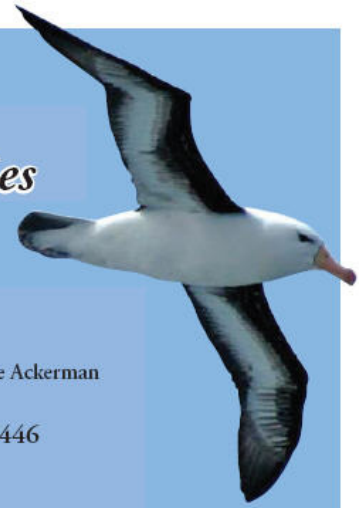


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Newsletter February 2008

Dear Friends & Supporters,

The Chair in Peace & Conflict Studies was launched in October last year as many of you already know. This link is to Otago University's web site where a photo taken at the launch can be seen.

<http://www.otago.ac.nz/alumni/advancement/chairpeaceconflict.html>

Centre Director's role advertised

It is with great pleasure that we announce that the job description for this role of director is currently being advertised internationally. Attached are the links for anyone who may want to follow this up:

<http://www.jobs.ac.uk/jobs/SJ848/Chair in Peace and Conflict Studies/>

<http://www.converge.org.nz/pma/cpcsvac.htm>

Dr Kate Dewes

Dr Kate Dewes, a member of the original Steering Committee, has been selected to join the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters at the United Nations. **Kate will be an advisor to the United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. We offer our congratulations to Kate for this achievement and wish her every success.**

The Honourable Eddie Taihakurei Durie

Congratulations to the Honourable Eddie Taihakurei Durie, one of our Patrons, for his New Year's Honour of Distinguished Companion of the NZ Order of Merit.

Court of Benefactors' Meeting at the University of Otago

Dorothy Brown reports:

Because the University of Otago will be the centre for the Aotearoa NZ Peace & Conflict Studies Centre (ANZPCSC), the University invited the Trust to nominate one person to attend the inaugural meeting of the Council of Benefactors. Universities overseas have similar councils to bring together their most significant benefactors.

The meeting was held last December and it gave me the opportunity to meet the donors for the other Leading Thinkers' projects and to say very briefly why our Trust supports the Chair in Peace & Conflict Studies. The visitors were hosted by the University and I had the time to talk to some of the donors at greater length.

While in Dunedin, I met again with people who have supported the ANZPCSC since it was first suggested and made contact with new supporters of the enterprise. This was made possible by Greg Hughson's networking skills.

At the Benefactors' afternoon meeting the donors listened to brief lectures from two of the Leading Thinkers' professors already appointed. While listening to them I hoped that by the next time the meeting is held there will have been an appointment to the Chair of Peace & Conflict Studies.

Parihaka Peace Festival

Maui Solomon represented the ANZPCSC Trust at the annual Peace Festival held in Parihaka in January 2008. He was part of a panel of speakers at the opening of the Speakers Forum comprising Ruakere Hond (Parihaka) and Mana Cracknell (Mori) who spoke on the subject of "What Traditional Peace Practices have to offer the World Today". Ruakere talked about the peace traditions of Parihaka and told the moving story of how Tohu Kakahi and Te Whiti o Rongomai had defied the attempts to survey and confiscate their peoples' lands at Parihaka by means of peaceful protest. All to no avail as the leaders of this resistance movement were herded like sheep by the colonial militia and imprisoned in Otago for several years.

But the legacy of peace lived on and is an inspiration for the present and future generations of the people of Parihaka and around the world. Ruakere expressed enthusiasm for the new Peace Centre at Otago and stressed that the involvement of Parihaka would mean that their message of peace could be conveyed to a wider national and international audience. However, the people of Parihaka had still to have in-depth discussions about how they would become involved and in particular how the Centre would interface with initiatives at the local community level. He also talked of the strong bonds that were developing with the Hokotehi Mori Trust Board and some discussions were had with Maui about a visit by Parihaka to Rekohu sometime in the near future.

Mana Cracknell spoke of the initiatives being pursued by Mori on Rekohu and the efforts being made to revive their culture and identity on Rekohu including re-

learning language, carving skills, traditional knowledge (TK) retrieval projects and establishment of a TK database by Moriori with assistance of representatives of Aboriginal communities in Australia. Maui talked about the history of peace of Moriori and its many parallels with Parihaka including the use of the hopo/toroa/albatross feathers as a symbol of peace. He also discussed the establishment of the Otago Peace Centre including its values and objectives and the upcoming appointment of a Chair of Peace Studies. He elaborated on the opportunities for other tangata whenua peace centres to become involved in the future by entering into their own MOU with Otago if they wished.

Maui also acknowledged the excellent work of the ANZPCSC Trust and supporting groups and individuals in pursuing this initiative and in particular the hard work of fellow trustees Dorothy Brown, Margaret Bedggood and Chris Barfoot over the past 3 years.

Servas International

Servas International reported in their February 2008 newsletter of the establishment of the ANZPCS Centre and the launch in October 2007.

Servas is a peace movement that benefits thousands of people by opening doors to peace and understanding through welcoming and hosting travellers from around the world into people's homes.

Funding

Although the Trust will be seeking funding from organisations, we feel it is individuals who will be vital in growing the funds to let the Centre expand quickly. These people will really be passionate about training peace makers, supporting research into underlying causes of conflict and the value of peace work in bringing people together and moving from conflict to nonviolent solutions. The new director will need colleagues as well as students and students will need scholarships.

If you would like to make a donation or bequest please phone 09 8150228 or email us.

The Trustees wish to sincerely thank all those who have already donated funds to the Centre.

Contact List

Our database of supporters keeps growing; new names are added every week. We now have more than 800 people who have indicated that they wish to be kept in touch with the Centre's development. If you have friends who would like to be included also please contact Marjory Lewis on anzpcsc@ihug.co.nz

PADET Grant

Our application to PADET (Peace & Disarmament Education Trust) was successful in obtaining funds for enhancing our communications including a website.

The Trustees wish to thank Dame Joan Metge & Dr Chris Marshall for their invaluable assistance with this application.

Paradigm

The Trustees wish to thank and acknowledge the work of John Ringer of Paradigm in printing our new brochure. Initial copies have been distributed widely; we are pleased to have received such favourable comments.

Martin Hill

The Trustees wish to sincerely thank artist Martin Hill for allowing us to use his striking image 2000 Circles for our new brochure.

Wayne Dyer

The Trustees wish to thank Wayne Dyer for accepting the job of preparing our financial statements.

Dr Nick Marsh

The Trustees wishes to thank Dr Nick Marsh, for his help with the Trust's strategic planning process.

Thank you all for your continuing support.

We are happy to be beginning the year on this positive note.

Me rongo,
from the Trustees:
Annie, Chris, Dorothy, Margaret & Maui

