

WFPW Oceania: Don't miss out on this year's Peace Day event!

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The **International Day of Peace** is observed around the world each year on 21st September. WFPW holds an annual one-day conference to support and foster peace building within our diverse multicultural community.

The one-day conference brings together people of different communities and faiths to discuss current strategies to establish Peace at the local community level.

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It is essential that you register online.

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OUR ENTERTAINMENT - Hazel Zee and Band

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Hands for Peace Video [here](#)

Our mailing address is:

42-46 Bartley Road, Belgrave Heights, Vic. 3160, Australia



UN International Day of Peace Conference

Peace Building and our Environment

Presented by the Women's Federation for World Peace Australia and the Universal Peace Federation.

A Partnership with the Victorian Multicultural Commission.



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Program

9.30am	Registration and Morning Tea (Open Space)
10.00	Welcome and Introduction (Open Space) MCs - Will Abdo Tua Manase-Ale <ul style="list-style-type: none">Acknowledgment to Country
10.10 - 10.40	Video Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none">Legacy of Peace of Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon
10.40 - 11.05	Dr John Bellavance - The Search for Meaning in the Modern World
11.05 - 11.35	Break (30min)
11.35 - 12.40	Bridge of Peace Ceremony (Open Space) An empowering ceremony that enables personal bridges of reconciliation and healing. It is an opportunity to connect in heart with someone from a different cultural background, heal wounds of the past, build lasting friendships, and resolve conflict passed on from generation to generation. A signature project of WFWP International. MC – Anne Bellavance (National President, WFWP Australia) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Leading Lady Presentation: Shanika KalansooriyaLeading Lady Presentation: Hena Jawaid
12.40 - 12.45	~ Group Photo at your seats ~
12.45 - 1.25	Lunch (40 minutes) Exhibition of Peace Builder's Legacy in the Foyer
1.25 - 1.40	Entertainment Session (Open Space) Hazel Zee and Band

1.40 - 2.00	<p>Keynote Address (Open Space) MC – Daniel Meadows</p> <p>Presented by Dr. Rachel Carling - The Australian Family - Where did we go wrong?</p>		
2.00 - 2.10	Q&A Session (10min.)		
2.10 - 2.25	Afternoon Tea (15min)		
2.25 - 2.30	Afternoon Workshops (5min) Introduce afternoon breakout sessions and move to sessions		
2.30 - 3.00	<p>Session A (Open Space)</p> <p>MC: Will Abdo</p> <p>Presented by: Stephanie Carver and Ahmed Tohow</p> <p>Building Peace: Somali spiritual women and peacebuilding</p>	<p>Session B (Liza Room)</p> <p>MC: Tua Manase-Ale</p> <p>Presented by: Linda Young -</p> <p>‘Centering’ Journey to Inner Peace</p>	<p>Session C (Gianna Wurzl Room)</p> <p>MC: Daniel Meadows</p> <p>Presented by: Sharon Orapeleng</p> <p>Religion/spirituality on our mental health - A conversation we must have!</p>
2.50 - 3.00	Q & A (10 min.)	Q & A (10 min.)	Q & A (10 min.)
3.00 - 3.10	Conference Conclusion (Open Space)		
3.10 - 4.00	<p>Hands for Peace</p> <p>Walk to Southbank Promenade to join in with the ‘<i>Hands for Peace</i>’ stations around the Yarra River, from Flinders Bridge to Southbank Pedestrian Bridge. (See map on last page.)</p>		

Our Presenters



John Bellavance

Dr John Bellavance – The Search for Meaning in the Modern World

Opening Address: The primary motivational force within humans is to find a sense of meaning and purpose. Increases in depression, aggression and addiction are understandable only if the lack of meaning in people's lives is recognised. Of patients seeking mental health professionals, 30% experience issues of 'meaning', rather than neurotic symptoms. The presentation explores: finding meaning in life's pursuits and relationships, being responsible and overcoming challenges.

About John: PhD in values education from Monash University, focusing on moral psychology and the use of technology. John is an Information Technology educator, writer and public speaker. He is one of the founders of Africa Day Australia, acting as Vice-President for five years. His driving value is love, which is to 'live for the sake of others'. He is a National Vice-President of UPF Australia, President of UPF Victoria, and the Victorian Peace Council.



Anne Bellavance

Anne Bellavance – Bridge of Peace

About Anne: Pure Science Degree and Diploma of Education. Anne is the WFWP National President and sits on the WFWP International Board representing Oceania. A Not for Profit pioneer and volunteer within Australia, USA and Canada for 42 years, her passion is setting up systems and projects to strengthen organisations, advocating for the people they are serving, and mentoring volunteers. Through the Global Women's Peace Network, Anne highlights leadership, family education and the environment.



Shanika Kalansooriya

Shanika Kalansooriya – The Role of Women in Peace Building from a Buddhist Perspective (Bridge of Peace segment)

About Shanika: Masters of Management Accounting from Botswana and is a Certified Public Accountant. Shanika believes that if we can teach all children to be tolerant, compassionate and understanding about the differences in others, we will have a better and more peaceful world in future.



Hena Jawaid

Hena Jawaid - The Role of Women in Peace Building from a Sufi perspective (Bridge of Peace segment)

About Hena: Completed 5 years in medicine and 4 years training in psychiatry. As a mental health professional, Hena contributes to international and national newspapers, magazines and scientific journals to raise mental health awareness and reduce the stigma related to psychic illnesses. In order to diminish the chances of inequality, prejudice, and oppression in developing societies, Hena is a staunch advocate of woman's leadership.



Dr Rachel Carling

Keynote: The Australian Family - Where did we go wrong?

The family, which has been redefined in so many different ways, is no longer valued or even clearly understood in Australia. Parents are no longer trusted to make decisions for their own children. Even birth certificates are being reconsidered to reflect Social Marxist ideology. It is time to unite to strengthen today's families, embolden our parents and protect our children.

About Rachel: Ph.D. in Social Work and Social Policy. Dr. Rachel is the author of *Disability and Social Movements: Learning from Australian Experiences*, published in 2014. She has worked in academia, disability, mental health and in politics. As a social justice campaigner, Dr Rachel represented the Western Metropolitan Region as a member of the Victorian Legislative Council from 2014 to 2018. She now works as a lobbyist on pro-life and pro-family issues in NSW.



Linda Young

Linda Young - 'Centering' Journey to Inner Peace

Workshop: What is 'Centering' Prayer? How can we use it to bring inner peace to our lives on a daily basis? Individuals, who experience inner peace, radiate peace into the world. We will spend a few moments at the end of the session experiencing 'Centring' Prayer.

About Linda: Bachelor of Teaching, Bachelor of Education, Bachelor of Theology, Graduate Diploma in Supervision, and Master of Arts in Spiritual Direction. Linda has served as a minister for the past 18 years. She has a particular passion for spiritual direction, as well as music and has authored a children's music book and co-authored books on spirituality.



Sharon Orapeleng

Sharon Orapeleng – Religion/spirituality on our mental health - A conversation we must have!

Workshop: How can we harness religion/spirituality as resource to positively influence our mental health and emotional wellbeing to achieve optimum peace within?

About Sharon: Degree in Behavioural Sciences (Psychology) from Latrobe University, Melbourne, Post Graduate Diploma and Masters in Behaviour Management from Bond University, Gold Coast. Sharon is a mental health policy professional, a Principal Consultant at Psyched Solutions and a community champion. She was honoured in 2013 as one of the 125 Leading Women in Queensland by YWCA and recognized as one of the 100 most influential African Australians. She is a tireless community advocate for social inclusion and social justice, and passionate about advocacy on issues of mental health, domestic violence, migrant and refugee settlement, diversity and equality.



Stephanie Carver

Stephanie Carver and Ahmed Tohow – Building Peace: Somali spiritual women and peacebuilding.

Workshop: An investigation and evaluation of the role spiritual women within the Somali community play as ‘shadow peace builders’ for the broader community. Stephanie and Ahmed examine their role and their capacity limits to forge new forms of peace within the Somali diaspora. The workshop outlines research conducted in collaboration with Monash University and the East Africa Security and Peace Forum. Qualitative interview data from small focus groups form part of a broader study around the role of informal spiritual leaders within Somali culture.



Ahmed Tohow

About Stephanie and Ahmed: Stephanie is a Monash University lecturer and a PhD candidate in International Relations at Monash University, Clayton campus.

Ahmed is Director of the East Africa Policy and Security Forum and the Coordinator for Peace and Security with UPF Victoria.

Master of Ceremonies



Tua Manase-Ale

Tua Manase-Ale - Certificate in Management Studies at the University of the South Pacific and Diploma in Business Studies and Tourism. Tua is a bank manager with the Bank of Melbourne. Volunteering within her Samoan community, Tua has a passion for empowering women; focusing on mindset, wellness and financial literacy. She has been on the board of the Victorian Samoan Advisory Council (VICSAC), is part of Women Leadership at Westpac Bank, Executive Member of the Footscray Traders Association, and the National President of WFWP Samoa.



Will Abdo

Will Abdo - Bachelor of Business (Accounting) and a Graduated Diploma in Computer Science and a Registered Tax Agent. Will is CEO of Webtrade Marketing, served on the management committee of Australia Arab Chamber of Commerce and Industry (AACCI), current board member of the Australia Lebanon Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ALCCI) and Executive Director of AAC. Will has served on the Australian Arabic Council (AAC) for 23 years and the Melbourne Organising Committee of Crescent Institute. He is currently Vice-president of UPF Victoria and part of the Advisory Committee of the Victorian Peace Council.



Daniel Meadows

Daniel Meadows - Bachelor of Arts from Raffles College of Design and Commerce, Sydney and a Cambridge CELTA certificate for teaching English as a Second Language. Daniel has volunteered in the NFP sector in Japan, Korea and Australia for 9 years, most recently being Director of the Oceania Leadership Team. Being passionate about teaching spiritual values, he is currently Chairperson of the FFWPU Victoria Council and the YSP President for the Oceania region. Daniel is kept busy with a young family and running his property maintenance business in rural Victoria.

Entertainment

Hazel Zee and Band



Listen to her music through the link below:
<https://bit.ly/2zhkz3f>

Registration

Register & pay online at www.wfwpaustralia.org/events

RSVP Essential

\$60.00 Entry | Morning Tea, lunch and afternoon tea included.

For more information, contact John or Anne Bellavance: 5968-2664
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Conference Location

One Roof Coworking and Event Space

77/79 City Rd, Southbank VIC 3006



Traveling by train: 8min

Get off at Flinders Street Train Station. Walk west on Flinders St/State Route 30 towards Elizabeth St, then take the pedestrian tunnel.

Turn left onto Southgate Ave, then make a slight right to stay on Southgate Ave and go through 1 roundabout.

Turn right onto City Rd/State Route 20 and the destination will be on the left.

Travelling by car:

Multi-levelled parking available across the road. Saturday weekend rates apply.

Conference Organisers



The **Women's Federation for World Peace** is an international NGO in General Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. We adhere to the principle that women working together, taking initiative and empowering one another across traditional lines of race, culture and religion to create healthy families can resolve the complex problems of our societies and world.

www.wfwpaustralia.org



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Hands For Peace

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