ANZAC EVE PEACE VIGIL 2013

Kindling the Peace Fire

in the darkness of Anzac Eve

People, hear the law
of the seeds in your lament –
Dark seeds in the fire
humming like a new song growing ...

- from A Chorus of Women's 'Spirit Songs for Anzac Eve'

Walk, sing, share stories and make ceremony together at the 3rd annual lantern-lit procession and peace vigil.

Re-imagine the Anzac commemoration and re-dream our country's war history.

Gathering at 5.30pm on top of Mt Ainslie and 6.15pm in Remembrance Nature Park at the foot of the mountain.

Wednesday 24 April

For a map, car parking and more information: www.facebook.com/events/477555848977574/

Music co-ordinator, Johanna McBride www.chorusofwomen.org 0402 050 885

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Lantern master, Graeme Dunstan www.peacebus.com 0407 951 688

Candle-lit lanterns for sale from 5.30pm - \$5 each or donation

BYO chair, rug and mug for hot soup

PROGRAM

You are welcome to join the Peace Vigil for any or all of its parts.

TENDING THE PEACE FIRE SOURCE — Aboriginal War Memorial Grove

All day

Aunty Jude Kelly from the Stolen Generation welcomes visitors as she tends the source of the Peace Fire. In late afternoon, Peace Fire embers are carried to other vigil sites on Mt Ainslie for lantern light, ceremonial cleansing smoke and communal brazier fires.

SUNSET LANTERN LIGHTING - Mt Ainslie

5.30pm

Meeting at the top of the mountain for lighting peace lanterns, welcome to country, community singing, A Chorus of Women's 'Spirit Songs for Anzac Eve' and ceremonial smoking at the entrance to the mountain path.

WALK INTO DARKNESS

6.15pm

Walkers begin their lantern-lit procession down the mountain track via the Aboriginal War Memorial Grove to Remembrance Nature Park.

SHARING THE PEACE FIRE

6.15pm

The second community gathering begins in Remembrance Nature Park behind the Australian War Memorial with another acknowledgement of country followed by a Peace Fire Ceremony and greeting the mountain walkers. Artistic offerings include songs for everyone with A Chorus of Women and Winiata Puru, and the Poets for Peace We Remember collection. Hot soup provided.

CARRYING THE PEACE FIRE TO THE WAR MEMORIAL

About 8pm

Ceremonial procession sets out from Remembrance Park with the Peace Fire and lanterns to the Australian War Memorial forecourt for songs and poetry, then continues down Anzac Parade.

NIGHT VIGIL AROUND THE PEACE FIRE

From 8.45pm

Gathering at the lake end of Anzac Parade for campfire stories, poetry, singing and conversation all through the night. Warming soup offered again, and also after Anzac Dawn Service. Remember to BYO mug, chair, rug.