

Dear All

Some great news has just come through – attached is a Media release from the RSL announcing the awarding of the 2008 ANZAC Peace Prize to Scouts Australia. I am sure you'll agree this is a great compliment to the thousands of adults and young members involved in Scouting both in the past and today.

If you do get any media inquiries seeking comment from Scouts Australia could you pass them to National Office please. The award was very much a surprise to us all with the RSL contacting John Ravenhall just yesterday.

We understand there will be a special presentation of the Award next September in Townsville. Below is info from the RSL's website <http://www.rsl.org.au/>

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The Aim

To recognise any outstanding effort by an Australian Citizen who has promoted the concept of international understanding and who, in so doing, has made a contribution to world peace.

Eligibility

Any Australian Citizen, or one who had made an application to become an Australian Citizen, of either sex and of any age.

The Prize will recognise the efforts of ordinary people as distinct from national leaders who are well served by major international prizes.

Those recognised, will be average Australians who in some special and dedicated manner, have made a real contribution to international peace and goodwill.

The Prize may also be granted to individuals and groups who collectively have achieved this aim.

In short, a uniquely Australian award for Australians based on the ideals, dedication and spirit of selflessness that shone through and above the horrors of war.

The Award

The Prize itself is a silver medallion some four inches in diameter, depicting the legendary "Simpson" of Gallipoli and his donkey. Already a most rare and valuable item in itself, the medallion has been specially struck in sterling silver at the National Mint, is presented in a specially designed presentation case and inscribed with the name of the recipient.

The medallion is accompanied by a certificate setting out the nature of the Prize and the citation on which the award was given.

In addition, the recipient will receive a miniature lapel badge for everyday wear.

Presentation

The Prize is normally presented by the Governor General in the presence of the National President and State Presidents who make up the National Executive of the Returned & Services League of Australia

Regards

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