

IN MEMORIAM

Vale Brian McConnell

THE STAFF OF THE CANBERRA ALLIANCE FOR HARM MINIMISATION AND ADVOCACY (CAHMA) EXTEND THEIR CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF BRIAN.

HE WAS A STAUNCH SUPPORTER OF DRUG LAW REFORM, HARM REDUCTION AND PEER BASED DRUG USER ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS CAHMA.

EVERY YEAR THE REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY WAS AN EMOTIONAL AND MOVING OCCASION WHERE THE NAMES OF THE VICTIMS OF THE 'WAR ON PEOPLE WHO USE DRUGS' WERE READ OUT AND SPEAKERS PRESENTED THEIR PERSPECTIVE ON THE FAILURE OF OUR POLITICIANS TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP, DESPITE THE OVERWHELMING EVIDENCE OF THE FAILURE OF PROHIBITION.

SADLY, BRIAN DID NOT LIVE TO SEE HIS HOPES REALISED BUT ALL WHO SHARE HIS VISION WANT MARION, HIS FAMILY, AND FFDLR TO REST ASSURED THERE ARE MANY OF US KEEPING THE DREAM ALIVE.

WITH ALL OUR LOVE, THE COMMUNITY AND THE STAFF THAT IS CAHMA.