

Oxfam - Diamond Valley Newsletter



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Next Oxfam-Diamond Valley Meeting
8pm Friday September 18th,
Nillumbik Living and Learning Centre,
739 Main Rd Eltham.



Don Brown: I took this photo a couple of weeks ago in Blaine, Washington State, USA. To me it is an indictment on society, and I don't think that a deranged person would be deterred by it. I made light of it by saying that I looked everywhere and could find no free guns!

Small Arms Trade Treaty campaign.

On Friday, September 18th, Oxfam's Beth Eggleston will talk about Oxfam's involvement in the **Small Arms Trade Treaty campaign.**

The arms trade is out of control. Every day, over a thousand people die as a consequence of armed violence. Thousands more are driven from their homes, forced off their land, raped, tortured and maimed.

*However, there are currently no global, legally binding controls on the international trade in weapons. **The Control Arms campaign, run by Amnesty International, the International Action Network on Small Arms and Oxfam is calling for an Arms Trade Treaty, to set strict standards for regulating the international arms trade.***

Book Fair News.

Sorting is going well, but we have an ENORMOUS stack of books to deal with. It has been terrific to see some of our "Occasional Members", who always seem to turn up when we need them most and we greatly value their help. All sorts of people who like books turn up to help sort, so spread the message that all are welcome. On Sept. 11th, Michael and I are going to pick up the FIFTH ute load of books from Hawthorn Library- a rich vein of supply. **Book sorting** is in Eltham Library's 'dungeon' from 2-4pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays until the Fair.

So NOW, Folks, BE SURE to turn up to help move all the books from 4pm until well into the night on Friday 16th October, and we will need a big roster pool for Saturday 17th. Looking forward to your continued help.
Beth.

Fairtrade Tea and Coffee

Val says there is a full range of tea/coffee for sale, as stocks have been replenished.

FairTrade and Cadbury

Fairtrade and Cadbury have announced a groundbreaking move which will see Cadbury Dairy Milk® achieve Fairtrade Certification by Easter 2010. This means cocoa farmers and communities can look forward to a better and brighter future as Fairtrade cocoa sales increase in Ghana and new Fairtrade opportunities open up for cocoa growers in other parts of the world. The move will more than triple the amount of Fairtrade product sold throughout Australia and is part of Cadbury's ongoing global commitment to Fairtrade.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Fairtrade and we will keep you informed of developments regarding this exciting and life-changing news for thousands of Fairtrade cocoa farmers, their families and communities.
Fairtrade Team.

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Oxfam-D.V. and ELTHAMbookshop present the 5th Annual **WORLD MATTERS 2009** **End Of Certainty: Celebrating New Ideas, Alternate Strategies** October 17, 18, 19 and November 19

The fifth annual **World Matters 2009** series of seminars, panel discussions and book launches will be held on **October 17th** and **18th** at the **Edendale Community Farm, Gastons Lane, Eltham**. The Chair of the festival is Morag Fraser, O.A. The aim is to celebrate ideas that can make a difference to the world we live in, raise awareness of international political, social, cultural and literary issues and create forums for discussion and action. Over 30 journalists, lawyers, poets, essayists, satirists, novelists, research fellows and academics will bring their sharp insights and wisdom to the forums.

Planning and implementation is in partnership with Oxfam-D.V., Nillumbik Reconciliation Group, East Timor Women Australia, Melbourne Centre for Ideas, Amnesty International, Watsonia Poets, View Club, Eltham College of Education, Medical Association for the Prevention of War, Nillumbik Climate Action Group Now, Asylum Seeker Resource Centre, St Margaret's Anglican Church, Yarra Plenty Regional Library, academics from La Trobe, University of Melbourne, ANU, Monash University, University of New South Wales, University of Adelaide, young lawyers, students, friends of World Matters and leading publishers.

The theme for this year is **The End of Certainty**, focusing on the need to come up with new paradigms and lateral thinking in the face of enormous economic, social and environmental change. Featured writers and speakers from Tasmania, Adelaide, New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria include Don Watson, Melissa Lucashenko, Arnold Zable, Mark Treddinick, Bruce Pascoe, David Corlett, David Kinley, Jeff Sparrow, Sue Woolfe, Joan Staples, Howard Goldenberg, Gideon Haigh, Robert Hillman, Hilary McPhee, Michael Cathcart, Sandy Jeffs and more. We hope to inspire and

excite the audience's interest in issue based books and poetry. The ensuing conversations should lead to discussion and reflection on the need to act with the strength of inner convictions, informed wisdom and collaborative thinking if we are to live more sustainable lives.

An added feature this year is a **Writing Workshop, October 19th** conducted by Mark Treddinick, author of *Blue Plateau*, *Little Red Writing Book* and *Little Green Book of Grammar*, for aspiring writers. This session is in partnership with Diamond Valley Learning Centre and Yarra Plenty Regional Library. Other writers appearing at the festival have offered master classes in thinking and writing. We hope to extend World Matters 2010 to encompass these offers.

For further programme details: Contact Meera Govil at Eltham Bookshop, 970 Main Road, Eltham 3095. Tel: 03 9439 8700
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Yarra Valley Climate Action Group

Free talk by David Spratt, leading Australian environmentalist, co-author of "Climate Code Red". Wed. 30th Sept. 7.30 pm Petrie Park Hall 16 Mountain View Rd, Montmorency. Supper.

Nillumbik Climate Action Now

Thursday 24th Sept. Meetings on the last Thursday of the month, changing Eltham venue. Details: Lyn Hatherly 9431 5200/ 0409 262 409
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DIAMOND VALLEY OXFAM MEETINGS

8.00pm 3rd Friday of each month
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