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The Gallipoli Centenary Peace Group invites the public to Richardson's Lookout - Marrickville Peace Park on Wednesday 21 September from 12.00pm to 1.00pm to observe the International Day of Peace and reflect upon achieving peace in our time.

International Day of Peace – Wednesday 21 September 2016

The [International Day of Peace](#) ("Peace Day") is observed around the world each year on 21 September. Established in 1981 by unanimous United Nations resolution 36/37, the General Assembly dedicated this day to "commemorating and strengthening the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and peoples."

Furthering the Day's mission, the General Assembly augmented the original resolution in 2001, fixing the date on 21 September.

Peace Day provides a globally shared date for people around the world to commit to Peace above all differences and to contribute to building a Culture of Peace.

This Peace Day's Theme: "The Sustainable Development Goals: Building Blocks for Peace"

The Peace Day's theme for 2016 is "The Sustainable Development Goals: Building Blocks for Peace."

The [17 Sustainable Development Goals](#) were unanimously adopted by the 193 Member States of the United Nations at an historic summit of the world's leaders in New York in September 2015. The new ambitious 2030 agenda calls on countries to begin efforts to achieve these goals over the next 15 years. It aims to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all.

The United Nations argues that the Sustainable Development Goals are integral to achieving peace in our time, as development and peace are interdependent and mutually reinforcing. It claims that peace "reinforces the conditions for sustainable development and liberates the resources needed for societies to develop and prosper."

GCPC commends the United Nations for declaring the 17 Sustainable Development Goals to be "the building blocks for peace." The progressive realisation of these goals is a necessary condition for building a culture of peace in our time.

Challenging the Myth-making and the Sanitisation of War

GCPC was established to confront many of the myths about Australia's war experience, especially those associated with the Anzac legend. We utterly reject the proposition that Australia's prevailing values are militaristic values. We believe that the Anzac Centenary (2014-2018) is an appropriate occasion to query the myth-making and the sanitisation of war.

In addition, we believe that it is time for the nation to officially recognise the earlier Frontier Wars and acknowledge the impact that these domestic wars had on the subsequent dispossession and displacement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Building a Culture of Peace

At GCPC's [public forum on 22 April 2015](#) entitled 'Gallipoli and Anzac after 100 Years: Lessons and the Prospects for Peace Today', the historian [Douglas Newton](#) called for the development of multilateral collective security as a means of counteracting the threat of war.

He said: "(I)f we want freedom from war, an end to the Armageddon that still hangs over us in the nuclear balance ... we must ... **instill a passionate hatred of war, and a passionate desire to recognise the universality of the brotherhood and sisterhood of man**, so that there is popular and political will to complete the great project of the 20th century: to move from a faith in unilateral security through matchless power, and from bilateral and trilateral and regional security pacts, **to a multilateral collective security, based on solid foundations of international law.**"

GCPC believes that this internationalist project combined with a concerted commitment to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals by the nations of the world, will significantly contribute to creating a culture of peace in our time.

International Day of Peace in Marrickville Peace Park – Event’s Details

People are invited to join us to observe “Peace Day” in Marrickville Peace Park on Wednesday 21 September:

Time: 12.00pm to 1.00pm

Place: Richardson’s Lookout - Marrickville Peace Park - adjacent to the corner of Holt Crescent and Richards Avenue in South Marrickville.

Leaflet: A leaflet advertising the Peace Day event in Marrickville Peace Park can be downloaded [here](#).

ALL WELCOME

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United Nations’ 17 Sustainable Development Goals

1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere;
2. End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition;
3. Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages;
4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education;
5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls;
6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all;
7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all;
8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth;
9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive, sustainable industrialization;
10. Reduce inequality within and among countries;
11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable;
12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns;
13. Take urgent action to combat climate change;
14. Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources;
15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems;
16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies, justice for all, and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions;
17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize.

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