolerance, diversity, understanding and awareness in our society by recognizing Australian media attempts to promote understanding and awareness about social justice and humanitarian issues in our society through balanced reporting.

A record number of entries were received this year, presenting the preliminary judges with an extremely challenging task. The major awards are judged across print, television, radio and photojournalism. Awards are also given for the special categories which promote specific social justice issues including: aboriginal reconciliation, multicultural issues, women's rights and issues, children's rights and issues, and positive images of the older person.

The winners will be announced at the Awards Presentation Dinner, at the ANZ Pavilion, Victorian Arts Centre in Melbourne on Friday 22 October. The evening will be hosted by Mr Kerry O'Brien, *ABC TV 7.30 Report*.

This year the Association is holding a Panel Discussion as part of the Presentation Dinner entitled '*The Independence of Journalists in Conflict Zones: Iraq a case in point*'. The panel will be chaired by Kerry O'Brien with panelists: Mark Davis (*Presenter, SBS TV Dateline*), Ian McPhedran (*National Bureau Chief and defence writer, News Ltd*), John Martinkus (*author and freelance/investigative journalist*), Carmela Baranowska (*documentary filmmaker*), Denise Leith (*author*), and Professor Robert Manne (*historian and political commentator*).

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FINALISTS

Best Print

- '**Child Sex Tourism**': Natalie O'Brien, *The Australian*
'**Home Sweet Home**': Russell Skelton, *The Age*
'**Iraq – The Aftermath of War**': Paul McGeough, *The Sydney Morning Herald*
'**Sobriety – not in my backyard, mate**': Paul Gray, *Herald Sun*
'**Shipyards of Death**': Craig Clarke, *Sunday Mail*
'**The Kiwi Solution**': Michael Gordon, *The Age*

Best Television

- '**A Case to Answer**': Quentin McDermott, Sarah Curnow, Claire Forster and Emma Cook, *ABC TV Four Corners*
'**Albany Refugees**': Nicholas Way, *Ten News Network Ten*
'**Chad: Crisis in the Desert**': Geoff Parish and David Brill, *SBS TV Dateline*
'**Dying to Leave**': Chris Hilton, *Hilton Cordell Productions*
'**From Little Things Big Things Grow**': Craig Danvers and Simon Manzie, *Simon Says Television*
'**No Limits**': Sarah Barton and No Limits Team, *Channel 31*
'**Refugee Sanctuary**': Andrew Geoghegan and Belinda Sommer, *ABC TV 7.30 Report*

Best Radio

- '**Bougainville women for peace and freedom**': Rebecca Henschke, *SBS Radio Worldview*
'**Reaching Through the Divide**': Bulent Ibrism & Eugenia Moraitis, Greek and Turkish Programs, *SBS Radio Melbourne*.
'**The Peacemakers**': Diane Martin and Peter Hosking, *ABC Radio National Religion Report*
'**Two Weeks In Another Country**': Sharon Davis and Steven Tilley, *ABC Radio National*

Best Photojournalism

- '**Plague in Paradise**': Rob Maccoll, *Brisbane Courier Mail*
'**Savage Peace**': Rusty Stewart, *Spinach7 Magazine*
'**Swept Away - Solomon Island Villager Heroics**': Scott Radford-Chisholm, *Townsville Bulletin*

Promotion of Aboriginal Reconciliation

- '**Killing ATSIC**': The Insight Team, *SBS TV Insight*
'**Kojonup – Place of Healing?**': Bill Bunbury & David Lemay, *ABC Radio National Encounter*
'**Road to Ruin**': Maria Moscaritolo, *The Advertiser*

Promotion of Multicultural Issues

- '**Beyond the Roads to Refuge**': Kim Cotton, *Inform Magazine*
'**Lone Detainee's Long Wait for Protection**': Andra Jackson, *The Age*
'**Molly and Mobarak**': Tom Zubrycki, *Jotz Productions*
'**Reaching Through the Divide**': Bulent Ibrism & Eugenia Moraitis, Greek and Turkish Programs, *SBS Radio Melbourne*.
'**Rural Refugees**': Julie Doyle, *ABC Radio*

Women's Rights and Issues

- '**Mum's the Word**': Jo Dougherty, *Wimmera Mail-Times*
'**No Respect, No Campaign**': Tracy Bowden and Jonathan Harley, *ABC TV 7.30 Report*
'**Special Focus – Indigenous Women**': Samantha Newman and Jacqui Houston, *Indigenous Law Bulletin, Indigenous Law Centre, University of New South Wales*

Children's Rights and Issues

- '**Child Sex Tourism**': Natalie O'Brien, *The Australian*
'**Child Welfare Crisis**': William Birnbauer and Edmund Tadros, *The Sunday Age*
'**Homeless Crisis**': Leisa Goddard-Roles, *Ten News Network Ten*
'**Of Woman Born**': Belinda Hawkins, Mara Blazic, Angela Trabucco, Quentin Davis, Phil Hankin, Ross Byrne and Graham Fetting, *Australian Story, ABC TV*

Positive Images of Older Persons

- '**Hay Legend**': Dan Nolan & Glen Armstrong, *Ten News Brisbane*
'**Indispensable**': Sarah Schofield, Christine Bratkovic, David Marshall, and Simon Prior, *ABC TV Stateline NSW*
'**Okinawa Aged**': Mark Simkin, *ABC TV Foreign Correspondent*