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Putting peace on the frontline

A NEW film about a Lismore-based peace group has garnered support from a former national president of the RSL, General Peter Phillips, who said the group was "an amazing phenomenon".

Since 2009 Remembering and Healing has been conducting Anzac Day ceremonies that pay tribute to all victims of war. It does not glorify war and is committed to promoting a peaceful future. They initially came under fire from the local RSL sub-branch, but General Phillips wrote a letter of support and in the film he says the challenge for Anzac Day ceremonies is to make them inclusive and to be driven by the community.

"As we approach the centenary of Anzac, one of the most difficult tasks facing the committee set up by the last government... is how to involve the over 40% of Australians who were either born overseas or are children of immigrants or refugees," he said.

RaH co-ordinator Sabina Baltruweit said she hoped the film would take the ideas of the group to a national audience.

"RaH believes that the values of Anzac Day need to be critically examined and adjusted through a vigorous, public discussion Australia-wide. RaH works to have these values of inclusiveness and peace-orientation integrated into the official program for Anzac Day."

The film will screen at Lismore City Library tomorrow at 5.30pm.