

# Harmony Conference

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2007  
John Dillon Lecture Theatre Faculty of Business Economics and Law UNE

## Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September

### Registration and

Afternoon tea

3.30 - 4.30pm

### Opening:

4.30 - 6.00pm

6 speakers - 15 minutes each = 90 Minutes<sup>i</sup>

Dinner with the guest speakers<sup>ii</sup>

## Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

### Morning Session: Religions and Harmony:

**Jewish Speaker** - Mr. David Simons

9.00 - 9.30

**Buddhist Speaker** - Lama Rigzin Yothok

9.30 - 10.00

**Christian Speaker** - Dr. Gerard Hall

10.00 - 10.30

**Morning tea** Bahá'í Community

10.30 - 11.00

**Muslim Speaker** - Sheikh Naeem Abdul Wali

11.00 - 11.30

**Bahá'í Speaker** - Dr. Hosseini

11.30 - 12.00

**Panel response to questions**

12.00 - 1.00

**Lunch**

1.00 - 2.30pm

### Afternoon Session: Socio/Political Dimensions

**Social responsibilities** - Mr. Torbay

2.30 - 3.00

**Government Policies** - Mr. Kerkyasharian

3.00 - 3.30

**Educational elements** - Dr. Siri Gamage

3.30 - 4.00

**Afternoon Tea** Armidale Central Rotary Club

4.00 - 5.00

**Women's role** - Ms. Christian Robertson

5.00 - 5.30

**Global Dimensions** - Dr. Daniel Mamer<sup>iii</sup>

5.30 - 6.00

**Panel Response to Questions**

6.00 - 7.00

**Dinner and entertainment**<sup>iv</sup>

7.00 - --

Dr. Bernard Swan

Professor Helen Ware

Ms. Donna Amini

# Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

Participants will partake in the following workshop for discussion and consultation.

<b>Political Workshops</b> - Professor Ware	<b>9.00 - 10.30</b>
<b>Religious Workshops</b> - Dr. Hall	<b>9.00 - 10.30</b>
<b>Educational workshop</b> - Mr. Kastel	<b>9.00 - 10.30</b>
<i>Morning Tea</i> <i>Armidale Sanctuary</i>	<i>10.30 -11.00</i>
<b>Concluding remarks</b>	<b>11.00 - 11.30</b>
<b>Universal Worship and Closing<sup>v</sup></b>	<b>11.30 - 12.00</b>

Professor Helen Ware

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- i Cr. Margaret Walford (Welcome to the land), Professor Alan Pettigrew (Vice Chancellor), Mr. Peter Ducat (Armidale/Dumaresq Mayor), Mr. Richard Torbay MP, Mr. Tony Windsor Mp and Ms. Christian Robertson MLC and Mr. Stepan Kerkyasharian (This session is chaired by Professor Ware).
- ii The Harmony Group will have dinner, with the invited guests in one of the local restaurants, (approximately 15 guests and Harmony members). Professor Swee-Hin Toh will have a short talk about Multicultural issues.
- iii Mr. Steven Widders (Aboriginal Elder) may participate in this talk as well.
- iv Dinner will be at the Town Hall and entertainment will include dance (Dance of Universal Peace), and Music (local musicians – Mr. Peter and Mrs. Zana Biffin, Mr. Steven and Mrs. Francis Tafra and Donna Amini.
- v This session will be conducted by Robert and Dana Parkhurst with participation of religious representatives - reciting unity related texts of their writings.