

A Moment of Silence, Before I Start this Poem- *[See P2 for context]*
Emmanuel Ortiz, 11 Sept 2002



Before I start this poem, I'd like to ask you to join me
 In a moment of silence
 In honour of those who died in the World Trade Centre and the
 Pentagon last September 11th
 I would also like to ask you
 To offer up a moment of silence
 For all of those who have been harassed, imprisoned,
 Disappeared, tortured, raped, or killed in retaliation for those
 strikes,
 For the victims in both Afghanistan and the U.S.
 And if I could just add one more thing . .
 A full day of silence
 For the tens of thousands of Palestinians who have died over
 decades of conflict
 Six months of silence for the million and-a-half Iraqi people,
 Mostly children, who have died of
 Malnourishment or starvation as a result of an 11-year U.S. em-
 bargo against the country.

Before I begin this poem,
 Two months of silence for the Blacks under Apartheid in South
 Africa,
 Where homeland security made them aliens in their own country.
 Nine months of silence for the dead in Hiroshima and Nagasaki,
 Where death rained down and peeled back every layer of
 Concrete, steel, earth and skin.
 And the survivors went on as if alive.
 A year of silence for the millions of dead in Vietnam—a people,
 Not a war—for those who
 Know a thing or two about the scent of burning fuel, their
 Relatives' bones buried in it, their babies born of it.
 A year of silence for the dead in Cambodia and Laos, victims of a
 secret war . . . Sssshhhhhhhh
 Say nothing . . . We don't want them to learn that they are
 dead.

Two months of silence for the decades of dead in Colombia,
 Whose names, like the corpses they once represented, have piled up
 and slipped off our tongues.

Before I begin this poem.
 An hour of silence for El Salvador...
 An afternoon of silence for Nicaragua...
 Two days of silence for the Guatemaltecos...
 None of whom ever knew a moment of peace in their living years.
 45 seconds of silence for the 45 dead at Acteal, Chiapas
 25 years of silence for the hundred million Africans who found their
 graves far deeper in the ocean than any building could poke into
 the sky.
 There will be no DNA testing or dental records to identify their
 remains.
 And for those who were strung and swung from the heights of
 sycamore trees in the south, the north, the east, and the west...
 100 years of silence...
 For the hundreds of millions of indigenous peoples from this half of
 right here,
 Whose land and lives were stolen,
 In postcard-perfect plots like Pine Ridge, Wounded Knee, Sand
 Creek,

Fallen Timbers, or the trail of tears.
 Names now reduced to innocuous magnetic poetry on the refrigera-
 tor of our consciousness...
 So you want a moment of silence?
 And we are all left speechless
 Our tongues snatched from our mouths
 Our eyes stapled shut
 A moment of silence
 And the poets have all been laid to rest
 The drums disintegrating into dust.

Before I begin this poem,
 You want a moment of silence
 You mourn now as if the world will never be the same
 And the rest of us hope to hell it won't be. Not like it always has
 been.
 Because this is not a 9/11 poem.
 This is a 9/10 poem,
 A 9/8 poem,
 A 9/7 poem
 This is a 1492 poem.
 This is a poem about what causes poems like this to be written.
 And if this is a 9/11 poem, then:
 This is a September 11th poem for Chile, 1971.
 This is a September 12th poem for Steven Biko in South Africa,
 1977.
 This is a September 13th poem for the brothers at Attica Prison,
 New York, 1971.
 This is a September 14th poem for Somalia, 1992.
 This is a poem for every date that falls to the ground in ashes
 This is a poem for the 110 stories that were never told
 The 110 stories that history chose not to write in textbooks
 The 110 stories that CNN, BBC, The New York Times, and Newsweek
 ignored.
 This is a poem for interrupting this program.
 And still you want a moment of silence for your dead?
 We could give you lifetimes of empty:
 The unmarked graves
 The lost languages
 The uprooted trees and histories
 The dead stares on the faces of nameless children
 Before I start this poem we could be silent forever
 Or just long enough to hunger,
 For the dust to bury us
 And you would still ask us
 For more of our silence

You want a moment of silence
 Then take it NOW,
 Before this poem begins.
 Here, in the echo of my voice,
 In the pause between gooseteppes of the second hand,
 In the space between bodies in embrace,
 Here is your silence.
 Take it.
 But take it all...don't cut in line.
 Let your silence begin at the beginning of crime. But we,
 Tonight! We will keep right on singing ...for our dead.

**God, to those
 who are hungry
 give bread, and
 to those who
 have bread, give
 hunger - for
 justice.**

“A Moment of Silence” Context, Comment .

Osama bin Laden has been killed. He was a man guilty of evil on a wide scale. Americans erupted, many of them, into paroxysms of triumph at this person's death. It had brought back to them that extraordinary event of the Twin Towers when they experienced attack on their own soil. The free world over (however that is defined nowadays) sorrowed with the U.S. at the considerable loss of life. Poet Emmanuel Ortiz attempts to bring a sense of proportion to these events. While we may not agree with Ortiz in what some have called his 'fevered attack' in the last few verses, we can probably agree that the deaths - countless thousands - in far off Third World atrocities came in for barely a mention in our Western media.

Respected Political Commentator, Noam Chomsky of the US : -

US had 'no hard evidence'

NOAM Chomsky has called the killing of Osama bin Laden “a planned assassination” that violated international law. Writing in *Guernica*, he wonders how the US would react if “Iraqi commandos landed at George W. Bush's compound, assassinated him, and dumped his body in the Atlantic”. Mr Bush's “crimes vastly exceed bin Laden's, and he is not a ‘suspect’ but uncontroversially the ‘decider’ ”. Chomsky argues that the FBI had no hard evidence proving bin Laden was responsible for the September 11 attacks even after “the most intensive investigation in history”. Although bin Laden confessed, it was more like a boast “of what he regarded as a great achievement”. Ultimately, it seems the navy SEALs did not even attempt to apprehend bin Laden, and “in societies that profess some respect for law, suspects are apprehended and brought to fair trial”. He also takes issue with the name, Operation Geronimo. “It's like naming our murder weapons after victims of our crimes: Apache, Tomahawk. It's as if the Luftwaffe were to call its fighter planes Jew and Gypsy.”



Ban announces bid for second term

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon announced today his intention to seek a second term as head the world body. Ban is seen as an odds on favorite to win -- he has wide support among member countries and as yet no alternative candidate has emerged. United Nations Foundation President Timothy E. Wirth, who backs Ban's bid for a second term, said, "The question now is, what's the agenda for the second term and how can this be aggressively pursued?" [Click here](#) to read Sen. Wirth's statement of support via the UN Foundation. [Click here](#) to read a statement of support from UN Foundation Founder and Chairman, Ted Turner. [Bloomberg \(6/6\)](#), [Google/The Associated Press \(6/5\)](#) [Share:](#) [in](#) [f](#) [e](#)

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Quote of the day



"United Nations Secretaries-General are appointed to serve 5-year terms & may be reappointed. More on the process: <http://bit.ly/it7KNe>"

@UN

UN Dispatch



"A Secretary General cannot order interventions, cannot force national governments to adopt policies, and cannot threaten sanctions should his recommendations go unheeded. As the founders of the United Nations intended, real power lies with the member states themselves not the General Secretariat. Still, when judged by how well he is able to operate within these constraints, Ban's record is strong."

Killer Weeds

Imagine how much easier your summer would be if you could just spray your entire garden with Roundup every week. Even better: if the spraying would kill all the weeds, but somehow not kill your fruits and vegetables.

Now imagine how much easier farming would be if you could do the same thing.

That's exactly how agriculture was revolutionized just a few years ago when the agribusiness giant Monsanto first introduced Roundup Ready-genetically modified crops designed to withstand repeated Roundup drenchings.

Just a little more than a decade later, about 90 percent of all soy grown in the U.S. comes from genetically modified Roundup Ready crops. (You can use that fun fact the next time someone suggests that soy is healthy for you.)

In addition to soy, about 70 percent of the U.S. Corn and cotton crops are also Roundup Ready.

It could be years before we know what health repercussions we might face with the widespread consumption of these GM crops. But here's what we know right now: Roundup Ready has backfired.

According to a New York Times report, pigweed can grow as much as three inches in a day, and can reach a height taller than the average man. Once established, it's seriously stubborn. The weed is said to be so sturdy that it has actually damaged harvesting equipment!

Just two years ago, one weed specialist called an area of central Arkansas a "pigweed-infested hell." That should have come as no surprise to anyone. According to Farm Press, weed scientists predicted Roundup Ready resistant superweeds years ago. But the lure of easy weed control and boosted profits was just too tempting.

The result: U.S. soybean, corn, and cotton crops are in serious danger. One expert told the Times, "It is the single largest threat to production agriculture that we have ever seen."

Nature always finds a way. And that includes weeds, which have a way of becoming superweeds when challenged by highly toxic herbicides.

Meanwhile, desperate farmers are doing what they have to do to kill off the superweeds-they're employing more workers to hack away at the intruders, while also using some very toxic herbicides. And as you might suspect, higher operating costs combined with lower crop yields will drive up food prices.

Looks like this might be the perfect year to start a backyard garden-weeded by hand, of course. To Your Good Health,

ABORIGINAL VETERANS' COMMEMORATIVE

SERVICE 27th May, 2011. SA War Memorial

We acknowledge and respect the vision of a nation that recognises the culture and history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, values their participation, and provides equal life chances to all . . . Author.

In celebrating Reconciliation week, a large number (300 – 400) gathered at 7am on a wintry morning to listen to a lecture delivered by Dr Jackie Huggins who earnestly encouraged her listeners to involve themselves in the coming referendum on constitutional change, which may acknowledge the First People of Australia as being Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. She recalled the 1967 Referendum by which Aboriginal People were first granted citizenship. Here in SA the YES vote was overwhelmingly supported, but she stressed that support this time for a YES vote needs to be further supported.

Ms Grace Portolesi gave a heart-felt speech in which she condemned racism which is still very much alive in parts of Australia. She challenged the community to "Join me in shining a light on it".

Later a ceremonial wreath-laying was performed at the War Memorial in which the sacrifices of many Aboriginal soldiers were recalled. Prayers were led by an army Chaplain, and speeches made by the Governor and others.

Finally, many gathered at Tandanya to view a film "For Love of Country" which commemorated the military involvement of Aboriginal people, men and women, from Gallipoli to the present day. Getting background for this film was difficult because many Aborigines adopted different Nationalities to 'legally' enlist as until 1967 they were unable to join the Australian Forces. They simply wanted to help defend their country. Many former soldiers commented on the fact that racism was almost non-existent in the armed forces, where all had a common goal. It was a joyful occasion as mates had the chance to meet up again.

John Magee. 28/05/11

It is important that we challenge ourselves to think about the things that we as a community haven't necessarily wanted to recognise or to acknowledge.

Things that may make us uncomfortable, like racism.

Because it is possible for me... as a white woman... to exist everyday without seeing racism as something that requires my attention. And that is not acceptable. But today I want to challenge this notion. I am talking, in this context, to the non-Aboriginal people here today, and asking you to recognise that although the impact of racism is profoundly experienced by Aboriginal people, it is an issue that we as non-Aboriginal people have a responsibility to tackle. This is a shared issue.

I know that I may well be criticised for making this challenge. I know that in talking about racism - and talking about it as an issue that all Australians must address - I will be accused of political correctness, of labelling everyone as racist. But this is not about an accusation, or finger-pointing. It is about recognition and starting conversations. We must be brave, because those conversations may not be comfortable, because they challenge the notion we have of ourselves that we are the nation of the fair go.



An excerpt from
Grace Portolesi's
fine address
Ed.



AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, WE SALUTE YOU!

The following letter came across UNAA's desk on 28th May

We turn 50 today! As the heart and soul of the Amnesty movement, this is your celebration -- thank you for helping to create a better, fairer world. [Click this link](#) to see a video trailer of Amnesty's past 50 years.

Dear Peter,

It was a world framed by the Cold War and the space race. A time when Elvis was king. Where back home, Bob Menzies was Prime Minister and Dame Joan Sutherland and Patrick White were icons of pop culture.

Fifty years ago, this was a dramatically different world: it was a world without Amnesty International.

Since our creation in 1961, we've grown into a 3 million-strong force for justice, dignity, truth and freedom -- and the world's largest and most respected human rights organisation.

Working together, we stood alongside **Ratan Gazmere** from Bhutan, who was released in 1991 after opposing his country's discriminatory policies: "Amnesty saved my life. I know for sure that without their support and all the letters sent, I would be either dead or in jail."

And **Wolfgang Welsh**, who in 1970 alerted Amnesty to his plight by smuggling messages scrawled on cigarette papers from his jail cell in East Germany -- and was set free the following year.

And Burma's icon **Aung San Suu Kyi**, who last year was freed after serving 15 years under house arrest: "You have done more for political prisoners around the world than any other organisation", she told us.

It's a truly remarkable thing to stand up for others you will probably never meet, in places you may never see. **That's why, as we celebrate our half century, we pay tribute to our supporters in over 150 countries and territories who have brought hope to the darkest corners of the world.**

In 50 years, we've shown that people power can make the world a better place. Together we've sent researchers into conflict zones, made torturers international outlaws, defended people who've risked their lives to help others and exposed stories that would otherwise remain invisible.

We were instrumental in the adoption of the 1984 Convention Against Torture, the establishment of the International Criminal Court, and a global moratorium on the death penalty. And most recently, we've rallied around freedom's cry in the Middle East and championed equal rights for refugees back home.

It's been an incredible, inspiring journey over five decades -- so thank you Peter. Not just for being part of this - but also for making it possible.

Claire, and everyone at Amnesty International Australia

Claire Mallinson

National Director, Amnesty Int. Australia



Wai Hnin Pwint Thon of Burma lights a candle during an event to mark 50 years since Amnesty was formed. Photograph: Ben Stansall/AFP/Getty Images

Read about Amnesty's unlikely Founder

PETER BENENSON

CHEMISTRY - - - - The U.N. Designated Year of . . . * *

* * * * * Look around the room you are in. Can you see anything that is not touched by Chemistry or its cousins Metallurgy and Pharmacy? (And its "predecessor" Geology)

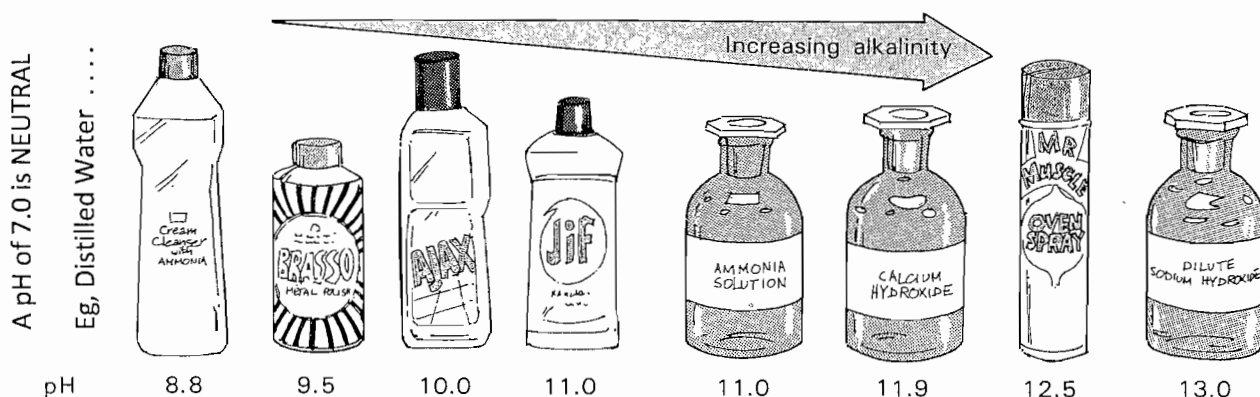
Loosely, Chemistry as a Science is the study of **MATTER**, whether solid or liquid or gas. That's ***everything material!***

Where does it all come from? Out of the Primeval Fireball, or the **BIG BANG**, came vast quantities of Hydrogen, much of it coalescing into the 2nd lightest element, Helium. In the 'fierce' conditions of temperature and pressure prevailing, some Helium turned into Carbon; some into Oxygen, and other light elements with release of Energy. The process still goes on in our Sun and other Stars. In a **Super-Nova** event, the exploding of a worn-out Star, extraordinary conditions of Pressure and Heat lead to the formation of the heavier elements, eg the familiar Chromium, Manganese, Iron, Nickel, Copper, Zinc, up to the heaviest 'natural' element, Uranium. When our **Solar System** came into being some 4.6 billion years ago, bits and pieces of these light and heavy elements gravitated together. We are so much 'luckier' than our Sun which has only a handful of elements as against the 92 that we have! Gases like Nitrogen and Chlorine, liquids like Mercury and Bromine, and scores of solids - some metallic and others, like Phosphorus and Sulphur, non-metals.

Bring in the Geologists and the Miners!

To make use of this bonanza, it is necessary to extract the elements from the soil and crust, and in some cases (Magnesium) sea-water! Most of the metals unlike Gold and Platinum are chemically active, and will have joined with such active non-metals as Sulphur and Oxygen. If we want to use our Lead or Zinc we have to separate them from the Sulphur they're usually combined with. **Extractive Metallurgy** is the process employed. The millions of tonnes of Iron Ore (Hematite) in the Pilbarra, mainly Hematite, Fe_2O_3 , have to be reduced to pure Iron in Blast and Steel-making furnaces using coke. Alloying **ELEMENTS**, Carbon or Mn or Cr or Ni or Tungsten (W) **added to Iron give STEEL.**

(NB Supplies of Metal Ores are limited . . . and the present quarry mentality of Australian Gov't and Industry Leaders will be our downfall. Some metals, eg, Silver and Chromium, are an "endangered species".)



CHEMISTRY IN EVERYDAY LIFE -----Choice

Magazine : " Let's get this stuff analysed"

Quality control requires regular analysis of the product, whether it is beer, steel, or baking soda! An Analytical Chemist does the job. Spare a thought for this person : Years of study involving qualitative analysis (the kind of stuff) and quantitative analysis (how much). I can vividly recall two Prac Exams I had to do in Victoria. (a) In 7 hours determine all six metals and non-metal ions present in the (sealed) sample. (b) Determine to the nearest 0.5 of a percent, the composition of the given mixture of Ba, Cu, NH₄, CO₃, NO₃ PO₄. Time: 15 hrs. (with overtime to be endorsed on paper) [I took, in the interest of accuracy, 70 mins overtime, knowing that I'd forfeit some marks for the additional time] Since that year instruments have been invented - some in Australia - to carry out automatic analyses of some types of materials.

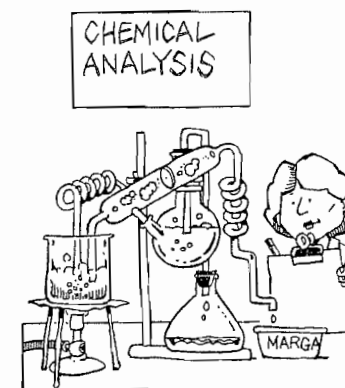
The Home : - There are scores of Chemicals in the normal home, from the table top - Formica - to Bakelite in switches, Nylon (read the sad story of its discoverer) and numerous other Polymers. Then there are the well-known baking soda, and salt (sodium chloride), sugar, vinegar (a mixture), and Detergents. Cleaning agents contain often dangerous acidic or caustic components. Care is called for. . . .

CHEMISTRY is a vast field of study which has brought both benefits and harm to humankind. We would like to turn back the clock and NOT have Agent Orange and Mustard Gas in our ware-houses. DDT? The jury is still out. The cautionary principle must prevail. Recall Rachel Carson's "SILENT SPRING"? Monsanto Execs didn't read (or heed) the warnings. Dollar signs blinded them.



Ezio Rizzardo, in his CSIRO laboratory in Melbourne, has invented a new way of producing polymers.

DAVID GER



To be in the Top 20 in the world in an exacting Science like Chemistry is something really special ! His work for the CSIRO in Melbourne is in the field of POLYMERS (Plastics). He started out at UniNSW and did his Doctorate at Sydney University. Many of his discoveries/inventions have been patented and the Rizzardo name is on 44 Patents.

Australia can boast two Nobel Laureates in Chemistry. Peter Doherty is one. Can you name No 2 ?

An Urgent Appeal from Patrick Dodson and Phil Glendenning

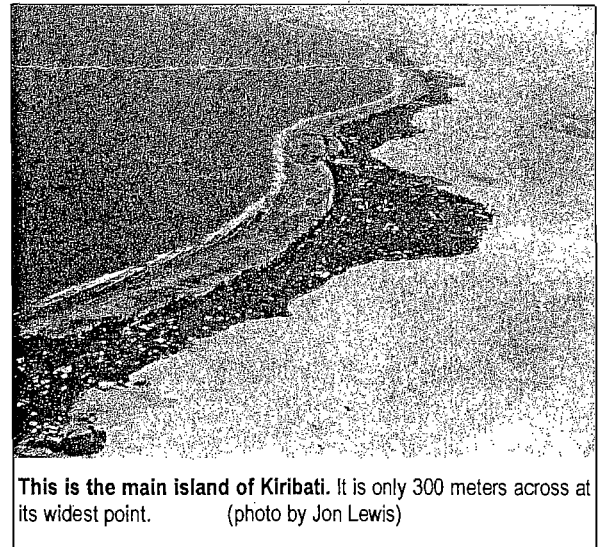


THE TIME TO ACT ON CLIMATE CHANGE IS NOW, NOT AFTER WE HAVE LOST WHAT WE CANNOT REPLACE — the call from KIRIBATI

Dear Peter,

Over many years you may have known of the Edmund Rice Centre's work in support of the rights of Refugees and Asylum Seekers, Indigenous Peoples, and Youth. That work continues. Today however we wish to bring to your attention an emerging need that is urgent but largely invisible to the world.

We recently led a delegation to Kiribati, a nation of 110,000 people living on 33 coral atolls in the Central Pacific. Our delegation was in support of the Edmund Rice Centre's Pacific Calling Partnership (PCP). We came away inspired by the resolve of the people to sustain life on their islands but also deeply distressed by the difficulties the people currently face. The future of this nation and its people are now at stake.



This is the main island of Kiribati. It is only 300 meters across at its widest point. (photo by Jon Lewis)

The twin threats of climate change combined with great poverty threaten the very future of Kiribati. It currently has the highest levels of infant mortality from diarrhoea in the Pacific, among the highest rates in the world for children aged 0-5. Climate change and poverty are combining to pollute fresh water, degrade levels of sanitation and threaten the lives of the nation's children. Parts of the main island of Tarawa now have a population density akin to Hong Kong.



The children of Kiribati amongst the impact of climate change on their homeland. (photo by Jon Lewis)

Yet, the problems of Kiribati are little known internationally, and almost invisible to the world. We believe this has to change. Climate change has led to higher tides, more frequent and violent storms and wave surges. Sea walls have crumbled and the increasing incidence and severity of inundation of the sea into villages has impacted severely on staple food sources, such as taro.

In the face of these difficulties the people of Kiribati are fighting hard to work for a sustainable future, to adapt to the changes being forced upon them. Young people in particular are responding to the challenge.

First and foremost they need countries like Australia to accept responsibility for its role in causing climate change and work to limit our green house gas emissions. ERC will continue to advocate alongside the people of Kiribati in Australia and in international forums like the UN Conference in Cancun in December


Second, they need Australians of good will to support their efforts and the efforts of their youth to change and adapt in Kiribati. ERC will assist the youth leadership with mentoring and training to develop the educational skills required to make their actions effective.

Third, educational and engagement opportunities are urgently needed. ERC will conduct community education seminars, publish material about Kiribati and the impact of climate change through the web and in the Just Comment series, and facilitate ongoing immersion visits.

Fourth, urgent resources are required to do this work.

Kiribati represents the human face of climate change. The time to act is now, not after we have lost what we cannot replace.


Patrick Dodson
Chair, Lingari Foundation


Phil Glendenning
Director, Edmund Rice Centre

A SPECIAL "HANDS-ON" PATRON

Morning Tea with our new Patron, Hieu Van Le
Lieutenant Governor of SA and Chairman M-C and
Ethnic Affairs Commission of S.A.



The Executive committee members of UNAA SA were invited to morning tea so that our Patron could discuss with us, how he could assist us

Heather Southcott (President) expressed our thanks for the invitation and said we had never been asked that question before . Sheila Hill explained our video ' SA-A United Way of Life ' (she presented a copy) which was made with a grant of \$3000 (and a lot of pro-bono input) from Multicultural Affairs. It has been very successful and is still shown on commercial TV after several years. She is currently involved in producing The Next Generation video with young people from the same ethnic communities. We received a small grant of \$1000 from Multicultural SA to part defray our costs.

Lidia Moretti advised that we were hoping to host a travelling exhibition from UN Information Service on RWANDA; A CASE OF GENOCIDE. We were supplied with names of contacts from Rwanda community of South Australia.

Heather Southcott said that we would also appreciate it if Multicultural SA could help us to regain contact with the wide range of multicultural communities and organisations. We have since received addresses of service providers in the communities in S.A.

Rosemary McKay advised that as part of the International Year of African Descent we would be joining with other groups to focus on Sudan.

Ali Smith ,President of UNYA SA was unable to attend due to illness; we have suggested to her that she makes contact on behalf of UNYA SA

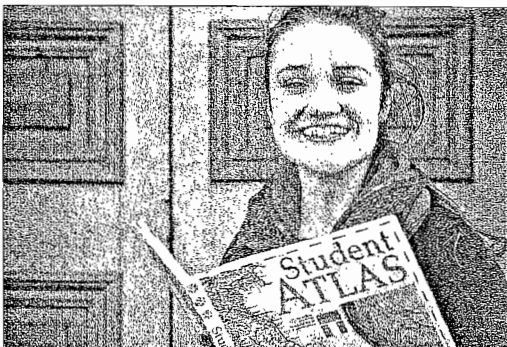
Say for youth

FROM the United Nations to her local council, **Madeleine Piochaud** is helping other young people make a positive difference in the world.

She divides her time between Prospect Council's Youth Advisory Committee and the United Nations Youth Association of Australia.

Miss Piochaud has been nominated for the Pride of Australia Medal in the young leader category.

The award recognises ordinary Australians doing extraordinary things.



HELPING: Madeleine Piochaud of Nailsworth has been nominated for the Pride of Australia Medal. H0343595

Miss Tess Donnellan
30/10 Marion Road
Brooklyn Park 5032

Dear Tess,

At our Executive Committee meeting last night we sought to record our great appreciation for your efforts over quite a few years in support of the UNAA(SA Div). We very much appreciated seeing you again at our Christmas Party, even though it meant we did not really record our appreciation of your involvement with UNAA since 2001. That is just on 10 years for which you have been our representative of the Catholic women's League.

We have very much appreciated your efforts in supporting the UNAA(SA Div) over this time, and your friends on the committee were wholehearted in asking that we not only minute our appreciation of your service and friendship in, but also write and make sure you know how much your efforts have been appreciated.

Thank you so very much.

Yours sincerely,

Heather Southcott AM
President.

John Crawford
Vice-President

THE WORDS OF THE LATE ASTRONOMER, CARL SAGAN, AS HE CONTEMPLATED A PICTURE OF EARTH TAKEN FROM OUR VOYAGER SPACECRAFT IN DEEP INTERPLANETARY SPACE : WE SUCCEEDED IN TAKING THAT PICTURE [FROM DEEP SPACE] AND, IF YOU LOOK AT IT CLOSELY, YOU SEE A DOT.

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THAT'S HERE. THAT'S HOME. THAT'S US. ON IT - EVERYONE YOU EVER HEARD OF, EVERY HUMAN BEING WHO EVER LIVED, LIVED OUT THEIR LIVES.

THE AGGREGATE OF ALL OUR JOYS AND SUFFERINGS, THOUSANDS OF CONFIDENT RELIGIONS, IDEOLOGIES AND ECONOMIC DOCTRINES, EVERY HUNTER AND FORAGER, EVERY HERO AND COWARD, EVERY CREATOR AND DESTROYER OF OUR CIVILISATIONS, EVERY KING AND PEASANT, EVERY YOUNG COUPLE IN LOVE, EVERY HOPEFUL CHILD, EVERY MOTHER AND FATHER, EVERY INVENTOR AND EXPLORER, EVERY TEACHER OF MORALS, EVERY CORRUPT POLITICIAN, EVERY SUPERSTAR, EVERY SUPREME LEADER, EVERY SAINT AND SINNER IN THE HISTORY OF OUR SPECIES, LIVED THERE ON A MOTE OF DUST SUSPENDED IN A SUNBEAM

OZ HARVEST : It's new, it's different, it's "Green"

Committee Member, Lidia Morelli, explains

Thought you may like to follow what is happening here re Oz Harvest and their wonderful Launch on Tuesday 18th May.

Oz Harvest is a not for profit organization that rescues excess food and delivers it to Charities at no cost to the Donor or the Recipient.

I have been working on this project for about 12 months, successfully linking them with suitable Donors and Recipients.

It has been terrific also to link them with The Adelaide Central Market with whom we have co-operated in the past on other Food Related projects.

I enjoyed hosting principals from Oz Harvest Ronni Khan Founder and Local Hero of the Year 2010 ,and Chairman of the Board Ed Sandrejko over several days while they were here for the Launch.

I will continued to promote this worthwhile project on my Food Radio Program and will highlight interesting aspects of their progress .

The Launch was such a happy occasion, receiving lots of Media coverage which will hopefully encourage further participation by the Community at large.

And it was lots of fun with School Girls and an Opera Singer providing excellent renditions of Food related songs with invited guests enthusiastically joining in.

Our Central Market was the perfect backdrop for this event.

Oz Harvest has been supported by the Government and particularly by the Minister for Environment Paul Caica,as well as Industry, and has already over the last 3 months delivered more than 50,000 meals to the needy in Adelaide.

Fabulous nibbles were provided by the Central Market and newly appointed Ambassador for Oz Harvest ,Award Winning Chef Camillo Crugnale of Assaggio Restaurant.

Camillo joins Ambassadors - well known Food Icon Maggie Beer and Media Personality Keith Conlon who will all give their support in a variety of ways as Oz Harvest continues its valuable work.

I am looking forward to accompanying the Oz Harvest Delivery Van on its rounds over the next few weeks to experience a typical day of the service they provide first hand.

It's terrific that Oz Harvest is supported by Prominent Australian Chefs (including MasterChef) and for a bit of FUN encourage you to Google ' Matt Moran Viral' to see how the next step of the Oz Harvest story is developing.

Oz Harvest is already established in Sydney, Canberra, Newcastle and now Adelaide.

They have announced they hope to engage the Brisbane Community very soon.

I have already mentioned this to Virginia Balmain so if I can help in any way to make the connection I would be delighted.

Do let me know if you need any further information.

Cheers,
Lidia

Maggie Beer, Camillo Crugnali
and Ronni Khan



Camillo Crugnale, Malvina Crugnale
and Maggie Beer

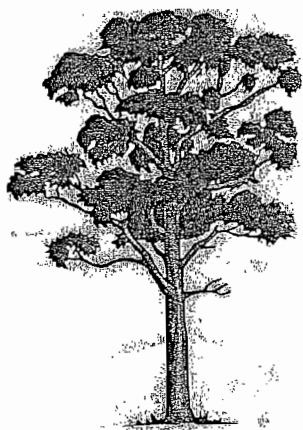


CALENDARS! Annual Dinner: Sun. October 30th

GUEST SPEAKER Ms Leanne Liddle ... seen below with other Awardees and former S.G. Kofi Annan.



Ms Liddle Coordinates the Aboriginal Parks and Wildlife Program. Having done Science and Law, Leanne completed a fellowship with the U.N. and worked in New York with OHCHR. She is justifiably proud of being SA's first Aboriginal Policewoman.



Yes! 2011 is also the YEAR of FORESTS

To be dealt with in the Spring Edition