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GLOBAL RECONCILIATION

Experts on conflict resolution often emphasise changes in mindset. But in [Global Reconciliation] training we have experienced an emphasis on transforming the heart of the person – that is, the engine driving the human being.

Yasin

We are now able to solve conflict [on personal, family or country levels] using techniques/methods, life and practical skills we have learnt from this training...We promise as a group to take what we have learnt wherever it is needed.

Ahmed

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OUR MISSION

To promote reconciliation by fostering dialogue, mentoring and conducting practical projects with a research and learning focus that cross national, cultural, religious and racial differences in Australia and overseas.

OUR ORGANISATION

Global Reconciliation is an ambitious and innovative, Australian-initiated network of people and organisations around the world seeking to research and promote 'reconciliation' - that is, dialogue and practical engagements across cultural, religious, racial and other differences.

Global Reconciliation has conducted international conferences and initiated collaborative projects in more than 50 countries. Our partners include government and non-government organisations, academic institutions, professional associations and community based groups.

The core idea underlying our work is that everyday practices can be used to foster reconciliation. Our focus is community based and local, rather than political or diplomatic, although we in no way discount the importance of these approaches. In fact, we believe that the local and the global approaches to reconciliation are interdependent and complementary and that both have to be pursued simultaneously.

OUR AIMS

We aim to draw together the diverse resources of communities around the world to establish specific, outcome focused projects which enhance learning, understanding and health in all countries involved. Our efforts concentrate on the broad themes of health and wellbeing, education and research, arts, spirituality, and sport - and their ethical and intercultural dimensions. We combine active projects with leadership and community development in the skills of reconciliation.

We see reconciliation as an ongoing process that can serve many different purposes.

Reconciliation can:

- ▶ Contribute to consolidating peace
- ▶ Break a cycle of violence
- ▶ Restore justice at the personal and social levels
- ▶ Bring about personal healing and reparation for past injustices
- ▶ Build non-violent relationships for the future

ORGANISATION'S TOP STRATEGIC POLICIES FOR 2018-19

- To expand on the resounding success of the 2017 Desmond Tutu Reconciliation Fellowship Award
- To develop our international reach through the online platform of aidXchange
- To create a Street Art enterprise fostering the well-being and capacity of disadvantaged youth in Melbourne
- To extend relationships towards reconciliation in Myanmar working from within the Australian diaspora
- To nurture emerging groups as possible



The mosque in Hambantota Sri Lanka has controversially been rebuilt in the no-rebuild zone after the tsunami. The community effort brought together Muslims, Buddhists, and Christians

They worked together because there was a greater need.

SECTION 1 – AN OVERVIEW OF GLOBAL RECONCILIATION

About us

Established in 2002 and comprising a predominantly volunteer workforce Global Reconciliation has worked collaboratively on projects around the world, tapping in to a global network of reconciliation specialists. We are unique in promoting conflict reconciliation rather than conflict resolution – how to live harmoniously with conflict. We provide training and shared experience in reconciliation dialogue on personal, local and global levels. We call on people to remember what is shared, through their everyday experience and practices.

Our people

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Trustees Global Reconciliation Foundation

- **Professor Paul Komesaroff AM**, Founder and Executive Director of Global Reconciliation, Professor of Medicine, Monash University, physician, eminent medical ethicist. Director of the Clinical Ethics Service at the Alfred Hospital, Ethics Convener of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians, Chair of the Australian Health and Development Alliance and past president of the Australasian Bioethics Association.
- **Professor Paul James**, Founding Director, Global Reconciliation, Director of the Institute for Culture and Society at University of Western Sydney. He has been an advisor to a number of agencies and governments including the Helsinki Process, the Canadian Prime Minister’s G20 Forum, and the Commission on Reception, Truth and Reconciliation in East Timor.
- **Dr Elizabeth Kath**, Director, Global Reconciliation, Senior Lecturer, School of Global, Urban and Social Studies and Program Manager, Bachelor of Arts (International Studies) RMIT University, Honorary Research Fellow with the UN Global Compact Cities Programme.
- **Peter Murdoch QC**, Victorian Bar, specialist Equity and Trusts, Dispute resolution
- **Dur-é Dara OAM**, Convener of the Victorian Women’s Trust (since 1993), a Patron of the Victorian Foundation for the Survivors of Torture, and the Melbourne Vice President of Philanthropy Australia.

Board Members Global Reconciliation (Australia) Ltd

Dur-é Dara OAM (Chair)

Michael Drapac, Founder and Chairman of the Drapac Group, the first investment group to sign the United Nations Principles for Responsible Investment and has produced Australia's greenest building (EPA headquarters).

Professor Paul Komesaroff AM

David Krasnostein, former CEO of MLC Private Equity, former Chief General Counsel of National Australia Bank, Telstra's first General Counsel and Head of Strategic and Corporate Planning, and a Partner of Sidley Austin in Washington DC.

Dr Charles Lane, Chairman of Nokila Holdings Pty Ltd, chair of the Desmond Tutu Reconciliation Fellowship, a director of the Wise Foundation, and a Member of the Advisory Board of Queensland University of Technology's Australian Centre for Philanthropic and Non-profit Studies.

Moira Rainer, former Commissioner for Equal Opportunity in Victoria, former Director of the Office of Children's Rights Commissioner for London

Dr Joseph Talia AM studied opera in Milan and performed widely overseas. He has collaborated with such opera luminaries as Gabriella Tucci, Francisco Ortiz, Gabriela Fontana, Vincenzo La Scola, and Gianni Tangucci. He has been artistic director of Melbourne City Opera since 1996.

Directors

Professor Paul Komesaroff, Executive Director

Professor Paul James, Director of Research

Dr Elizabeth Kath, Director of Communication

Professor Alberto Gomes, ex-officio Director

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- Chris Lamb, Australia, Justice
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- Greg Fendis, Australia, IT
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- SW Soenarto, Indonesia, Ethics
- Xenia Girdler, Australia, Learning
- Yasser Abujamei, Palestine, Mental health
- Yati Soenarto, Indonesia, Ethics
- Yusuf Sheik Omar, Melbourne Somalia, Reconciliation and learning
- Zvi Beckerman, Israel, Peace education

Volunteers

Global Reconciliation Directors and Executive Officer are predominantly volunteer, except for a component of their university salaries which is dedicated to Global Reconciliation practices and research.

Our individual project volunteers in 2017 include: Manny Economou, (Media), Peter Baroutis (Film editing and advice, Talking Reconciliation), Keri Chater (project development), Ariane Boulanger (Project management), Guy Tiffanie (DTRF assistant), Luigi Zolio (aidXchange), Ali Majokah (Streetcase), media students of Deakin University.

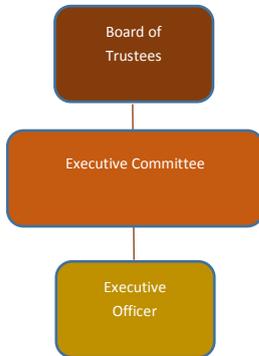
Our supporters

Global Reconciliation has supporters ready to be involved in collaborations numbering hundreds, from grassroots organisations to universities and leaders in Australia, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Somalia, India, Srebrenica, Israel, Palestine, Canada, the UK and the USA.

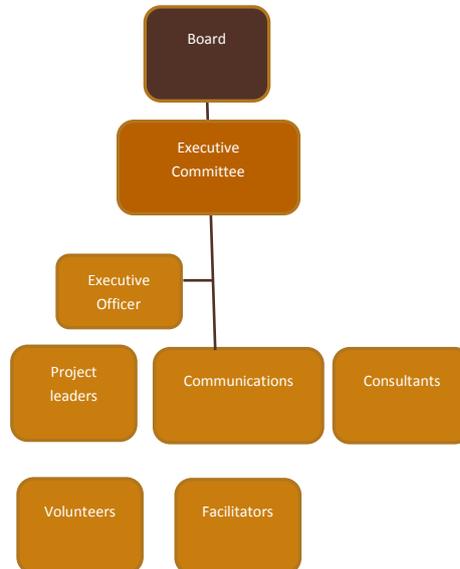
SECTION 2 GOVERNANCE

Structure and Management

Global Reconciliation Foundation



Global Reconciliation (Australia)



Message from the Chair and Executive Director

This year has been a successful one for Global Reconciliation. GR (Australia), with the help of its tax deductibility status, has been able to nurture fledgling groups to foster reconciliation processes within their communities.

Our program for contributing to the care of children in the Middle East as a basis for the establishment of reconciliation projects has developed flexibly—through discussions with a great many people in Australia, Palestine and Israel—into an exciting and highly innovative new project: aidXchange. This is an online platform to support the establishment of cross-border partnerships between people working in the areas of health care, sport, the arts, gender, youth, the environment, spirituality and justice. By bringing together civil society individuals and groups in this way, we hope to support the sharing of the rich offerings and dignity of diverse cultures around the world, thus enhancing the possibilities for engagement in reconciliation processes and practices and contributing to a better future for the children of the Middle East. The platform is undergoing testing and will be launched in early 2018.

Our Global Advisors have been active in spreading the vision and mission of Global Reconciliation both in their home countries and in their diaspora communities. In partnership with Lentil As Anything we have engaged homeless and disadvantaged youth in reconciliation environments in the production of Streetcase Art.

Together with our friends and associates, the reach of Global Reconciliation remains extensive: since its inception our projects have covered the Middle East, Africa, Southern Asia, the Asia Pacific, Europe, Australia and Latin America. The Desmond Tutu Reconciliation Fellowship continues to expand its media presence. This year we engaged in health care projects in Myanmar, street art in Melbourne, training for reconciliation in Somalia, community development in Central Australia, support for victims of family violence in the African community in Victoria and the development of our global online platform for promoting reconciliation through the sharing of cultural practices between peoples. We are always excited by new ideas and open to suggestions for fresh projects. Above, all we are honoured to be able to continue to work with countless people of such courage and imagination.

None of this inspiring achievement would be possible without the tireless work of our board, our executive, our administrative staff and our wonderful, indispensable volunteer team! Thanks to you all!



Dure Dura OAM, Chair



Professor Paul Komesaroff AM,
Executive Director



2017 IMPACT

Featured Projects:



The **Desmond Tutu Reconciliation Fellowship** is Global Reconciliation's masthead project to promote the public profile of reconciliation and the particular need for dialogue combined with action and research in today's age.

This year's Fellow was author, musician, performer and peace ambassador Emmanuel Jal. The award was presented by Paris Aristotle AO at a colourful ceremony at the Melbourne Town Hall on 24th August 2017 at which Emmanuel spoke of the need for global reconciliation and sang one of his songs and got everyone dancing to everyone's enjoyment. This was followed by dinner for 50 supporters of Global Reconciliation at a local African restaurant.

Emmanuel was the eighth recipient of the Fellowship first awarded in 2009. Last year's winner was Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner June Oscar AO.

The Fellowship attracted considerable attention from publicity gained in the media. Emmanuel was interviewed on ABC radio Conversations, with Richard Fidler and on ABC TV.

<http://www.abc.net.au/radio/programs/conversations/emmanuel-jal/7774396> and

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/programs/the-world/>

The Fellowship recognised Emmanuel's global work in reconciliation as a displaced person from South Sudan, as an accomplished musician and performer, and architect of the We Want Peace campaign which helped attract international attention to the suffering in South Sudan through the 2011 independence process (www.wewantpeace.org). He was also commended for his charity, Gua Africa, which sponsors South Sudanese refugees through a Survivors of War program and promotes education in Africa through academic sponsorship (www.gua-africa.org).

Emmanuel's peace activism and achievements were recognised by the United Nations as a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum and he has addressed the US Congress on peace and reconciliation.

The Fellowship included the award of \$10,000 towards a campaign in schools worldwide led by the song, Be the Love: Be the Solution, in a collaboration with Xavier Rudd.

The 2018 Fellowship will be drawn from candidates who are making an impact on environmental sustainability and global warming.



Barabaig: Life, Love and Death on Tanzania's Hanang Plains, by Charles Lane, Board member of Global Reconciliation and Chair of the Desmond Tutu Reconciliation Fellowship, has recently been published by River Books (ISBN 978 61673 3985 6). It tells the extraordinary story of Charles's time with the Barabaig of north central Tanzania in their struggle for rights and provides insights on the need for reconciliation where traditional cultures clash with outside forces. It reveals many of the personal challenges of living with a group of traditional nomadic livestock keepers who are master cattle thieves and reputed 'ritual murderers'. It raises questions about the nature of social research and the adverse impacts of development aid. It is beautifully illustrated by more than 160 large full colour photographs that provide an invaluable record of a culture under threat, and includes a Foreword by

Stephen Corry, Director of Survival International, and environmental activist and author, George Monbiot.

aidXchange: A platform for cross-border partnerships and support

aidXchange has been the major 2017 project development for Global Reconciliation. Long-standing conflicts in many countries around the world have created tragic cycles of violence, trauma and despair that has resulted in great suffering and poses risks of violent extremism. There is a need for global approaches to respond to humanitarian emergencies and health and development needs to complement the existing regimes of aid represented by government-run foreign aid programs and private humanitarian NGOs. There is also a need to provide opportunities for fragmented communities to present the vibrant, positive aspects of their culture – where needy people can relate as equals, with something to offer, rather than just aid recipients.

We are developing a novel strategy that draws on the rich capacity of world civil society to respond flexibly to local needs. Utilizing the latest communication technologies, detailed knowledge of social conditions, and the contemporary theory of complex systems, we are seeking to implement a framework that will facilitate the establishment of an expanding array of micro-partnerships to strengthen resilience and create networks of support across geographical and cultural barriers.



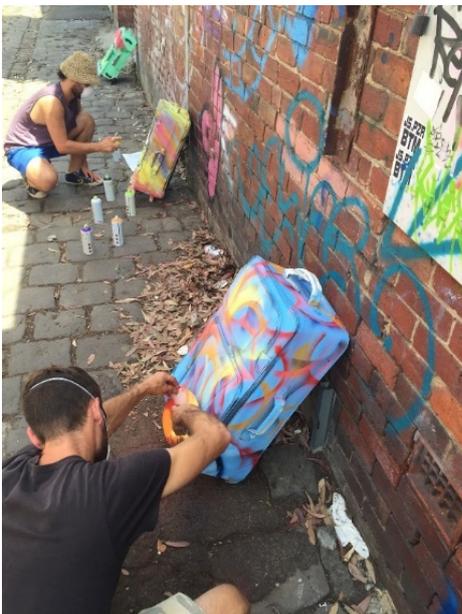
Contribution from Morgan Renolds, *A Leaf*,
'Sometimes you look at the world and are grateful for its beauty'

Our framework, called “aidXchange”, draws on the experience of “shared economy” models of enterprise, linked with an appreciation of the limits of many current foreign and humanitarian aid programs. It involves the establishment of a register of organisational and individual members from around the world interested in

joining with others to develop collaborations in relation to specific topics, share capacities and respond to need. The aidXchange platform will facilitate the establishment of a proliferating array of micro-partnerships between civil society groups in Australia and in other regions of interest. The partnerships will be formed under categories such as “health and well-being”, “education”, “women”, “youth”, “children”, “gender equality”, “the arts” and “the environment”. The platform will provide for shared project plans and activities, external facilitation and oversight, and the provision of micro-funding contributions targeted to specific objectives.

Following the start-up phase we are hopeful that the project will become not only self-sustaining but also a respected source of support for validated aid partnership projects around the world, with a focus on delivering much-needed support to local communities. A key outcome will be the establishment in itself of a novel, flexible, broadly-applicable, sustainable, non-political model for building cross-border relationships and delivering humanitarian assistance. Needy people will have the rare opportunity to relate as equals, rather than aid recipients, and showcase the vibrancy within their culture.

Streetcase: Turning the creativity of the street to the benefit of the community



Global Reconciliation addresses personal, local and global sources of conflict and disempowerment, promoting conflict reconciliation and the celebration of difference.

Unemployed and disadvantaged youth are frequently alienated from their communities and the butt of negative attitudes, making it hard for them to find a place of contribution and positive identity.

Streetcase is a social enterprise aiming at training, supporting and nurturing Melbourne young street artists by creating and selling unique hand graffiti painted suitcases. The suitcases will highlight the talent of Melbourne artists wherever they are used to travel.

Global Reconciliation in partnership with Lentil as Anything undertook trial workshop productions of suitcases and other objects painted with graffiti. Art work was undertaken by unemployed young people with an interest in street art under the supervision of skilled professional artists.

The artistic production took place at the Thornbury workshop space of Lentil as Anything. A future relationship with the Work for the Dole scheme is being investigated. Suitcases have been supplied by a major suitcase manufacturer/distributor. Objects will be sold both on-line and through established retail outlets.

Talking Reconciliation

Talking Reconciliation is a project designed to engage the general public with the concept of reconciliation, through the medium of film. The project is a series of short (ten minute), structured interviews / stories / conversations with individuals from a range of backgrounds and cultures, including high profile individuals and the general community. These pieces will be featured on GR's website, social media and YouTube channels and will facilitate an ongoing discussion about reconciliation, while simultaneously building the profile and reach of GR.

This is an ongoing project, and has been made possible with the help of our highly experienced film editor volunteer, Peter Baroutis.



Our Team

Global Reconciliation Adviser Xenia Girdler is a highly experienced award-winning leader in design and implementation of industry-led workforce development projects throughout Victoria and the Northern Territory.

Utilising collaborative consultation within a community development framework Xenia has designed and delivered numerous workforce development and capacity building projects through innovative approaches to employment, education and training.

1: Design and delivery of contextualised Nationally Accredited Certificate IV (CHC40412) and Diploma level (CHC50412) *AOD and mental health programs in rural and remote towns and communities in Australia's Northern Territory*. A Case Study describing this work can be found at:

<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/18387357.2017.1410437>

2: 2017 Consult Develop Collaborate (CDC) project: Working with Alcohol and other Dugs Agencies Northern Territory (AADANT) the CDC project is an extensive review of NT AOD agencies which explores challenges and highlight areas of good community service practice.



The complete review can be found here: <https://files.acrobat.com/a/preview/76a06a88-7cf0-463f-9615-93f2e626f797>

3: Supporting Sunrise Health Service Aboriginal Corporation to design and implement a competency based approach to recruitment and retention of Aboriginal Liaison workers in remote communities of the East Arnhem Region (Ngukurr, Bulman, Beswick-Wugularr, Barunga). Project report downloadable under 'Consultants' at: <https://www.globalreconciliation.org/about/team/>

Global Advisor Yusuf Sheik Omar officially represented Global Reconciliation in two major events:

1. An intensive five day online peace research (24-28 April) entitled "Identifying Peace Building Approaches to Countering Violent Extremism" organised by PEACE DIRECT. Yusuf was invited as an expert and represented Global Reconciliation. It was a voluntary and unpaid position.

<https://www.peacedirect.org/call-applications-identifying-peacebuilding-approaches-countering-violent-extremism/>

2. Yusuf also represented Global Reconciliation and Global Somali Diaspora at International Somali Conference (10-11 May) at which he was as one of the few selected speakers. Around 51 countries and many international organisations attended. Somali president, the new UN secretary general, several UK ministers and several African leaders many ambassadors attended the conference.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zh275w-U9_4



Yusuf and Global Advisor **Khadijo Osman** along with the **Somali Youth Peace Project** organized three high profile symposiums on conflict transformation, and peace capacity building through dialogue, reconciliation, Somali poetry, proverbs, and religious perspectives. These were held in partnership with Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies (IPCS), University of Hargeisa (UoH), East Africa University (EAU), and Mogadishu University (MU), Bosaso, and received widespread TV coverage in Somalia. Two additional workshops were held. The first was a follow up training for participants from the previous training in 2015 at Mogadishu University, in Mogadishu. The second was for councillors from the Bosaso City Council.



The training involved 75 young women and men as participants and was composed of 16 from IPCS, UoH; 30 from EAU, Bosaso and 29 from MU, Bosaso. In addition to that, 20 participants from Mogadishu University who benefited from 2015 training were also given a half day advanced training. Furthermore, 10 councillors from Bosaso city council participated in a half day training at the Bosaso's Mayor's office.

The training restored participants' sense of hope, confidence and trust through purposeful workshops focused on self-change, positive dialogue, building healthy relationships, community spirit, social solidarity, non-violent communication and conflict transformation. Furthermore, sessions on a culture of harmony, positive social engagement and negotiation skills among young future trainers on peace living in a fragile state of Somalia were discussed.



The main objectives of the symposium included transforming perceptions and behaviours of young participants in constructive ways through personal transformation, meaningful dialogue, and guided interactions among participants themselves and with the facilitators. Similarly, objectives included building capacity of young participants to understand the root causes of Somali social ills that will enable them identify and create relevant solutions.

Achievements from participants' perspectives:

According to the feedback from the participants, the symposium was useful, effective and unique. Benefits gained from training workshops which were expressed by participants included: steps for conflict transformation starting from ones' own self, family, neighbourhood, city, and nation to global levels. Additionally, participants acknowledged that they learnt from the training values and views necessary for solving conflicts such as individual transformation, building healthy relationships, empathy, love, and respect. Some participants also mentioned that the style of interaction used during the training, participation and learning by doing, were useful. The two facilitators were also seen as positive role models. In a patriarchal society it is rare to see a husband and wife working together.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zh275w-U9 4>.

Partnerships

The Global Reconciliation Centre for Ethics in Medicine and Society, PRAXIS Aust and the University of Sydney collaborated to run the Intensive Research Ethics Course Retreats. These retreats take place biannually in Vic and in NSW. They assist researchers, ethics committee members and others involved in the conduct and assessment of research to understand and clarify the issues arising in relation to research of all kinds involving human participants. They provide a unique opportunity for members of health research and research ethics communities across Australia to come together to share their experiences and engage in dialogue opening the parameters of discussion of the issues they face.

The retreat aims to give registrants an appreciation of the philosophical and ethical issues underlying research involving human participants, an understanding of the issues relating to different research methodologies and research involving special populations. The retreat is regularly booked to full capacity and highly valued by participants.

DEEP – The Dialogue, Empathic Engagement & Peacebuilding Network unites a global community of committed peace workers, researchers and policy makers. With a wealth of diverse experience in the



theory, method, and practice of dialogue and elicitive conflict transformation. DEEP's core scholars and practitioners hail from various regions and has its genesis in consultation in Australia, Spain, Austria, Indonesia, South and Central America, and the United States. Melbourne, Australia.

Melbourne DEEP and GR (Aust) have been fostering local peace activist partnerships developing workshops and community get-togethers promoting the target of **Building Non-Violent Societies**



African Family Services

GR has increasingly taken on the nurturing of fledgling organisations.

African Family Services (AFS) were provided a venue, mentoring, workshop design and facilitation and fundraising assistance.

AFS is an independent not for profit organisation that strives to empower and advocate for vulnerable individuals and families within the African-Australian community

through a strength-based approach model. AFS provides holistic integrated services focusing on social inclusion advocacy, community and career development. AFS actively runs community development workshops, training and case management support.

AFS has been in establishment for two years and has built sustainable relationships over the course of this time. In addition, AFS has been actively engaged with influential policy and research departments at government levels (*Family Safety Victoria, Department of Premier and Cabinet, Victorian Multicultural Commission, Minister for Women: Minister for Prevention of Family Violence office*) as well as main stream services addressing socio-economic issues and challenges affecting the African-Australian community at large.

AFS has an authentic understanding of African cultural needs and can proffer a true picture of socio-economic issues affecting Africans-Australians. To date, limited financial resources have been an external force that presents a major challenge for AFS. There has been an increase in demand for the AFS service delivery model and with the case management growing by 70% in year 2017 for the AFS social work team. The majority of the clients have been referred to us by mainstream services for co-case management and a culturally sensitive support space. In order for AFS to be sustainable and continue to provide outreach services to meet the high demand there is need for operational and administrative funding.

Under the Olive Tree, November 2016. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cx2vk6JKNXM>



GR collaborated with Adi Sappir and The Boite towards the creation of the first "Under the Olive Tree" concert, at the Melbourne Museum. Ethnic and political divisions in the Middle East can be mirrored in the local communities in Melbourne and can influence the way people perceive cultures other than their own. In greater Melbourne, there also tends to be a geographical distance between the Jewish and Arabic communities which can lead people to trust the media without trying to reach over and meet the human being across the invisible fence.

New bridges can be built here in Australia that may reflect back to the Middle East and help heal those long lasting conflicts. "Under the Olive Tree" gave a rare opportunity for people of Arabic and Jewish background to share their own cultures as well explore and familiarise themselves with other cultures.

"Under the Olive Tree" took listeners on a meandering journey of sound through traditional melismatic tunes to contemporary alt-Jazz with Adam Starr and Noam Sendor. The oud and the ney (Arabic flute) underpinned the afternoon, but Adi Sappir's cello and Adam's contemporary guitar offered a broader palette of sound.

Participating musicians included Adi Sappir, Raed Mekha, Jude Perl, Adam Starr, Fadil Suna, Noemi Liba, Yuval Ashkar and Alex Adicho.

SECTION3 – OUR FINANCES

Auditor's statement

Audits are performed by Accru. The Global Reconciliation Foundation Audit can be found online at: <https://www.globalreconciliation.org/about/annual-reports/>

Global Reconciliation (Australia) Ltd is not required by ASIC to submit an audit.

Financial statements

Global Reconciliation's accounts are handled by Mitchell Partners. The Statements can be found online at: <https://www.globalreconciliation.org/about/annual-reports/>

SUMMARY FINANCIAL DATA

Global Reconciliation finished the 2016-17 financial year with a credit of \$45,739.72. 2016-17 expenditure totalled \$80,123.64.

Donations

Cash donations were all from private philanthropists or companies:

- Global Reconciliation Foundation received \$24,000 designated by agreement for contribution to Monash University Global Reconciliation salaries.
- Global Reconciliation (Aust) received \$70,000 towards Caring for Children in the Middle East and Palestine and the development of the aidXchange platform and \$10,000 for Streetcase Art workshops.
- Global Reconciliation (Aust) received \$20,000 towards Streetcase Art.
- Desmond Tutu Reconciliation Fellowship (DTRF) received \$30,000 for 2016-2018 DTRF Awards.

In-kind donations included:

- The Drapac Group
- Monash University
- RMIT University
- University of Western Sydney

Global Reconciliation gives deep thanks its donors for their contribution to enabling Global Reconciliation to achieve its goals.

SECTION 4 – OUR OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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How you can help

Global Reconciliation is unique in its approach to ‘reconciling’ conflict, rather than ‘resolving’ it. We are working in the areas of communication techniques, understanding and celebrating the shared in life. We need help for our individual projects and to enable support staff salaries

You can:

- Become a member
- Volunteer your time
- Make a donation

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- Leave a bequest
- Support an event or fundraising activity
- Become a corporate partner

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