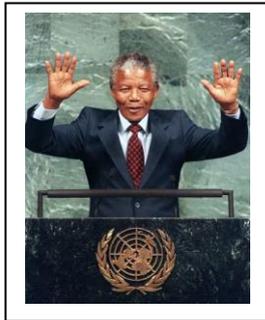




Norfolk Island People for Democracy

Norfolk Island People for Democracy Association (NIPD) proudly supports and will be part of 'Hands Up for Democracy' this Sunday. The peaceful protest will leave the Hospital at 1:30 pm and make its way to the 'Hands Up Garden' at 'Yes' headquarters, next door to Foodland.

This is an afternoon to unite and demonstrate the Commonwealth takeover of Norfolk Island is simply unacceptable to anyone who values human rights and dignity. Democracy is a key tenet of Western civilisation and must never be taken for granted, nor abolished. As Nelson Mandela said-



"Since my release, I have become more convinced than ever that the real makers of history are the ordinary men and women of our country; their participation in every decision about the future is the only guarantee of true democracy and freedom."

NIPD thanks and congratulates those community members who have put so much effort into this inspiring display.

An Open Invitation

On Wednesday 7 October at 6:30pm at the Sirius Room, Paradise Hotel, NIPD will be hosting a community forum with Mr Gary Russell JP, National Vice President United Nations Association of New Zealand (UNANZ) and co-chair of the UNANZ Northern Branch.

Gary's involvement in the Peace movement started in the Fiji coup of 1987 and the assistance of the United Nations office at the time helped stabilise the situation. He then went on to the EU Interreg IIC cultural integration programme researching the commonality of European cultures, to identify mutual peaceful interests between EU countries, and to build up trust and positive links across borders. He was on the Baltic Tourism Commission safety and security panel and with the collapse of the Soviet Union continued his work on social & cultural capital asset impact assessments.

Gary was previously on the Board of the International Travel & Tourism Educators Association and he organised international tourism conferences. He holds a Professional Convention Management Planning Certificate having run seminars with British Airways, Sheraton Hotel chain and other industry groups while a member of the Royal Tourism Society (UK). Subsequently, he was on the Auckland board of PATA and a member of NZTTA. Over the past years he has been seeking actions for Peace that has taken him to different roles in conflict regions, and his faith as a Quaker gives him the drive and the will to fulfil a mission for a peaceful world.

We warmly invite you to come and meet Gary and join us in informal community discussion.