

# National Bulletin

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## Update

Rosanna's Raiders



Tony Williams Band

1986 is the Year of Peace, and hundreds of young Christians from all over Australia are gathering in Canberra in August to bring a message of real peace to the nation's heart!

Join some of the cream of Australia's artists, musicians and speakers — they're all coming together to participate in 'Peace Unearthed'. And we'll be treated to a feast of music, challenge and entertainment at events including another Dusk-to-Dawn Concert featuring artists such as *Idea*, *Tony Williams Band*, *Rosanna's Raiders* and *Connection*.

### LEADING COMMUNICATORS

**Graham Mabury**, from Perth's 6PR, associate pastor with a Baptist church and top-rating evening radio host, will head up a list of communicators to participate over the weekend, including **Mal Garvin** of *Fusion Australia* and the 'Breakthru Generation', now heard on 92 stations; **John Kidson**, well-known trainer of youth workers from Sydney's Anglican Diocese; Christian statesman, **John Mallison**; and others.

### PEACE AWARDS AT RALLY

We'll also be hearing from **Peter Garrett** of *Midnight Oil* fame, whose concern for peace as a spokesman for young people's aspirations in this country, and whose personal quest for the things that matter most, will make him an important contributor to the weekend.

Other guests will include **Neville Bonner**, the aboriginal ex-senator who has often stood alone in the interests of racial justice and peace, and **Dr. Richard Smith**, who heads up the Concerned Citizens Group in Griffith, which has

taken such a courageous stand against drug trafficking and organised crime in Australia.

During a rally at Parliament House, each of these will be asked to accept a specially cast sterling silver medallion to celebrate their efforts for peace.

Come. Bring a group and join with us.

### POLITICIANS COMING

Leaders of each of the major political parties have been approached to join the gathering and receive an expression of the kind of peace young Christians believe our country needs if all are to have a future — and the impact of last year's rally has assured that some of them will be in attendance.

# Bringing Peace to the nation's heart



Graham Mabury



Mal Garvin



John Kidson



Neville Bonner



Peter Garrett



John Mallison



Rod Boucher and Idea

### MARCH TO WAR MEMORIAL

After the rally there will be a solemn march to the War Memorial for a vigil of prayer and meditation. We plan to stretch out in long lines on the concourse leading to the

Memorial with candles in hand to reflect on how easily the light can be extinguished as we meditate on the human causes of war.

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# Speakers to receive Peace award

## MR NEVILLE BONNER, A.O.

Neville Bonner was born at Ekerebagh Island, near Tweed Heads, and is the grandson of Jung Jung, the last fully-initiated member of the Jagera Aboriginal tribe.

He lived as a fringe-dweller, knowing hunger, discrimination of the worst kind, despair and a lack of schooling. He has worked very hard as a head stockman, on banana plantations, and at ringbarking and scrub selling.

He lived for 15 years in the Palm Island Aboriginal community, where he literally became the settlement overseer, supervising a workforce of 250. He left to 'further the cause of togetherness', and settled in Ipswich, the centre of the Jagera tribal area, and began his own boomerang manufacturing business.

In 1971 he began 12 years in the Senate, having been endorsed by the Liberal Party. His work for racial justice and peace meant he attracted the disfavor of the party, and his



name was put down the list so he wouldn't be re-elected.

He has travelled extensively overseas, particularly to Kampuchea. He is the Queensland State Patron of World Vision, Patron of the One People of Australia League (OPAL), and is on the Board of Directors of the ABC, as well as continuing as a consultant to the Aboriginal Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs. He has been awarded the Order of Australia.

Neville Bonner is enthusiastic about joining in Peace Unearthed in Canberra, and we're excited that he's coming to share with us.

## PETER GARRETT

Well before this bald-headed singer stood for the Senate on the Nuclear Disarmament ticket, *Midnight Oil* had been doing concerts for unemployed kids and for youth refugees and issues such as disarmament and unemployment were of concern to them.

Peter Garrett has been looked to by young people all over Australia as a spokesperson, and he seems conscious of the responsibility he wears in shaping their consciousness concerning important issues about the future of our nation and planet.

'I've been active in the peace movement for some years now, one way or another, and I've spent time both here and overseas campaigning against nuclear weapons, and I will continue to do that,' says Garrett.

'There are various ways of interpreting the message of the Gospel, but I think one message is very clear, and that is that we should be peacemakers, and this involves a deliberate moral decision to reject nuclearism in all its forms ... I think Christians have a responsibility

to lead — especially young people.

'While we know that people are denied food and the very basics for conducting some kind of decent existence, we are also aware that other countries spend vast amounts of money on manufacturing weapons which can't ever be used — because if only a small percentage of them were used, it would put us out of existence.'

Currently, Peter and the others in the *Oils* are in the studios working on a documentary about the return of sacred land sites to the Aboriginal people.

Despite *Midnight Oil* accepting no bookings at all while spending August and September recording, Peter has agreed to take time out to come to Canberra because 'it's an important event for Australia'.



## DR. RICHARD SMITH

Dr. Richard Smith is a CSIRO scientist who has a background as a farm management consultant. Aged 43, and with three sons, he lives in Griffith, N.S.W.

In recent years he has been the hard-working, outspoken chairman of the Concerned Citizens Group of Griffith, a committee of seven or eight people who have supported Barbara Mackay and her family in their plight following the murder of her anti-drug campaigner husband, Don.

Richard has challenged police and politicians, called for enquiries, spoken at

countless public gatherings and on TV programmes like Ray Martin and the 'today' shows. He has borne the brunt of opposition and the hostile reaction of many people in his own town and has faced the trauma of endless fruitless enquiries and investigations, many of which have avoided the obvious truth about what was happening in drug trafficking and organised crime.

He is a parish secretary and lay preacher in the local Uniting Church, and a man of enormous courage who will hang in there until justice is done.

# A week of mission in the

## NIGHTLY 'SMORGASBORD OF CREATIVITY' AS ARTISTS GATHER

During the week of mission leading up to the 'Peace Unearthed' weekend, a nightly smorgasbord of creativity will be open to the public from 8 p.m. till 2 a.m.

Called 'Pieces', this exhibition involves a six-hour programme in three two-hourly segments involving four visual artists with exhibitions using giant leather pieces, audio-visual material, sculptures and other exciting explorations of peace.

There will be films from the National Archives on peace, a puppet opera, up to three different bands, opera singers, and archipela group and an exhibition entitled 'Rites of Passage' by South Australian artist, Michael Rowlands. This

shows something of peace-makers throughout history. There will also be dancers, writers, poets and painters involved.

Peter Gray, the Christian circus and mime artist from Melbourne who played a key part in 'Barnum', will be performing, as will *Grazed Knee Theatrics*, who will stage a return of 'Curiosity Thrilled the Bat', which was seen by hundreds in the Royal Melbourne Show and the Tas-



Two scenes from 'Curiosity Thrilled the Bat'.

## Peace Unearthed

## Bringing Peace to the Nation's heart

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We'll remember those who've made the sacrifice for their country and we'll meditate on the words of the War Memorial's theme, 'Never Again'.

We will then collectively face the forces that work against 'shalom' within us and within our country, and we'll confront the question, 'What is the price of peace?'

There'll be prayer for grace to pay the price of making our lives count and intercessory prayer right there in the heart of our country for the reign of peace.

While it's hoped the whole experience will have a profound personal impact on those who participate in the reflection, repentance and intercession, the vigil will also provide spectacular television and newspaper shots that it's hoped will be something of an action parable that will remind the nation of the central issue of our time.

## VIGIL AT EMBASSIES

We'll also split up into smaller groups to gather at various embassies all over Canberra and some will move to the High Court. At each of these there will be intercessory prayer for peace in the countries and spheres they represent.

## DUSK-TO-DAWN CELEBRATION

The Dusk-to-Dawn celebration, so enjoyable and challenging last year, will occur in a special, new way on Saturday evening and through to Sunday morning.

Apart from some of the country's leading musicians, artists and communicators, the whole programme will be designed to help us celebrate our lives together as Christians, and we'll stop

from time to time to ask questions about strategies to actively work for shalom in our country in these critical years leading up to the end of the decade.

manian shows circuit season last year. More than 30 professional artists or performers will be contributing to 'Pieces', which is to be held at the Australian National University from August 24-29.

## WEEK OF MISSION AND REFLECTION

During the week leading up to the Canberra Gathering, a smaller number of people than those present at the weekend will be engaged in a week of prophetic action and reflection to prepare Canberra for the invasion of people from all over Australia at the weekend.

In Gareema Place in Civic, the heart of the city, they will be setting up a Peace Maze for people to find their way through. They'll use giant encounter games and festival activities to make contact with shoppers and office workers each day, and will form a kazoo band and street theatre groups which will also operate in the Woden and Belconnen shopping centres.

Others will assist with the release of white papers in the city centre, or engage in street work in small groups.

During each morning and evening there'll be some training in practical peace-making (enough to drastically change your life!) and some development of broader issues of peace.

## SCHOOLS CONTRIBUTE TO EXHIBITION

Year 10 students from schools in areas as diverse as the northern Adelaide suburb of Elizabeth, Burnie in Tasmania and the Mornington Peninsula in Victoria, are taking part in a special series of lessons prepared by the *Grazed Knee Theatrics* artist group, which will culminate in the preparation of a creative visual arts statement regarding peace, to be enclosed in a clear, 40 cm perspex cube.

## DAWN SERVICE

The weekend's activities will climax with a very special ecumenical dawn service, led by the Rev. John Mallison and local Canberra clergy.

John Mallison is a past moderator of the Uniting Church in N.S.W., well-known for his consultancy ministry in the development of small groups in churches.

At this service we will stop and give thanks to the Prince of Peace, dedicating ourselves in new ways to specific actions we can take together to bring the reign of peace to our nation in the critical self-defining years leading up to the Bicentennial and to the end of the decade.



# e nation's capital

The cubes, when completed, will become part of a special National Exhibition at the Australian National University in Canberra, in the week leading up to the Gathering (August 22-29).

The students explore conflict resolution in three special lessons and are then joined by a member of the troupe for a stimulating workshop, and the self-expression that results will be contained in the completed cube.

## PRESENTATION TO THE P.M.

Already, this 'Peace Pieces' exhibition by students from across Australia is being sought for use at other festivals and exhibitions. At the gathering at Parliament House, we'll present Mr Hawke and the government with a perspex cube jam-packed full of artistic representations of this generation's hunger for peace, and to, once again, remind the Prime Minister of his awesome responsibility on their behalf.

## Programme

### Week of prophetic action and reflection - August 24-29

Includes 'Pieces Exhibition', street festival, street theatre, street work in small groups, maze, etc. Training in practical peacemaking each morning and some evenings, prophetic action, white paper releases and media attention.

### Peace Unearthed weekend - August 29-31

**Friday evening:** Participants arrive from around Australia — they will gather at the National Exhibition Centre for registration and then be directed to their overnight accommodation.

**Saturday:** Briefing at National Exhibition Centre, Parliament House rally, march to War Memorial, prayer vigil at embassies.

**Saturday evening:** Dusk-to-dawn concert

**Sunday morning:** Dawn service and commissioning rally



## The prophetic thrust is working!



Psyching  
up for  
another  
round in  
Mornington!

## Supporting organisations so far:

Fusion Australia, Anglican Youth Ministries (Sydney and Melbourne), Baptist Union of Victoria, Baptist Union of Tasmania, Church of Christ Federal Board of Christian Education, Youth With a Mission, Uniting Church of Australia (Victoria), Citylife, Bible Society of Australia, Theos Youth Outreach, Australia Youth for Christ, C.Y.T.A., Student Life.

So far in this Year of Peace, two white papers have been written and released across the length and breadth of the nation, and responded to by thousands of people.

The first, 'Bringing Peace to Earth', showed the need for *shalom* in our personal relationships and our families, and pointed to practical ways to bring that about — how to deal with sin that destroys peace.

It was launched with gifts of yellow ribbons with 'shalom' printed on them, and stories of reconciliation and what brings it about.

The second, 'Bringing Peace to Work', concerned industrial relations, and saw boxing matches between Labour and Capital erupt in city centres across Australia, attracting crowds, lots of media coverage, and enormous interest in a Christian perspective on the issue.

These papers have been circulated widely, to politicians, public servants, union leaders, clergy, teachers and community leaders.

## THE WRITING'S ON THE WALL

Like Daniel, following Belshazzar's interrupted feast, we are expected by our God to read the writing on the wall. To let our nation and its leaders know how God is seeing what is happening. To point the way forward from here. To let God's perspective be heard amid all the other noises.

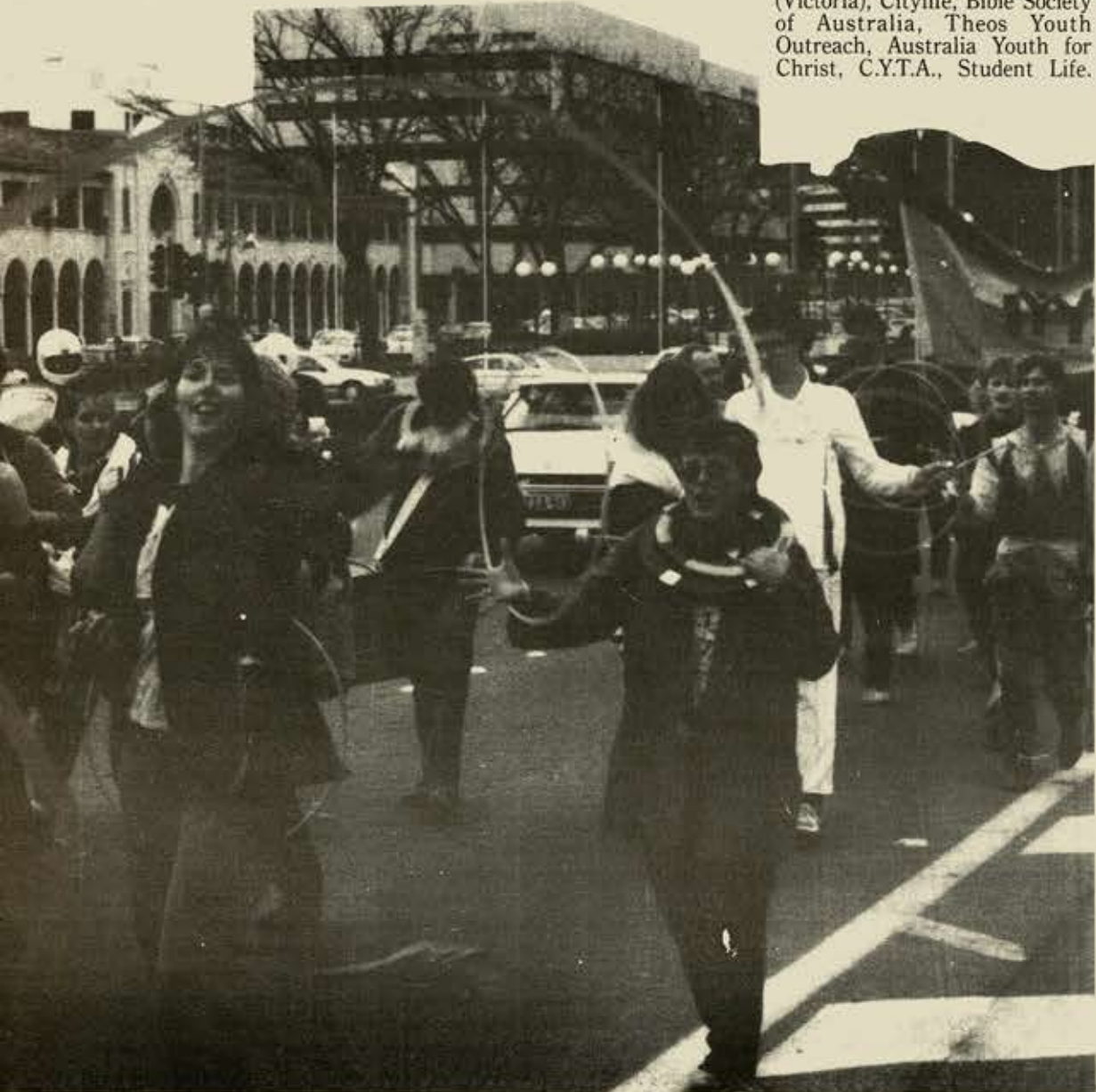
The good news is, we are being heard! The politicians are taking notice. Last year's rally and white papers made quite an impact, in Canberra and throughout our nation.



Capital 'having a go' at Labour.



An interested passer-by in  
Melbourne.  
The outcome of the match? They all  
had to be carried off!





# Participate in shaping your country's history

The history of your nation is being shaped right now — these are important years for Australia's future, as our national leaders struggle to work out which way is forward.

It's a tragic fact that peace has become such a divisive issue because it's believed by many that there are political minorities that are keen to undermine our will to be strong for the future, and they talk of 'peace' to that end.

It's time for young people, particularly Christian young people, to show the way to rise

not so much financially, necessarily, but we will have to stretch ourselves to be there. We may have to reorganise schedules or forego holidays.

Sometimes, despite our strong agreement that Christians should act, we leave the action to others, hoping 'they' will do the job.

## It costs to be a peacemaker. It cost the Father His Son.

beyond the divisions in our society and world, to show that we are prepared to pay the price of bringing real peace to the nation's heart.

Jesus called us 'the salt of the earth'. Our nation needs our Christian voice to be raised. Now is the moment for us to have our say.

Some of us, no doubt, will find it costly to be involved ...

Well, it costs to be a peacemaker. It cost the Father His Son! It has cost many believers down through the centuries their careers, their freedom and, at times, their lives.

How much are you prepared to pay to see the transformation of Australia? What are you prepared to give? How involved are you prepared to be?

## Take action now!

1. Register to come (the first 200 to register receive a bronze peace medallion free).
2. Receive the three White Papers that declare God's way of bringing peace to the nation and the world.
3. Borrow or buy the video, 'The Dare', and show it to your youth group or friends. 55 minutes long, it shows an exciting glimpse of last year's historic event and moving segments from the Dark-to-Dawn concert.

**TAKE ACTION NOW!  
COME AND  
BRING YOUR FRIENDS.**



### Special Offer: IYP Medallions

Get your peace medallions now and wear them in the lead-up to Canberra (and during the whole year) to proclaim your commitment to the Prince of Peace. They are great discussion starters. They show a dove within a crown of thorns. They're available in solid bronze (@ \$5 ea.) or as a sterling silver pendant (@ \$9.50 ea. plus \$5 for silver chain). These costs include postage.

If you register quickly for the 'Peace Unearthed' gathering, you may receive one free.

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## 'The Dare'

A video of last year's IYF Canberra Gathering story, called 'The Dare' has just been produced.

Talented and creative Christian artists such as Tony Williams and Band, Idea, Button and Rosanna's Raiders, are featured in this 55-minute video. Youth Groups, I.S.C.F.s and others will find it particularly useful for video nights and discussion groups.

The video captures the spirit of the 'March for the Future', the Parliament House Rally, the Dusk-till-Dawn concert, the Dawn Worship and Commissioning Service and the creative White Paper releases. 'The Dare' also includes footage from Channel 10 in Melbourne.

'The Dare' challenges Australian Christians to take their discipleship seriously, and points to ways forward for those who do. It's daring! To think that God's rule in the hearts of ordinary Australians is a distinct possibility — if we want to work with Him.

A copy of 'The Dare' is available for hire from each Fusion Centre. Charges by donation. It is also available for sale at a cost of \$25.

Phone your local Fusion Centre.



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- ☐ Canberra Gathering weekend (August 29-31)
- ☐ Week of Festivals and Canberra Gathering (August 24-31)

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- ☐ Canberra Gathering weekend —  
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Singles: \$70, or \$50 for students/unemployed.  
Couples: \$120, or \$80 for students/unemployed.

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Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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