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Dear Jane,

Sydney Peace Foundation

I commend the Sydney Peace Foundation for its important work promoting peace and justice, including through the Sydney Peace Prize.

The City of Sydney has been a proud sponsor of this prize since its inception sixteen years ago. Australia's only international award for peace is an invaluable way of recognising outstanding contributions to peace, justice, nonviolence and to human rights.

The Sydney Peace Prize reminds us that urgent action is needed to address human rights.

Last year saw the death of Nelson Mandela, an inspirational leader whose example still shines brightly. His life showed the importance of peace and justice, and his death reminds us that it is not an unattainable dream, but a reality that is achievable with determination and passion.

The 2013 Sydney Peace Prize recipient, the remarkable Dr Cynthia Maung, has treated countless thousands of refugees, migrant workers and orphans in her hospital in Thailand on the Burmese border. She welcomes more than a hundred thousand patients annually, and provides schooling and meals for up to a thousand children each day.

Dr Maung is a practical example of peace with justice.

On behalf of the City of Sydney, I congratulate the Sydney Peace Foundation on the continued success of the Sydney Peace Prize.

Yours sincerely

Clover Meore

Lord Mayor of Sydney

city of Villages

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