

JUSTICE & PEACE COMMITTEE 18 April 2021

Present: Peter Jones, Maxine Barry, Jo Petrov, Janet Crane, Sally McGushin, Rosemary Epps

Apologies: Sammy Nolan, Kay Allport, Jenni Bond, Janice Blakeney

Matters arising:

- Sally: a Press Release will be launched on Tuesday, 27/4 on Parliament House Lawns calling for Pokies harm minimisation measures to be implemented. J&P agreed through online consultation to join as signatory, the initiating group - Anglicare, Hobart City Mission and TasCOSS. Other concerned groups have supported the call as well.
- As RM will be hosting the School Board after Meeting on May 16, J&P will not be held that month.
- Maxine presented a motion for consideration, hoping for acceptance at the next MfWfB (May 2) expressing RM support for the next School Strike for Climate on 21 May. This was discussed, amended and agreed as a minute from J&P as follows:

"We note that young people are planning another School Strike for Climate for May 21.

We share their deep concern for the state of the planet and the need for urgent action.

We are aware of the potential and actual damage to the mental wellbeing of school students and young people facing an uncertain future, and the importance of banding together to take action, which can mitigate feelings of hopelessness and despair. Therefore we commend and support the non-violent peaceful protest by school students on 21 May."

- J&P has supported the Wangan and Jagalingou people in Queensland in their efforts to protect their lands from the Adani mine. They are organising a tour on their traditional lands - "Tour de Carmichael", to bring attention to their situation. Those unable to join the cycle tour can still assist by donating funds.
- Underspensing bushfire relief funding was a matter brought to our attention. Many affected people are still without housing.
- P&J assisted with a donation, the making of a film about peace activist William Kelly's art. This is now available and Maxine has been in touch with Fanforce, which organises showings if sufficient tickets are sold. Insufficient notice to recruit attenders meant that a proposed showing at the State Cinema was cancelled. So Maxine

urges all to sign up by 7/5 to attend on Wednesday May19, 6 pm at the Glenorchy Village Cinema. 62 Tickets need to be booked by 7/5. Maxine will include details in e-notices.

- We are waiting on Clerks to sign off as agreed at March MfWfB, on the letter with 10 Demands to mitigate the climate crisis, prepared by Greenfaith International and promoted by the ARRCC. Maxine has offered to do the enveloping to send copies to all Tasmanian parliamentarians.
- Maxine has bought a collapsible pole for use with the Earthcare banner, for ease of transport. J&P agreed to reimburse her for this purchase (\$20).
- Maxine has written to Darren Chester, Minister for Veterans' Affairs, to inform him of J&P's continuing concern with the massive spend and change of character of the Australian War Memorial. It appears to have moved from memorial to the dead to celebrating war. Our committee was not reassured by the response received to our previous letter, to which the AWM Director responded, rather than the Minister to whom our concerns were addressed. A copy was sent to the National Capital planning body.
- Further correspondence was sent to Elise Archer as a result of hearing the outcome of her meeting with Rodney Dillon. She supported postponing raising the age of child incarceration from 10 years. In view of a damning report on the Ashley Detention Centre, the letter pointed out that this was an opportune time to alter this policy as have other states.
- The committee consulted online about a QPLC Document in Advance on the anti-nuclear treaty which Australia has not signed. We supported the document, with minor amendments to some typos that were noticed.

UPDATE related to the anti nuclear treaty matter:

QPLC has urged us to support the Parliamentary Friendship Group for the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. Maxine has sent appreciative emails to members of this cross-party group.