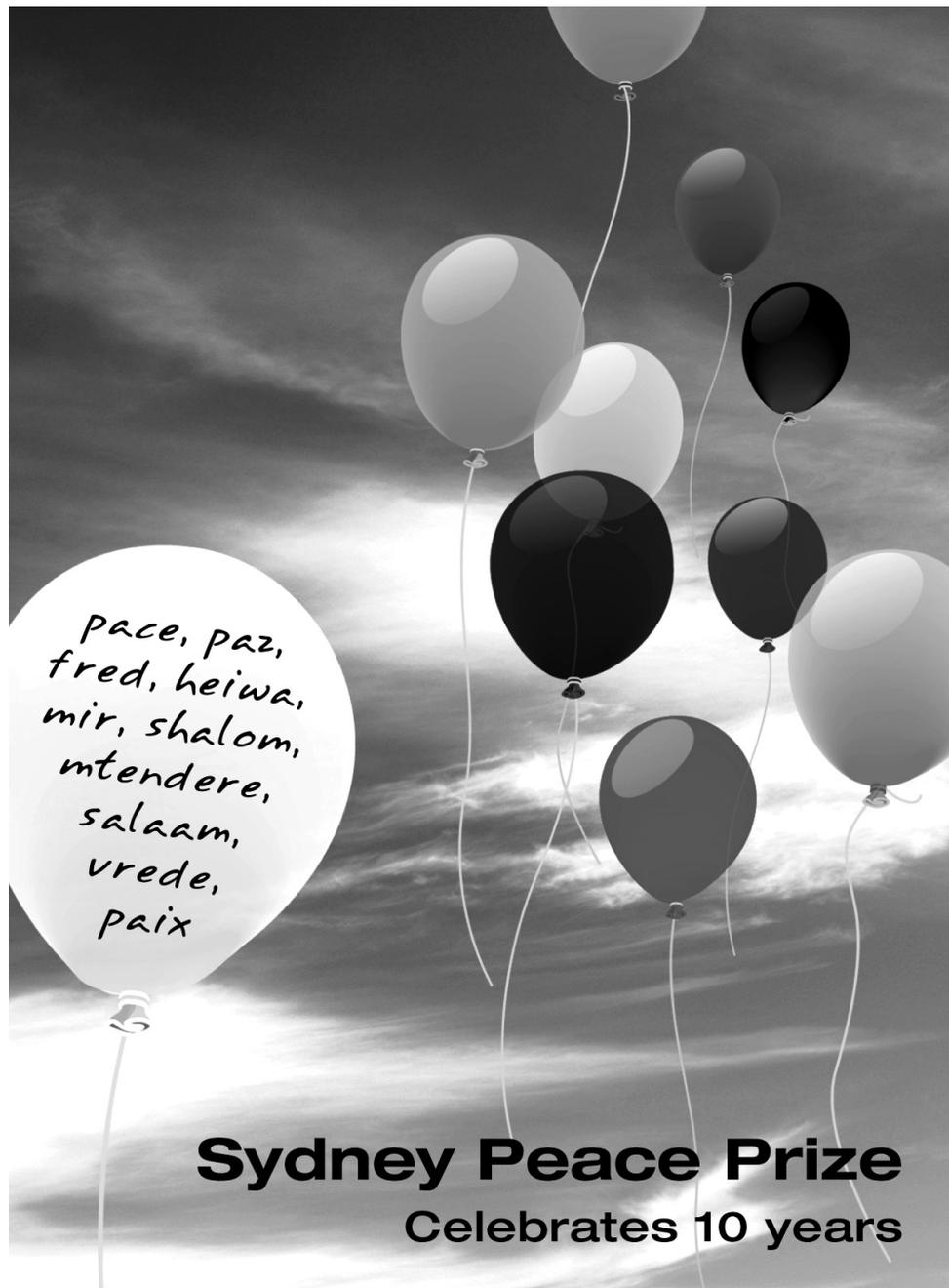


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Dr Hans Blix, 2007 Sydney Peace Prize Recipient

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way of thinking and
acting which promotes
non-violent solutions
to everyday problems
and provides the
foundation of a
civil society*



The Sydney Peace Foundation is a partnership between business, media, public service, community and academic interests.

It is a not-for-profit organisation which is wholly funded by our Partners in Peace, and by the support of organisations and individuals with a commitment to the promotion of peace with justice and the practice of non-violence.

The Foundation

- awards the Sydney Peace Prize
- develops corporate sector and community understanding of the value of peace with justice
- supports the work of the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies
- awards scholarship and internships in peace, human rights and conflict resolution
- recognises significant contributions to peace by young people through the Schools Peace Initiative

Why is Peace with Justice Important?

- provides for the security of children, as in the development of health care
- envisages an end to the violence of poverty
- paints a vision of individual and community fulfillment through the creation of rewarding opportunities in education and employment

The Sydney Peace Foundation is a privately endowed Foundation established in 1998 within the University of Sydney.

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*Peace must be just...
it must be neither
punitive nor
vindictive... the fruits
of peace must be
shared equally*

- Mahatma Gandhi



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It is an honour and a pleasure to write this report once more, and in particular on the occasion of the tenth award of the Sydney Peace Prize. I will focus on that in this report, but also acknowledge the work of the jury and the executive committee, and the support we receive from several special supporters, led by the City of Sydney.

Dr Hans Blix

Dr Blix was both a worthy and a gracious recipient of the Prize, Australia's only international peace prize. The Sydney Town Hall was packed for the City of Sydney Peace Prize lecture, and the dinner the following evening in the Great Hall of Sydney University was a sell out weeks in advance, a glittering event. We were honoured this year by the presence of the former Prime Minister, the Hon Paul Keating, who presented the award to Dr Blix. Dr Blix also spoke and was interviewed by Mary Kostakidis, in a way which enabled those present to gain an insight into the person who had been the face of the search for weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, but whose report had not been welcome.

The dinner has become in my view one of the cultural highlights of the year, and reflects well on the city and the university.

The jury

We would not have a winner without a jury, whose role it is to search out candidates and conduct rigorous due diligence on them, and debate their relative merits over weeks and months leading up to an announcement. We have a tradition of not publicising their identities widely, for the same kinds of reasons that other juries are anonymous, to ensure that the selection is (correctly) seen as a collective decision and avoid any risk of pressure on them as individuals. But our redoubtable director has outed the convener of the jury publicly already, so I am able this year to acknowledge the work of Clare Petre, who is also one of the executive committee. The jury comprises several members of the executive together with others to ensure a cross section of people and approaches, and the membership of the jury is periodically refreshed for the same reason. On behalf of the executive, my sincere thanks to them all.

Our supporters

I must acknowledge the continuing support we receive from several sources. First, the Council of the City of Sydney. We believe that the award of the prize does great honour to the City, and appreciate very much the generous and continuing support of the city both financially and in kind. The Lord Mayor was not able for personal reasons to attend this year, but we were glad that the Deputy Lord Mayor, Tony Pooley, delivered the vote of thanks to Dr Blix in the Town Hall.

Our other principal financial supporters remain Steve Killelea and Joe Skrzynski - their generosity over several years, coupled with the support of the City and smaller amounts from scores of individuals, has put the Foundation in a secure financial position, and well placed for the next ten years. Our sincere thanks to them and indeed to all of our supporters. A special mention should be made of the University of Sydney itself, which remains a staunch supporter of our activities and provides a base from which we operate efficiently and effectively.

In conclusion

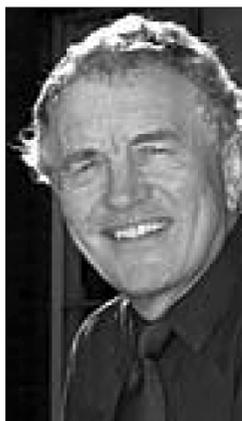
My thanks and appreciation go again to our director, Emeritus Professor Stuart Rees, AM, and his colleagues Lynda, Jaime and Hannah – Stuart has mentioned their contribution in his report and I endorse his comments. My role in particular is to thank the members of the executive committee, whose diligence and dedication to the work of the Foundation has once again been outstanding. Non profit bodies like this depend on volunteers, and we are fortunate to have some of the best, a diverse and creative group who work together very well and tolerate the eccentricities of the chair and the foibles of the director with good humour, and keep us on the right path.

We all look forward to another outstanding year working for peace with justice, in 2008.



Alan Cameron, A.M.

Chairman
January 2008



DIRECTOR'S REPORT

2007 marked the 10th anniversary of the Sydney Peace Foundation and of the Sydney Peace Prize, Australia's only international award for peace. In this respect I feel entitled to repeat the praise given at the award ceremony in November. The City of Sydney Peace Prize Lectures and the world wide significance of each recipient have made peace with justice a topic for media attention and private conversation during the first week of November each year. To influence such attention and to create such conversations was one of the objectives of those who created the Foundation.

We began in 1998 with the inaugural award to Professor Muhammad Yunus, founder of the Grameen Bank for the poor and of the system of micro credit. The wisdom of the jury which chose Professor Yunus was recognized eight years later when in 2006, he won the Nobel Peace Prize.

A Documentary

To recall the ten years of the Peace Prize we engaged Velocity Films to interview all ten previous recipients. Despite the difficulties of distance and the elusiveness of some of the recipients, that documentary was finished in time for showing at the opening of this year's award ceremony. That short film, shown on November 7th, gave the audience a compelling view of the challenges involved in promoting peace. Archbishop Tutu referred to peace of mind as 'a tranquil pool... if you can find it'. Hanan Ashrawi spoke of peace needing solidarity among those who struggle for justice and in similar vein Irene Khan said she considered peace to be a verb not a noun. For the creation of this documentary we have benefited from the impressive skills and editorial advice of Velocity Films staff Tim Wise and Bobbi Dunphy.

The Global Peace Index

Other noteworthy events in 2007 have included the publication of the first Global Peace Index which rated over 100 countries on the resources for peace and conversely their propensity for violence and readiness for war. Although this was not a Peace Foundation project, the germ of the idea was nurtured in conversations with our highly significant supporter, the visionary Steve Killelea. Steve deserves wide acclaim for a project, carried out

by the research unit of the London Economist, which produced substantial and impressive measures of countries' orientation to peace. Norway was rated the world's most peace oriented country. New Zealand was second. Australia was 26th, largely, I suspect, because of its government's enthusiasm for the Iraq war.

The 10th Anniversary Lecture

On July 23 2007 Jake Lynch, the new Director of Sydney University's Centre for Peace & Conflict Studies, gave the Foundation's 10th anniversary lecture. His topic, 'Promoting dissent: reviving democracy', foreshadowed developments at the September APEC conference in Sydney when the slightest protest was quickly suppressed and a ring of steel cut off the conference participants from the general public. Jake's Lecture also stressed the value of the UN - 'a world body created out of hard political necessity' - and pleaded that Australia's strength lay not in a military alliance with the United States but in facilitating UN peace keeping and diplomacy. Jake's lecture has been published as 'CPACS Occasional Paper No 07/01'.

Dr. Hans Blix: 2007 City of Sydney Peace Prize Lecture and Peace Prize recipient

Pleas to support the UN through adherence to multilateralism and to international law were also among the themes of Dr. Hans Blix' 2007 City of Sydney Peace Prize Lecture, 'The Globalization of Peace'. Dr. Blix was chosen as the 2007 Peace Prize recipient for his life time of support for international humanitarian law, for his courage in opposing the Iraq War, and for his leadership in ridding the world of weapons of terror. For the first time, a Sydney peace jury focussed on disarmament as a major peace issue, hence the choice of Dr. Blix, former Swedish foreign minister, former Director of the International Atomic Energy Authority, Head of the UN weapons inspection team in Iraq (UNMOVIC) and Chairman of the Weapons of Mass Destruction Commission. In his appraisal of prospects for disarmament, Dr. Blix identified the important common ground between the report of the (1996) Canberra Commission to eliminate nuclear weapons and his own (2005) Weapons of Terror report.

The music preceding the November 7th Peace Prize Lecture was performed by the award winning singer Lior, singing solo 'Heal Me' and, in a second number accompanied by a brass ensemble, 'Safety of Distance'.

In a lecture to a packed Sydney Town Hall, Hans Blix stressed a need to revive disarmament through the offices of the UN. He reminded us that protection of the environment was also an important expression of non violence. Such protection should include the responsibility 'to husband our use of the earth's resources, restrain the use of fossil fuels and restrain the growth of the human population.' Hans was given a standing ovation. In addition to their appreciation of a comprehensive and beautifully crafted lecture, I suspect that the audience was grateful to be listening to a person of principle whose leadership qualities included the ability to show the courage of his convictions.

By tradition the Peace Prize was awarded on the evening following the Lecture, this year on November 8th and in the Great Hall of Sydney University. This 10th anniversary Peace Prize was awarded by former Prime Minister Paul Keating who, over ten years previously, had created the Canberra Commission. That special evening, compered with characteristic charm by Mary Kostakidis, will be described in greater detail by my colleague Alan Cameron in his Chairman's report.

Circle for Peace: Cabramatta High School 9 November 2007

The final event of the year, a celebration of peace organized by staff and students from Cabramatta High School, has also become part of a Peace Foundation tradition. This year that celebration was entitled 'Circle for Peace'. It began with Maori music. It included Hans Blix speaking to approximately 1500 students drawn from 15 different High Schools and the orations of finalists in the Cabramatta speakers for peace competition. After these contributions, Hans' wife Ambassador Eva Kettis opened the extension of the school's Peace Garden and children released 50 doves. This generation of students will be the future advocates of peace through justice. In this respect the creativity and commitment witnessed at this Circle for Peace on November 9th augurs well for the future.

Acknowledgements

In a report which covers a range of activities and only makes passing reference to the hard work of so many people, it is important to do more than list the names of key players. For example, the success of the Peace Prize owes much to the analytical skills and due diligence of the Peace Prize jury. The continued financial health of the Foundation depends to a large extent on our major Partner in Peace, the City of Sydney, and on our generous donors. Alan will

be commenting on the jury's work and on our supporters' invaluable interest and generosity.

Throughout the year we always depend on the services of volunteers, even if those volunteers are in full time employment elsewhere. Housed as we are in the University of Sydney, we depend a great deal on the advice and influence of the University's director of media, our esteemed friend and colleague Andrew Potter. The Yeoman Bedell's office – Colin Bransdon - also provide invaluable support in terms of transport, liaison with caterers and with security personnel. Our close association with the students and staff of Cabramatta High School owes a great deal to the imaginative leadership of the Principal Beth Godwin. She is such a pleasure to work with.

My specific thanks are expressed to the part time staff of the Foundation, beginning with Dr. Lynda Blanchard, the Foundation's Executive Officer. Lynda is a problem solver, a willing keeper of accounts but most important of all an imaginative thinker who, this year for example, ensured that George Street outside the Town Hall was decorated with eye catching Sydney Peace Prize flags. In the first part of the year Lynda was supported by the highly efficient - 'nothing too much trouble mate' - Jamie Koh. Jamie also produced a Foundation newsletter and edited our web site. In the weeks preceding the Peace Prize events, Jamie was succeeded by Dr. Hannah Middleton. Hannah has impressive knowledge of peace movements, is a highly skilled administrator and a delightful colleague. Together with Wendy Falconer as the Events Manager, these three were a highly professional and fun promoting team. Wendy is always a bonus to have as a colleague in events management, if she is available, if she is not responding to the urgent requests from others who also know her skills and need her services.

Reports usually end with the word 'finally'. I have reached the point where I welcome the opportunity to thank Alan Cameron for his engaging, consensus based leadership of the Peace Foundation's Executive. I depend a great deal on Alan. When he is not walking in some remote bushland I know that his support still exists and his advice just around the corner. It almost goes without saying that Alan has crafted a diverse and resourceful Executive. At the end of a ground breaking ten years and a very rewarding tenth year, I leave Alan to also express thanks to our conscientious and highly valued colleagues.

Stuart Rees A.M.

Director
January 2008



*Sydney Peace Prize -
celebrating
inspiring people &
their achievements*



Sydney Peace Foundation Chairman Alan Cameron, Dr Hans Blix and the Hon Paul Keating, former Prime Minister of Australia, at the 2007 Sydney Peace Prize Gala Dinner and Award Ceremony, Great Hall, University of Sydney, 8 November 2007.



Each year the prize is awarded to an individual

- who has made significant contributions to global peace including steps to eradicate poverty, racism and entrenched unemployment – conditions often labelled as “structural violence”.
- whose role and responsibilities enable them to use the prize to further the cause of peace with justice.
- whose work illustrates the philosophy and principles of non-violence.

The award has national and international significance in terms of support given to leaders for peace. It also identifies Sydney as a city with a prominent peace agenda.

Sydney Peace Prize Recipients

2007 – Dr Hans Blix

Chairman, Weapons of Mass Destruction Commission (WMDC), recognised for his principled and courageous opposition to proponents of the war in Iraq, for life long advocacy of humanitarian law and non violence and for leadership of disarmament programs to rid the world of weapons of terror.

2006 – Irene Khan

Security General of Amnesty International, recognised for her leadership as a courageous advocate of universal respect for human rights, her skills in identifying violence against women as a massive injustice and therefore a priority in campaigning for peace.

2005 – Olara Otunnu

Former United Nations Under Secretary General for Children and Armed Conflict, recognised for his lifetime commitment to human rights, his ceaseless efforts to protect children in time of war and his promotion of measures for the healing and social reintegration of children in the aftermath of conflict.

2004 – Arundhati Roy

Indian writer and human rights activist recognised for her courage in campaigns for human rights and for her advocacy of non-violence as expressed in her demands for justice for the poor, for the victims of communal violence, for the millions displaced by the Namada dam projects and by her opposition to nuclear weapons.

2003 – Dr Hanan Ashrawi

Founder and Secretary General of the Palestine Initiative for the Promotion of Global Dialogue and Democracy (MIFTAH). As a writer, academic, political activist and campaigner for human rights, her advocacy has played a central role in the development of a self-governing Palestine.

2002 – Mary Robinson

Distinguished lawyer, former President of Ireland and United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. Dedicated and courageous champion for the rights of the powerless and a vision of peace with justice through respect for human rights.

2001 – Sir William Deane

Former Governor General of Australia. Strongly committed to improving the quality of life of disadvantaged Australians in particular indigenous peoples.

2000 – Xanana Gusmao

President of the National Council for East Timorese Resistance and subsequently the First President of East Timor. Courageous and principal leader for the independence of the East Timorese people, who has proved himself as a statesman in the twin causes of human rights and peace with justice.

1999 – Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu

For his work as Chairman of South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Nobel Prize winner, leader of anti-apartheid movement against racial oppression, tireless campaigner for reconciliation through tolerance and forgiveness.

1998 – Professor Muhammad Yunus

Founder of the Grameen Bank of Bangladesh. Innovator in work enabling the world's poor to become independent through access to microcredit. Inspiring advocate of the view that poverty is the denial of all human rights and that peace is freedom from poverty.

Sydney Peace Prize Events 2007



Celebrating 10 years: Sydney Peace Prize banners flew at Sydney Town Hall during the first week of November 2007

City of Sydney Peace Prize Lecture



Dr Blix with Deputy Lord Mayor of Sydney, Mr Tony Pooley, Sydney Town Hall, 7 November 2007



Dr Blix with Professor Stuart Rees, Director Sydney Peace Foundation



Dr Blix with guest musician Lior at The City of Sydney Peace Prize Lecture

Sydney Peace Prize Gala Dinner and Award Ceremony



Dr Hans Blix with MC Mary Kostakidis, Great Hall, University of Sydney, 8 November 2007



Dr Blix and his wife Eva Kettis with guests at the Swedish Ambassador's table



Sir William Deane, former Governor General of Australia and 2001 Sydney Peace Prize Recipient, with Dr Hans Blix



Dr Blix displaying his Sydney Peace Foundation tie



2007 Sydney Peace Prize Gala Dinner and Award Ceremony, The Great Hall, University of Sydney, 8 November 2007



Host Mr Joe Skrzynski at the wheel with (left to right) Hon Justice Jim Spigelman AC, Helena Carr, Hon Bob Carr, Dr Hans Blix, Ambassador Eva Kettis, Professor Don Nutbeam and Alan Cameron AM, aboard Archina on Sydney Harbour, 9 November 2007

The Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies



Post graduate student Dinda Djojonegoro chairs Dr Hans Blix's visit to CPACS, 8 November 2007



Dr Blix, Dr Ken Macnab, CPACS President, and Andrew Potter, Media Manager, University of Sydney



Student volunteers from the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies



Dr Blix and his wife Eva Kettis with students and staff of CPACS

Cabramatta High School "Circle for Peace"



Cabramatta High School students welcome Dr Blix to their "Circle for Peace" Festival, 9 November 2007



Cabramatta High School "Circle for Peace"



Religious leaders provide a blessing for the Cabramatta High School Peace Garden



High School Students with Dr Blix



Cabramatta High School Principal Beth Godwin with Eva Kettis and Hans Blix



Hans Blix and Eva Kettis with young leaders from Cabramatta High School

Foundation Events 2007

THE GLOBAL PEACE INDEX

The Economist Intelligence Unit, in conjunction with an international team of peace studies academics and institutions – including The Sydney Peace Foundation – has compiled an innovative new Global Peace Index (GPI) which ranks 121 nations according to their relative peacefulness.



Mr Steve Killelea, convenor Global Peace Index project, at the 2007 Sydney Peace Prize Gala Dinner and Award Ceremony

PROMOTING DISSENT, REVIVING DEMOCRACY



Associate Professor Jake Lynch, Director, Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Sydney, delivered the Sydney Peace Foundation 10th Anniversary Lecture, "Promoting Dissent, Reviving Democracy", 23 July 2007

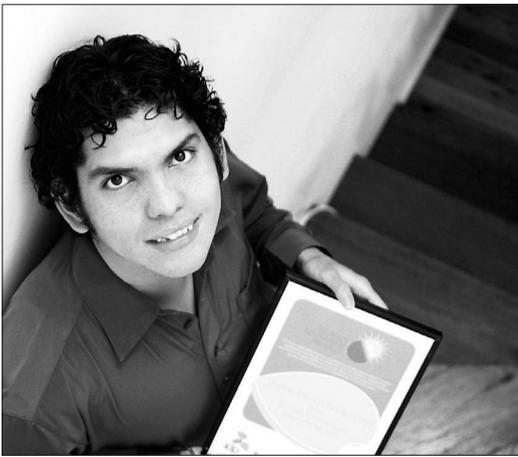


Associate Professor Jake Lynch, Alan Cameron, Chairman, Sydney Peace Foundation, and Professor Stephen Garton, Dean of Faculty of Arts, University of Sydney, at the 10th Anniversary Lecture



Stella Cornelius, founder of the Conflict Resolution Network, in the audience at the Sydney Peace Foundation 10th Anniversary Lecture, Footbridge Theatre, University of Sydney

International Internships 2007



2007 Peace scholar of the year

Mauricio Bastien Olvera from Mexico City undertook an internship at the Sydney Peace Foundation for the first six months of 2007. During that time, Mr Olvera worked with school students to develop projects which contribute to peace and justice in their schools, communities and international associations.

“We are all very different, but I prepare to focus on the similarities that we share... we are all concerned about the same issues in the world...”

Sept 21 – International Day of Peace

Cathrin Jaeger (German Academic Exchange Program scholarship holder), undertook an internship with the Sydney Peace Foundation from August – October 2007.

A student of philosophy at Germany's University of Lake Konstanz and an active member of Amnesty International, Ms Jaeger initiated significant research whilst an intern at The Sydney Peace Foundation, culminating in a student 'teach-in' at the University of Sydney on September 21, International Day of Peace.



Financials 2007

SYDNEY PEACE FOUNDATION

Statement of Income and Expenditure for period ended 31 December 2007

(Account Code: D7801 22222 & D7801 D5010)

	2007	2006
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Interest	11,443	11,159
Donations, sponsorships and scholarships	-	-
----Appeal campaign	90,400	70,600
----Public Lecture	650	600
----City of Sydney	25,000	30,000
----General Donations	6,018	
Special events income		
----SPP Dinner	87,223	90,298
----SPP Lecture	22,384	6,548
Miscellaneous income	-	-
Total Income	243,118	209,205
EXPENDITURE		
Salaries and associated costs	51,296	46,420
Equipment lease	1,673	805
Special Events - Catering and hiring charges	50,913	38,246
Printing	2,451	2,089
Postage & Communications	1,059	1,347
Advertising and promotions	810	-
Equipment, repairs and maintenance	715	-
Travel and accommodation	2,633	122
Sydney Peace Prize	50,000	50,000
Sydney Peace Prize - Trophy	1,320	1,364
CPACS Annual grant	-	-
CPACS Administration charge	-	-
CPACS Scholarship	-	6,500
Stationery and office supplies	1,341	217
Contract Employment	46,705	8,836
Graphic Design	500	380
General expenses	12,205	531
Total Expenditure	223,621	156,857
Surplus/(Deficit)	19,497	52,348
Accumulated funds as at 1 January	202,948	170,703
Prior years expenses adjustment		20,103
Accumulated funds as at 31 December 2007	222,445	202,948



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31 December 2007

SYDNEY PEACE FOUNDATION

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2007

(Account Code: D7801 22222)

	2007	2006
	\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash Balance earning University Pool interest	222,445	202,948
Total Current Assets	222,445	202,948
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accrued Expense	-	-
Total Current Liabilities	-	-
NET ASSETS	222,445	202,948
EQUITY		
Accumulated funds	222,445	202,948
TOTAL EQUITY	222,445	202,948



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