

**Sunday July 9 2.30pm**

**FRESHWATER - HOW CLEAN DO WE WANT IT?**

**Marnie Prickett**

Clean, safe, fresh water is essential to our health and well-being but the country's rivers, lakes and aquifers have suffered severe and widespread contamination and degradation. Is the Government's national policy statement for freshwater management sufficient to truly protect and restore our fresh waterways? What does the policy mean for local government and our communities who are expected to play the most significant roles in this new process?

*Marnie Prickett has a background in environmental education and horticulture. She is an organiser and spokesperson for Choose Clean Water, a campaign aiming to strengthen New Zealand's freshwater legislation in order to protect human, wildlife and environmental health. The campaign gained wide popular support and led to a 13,000-signature petition, calling for the bottom line for waterways to be raised from 'wadeable' to 'swimmable', being presented to three major parties at Parliament.*



**Sunday July 23 2.30pm**

**HAS EDUCATION LOST ITS WAY?**

**Drs Deborah Stevens & Lynne Bowyer**

Is our current outcomes-driven school curriculum structurally capable of preparing young people to care for the future? Have educational policies traded the nurturing of human values for positions on a league table? How can we re-humanise our teaching and learning?

*Drs Deborah Stevens and Lynne Bowyer are co-directors of the Centre for Science and Citizenship, a charitable trust working to thoughtfully engage people with a range of social issues.*

*A science communicator and educator, Deborah has an interdisciplinary background in science, psychology and public medicine. In addition to exploring ethical issues raised by advances in science and technology, Deborah's areas of special interest include values development and youth mental health.*

*Lynne is an educator with a background in philosophy, bioethics and mental health. Lynne has taught in primary, secondary and tertiary settings.*



**Sunday August 6 at 2.30pm**

**WHAT HOPE IS THERE FOR PEACE?**

**Dr Rebecca Dudley**

Rebecca Dudley works with legal frameworks addressing humanitarian emergencies, conflicts and disasters. With the humanitarian impact of nuclear weapons in mind - August 6 marks commemorations for the nuclear bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki - she will discuss the efforts to prohibit nuclear weapons, leading to their elimination, in the context of humanitarian advocacy. More generally, she will discuss humanitarian advocacy in the context of emerging trends in armed conflicts around the globe.

*Dr Rebecca Dudley is the international humanitarian law adviser to the New Zealand Red Cross. She has extensive experience in human rights, conflict and peace building in Northern Ireland and a number of other countries.*



*She holds a BA in history from Yale University, a masters in divinity from Union Seminary, New York, and a PhD in law from Queen's University, Belfast. Her interest in human rights began when she was working in Haiti in the 1980s, and continued through 13 years in Belfast, where she worked on gender-based harms and transitional justice issues as part of the Northern Ireland peace process.*

**Sunday August 20 at 2.30pm**

**THE DIGITAL TOOTH-FAIRY AND THE IMPORTANCE OF PUBLIC SERVICE MEDIA**

**Dr Peter Thompson**

Since 2008, the TVNZ Charter has been abolished, TVNZ 7 has been discontinued, funding for Radio New Zealand and NZ On Air has been frozen and a digital media environment - largely bereft of regulatory control - has rapidly evolved. Sceptical of so-called 'legacy' media like broadcasting, the Government is investing \$2 billion in rolling out ultra-fast broadband infrastructures. This means audiences will be able to download whatever they want, whenever they want, and on whichever device they want.

But have these developments been at the cost of many important local content genres, including in-depth news and current affairs, educational content and children's programming? Peter will explain why public service media remain vital to our culture and democracy, outlining several ways this might be achieved.

*Dr Peter Thompson is a senior lecturer in media studies at Victoria University of Wellington and currently chair of the Better Public Media Trust (formerly Coalition for Better Broadcasting). His main research interests concern media policy and he has written extensively about public service media in the digital environment.*



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