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Australia is manufacturing explosives for Israeli atrocities

Two factories, one in NSW, at Mulwala, and one in Victoria, in Benalla, manufacture the munitions that end up inside the shells, bullets, missiles and bombs used by the US-Israeli death machine in its expansionist, genocidal campaigns.

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IPAN Activities

IPAN National Conference 2026- Adelaide- 24-26th July, 2026

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IPAN NATIONAL CONFERENCE

2026

SPEAKERS | FORUMS | WORKSHOPS | NETWORKING

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



TIME TO BREAK FREE FROM THE US

Old Stock Exchange, Adelaide

24-26th July

Opens with public meeting Friday 24th



SPEAKERS (as at Feb)

- Richard Tanter** (Nautilus institute)
- Abby Martin**
- Senator David Shoebridge** (Greens)
- Vivian McKenzie** (Indigenous Elder)
- Shirley Winton** (IPAN)
- Naek Flores** (Guahan)
- Mike Khizam** (AFOPA)
- Derek Burke** (IPAN)
- Bevan Ramsden** (IPAN)

More speakers to be announced

Public meeting

- Friday SPEAKERS**
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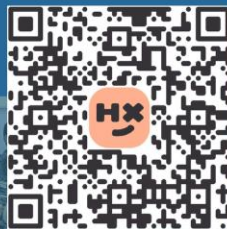
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INTERNATIONAL KEYNOTE SPEAKER

ABBY MARTIN

US journalist and filmmaker



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Includes Climate Crisis, Indigenous Rights, AUKUS, Palestine, World Order/Disorder and the urgency to break free of the USA

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We invite you to join us for IPAN's conference, entitled "*It's Time to Break Free From the US*". This will be a unique opportunity to engage, learn and organise with leading analysts and campaigners others who are working for peace and Australian independence. Leading experts in geopolitics, as well as the US war machine and its influence in Australia, will present up to date analysis, while campaigners from all over Australia will gather to workshop strategies towards building a mass movement for peace and independence.

International and domestic speakers on geopolitics and critics of the US war machine and its influence in Australia will share up-to-date analysis, while campaigners from across the country come together to build a mass movement for peace and independence.

With genocide an ongoing reality and the scope of war growing and affecting every aspect of our lives, this conference will help prepare us all to take the peace movement to the next level.

Key Presenters:

Abby Martin US activist Filmmaker Earth's Greatest Enemy https://youtu.be/rphBWk15_h4

Prof Richard Tanter, Expert on US bases in Australia

Senator David Shoebridge Greens spokesperson for Defence

Vivian McKenzie Indigenous elder fighting the nuclear waste dump in South Australia

Nick Hanna, Civil Rights Lawyer defending democratic rights protesters

Rodrigo Acuna independent Latin American affairs specialist

Naek Fores Guam peace activist

Mike Khizan AFOPA Australian Friends of Palestine Assn

Emma Shortis Expert on US empire (the Australia Institute)

Humphrey McQueen (Historian)

IPAN speakers Derek Burke, Bevan Ramsden and Shirley Winton



We see every day the latest horrors of full scale war. Whether in Gaza, Lebanon or Iran, thousands of people are being murdered by the military machines of the US and Israel. At the same time almost unbelievable environmental destruction is caused.

In the first two weeks of the US-Israeli war on Iran, 5 million tons of CO2 were emitted into the atmosphere.

We in Australia are deeply involved - Pine gap base sends target information, Kojarena base sends secure field mobile phone signals between US soldiers, NW Cape base send signals to US attack submarines (with Australian sailors on board) sailing from Sterling naval base. Worldwide military activities add more than one twentieth of the total greenhouse gases in our atmosphere each year, a large proportion of it coming from the US military.

In this film a US foreign policy reporter and her Iraq veteran husband turn their sights on the hidden impact the US military has on the planet, after the birth of their first child creates anxiety about the climate crisis. Their investigation exposes a secretive and constantly-expanding web of pollution, cover-ups and unaccountability by the world's biggest polluter.

Australia-wide screenings of Abby Winter's Film : "Earth's Greatest Enemy", organised by IPAN

Booking details of film showings in your city [HERE](#)

One additional showing in Victoria at Swinburne University of Technology [HERE](#)

IPAN Podcast: The dangerous world of AUKUS & the US military

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Israel and the US and the war on Gaza, Lebanon and Iran

DEMAND JUSTICE! DEFEND THE DEFENDERS

Courage International AISBL created this petition addressed to European Commission on 04/14/2026

Francesca Albanese is trying to stop a genocide. That is her crime. The United States and Israel are trying to stop *her* – by destroying her life, her career, her family, and her voice.

The US has sanctioned UN Special Rapporteur Francesca Albanese, 8 ICC judges, 3 court officials, and Palestinian human rights organisations Al-Haq, Al Mezan, and PCHR. The message is chilling: investigate genocide, speak up for international law, and we will destroy your life. Under Executive Order 14203, anyone collaborating with the International Criminal Court becomes a target.

- **Sign the petition and demand that the EU Push Back Now.**
- **Tick the consent box to join the movement and receive important campaign update**

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Francesca lost her affiliations with Columbia and Georgetown Universities. Her assets were frozen. She cannot access bank accounts, credit cards, or payments anywhere in the world. Even European banks closed the accounts of sanctioned ICC judges – simply because the US demanded it.



WAWAN at Woollongong May Day

On 1st May, WAWAN marched with hundreds of unionists at the Woollongong May Day rally. Marchers carried banners calling for an end to wars and the Israeli genocide of Palestinians. Speaker after speaker making the case that peace is core union business.

AUKUS

A Public Inquiry into AUKUS launched

IPAN is pleased to announce that a **nation-wide Public Inquiry into AUKUS** was officially launched at Parliament House in Canberra on 2nd June 2026.

The Inquiry has been initiated by the Australian Peace and Security Forum (APSF) in collaboration with community organisations and trade unions from across Australia. IPAN has been represented on the Inquiry Secretariat and has also made a financial contribution to support this important initiative.

Given the scale, cost and long-term implications of AUKUS, this Inquiry provides a valuable opportunity for Australians to have their voices heard. The Inquiry will receive written, video and audio

submissions from individuals and organisations, and public hearings will be held around the country in the coming months.

Further information, submission details, hearing registrations and donation information can be found via the below downloadable

PDF: **[HERE](#)**

We strongly encourage all IPAN members and supporters to become involved by making a submission, attending a hearing, sharing information through your networks, and, if you are able, making a financial contribution.

Annette Brownlie (IPAN Chairperson)

Submissions to the Public Inquiry are Open

We welcome written or video/audio submissions from individuals, organisations, experts, and community groups.

To make a submission visit [here](#).

There are public hearings in various locations, and you can [register to attend here](#).

The Melbourne Hearing will take place on Thursday 11 June at Victorian Trades Hall.

If you would like an opportunity to be heard at a hearing, we encourage written or video/audio submission for our consideration as soon as possible.

Submissions will be open until September.

Please pass this information on to anyone in your network you believe may be interested in the Inquiry.

[MORE INFORMATION and to MAKE A SUBMISSION](#)

Australian Anti-AUKUS Coalition
National Webinar: 20th May, 2026

The dangerous world of AUKUS and US military occupation.

Confronting laws restricting and or suppressing protest speech and action.



Kellie Tranter, Facilitator:

“The topic of this webinar is the dangerous world of AUKUS and US military occupation. Confronting laws restricting and or suppressing protest speech and action.

First, may I attempt to provide a quick overview, how I see Australia's current position.

On our side, our defense forces are not just being integrated into and made interoperable with the US military machine, they are being transformed into a southern operating division of the US military that effectively can be compelled to support US military adventurism across land, sea, air, cyber, space, particularly against China.

At the same time, our country is being turned into the largest and possibly most strategic US military base in the Western Pacific, Eastern Indian Ocean region.“

Senator David Shoebridge:

“The new AFP command that's been established to police not just AUKUS bases, but people organising against AUKUS, an Australian Federal Police Command. The government has budgeted \$200 million for that AFP police command to police AUKUS just over this financial year and next financial year.”

Former Senator Rex Patrick:

“Unfortunately, being a Submariner, and someone who's been to sea on nuclear-powered submarines, I just don't think this is a sensible option for Australia. It's not sensible because, actually, it's not about defense of Australia, it's about, contribution to the US alliance....

Those documents revealed was that there is a special command inside the AFP that now looks after AUKUS and it's clear in the documentation that that is one of the functions of the AUKUS command, is to deal with protests over, AUKUS. But it also expands to, the documentation showed it also expanded to other places like Pine Gap, other places where we might have...

US forces, or US facilities, here in Australia.”

Arthur Rorris, Secretary, South Coast Labor Council:

“And this is where the question of changing laws and introducing new laws, what do they want them for? They don't want them to protect the submarines.

They want them to protect the American hegemony that is being threatened here in terms of the alliance. That's what it's for. They're there to stop protests, not to protect the subs.”(An East Coast nuclear submarine base)...” in the leaked documents that the government tried to stop us looking at they say on the first page... more than twice the size of the Western Sydney International Airport project. Right? That is how big. That ain't for 2 or 3 submarines, can I tell you? We're talking about a full-on operation here that would involve at least, at least, other assets and the AUKUS partners.... this is not just about a submarine port. This must, must accommodate a surface fleet.... the US 7th Fleet, which is what we said at the time. They haven't denied it, mind you.”

You can access the complete webinar [HERE](#) and access particular speakers at:

Kellie Tranter: Introduction: 0.34

David Shoebridge: 7.24

Rex Patrick: 31.36

Nick Hanna: 45.48

Arthur Rorris: 1:09.13

Jorgen Doyle: 1:28.27

Eileen Darley, Leonie Lundy, Peter Rathborne, Lynda Forbes: 1.42.19

Save the Date

Sunday 20 September - International Day for Peace

National Day of Actions Against AUKUS

Peace. No War!

Cancel AUKUS – end US alliance!



MEDIA RELEASE

LABOR AGAINST WAR

Sunday 24 May 2026

Victoria Labor opposes Iran war and renews calls to dump AUKUS

Grassroots anti-AUKUS campaign, Labor Against War, welcomes the Victoria ALP State Conference call for the Albanese government to withdraw support for the US war on Iran and for its continued opposition to the AUKUS military pact.

An urgency resolution to the conference moved by LAW Victoria convenor Hamish McPherson also calls for the government to withhold military support or involvement in all foreign military conflicts that breach the principles of the UN Charter. The resolution recognises that the US and Israel war on Iran falls outside the bounds of the Charter and was not authorised by the United Nations.

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PETITION:

**To: Prime Minister Anthony Albanese; NSW Premier Chris Minns;
Alison Byrnes MP for Cunningham**

**Rule it out: no nuclear submarine base in Port
Kembla!**



GetUp! has partnered with WAWAN on a petition calling on the Prime Minister to rule out a nuclear submarine base in the Illawarra.

[Can you sign and share the petition today?](#)

The more signatures it gets, the louder the message that the Illawarra doesn't want a military base in our town.

The billions proposed for this base should instead be invested in what our community actually needs: health, housing, clean energy, education, and environmental repair.

[SIGN HERE](#)

With acknowledgement to The Nightly, 4th May, 2026

Australian naval personnel on board US subs instructed to comply with all directions from American commanders

by Andrew Greene

Australian sailors serving on board US submarines have been instructed to comply with all directions from their American commanders, despite concerns about operations launched by the Trump administration.

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[US alliance, "defence" and consequences](#)

Save Our Soldiers (S.O.S) Petition.



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Sign to Stop
Australia's military
involvement in the
illegal war of
aggression
perpetrated by the

**Save Our Soldiers (S.O.S Petition), stop
Australia's military support for illegal
wars**

SIGN HERE

Sign this petition to stop Australia's military involvement in the illegal war of aggression perpetrated by the USA and Israel against Iran. Thankyou for your consideration. Please sign this petition to try and save our soldiers, their families and our nation from yet another war of aggression. If we do not stop our government from continuing its military asset support in this illegal war of aggression then we will likely see more young great Australian killed in wars for the greed and power of perverted individuals/oligarchs/cults.

Democratic Rights and suppression of dissent



New South Wales
Council for Civil Liberties



"Drop the charges against Herzog protestors" - Call from Advocates and Civil Society Organisations

Open Letter to the NSW Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Police,
and Commissioner of Police

1 June 2026

We, the undersigned, call on the government to immediately drop all the charges against people protesting against the visit of the President of Israel on 9 February 2026 on the basis that all charges are a direct consequence of unlawful conduct by the police.

Full details and where to sign [HERE](#)

The Australian Government is grading universities on how effectively they suppress protest

Under the new report card regime, every university will be scored from A to D.

The top-weighted criterion is not how well they educate. It is how well they control protests, encampments, flags and political materials on campus.

This is government-directed censorship. It must be scrapped.

SIGN PETITION HERE

Nuclear issues

Published: 20 May 2026

A national analysis of the impact of proximity to nuclear power plants on lung, breast and colon cancer mortalities in the U.S., 2000–2020

Nuclear power plants emit low levels of ionizing radiation, an established risk factor for breast, colon, and lung cancers, yet the long-term effects of chronic environmental exposure in U.S. populations remain unclear.

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Some considerations for demonstration organisers and attendees

Mobile Phones

Don't take your mobile phone to a demonstration where there is a

possibilities of being arrested. If you need one, use a cheap "throw away" version.

Police may confiscate your phone and down-load everything on it and this data becomes available to security agencies, domestic and foreign.

If you have important information to discuss, use a secure encrypted communications platform such as Signal.

Antidotes for pepper spray

The best antidotes for pepper spray include rinsing with water, using dairy products like milk, and applying baking soda or commercial decontamination products.

Effective Remedies for Pepper Spray Exposure

1. **Rinse with Water:** Start by flushing the affected area with cool, clean water. This helps to dilute the capsaicin, the active ingredient in pepper spray, but may not be sufficient on its own due to the oil-based nature of capsaicin.
2. **Use Dairy Products:** Dairy products, particularly whole milk or yogurt, can effectively neutralize the burning sensation. Capsaicin is oil-based, and dairy helps to break down the oils. You can apply milk directly to the skin or soak a cloth in it and place it on the affected area.
3. **Baking Soda Paste:** Mixing baking soda with water to create a paste can help neutralize the acidity caused by pepper spray. Apply the paste to the affected skin for a few minutes before rinsing it off.

Coming Events

HOBART: Sat., 20th June, Kick-Start Arts:

Film showing: **The Pursuit of Happiness:**

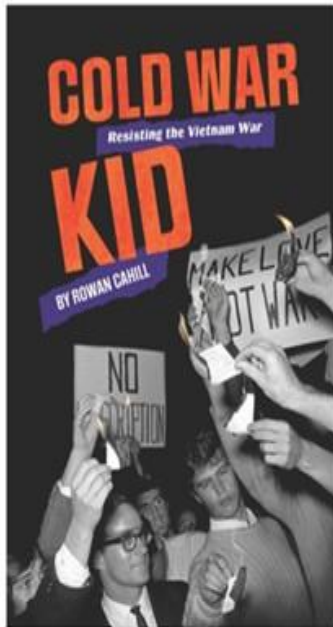
The Pursuit of Happiness, a 1988 film set during the original campaign against nuclear proliferation and US military presence in Australia.

The event is a fundraiser to send two delegates to IPAN's national conference in July in Adelaide.

Please support us by booking your tickets here <https://events.humanitix.com/film-screening-pursuit-of-happiness> and/or spreading the word among your networks.

NATIONAL

Book Launch!



Cold War Kid: Resisting the Vietnam War is an activist's account of the period 1945-1972.

Rowan Cahill tells the story of how a would-be poet and beachcomber solo-sailor was conscripted during the first call-up in 1965 and morphed to become prominent in opposing Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War and conscription.

Wollongong - 6 May, Ryan's Hotel, Thirroul.

Sydney - 29 May, Gleebooks, Glebe

Melbourne - 20 June, Balam Balam Place, Brunswick

Blue Mountains - June 28, RoseyRavelston Books, Lawson

Launches are also being planned in Canberra, Newcastle and Brisbane.



Scan here to RSVP.



SYDNEY (Darlinghurst)



Join us to unpack the true stakes of AUKUS for Australia, as we discuss massive military investments and the controversial sell-off of historic public land to help foot the bill.



DAVID SHOEBRIDGE
Federal Greens Senator



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TUES 9TH JUNE | 6:30-7:30PM

@ The Beacham Darlinghurst Terrace Bar



Guest speakers to be announced soon

Authorised by David Shoebridge, Australian Greens, Canberra ACT 2600

20 May Webinar Working Group
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