

Peace and Justice December 2020

Attending: Maxine Barry, Peter Jones, Kay Allport, Sam Nolan

Apologies: Jo Petrov, Julie Walpole and others from Launceston

Minutes

1. Acknowledgment of country by Maxine. Sorrow that, as far as we know, none of the Muwinina people whose land we are on, survived.
2. There was concern that the treasurer had mentioned that the budget for the Peace and Justice meeting is the \$5000 given to Foodbank although this was meant to come from TRM funds. Need to follow up on this to ensure the peace and justice budget is allocated. Sam to contact Robin Walpole about this.
3. Foodbank responded to the donation with thanks, saying that 10 000 meals would be provided with that money.
4. Maxine mentioned EDO appeal for funding, Peter also mentioned that other funding appeals are on the meeting house notices table.
5. Sacred people, sacred Earth initiative by GreenFaith/ARRCC Day of action on 11/3/2020. Bold statement of demands which has been endorsed by a number of faith groups. Asking people to make a gesture on that day related to their faith. The aim of this is to make an impression at the Glasgow COP26 conference. Maxine asked that we endorse this at regional meeting.
6. Update on Living the Change. Some interesting facts- It would only cost 30 million dollars to colocate electric charging with petrol stations. Australia does not have greenhouse gas emissions for fuel. Australia has the highest meat consumption in the world.
7. Maxine to keep pursuing Glenorchy city council to declare a climate emergency.
8. ICAN now has enough UN nations on side to declare their Treaty on Nuclear Weapons. From Friday the 22nd of January 2021 they will be illegal under international law. A briefing paper is available on ICAN's website. Feel free to send this to politicians. A virtual march will be held on 22/1/21.
9. Disarming Times December issue has some excellent articles.
10. Maxine quoted a Jewish Voice for Peace spokeswoman: JVP is asking for donations (hopefully when we receive funding).
11. Highly recommended Big Ideas talk by Michael Shawn Fletcher. Indigenous man and geographer at the University of Melbourne about the evolution of humans and fire.
<https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/bigideas/fighting-bushfires-with-indigenous-knowledge/12980720>
12. Meeting in January will not be held. The February meeting should go ahead on 21/2/21, however we need to hear back from the treasurer about the budget.

Zoom link for next meeting

<https://utas.zoom.us/j/87067821709>

Join anytime from 11.30 on the 21 February 21