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| **In this issue:**\* Aukus and nuclear submarines opposed- Opposition escalates\* Adelaide rally against Aukus and nuclear submarines\* AUSMIN and AUKUS: It's even worse than you think - Mike Scrafton\* From the Submarine to the Ridiculous - Hugh White\* Disaster in Afghanistan requires a Royal Commission in the Australia-U.S. alliance - Petition to the Australian Government\* IPAN Submission to Senate (Foreign Affairs and Trade) Committee Afghanistan War Inquiry\* Voices for Peace - IPAN Podcast\* IPAN's People's Inquiry - submissions and Questionnaires\* Raising Peace Festival outstanding success- Report by Nick Deane\* 2021 International Peace Bureau-World Peace Congress Barcelona\* ICAN - Open Forum - Let's talk subs.\* Raucous Anti-Aukus Caucus - Zoom\* Michael Pembroke- Play by the Rules Zoom event\* Satire from the ABC's "Utopia"\* COMING EVENTS\* Rapid Public Response |

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| **Aukus and nuclear submarines opposed** |

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| **Opposition has developed rapidly** The Scott Morrison announcement on 16th September,2021 of Australia joining the UK and US in a new war pact called Aukus and that Australia would acquire nuclear propelled submarines has caused an eruption of concern and a flurry of activity from peace workers and those opposed to these developments.**Within two days, 18th September, a zoom meeting called by IPAN and the AABCC to discuss these development attracted over 100 participants**. It was addressed by Dr Vince Scappatura for IPAN and Dr Hannah from AABCC. The deep concerns expressed at this meeting resulted in the production of a Statement headed:**"Australians speak out against nuclear submarines and AUKUS"** It commences "Australia cannot become a staging point for the U.S. military, we cannot abrogate our sovereignty to the U.S., we cannot encourage nuclear proliferation and risk environmental catastrophe."[READ ON](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=981dde6807&e=8ef5b7f4e3) **Within days,** a **petition** calling on the Australian government to withdraw from Aukus and cease acquisition of nuclear powered submarines was produced on Change.org attracting **21,935 signatories** (as at 5th Oct.21).It commences: " **No Nuclear-Submarines; End U​.​S. dominance; Healthcare not warfare.........**The behind closed door commitment of Australia to a trilateral security agreement with the United Kingdom, and the United States (AUKUS) and a submarine fleet shows a complete disregard for the democratic process and undermines sovereignty........The Australian Government must**withdraw from AUKUS, stop the development of nuclear submarines** **and** **end integration into the U.S. military. "**[**SIGN HERE for the petition**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=1d7bfc9ce8&e=8ef5b7f4e3) [**The MUA** ( Maritme Union of Australia) made a public Statement:](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=a6388917f4&e=8ef5b7f4e3)"**No to nuclear submarines-jobs & health, not nukes".**....."Today, on the International Day of Peace, the Maritime Union of Australia (MUA) declares its total opposition to the reckless announcement by Scott Morrison that Australia would be developing nuclear-powered submarines as part of a military alliance with the US and UK."[**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=5cdd8cd223&e=8ef5b7f4e3)**Friends of the Earth** ( FOE Australia) produced a **petition:" Say No to subs .....**The Australian Government must**withdraw from AUKUS, stop the development of nuclear submarines** and **end integration into the U.S. military. "**[**SIGN HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=ee10d3a7f3&e=8ef5b7f4e3)**National Tertiary Education Union speaks out against nuclear subs plan**The NTEU is alarmed by the announcement by the Australian Government of its agreement with the United States of America and the United Kingdom to build nuclear powered submarines, with no apparent regard as to the costs to be incurred or regional political impact of the arrangement.[**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=fe5f62931a&e=8ef5b7f4e3) The **CICD** (Campaign for International Co-operation and Disarmament) made this **Public Statement on AUKUS Trilateral Agreement** in which they said: "The CICD says this government is NOT ACTING IN OUR NAME. Australia does not need this agreement that can only draw Australia into another US War. Buying submarines that are offensive, not defensive is a waste of time and money.."[**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=caef3c9ca0&e=8ef5b7f4e3) The **Medical Association for Prevention of War** (MAPW) issued a statement:" The AUKUS agreement represents a threat to human health and global security. **Please take action today, and write to your MP.**To help you communicate our collective concerns, we've prepared talking points and suggested concrete actions your MP can take on nuclear submarines and the AUKUS agreement. [Click here to visit our AUKUS action page.](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=c773b0adc5&e=8ef5b7f4e3)**Australian Conservation Foundation calls for Australia to be Nuclear Free - 21st September, 2021:"**Prime Minister Scott Morrison must give the Australian people confidence that his planned submarine deal will not put the nation on the path to nuclear power, nuclear weapons and nuclear waste, the Australian Conservation Foundation said today."[**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=b8e7a5b385&e=8ef5b7f4e3) **Statement of Pax Christi Australia re AUKUS Agreement**Pax Christi Australia is a branch of the International Christian Peace Movement, Pax Christi International.  We wish to raise our objections in the strongest possible terms to the AUKUS agreement. We do not believe that this initiative will do anything towards building peace in our region. .........This agreement will threaten rather than enhance Australian security by provoking China and souring our relationships with our neighbours as well as European Union countries. National security is best pursued by peace-enhancing methods such as negotiation, discussion and respectful dialogue. READ Complete Statement [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=4f06c5eda2&e=8ef5b7f4e3) **International opposition to Aukus**Peace and Common Security Advocates from Around the World Oppose QUAD (Japan, India, US, Australia), & AUKUS (Australia, UK, US) Militarism & Urge Common Security Collaborations to Address Existential Nuclear, Climate & Pandemic Threats[**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=c807341677&e=8ef5b7f4e3) The **New Zealand Government’s** announced continuation of its anti-nuclear policy, which will ban any future Australian nuclear submarines from entering New Zealand waters or ports, has been welcomed by long term peace activists, the International Affairs and Disarmament Committee of the Aotearoa /New Zealand Peace Foundation. [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=05ca187819&e=8ef5b7f4e3) **Kiribati President says AUKUS nuclear submarine deal puts Pacific at risk**He says it puts the region at risk and raises some troubling memories. The people of Kiribati recall when the UK and US tested nuclear weapons there.Then the islands were part of colonial Britain and between 1957 and 1962 more than 30 nuclear tests were carried out."Our people were victims of nuclear testing … we still have trauma … with that in mind, with anything to do with nuclear, we thought it would be a courtesy to raise it, to discuss it with your neighbours," he says.**Malaysia** has joined criticism of Australia's plan to build nuclear-powered submarines, warning it could spark a renewed arms race in the region**Coalition to oppose AUKUS and Nuclear Submarines**Efforts have commenced to form a coalition to oppose and reverse the Scott Morrison government decision to joining the Aukus military pact and acquire nuclear submarines. It is expected that this will be supported by peace groups, trade unions, faith organisations, environmental groups and those opposing nuclear weapons and a nuclear industry and all who care for a peaceful and safe future for Australians. **Date: 7th November. Time and access details to be advised in****IPAN's November edition of Voice** |

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| Opposition to Aukus and the nuclear submarines was shown at short notice in Adelaide by 200 people including environmentalists, peace activists, Friends of the Earth, Quakers, The Greens, IPAN (SA)Read one of the speeches [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=1ecbbe43b7&e=8ef5b7f4e3)   |

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| Acknowledgement to Pearls and Irritations 21 Sept, 2021 **AUSMIN and AUKUS: It’s even worse than you think****by Mike Scrafton**  Nothing exemplifies the loss of national sovereignty, and the abandonment of strategic autonomy, like handing the war decision over to the US. The submarine issue is simply a blind. AUKUS just a distraction.The Australia-US Ministerial Consultations (AUSMIN) [joint statement](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=72c7be433f&e=8ef5b7f4e3) records Australia’s surreptitious accession as the 51st state of the Union. That it has been done without a vote, or even a serious national or parliamentary debate, highlights the accompanying loss of democracy.Australia has effectively surrendered its right to say what kinds of military platforms and weapons can be brought on to, or stationed in, its territory.The Australian government will permit “the rotational deployment of US aircraft of all types in Australia and appropriate aircraft training and exercises”. It will facilitate “increasing logistics and sustainment capabilities of US surface and subsurface vessels in Australia”. Alarmingly, Australia will “[E]stablish a combined logistics, sustainment, and maintenance enterprise to support high end warfighting and combined military operations in the region”.This represents a complete and total subordination of Australia’s interests to those of America. It is not possible to say no to America when so deeply entwined with US military war preparations.[**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=6633b61d55&e=8ef5b7f4e3) |

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| With Acknowledgement to The Saturday Paper, September 18-24, 2021  **From the Submarine to the Ridiculous**                                        by Hugh WhiteExtract:“"If Australia’s submarines were intended primarily to defend Australia and our closer neighbours, then there is no way we’d consider nuclear propulsion.""Washington wants Australia to be able to do more – much more – to support them in a war with China. It is therefore in America’s interest to see us invest in forces designed for that, and nuclear-powered submarines fit their needs perfectly.""And if the US, by miscalculation, does find itself at war with China, we absolutely cannot assume that it would win. That must, surely, enter our calculations about whether we commit ourselves to fighting alongside America. And yet that is what we are increasingly doing."  |

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| **Disaster in Afghanistan Requires a Royal Commission into the Australia-U​.​S. allianceAdd your voice to the call for a new peaceful & independent direction in Australian foreign policy by signing this petition****PETITION to the Australian Government** The end of the war in Afghanistan must be a turning point for Australian foreign policy and provide the impetus for a Royal Commission.After a generation-long war that cost the lives of thousands of innocent civilians in Afghanistan and led to the deaths of hundreds of Australian soldiers in battle, from injuries and accidents, and through suicide, the consequences of engaging in foreign wars unrelated to the defence of our country are clear.Successive Australian Governments have committed our Defence Forces to follow the U.S. into Afghanistan, Syria, Iraq, and Vietnam, culminating in millions of deaths, untold suffering, and environmental devastation. Tens of billions of dollars have been wasted on destructive war machinery while depriving much needed expenditures at home for better schools, hospitals, roads, public housing for the homeless and addressing climate change.During this 70th year since the ANZUS Treaty was signed, we call on all Australians to speak with a clear and urgent voice.We, the signatories, urgently call on the Australian government to establish a Royal Commission to examine Australia’s alliance with the U.S. and whether an alternative independent foreign and defence policy would better serve the peace and security needs of the Australian people.[**SIGN HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=16628dc4a6&e=8ef5b7f4e3) **Please share with friends and help boost the signatories** |

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| **IPAN Submissionto Senate (Foreign Affairs and Trade) Committee) Afghanistan War Inquiry** IPAN has made a lengthly submission to this Senate Inquiry.It addresses the following parts of that Inquiry:\* success in achieving the Australian Governments' stated objectives \* the costs of Australia's engagement in Afghanistan\*  any related matters.The submission can be read [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=697f465a94&e=8ef5b7f4e3) |

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| **Voices for PeaceListen to the IPAN podcast** [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=e78c8e4c85&e=8ef5b7f4e3)Your will hear from some of the hundreds of Australians from many walks of life who have signed a recent petition calling for a Royal Commission into the Afghanistan war disaster and the US-Australia military alliance, an alliance now widely seen as being responsible for Australia’s involvement in the Afghanistan war, the Iraq war and, in the 1960’s, the Vietnam war. These are community voices of reason, calling for the peaceful resolution of conflicts through diplomacy rather than war. They’re the voices of grandparents concerned for their grandchildren’s future, of neighbours, work colleagues and people one might meet down the street. Out of respect for their privacy we will only give their first name. |

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| **IPAN's People's InquiryOver 267 submissions received****An interim report has been prepared and will be released at the IPAN AGM on 2nd October****Submissions are open until October 5th for those wishing to address Aukus and the nuclear submarine issue****To make a submission to the Inquiry, go to:**[www.independentpeacefulaustralia.com.au](http://www.independentpeacefulaustralia.com.au) A year 12 VCE student from Victoria writes in her submission to the Inquiry:"As the final Australian troops withdrew from Afghanistan in July, a series of difficult questions began to filter through the nation’s collective consciousness: what did we achieve? Why were we there? How many more times? After 20 years of being tangled in an unwinnable war, 41 Australian lives have been lost, 260 people sustained serious injuries and most alarmingly 500 veterans have taken their lives. Meanwhile, Australia has poured in $10 billion, only to see the Afghan state crumble and return to Taliban hands in a matter of weeks. With this disaster fresh in our minds, it is time to reconsider our alliance with the US. Just how far should we take our obligations as an ally before our own national interests are harmed?" READ COMPLETE SUBMISSION [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=482c8eed1c&e=8ef5b7f4e3) |

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| **1,100 questionnaires receivedHave your say on Australian Foreign Policy using the IPAN questionnaire with Survey Monkey**Access the Questionaire at[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CMMMKTS](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=799bdba5ba&e=8ef5b7f4e3) |

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| **Raising Peace Festival outstanding success**Report by Nick Deane The festival’s first event was on September 16 and featured speeches from prominent people, including Mr David Shoebridge MLC. The first full day (September 18) was, appropriately, devoted to (and conducted by) First Nations people. It was followed by a total of 37 events, spread over every day until the 26th. These events included films, discussions, presentations, a book-launch, and even dancing. A highlight was an address from Costa Rica’s Ambassador to Australia, Mr Armando Vargas Araya, on the International Day of Peace (September 21).In all, over 1,000 people formed the audience, with the greatest number for any, single event being in excess of 150. Some 120 different speakers made contributions.The festival is over now, but all of the sessions have been recorded and are being made available on the RP website ([https://raisingpeace.org.au](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=14cdbba09f&e=8ef5b7f4e3) ). Anyone who was unable to watch any particular session now has the opportunity to ‘catch up’.For complete report click [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=23dc111ee8&e=8ef5b7f4e3)  |

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| **Let's talk Subs - Open Forum** Now the fanfare has settled on the AUKUS nuclear submarine announcement, it's time to dive a little deeper. We're hosting an **open forum** on the topic to hear a range of perspectives from experts and regional partners on the response and implications of the deal for nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament.We're delighted to hear from Muhadi Sugiono, Gadjah Mada University, Indonesia, Prof Richard Tanter from the Nautilus Institute, Melbourne, Prof Steven Ratuva of the University of Canterbury, Aotearoa New Zealand and Professor Marianne Hanson from the University of Queensland and ICAN Australia co-chair. [OPEN FORUM: NUCLEAR SUBMARINE DEAL](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=b9c7a45a7d&e=8ef5b7f4e3)**Tuesday 12th October at the following times:** * **Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne, Hobart: 6-7:30pm AEDT**
* **Brisbane: 5-6:30pm AEST**
* **Perth: 3-4:30pm AWST**
* **Adelaide: 5:30-7pm ACDT**
* **Darwin: 4:30-6pm ACST**

Our call is loud and clear for Scott Morrison and Peter Dutton to guarantee they will not pursue a domestic nuclear weapons program, nor host another country's nuclear weapons, by joining the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. **Will you join us on the 12th?**  |

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|  With Scott Ludlam, Guy Rundle, Felicity Ruby, Talei Mangioni, Dimity Hawkins, Clinton Fernandes, Jacob Grech & Dave Sweeney on Thursday, 7th October, 7pmAustralia plans to develop a new fleet of nuclear-powered submarines as part of the new AUKUS trilateral military pact between Australia, the United States and the United Kingdom. This has been described as an act of nuclear proliferation. The pact will increase the US military footprint and troop deployment in Australia, with these nuclear-powered submarines just the thin edge of the wedge. The Chinese government has already responded with the threat that Australia is now a nuclear target.More details [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=ad00cde49a&e=8ef5b7f4e3) |

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| **To all our IPAN friends -  an invitation** ***A major international  peace congress is being held in Barcelona on the 15th – 17th October, run by the International Peace Bureau***. Although many of the 1800 people who have so far registered will be in Europe and physically join together in Barcelona, hundreds of others from around the world will be joining the congress on-line.It is free to register for the congress, and we strongly encourage you to register to be part of the congress.   To register, and to see the range of speakers and workshops, download the latest Congress Program from the IPAN website here, and click the register link:[https://ipan.org.au/international-peace-congress-attracts-1800-participants-for-15th-17th-october/](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=1366703526&e=8ef5b7f4e3)There will be quite a few very interesting key speakers (eg Beatrice Fihn, (ICAN), Jeremy Corbyn, Sharon Burrow (international union movement), Noam Chomsky), together with a large number of workshops of interest.**IPAN has organised two workshops,** one on the **US militarization of Australia**, with Matilda Byrne, Vince Scappatura, Kellie Tranter and students from Macquare Uni,   and a second workshop on **the Pacific Peace network**with Lisa Natividad, Clinton Fernandez and Annette Brownlie.**The congress is very timely given the growth of a coalition centred around opposition to nuclear submarines and AUKUS.** |

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| Michael Pembroke - Play by the RulesWednesday 20 October 20216:30 PM – 7:30 PMZOOM OnlineTo obtain your free ticket please reply to Mike Henry (mphenry@fastmail.fm) and I will forward your request to AVID READER  who will send you a zoom link after 4 pm AEST on Wednesday 20th October, 2021.    |

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| **Satire from the ABC's "Utopia"**Where does the threat come from?... say it... say it... does it start with the letter "C"? ......Nod your head if that is true....View the video [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=2cf25f8584&e=8ef5b7f4e3) and have a chuckle |

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| **Coming Events**\* **National**: **Raucous Anti-Aukus Caucus**  : on-line webinar,Thursday,7th October, 7pm. Details [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=8bf2962110&e=8ef5b7f4e3)\* **National**: **ICAN Open Forum Nuclear Submarine Deal** :Tuesday 12th October. Details [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=5578cdb27a&e=8ef5b7f4e3)\* **International**: **2021 International Peace Bureau**- World Peace Congress Barcelona: 15-17th October: Details [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=39ad93fcfb&e=8ef5b7f4e3)\* **National:** **IPAN Webinar** via zoom: **Afghanistan war consequences**with David McBride, Emma Shortis and Diana Sayed: **21st Oct., 6.30pm**-  details on home page of **ipan.org.au**\* **National**: **Michael Pembroke- "Play by the rules**" webinar : **20 October**, 6.30 -7.30pm :Zoom on- lineTickets via Mike Henry (mphenry@fastmail.fm)  |

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| **RAPID PUBLIC RESPONSE**In the event of an imminent major military conflict, military invasion or war actually breaking out, IPAN organisations in the following states, urge everyone to rally : **In Melbourne**, outside the State Library in Swanston St, Melbourne, from 5pm that evening- bring banners and placards - family and friends **In Adelaide**, on Parliament Steps at 4.30 pm that evening – bring banners and placards – family and friends. I**n Newcastle**, at the Clocktower, Hamilton, 4.30pm that evening- bring banners and placards and tell family and friends  **In Canberra**, on the median strip at the corner of London Circuit and Northbourne Ave. **In Brisbane**, at King George Square, 5 pm |

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