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WINNER OF THE 2015 ANZAC PEACE PRIZE ANNOUNCED

Fred Hyde receives award at RSL's National Conference

Brisbane, QLD, September 22, 2015 – The Returned & Services League of Australia (RSL) presented Fred Hyde AM with the ANZAC Peace Prize for his charitable work that has provided education to over 60,000 children in Bangladesh.

“Mr Hyde’s outstanding and sustained contribution in supporting those most in need reflect his empathy, selflessness and dedication, and are in keeping with the finest traditions of the ANZAC spirit”, says National President, Rear Admiral Ken Doolan AO RAN (Retired).

Since 1991, Co-Operation In Development led by Fred Hyde, has built 41 schools and 5 pre-schools in one of the poorest areas of Bangladesh. Fred Hyde, a World War II veteran now 95 years of age, has dedicated his life working hard to help others.

“His compassion for the plight of the disadvantaged has led him on a journey which many would not even consider beginning let alone maintaining over three decades”, Ken told the audience at awards ceremony at the RSL Conference today.

The RSL awards only one ANZAC Peace Prize each year to an Australian individual or group for outstanding efforts in promoting international understanding and peace.

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