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MEDIA RELEASE

MEDIA PEACE AWARDS 2006

Winners Announced

Embargoed until 6.30pm, 20 October 2006

The United Nations Association of Australia tonight presented its 28th annual Media Peace Awards, at a dinner hosted by Kerry O'Brien (7.30 Report, ABC TV) at the Carillon Room, Sofitel Melbourne. The national awards program celebrates United Nations Day by highlighting media efforts to promote tolerance and diversity, through balanced reporting of issues at home and internationally.

While refugee issues and the continued shame of indifference to our indigenous community produced heart-wrenching reports, our journalists reached out, too, into the wider world of Sudan, Indonesia, Afghanistan, Iraq and elsewhere. The result is a portfolio of work that is outstanding, and in at least one case, sets a new standard for Australian journalism.

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

A full list of award winners is attached.

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MAJOR CATEGORIES

BEST PRINT

News

- Mark Forbes – *The Age* – “Cry Freedom: Papua’s Plea to the World”

Feature

- Paul McGeough – *The Sydney Morning Herald* – “Death and Democracy – The Uncertainty of Life since 9/11”

BEST RADIO

- Meri Fatin – RTR FM 92.1 (Arts Radio Ltd) – “West Papua in Brief”

BEST PHOTOJOURNALISM

- Stephen Dupont – *The Bulletin* – “Taliban Burning: US Forces Burn Taliban for Psychological Warfare”

Special Commendation

- Jason South – *The Age* – “Java Earthquake – The Second My Life Changed”

BEST TELEVISION

News

- Max Futchter – Channel Ten News – “Dili”

Current Affairs

- Philippa McDonald, Kate Gunn, David Leland – ABC TV Asia Pacific Focus – “Karen Refugees”

Documentary

- David O’Shea, Rowan Tucker-Evans, Cathy Carey, Martin Butler – SBS TV Dateline – “The Spanish Inquisition”

Special Commendation

- Olivia Rousset, Rowan Tucker-Evans, Nick O’Brien, Amos Cohen, Martin Butler, Sarah Parker – SBS TV Dateline – “Abu Ghraib – Body of Work”



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SPECIAL CATEGORIES

PROMOTION OF ABORIGINAL RECONCILIATION

- Russell Skelton – *The Sunday Age & The Age* – “The Murder Capital of Australia”

PROMOTION OF MULTICULTURAL ISSUES

- Erin O’Dwyer – *The Sun-Herald* Sunday Extra – “The Family Ties that Bind”

PROMOTION OF POSITIVE IMAGES OF THE OLDER PERSON

- Jocelyn Nettlefold, David Pyefinch & 7:30 Report crew – ABC TV – “Refugee Welcome”

INCREASING AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING OF WOMEN’S RIGHTS AND ISSUES

- Elizabeth Tadic – SBS TV Dateline – “Women for Justice – Umoja Trilogy – Where Women Rule”

Special Commendation

- Evan Williams, Dina Volaric, Ron Ekkel, Simon Brynjolfssen – ABC TV – “Bosnia – Children of the War”

INCREASING AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING OF CHILDREN’S RIGHTS AND ISSUES

- Insight Team (Jenny Brockie, Antoinette Currah, Drew Ambrose, Andrew Middlemost, Stephen Harrop, Allan Hogan) – SBS TV Insight – “Thirteen”