

Community leaders put hands up to promote peace

LOCAL politicians and community leaders have lent their hands to help promote world peace as part of a Hunter initiative.

They were the first to put their handprints onto fabric which will eventually be sent to orphanages for children of war, to be made into quilts and bedding.

Other community members of the Hunter will be given the opportunity to do the same at the Roundtable for Business and Community Partnerships on November 2.

The hand-printed cloth is a joint project of roundtable founder Kellie Mann and 48 Hours to World Peace founder Sharon Davson.

The roundtable is an initiative started by Ms Mann which will see Newcastle

business, charities, government and the community link for a day to exchange visions and triumphs.

The free conference will take place on November 2 in Newcastle City Hall and Civic Park and will involve a day of community activities, groups talking at the roundtable and interaction in partnership rooms.

Ms Davson became involved in the conference after reading about it on the front page of the Newcastle Post.

She approached Ms Mann and they decided to link projects with their common goal to unite people.

The 48 Hours to World Peace project focuses on uniting communities to create more peace throughout the world.

The main focus of the project will be to promote peace around the 48 hours of New Year's Eve and day.

To help achieve this the project is organising an open-air concert in Newcastle for this New Year's Eve.

Ms Davson hopes the concert will help bring a calm atmosphere to revellers in Foreshore Park.

Maitland Mayor Peter Blackmore and Newcastle Lord Mayor John Tate added their hand prints to the cloth as did mayors from other Hunter councils as well as business and community leaders.

The public can add their hand prints from noon until 7pm on the day of the roundtable, November 2.

For more information phone 0415 955-505.



● Peace of it . . . seven of the Hunter Region's local government leaders joined peace activists Sharon Davson in putting their handprints down in the name of world peace.

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