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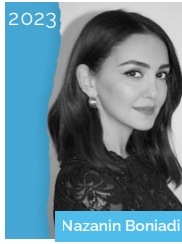
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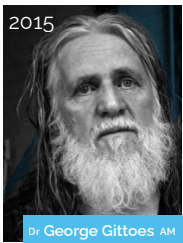
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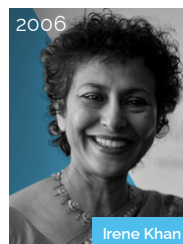
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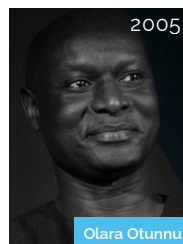
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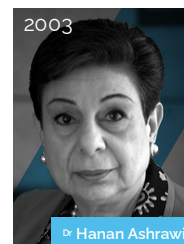
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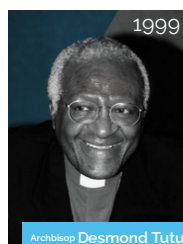
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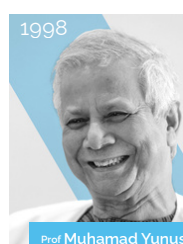
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Our Mission: **Peace with Justice**

The Sydney Peace Foundation works to create a more just and peaceful world.

The Foundation promotes openness and diversity to encourage a more compassionate and equitable world. The Foundation's core values centre on peace with justice, which includes a commitment to universal human rights, social justice, nonviolence, and respect for the environment.

Sydney Peace Prize

Supporting the peacemakers fighting for justice by awarding the Sydney Peace Prize.

Perspectives in Peace

Tackling global injustices by bringing experts, advocates and leaders together in conversation.

Peace Education

Building a culture of peace by inspiring the next generation of activists and changemakers.

Partnership Programs

Addressing structural inequality by delivering programs with our partners in peace.

Advocacy

Driving systemic change by advocating for peace, justice and non-violence.



As an independent, not-for-profit organisation, we rely on donations and community support in order to continue our work for peace and justice. Please consider supporting the Sydney Peace Foundation in 2026 by making a charitable donation.



MESSAGE FROM OUR PATRON

Sydney prides itself as a city of peace. We are committed to universal human rights and justice, as are millions of people around the world.

But the international situation is alarming. Currently there are 120 major conflicts involving 60 states and around the world 110 million people have been displaced by wars.

In these times of unbearable suffering, the work of The Sydney Peace Foundation and its dedication to promoting peace and honouring the champions of social justice and human rights is incredibly important.

For the past 26 years, the City of Sydney has partnered with the Foundation to help create a peaceful, fair, just and compassionate world. The Sydney Peace Foundation focuses on solutions that prove that peace with justice is possible and inspires and empowers people everywhere to create that reality in their lives and communities. As Australia's only international award for peace, the annual Sydney Peace Prize reminds us of the urgent need to address conflict where we see it, and to think more deeply about the world and our values.

In 2025, the eminent Sydney Peace Prize jury honoured former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and eminent international jurist Judge Navi Pillay.

Judge Pillay has been at the centre of some of humanity's most brutal conflicts. A fearless defender of international legal order and a powerful force against the global rise of impunity for those responsible for war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide.

We have learned from Judge Pillay's work, and her 2025 Sydney Peace Prize Lecture, that crises never erupt without a warning and that peace depends on those willing to speak truth to power.

Judge Pillay offered a timely reminder that we all have a responsibility to use our voices, our education and our many other advantages when we witness violations of human rights, corruption, repression and discrimination.

Because standing up for peace, justice and humanity is the responsibility of us all.

Clover Moore AO
Lord Mayor of Sydney





MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Sydney Peace Foundation entered 2025 in a moment of profound global crisis and profound moral clarity. Against this backdrop, it was an extraordinary honour for us to award the 2025 Sydney Peace Prize to Navi Pillay, whose life's work embodies the Foundation's commitment to peace with justice.

As a human rights lawyer for more than 25 years, I have always had huge respect and admiration for Navi Pillay. Her career spans the South African struggle against apartheid, groundbreaking work on the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, leadership as UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, and her ongoing advocacy for accountability, gender justice and the rights of marginalised communities. At the Sydney Peace Prize Lecture in the Town Hall and at the award dinner, she spoke with characteristic clarity about the indivisibility of human rights, the urgent need to defend international law, and the courage of survivors who insist that the world must not look away. Her reflections on apartheid, on the responsibilities of states to prevent atrocity, and on the importance of civil society resonated powerfully with our audience and with the Foundation's mission.

From the announcement, to the public lecture, and the prize dinner, the 2025 Sydney Peace Prize brought together students, activists, unionists, lawyers, community leaders and long-standing friends of the Foundation. They reminded us that Sydney Peace Foundation is at its best when it convenes difficult conversations, centres voices of lived experience, and connects local movements with global struggles for justice. Throughout the year, we continued to build this role as a trusted convenor through our public programmes, digital content and partnerships, deepening our engagement with issues such as media freedom, climate justice, violence against women and the defence of democratic space.

2025 was also a year of major organisational change. After nearly three decades as an initiative of the University of Sydney, Sydney Peace Foundation took the important step of becoming an independent entity.

This transition, carefully prepared over several years, allows us to strengthen our governance, diversify our funding base and respond more nimbly to emerging peace and human rights challenges. A tangible symbol of this new chapter is our move to offices at the NSW Teachers Federation in Surry Hills, placing us in the heart of a vibrant community of unions, educators and civil society organisations committed to social justice. Huge thanks to Jane Fulton, from whom I took over as Chair in February 2026. Jane remains on the board and I am grateful for her willingness to continue to fulfil various functions, including a valued board member.

Looking ahead to 2026, the Foundation has adopted a new strategy that is both ambitious and grounded. We aim to grow our impact through expanded programme delivery — including deeper year-round engagement around the Sydney Peace Prize, new initiatives in education and public dialogue, and stronger collaboration with communities most affected by conflict and injustice. We are investing in our governance, fundraising and partnerships so that the Foundation can sustain and scale its work in the years to come.

This past year has underlined that the demand for courageous, principled voices has never been greater. Sydney Peace Foundation is determined to meet that moment — by honouring those who show what peace with justice looks like in practice, and by building the networks, platforms and programmes that allow their example to inspire action. I am deeply grateful to our staff, Board, partners, volunteers, donors and the many supporters who attended our events in 2025. Together, we are shaping a stronger, more independent Foundation, ready for the challenges and possibilities of 2026 and beyond.

Nicolas Patrick
Chair, Sydney Peace Foundation



MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It is quite overwhelming to reflect on 2025, a year defined by intensifying conflict, deepening inequality, and mounting threats to international law. A year when hope faded in institutions and systems designed to protect the world's most vulnerable, impunity reigned and the very notion of peace with justice was continuously tested.

At the Sydney Peace Foundation, it was also a year when we awarded the Sydney Peace Prize to Judge Navi Pillay, former United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, trailblazing jurist, and lifelong champion for gender justice and the rights marginalised communities. From a judge on the High Court of South Africa, the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and cofounding Equality Now to chairing the UN's Commission of Inquiry into Israel's actions in Gaza which determined Israel was committing genocide, Navi has a deep commitment to the notion that the law must serve humanity.

This Peace Prize was not just a recognition of Judge Pillay's extraordinarily inspiring career, but also an affirmation that, however slow and laborious the wheels of justice may be, justice and dignity for all will eventually prevail.

It was also a year when the Sydney Peace Foundation became an independent not-for-profit after 27 years as a foundation at the University of Sydney. This transition opens new exciting opportunities for us to expand our partnerships and programs, to amplify the voices of those working for peace with justice and to be part of growing movement for a better, more compassionate world in Australia and across the globe.

None of this would be possible without our donors, partners, volunteers, community members and our board of directors and advisory council who believe that peace is worth fighting for.

In a world where we feel overwhelmed by government inaction, division and despair, it is this community that gives us hope that with courage, conviction and determination we stand together for peace with justice.

Melanie Morrison
Executive Director





2025 BOARD & STAFF

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR **Melanie Morrison**

FINANCE
Brigitte Fudge
(During reporting period)

NON-EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS (DURING REPORTING PERIOD)

Acting Chair

Dr Jane Fulton stepped up as acting chair as we transitioned out of the university and is also the director of philanthropy and an SDG advocate.

Acting Deputy Chair (April - August 2025, board member August - December)

Mr Alistair Gee is the co-founder and Executive Director of the Centre for Armed Violence Reduction.

Deputy Chair (from August 2025)

Mr Mohamed Duar is a fundraiser, campaigner and government relations advisor with over 20 years' experience and is currently head of philanthropy and a spokesperson at Amnesty International Australia.

Dr Susan Banki, leads the Master of Social Justice program at the University of Sydney.

Reem Borrows is a leadership consultant, executive coach, author, and advocate for justice and human rights.

Ms Bridget Cama is a Wiradjuri and Indigenous Fijian woman and Co-Chair of the Uluru Youth Dialogue.

Professor Julian Droogan is Head of the School of International Studies at Macquarie University.

Ms Patricia Garcia AO, humanitarian advocate, peace-building and human rights expert.

Dr Julie Macken is a former policy advisor, journalist and currently with the Justice and Peace Office of the Catholic Diocese.

Mr Ahmet Orhan Polat is the current Executive Director of the Affinity Intercultural Foundation

Mr Abe Quadan is a dispute resolution practitioner and the current president of Asia International Dispute Resolution Association.

Ms Carolyn Scobie is Group General Counsel and Company Secretary of QBE Insurance Group.

Ms Susan Biggs, executive leader, former director Sydney Peace Foundation (resigned July 2025)

** Please refer to appendix for additional council members prior to Sydney Peace Foundation becoming an independent not-for-profit organisation.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

In May 2025, the Sydney Peace Foundation reintroduced our Advisory Committee to guide the Foundation's strategic direction.

Dr Juliet Bennett, Post Doctorate Research Fellow, the University of Sydney

Craig Foster AM, Human rights advocate

Ben Lee, International lawyer specialising in peacebuilding

Karen Loblay AM, Businesswoman and not-for-profit leader

Jane Oakeshott, former University of Sydney executive leader, not-for-profit leader

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

Emeritus Professor Simon Rice OAM, the University of Sydney and consultant lawyer

“We don't need another military war, we need a discourse about the politics that you have to address if you're serious about peace”

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



Peace

Rights

Justice

Dignity

Security

Freedom

Equality

Well-being

Democracy

Nonviolence



2025 SYDNEY PEACE PRIZE

In 2025 it was a deep honour to award the Sydney Peace Prize to Judge Navi Pillay, former United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, distinguished international jurist, and lifelong advocate for justice. Navi is recognised for her unwavering commitment to defending fundamental human rights, promoting peace with justice, and championing the rights of women and marginalised communities.

Her life's work has been a powerful force against the global rise in impunity for war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide, pushing instead for accountability, the rule of law, and the protection of human dignity.

Born into a Tamil family under apartheid in Durban, South Africa, Navi overcame deep structural discrimination to become the first non-white woman to open a law practice in Natal Province as well as the first non-white woman judge of the High Court of South Africa. She was a pioneering voice for justice, representing political prisoners and anti-apartheid activists, often at significant personal risk, and her work has had a significant lasting impact in addressing injustice.





SYDNEY PEACE PRIZE FLAGSHIP EVENTS

Sydney Peace Prize Announcement



We were grateful to the City of Sydney and Lord Mayor Clover Moore for once again hosting the Sydney Peace Prize Announcement in the gracious Lord Mayor's Reception Room at Sydney Town Hall on 22 May.

Professor Fleur Johns from the University of Sydney and Chris Sidoti, former Australian Human Rights Commissioner and Navi Pillay's colleague on the UN's Independent Commission of Inquiry, spoke of Navi's significant contribution to international jurisprudence as well as her warmth and humour as she stands firmly in the belief that the law must serve humanity.

Judge Pillay accepted the award in a powerful recorded message.

Gala Dinner Wednesday 5 November

This year the Gala Dinner was held at the University of Sydney in the Refectory. The enigmatic Ben Law hosted the gala event, with his usual charm and humour.

Judge Pillay was joined by Professor Ben Saul, the Challis Chair of International Law at the University of Sydney and United Nations Rapporteur on Human Rights and Counter Terrorism and Professor Catherine Renshaw, Dean of Law and Western Sydney University, for a discussion led by international lawyer, peace-building expert and Sydney Peace Foundation Advisory Committee Member, Ben Lee.





SYDNEY PEACE PRIZE FLAGSHIP EVENTS

Sydney Peace Prize Lecture & Award Ceremony Thursday 6 November



The well-attended Sydney Peace Prize Award Ceremony and Lecture was another huge success. The City of Sydney Lord Mayor presented Judge Navi Pillay with the 2025 Sydney Peace Prize in an event hosted by prominent journalist and presenter Nour Haydar.

The landmark event commenced with a stunning Acknowledgement of Country and performance by the talented performers from the NSW Arts Unit Aboriginal Dance Group and ended with a dynamic performance by the Lucky Lartey and team of Ghanaian drummers.

Chris Sidoti, international human rights law expert and former Australian Human Rights Commissioner, and expert in international justice Rawan Arraf joined Judge Pillay herself,

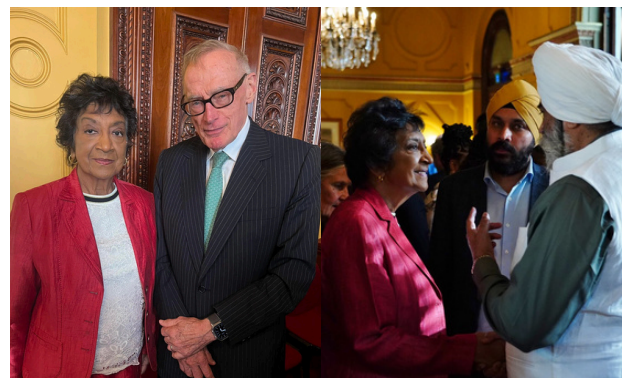
in conversation with host and senior producer at the Guardian journalist Nour Haydar.

Mohamed Duar, Deputy Chair of the Sydney Peace Foundation and Amnesty International Australia spokesperson for the Occupied Palestinian Territory honoured Judge Pillay and her unwavering and courageous work for a more just and fairer world.

Pre-Lecture Reception Thursday 6 November

Hosted by Sydney Peace Foundation, Australian African Advocacy Centre, Macquarie University, International Relations.

The Hon Jihad Dib, Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Youth Justice, Member for Bankstown electorate at the NSW Parliament, The Hon. Bob Carr is a former Foreign Minister and former Premier of NSW, and Noël Zihabamwe is the founder and Chairperson of the African Australian Advocacy Centre.





SYDNEY PEACE PRIZE FLAGSHIP EVENTS

Cabramatta High Peace Day | Friday 7 November



This was again a highlight of Peace Week.

Now in its 20th year, Cabramatta Peace Day brought together over 2,500 students from across western Sydney in a celebration of diversity, inclusion and peace.

The Cabramatta High students were full of questions for the judge and put on an incredible display of colourful performances from around the world.



“I’m going to tell everyone about this peace day. I have never experienced such a display of peace, warmth and the celebration of what connects us”

- Judge Navi Pillay



SYDNEY PEACE PRIZE PEACE WEEK EVENTS

November 3 - DFAT Briefing: Rape as Genocide, Peace as Purpose – Pioneering Justice for Women in Conflict

A conversation with DFAT's Ambassador of Gender Equality Michelle O'Bryne and Judge Navi Pillay as Navi reflected on a lifetime devoted to championing international justice, accountability, human rights and the Women, Peace and Security agenda.



November 3 - Parliamentary Briefing with Ed Husic, Parliament House

A small briefing led by Ed Husic, comprising primarily Labor party members with Judge Navi Pillay, Chris Sidoti and Melanie Morison.



November 4 - Parliamentary Briefing, Parliament House

A Parliamentary Briefing on Australia's obligations in peace, justice and international law. This event was hosted by Andrew Wilkie MP and supported by the Australia Institute, the Australian Peace and Security Forum and the Sydney Peace Foundation.



November 4 - ICAN Launch, Parliament House

Navi Pillay was the guest speaker at the launch of the Parliamentary Friends of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, hosted by The International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons.





SYDNEY PEACE PRIZE PEACE WEEK EVENTS

November 4 - National Press Club Address

Judge Navi Pillay, delivered an address to the National Press Club of Australia in Canberra. Pillay issued a firm call for the Australian government to fulfil its obligations under international law following the UN Commission of Inquiry's findings that Israel's actions in Gaza meet the legal threshold for genocide.



November 5 - Human Rights Law Centre Q&A

The Human Rights Law Centre hosted a Q&A with Judge Navi Pillay and Caitlin Reiger, CEO of the Human Rights Law Centre.



November 7 - Tea with the Governor General, Her Excellency Sam Mostyn

The Governor General Her Excellency Sam Mostyn and Simeon Beckett hosted a gracious afternoon tea with Judge Pillay, Chris Sidoti, Rosanna Barbero and Melanie Morrison.



November 7 - Feminist Judgments Book Launch, Gilbert and Tobin Legal Office

Judge Pillay gave the keynote address at the book launch of *Feminist Judgments: Reimagining the International Criminal Court*. Justice Jane Needham of the Federal Court of Australia introduced Justice Navi Pillay.

We have come a long way from defending women's rights to serve as judges to asserting exclusion and discrimination as violations of the right to equality and non-discrimination. We also still have some way to go.

- Navi Pillay in the foreword to *Feminist Judgments*



SYDNEY PEACE FOUNDATION

ADVOCACY & PUBLIC STATEMENTS

Advocacy work, outside the Sydney Peace Prize, was scaled back slightly in 2025 with the focus being on establishing a new independent entity. Given the nature of the Peace Prize Laureate, Judge Navi Pillay, much of our advocacy work focused on upholding international law and ending impunity.

Our board member, Patricia Garcia, worked with the Sudanese community and was and spoke on several panels. In September, Patricia was part of a delegation to NSW Parliament to discuss the urgent need to support peace and humanitarian assistance in Sudan in September 2025. Anthony D'Adam moved a motion in Parliament to publicly condemn war crimes and support mechanisms of international accountability. Also to strengthen refugee protections and expand pathways for Sudanese seeking safety in Australia.

November 6, 2025

A Life of Service to Justice and Human Dignity

Judge Navi Pillay's Peace Prize Address.

October 23, 2025

Judge Navi Pillay to Accept 2025 Sydney Peace Prize

Judge Pillay to receive the Prize at Sydney Town Hall from Patron Clover Moore. The award acknowledges Pillay's courageous protection of human rights and her tireless advocacy for accountability, integrity, and compassion.

December 15, 2025

Statement on Bondi Beach Attack - Sydney Peace Foundation:

The Foundation expressed profound horror following the mass shooting at a Chanukah event at Bondi Beach. We send our solidarity and compassion to all those affected and call for a collective commitment to peace with justice, urging all to remain united in humanity while mourning the innocent lives lost in this senseless act.

September 18, 2025

Sydney Peace Foundation Statement on Findings of Genocide in Gaza - Sydney Peace Foundation

Following UN confirmation of genocide in Gaza, the foundation urges the Australian Government to fulfil its international obligations. The statement demanded an immediate ceasefire, restoration of UN-led humanitarian access, and a total cessation of arms transfers and enabling inputs, calling for a full investigation into complicity.



August 25 2025

Honouring Dr Hannah Middleton

The Foundation is proud to announce the establishment of the 'Dr Hannah Middleton Scholarship in Peace and Conflict Studies' at UNTL in Timor-Leste. This initiative honours Dr Middleton's lifelong commitment to peace, ensuring her legacy of courage and solidarity continues to empower future leaders within one of the world's youngest nations.

May 22, 2025

Announcing 2025 Laureate Navi Pillay

The Foundation proudly named Navi Pillay the 2025 Laureate for her lifetime of advocating for accountability. As a former judge for the ICTR and ICC, and the first woman of colour to serve as UN High Commissioner, Pillay has consistently championed truth-telling and human dignity.

May 8, 2025

Israel must be held accountable for killing the best of humanity - Sydney Peace Foundation

Addressing the massacre of eight PRCS workers in Gaza, Mohamed Duar described the killings as an assault on the essence of international law. He demands that those responsible for this "medic massacre" be brought to trial and held fully accountable.

June 5, 2025

Stuart Rees in Support of Navi Pillay

Foundation founder Stuart Rees celebrated Pillay's historic career, noting her journey as the first non-white woman to open a law practice in Natal and to serve as a High Court judge. Her life's work represents a profound commitment to the language and practice of universal human rights.

May 12, 2025

Don't Look Away From the Genocide in Sudan - Sydney Peace Foundation

Dr Eyal Mayroz highlighted the "invisibility" of the atrocities in Sudan compared to other global crises. The Foundation urged the public and media to break the silence, stressing that public attention is essential to force policy changes and prevent the further massacre of innocent lives in Darfur.

The Foundation hosted a panel event discussing the escalating humanitarian and health catastrophe, featuring esteemed experts including public health researcher Dr Majdi Sabahelzain Dadallah, peace conflict specialist Dr Eyal Mayroz, and General Practitioner Dr Ahlam Ibrahim.

February 14, 2025

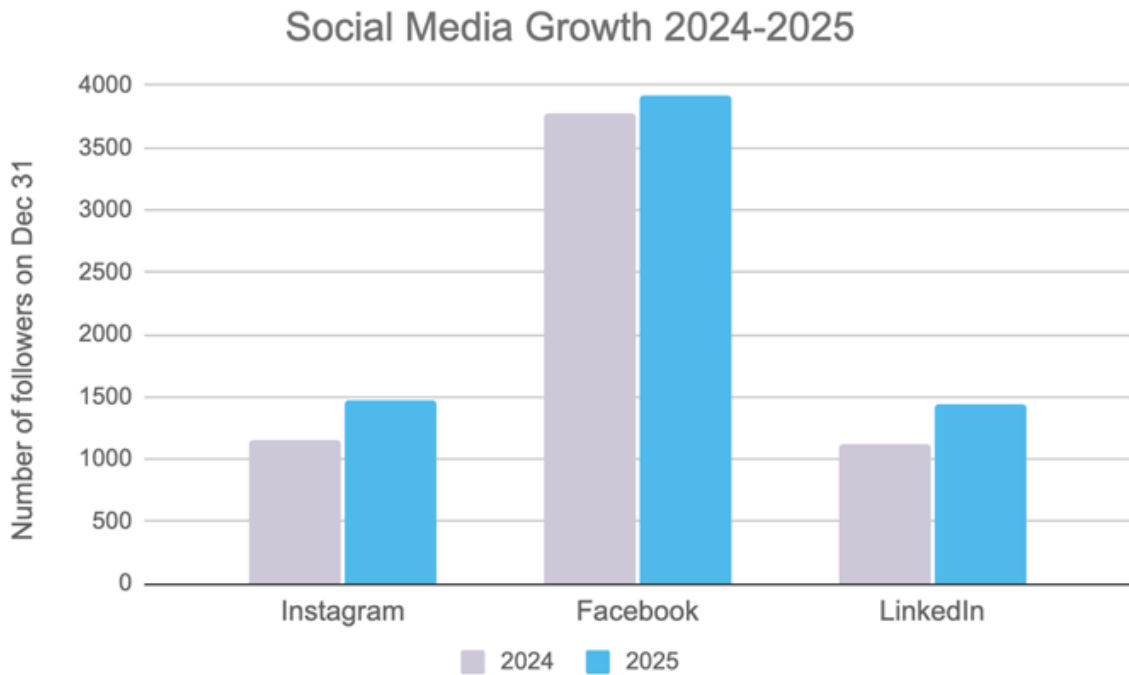
Joint Statement by 230+ Organisations - Stop Arming Israel - Sydney Peace Foundation

Joining over 230 organisations, the Foundation calls on partner countries to immediately halt all arms transfers to Israel. The statement urges governments to bring the F-35 jet program into compliance with legal obligations by stopping the direct and indirect supply of components and spare parts.



SOCIAL MEDIA

The Foundation saw strong growth and engagement on social media during 2025, particularly on Instagram. Content appears to be improving in algorithmic visibility and successfully driving external engagement across platforms.



Our content on Instagram reached 69k accounts across 2025, marking a 210% increase from 2024. Link clicks increased by 86% and profile visits increased by 69%. We gained a net 310 followers, which brought our follow count to 1468.

We accumulated 170k views across our content on Instagram and 103k views on Facebook, despite a larger following on Facebook. This indicates a shift towards Instagram as the primary platform for organic discovery. Collaboration posts on Instagram emerged as the most effective strategy for increasing visibility and reach, receiving particularly high view counts.

On Facebook, content interaction increased by 93%, and link clicks increased by 147%. We gained a net 141 followers, which brought our follow count to 3,923. Profile visits increased by 12%. This indicates that while our Facebook shows improved discoverability, it is particularly effective at engaging existing supporters and driving users to external sites.

Our LinkedIn continued to grow in line with 2024, and remains one of our fastest growing platforms, seeing at least 315 new followers and 27k impressions.*

*Figures may be incomplete as data from before March 2025 was unavailable.



IN THE MEDIA

2 December, ABC Big Ideas – [Judge Navi Pillay on the fight for human rights, justice and accountability](#)

20 November, Women’s Agenda – [How an International Court judge thinks about hope](#)

10 November, Consortium News: *WATCH: Awarded for Daring to Call it Genocide –* <https://consortiumnews.com/2025/11/10/watch-awarded-for-daring-to-call-it-genocide/>

8 November, AAP: *South Africa-born legal expert: Israel apartheid worse* <https://aapnews.aap.com.au/news/south-africa-born-legal-expert-israel-apartheid-worse>

Canberra Times: <https://www.canberratimes.com.au/story/9107200/south-africa-born-legal-expert-israel-apartheid-worse/>

8 November, Michael West Media: *Sydney Peace Prize: Judge Navi Pillay calls out government impunity* <https://michaelwest.com.au/sydney-peace-prize-judge-navi-pillay-calls-out-government-impunity/>

7 November, SBS: *Former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Navi Pillay awarded Sydney Peace Prize (video)* <https://www.sbs.com.au/news/video/former-un-high-commissioner-for-human-rights-navi-pillay-awarded-sydney-peace-prize/c6owhloif>

7 November, SBS: *Navi Pillay wins 2025 Sydney Peace Prize (Podcast)* <https://www.sbs.com.au/news/podcast-episode/navi-pillay-wins-2025-sydney-peace-prize/oygis3gdq>



[The Peace Podcast](#), first launched in 2024, highlights the work of researchers and practitioners who work for peace with justice. In October 2025, *Episode 4: Gender, Conflict and International Law with Professor Laura Shepherd* was released ahead of Judge Pillay’s visit. Created by intern Molly Teskey, the episode explores how gender shapes the experience of conflict and the pursuit of justice.



IN THE MEDIA

6 November, ABC: Icon of human rights movement, Navi Pillay receives Sydney Peace Prize (radio) – <https://www.abc.net.au/listen/programs/the-radio-national-hour/the-radio-national-hour/105872608>

5 November, Michael West Media: Don't be complicit in genocide Australia, warns former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights
<https://michaelwest.com.au/navi-pillay-dont-be-complicit-in-genocide-australia-warns-former-un-judge/>

4 November, NPC: IN FULL: Judge Navi Pillay's Address to the National Press Club of Australia – https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3xLi8rG_8y0

4 November, AAP: *Complicity warning for firms supplying Israeli military*
<https://aapnews.aap.com.au/news/complicity-warning-for-firms-supplying-israeli-military>

4 November, Tamil Guardian: *Former UN human rights chief Navi Pillay to receive Sydney Peace Prize* <https://www.tamilguardian.com/content/former-un-human-rights-chief-navi-pillay-receive-sydney-peace-prize>

4 November, The Guardian: *A single shell, fired by the IDF at a fertility clinic: peace prize recipient explains what lies behind her genocide finding*
<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/nov/04/world-must-fight-israel-genocide-gaza-like-aparthied-navi-pillay>

4 November, Sydney Morning Herald: [Complicity warning for firms supplying Israeli military](#)

4 November, Canberra Times: [Weapons firms warned](#)

28 October, Honi Soit: *A Collective Voice for Peace With Justice* – <https://honisoit.com/2025/10/peace-foundation-collective-voice-for-peace-with-justice/>

20 October, Australia Institute: *No peace without accountability: Sydney Peace Laureate Navi Pillay*, Podcast episode with Emma Shortis and Navi Pillay
<https://australiainstitute.org.au/post/no-peace-without-accountability-sydney-peace-laureate-navi-pillay/>

17 September 2025, Women's Agenda: *Israel is Committing Genocide in Gaza* [Israel is committing genocide in Gaza, official UN Commission finds – Women's Agenda](#)

25 May 2025, ABC: Sydney Peace Prize Laureate Navi Pillay on [ABC Sunday Extra](#)



HUMAN RESOURCES, INTERNS AND VOLUNTEERS

Human Resources

A big thanks to Brodie Ackroyd for her support, as our communications and administration officer, during the uncertain first few months of 2025. In the lead up to the hectic Peace Prize period, Niamh Murray, former executive officer, who once again returned to provide indispensable help during Peace Week.

The unwavering support of the new Sydney Peace Foundation Board members as we transitioned out of the University of Sydney has been invaluable. Alistair Gee, who took on the role of Deputy Chair during this transition, deserves a special acknowledgement. We simply could not be where we are today without his no-fuss approach to steering us out of the University and establishing a new, independent not-for-profit entity.

Interns

Our internship and student programs continued to grow in 2025. Thank you to our intern team from the Advanced Communications course: Jamie Zhang, TJ Kuo, Molly Teskey, Rachna Girish, and Ella Wei. Intern-led projects included social media content creation, filming and photography of Peace Prize events, website content and Episode 4 of the Peace Podcast.

Volunteers

Led by Niamh Murray, our team of volunteers for the 2025 Sydney Peace Prize were invaluable to the success of the Lecture and the Gala Dinner. A special thanks to board member Dr Jane Fulton for driving our fundraising initiatives and managing the Gala Dinner. Also, to Skaidy Gulbis for sourcing an incredible array of silent auction items.



Thank you to our volunteers: Noelle Adachi, Firdevs Sinik, Grace Pope, Sarah Whiteley, Miranda Ley, Lynda Blanchard, Christine Yen, Ella Wei, Rachna Girish, Ella Jarman-Powis, Molly Teskey, Viola Li, Isuri Wijayarathne, Yulin Liang, Elisa Hong, Grace Yang, Jacqueline Li, Phoebe Bibon, Juhwan Lee, Hengzhou Li, and Christine Kazub.



FINANCIAL REPORT

The Sydney Peace Foundation ended 2025 in a positive financial position, with a closing balance \$381,438 and a trading income of \$573,903.

In July 2025, the Sydney Peace Foundation became an independent, not-for-profit entity. Financially, the transition out of the University of Sydney had both positive and negative impacts.

While the Foundation ended the year in a strong position, there were additional costs associated with becoming an independent not-for-profit including bookkeeping costs, IT costs and regulatory payments.

As part of the transition, the University of Sydney gifted \$100,000 and allowed the Foundation to stay in the University of Sydney office until the end of November 2025. We have since been extremely fortunate to secure rent-free office space in the NSW Teachers Federation building in Surry Hills.

These healthy financial results are largely due to the tremendous number of volunteer hours put in by Director of Philanthropy, Dr Jane Fulton, and a team of volunteers. Executive Director, Melanie Morrison continues work on a part-time basis which has also helped to keep operating costs to a minimum. In the lead up to Peace Week, casual staff were hired to deal with the additional workload.

Our fundraising efforts and partnerships contributed to the surplus. An expanded partnership program contributed just over \$200,000 to our income. For the first time in three years, we made a surplus from the Annual Lecture and Award Ceremony due to high ticket sale income. In addition, as an independent not-for-profit, we are eligible to apply for government grants and were successful in our application for funding from Multicultural NSW for the multicultural elements of the Lecture and Award Ceremony.

A key focus in the years ahead is to ensure a properly resourced and sustainable Foundation. To achieve this, we will continue to expand our reach through our public events programs as well as continue conversations with our major donors and partners to secure long-term funding.



Profit and Loss

For the year ended 31 December 2025

	2025
Trading Income	
Carry forward from University Of Sydney	275,418.87
Donations received	95,500.87
Gala Dinner	43,969.09
Grants	55,000.00
Partnership Revenue	76,000.00
Peace Prize Award and Lecture	25,627.27
Total Trading Income	571,516.10
Cost of Sales	
Cost of Goods Sold	76,871.92
Total Cost of Sales	76,871.92
Gross Profit	494,644.18
Operating Expenses	
Advertising and Marketing	1,105.67
Consulting & Accounting	8,167.50
Contractors - admin	7,892.50
Donations paid	4,545.45
General and Stationary	1,468.69
Insurance	1,789.50
IT Web and Mail Services	2,572.66
Office Expenses	543.95
Prize	50,000.00
Superannuation	4,320.00
Travel - National	1,106.61
Wages and Salaries	36,000.00
Total Operating Expenses	119,512.53
Net Profit	375,131.65



Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2025

	31 DEC 2025
Assets	
Bank	
Sydney Peace FDN LTD	312,400.36
Term Deposit 14/08 -14/02/26	80,000.00
Total Bank	392,400.36
Current Assets	
Accounts Receivable	1,860.84
Total Current Assets	1,860.84
Total Assets	394,261.20
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	3,400.00
GST	7,697.55
PAYG Withholdings Payable	3,712.00
Superannuation Payable	4,320.00
Total Current Liabilities	19,129.55
Total Liabilities	19,129.55
Net Assets	375,131.65
Equity	
Current Year Earnings	375,131.65
Total Equity	375,131.65



Changes in Equity

For the 12 months ended 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
Equity		
Opening Balance	-	-
Current Year Earnings	375,131.65	-
Total Equity	375,131.65	-

Statement of Cash Flows

For the 12 months ended 31 December 2025

	2025
Operating Activities	
Receipts from customers	589,364.90
Payments to suppliers and employees	(201,869.68)
Cash receipts from other operating activities	(3,126.86)
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	384,368.36
Investing Activities	
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	543.95
Payment for property, plant and equipment	(543.95)
Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities	-
Financing Activities	
Other cash items from financing activities	8,032.00
Net Cash Flows from Financing Activities	8,032.00
Net Cash Flows	392,400.36
Cash and Cash Equivalents	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	-
Net change in cash for period	392,400.36
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	392,400.36



THANK YOU

In 2025 the Foundation continued to advocate for peace, justice and non-violence through its partnerships, public events, social media and statements.

To our partners, supporters, silent auction and raffle donors, and our philanthropists and foundations, a huge ‘Thank You’ – we simply could not carry on with the work of the Sydney Peace Foundation without your vital support.

Thank you also to the Sydney Peace Foundation Board for your unwavering support as we transitioned to a new, independent entity. Alistair Gee, who took on the role of Deputy Chair during this transition, deserves a special acknowledgement.

Major Supporters in 2025

- The City of Sydney
- The University of Sydney
- NSW Teachers Federation
- Western Sydney University
- Amnesty International
- The Australia Institute
- Human Rights Law Centre





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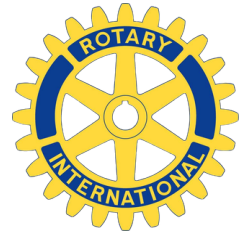
Community Partners

Through our partnerships with organisations that are committed to peace with justice, we continued to strengthen existing relationships within a diverse range of communities as well as building new networks of mutual support and collaboration.

- Addison Road Community Organisation
- Affinity Intercultural Foundation
- Australian African Advocacy Centre
- Australian Peace and Security Forum
- Centre for Armed Violence Reduction (CAVR)
- International Campaign Against Nuclear Weapons (ICAN)
- Macquarie University
- The Rotary Club of Australia



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Gala Table Supporters

- The Minderoo Foundation
- The University of Sydney

Dinner Supporters

- Australian Council for Human Rights Education
- Grata Fund

Gold Donors

\$5,000 – 20,000

- Emeritus Professor Stuart Rees AM
- Alan Cameron AO
- The Highgate Foundation
- Knights Family Jabula Foundation

Event Supporters:

- HostCo
- Action Sound
- Australian Relief Organisation
- The Floral Architect
- Green Avenue Design
- Wayne McGinness of Aboriginal Steel Art (Trophy)
- The Women's Club

Silver Supporters

\$1,000 – \$5,000

- David Hirsch
- Sue McKinnon
- Robert Thomas AO
- Roger Wescombe
- Ulgen Karakus

Bronze Supporters

\$100 – \$1,000

Catherine Pillay | David Skellern | Elaine Lucas | Fiona Hollier | Francine Seeto | Frennie Beytagh | Greg Hogan | Helena Cornelius | Hugh de Kretser | Kathleen and Peter Thurgood | Larissa Payne | Leslie Tscherne | Mary Crock | Max Vechi | Melanie Morrison | Natalie Saar | Pam Hartgerink | Rachana Bunn | Rayan Eslami | Sandra Rogers | Sabreen Hussein | Siena Dune and Ian Buchanan | Sue Wareham | Susai Benjamin | Yutong Ding



In July 2025 the Sydney Peace Foundation became an independent entity after 27 years as a foundation of the University of Sydney. The new Sydney Peace Foundation has Australian charity status and complies with ACNC Governance Standards and External Conduct Standards.

The Sydney Peace Foundation recognises its responsibility to maintain corporate governance practices that are robust, accountable, comply with all relevant law and applicable regulations, and are of a standard that meets the expectations of its stakeholders.

Board of Directors (non-executive)

All Directors volunteer their time, and receive no remuneration for serving on the Sydney Peace Foundation's board.

*Appendix

Council Members, while the Sydney Peace Foundation was a foundation of the University of Sydney (resigned prior May 2025):

- Ms Emma Dunlop
- Mr Felix Eldridge
- Ms Joy Kyriacou
- Mr Steve Lancken
- Mr Ken Woo

University of Sydney ex-officio Council Members (to May 2025):

- Professor Lisa Adkins, the University of Sydney
- Professor Matt McGuire, the University of Sydney
- Ms Alexia Nicholson, the University of Sydney



JOIN US

The Sydney Peace Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to promoting universal human rights, social and climate justice, and non-violent solutions to conflict.

Through our advocacy, programs, and annual Sydney Peace Prize, we highlight remarkable stories of hope and courage that inspire us to act for peace with justice.

Together, we can create a more peaceful and compassionate world.

We are looking for those who are interested in joining us on this journey. Contact us to find out more.

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