

Media Release

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Putting peace on the agenda

The University of Tasmania is joining forces with the Tamar Valley Peace Festival to ask how we benefit from peace – in the home and on the global stage – and what it is that Australia stands for.

Tonight, a public forum at the University's Academy of the Arts at Inveresk will focus on the benefits of peace in the home, in our communities and around the globe.

On Friday Julian Burnside AO QC will deliver the Inglis Clark Public Lecture for Civil Society, in which he will ask 'What does this country stand for?'

The forum, titled Pause for Peace, will be facilitated by University Pro Vice-Chancellor (Community Partnerships and Regional Development) Professor David Adams.

The panellists are:

- Kym Goodes, chief executive of the Tasmanian Council of Social Services;
- Professor Michael Hess, Tasmanian School of Business and Economics, with expertise in industrial relations and public administration;
- Dr Kiros Hiruy, Office of the Pro Vice-Chancellor. A developmental anthropologist with expertise in community development, migration and settlement.

Friday's Inglis Clark lecture will see human rights advocate, author and barrister Julian Burnside question the direction Australia is currently taking across a number of issues.

In a wide-ranging address Mr Burnside will cover his views of political leadership, the treatment of refugees and the current climate of fear that exists in Australia.

Pause for Peace: Benefits in the home, in the community and globally.

When: 6pm, today, Wednesday, 27 July 2016.

Where: Academy of the Arts, Inveresk campus, University of Tasmania.

More information: <http://www.events.utas.edu.au/2016/july/pause-for-peace-benefits-in-the-home,-in-the-community-and-globally>

Inglis Clark Public Lecture for Civil Society

Who: Julian Burnside AO QC

When: 7.30pm, Friday, 29 July 2016.

Where: Horton Auditorium, Scotch Oakburn College, 85 Penquite Road, Launceston.

More information: <http://www.events.utas.edu.au/2016/july/public-lecture-julian-burnside>

The Inglis Clark Public Lecture for Civil Society is an annual lecture named after, and aiming to commemorate the life of, Andrew Inglis Clark.

Andrew Inglis Clark was born in Hobart in 1848 to Scottish émigrés. Clark was a member of the Tasmanian House of Assembly, Attorney-General and a Supreme Court Justice. He fought for proportional representation in Tasmanian politics and saw the adoption of what is now known as the Hare-Clark system.

Clark is best remembered as one of the founding fathers of the Australian Commonwealth and the principal author of the Australian Constitution. Clark was a Tasmanian delegate to the 1891 Constitutional Convention. He prepared a draft constitution, mainly for the benefit and information of Tasmanian delegates. But the Convention's constitutional committee used Clark's draft as the template and the structure and much of the substance of that draft has survived into the nation's Constitution.

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