

*E rere kau mai The river flows
Te awa nui mai from the mountain
Ite kahui maunga to the sea*

Like a river...

Like the mighty river of Whanganui gathers its waters from many little streams, wellsprings and riverlets as it flows towards the sea -

So let this Contributory gain in strength and beauty as people from the neighbourhoods and townships southwards join the walk to Wellington -

To offer our message of goodwill and aroha to the world's peoples march for peace and non-violence before it begins to weave its way through all continents -

Uniting peoples and nations in the emerging new culture of peace -

A culture of heart.

Ko au te awa I am the river

Ko te awa ko au and the river is me

List of supporters as we go to print:

Operation Peace Through Unity
UNANZ and UNANZ Wanganui
Wanganui District Council
Whanganui Community Foundation
Wanganui Women's Network
Training For You
Vintage Car Club
Mainstreet Wanganui
Kiwiwebs
Quaker Settlement
Wanganui Festival of Glass 2009
Sarjeant Gallery
Whanganui School of Design
Rotary Club Wanganui

For more details visit:

www.wanganui.com
www.marchmundial.org
www.worldmarch.co.nz



Co-ordinators:

Operation Peace through Unity (OPTU)

Gita Brooke: peaceday09@gmail.com



United Nations Association of New Zealand (UNANZ):

Kate Smith: optunz.smith@gmail.com



LET'S START THE CONTRIBUTORY WALK

*from Wanganui to Wellington
21 September - 2 October 2009*

*To highlight the tremendous
potential of individual
human beings,
wherever we live,
to heal and transform all
relationships - between people
and with the environment.*



LOVE WANGANUI!
Wanganui Parade for Peace and Reconciliation

*Sunday 20 September,
10am – 12noon
Majestic Square*

Bring the whole family

and join in the Wanganui Peace Parade and the send-off festivities starting at Majestic Square at 10am.

Let us demonstrate together the many different and wonderful skills, talents, volunteer services, acts of kindness and goodwill, as well as the riches of entrepreneurship, arts, cultures and faiths that make up the fabric of our beautiful Community



Wanganui
International Day of Peace Celebration

*Sunday 20 September, 2 - 5 pm
Quaker Settlement
76 Virginia Road*

In preparation for the Wanganui Contributory Walk this meeting will focus on the theme:

Reconciliation, Truth and Bridgebuilding

A panel-led discussion, resulting in a statement with proposals and guidelines that can be followed by all and help create a greater sense of mutuality within our local and global neighbourhood. The statement will be taken by the Wanganui contributory walk to the launch of the World March for Peace and Nonviolence and handed to the international team.

As in previous years the names of all UN member nations will be mentioned and their flags, made by Wanganui children, will be displayed, and the song "New Dawn", composed by Alan Cruise-Johnston for the occasion, will be sung by Wanganui Schola Sacra Choir.

The meeting will end with afternoon tea and time for socializing.



Wanganui Contributory Walk

*Monday 21 September
12 Noon Handspan
Queens Park*

The Launch of the Wanganui Contributory Walk will take place at Handspan, Queens Park, 12 Noon.

After a short moment of silence, linking with people throughout the world who are also participating in the Peace Vigil, 12 noon, local time, and sharing a few thoughts and prayers, the walk will start southward toward Wellington, to meet up with the International Launch of the World March for Peace and Non-violence on Wednesday 2 October 2009.

'Through systematic and practical reconciliation, promoted by States and citizens, we can carry out concrete actions needed in any society in keeping with their history and culture'
Sevilla Somoza, UN representative of Nicaragua

For Walk details contact:
Carla Donson carla.d@cheerful.com