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United Nations Association of Australia MEDIA PEACE AWARDS 2004

Winners Announced

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The United Nations Association of Australia tonight presented its 26th annual Media Peace Awards, at a dinner hosted by Kerry O'Brien (*7.30 Report, ABC TV*) at the Victorian Arts Centre, Melbourne. The national awards program celebrates United Nations Day by highlighting media efforts to promote tolerance and diversity, and the peaceful resolution of conflict through balanced reporting of issues at home and internationally.

The major awards are presented for Best Print, Television, Radio and Photojournalism. Special awards are also given for the Promotion of Understanding and Awareness of Aboriginal Reconciliation, Multiculturalism, Women's and Children's Rights and Issues, and Positive Images of the Older Person.

The Chairman of the Judging Panel, Michael Smith, commended this year's entries *for setting new benchmarks in numbers and quality. They show that a number of news organisations in this country are still prepared to commit to cover issues of social justice and human rights – issues that concern the international community – and cover them superbly.*

The Awards Presentations were preceded by an in-depth panel discussion titled: *The Independence of Journalists in Conflict Zones - Iraq a case in point.* Chaired by Kerry O'Brien (*7.30 Report, ABC TV*), the distinguished panel consisted of Mark Davis (*presenter, SBS Dateline*), John Martinkus (*author and freelance journalist*), Ian McPhedran (*National Bureau Chief, News Ltd*), Carmela Baranowska (*documentary filmmaker*), Dr Denise Leith (*author and academic*), and Professor Robert Manne (*historian and political commentator*).

A full list of winners is attached.

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United Nations Association of Australia Media Peace Awards 2004 WINNERS

Best Print

‘Iraq – The Aftermath of War’: Paul McGeough, *The Sydney Morning Herald*

Special Commendation:

‘The Kiwi Solution’: Michael Gordon, *The Age*

Best Television

‘Dying to Leave’: Chris Hilton, *Hilton Cordell Productions*

Special Commendations:

‘Chad: Crisis in the Desert’: Geoff Parish and David Brill, *SBS TV Dateline*

‘Refugee Sanctuary’: Andrew Geoghegan and Belinda Sommer, *ABC TV 7.30 Report*

Best Radio

‘Two Weeks in Another Country’: Sharon Davis and Steven Tilley, *ABC Radio National*

Best Photojournalism

‘Plague in Paradise’: Rob Maccoll, *Brisbane Courier Mail*

Promotion of Aboriginal Reconciliation

‘Road to Ruin’: Maria Moscaritolo, *The Advertiser*

Promotion of Multicultural Issues

‘Reaching Through the Divide’: Bulent Ibrisim and Eugenia Moraitis, Greek and Turkish Language Program, *SBS Radio*

Special Commendation:

‘Molly and Mobarak’: Tom Zubrycki, *Jotz Productions*

Women’s Rights and Issues

‘No Respect, No Campaign’: Tracy Bowden and Jonathan Harley, *ABC TV 7.30 Report*

Children’s Rights and Issues

‘Child Sex Tourism’: Natalie O’Brien, *The Australian*

Special Commendations:

‘Child Welfare Crisis’: William Birnbauer and Edmund Tadros, *The Sunday Age*

‘Homeless Crisis’: Leisa Goddard-Roles, *Ten News Network Ten*

Positive Images of Older Persons

‘Indispensable’: Sarah Schofield, Christine Bratkovic, David Marshall, and Simon Prior, *ABC TV Stateline NSW*