

The Memorial Plaque

"...The blossoms are blossoming without you..."
(Jennifer Meyers, "Joshua knew only the winter")

TO ALL WHO LOSE THEIR LIFE FROM OUR
EFFORTS TO SAVE THEM FROM DRUGS

"You have gone from earth,
Gone even from the meaning of a name;
Yet something's there, yet something forms its lips
And hits and cries against the ports of space,
Beating their sides to make its fury heard.

"But I was bound, and could not go that way,
But I was blind, and could not feel your hand.
If I could find an answer, could only find
Your meaning, or could say why you were here
Who now are gone, what purpose gave you breath
Or seized it back, might I not hear your voice?"
(Kenneth Slessor, "Five Bells")

16 December 1996

Erected by Families and Friends for Drug Law Reform

Permission by the publishers, HarperCollins, to print part of Kenneth Slessor's poem is gratefully acknowledged.

We acknowledge that the ceremony today
is taking place on Ngunnawal land.

If you wish to be notified of the next ceremony please leave your name and email in the book provided.

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25th Annual Remembrance

Ceremony

**for those who lose their life
to illicit drugs**

Weston Park, Yarralumla, ACT

Monday, 26th October, 2020

12.30pm

Supported by ATODA, UNITING and CAHMA

PLEASE NOTE: A Covid Safety Plan is in use. Please abide by the physical distancing restriction of 1.5 metres

Families and Friends for Drug Law Reform (ACT) Inc.
committed to preventing the tragedy that arises from illicit drug policy

Program

Musical Item: Four Seasons in One Day by Crowded House
Alison Oakleigh

Welcome and Introduction: Bill Bush, President, Families and Friends
for Drug Law Reform

'Reflections': Oscar Wilson and Julian Juhas

Musical Item: These Days – Powderfinger

'Reflections': Jennie Ross-King

Musical Item: Memories - One Voice Children's Choir

Remembrance of those who have lost their life to illicit drugs

Reading of names – Rev Simon Hansford

Placing of flowers at foot of memorial – flowers in the cups may be
removed and placed at the rock

Accompanying Musical Item: Under the Milky Way by the Church
Alison Oakleigh

Address: Rev Simon Hansford,
Moderator Uniting Church NSW/ACT Synod

Musical Item: Graceland by Paul Simon
Alison Oakleigh



*Following the ceremony refreshments will be available - Tea/Coffee free
from the cart. Refreshments at cost.*

Please sit in your family groups if you are remaining for a picnic lunch.

A special thank you to
ATODA, UNITING and CAHMA for organising assistance.

Please take the colours of the tree away with you in the form of one of the green and
white ribbons that are available.

Similar ceremonies are held across Australia and in some European Cities.

Why Remember?

We come together today to remember our loved ones and our best friends. Some names have been read out every year over these 25 years, some are more recent on the list and some for the first time today. It is good that we remember these people who were precious to us but it is disheartening that many lives are still being lost because of our inability or our refusal to seek more humane and just drug policies. May the coming year be the year for real change.

Memories

One Voice Children's Choir

Here's to the one's that we got
Cheers to the wish you were here,
but you're not
'Cause the dreams bring back all
the memories
Of everything we've been through
Close to the ones here today
Close to the ones that we lost on
the way
'Cause the dreams bring back all
the memories
And the memories bring back,
memories bring back you
There's a time that I remember,
when I did not know no pain
When I believed in forever, and
everything would stay the same
Now my heart feel like December
when somebody say your name
(ay, ay)
'Cause I can't reach out to call you,
but I know I will one day, yeah
Everybody hurts sometimes
Everybody hurts someday, yeah
But everything gon' be alright
Go and raise your voice and say, ay
Here's to the ones that we got
Cheers to the wish...

These Days

Powderfinger

It's coming round again
Slowly creeping hand
Of time and its command
Soon enough it comes
And settles in its place
Its shadow in my face
Puts pressure in my day
This life well it's slipping right through
my hands
These days turned out nothing like I
had planned
It's coming round again
The slowly creeping hand
Of time and its command
It settles in its place
Its shadow in my face
Puts pressure in my day
Soon enough it comes
Here it is again
Slowly creeping hand
Time and it's command
Soon enough it comes
Settles in its place
It's shadow in my face
Undignified and lame
This life well it's slipping right through
my hands
These days turned out nothing like I
had planned
Control well it's slipping right through
my hands
These days turned out nothing...