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Senator Sekai
Holland



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Professor Noam
Chomsky



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Dr Vandana Shiva



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John Pilger



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Patrick Dodson



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Irene Khan



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Olara Otunnu



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Dr Hanan Ashrawi



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Mary Robinson



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Sir William Deane
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Archbishop
Desmond Tutu



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Messages From Our Patrons

“The Sydney Peace Prize [...] is Australia’s only international prize for peace, and it inspires us all to think more deeply about the world in which we live and the values we hold dear.”

Clover Moore, Lord Mayor of Sydney

I commend the Sydney Peace Foundation on its dedication to promoting peace and honouring champions of human rights from around the world.

The City of Sydney has been a proud supporter of the Foundation and the Sydney Peace Prize since its inception over twenty years ago. At the City of Sydney, we are committed to ensuring a socially



just and sustainable future based on tolerance, compassion, and nonviolence.

It is timely that the Sydney Peace Foundation has honoured the Black Lives Matter Global Network with the Prize. This is the first time the Prize has been awarded to a movement rather than an individual, and the Network’s powerful calls for justice, dignity and equality are truly at the heart of peace with justice.

Black Lives Matter was a very worthy recipient of the 2017 Sydney Peace Prize. Its many active members have dedicated their lives to fighting for a more just and equitable future, and the movement embodies the true power of the people to stand up and demand a broader and deeper conversation about what justice for Black people looks like.

On behalf of the City of Sydney, I congratulate both Black Lives Matter on their award, and the Sydney Peace Foundation on carrying out another extraordinary Sydney Peace Prize week.

Clover Moore

Lord Mayor of Sydney

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“The Foundation eloquently advocates for peace with justice, which is central to achieving fair and just livelihoods, with adequate access to food, health, education, and most certainly to human rights, dignity and freedom.”

Professor the Honourable Dame Marie Bashir AD CVO

As the former Governor of New South Wales and as a former Chancellor of The University of Sydney, I have long been familiar with the inspirational messages which The Sydney Peace Foundation convey, and I have greatly valued the privilege of serving as Patron. I am immensely proud of the important work which the Foundation undertakes.

The Foundation eloquently advocates for peace with justice, which is central to achieving fair and just livelihoods, with adequate access to food, health, education, and most certainly to human rights, dignity and freedom. Through these basic rights, each individual has the opportunity to realise their full potential.

This year the foundation awarded its twentieth Sydney Peace Prize, an impressive milestone for Australia’s only international prize for peace. The prize has always honoured the most eminent, brave and effective workers for peace, and this year was certainly no different.

It was a pleasure indeed to see the Black Lives Matter Global Network recognized for the collective work of all its members. The network has worked tirelessly to reignite a global conversation around state violence and racism, and I congratulate the Sydney Peace Foundation for a magnificent and brave choice.

I look forward greatly to learning who the 2018 Sydney Peace Prize recipient will be, and to continue to be part of the Foundations important work.



Professor the Honourable Dame Marie Bashir AD CVO

Messages From Our Patrons

“This is an important prize, not only for our city but for this nation. As Chancellor of the University of Sydney I am pleased that we have been associated with it from its inception.”

Belinda Hutchinson AM, Chancellor of The University of Sydney



“Peace with justice is a way of thinking and acting which promotes nonviolent solutions to everyday problems and provides the foundations of a civil society.”

Professor Emeritus Stuart Rees AM,
Founder of the Sydney Peace Foundation

Peace

Rights

Justice

Dignity

Security

Freedom

Equality

Well-being

Democracy

Nonviolence

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Professor Emeritus Stuart Rees AM, Founder of the Sydney Peace Foundation

Sydney Peace Foundation

Who we are

Established in 1998, the Sydney Peace Foundation is a not-for-profit foundation of the University of Sydney. The Foundation is funded by the City of Sydney, and by organisations and individuals committed to peace with justice. The Foundation seeks to create dialogue and partnership between business, media, public service, community and academic interests.

Objectives and strategy

The Sydney Peace Foundation showcases solutions that prove peace with justice is possible, and inspires and empowers people from all walks of life to create that reality in their lives and communities.

We do this primarily by awarding the Sydney Peace Prize, Australia’s only international prize for peace.

The prize brings inspiring and exemplary stories of courage and dedication to global justice to the Australian and Sydney stage, educates the community on the work of the world’s most effective peacemakers, and honours the remarkable people at the heart of these stories.

What is peace with justice?

Peace with justice is one of the world’s most precious commodities. Peace with justice:

- seeks the attainment of universal human rights, regardless of one’s gender, sexual preference, culture, religion, economic standing or political affiliation;
- promotes global social justice, where all people are able to fulfill their basic needs, including sufficient food, water, shelter, sanitation, education, health care and a fair wage for their work;
- protects and preserves our precious and fragile environment;
- envisages an end to all forms of violence, from war to poverty, insisting on the resolution of conflict through nonviolent mechanisms.

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Chair's Report

I am honoured to present this year's Annual Report and am humbled to have been elected as the Chair of the Foundation in 2017.

I have spent much of my career with the UN and INGOs working in Africa, Asia and the Middle East in post conflict environments where people are facing the perfect storm. Climate change is contributing to an increase in the frequency and scale of disasters. Global and regional power struggles are fueling violence in countries such as Syria, Yemen and South Sudan. This is resulting in the largest flows of refugees in history. Free market fundamentalism is concentrating wealth and power in the hands of elites whilst everyone else gets the scraps. Meanwhile the rise of populism raises legitimate concerns about the future of democracy and human rights.

These multiple shocks are also creating opportunities for change and in 2017 the Sydney Peace Foundation continued to provide a platform for leaders to share messages of hope and peace. Many of the recipients of the Sydney Peace Prize are leading this change. For nearly two decades the writing of Arundhati Roy, who was awarded the Sydney Peace Prize in 2004 has inspired me and I'd like to share some of her words with you.

'The only dream worth having, is to dream that you will live while you're alive and die when you're dead... To love. To be loved. To never forget your own insignificance. To never get used to the unspeakable violence and vulgar disparity of life around you. To seek joy in the saddest places. To pursue beauty to its lair. To never simplify what is complicated or complicate what is simple. To respect strength, never power. Above all, to watch. To try and understand. To never look away. And never, never to forget.'

This sums up the work of the Sydney Peace Foundation. In 2017 I was delighted to participate in a number of Sydney Peace Prize events and was privileged to listen to the inspiring and hopeful words from Patrisse Cullors and Rodney Diverlus of the Black Lives Matter Movement. This was the first time that the Sydney Peace Prize has been awarded to a movement and it was richly deserved. The Sydney Peace Prize recognised the Black Lives Matter movement's foundations of love and hope which runs counter to the



accusations of violence and terrorism that are regularly hurled at the movement. I know that the Sydney Peace Prize means a lot to Patrisse, Rodney and their colleagues and I am so glad that we were able to recognise their achievements.

It was a challenging and rewarding week. Conversations that focus on white privilege and white supremacy are not easy. I am proud that the Sydney Peace Foundation demonstrated the courage to engage with a conversation about race and racism and its impact in Australia. During their trip to Australia Patrisse and Rodney engaged with the struggles of Indigenous Australians and highlighted issues of race and racism wherever they travelled. We learned much about ourselves from them and we thank them for this gift.

The Foundation is proud to be a member of the University of Sydney community and we are proud of our strong relationship with the City of Sydney. I thank the University of Sydney and the City of Sydney for their support and look forward to the coming year with much hope and excitement. I also thank our loyal supporters for their ongoing contributions which enables us to continue our important work. Thank you!

I have been delighted to work with the Council in 2017 and thank all Council Members for their support, wisdom and camaraderie which is so deeply appreciated. In 2017 we welcomed two new Council Members in Tim Ayres and Susan Banki and they have made a terrific contribution in a short period of time. I particularly want to acknowledge the leadership of our Director, Lisa Fennis. Lisa's enthusiasm, passion and commitment has driven our success throughout 2017 and on behalf of the Council I thank her for her massive contribution. I also thank our Executive Officer Katie Gabriel who holds together our work in an incredibly efficient and reliable way.

Thank you again for your support in 2017 and we look forward to 2018!

Archie Law

March, 2018

Director's Report

Advocacy and understanding

The Sydney Peace Foundation showcases solutions that prove that peace with justice is possible, and inspires and empowers people from all walks of life to create that reality in their lives and communities. We primarily achieve this by awarding the annual Sydney Peace Prize, Australia's only international Prize for peace. Every day, remarkable people around the world stand up to prove that peace is possible. When we celebrate and support solutions that demand justice for everyone, encourage empathy, and advocate nonviolence, we can set a new agenda.

Sydney Peace Prize recipients are some of the world's most effective peacemakers. They champion solutions to the most urgent global challenges and inspire us to be the change we want to see. The Prize brings the community together to recognise these extraordinary achievements. It starts vital public debate and creates a platform to ensure their voices are heard. By sharing their remarkable stories of vision and courage, the Sydney Peace Prize reminds us that a peaceful, equitable and just world is possible and inspires people to work for peace in their own

communities.

The choice of the Jury to award the 2017 Sydney Peace Prize to the Black Lives Matter Global Network was enthusiastically welcomed by the Australian public and past recipients alike. With this Prize, the Sydney Peace Foundation wanted to highlight a vital and often untold narrative: one of Black Lives Matter as an international human rights movement that is driving a courageous conversation about anti-black racism across the globe. A narrative of solidarity, power and leadership between Black and Indigenous peoples here in Australia and across the world, who continue to resist and call for respect, dignity and care.

Black Lives Matter and the commitment to "collectively, lovingly and courageously working vigorously for freedom and justice for Black people and, by extension all people" reminds us that we must never cease in the struggle to build a society founded in mutual respect, love and justice."

This is the first time that a movement and not a person has been awarded the Peace Prize – a timely choice. Climate change is escalating fast, increasing inequality and racism are feeding divisiveness, and we are in the middle of the worst refugee crisis since World War II. Yet many



establishment leaders across the world stick their heads in the sand or turn their backs on justice, fairness and equality.

Built and sustained by many, the Black Lives Matter Global Network (BLM) has played a vital role in growing the Movement for Black Lives, and its loud calls for justice, dignity and equality have resonated around the world. The movement encourages a broader and deeper conversation about what justice for Black people looks like, and strives to change the culture and the conversation: If it is true that Black lives matter, then what does that mean for police reform, for our justice systems, for schools, for jobs, for infrastructure, and for economic development? If Black lives matter, then what needs to change in politics and in the media?

Successes

As we reflect and look back on last year's program, we are proud of what the 2017 Sydney Peace Prize achieved. We used the platform of the Prize to push a new, vital and often untold narrative: one of Black Lives Matter as a human rights movement that is having a broader conversation about the prevalence of anti-black racism across the globe. A narrative of solidarity and power between black and indigenous peoples here in Australia, and across the world, who continue to resist and call for care and dignity.



With our partners we connected the Black Lives Matter delegation – Co-founder Patrisse Cullors, BLM Canada Co-founder Rodney Diverlus, and Long Beach organiser Dawn Modkins – with grassroots organisers, artists, educators, journalists and activists in Sydney, Melbourne and Mildura to learn from each other, build powerful strategies and find

strength in common experiences. As BLM leaders Patrisse and Rodney said many times, “we’re not visiting, we’re building”. The relationships that were built are a sign of a lasting connection.



Three key principles guided us in shaping this year's Sydney Peace Prize program:

Firstly, we sought to highlight not only the significance of Black Lives Matter in the United States, but the significance of the global movement for justice in Australia – particularly for Australia's First Peoples. 2008 Laureate Senator Patrick Dodson wrote beautifully on the importance of the 2017 Sydney Peace Prize being awarded to Black Lives Matter, and his words are worth including here in full:

“This movement resonates around the globe and here in Australia, where we have become inured to the high incarceration rates and deaths in custody of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It’s as if their lives do not matter.

For our communities, the storyline is all too familiar: the minor offence; the innocuous behaviour; the unnecessary detention; the failure to uphold the duty of care; the lack of respect for human dignity; the lonely death; the grief, loss and pain of the family – the coronial report where no-one is held responsible for a death in custody.

When there is ignorance, hostility, discrimination or racism, and they are allowed to reign unchecked, then we are all diminished. As human beings, we are capable of being better. We are capable of concern, solidarity, inclusiveness and respect. Black Lives Matter reminds us that this is not only possible, but essential for our common humanity.”

We achieved this by using the convening power of the Prize to draw attention to racism and the

Staff and volunteers

For onlookers, it is often invisible how much work goes into each year's Sydney Peace Prize. In addition to organising events, the Foundation's staff run a year-long program which includes a public call for nominations, engaging a Jury, fundraising for the \$50,000 award that the recipient receives to further their work, securing event and in-kind sponsorships, engaging the international and Australian media for the public announcement and the presentation of the Prize, promoting the advocacy agenda of the recipient, marketing and selling tickets to the events, and staying in touch with the work of past Sydney Peace Prize laureates to use their work as a platform for promoting peace with justice.

It is a massive job for a small but passionate team of 1.5 full time staff. I want to acknowledge Katie Gabriel, our Executive Officer. Without her talent, invaluable support, diligence, and incredible work ethic we would be lost. The work of our media consultants from 33Creative also deserves praise – it was a joy to work and strategise with them, and it is a credit to their hard work and dedication that this year's Prize drew such impressive media attention.

This year we also had the pleasure of once again working with Skaidy Gulbis, our dedicated volunteer for almost two years, who was instrumental to the success of our silent auction. I also want to acknowledge the hard work of our interns Pamela Katsantonis, Kate Tuddud, Indri Pratiwi, and Jade Wei Zhu, whose skilled and spirited assistance with marketing, promotions and event coordination was crucial to the success of this year's events.

Last but certainly not least, the year's success would not have been possible without the assistance and guidance of our new Chair Archie Law. Archie has been extremely dedicated and generous with his time, and has truly re-energised the Council and given the Foundation a fresh perspective on our important work.

Finances and future

As the financial statements at the end of this report show, our financial performance has continued to improve compared to previous years. With only 1.5 staff this is quite the achievement. In

an increasingly competitive financial climate, 2018 will be a year focused on expanding our fundraising, including an improved silent auction and regular giving campaign, as well as investment in workplace giving and pursuing philanthropic partners. We must ensure there are many more Sydney Peace Prizes to follow.

Thank you's

The Sydney Peace Foundation relies on the generosity of many people and organisations, some who I have mentioned above and some more who I would like to thank here.

The support of our patron, the Lord Mayor of Sydney, Clover Moore, and the City of Sydney are indispensable to the operations of the Sydney Peace Prize, and we are most thankful for their continuing support. I also thank the University of Sydney and the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences for the services they provide for us, from offices and utilities, to financial advice and reporting. We are most grateful, and proud to be a Foundation of the University of Sydney.

Lisa Fennis

March, 2018

2017 Sydney Peace Prize Report



The Sydney Peace Foundation promotes peace with justice, primarily by awarding the annual Sydney Peace Prize. This Prize honours some of the world's most inspiring and effective peacemakers, and shines a light on their tireless work to build a more peaceful and just world. Each year, the Sydney Peace Prize recipient spends a week in Sydney engaging with the media to spread awareness of their work, delivering the inspiring City of Sydney Peace Prize Lecture, and attending other associated events including Cabramatta High School's Peace Day. This week not only provides the recipient with a platform from which to spread their message, but also gives the broader Sydney community a unique chance to connect with and learn from someone who has dedicated their life to working towards peace with justice. Sydney Peace Prize week is, above all, about inspiring people to think about and act for peace.

Each Sydney Peace Prize recipient's work and life exemplifies the Foundation's vision of peace with justice. That vision goes beyond the absence of physical violence; it encompasses social justice, respect for human rights, the nonviolent resolution of conflict, the promotion of a common humanity

and respect for our fragile environment. Each of our laureates has been recognised for their invaluable contributions towards realising peace with justice in its many forms. Highlighting the achievements of just a small selection of our winners illustrates some of the diverse dimensions of peace with justice.

In 1998 our inaugural recipient Professor Muhammad Yunus told us that "peace is freedom from poverty". He was recognised for the introduction of microcredit and his inspired work for those in poverty, offering impoverished villagers in his native Bangladesh and beyond the tools they needed to transform themselves into successful entrepreneurs. Also vociferous in her opposition to the violence of poverty is writer and activist Arundhati Roy, who received the Sydney Peace Prize in 2004. She insisted that "silence is indefensible" and that "peace is not the opposite of war, but the sibling of justice". The 2007 recipient, Swedish diplomat, weapons inspector and disarmament campaigner Hans Blix, brought a different message to Sydney. His Lecture on the Globalization of Peace focused on the need for universal disarmament and the threat of nuclear

weapons. In 2010, Indian environmentalist Dr Vandana Shiva turned our minds to issues of sustainability and ecology urging us to “make peace with the earth”. She also advocated for the rights of small farming communities in their battle for existence against large multinationals who were pushing them off their lands through the promotion of genetically modified seeds and crops. In 2013 Dr Cynthia Maung introduced Australia to her work at the Mae Tao Clinic, a refuge on the Thai-Burmese border the size of a village, where each year 700 staff provide health services to over 150,000 people including refugees, migrant workers and orphans. In 2016 Naomi Klein brought the Sydney community together in a solutions-based discussion about climate justice, illustrating that we cannot ignore climate change if we want to achieve peace.

Black Lives Matter Global Network, 2017 recipient



After long and careful deliberations the Peace Prize Jury selected the Black Lives Matter Global Network from a large pool of peacemakers nominated for the 2017 Prize. This is the first time a movement rather than an individual has been selected to receive the Prize. The Jury’s citation reads: “For building a powerful movement for racial equality, courageously reigniting a global conversation around state violence and racism. And for harnessing the potential of new platforms and power of people to inspire a bold movement for change at a time when peace is threatened by growing inequality and injustice.”

In 2014, Black Lives Matter emerged as a global phenomenon when the hashtag #BlackLivesMatter turned into a rallying cry for a new generation of civil rights activists and organisers. A movement swept across the United States, affirming Black humanity in the face of relentless police brutality, mass incarceration and racial disparity.

Built and sustained by many, the Black Lives Matter Global Network (BLM) has played a vital role in growing the Movement for Black Lives, and its loud calls for justice, dignity and equality have resonated around the world. In only a few years, it has rapidly evolved well beyond a hashtag, into a social movement that is healing and organising communities across the USA, and has both political aims as well as visionary policy demands.

2017 Sydney Peace Prize events

Through the awarding of the 2017 Sydney Peace Prize, the Foundation set out to shine a light on BLM’s work in order to start important conversations about the racial equality and justice. The goals of the year were:

To further BLM’s message, elevate their voices in public debate, and generate exposure of their work to inspire the Australian community;

To use the platform and convening power of the Prize to draw attention to racism and the injustices of state violence, and the fight for racial justice in Australia by elevating the voices and building capacity of local changemakers;

To expand the reach and raise awareness of the Sydney Peace Prize as a community program that elevates leading global voices that inspire social change, and supports its recipients’ work for justice, peace, and nonviolence.

Through a total of eight public and private events in Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra, as well as a strategic and high-profile media campaign, the goals of the project were met with spectacular success.

The Foundation’s flagship City of Sydney Peace Prize Lecture was held on Thursday 2 November, in front of an audience of 1,200 at the Sydney Town Hall and live-streamed by NITV and GetUp! to 21,000 people across Australia. Award-winning artist Archie Roach sang a heart wrenching rendition of ‘Beautiful Child’, and Prof Larissa Behrendt and Prof Gracelyn Smallwood welcomed BLM’s Patrisse Cullors and Rodney Diverlus to the

stage with a speech imploring Australians to be part of the solution to address the roots of racism in our society.

Patrisse Cullors gave a brief address, before joining BLM Toronto Leader Rodney Diverlus in an in-conversation segment with author Maxine Beneba Clarke. Their conversation was a powerful discussion of the belated and urgent need for action to address systemic racism and state violence, during which time Patrisse and Rodney highlighted similarities between the American and Australian contexts and the solidarity between BLM and the movement for justice for Australia's first nations.

After the Lecture, our Patron Lord Mayor Clover Moore presented Rodney, Patrisse, and BLM leader Dawn Modkins with the 2017 Sydney Peace Prize. The delegation then led the audience in BLM's call and response rallying cry, to thunderous applause and enthusiastic responses. To close the event, Archie Roach returned to play 'Let Love Rule' a rallying cry for everyone to stand up and band together to build a better world.

The next day, over 300 people joined us for the Sydney Peace Prize Gala Dinner at Docksider in Darling Harbour. During the course of the Dinner guests enjoyed browsing the items in the silent auction, participated in a Q&A segment between the Black Lives Matter delegation and IndigenousX's Luke Pearson, and enjoyed a lovely three-course meal complete with wine and beer courtesy of James Squire. The Dinner was a resounding success with guests staying on until the wee hours to enjoy every last moment with BLM and the fine food and company.

While the Sydney Peace Prize Lecture and Gala Dinner are the Foundation's flagship events, the Foundation presented and partnered with a number of other events during Sydney Peace Prize week.

Cabramatta High School's annual Peace Day opened Sydney Peace Prize week on Monday 29 October. In an awe-inspiring celebration of peace and multiculturalism, students from over fifteen schools around Sydney gathered at Cabramatta High School. The Cabramatta students donned their traditional dress and performed songs and dances to welcome the Black Lives Matter delegation. There was a processional through the school's Peace Garden which was decorated with handmade 'peace bells.' The students also unveiled

hundreds of portraits of the three founders of Black Lives Matter and participated in the ceremonial freeing of the peace doves. A highlight of the event was when Rodney and Patrisse joined the students on stage for a Q&A with the students to discuss their work. Patrisse was visibly moved by the students' passion, nothing how grateful and humbled she was to be invited to such a wonderful event.



In order to best amplify the reach and impact of BLM's visit and build lasting connections, the Foundation arranged a number of community meetings and events in collaboration with stakeholders and community groups. These included a community gathering in collaboration with Change the Record, to discuss movement building in the US and talk about and learn more about the Australian context, and a 'Yarning Circle' community gathering organised and hosted by South Sea Islanders Port Jackson with support from other community groups.

The Foundation also partnered with the United States Studies Centre to stage a student focused event at the University of Sydney. Rodney and Patrisse were joined by Stan Grant for an intimate conversation about the birth of the protest movement, the future of Black lives under President Trump, and what lessons Australians can

learn from the American experience. Once again, the Foundation ventured beyond Sydney to bring BLM and their inspiring message to Melbourne. On Saturday 4 November, Rodney and Patrisse were in conversation with the Guardian Australia's Jack Latimore at the Wheeler Centre to discuss in more detail Black Lives Matter's achievements and the broader goals of the movement, and how we can translate the lessons of the movement to face and fight entrenched inequality for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Australia. This event with a capacity of 900 sold out within days of the tickets being made available to the public. This event was a wonderful opportunity to further amplify our Sydney Peace Prize recipient's message, and also to introduce the Foundation and the Sydney Peace Prize to another capital city in Australia.

Reach and impact

In addition to the impact of these events, the Sydney Peace Prize message of peace with justice spread locally, nationally, and internationally via media and social media.

Media

A full list of this year's media features is available on page 19-22.

Black Lives Matter received an enormous amount of domestic and international media attention on winning the Sydney Peace Prize, with news of their

big win spreading widely to both local and international news outlets. This year's coverage kicked off on 23 May with a feature by Josephine Tovey in The Sydney Morning Herald announcing Black Lives Matter as the 2017 Sydney Peace Prize recipient, along with a Guardian podcasted conversation between Patrisse Cullors and indigenous activist Latoya Rule, and an interview with Fran Kelley on Radio National Breakfast.

The media coverage included feature on ABC 7.30, extensive coverage on SBS and NITV, a 10-minute feature film about the parallels between the US and Australia produced by The Guardian Australia entitled 'Black Lives Matter in Australia: Incarceration is a way to destroy a community?', a five-part curated series in The Conversation titled 'Black Lives Matter Everywhere', and BLM's National Press Club Address in Canberra. The buzz surrounding Black Lives Matter's work continued for weeks after the Sydney Peace Prize events, with follow up features in The Saturday Paper and a podcast on Eureka Street.

The University of Sydney featured dominantly in the 2018 Prize's international media coverage from DemocracyNow, BBC3, NBC News, USA Today, Ebony, the Huffington Post, and Mic, and others. .

The amazing media coverage of the 2017 Sydney Peace Prize was made possible with the expert assistance of 33Creative, an Aboriginal media and PR company. The expert team at 33Creative was



able to utilise their vast network of connections and experience with public relations to provide Black Lives Matter with the range of exciting media opportunities, and we are incredibly grateful for to have had them on board.

Social media

The Sydney Peace Foundation's digital reach also increased exponentially this year. Nearly 3,000 people visited the Foundation's website during Sydney Peace Prize week, 75% being first time visitors and roughly 15% being from an international audience.

The Foundation's Facebook page also saw a significant increase in its reach, with followers increasing by 25% between January 2017 and January 2018, and post reach averaging a more consistent high. The buzz during the Sydney Peace Prize week was impressive, with multiple posts reaching well over 1,000 users. A Facebook live stream of the City of Sydney Peace Prize Lecture also reached over 70,000 people.



The Foundation's Twitter account increased its number of followers by an astonishing 33% since January 2017.

The media exposure BLM received during their time in Sydney, all of which was featured on the Foundation's social media accounts, connected their work to broader social movements and processes. Particularly with reference to the government's refection of the Uluru Statement just weeks before the Sydney Peace Prize events, Black Lives Matter's messages quite clearly cut across current social justice issues in Australia and abroad

Looking ahead

In 2018 we will award the 21st Sydney Peace Prize, and it promises to be a sensational year. We will celebrate not only during Sydney Peace Prize week, but also throughout the year to pursue our commitment to peace with justice and to honour the important work of our past and present recipients.

Nominations for the 2018 Sydney Peace Prize poured in from the public between March and June last year, resulting in a record 78 nominations from the local and international community. The call for nominations helped the Foundation develop relationships with a wide range of interested and supportive networks with which will follow up this year. After extensive deliberations by the Peace Prize Jury, a sensational recipient has been selected to receive this year's Prize. The Sydney Peace Prize Lecture and Gala Dinner taking place at the end of the year and the subsidiary events in the lead up are not to be missed!

Katie Gabriel
February 2018

Media Report

Television and radio

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1 November, 2017. National Press Club Address with Dr Jackie Huggins: [Why Black Lives Matter Everywhere](#)

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1 November, 2017. [How Black Lives Matter is inspiring Aboriginal activists](#) – The founders of the global civil rights movement and young black Australians talk about what Black Lives Matter means to them. Isabella Higgins and Bridget Brennan, ABC News

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20 Years of the Sydney Peace Prize

Each year the Sydney Peace Prize is awarded to an individual:

- who has made significant contributions to the achievement of peace with justice locally, nationally, or internationally;
- whose role and responsibilities enable them to use the prize to further the cause of peace with justice and the promotion and attainment of human rights;
- whose work illustrates the philosophy, language, and practice of nonviolence.

The Award has national and international significance in terms of support given to leaders for peace, as it provides the recipient with a platform from which to spread their message. It also identifies Sydney as a city with a prominent peace agenda and gives the broader Sydney community a unique chance to interact and connect with an individual who has dedicated their life to working towards peace with justice. The awarding of the Sydney Peace Prize is, above all, about inspiring people to think about and act for peace.

Sydney Peace Prize recipients

2017 – Black Lives Matter Global Network

Visionary movement for racial justice. Recognised for building a powerful movement for racial equality, courageously reigniting a global conversation around state violence and racism. And for harnessing the potential of new platforms and power of people to inspire a bold movement for change at a time when peace is threatened by growing inequality and injustice.

2016 – Naomi Klein

Award-winning journalist, author and activist. Recognised for exposing the structural causes and responsibility for the climate crisis, for inspiring us to stand up locally, nationally and internationally to demand a new agenda for sharing the planet that respects human rights and equality, and for reminding us of the power of authentic democracy to achieve transformative change and justice.

2015 – George Gittoes AM

Australian humanist artist, activist and film-maker. Recognized for exposing injustice for over 45 years, for his courage to witness and confront violence in the war zones of the world, for enlisting the arts to subdue aggression, and for enlivening the creative spirit to promote tolerance, respect, and peace with justice.

2014 – Julian Burnside AO QC

Australian barrister. Recognised for his brave and principled advocacy for human rights, for insisting

we respect our international legal obligations toward those seeking asylum, for his unflinching defense of the rule of law as a means to achieve a more peaceful and just society.

2013 – Dr Cynthia Maung

Humanitarian doctor and founder of the Mae Tao Clinic. Recognised for her dedication to multi-ethnic democracy, human rights, and the dignity of the poor and dispossessed, and for establishing health services for victims of conflict



2012 – Senator Sekai Holland

Co-Minister for Reconciliation Healing and Integration in the Cabinet of President Robert Mugabe and Prime Minister Morgan Tsvangirai. Recognised for a lifetime of outstanding courage in campaigning for human rights and democracy, for challenging violence in all its forms, and for giving such astute and brave leadership for the empowerment of women.

2011 – Professor Noam Chomsky

Distinguished American linguist, social scientist and human rights campaigner. Recognised for inspiring the convictions of millions about a common humanity and for unfailing moral courage. For critical analysis of democracy and power, for challenging secrecy, censorship and violence, and for creating hope through scholarship and activism to promote the attainment of universal human rights.



2010 – Dr Vandana Shiva

Scientist, environmentalist and feminist. Recognised for her courageous leadership of movements for social justice – the empowerment of women in developing countries, advocacy of the human rights of small farming communities and through her scientific analysis of environmental sustainability, as well as for conducting such advocacy and leadership through the language and practice of nonviolence.

2009 – John Pilger

World renowned journalist, author and film-maker. Recognised for his courage as a foreign and war correspondent in enabling the voices of the powerless to be heard and for commitment to peace with justice by exposing and holding governments to account for human rights abuses, and for fearless challenges to censorship in any form.

2008 – Patrick Dodson

Chairman, Lingiari Foundation. Recognised for his courageous advocacy of the human rights of Indigenous people, for distinguished leadership of the reconciliation movement, and for a lifetime of commitment to peace with justice.

2007 – Dr Hans Blix

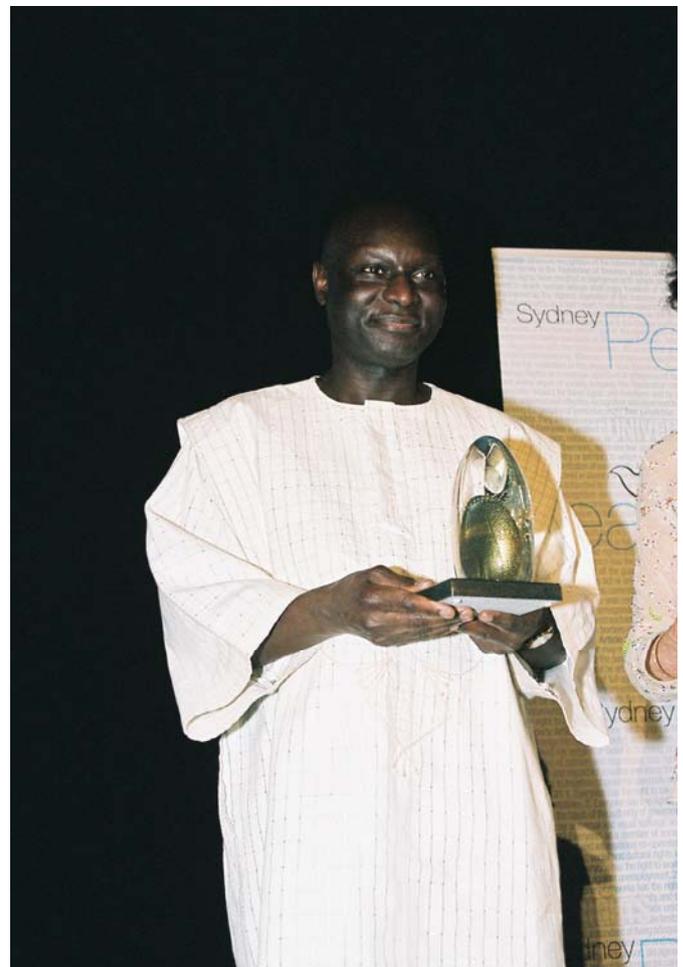
Chairman, Weapons of Mass Destruction Commission (WMDC). Recognised for his principled and courageous opposition to proponents of the war in Iraq, for life-long advocacy of humanitarian law and nonviolence, and for leadership of disarmament programs to rid the world of weapons of terror.

2006 – Irene Khan

Secretary 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 as a priority in the campaign 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

Writer and human rights activist. Recognised for her courage in campaigns for human rights and for her advocacy of nonviolence 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.

2003 – Dr Hanan Ashrawi

Founder and Secretary General of the Palestine Initiative for the Promotion of Global Dialogue and Democracy (MIFTAH). Recognised for her commitment to human rights, to the peace process in the Middle East, and for her courage in speaking against oppression, against corruption, and for justice.



2002 – Mary Robinson

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

2001 – Sir William Deane AC KBE

Former Governor General of Australia. Recognised for his consistent support of vulnerable and disadvantaged Australians and his strong commitment to the cause of reconciliation.

2000 – Xanana Gusmão

President of the National Council for East Timorese Resistance and subsequently the first President of East Timor. Recognised for his courageous and principled leadership for the independence of the East Timorese people, a statesman in the causes of human rights and peace with justice.

1999 – Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu

Nobel Prize Winner, Chairman of South Africa's



Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Recognised for his work as a leader of the Anti-Apartheid Movement against racial oppression, tireless campaigner for reconciliation through tolerance and forgiveness.

1998 – Professor Muhammad Yunus

Nobel Prize winner and Founder of the Grameen Bank of Bangladesh. Recognised for his innovative 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.

Events Report

Although the Sydney Peace Prize events are the key focus each year, the Foundation also organises, co-hosts, and supports various events relevant to peace and justice. Representatives of the Foundation also speak at events to further engage Sydney's community. A few highlights from 2017 include:

Screening of STEP at the Sydney Film Festival – 15 June 2017

In partnership with the Sydney Film Festival, the Foundation co-presented a screening of the documentary STEP. STEP is an infectious entertaining tribute to conviction and bravery - a documentary that inspires both laughter and tears – about what the Black Lives Matter movement means to young women from a low income community in Baltimore. This exciting partnership not only assisted with introducing Sydney to the 2017 Sydney Peace Prize recipient Black Lives Matter, but also helped to raise funds to support the Foundation's work.

Ode to Syria – 23 June 2017



To mark International Refugee Week, the Foundation collaborated with STARTTS and Amnesty International Australia to present the event Ode to Syria: An evening of refugee music, arts and stories featuring award-winning composer and pianist Malek Jandali. This event sought to highlight the plight of the Syrian people and the power of the arts to heal trauma, and called on the Australian community to support a more humane refugee policy. This event featured original works from the Malek Jandali trio, a performance by the Choir of Love, and a refugee art exhibition courtesy of STARTTS.

UNSW's Global Development Week – 18-22 September 2017

A particularly exciting endeavor last year was the Foundation's partnership to present UNSW's Global Development Week. This week-long event showcased expertise in Peacebuilding and Development at UNSW and in the greater Sydney community, as well as highlighting our collaboration with existing stakeholders working on peace in Sydney. The Foundation's Chair Archie Law was featured on a panel discussing experiences of peacebuilding and development in practice.

International Women's Poetry and Arts Festival 2017 – 20 October 2017

The Foundation was proud to once again be a supporting partner of The International Women's Poetry and Arts Festival. Held at the NSW Parliament House in Sydney, this festival honours and supports female poets, writers and artists to reclaim their rightful place in literature and art by building coalitions based on solidarity, inclusion and diversity. The Festival is a showcase of diversity, including performances by Indigenous, migrant, LGBTI and refugee, as well as Australian-born, women. It aims to foster a supportive atmosphere empowering women to stand up against racism, sexism and violence, shed light on the intersectional discrimination, masculine and racial biases which disempower women and damage society, and emphasise the need to create new power structures and redefine what matters.

Financial performance and fundraising

During 2017, the Sydney Peace Foundation undertook diverse fundraising activities to ensure the sustainability of its work and mission. Funds raised from these initiatives and from regular supporters directly contribute not only to each year's Prize (\$50,000 and a trophy crafted by Australian glass artist Brian Hirst), but also to the behind-the-scenes costs involved in facilitating the year long program (from the call for nominations and announcement of the recipient, to organising and marketing the Sydney Peace Prize events, and general operating costs of running the Foundation).

A substantial aspect of fundraising for 2017 was the City of Sydney's support grant of \$50,000 in untied funding as well as \$55,000 worth of value in-kind support.

As in past years, the Foundation's dear long-term supporters Mr Robert Thomas, Mr Errol Sullivan and Mr Alan Cameron AM contributed to the Foundation. A new supporter who wishes to remain anonymous also contributed \$20,000 to the Foundation's important work. Their support is invaluable.

The Foundation also received a number of smaller donations, both during the spring appeal and throughout the year. The spring appeal in June 2017 brought in a total of \$22,570, with the year grossing \$73,191 in donations and bequests. For the first time in four years, we also saw our overall number of donors increase. This can be directly attributed to the efforts of SPF staff and Council to cultivate new and existing donors.

The Foundation continues to value the support of Bohemia Group, which has taken the Sydney Peace Foundation on as one of their company's charities. Throughout the year, Bohemia group put on a number of fundraising events to benefit the Foundation, and donated the \$5,600 proceeds. Director Lisa Fennis continues to foster the relationship with Bohemia Group.

Another exciting fundraising venture undertaken in 2017 was the Foundation's silent auction at the Gala Dinner. With the help of our invaluable volunteer Skaidy, the Foundation managed to source 24 donated items, including a \$5,000 aquamarine ring from ethical jeweler Zoe Pook,

and a number of paintings donated by Iranti Art Gallery. This initiative netted the Foundation over \$17,000 in profit, and we learned many lessons for next year. We hope to make the silent auction in 2018 even bigger and better, with more diverse and exciting auction items to increase the number and dollar amount of bids.

The Foundation also capitalised on the fundraising expertise of Council member Jessica Carter to create a regular giving brochure to increase the Foundation's number of low-to-mid range regular donors. In addition to regular and major donor outreach and personalised correspondence, this brochure has expanded the Foundation's reach to build a wider support base, and thereby has created a pipeline of regular donors.

The financial performance for 2017 should be read in a broader context than the two years provided in the financial statements on pages 19-20. First, they should be understood in the context of a transition from a model reliant on the Foundation's Founder, Professor Stuart Rees, as a full-time unpaid role of Honorary Director. Filling Professor Rees' shoes, in either a volunteer or paid capacity, has proved a challenge. In 2015, a model was trialed in which the Foundation's Executive Officer and Chair shared the Director's duties. This model enabled a substantial saving in salary costs, but also required a more narrow focus of activities solely on the Sydney Peace Prize with minimal subsidiary events and advocacy, and a heavy reliance on the volunteer hours of the Chair, Council and staff.

In 2016, the Foundation's Council decided that fundraising would rightly be a main priority. As such, Ms Lisa Fennis was brought on board as a full time Director to increase outreach, work on a comprehensive and collaborative fundraising strategy, and increase the Foundation's activities during Sydney Peace Prize week and throughout the year. This investment in the Foundation's human resources capacity has proven to be worthwhile, both in terms of fundraising power and the ability to expand reach and prestige of the Sydney Peace Prize program.

Looking at the financials in comparison to 2016, one can see that both income and expenses

increased. This was due to the increase in salary costs and program costs associated with bringing the Black Lives Matter delegation to Australia, but also due to the increased activities the Foundation could undertake due to more staff. As part of the 2017 Sydney Peace Prize week, the Foundation put on or co-organised eight public and private events. The increase in income is from financial support from like-minded organisations to co-partners on some of the Sydney Peace Prize events. The support from other organisations amounted to an impressive \$34,410. This model of reaching out to other organisations to alleviate event expenses and to maximize the profit from ticket sales to the Sydney Peace Prize events will again be pursued in 2018.

Overall there was a net loss of \$11,869 compared to 2016, which from analysis is largely due to two factors: 1) less profit from ticket sales due to holding fewer large-scale public events this year, and 2) increased staff costs due to an annual leave payout for Ms Juliet Bennett, who has finished her contract with the Foundation. The financial aim of the Foundation is to break-even. When this year's financial outcome is observed in the context of the last 20 years, a deficit of \$34,000 is not an unusual outcome. Some years we have a substantial surplus, for example in 2011 when the Prize was awarded to Noam Chomsky, we had a surplus of \$85,000. This is due not only to holding three sell-out events that year, but also to the fundraising focus of members of Council. The Foundation's Council will again be heavily focused on the Foundation's sustainability in 2018, and with the 21st Sydney Peace Prize being awarded this year to a renowned global leader, we hope to further improve the financial standing of the Foundation by the end of the year.

Katie Gabriel

February, 2018

Income and Expenses



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Consolidated Statement of Income and Expenditure as at 31 December 2017

(Account Codes: D7801 22222, D7801 D0630, D7802 D0630, D7801 G3135)

	2017 \$	2016 \$
INCOME		
Interest Income	14,814	15,113
General Donations	107,601	71,944
City of Sydney	50,000	50,000
Sydney Peace Prize Gala Reception	72,103	87,558
City of Sydney Peace Prize Lecture	22,435	41,349
Other events	9,990	23,622
Faculty contribution to UEM service attribution	21,952	24,838
Publications & Printing	809	3,690
Other Income	46,906	25,353
Total Income	346,610	343,467
EXPENDITURE		
Salaries and associated costs	166,003	156,392
Untaken Annual Leave	8,182	2,543
Contract employment	5,000	9,922
Venue, catering, AV and other event costs	74,713	78,563
Printing	5,535	6,329
Postage and communication	12,144	2,428
Sydney Peace Prize - travel & accomodation	28,196	15,758
Sydney Peace Prize - award	50,000	50,000
Sydney Peace Prize - trophy	1,500	1,500
Publication expenses	128	2,042
Office supplies	870	749
Graphic design	3,328	1,825
Advertising and promotions	623	2,598
Equipment, repairs and maintenance	1,198	-
Student scholarships	-	10,855
UEM Service (Attribution & professional FTE & space charge)	23,935	24,838
Total Expenditure	381,354	366,342
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(34,744)	(22,875)
Accumulated Funds as at 1 January as per Statutory Accounts	109,401	133,361
Prior year adjustment - 2015 related		-1,085
Accumulated Funds as at 31 December 2017	74,657	109,401

I certify that the Income Statement and Balance Sheet of the Foundation have been prepared in accordance with the University's accounting practices and procedures. These Foundation accounts form part of the University of Sydney's financial reports.

Lindy Vu
Acting Finance Director
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Sydney Law School, Sydney Conservatorium of Music
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Balance sheet



Sydney Peace Foundation

Consolidated Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2017

(Account Codes: D7801 22222, D7802 22222 & D7801 D0630)

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Funds Participating in University Pool Interest	<u>74,657</u>	<u>109,401</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>74,657</u>	<u>109,401</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>74,657</u>	<u>109,401</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accrued Expenses	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>74,657</u>	<u>109,401</u>
EQUITY		
Accumulated Funds	<u>74,657</u>	<u>109,401</u>
TOTAL EQUITY	<u>74,657</u>	<u>109,401</u>

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lindy Vu'.

Lindy Vu

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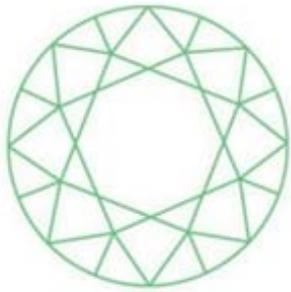
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