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No 45 Mid September, 2020: International Day of Peace



The United Nations turns 75 and is being celebrated at International Day of Peace Events across Australia

There is only one organisation that mankind has created so far, that is exclusively dedicated to the generating and maintaining peace in the world. It is the United Nations.

The prestige of the UN is in the process of being openly attacked by that champion of the free world, the president of the USA, Donald Trump.

For its part, Australia governments have gained a reputation for ignoring or playing down many UN decisions and statements, particularly those that might have caused them embarrassment. There has been no response, for example, to the UN Secretary General, António Guterres', recent call for a global ceasefire during the Coronavirus pandemic. Equal to this is the absence of any official recognition of the coming UN International Day of Peace on September 21st.

This failure to acknowledge the importance of the UN may give an indication of the value the government actually places on the concept of peace. It may have given up on the idea as too hard. It may find it easier to maintain the old routine of engaging in war at regular intervals, to settle international disputes, instead of engaging in diplomacy. Increasing defence expenditure, whilst reducing the budget assigned to diplomacy is precisely what the government is doing.

However, whilst the government remains silent on the topic of peace – a topic of pre-eminent importance as the world lurches towards environmental crisis – other, more responsible parties are raising the matter.

Despite the pandemic, at least 5 International Day of Peace events are planned. These have been organised by community groups across the country, with no assistance from government.

Parramatta: Monday 21st September Inter-faith peace service on September 21, with Dr Sue Wareham; details below.

Brisbane: Monday 21st September Lecture, with Gillian Triggs
Assistant Secretary General of the UN

Trybooking link for the virtual event. This link collects details of attendees and sends them the link to the YouTube Channel

<https://www.trybooking.com/BLHQY>

YouTube Channel link:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNK4UfKhyzHdskN-s_Q9e4Q

Melbourne: September 19th On-line event “Will the US Alliance drag Australian into another war” Information and Registrations

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Sydney: September 20th Raising Peace event **Between War and Peace, Australia’s Past and Future** with Prof Stuart Rees

<https://www.ivp.org.au/raising-peace/>

No doubt there are other events that have escaped attention.

The message is clear.

The people want peace, whether the government does or not!



United Nations Association of Australia

UN75
2020 AND BEYOND



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE LECTURE

FREE EVENT
September 21, 2020
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Presented by:
Dr Gillian Triggs and Dr Tilman Ruff

In the 75th year of the United Nations, formed after 60 million people died in WW2, the International Day of Peace will be held both virtually and limited in person, at Brisbane's St John's Cathedral. Gillian Triggs will deliver the keynote address with an introduction by Dr Tilman Ruff, ICAN board member. Gillian has been appointed Assistant Secretary-General and Assistant High Commissioner for Protection.

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To book a seat at the Cathedral (max. 70 persons), scan QR Code or register at:
<https://www.trybooking.com/BLHQB>

To virtually attend, scan QR Code or register at:
<https://www.trybooking.com/BLHQY>



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St John's Cathedral



WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE & FREEDOM





between war and peace
Australia's past and future
A conversation we need to have

Join us on Zoom
Monday 21 September 2020
7.30 pm - 9.15 pm



Speakers



Prof Allan Patience

is honorary Principal Fellow at the University of Melbourne
He has been a Professor of Politics and Asian studies at universities in Australia and Asia. He has written extensively on the role of middle powers, and has called for a thorough reappraisal of the ANZUS alliance

Dr Sue Wareham

is President of the Medical Association for Prevention of War – Australia (MAPW), a board member of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, and a board member of ICAN (the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons) Australia

Please register by sending your name and email address to:

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An initiative of the recently established conversation project

2PM SATURDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER
UN INTERNATIONAL DAY
OF PEACE.
AN ONLINE EVENT
HOSTED BY THE
INDEPENDENT
PEACEFUL
AUSTRALIA
NETWORK
(IPAN)

WITH
VINCE
SCAPPATURA
(AUTHOR OF
'THE US LOBBY
AND AUSTRALIAN
DEFENCE
POLICY')

+
GREG BARNES SC
(DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS
LAWYER AND
BARRISTER)



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WILL THE U.S. ALLIANCE DRAG AUSTRALIA INTO ANOTHER WAR?

AUSTRALIA NEEDS AN INDEPENDENT FOREIGN POLICY

**INVITATION - "Will the US alliance drag
Australia into another war? Australia needs an
independent foreign policy"**

Saturday 19 September, 2pm AEST

On-Line Forum and Discussion

- **Vince Scappatura, author of "The US lobby and the Australian foreign policy"**
- **Greg Barns, SC, democratic rights lawyer and barrister, Advisor to Julian Assange campaign**
- **Discussion**

Information and Registrations: ipan.victoria1@gmail.com

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**International Day of
Peace
Interfaith Peace
Service**

Parramatta

The 55th session of the General Assembly of the United Nations designated 21 September as International Day of Peace.

To celebrate this day, **you are invited to join an Interfaith Prayer Service to be held on Monday 21 September 2020 at 2 PM via ZOOM (ZOOM details below).**

The Occasional address will be given by Dr Sue Wareham, President of the Medical Association for Prevention of War (Australia), and is a board member in Australia of ICAN (the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons) which was awarded the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize.

Representatives from Aboriginal, Armenian Apostolic, Bahai, Brahmakumaris, Buddhist, Catholic, Coptic, Hindu, Islamic, Jain, Jewish, Mandaean, Sikh, Sufi, Uniting Church and Zoroastrian Communities will offer prayers for peace, and there will be time for silent reflection. There will be some musical items.

There will be opportunity to light a candle for Peace during the service. So please keep a candle ready.

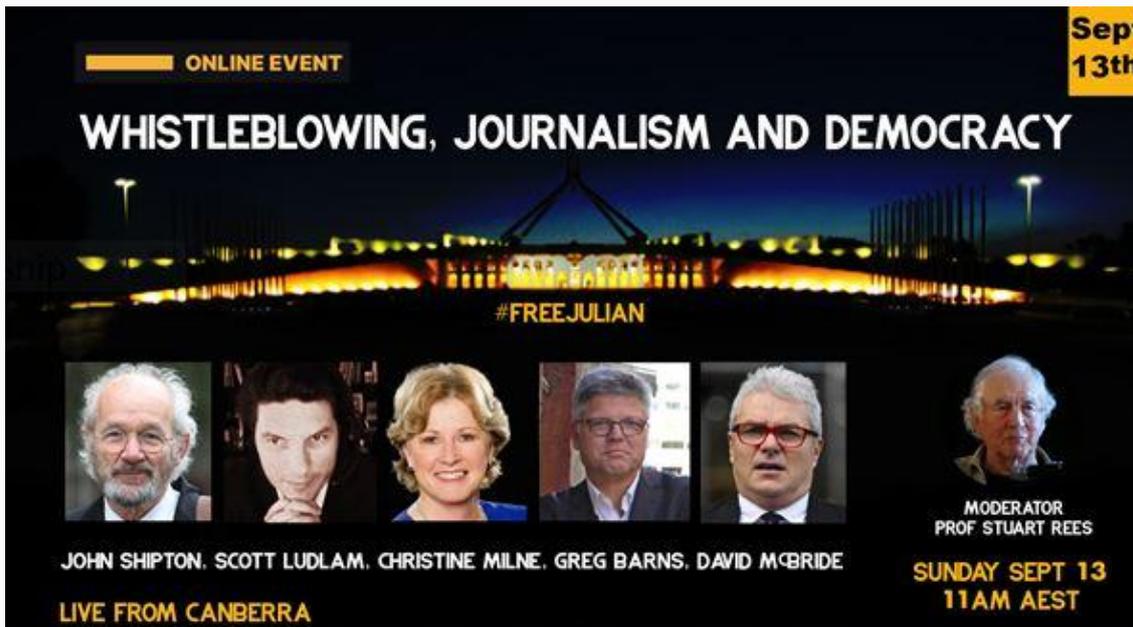
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/99928573628>

Meeting ID: 999 2857 3628

For further information contact Rev Dr Manas Ghosh on 0429 892 548 or email: revmanasghosh@gmail.com or, Manas.Ghosh@parramattamission.org.au

Other events in September



Whistle Blowing, Journalism and Democracy - online event - 11am Sunday 13 September

Hosted by [Canberra Action 4 Assange](#) and live streamed by Consortium News at <https://consortiumnews.com>

The event isn't on Consortiium News until just before 11am on Sunday.

Five eminent Australians chaired by Professor Stuart Rees will discuss the extradition proceedings against Journalist Julian Assange, and its importance for the future of free speech, free press, and our very democracy. Audience Q&A at conclusion of speeches.

Speakers : John Shipton: father of Julian Assange, will give a pre-recorded message from London.

Scott Ludlum: former Australian senator and served as Deputy Leader of the Australian Greens.

Greg Barnes SC: barrister with chambers in Hobart, Melbourne and Brisbane.

David McBride: former Australian Defence Force lawyer and high-profile whistle-blower in the Afghan Files case.

Christine Milne: former Australian politician who served as a Senator for Tasmania. She led the Australian Greens from 2012 to 2015.

Any queries, or if you would like to be kept up to date with events concerning Julian Assange, contact Lorese Vera at loresev@yahoo.com.au or on 0421599112 [Canberra Action 4 Assange Facebook page](#)

Manning Clark House presents - an online event -
Julian Assange -
A conversation between John Pilger and Dr
Alison Broinowski AM

7.00pm AEST, Saturday 19 September 2020, via Zoom Ticket price for this event is AU\$7. Trybooking:
<https://www.trybooking.com/BLLQE>

READ ON

[Petition for Julian Assange](#) 500,000 signatures so far. But please don't donate through the petition page, it just goes to Change.org, not the cause you sign the petition for.

Tuesday 15 Sept is UN Democracy Day and it would be great if you could contact the Attorney-General and express your disagreement with the secrecy of these trials and ask for the

prosecutions to be dropped. The secrecy represents a threat to democracy and to our justice system. AG Porter's ph number is 08-62967255 and email is: Attorney-General@aph.gov.au

**Gather for the next rally for Bernard Collaery at 9.30am on
Wed 30th September** at the ACT Courts.

**Speakers: Sister Susan Connelly, Senator Katy Gallagher (TBC),
Tim Hollo (Director of the Green Institute), Father Richard
Browning.**

"Drop the Prosecutions" Statement: [READ ON](#)

Also if you know anyone who might like to add their names to the supporters of the Statement in support of Bernard and Witness K, please email them the attached statement and ask them to email me to have their names put on the list. [Bernard's GoFund Me campaign is here.](#)

for Justice and Democracy

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