

## ANZAC PEACE VIGIL 2014

# 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'

Come and join a Canberra community's lantern-lit procession and peace vigil to re-imagine the Anzac commemoration and re-dream the response to our country's war history.

**Gathering on the top of  
Bialagee - Mt Ainslie  
Canberra Australia:**

**AT SUNSET (5:30PM)  
THURSDAY 24 APRIL**

*Candle-lit lanterns provided from 5.30pm. Donation welcome.*

*BYO chair, rug and mug for hot soup. Lantern walkers from mountain top should drop off chair in Remembrance Park before driving up. Lifts will be arranged to collect cars after.*

*Photo by Rafael Pratt*

It's becoming a Canberra tradition to gather for peace on Anzac Eve. As we walk, sing, share stories and make ceremony together we remember that almost everyone in Australia has a family story of trauma and loss through war, including all our Indigenous peoples. As we all participate in kindling the Peace Fire we help to re-member what has been dis-membered.

### TENDING THE PEACE FIRE SOURCE

*Aboriginal War Memorial Grove. All day.*

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 Bialagee-Mount Ainslie for lantern light, ceremonial cleansing smoke and communal brazier fires.

### SUNSET LANTERN LIGHTING

*Bialagee-Mt Ainslie at 5.30pm*

Meeting at the top of the mountain for lighting peace lanterns, welcome to country by Ngunnawal elder Janette "Nin" Phillips, community singing and poetry. A Chorus of Women's 'Spirit Songs for Anzac Eve' and ceremonial smoking at the entrance to the mountain path.

### WALK INTO DARKNESS

*Bialagee-Mt Ainslie  
at 6.15pm*

Walkers begin their lantern-lit procession down the mountain track via the Aboriginal War Memorial Grove to Remembrance Nature Park. In Remembrance Park we will pause and gather our numbers before proceeding.

### PEACE PARADING IN ANZAC PARADE

*from War Memorial  
forecourt at 8 pm*

Ceremonial procession of lanterns sets off from the War Memorial Forecourt down Anzac Parade to the Vigil site outside West Block cnr Amaroo and Anzac Avenue.

### CARRYING THE PEACE FIRE TO THE WAR MEMORIAL

*from Remembrance Park, 7.15 pm*

Ceremonial procession sets out from Remembrance Park with the peace fire and lanterns to the forecourt of the Australian War Memorial. With song, poetry, personal story-telling and prayers about our Peace Fire in the AWM Forecourt, we will reimagine Anzac; seek, find and share our common ground of lament. For all the dead and maimed of all the wars.

### NIGHT VIGIL AROUND THE PEACE FIRE

*at Vigil Camp, outside West Block, cnr Amaroo and  
Anzac Parade, Reid, from about 8.45pm*

Here about a campfire we will relax, share food and beverage and be drawn into a themed conversation "Remembering war - seeking peace". This will be a continuation of the Canberra Conversation hosted by A Chorus of Women at Manning Clark House on 15 April. Warming soup will be offered.

### YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE PEACE VIGIL FOR ANY OR ALL OF ITS PARTS.

Please note, we are using the Walgalu name Bialagee for the mountain that Canberra people also call Mt Ainslie. Bialagee means "gathering" and the mountain is known in local Aboriginal traditions as a women's place.

### FURTHER INFORMATION

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