



IPAN NATIONAL CONFERENCE

2026

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TOPICS INCLUDE | CLIMATE CRISIS | INDIGENOUS RIGHTS | AUKUS | PALESTINE | WORLD ORDER |

TIME TO **BREAK FREE** FROM THE US

Friday 24th July – Sunday 26th July 2026

FEATURING

Abby Martin · Senator David Shoebridge · Richard Tanter · Sue
Haseldine · Emma Shortis · Humphrey McQueen · Mike Khizam ·
Nick Hanna · Natasha Watt and many more

U City Function Centre · 43 Franklin St, Adelaide

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IPAN PATRONS

Emeritus Professor Ian Lowe AO · Kellie Tranter, Lawyer & Human Rights Activist

PRE-CONFERENCE EVENTS

FILM SCREENINGS · ACTION · PUBLIC OPENING

Wed 22 – Fri 24 July

Public lead-in events ahead of the two conference days.

WED 22 JUL	Film Screening
6:00 – 9:00 pm	FILM & PANELEarth's Greatest EnemyTICKETED SEPARATELY > Capri Cinema, 141 Goodwood Rd, Goodwood · Rated M Abby Martin's documentary turns its lens on the US military as the world's largest institutional polluter, tracing the links between war, empire and ecological destruction. Abby joins the panel in person, in conversation with Melanie Selwood, introduced by Kirsty Bevan.
THU 23 JUL	Film Screening and Public Meeting
10:00 – 12:00 pm	SCREENED BY INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO ABOLISH NUCLEAR WEAPONS (ICAN). Our Planet, The People, My BloodTICKETED SEPARATELY > The Mercury, 13 Morphett St, Adelaide Australian premiere, presented by ICAN. Panel with director Daniel Everitt-Lock and The Hon Melissa Parke, ICAN Executive Director. Bookings through Humanitix, via ICAN.
6:00 – 7:30 pm	ABBY MARTIN IN CONVERSATION Gaza: From Siege to GenocideTICKETED SEPARATELY > U City, 43 Franklin St, Adelaide Drawing on years of reporting on Palestine and Gaza, Abby examines the humanitarian, political and historical dimensions of the ongoing crisis. Organised by the Australian Friends of Palestine Association (AFOPA); bookings through TryBooking, via AFOPA.
FRI 24 JUL	Action & Opening
8:45 – 10:00 am	RALLY OUTSIDE THE ALP NATIONAL CONFERENCE Protest: Time to Break Free from the US Adelaide Convention Centre, North Terrace Demands: end the US alliance, scrap AUKUS, close all US bases. Extinction Rebellion street theatre from 8:45am. Speakers from 9:15 am, with music from the Creatives for Palestine Choir and drummers. Speakers: Abby Martin (Empire Files) · Annette Brownlie (IPAN) · Allen Harris (CFMEU) · Peter Ong (ETU – QLD & NT) · Hamish Macpherson (Labor Against War – VIC) · Arthur Rorris (South Coast Labour Council)
1:00 pm	Boat trip to the Osborne Naval ShipyardTICKETED SEPARATELY > Departs Port Adelaide historic precinct · 90 mins See the Osborne AUKUS submarine site from the water, then the mangrove bird and dolphin sanctuaries. A 100-seater cruise boat departs the Port, escorted by Anti-AUKUS campaigners.
6:30 – 8:30 pm	PUBLIC OPENING MEETING Time to Break Free from the USATICKETED SEPARATELY > Facilitator: Kellie Tranter — IPAN Patron Old Stock Exchange, 53-57 Exchange Pl, Adelaide Opens with a musical performance by Eileen Darley and Ben Tymukas. ▪ Abby Martin — Empire Files; US filmmaker and journalist ▪ Richard Tanter — Nautilus Institute; researches US bases in Australia ▪ Senator David Shoebridge — Greens spokesperson on Foreign Affairs ▪ Sue Haseldine — Kokatha elder from Ceduna; advocate of Aboriginal culture and environmental protection

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

IPAN acknowledges the Kaurna people, the Traditional Custodians of the Adelaide Plains (Tarntanya), on whose unceded lands this conference takes place. We pay our respects to Elders past and present, and recognise that sovereignty was never ceded.

The state of the world, occupation, charting a course — plus workshops and a social evening.

8:00 am **Registration opens**

8:45 am **Opening & Acknowledgement of Country**
Led by Annette Brownlie

9:00 – 10:30 am **SESSION ONE The World Today: Power, Conflict & Change**

Facilitator: Kellie Tranter — IPAN Patron

- **United States** — Abby Martin
- **Latin America** — Rodrigo Acuña
- **Australia** — Shirley Winton
- **Pacific** — Naek Flores [zoom]
- **Palestine & West Asia** — Mike Khizam

Q & A midway through the session and again at the close.

10:30 – 11:00 am MORNING TEA

11:00 – 12:30 pm **SESSION TWO Australia Occupied?**

Facilitator: Sue Wareham

- **Southern Launch Project** — Sue Haseldine
- **AUKUS & the Force Posture Agreement** — Cameron Leckie
- **US cultural impacts** — Emma Shortis [zoom]
- **Civil liberties** — Nick Hanna [zoom]
- **Artificial Intelligence; civil and military dangers** — Matilda Byrne [zoom]

12:00 – 12:30 pm · Q & A, facilitated by Sue Wareham. Followed by a video on the Close Pine Gap — Sacred Land Back Convergence 2026.

12:30 – 1:30 pm LUNCH

1:30 – 3:00 pm **SESSION THREE Charting Our Own Course**

Facilitator: Arthur Rorris

- **US Economic Domination** — Bevan Ramsden
- **IPAN's Alternative Self-Defence Policy** — Derek Burke
- **Australian Sovereignty Bill** — John Lander
- **Green's Alternative Defence and Foreign Policy** — Senator David Shoebridge
- **Peace is Union Business** — Natasha Watt
- **The military-industrial complex; imperialist stage** — Humphrey McQueen [zoom]

2:20 – 3:00 pm · Q & A, then an introduction to the afternoon workshops.

3:00 – 3:30 pm AFTERNOON TEA

3:30 – 5:00 pm **WORKSHOPS Workshops on Different Campaign Approaches**

Concurrent skill-building workshops — choose one.

- **Working Collaboratively with First Peoples** — Jim Green & Sue Haseldine
- **The Art of Dissent** — Port Adelaide Artists Forum
- **Music and Political Campaigning** — Helen Lawrie & Renfrey Clarke
- **Communication, Mainstream and Social Media** — Peter Cronau & Tahlia Dilberovic
- **Organising & Facilitating "Kitchen Table" Discussion Groups** — Bevan Ramsden
- **Campaigning in the Workplace** — Natasha Watt & Janet Baillie
- **Aligning to Affect Public Mindsets** — Andrew Gaines
- **Non-Violent Direct Action** — Margie Pestorius
- **Resources on US Access to Australian Military Facilities** — Richard Tanter & Jorgen Doyle
- **Building an Ocean of Peace in the Pacific** — Liz Remmerswaal Hughes [zoom]

5:00 – 7:00 pm **Social Evening**

Music, drinks and finger food, at Metro Hotel on Grote Street.

Musical performance — Creatives for Palestine Choir, followed by Lenin Garrido (singer-songwriter, contemporary Latin music).

From many campaigns to one movement.

8:30 am

Registration desk opens

9:00 – 10:30 am

SESSION ONE Growing the Grassroots to Build a Mass Movement

Facilitator: Bevan Ramsden

Sharing what has worked — campaigns and organisations introduce their work in quick succession.

- **Port Adelaide Community Opposing AUKUS** — Eileen Darley
- **Stop AUKUS WA** — Juanita Doorey
- **Labor Against War** — Hamish Macpherson
- **Wollongong Against War and Nukes** — Alexander Brown
- **Medical Association for the Prevention of War** — Margie Beavis
- **International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons**
- **AUKUS Public Inquiry** — Jonathan Pilbrow
- **Rising Tide** — Leena Sudano
- **NSW Teachers Federation** — Natasha Watt
- **Australian Nuclear Free Alliance** — Jim Green
- **Australian Friends of Palestine** — Mike Khizam
- **Teachers for Palestine** — Nigel Gramp
- **Extinction Rebellion** — Anna Slynn
- **Palestine Flotilla Experience** — Ethan Floyd
- **Pine Gap Convergence** — Nathalie Farah

10:30 – 11:00 am

MORNING TEA

11:00 – 1:00 pm

SESSION TWO

Part One: Building the Movement for Independence and Peace

Facilitator: Natasha Watt · Intro: Adam Rorris

Break-out into small groups for discussion on the questions below, followed by whole-group review:

- What are the common issues uniting us?
- What obstacles must we overcome?
- What do we want to achieve?
- What kind of movement do we need?
- How do we build this movement?
- What does an independent, peaceful, sustainable Australia look like?

1:00 – 2:00 pm

LUNCH

2:00 – 3:30 pm

SESSION THREE

Part Two: Strategies for the Movement for Independence and Peace

Facilitator: Adam Rorris

Building on discussions from Part One, in this session we will forge concrete proposals for national plans and next steps. The direction of the conversation will be shaped by participants, but suggestions for discussion might include initiating the development of a national antiwar coalition, convening a national convention, building on the Newcastle convergence, campaigning for a moratorium on the Force Posture Agreement, establishing a national communications group, holding a workshop on strategies for ending the US alliance, and mobilising for the National Days of Action, 19–21 September, marking the UN International Day of Peace.

3:30 – 4:00 pm

Plenary & Close

Summing up, the conference declaration, and close.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

VENUE · TRAVEL · TICKETS · CONTACT

VENUE

Sat–Sun sessions: 43 Franklin St, Adelaide. **Friday:** Various locations, including Old Stock Exchange, Adelaide.

GETTING THERE

U City: Nearest tram stop **Victoria Square** (King William St / Glenelg line), ~4 min walk. Franklin St bus station adjacent.

TICKETS

Registration covers all Sat and Sun sessions. Excursions and Friday events ticketed separately.

ACCESS & ONLINE

Wheelchair accessible — tell us your access needs. **[Zoom]** speakers join remotely.

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IPAN — the Independent & Peaceful Australia Network — brings together peace, union, environment and community groups working for an independent, peaceful and sustainable Australia.

PRESENTERS

MEET THE SPEAKERS

The voices shaping three days of discussion – alongside the many campaigns and organisations presenting on Sunday.



Rodrigo Acuña

Latin American affairs specialist and film maker.



Janet Baillie

Nurse, Wellbeing Officer at Qld Nurses and Midwives' Union; activist with Peace is Union Business.



Annette Brownlie

Chairperson of IPAN; CC member of the Pacific Peace Network; Vice-President of UNAAQ.



Derek Burke

Involved in the peace movement since the 1970s; convener of IPAN-SA and a member of IPAN's Coordinating Committee.



Matilda Byrne

Researcher on autonomous weapons; Coordinator of Australia Stop Killer Robots at SafeGround.



Renfrey Clarke

Adelaide songwriter and political activist.



Peter Cronau

Investigative journalist and writer; co-founder of 'Declassified Australia'.



Eileen Darley

Co-ordinator of PACOA; over four decades experience as an actor, singer and maker in political theatre and music.



Tahlia Dilberovic

Communications professional with a background in political campaigns, trade unions and the pro-Palestine movement.



Catherine Fitzgerald

Comedian and grassroots campaigner.



Naek Flores

CHamoru artist and activist from Guåhan (Guam); lead organiser of Prutehi Litekyan: Save Ritidian.



Andrew Gaines FRSA

Multidisciplinary innovator devoted to healthy cultural evolution.



Jim Green

Friends of the Earth nuclear campaigner.



Nick Hanna

Civil liberties advocate examining the erosion of rights under the US alliance.



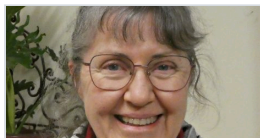
Sue Haseldine

Kokatha elder from Ceduna; advocate for Aboriginal culture and environmental protection.



Mike Khizam

Australian Friends of Palestine Association deputy chair; anti-war activist and advocate for Palestine and West Asia.



Helen Lawrie

Musician, peace campaigner and co-founder of The Stay Human Project.



Major Cameron Leckie, Rtd

Former Army officer writing on AUKUS and the Force Posture Agreement.



Abby Martin

Journalist and filmmaker; founder of The Empire Files and director of Earth's Greatest Enemy.



Humphrey McQueen

Historian and author on imperialism and the military-industrial complex.



Margaret Pestorius

Nonviolent direct action campaigner with Wage Peace.



Bevan Ramsden

Former TAFE teacher, member of NSW TF, long-term activist for peace and independence and editor of IPAN's publication Voice.



Adam Rorris

President of the SEARCH Foundation. Senior economist and policy advisor in United Nations agencies, the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank.



Arthur Rorris

Secretary of the South Coast Labour Council. Leading campaigner for green jobs, climate action, a nuclear free future and the movement against AUKUS.



Senator David Shoebridge

Australian Greens Senator and spokesperson on Foreign Affairs and Defence.



Emma Shortis

Researcher and author of Our Exceptional Friend: Australia's Fatal Alliance with the United States.



Richard Tanter

Senior Research Associate at the Nautilus Institute.



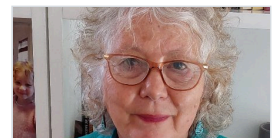
Kellie Tranter

Lawyer, writer and human rights advocate; contributor to Declassified Australia.



Natasha Watt

NSW Teachers Federation; campaigner for 'Peace is Union Business'.



Shirley Winton

Founding member of IPAN; retired union organiser and long-time peace and anti-war campaigner for Australia's independence.

ALSO PRESENTING · GROWING THE GRASSROOTS & FACILITATORS

Juanita Doorey (Stop AUKUS WA) · Hamish Macpherson (Labor Against War) · Alexander Brown (Wollongong Against War & Nukes) · Margie Beavis (MAPW) · Sue Wareham (MAPW) · Speaker TBC (ICAN) · Leena Sudano (Rising Tide) · Jim Green (Aust. Nuclear Free Alliance) · Nigel Gramp (Teachers for Palestine) · Anna Slynn (Extinction Rebellion) · Jonathan Pilbrow (AUKUS Public Inquiry) · Liz Remmerswaal Hughes (World Beyond War Aotearoa New Zealand) · Ethan Floyd