

First Perth Social Forum 2005



Walyalup / Fremantle
March 18th-20th, 2005

PROGRAMME

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PSF Opening Night – Friday 18th March 2005

4.30 Opening Ceremony Fremantle Town Hall

Junkadelic Street performance
Welcome to Country by local Noongar
community
Working Voices Choir



5.30pm Opening of PSF Art Exhibition

UTOPIA: Another world is possible
Opening speech by Ian Bolas



6.30pm Official Welcome to the Perth Social Forum

6.45-8.15 Keynote speakers:
'The undermining of democracy'
Margo Kingston, Sydney Morning Herald
'Resistance & regaining democracy'
Helen Creed, ACTU Vice-President &
Dr Patricia Randal, Public Interest Advocacy
Centre.

9:00pm Tunes of Change

Live bands: The
Socialites, Special Brew,
Easeville Sound System,
Ragga Beats & DJ
General Justice
Entry: \$10 waged/\$5
unwaged
Freo Italian Club

Entry fees

The Perth Social Forum Organising committee is committed to making PSF sessions accessible to all as far as possible to all. For this reason, no formal entry fee will be charged for PSF events listed unless otherwise stated on the programme. However, given the huge cost of putting on the PSF, & the difficulty of attracting funding for an event of this nature, we strongly encourage all participants to make a solidarity contribution at the entrance to the Fremantle Town Hall.

Suggested solidarity contribution: \$10 waged/\$5 unwaged.

Please assist us by publicising this event as widely as possible!

SATURDAY 19th March

* 10.00 – 10.45am **Keynote Address:** Andrew Wilkie, Town Hall (see over page for details)

Town Hall <i>Refugee stream</i>	FEC Rm 9 <i>Direct action stream</i>	FEC Rm 7 <i>Peace activism stream</i>	FEC Auditorium <i>Women's stream</i>	Edmund Rice Centre	Freo Bowling Club
11.00-1.00pm Panel discussion: 'Don't mention the refugees' (Project SafeCom, Andrew Wilkie & Margo Kingston) Film Premiere: <i>Spell me Freedom</i>	11-11.45am Direct action-learning from the past (PFW) 12-12.45pm The Occupied Social Centre Movement in Italy, Sydney... & now Perth (Stephen Bennetts, UWA Anthropology)	11.00-11.45am Lessons from Monty Miller: Anti Conscription Struggles (Vic Williams)	11.30 – 1.00pm Rebuilding the WA Women's Movement – Why? The Issues Facing Women (Dr Trish Todd, Arina Aoina, Jeannette O'Keefe)	11.00-1.00pm Faith & Social Justice (Young Christian Workers)	11.00-1.00pm 'Passion Cafe': a Conversation for the 21st Century (Reworking Tomorrow in WA)

🌸 1.00 – 2.00pm **Lunch** Tropicana Cafe/ Collaborative Art Workshop: King's Square

Town Hall <i>Disability stream</i>	FEC Rm 9 <i>Direct Action stream</i>	FEC Rm 7 <i>War & Peace stream</i>	Edmund Rice Centre <i>International Solidarity stream</i>	Freo Bowling Club <i>Another Food is Possible stream</i>	FEC Auditorium
2.00pm Welcome 2.15pm Disability Rights and Politics (Sharon Snyder and David Mitchell, University of Illinois). 2:25pm Film: <i>A World without Bodies</i> 3.00pm Disability and the reemergence of Eugenics (Charlie Fox, UWA) 3.15 Break 3.25pm (Sharon Snyder and David Mitchell, University of Illinois) 3.35pm Film: <i>Vital Signs: Crip Culture Talks Back.</i> 4.25pm Disability and Employment (Peter Gibilisco, University of Melbourne) 4.40pm Open Space Discussion 5.30pm Close	2.00-2.45pm Media Hacking (Indymedia) 3.00 – 3:45pm Baxter 05: a Convergence for Human Rights (Perth Baxter Convergents)	2.00-2.45pm Fremantle & the Fight against Militarism (Fremantle-Anti-Nuclear Group) 3.00 – 3:45pm Defeating Bush & Howard's permanent war drive (Nikki Ulasowski).	2.00-3.30pm Kurdistan: its history, geography and current political situation in the different partitions. (Kurdish activists in WA) 3.45-4.30pm Defending Venezuela's Unfolding Peaceful Revolution. (Venezuela Solidarity Brigade) 4.30-5.15 The Long Blockade on Cuba. (Australia-Cuba Friendship Society)	2.00pm Developing a Culture of 'Slow' (Slow Food Perth) 2.30pm Building Edible Landscapes (Living Waters Permaculture Foundation, Denmark) 3.00pm Fair Trade in Coffee (CAA/Oxfam) 3.45pm GM Crops: Good Food or Risky? (Network of Concerned Farmers) 4.15pm Animals in the Industrial Food Cycle (Animal Advocates) 4.45pm Summing up & discussion	2.00-2.45pm What is Howard's anti-Union agenda & how can we stop it? (Maritime Union of Australia)

🌸 5.30-6.30pm **Dinner** Tropicana Café

* 6.30pm – 8.00pm **"Our World is not for Sale"**: Anti-Privatisation Panel, Town Hall (see over page for details)

* 8.30 – 10.30 **Special Event:** Indymedia newsreels; performance poetry & stand up comedy Town Hall

SUNDAY 20th March

8.00-9:30am Town Hall Yoga class (Transcendental Yoga Institute)	9:30-10:45am <i>Women's stream event</i> Meet at FEC Auditorium Physical Feminism & Self Defence (Jennifer Armstrong)
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* 10.00 – 11.00am **Iran - Next Target in the War on Terror?:** Panel Discussion, Town Hall (see over page for details)

Town Hall	FEC Rm 7	FEC Rm 9	FEC Auditorium	Edmund Rice Centre <i>Ecology stream</i>	Freo Bowling Club <i>Anti-privatisation stream</i>
11.30-1.00pm Sharing Indigenous Experience (Noongar & Chilean indigenous communities & Association for Defence & Diffusion of Aboriginal Cultures) Facilitator: Fernando Whittaker-Roa. Spanish interpreting available	11.00 – 11.45am Interrogating cowards' castles: a critique of parliamentary democracy (Naomi Segal, Labour Studies, UWA)	11.00-11.45am Falun Gong Presentation	11.30am – 1pm Rebuilding the WA Women's Movement – How? Strategies & Next Steps (Bev Thiele, Margot Boetcher, Pui San Whittaker)	11.00 –11.45am Wet & Wild-How can we protect WA's Marine Life? (WA Wilderness Society)	11.00 –11.45am Workers opposing privatisation-& winning! (Liquor, Hospitality, & Miscellaneous Workers Union)
	12.00 – 12.45pm Wage-Slavery, Solidarity & Wobbly Songs (Mike Ballard)	12.00 –12.45pm The politics of language (April Roper & Michael Ewen)		12.00 –12.45pm Community-oriented Windfarms (Raul Abrutat)	12.00 –12.45pm Privatisation of Education (State School Teachers Union)

* 1.00 – 2.30pm **Palm Sunday Peace Rally** (No War Alliance) Speakers: Andrew Wilkie & others King's Square

* 2.30 – 4.00pm **Final PSF plenary session:** PSF declaration and the future of the PSF Town Hall

🌸 4.00 – 6.00pm **Picnic & Celebration** The Esplanade

Keynote Speakers



Regaining Democracy

The undermining of democracy

Margo Kingston, Sydney Morning Herald

Resistance & regaining democracy

Helen Creed, ACTU Vice-President

Dr Patricia Ranauld, Public Interest Advocacy Centre

Friday 18th, 6.30pm, Fremantle Town Hall

Australian Foreign and Security Policy

Fantasies and Failures, Truths and Solutions

Keynote Address by **Andrew Wilkie**, former Australian Intelligence officer

Saturday 19th, 10.00am, Fremantle Town Hall

“Our World is not for Sale” : Public Services & Resistance to Privatisation

Helen Creed, ACTU

Dr Patricia Ranauld, Public Interest Advocacy Centre

Chair: Professor **Rob Lambert**, UWA

**Saturday 19th, 6.30pm – 8.00pm
Fremantle Town Hall**

Next Target in the War on Terror?: Regime Change in Iran

Andrew Wilkie, former Australian Intelligence officer

Professor Simon Adams, Notre Dame

**Sunday 20th, 10.00 – 11.00am
Fremantle Town Hall**

Special Events



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**Friday 19th, 9:00pm
Fremantle Italian Club**

Multimedia Dissent

Indymedia newsreels and footage of resistance from around the globe.

Performance poetry and stand up comedy from **Jeff Hewitt**

**Saturday 19th, 8.30 – 10.30pm
Fremantle Italian Club**

Palm Sunday Peace Rally

Organised by No War Alliance

Speaker: **Andrew Wilkie**

**Sunday 20th, 1.00 – 2.30pm
King's Square**

Venues

Main Perth Social Forum venue: Fremantle Town Hall, corner of William St, High St, and Adelaide St.

Other venues:

- * King's Square, outside Fremantle Town Hall, Adelaide St.
- * Fremantle Education Centre, cnr Cantonment & Parry St. Venues include Room 7, Room 9, Auditorium.

- * La Tropicana Café, 177 High St.
- * Fremantle Bowling Club, 6 Ellen St.
- * Fremantle Italian Club, Marine Tce.
- * Edmund Rice Centre for Social Justice, 24 High St.
- * The Esplanade Reserve, Marine Tce.



Programme changes

Programme details correct at time of printing (**11th March**). Please advise of any errors, omissions or problems asap to PSF programme coordinator Stephen Bennetts. Email: bennes06@tartarus.uwa.edu.au. A detailed programme will be available from the Opening Ceremony. Check the PSF website for programme changes, venue map, and other updates:

www.perthsocialforum.org