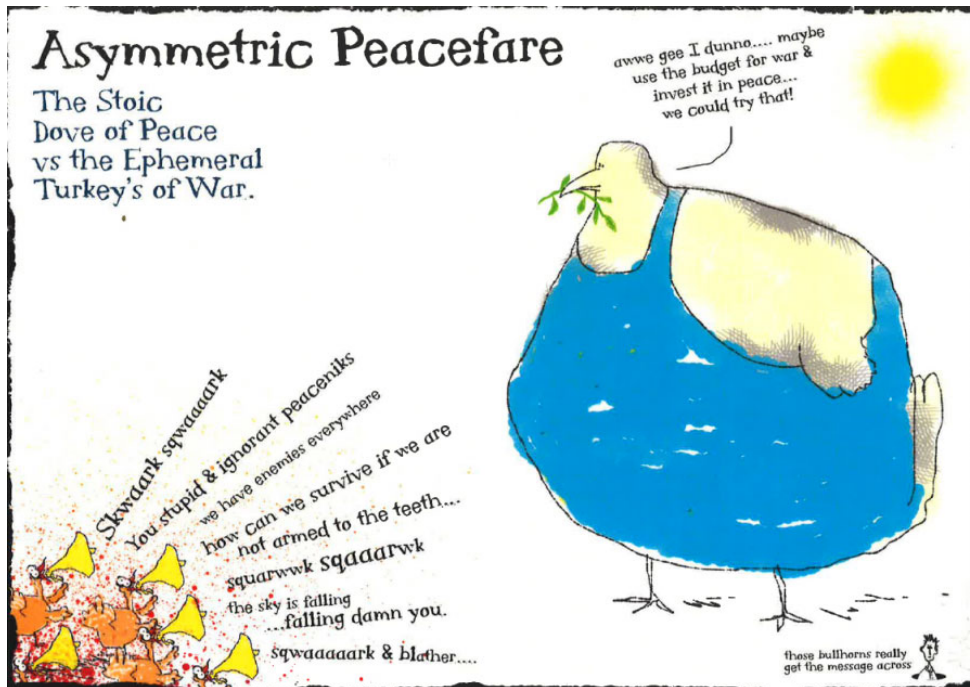


Power to the Peaceful cartoon competition: winners announced



“**Peacebuilding through the arts**” was the aim of Otago’s National Centre of Peace and Conflict Studies (NCPACS) “Power to the Peaceful” cartoon competition.

Centre supporters John and Shirley Murray donated to NCPACS with the aim of finding New Zealand’s equivalent of Australian cartoonist Michael Leunig.

The competition was judged by well-known New Zealand cartoonist Garrick Tremain, who noted that the quality of entries was impressive.

Seventeen-year-old Austin Milne of Kapiti College won the secondary school section, and freelance Graphic Designer Alistair Craig won the open section.

Milne’s winning entry shows a dragon on a hamster wheel of “violent solutions”, and Craig’s multiple entries focused on the power balance of violence and peace. One of his cartoons is pictured above, and more of Craig’s work can be seen at the end of the article.

Competition coordinator and NCPACS Manager Rosemary McBryde says, “The cartoon is a very powerful medium for communicating a message, and we were really pleased with the range of ideas presented by our contestants.”

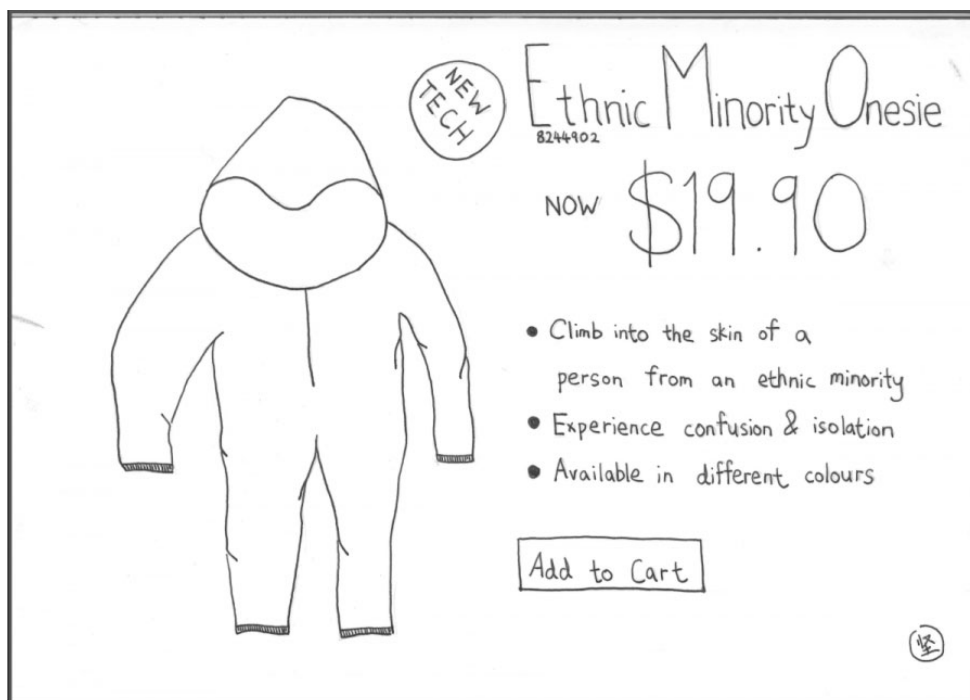
“We hope the entrants and readers are encouraged to think about the relationship between power and peacefulness, rather than power and violence.”

“The donors’ wish is the competition sparks a creative response in people who have a talent to ridicule war and violence, and I think we achieved that,” says Ms McBryde.

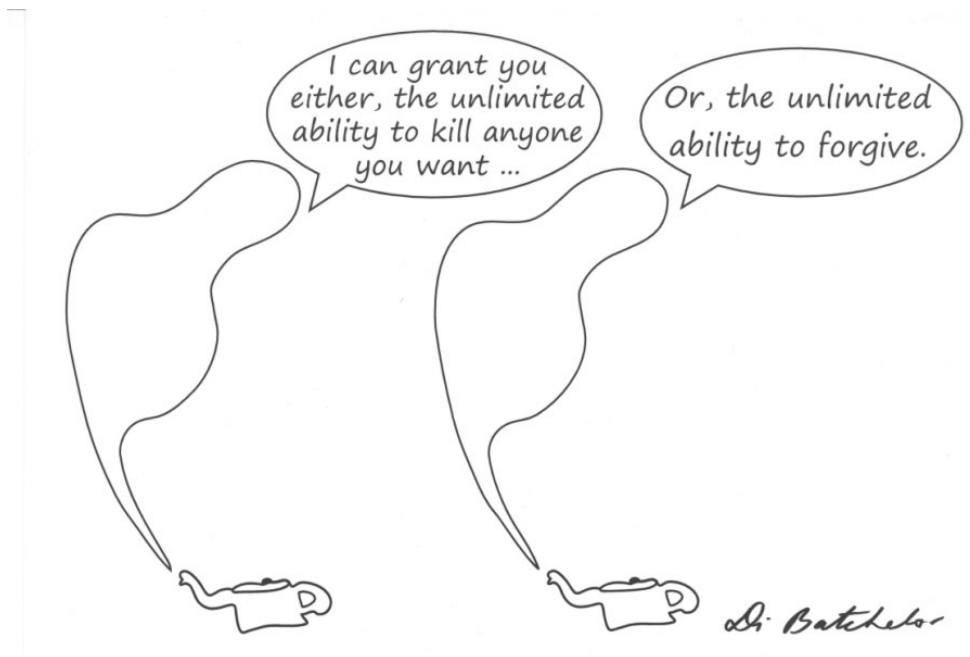
The Centre plans to run the competition again in 2016, and invites alumni to enter with their cartoon inspirations. Watch this space - we’ll give you the competition details early next year.



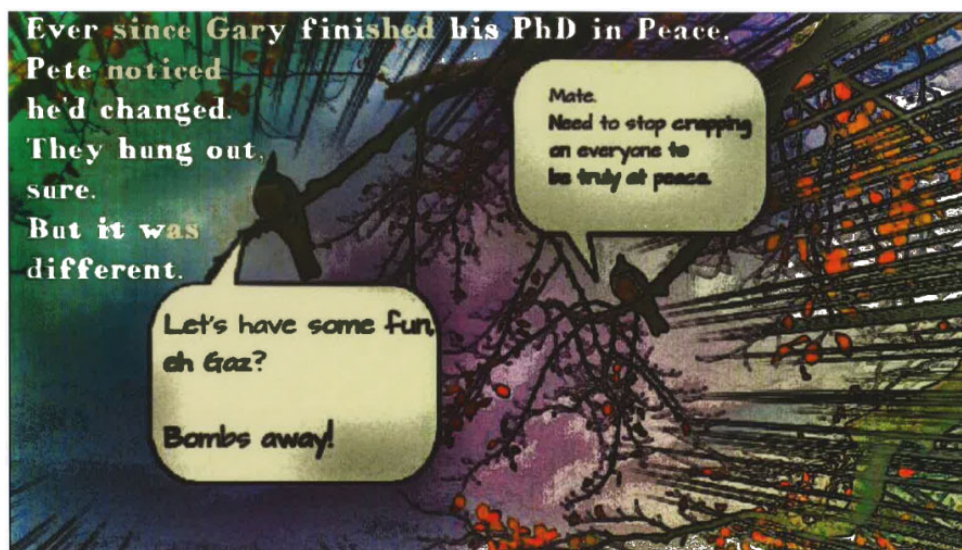
Austin Milne's cartoon won the secondary school section. Austin is 17 and wants to be a cartoonist.



By Swee Kin Loke, who works at the University in the Higher Education Development Unit.



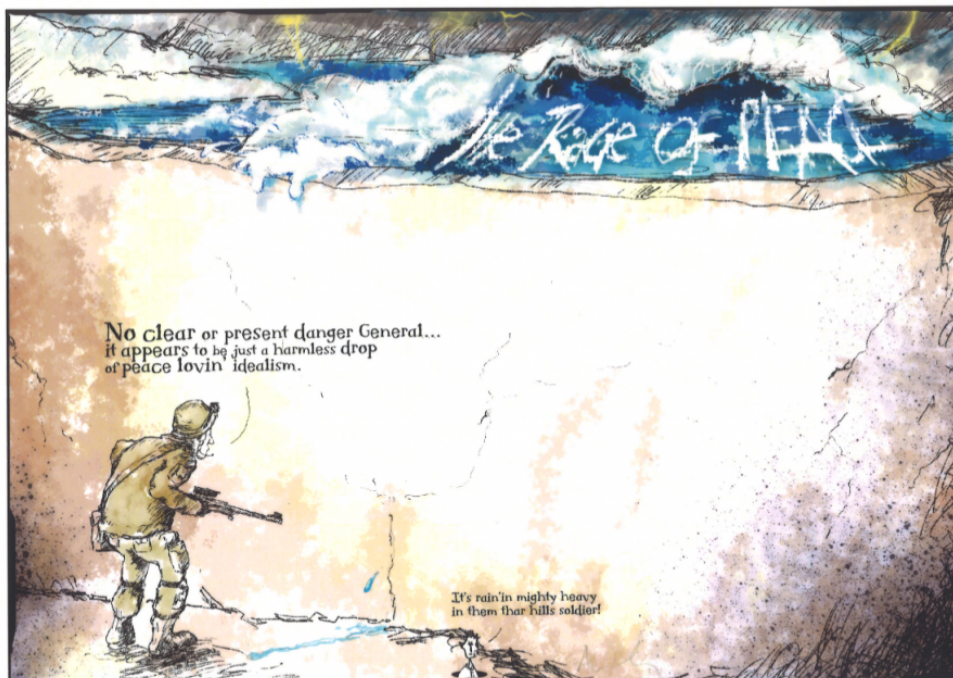
Cartoon by Di Batchelor, who submitted three entries. Di is from Carterton and publishes a regular cartoon in the Wairarapa midweek community newspaper. Di has also published a children's picture book which was a finalist in the illustration section of the 2010 LIANZA book awards.



Cartoon by Liesel Mitchell, a PhD student in the National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies.



Cartoon by Dr Gemma Cotton from Dunedin, who has a PhD in Chemistry. Gemma likes to combine her creativity with her scientific research.



Cartoon by competition winner Alistair Craig. This is one of Alistair's multiple entries, focusing on the power balance of violence and peace.