



United Nations Association of Australia

MEDIA RELEASE

Media Peace Awards 2007

Finalists Announced

28 September, 2007

The United Nations Association of Australia has announced the finalists for the 29th Media Peace Awards 2007 (**see attached list**).

The Media Peace Awards were initiated as a national program in 1978. The Awards seek to promote understanding and awareness about humanitarian and social justice issues in our society by recognizing those in the Australian media whose work stimulates public awareness and influences policy change.

The major awards are best print, radio, photojournalism, online and television. 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.

Winners will be announced at the Awards Presentation Dinner to be held at the ANZ Pavilion, Victorian Arts Centre on Friday 19 October. The evening will be hosted by Kerry O'Brien (*ABC 7.30 Report*).

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Finalists

MAJOR CATEGORIES

BEST PRINT

News

- Jo Chandler & Jason South – *The Age* – “A Fragile Truce”
- Debra Jopson – *Sydney Morning Herald* – “Phantom Aid”
- Nick O’Malley – *Sydney Morning Herald* – “Unskilled, Unsafe: site shut”

Feature

- Debra Jopson & Joel Gibson – *Sydney Morning Herald* – “Black Dollars Scam”
- Paul McGeough – *Sydney Morning Herald* – “Blinkered in Kabul and Islamabad”
- Michael Gordon – *The Age* – “Common Ground”
- Brigid O’Connell, Andy Drewitt & Dave Crossthwaite – *Maroondah Leader* – “In Sight, Out of Mind”

BEST TELEVISION

News

- Nick Johnston – *National Nine News* – “Melbourne’s Homeless”
- Max Futchter – *Ten News Brisbane* – “Refugee”
- Andrew Geoghegan, Peter Ramatseba & Molatelo Mainetje – *ABC TV News* – “Zimbabwe Crisis”

Current Affairs

- David O’Shea, Amos Cohen & Wayne Love – *SBS TV Dateline* – “Camping in the Dust”
- Sophie McNeill & Amos Cohen – *SBS TV Dateline* – “Combatants for Peace”
- Peter Lloyd, Simi Chakrabarti, Wayne McAllister, Mavourneen Dineen & Bryan Milliss – *ABC TV Foreign Correspondent* – “Rohingyas – The Forgotten People”
- Jocelyn Nettlefold, Phil Long, Ben Korkmaz & Corina Scott - *ABC TV 7.30 Report* – “Stolen Generation”

Documentary

- Bronwyn Adcock – *SBS TV Dateline* – “Fiji – After the Coup”
- Matthew Carney, Peter Cronau, Alec Cullen & Guy Bowden – *ABC TV Four Corners* – “Road to Return”
- Olivia Rousset, David Potts & Amos Cohen – *SBS TV Dateline* – “State of Despair”
- Elizabeth Tadic & Geoff Parish - *SBS TV Dateline* - “The Cruellest Cut- Pakistan’s Kidney Mafia”
- Sally Neighbour & Morag Ramsay – *ABC TV Four Corners* – “Torture: A 2 Part Series”

BEST RADIO

- Anna Burns, Louis Mitchell & Nicole Steinke - *ABC Radio National* - “Before the War it was the War”
- Meri Fatin & Matthew Perkins – *RTRFM* – “Nih Wangkiny”
- Ghassan Nakhoul – *SBS Radio* – “The Missing Prisoner”
- Antony Funnell & Andrew Davies – *ABC Radio National* – “The News from and to Zimbabwe”

BEST PHOTOJOURNALISM

- Jason South – *The Age* – “A Fragile Truce”
- Rob Maccoll – *Queensland Newspapers. News Limited* – “Ghizo Tsunami – After the Wave”
- Stephen Dupont – “Narcostan, or the Perils of Freedom”

BEST ONLINE

- Paul McGeough & Ash Sweeting – *Sydney Morning Herald Online* – “Afghanistan: Violent Frontier”
- Matthew Absalom-Wong, Darren Connell, John Huxley & Kimberley Porteous – *Sydney Morning Herald Online* – “Beyond a White Australia”

SPECIAL CATEGORIES

PROMOTION OF ABORIGINAL RECONCILIATION

- Jo Chandler & Jason South – *The Age* – “A Fragile Truce”
- Debra Jopson & Joel Gibson – *Sydney Morning Herald* – “Black Dollars Scam”
- Insight Team – *SBS TV Insight* – “National Emergency”
- Patricia Morrish – *ABC Radio Far North Morning Show* – “Reconciliation Garden”
- The Age Team - *The Age* – “The Spirit of ‘67”

PROMOTION OF MULTICULTURAL ISSUES

- Richard Corfield, Paul Costello, John Pleffer & Kerrie Hannan – *ABC TV Compass* – “Cronulla to Kokoda”
- Jeni McMahon, David Batty, Claudia Rowe – *Rebel Films* – “Halal Mate Series”
- Sydney Morning Herald Team – *Sydney Morning Herald* – “The Face of Islam”

PROMOTION OF POSITIVE IMAGES OF THE OLDER PERSON

- Ann Thomson – *ABC Radio National Street Stories* – “Back to the Beginning”
- Natasha Johnson, Vince Tucci, Stuart Palmer, Greg Field – *ABC TV 7.30 Report* – “Mangrove Man”
- Sally Sara, John Busch & Andrew Burch – *ABC TV Landline* – “Port Broughton Aged Care”

INCREASING UNDERSTANDING & AWARENESS OF WOMEN’S RIGHTS & ISSUES

- Trevor Bormann, David Martin, Nathan English & Bryan Milliss – *ABC TV Foreign Correspondent* – “Afghanistan – A Tale of Two Women”
- Helen Vatsikopoulos, Meena David, Chris Lockyer & Bryan Milliss – *ABC TV Asia Pacific Focus* – “Maid in Malaysia”
- Karen Kissane & Jamie Berry – *The Age* – “Series on Geoff Clarke”
- Sharon Davis, Eurydice Aroney & Russell Stapleton – *ABC Radio National, Radio Eye* – “The Search for Edna Lavilla”

INCREASING UNDERSTANDING & AWARENESS OF CHILDREN’S RIGHTS & ISSUES

- Ian Henschke – *ABC TV* – “Mullighan’s Kids”
- Steve Cannane, Brendan Hutchens, Alice Brennan & Julie-Anne De Ruvo - *ABC TV jtv HACK* – “NT Education”
- Emma Griffiths, Trevor Bormann, Louie Eroglu & Garth Thomas – *ABC TV Foreign Correspondent* – “Romania – The Lost Children”