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PRESS RELEASE

(On Behalf of Mr Garvin Brown)



Eighty Year Old Gandhian Leads Queensland's International Walk for Peace

Garvin Brown is an octogenarian, Gandhian, of New Zealand heritage and will walk over 60 kilometers from Caboolture to Brisbane as part of the commemorations for the International Day of Peace.

Three of Mr. Browns' colleagues are flying from India to walk with him, a number of international friends have also expressed support.

In a further action of awareness raising, Mr Brown will live on \$2 a day, highlighting the fact that almost half the world's population live on that amount a day or less, and will bring his message to schools along the way.

"I am an old man, walking in the hope that I can make some change for better in the world," Mr. Brown said.

He is driven to walk by his belief in Gandhi's teachings and a steadfast passion to raise awareness of poverty; earlier this year he walked for six weeks in India in support of Parijat Academy, and similar schools for the underprivileged.

"A Missionary once asked Gandhi what he could do to help the poor suffering millions in India and Gandhi's reply went straight to the core; 'We must step down from our pedestals and go and live with the people who are suffering and experience their hardships and their sorrows'," Mr. Brown said.

"Peace will only come when we look after the suffering poor in our world, it's very simple really," Mr Brown said.

The International Day of Peace has been decreed by the United Nations as the 21st of September annually and as part of the resolution, the UN is asking people to get involved and help raise awareness and participation in the day.

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MAHATMA GANDHI AWARENESS PEACE WALK SCHEDULE ~ SEPTEMBER 2008

Visit of friends from Assam *Contact Garvin Brown 07 535 2579*

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 13

Arrival Brisbane Airport 1920 hours Flight SQ 0245. (7.20 pm) Garvin Brown will be at Airport for welcome.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14

Sleep in Brisbane Monday night with Host friends

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 15

Morning visit Lone Pine Sanctuary to see Australian Wildlife

Afternoon drive to Gold Coast to stay at Garvin's Unit overnight at Palm Beach

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 16

Morning at Palm Beach preparing for Peace Walk and then drive to Redcliffe and stay overnight with Host friends

DAY 1 WALK: WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 17

Morning drive to Caboolture.

Peace Walk to commence around 8.30am from Apex Park. Short distance from start visit School and interact with teachers and pupils. Continue walking and where possible interact with people.

Sleep overnight half way along Deception Bay Road

GOOGLE MAP Directions for Day 1: Total Distance 16Km

<http://maps.google.com.au/maps?f=d&saddr=-27.088836,152.95063&daddr=Deception+Bay+Rd+%40-27.193821,+153.026204&hl=en&geocode=%3BF5MOYf4dnP4eCQ&mra=dme&mrcr=0&mrsp=0&sz=16&dirflg=w&sl=-27.088741,152.943013&sspn=0.00875,0.019226&ie=UTF8&ll=-27.189678,152.969856&spn=0.034967,0.076904&z=14>

DAY 2 OF WALK: THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 18

Morning commence walking from the halfway point along Deception Bay Road to Clontarf via Redcliffe & Woody Point interacting with Schools and people along the way. End in Sandgate

GOOGLE MAP Directions for Day 2: Total Distance 23.6km

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DAY 3 OF WALK: FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 19

Commence walking from Sandgate; End near Nudgee College

GOOGLE MAP Direction for Day 3: Total Distance 5.8km

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DAY 4 OF WALK: SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20

Start Near Nudgee College; End near Newstead Park.

GOOGLE MAP Direction for Day 4: Total Distance 12.8km

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DAY 5 OF WALK: SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21, United Nations International Day of Peace

Visit with friends where we can all get a shower and clean clothes prior to our final walk

GOOGLE MAP Directions for Day5: Total Distance 3.2km

[http://maps.google.com.au/maps?f=d&saddr=Breakfast+Creek+Rd+\(Newstead+Park\)&daddr=Rowes+Arcade,+215+Adelaide+St,+Brisbane,+QLD+4000+\(Adelaide+St+City+Centre\)&hl=en&geocode=%3BCXn6hVaEu1d9FS3iXP4dAQfCQ&mra=pe&mrcr=0&dirflg=w&sl=-27.455942,153.035843&sspn=0.034883,0.076904&ie=UTF8&ll=-27.456036,153.03483&spn=0.034883,0.076904&z=14](http://maps.google.com.au/maps?f=d&saddr=Breakfast+Creek+Rd+(Newstead+Park)&daddr=Rowes+Arcade,+215+Adelaide+St,+Brisbane,+QLD+4000+(Adelaide+St+City+Centre)&hl=en&geocode=%3BCXn6hVaEu1d9FS3iXP4dAQfCQ&mra=pe&mrcr=0&dirflg=w&sl=-27.455942,153.035843&sspn=0.034883,0.076904&ie=UTF8&ll=-27.456036,153.03483&spn=0.034883,0.076904&z=14)

Total Distance Walked will be in excess of 61km

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Activists from State to spread Gandhi's ideals in Australia

Staff reporter

GUWAHATI, Sep 2 – Mahatma Gandhi and his ideals have always created a feeling of awe in the mind of the international community. The popularity of Gandhism is an accepted fact, and now the philosophy of the Father of the Nation is about to get firmly entrenched in the land of the Kangaroos, thanks to an Australian Garvin Brown, an ardent believer of the Gandhian philosophy.

Three social activists from the State are going to be a part of the efforts of this confirmed Gandhian to spread the message of peace and create awareness about Gandhi in Australia this month.

Mahatma Gandhi Awareness, an organisation promoting global peace and nonviolence, based in Queensland, Australia is organising a five days long Peace Walk which will be led by Brown.

The social activists from Assam, Jayanta Barman an engineer and a social activist from Guwahati, Biju Borbaruah, Managing Trustee of Asha Darshan, Tamulpur, and Uttam Teron, founder of Parijat Academy, a school for underprivileged children situated at Pamohi, Guwahati will take part in the Peace Walk which will start on September 17.

It needs to be mentioned here that Brown is no stranger to Assam. Some time back he visited the State and participated in a Charity Walk organised in the capital city by Friends of Assam and Seven Sisters (FASS).

Born in New Zealand in 1928, Brown was inspired by Gandhiji's work for the poor and the underprivileged at a very young age. Later he decided to dedicate his life in propagating the Gandhian thoughts.

Uttam Teron informed *The Assam Tribune* that the walk will begin from Caboolture and end at Brisbane, Australia. The distance of 73 km will be covered in 5 days. In between, the participants will interact with school and college students and media people.

Their "walking song" will be Raghupati Raghava.

The three persons from Assam taking part in the walk are the only representatives from India. Many notable personalities from all across the globe are likely to take part in the walk. The team from Assam will leave for Australia on September 12.