



Sri Lanka Reconciliation Forum – Sydney

Dear members and friends

On the 19th of May this year, six years would have passed since the end of the thirty-year civil war that caused the deaths of tens of thousands of lives in Sri Lanka.

Making peace takes more than the cessation of hostilities.

When combatants cease fighting, the war ends, but it is not necessarily the beginning of peace.

Creating peace is the responsibility of the people. It requires real change in the minds of everyone at every level of society. A collective memory must speak as one. People should face each other, acknowledge the truth in its entirety and recognize the common humanity in each other.

We believe in a just and lasting peace in Sri Lanka and in our diaspora communities, based on accountability, understanding, respect and our shared identity and kinship.

We should never forget that every human being killed in the war would have been a son, a daughter, a brother or a sister, a husband or a wife, a grandfather or a grandmother.

We humbly ask you to join us in honoring *every human life* lost during the civil war that cursed our country and ensure that none of whom we have lost are forgotten.

Please join us on the 24th of May from 3.30 to 6.00 PM in a solemn ceremony to remember all those who died in the thirty year conflict in Sri Lanka.

Venue: Howitt Flat (area 24), Lane Cove National Park, Lady Game Drive. (see overleaf for map & link)

If you do wish, please bring a plate to share. However, in keeping with the solemnity of the occasion, we request that you bring only simple vegetarian food.

Best regards

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On behalf of the Coordinating Committee
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"It is better to light a candle than curse the darkness" – Eleanor Roosevelt

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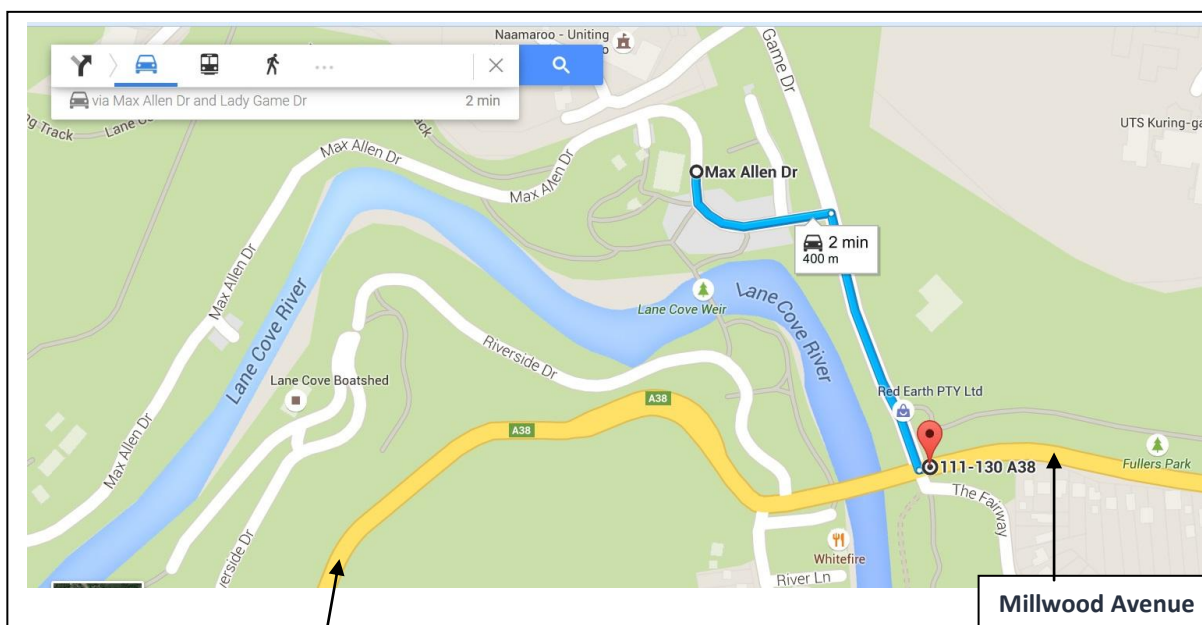
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Lady Game Drive to Turn Off to Park entrance on Max Allen Drive (2 mins drive)



Delhi Road(to Epping Road)

Parking Note that the venue is inside the Lane Cove National Park, therefore an entry fee of \$7 will apply if you take your car in. As the park closes at 6pm cars will have to leave by then.

However plenty of free parking is available close to the venue on Lady Game Drive just past the turn off.

Public transport & station pick up The nearest station is Chatswood. We can arrange for pick up from Chatswood Station on Railway Street latest pick up time 3:30pm.

Please get in touch with us via email reconciliationforum@gmail.com by Wednesday 20th May giving your phone number, and one of us will get in touch with you to make the necessary arrangements.

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