

Celebrating the Brotherhood

Spreading the message through Brotherhood Week

This year's Brotherhood Week was taken to the city. The Week was launched in the Bourke Street Mall on 12 August with an information tent and the release of 600 helium balloons amidst the spirited sounds of the Victoria Police Showband. A major display of our services and our work was also held in the AMP foyer in Bourke Street.

As part of the Week, embracing the theme of the UN Year introducing the decade to eradicate poverty, banners flew in Brunswick Street, Fitzroy, displaying the ambiguous yet provocative message of 'POVERTY.' It is hoped that the banners will be placed at different locations in the future. A fitting finale to Brotherhood Week was the Sambell Oration held at the State Film Theatre.

The Sambell Oration

The 1996 Sambell Oration was delivered by Hugh Stretton, one of the most respected Australian intellectuals of our time, who has taught history and now researches in economics at the University of Adelaide.

Author of many books on the social sciences and social policy, his most recent publication is *Public Goods, Public Enterprise, Public Choice* (with Lionel Orchard). His practical experience includes many years as Deputy Chairman of the South Australian Housing Trust.

Hugh Stretton says that 'It is not enough to reproach the relevant governments for their cruelty to poor people. It is at least as important to expose their incompetence, even in their own terms, of the economic policies which cause much of the poverty with which the welfare policies have to cope'.

A printed copy of the Oration is available from the Brotherhood for \$5 including postage. It can be obtained by sending a cheque or money order to the Public Affairs department in Fitzroy.



Photos: The performance of the Victoria Police Show Band, was enjoyed by young and old alike. Hundreds of people gathered in the Bourke St Mall to hear their lively repertoire.

