

NEWSLETTER UPDATE

January 2009

Happy New Year!

On behalf of everyone from the Bali Peace Park Association Inc we would like to wish you a very Happy New Year and hope that 2009 brings you and your family peace and happiness.

“Every New Year people make resolutions to change aspects of themselves they believe are negative. A majority of people revert back to how they were before and feel like failures. This year I challenge you to a new resolution...I challenge you to just be yourself.”

- Aisha Elderwyn

Collin Barnett Shows His Support...

The Bali Peace Park Association Inc hosted a breakfast at Kings Park in Perth, WA on the 12th of October last year after the annual Dawn service. The Memorial site at Kings Park has become a traditional gathering ground for survivors, family & friends in memory of those affected by the 2002 bombings and each year, numbers have been growing. We encourage anyone who wishes to come together on 12th October 2009 to contact the relevant people in their city/state/country to find out what services are being held.

Recently elected Western Australian Premier, Colin Barnett, attended this year at dawn showing his support for the occasion. The Premier provided encouragement to everyone involved in the Bali Peace Park and was extremely supportive of its goals. We were delighted that he joined us, and thank him for his enthusiasm towards the Association's ultimate goal of providing a sanctuary for the world to meet in peace. Mr Barnett has also undertaken the responsibility to address Australia PM, Kevin Rudd, and state ministers at the next COAG meeting with his support for the Bali Peace Park project.

Sentence Carried Out...

At 12.15am (local Bali time) on Saturday the 9th November 2008 the Indonesian Attorney-General's Office confirmed that Imam Samudra, Amrozi and Mukhlas were executed by firing squad.

The Bali Peace Park Association Inc is made up of a number of those affected by the Bali 2002 bombings, from all parts of the world, each with differing opinions on the death penalty. As such, we cannot speak for each individual, however overall, relief has been felt by many that the sentence given under the Balinese Judicial System has finally been carried out after 6 years. This has provided many with a sense of closure on the fate of the bombers as it can no longer be dragged out or speculated upon through the Media.

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First Corporate Sponsorship...

A big "Thank You" to SKG Radiology who donated \$1,000 to the Bali Peace Park project. Your support is greatly appreciated by everyone involved in the project and as our first corporate sponsor a special thanks to Samantha Colin for helping to kick start the corporate kitty!



We hope this example will encourage other corporate businesses to support a cause so close to home that will benefit the world.

"No Development" at the Sari Club Site...

Thank you to everyone who signed their name on the petition distributed in mid-December last year. The Bali Peace Park Association Inc received information that plans had been drawn up to build a new nightclub on the site of the Sari Club in Bali and people all over the world used the BPPAI petition to unite against this proposal.

The Governor has pledged he will erect a sign at the Sari Club site reading, "No Development." This is a huge step forward for the Bali Peace Park project and we will continue to work with the Australian and Indonesian Governments to make this concept a reality.

Bali Governor & Regent Expresses Their Support...

A meeting was held in Kuta, Bali on December 27th last year with Balinese Governor I Made Mangku Pastika and Bali Peace Park Association Inc members. The meeting was deemed a success by the BPPAI with the Governor expressing his support for the project.

January 6th 2009 marks another huge step forward for the association as the Bupati and local Government representatives expressed unanimous support for a memorial park on the site. The support of the governor and the people of Kuta are vital to the success of the Bali Peace Park.

New Victorian Ambassador...

Due to work commitments, Antony Svilicich has resigned from the board of the Bali Peace Park. We would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his hard work and commitment this year. Antony has taken on the responsibility of Victorian Ambassador where he will work to spread awareness of the Bali Peace Park project throughout Melbourne.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!