

Annual Report 2004

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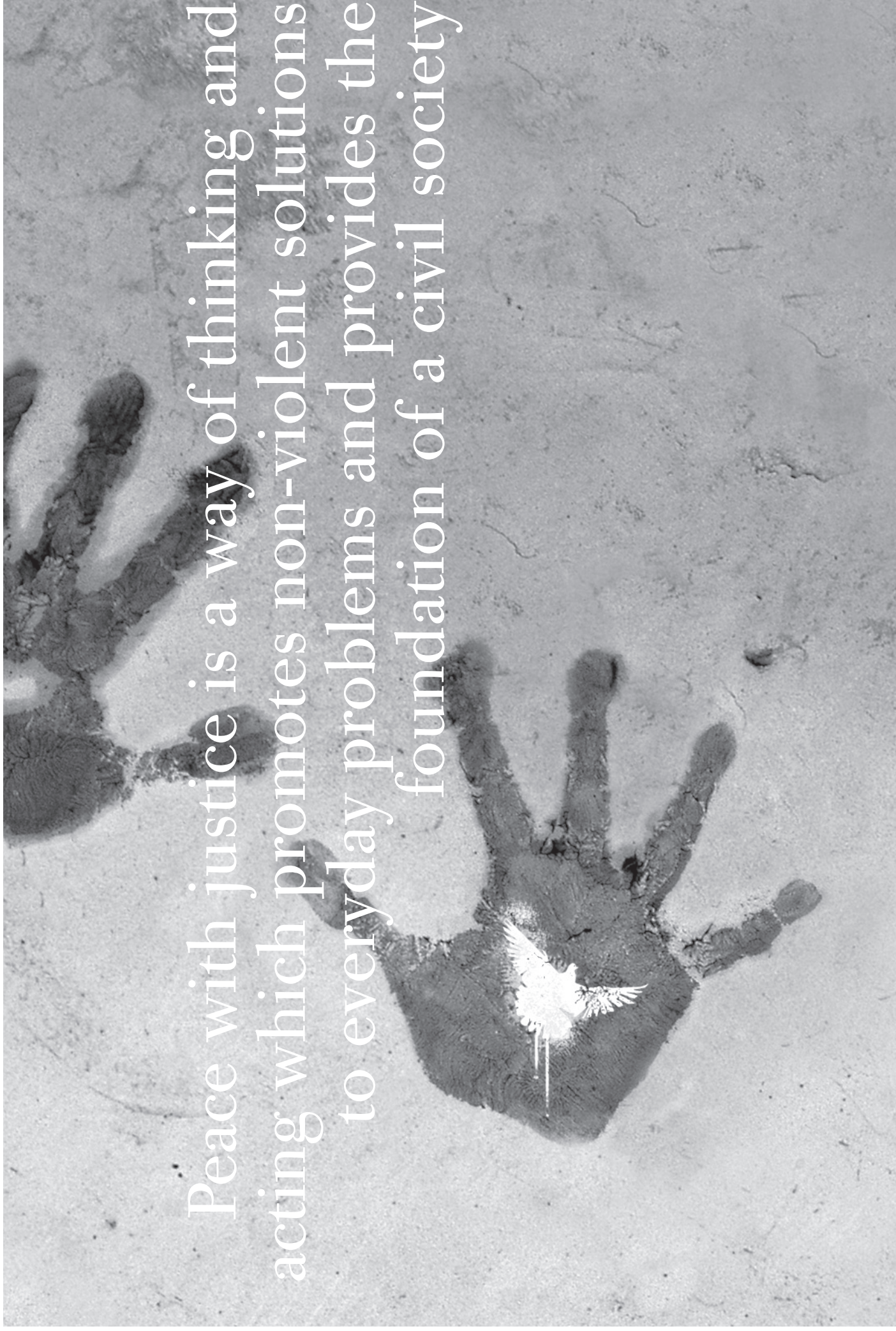
Arundhati Roy, winner of the 2004 Sydney Peace Prize
(Photo – Pradip Krishen)



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Foundation

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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 an interest in the promotion of peace with justice and the practice of non-violence.

The Foundation

- ❖ selects and awards the Sydney Peace Prize
- ❖ recognises significant contributions to peace by young people through the Schools Peace Initiative
- ❖ develops corporate sector and community understanding of the value of peace with justice
- ❖ is a major sponsor of the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, funding research positions and projects
- ❖ awards scholarships and internships in peace, human rights and conflict resolution.

Why is peace with justice important?

Peace with justice is a way of thinking and acting which promotes non-violent solutions to every day problems and provides the foundation of a civil society.

Peace with justice:

- ❖ sets standards for the security of children and for primary care
- ❖ envisages an end to the violence of poverty
- ❖ paints a vision of individual and community fulfilment 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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Marilyn Harris, Executive Officer

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

Mahatma Gandhi



Chairman's Report

The Sydney Peace Foundation was established as a partnership between the corporate, media, public service, community groups and academic communities. Its principal activity is to award the Sydney Peace Prize to outstanding international and Australian recipients, but it also recognises significant contributions to peace by others in our community. We have aimed to develop corporate sector and community understanding of the value of peace with justice.

The award of the Peace Prize for 2004 to the leading human rights activist and Booker Prize winning author Arundhati Roy was well received; her City of Sydney Peace Prize lecture in November was sold out almost instantly. At the dinner the following night she was presented with the Prize by the NSW Governor, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir, AC and immediately handed over the prize money of \$50,000 to three prominent aboriginal organisations. The dinner was well supported by the community and business groups.

We had an outstandingly successful year in 2004 in other ways. We hosted an early morning seminar in June at NSW Parliament House addressed by former Senator Margaret Reynolds, who spoke on her experience of leading the non government observer group at the 2004 United Nations Human Rights Commission in Geneva; and a lecture by the Hon Gareth Evans, QC at the University in September, on the theme No More Rwandas or Darfurs – the International Responsibility to Protect. Both were highly visible events which reinforced our standing as a leading contributor to the peace debate in Sydney; the lecture in particular was very well attended.

Mr Evans was also a guest at a boardroom lunch in the city, an opportunity for business leaders to hear his views at first hand and in private.

It must nevertheless be said that we are at the end of 2004 in a more challenging position than we would like. We acknowledge and are grateful for the continued support and participation of the Council of the City of Sydney, but over the last two years our remaining corporate Partners in Peace, who had been an integral part of the Foundation,

have allowed their partnership arrangements with the Foundation to come to an end.

Their role had been not just to support financially the Foundation, but also to involve their corporate community contacts in connecting the Peace Foundation with the corporate community. This had worked well with the previous partners, but we must now build fresh links into the business community, and explain anew the nature of peace with justice and the importance of the concept, not just in terms of international relations, but in the workplace, in the corporate boardroom, the local neighbourhood or the school. Peace with justice and the development of justice and tolerance in our community is a relevant and achievable goal for all.

The Foundation's continued efforts during the year to recognise significant contributions to peace by young people through the development of the Schools' Peace Initiative have not yet borne fruit, despite the support of the Education Department. The Foundation and the Department recognise that a Schools' Peace Prize would be an important part in developing students' concepts of rights and responsibilities, but without a corporate sponsor, we have not been able yet to implement this initiative.

The Sydney Peace Foundation has continued to be a major sponsor of the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies located at Sydney University. The Centre provides post-graduate courses for an increasing number of students, both Australian and overseas, in peace and conflict resolution studies. The Foundation funds a research officer's position (part-time) to further develop research into peace with justice and tolerance. We are grateful to Sydney University for their umbrella support for the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies and for their gift-in-kind support of the Sydney Peace Foundation. The relationship with the University is one of the most important aspects of the Foundation; it assists our credibility in one sense, but also promotes to the community the social justice role of the university itself; an important mutually sustaining relationship, in my view.

This has been my first year of involvement with the Foundation. I have come to know well, and admire the extraordinary contribution made by Emeritus Professor Stuart Rees, the founder of the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies and a renowned and widely respected peace advocate.

Without Stuart's determination and energy, the Foundation would grind to a halt. He has been well supported this year by our new Executive Officer, Marilyn Harris; her calm and efficient handling of our sometimes complicated affairs has been greatly appreciated by us all.

Our committee has worked hard during the year in the face of some setbacks and disappointments, such as the loss of corporate partners and the lack of a sponsor for the Schools' Initiative. It is difficult to single out individuals, but I must acknowledge the work of James McLachlan, who chaired the Foundation for the last quarter of 2003 and pending my arrival. He is moving on to new employment this year, but I hope we will retain his active involvement for some time to come. We welcomed Clare Petre, NSW Energy and Water Ombudsman, and Dr. Tim Fitzpatrick, Head of School, Languages and Cultures, at the University of Sydney as new members.

2005 brings some challenges, but we intend to meet them with determination and continued commitment to the goal of peace with justice.



Alan Cameron AM
January 2005

What a fair world were ours for verse to paint if Power could live at ease with self-restraint

William Wordsworth



Director's Report

Significant personnel changes characterised the beginning of 2004. Alan Cameron, former Federal Ombudsman and former chair of ASIC, succeeded Kathryn Greiner as Chair of the Foundation. Alan's enabling leadership has given confidence to colleagues on the Executive and facilitated our contacts with different interest groups in the city.

Marilyn Harris, former Cultural Policy Coordinator with the City of Sydney, became the Foundation's Executive Officer. Marilyn, through the influence of her other former work experiences, in documentary film production in New York and as a teacher of English as a second language in Japan, has contributed a valued cosmopolitan flavour to the conduct of the Foundation's business.

The day to day work of the Foundation has revolved around several issues: the choice of the 2004 Peace Prize recipient; the organization of the November City of Sydney Peace Prize Lecture and the subsequent award ceremony; jury deliberations over the choice of a Peace Prize recipient for 2005; the staging of seminars on peace with justice issues; the development of relationships with media representatives and with corporate partners.

Indian writer and human rights campaigner Arundhati Roy was a delightful and worthy choice as the 2004 Peace Prize recipient. Her presence in Sydney was aided by a detailed and insightful article Arundhati Roars by Jennifer Byrne in the Bulletin magazine, by a revealing interview by Andrew Denton on ABC Television's Enough Rope and by Philip Adams' open ended conversation with Arundhati on Radio National's Late Night Live. Arundhati's City of Sydney Peace Prize Lecture, The New Corporate Liberation Theology, was an analysis of the influence of powerful interests in facilitating wars and hindering peace. Her address was not only popular with audiences on November but has been repeated several times on ABC radio.

In his Chairman's report, Alan has already commented on the success of the Peace Prize award ceremony and the graciousness of the Governor of NSW Dr. Marie Bashir in awarding the Prize. Suffice to say that the McLaurin Hall was an attractive and welcoming venue and that the



relative formality of the ceremony provided a sense of occasion and significant revenue.

The Foundation seminars, by former Senator Margaret Reynolds in June – held in the theatre of the State Parliament – and by former Foreign Minister Gareth Evans in September have already been referred to in the Chairman's Report. I merely wish to add that our guests presented on priority issues – Australia's voting record at the meetings of the Human Rights Commission and the vexed question of humanitarian intervention to protect the vulnerable, almost irrespective of claims about States' sovereignty.

Other valued educational projects of the Sydney Peace Foundation concern the direct and in kind support which is provided for the University of Sydney's Centre for Peace & Conflict Studies. Two scholarships for postgraduate students from least developed countries have been made available in 2004: one from the mining company Rio Tinto, the other from anonymous sources and to be known as the CPACS scholarship.

The Peace Prize jury began their deliberations early in the year and held its last meeting January 2005. The jury members' work in reading the details of each nominee's background, manuscripts and candidacy is a demanding feature of the Foundation's activities. I am grateful to my jury colleagues and the jury convenor.

Regarding our relationship with our partners, we have reached a challenging stage in the Foundation's development. The Sydney Peace Prize remains the only international peace award given in this country, yet if it is to be a permanent feature of the educational and political scene, sources of funding and the nature of our relationships with partners will require energetic and careful advocacy and negotiation. We remain a partner of the City of Sydney. The support provided by Lord Mayor Clover Moore seals this important association between City and Foundation. Our partnership with PBL limited ended following James McLachlan's resignation from that company. PBL's support over the years has been generous and influential. I also record my gratitude to Rob Thomas of Citigroup

following the end of our partnership with that company. Rob has been a principled and courageous supporter of the Foundation and I trust we shall be able to continue to benefit from Rob's friendship and counsel.

As I write the conclusion to this report, reverberations continue over the tsunami catastrophe in South East Asia, the continued carnage in Iraq and the desperate need for peace with justice in so many contexts and countries. The victims of violence alone attest to the purpose and significant lessons which can be learned from the Foundation's work. Such lessons have been eloquently expressed by the poet Maya Angelou, 'History despite its wrenching pain cannot be unlived and if faced with courage, need not be lived again'.

Stuart Rees
January 2005

Sydney Peace Prize-celebrating inspiring people & their achievements



Arundhati Roy talks to guests at the 2004 Sydney Peace Prize Award Ceremony



The awarding of a Peace prize is a celebration of inspiring people and their achievements. 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.

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.

Sydney Peace Prize Recipients

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 2004



Her Excellency Prof. Marie Bashir AC, the Governor of New South Wales with Arundhati Roy at the 2004 Sydney Peace Prize Ceremony held at the McLaurin Hall, University of Sydney.



Arundhati Roy outside the Seymour Centre before presenting the City of Sydney Peace Prize Lecture on 3 November 2004.



Arundhati Roy accepts the 2004 Sydney Peace Prize.



Arundhati Roy (with CPACS Council Member Kath Logan) addressing CPACS students.



Arundhati Roy with representatives of the three Aboriginal community organisations to whom she donated her \$50,000 prize money.



Foundation Events 2004

UN Human Rights Commission

What Happened
in Geneva

Presented by Margaret Reynolds



Margaret Reynolds talks to members of the audience at a seminar held on 16 June 2004 at the State Theatre, NSW Parliament House.

No more Rwandas or Darfurs

The International
Responsibility to Protect

Presented by Gareth Evans



Professor Stuart Rees and Gareth Evans at the Eastern Avenue Auditorium, 3 September 2004.

2004 Citigroup Peace and Conflict Studies Scholarship

The first Peace and Conflict Studies scholarship was awarded to Ms Abha Shrestha from Nepal.

The Scholarship, which covers the international student fees for the MA Program, was made possible by a generous donation from Citigroup, one of the Partners In Peace of the Sydney Peace Foundation. This donation was then matched by the University of Sydney.

Abha Shrestha works at the national Human Rights Commission of Nepal. She is especially interested in gender and peacebuilding. Abha hopes that after returning to Nepal, which has been suffering from armed conflict for many years, she can contribute to the establishment of peace in her country.

The Sydney Peace Foundation will award two scholarships for study at the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies in 2005.



Abha Shrestha
winner of the
2004 Citigroup Peace
and Conflict Studies
Scholarship.

Research Officer – Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies

The Sydney Peace Foundation funds a part-time Research Officer within the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies. Current projects of the Officer include

- ❖ Lebanese Youth in Sydney project. (Report complete in February 2005.)
- ❖ Global Action for the Prevention of War – an international collaborative campaign with other educational institutions.
- ❖ PhD supervision within the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies on various topics.
- ❖ Contributing to scholarly debate within the broad parameters of CPACS.
- ❖ Frequent electronic and print media appearances on developments in Iraq.
- ❖ Preparation of new proposals for research proposals on socially useful projects that fit within the parameters of CPACS.

Financials 2004



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Sydney Peace Foundation
Statement of Financial Performance for the year ended 31 December 2004
(Account Code: D7801 22222)

	2004 \$	2003 \$
INCOME		
Interest	9,781	7,806
Donations, Sponsorships & Scholarships	94,627	101,720
Special Events Income	98,991	83,875
Miscellaneous Income	138	-
Total Income	203,536	193,401
EXPENDITURE		
Salaries and Associated costs	37,326	23,586
Special Events - Catering & Hiring Charges	46,577	46,173
Printing	4,128	2,180
Advertising & Promotions	3,352	5,890
Equipment, Repairs and Maintenance	1,809	1,833
Travel & Accommodation - Sydney Peace Prize winner	2,067	9,268
Travel & Accommodation - Other	785	-
Contribution - PACS scholarship	6,000	-
Sydney Peace Price	50,000	50,000
CPACS Annual Grant	51,519	42,248
Stationery/Office Supplies	388	1,067
Communications	730	1,605
General Expenses	734	3,161
Total Expenditure	205,415	187,010
Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,879)	6,391
Accumulated Funds as at 1 January	130,820	124,430
Accumulated Funds as at 31 December	128,941	130,820

Note: (1). For the purpose of this statement, the ledger balance has been adjusted for \$27,780 being salary cost which is part of the CPACS Annual Grant yet to be transferred to CPACS.

Sukumar Narayanan, CPA
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16 February 2005



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Sydney Peace Foundation
Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2004
(Account Code: D7801 22222)

	2004 \$	2003 \$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash Balances earning University Pool Interest	128,941	130,820
Total Current Assets	128,941	130,820
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accrued Expenses	-	-
Total Current Liabilities	-	-
NET ASSETS	128,941	130,820
EQUITY		
Accumulated Funds	128,941	130,820
TOTAL EQUITY	128,941	130,820

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