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BOOKING**

**Is your IPAN-affiliated organisation sending a
delegate or delegates to the Darwin Conference ?**

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Australia at the crossroads:

Time for an independent foreign policy

National IPAN Conference

Darwin, August 2nd - 4th, 2019



Topics Addressed include:

- **US/China contention risking war in the South China Sea**
- **Ending US Marines in Darwin & the Force Posture Agreement**
- **Hosting of US facilities on Australian territory such as Pine Gap and North West Cape**
- **Millions of refugees fleeing the wars that Australia has supported and participated in**
- **Environmental damage from war and military activities**
- **Asia Pacific regional struggles against foreign bases**
- **Costs of war and military spending versus socially useful spending**
- **Militarisation of society, universities and manufacturing**

Booking details to be announced

For more information contact IPAN at ipan.australia@gmail.com or
Annette on 0431597256 or Bevan 0418697528

**Join us in Darwin- Australian and International speakers-workshops for action
An independent and self-reliant Australian foreign policy IS possible**

This year's IPAN conference is being held in Darwin as it is the centre for the most recent establishment of a foreign troop presence in Australia with the numbers of US Marines planned to rise to 2,500 and an undeclared strength of US air-force at Tindal and Darwin and US naval forces using Darwin Harbour.

The conference is being held in the ominous shadow of contention in our region between the US and China which might break out into hostilities at any time; and Australia is currently joined militarily 'at the hip' with the US military and their objectives.

Never has there been a more important time for Australia to pursue an independent foreign policy for the economic well being and national security of the Australian people and that of our neighbours.

Let's keep Australia out of US wars !

Topic areas include:

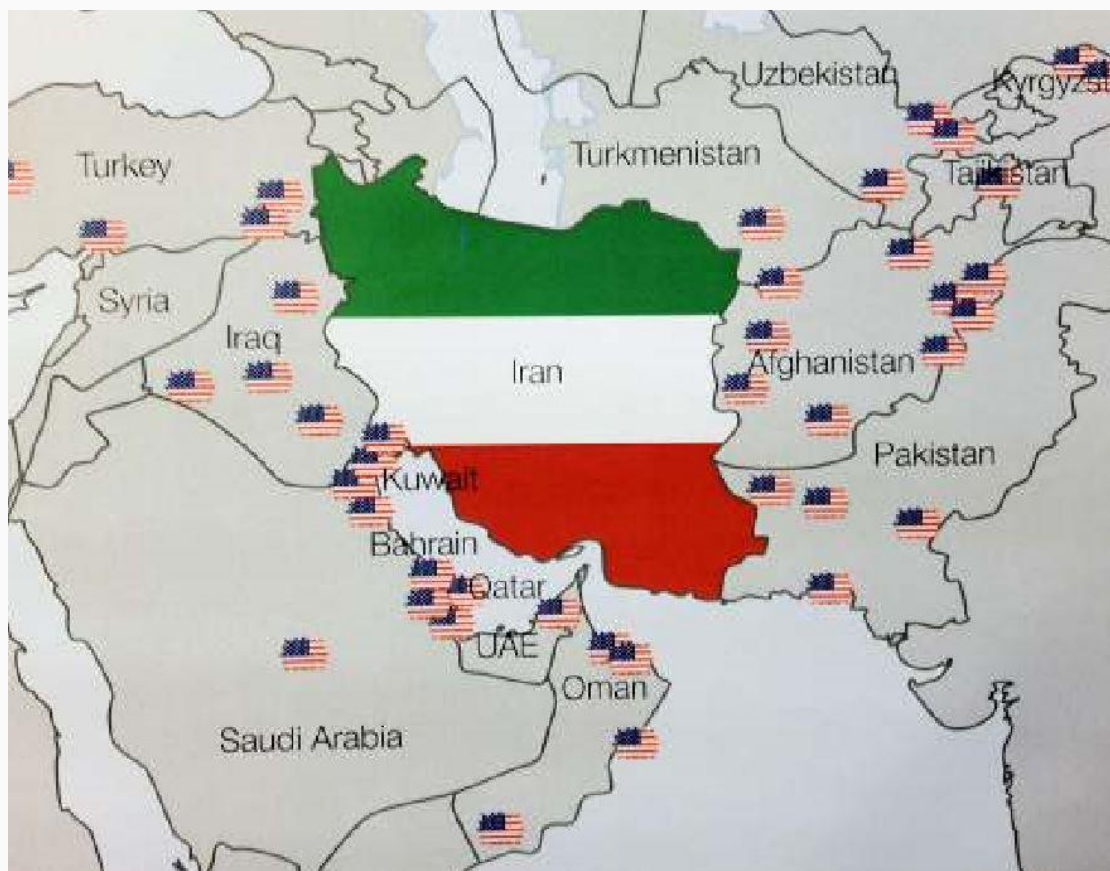
- * Why Australia needs an Independent Foreign Policy
- * The extent of foreign military facilities in Australia
- * The impact of militarism on the environment
- * The costs of militarism to Australians

Speakers include international and Australian personalities such as Lisa Natividad from Guam, Richard Tanter, Robin Taubenfeld (FOE), Susan Harris Rimmer, Margie Beavis, Warren Smith, Alison Broinowski, Sue Wareham and contributions over the internet from John Pilger and Abby Martin and Mike Prysner.

Click on **BOOKINGS**

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Who threatens who ?



Iran under threat and ringed by US military bases



IPAN Media Release: 26th May
2019

**US Fire on Iran could
burn us all**

**US – Iran tension fuelled by provocative language could
lead to war**

War could lead global economy into tailspin if price of oil surged upwards

“Following the post-election conversation with the US President, Prime Minister Morrison must assure the Australian people that he has not given any commitment to supporting military action against Iran. We call on him to inform the President that it is not in Australia’s interests to support military action on the people of Iran,” urged Ms Annette Brownlie, Chairperson of IPAN.

The Independent and Peaceful Australia Network is alarmed that the tense US/ Iran situation could lead to war following recent provocative language coming from the US President Donald Trump and US National Security Advisor John Bolton and the decision to send an aircraft carrier strike group and air force bombers into the region. A military assault on Iran would be catastrophic for the Iranian people and have immense global implications.

While Trump tweets “If Iran wants to fight, that will be the official end of Iran. Never threaten the United States again!” British Major General Ghika told reporters during a video conference from coalition headquarters in Baghdad on Tuesday, that there “has been no increased threat from Iranian-backed forces in Iraq and Syria”.

“If war erupted, Iran would almost certainly close the narrow Straits of Hormuz as a response to an attack – which is where a significant proportion of global oil supplies pass. This would result in the global economy going into a tailspin as the price of oil rocketed upwards. The US is playing with fire, but we would all be burnt,” stated Ms Brownlie.

“Australia has supported aggressive US military action from Korea through to the most recent example in Syria. Millions of people have died and millions more made homeless and countries have been devastated. This must stop,” said Ms Brownlie.

IPAN, representing a cross section of the Australian community is a strong community voice for peace-promoting foreign policies.

IPAN will hold a national conference: ***‘Australia at the Crossroads: Time for Independent Foreign Policies’*** in Darwin from 2-4

August. [Further details in this edition of Voice.](#)



Anti-war activists join dock workers in protesting against cargo of weapons being sent to war torn Yemen on Saudi ship from Genoa

Genoa Dock workers in Italy refuse to load weapons on Saudi ship destined for war on the people of Yemen.

On 20 May Dock workers in the Port of Genoa, Italy, went on strike refusing to load weapons on Saudi Arabian Freighter Bahri Yanbu bound for brutal war on the people of Yemen. Supported by the Genoa peace and community activists they called on the Italian government to *“open the ports to people and close them to weapons.”*

And they succeeded, forcing the Saudi Freighter to leave the Port of Genoa without the drones and other military equipment to be used against the people of Yemen.

A similar strike by Dock workers at Le Havre Port in France and community protests also succeeded in stopping the loading of arms on the Bahri Yanbu Saudi Freighter from that port.

Independent and Peaceful Australia Network - Peace and Justice are Union Business Working Group sent a solidarity message to the Genoa Dock workers and their unions the CGiL (Italian General Confederation of Labour) and ITF.

This act of solidarity stands alongside the 1938 Dalfram strike in Port Kembla where Australian wharfies went on strike refusing to load pig iron being exported to Japan for the production of weapons in the war on the people of China; and during the Vietnam War when waterside workers and seafarers refused to load and crew ships to Vietnam.



**Message of solidarity with Genoa Dock workers
and their unions.**

To Genoa Port Dock Workers – Italy

The Independent and Peaceful Australia Network (IPAN) sends warm greetings on your historic act of solidarity with the people of Yemen by refusing to load weapons on Saudi Arabian Freighter Bahri Yanbu to be used in the brutal war against the people of Yemen.

The strike by the Genoa dock workers and your declaration “We will not be complicit with the civilian deaths in Yemen” inspires and gives hope and confidence to millions of people around the world campaigning for peace and justice and against wars of aggression and profiteering by the multinational weapons corporations.

Your successful strike action showed the collective strength of workers and communities working together to stop predatory wars. We in Australia are also campaigning against the export of arms to Saudi Arabia and our government’s subservience to US global military agendas and multinational weapons corporations.

We stand in solidarity with you and the people of Yemen.

Reply from the Genoa Dock Workers’ Union to IPAN’s message of solidarity.

Dear friends,

On behalf of my union, FILT-CGIL, I would like to thank you for your warm solidarity letter.

We shared your letter with our dockers all over Italy and it has been really appreciated!

International solidarity is one of the fundamental value in our action, and we would like to return your message by wishing you success for the important and challenging tasks in which you are engaged.

Thank you so much!

In solidarity

Berardina Tommasi



HSBC Australia Ltd is a foreign bank servicing local retail, commercial, corporate and institutional sectors. It is part of Britain's multinational HSBC Holdings plc, the 7th largest bank in the world. (This multinational is reputed to have been involved in money laundering and other unsavoury activities.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HSBC>).

HSBC Australia invests in the Australian company Electro Optics Systems <https://www.eos-aus.com/>. EOS, manufacturer of remote weapons systems, has weapons contracts with Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) worth \$450 million. Both countries

have appalling human rights records, including horrendous atrocities against civilians in the ongoing war in Yemen

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CEO HSBC Bank Australia

Dear Sir,

By providing funds to Electro Optics Systems (EOS) you are assisting in the war in Yemen which has killed 85,000 Children. EOS has a contract to supply \$450 million of weapons to Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates which are attacking Yemen. Tell EOS you are withdrawing your financial support.

Australian Anti-Bases Campaign Coalition

mob: 0418 290 663

With acknowledgement to Pearls and Irritations

The Alliance with the US needs re-assessment by the new government with the Australian people being told the truth

by Richard Butler (former Australian Ambassador and Professor of
International Affairs, New York)

The following three points need to be addressed by the new Australian government, because it has a clean slate: and, thus the opportunity to refresh policies :

1. The main narrative of the Alliance is that we need it for our protection and survival. This implies that the US will unfailingly protect us but, to ensure this, we are obliged to implement whatever the US asks of us. There's a neat symmetry to this: a balance of benefits and obligations.

These contentions are based however, more on faith and prejudice than reality. They specifically ignore the dangers posed to us by our ever increasing participation in: US militarism, including in its expansion of military assets in our region, directed at China (we've made our own contribution to this, such as through the awful decision on the new submarines) ; and, our continuing involvement in its nuclear command, control and, communication mechanisms; these too are primarily although not exclusively, directed at China. In addition to US demands affecting our own region, our new Government can expect to face allegedly Alliance based demands

to support whatever the US chooses to do to Iran, for example, and, that could include military action against it.

The costs and benefits to us of the Alliance needs urgent reassessment. At root this would also involve beginning with more than a little truth telling about exactly what the Treaty requires, as distinct from what its propagandists assert is its cast- iron obligations. That truth should then be told to the Australian people.

READ Complete article



Counter Punch

April 19, 2019

Jimmy Carter: US
‘Most Warlike Nation
in History of the World’

by Brett Wilkins

The only US president to complete his term without war, military attack or occupation has called the United States “the most warlike nation in the history of the world.”

Carter, who normalized diplomatic relations between Washington and Beijing in 1979, said he told Trump that much of China’s success was due to its peaceful foreign policy.

“Since 1979, do you know how many times China has been at war with anybody?” Carter asked.

“None, and we have stayed at war.”

Carter then said the US has been at peace for only 16 of its 242 years as a nation. Counting wars, military attacks and military occupations, there have actually only been five years of peace in US history — 1976, the last year of the Gerald Ford administration and 1977-80, the entirety of Carter’s presidency. Carter then referred to the US as “the most warlike nation in the history of the world,” a result, he said, of the US forcing other countries to “adopt our American principles.”

China’s peace dividend has allowed and enhanced its economic growth, Carter said.

With acknowledgment to The Saturday Paper, 25th May, 2019

Government awards billion dollar defence contracts without competitive tendering process

Another spectacular trend in this corporate takeover of the public service is the splurge in zero-tender contracts, mostly military. These are contracts awarded without any competitive public tender process.....

“Out of the \$125 billion in amended contracts, the lion’s share – \$101 billion – is DoD contracts,” says Bean.

For many years, the value of untendered government contracts each month remained fairly steady, below \$5 billion, said Bean.

“And then, with the election announced in April, an explosion in untendered contracts has occurred from April 1 to May 18, 2019,” said Bean.

In this time, \$50 billion in contracts was awarded without any tender process.

Many of these were awarded to multinational defence contractors. The top eight firms – including Lockheed Martin and Boeing from the United States, French group Thales and European contractor Rheinmetall – account for more than \$42 billion of the \$101 billion spent by the Australian government. The remaining \$59 billion is spread across 1300 suppliers.

The biggest beneficiary of this defence spending is Lockheed Martin, which is contracted to deliver to Australia the controversial F-35 joint strike fighter, an item of military hardware widely described as a “lemon”.

Such a vast expenditure of taxpayer money, the biggest by far in this nation’s history, on military hardware many experts believe is useless, did not rate a word in the election.



Free Julian Assange , before it is too late.

Sign to stop the USA extradition.

Julian Assange has been forcibly removed from political asylum and has been arrested. He is no longer in the Ecuadorian Embassy and instead is in British police custody. **Julian Assange now faces the prospect of extradition to the USA for publishing facts delivered to him as a journalist and those facts revealed systemic government corruption and war crimes.** These were the exact issues he required protection from and why he accepted Ecuadorian political asylum.

Julian Assange is an Australian Citizen who had been "arbitrarily" detained for over 8 years and more recently had endured over 1 year of torture in the form of continuous solitary

confinement. Deprived of sunlight, contact with the outside world and proper healthcare. **The United Nations Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner on Feb. 5, 2016 determined that Julian Assange's arbitrary detention "should be brought to an end".**

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Police raids threaten Press freedom



The Australian Federal Police raid the ABC offices in Sydney over a series of stories on Australia's elite special forces in Afghanistan.

UPDATED

SBS News : 5th June, 2019

Australian Federal Police officers, today raided the ABC's Sydney offices over a series of stories about Australia's elite special forces in Afghanistan published in 2017.

ABC Managing Director David Anderson said it was "highly unusual" for the national broadcaster to be raided. "This is a serious development and raises legitimate concerns over freedom of the

press and proper public scrutiny of national security and defence matters," he said in a statement. The ABC's Head of Investigative Journalism John Lyons said the AFP had issued a warrant naming three journalists, including news director Gaven Morris.

The warrant gave the police power to "add, copy, delete or alter" material related to a 2017 story about the killing of civilians by Australian Special Forces in Afghanistan. The ABC Chair Ita Buttrose condemned the "chilling signal" it sent to journalists reporting on national security.

Another Journalist's home raided by the Federal Police on Tuesday, 4th June, 2019

On Tuesday, the AFP spent seven and a half hours searching the home of News Corp political journalist Annika Smethurst's Canberra's home over a 2018 report **detailing a proposal** to spy on Australians that included images of letters between the heads of the home Affairs and Defence departments discussing **potential new powers**.

The police turned the journalist's home "upside down" and the detail included searching her cook books page by page, her underwear drawer, her sewing kit, and behind picture frames.

The police action targeting reporters has alarmed many journalists, who have raised concerns about freedom of the press. News Corp labelled the raid "outrageous and heavy handed". "This raid demonstrates a dangerous act of intimidation

towards those committed to telling uncomfortable truths," a spokesperson said.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison, who's on his first official visit to the UK as PM, indicated he was comfortable with what happened.

The Anti-Terrorism Act and other Acts strip us of many civil liberties we thought we had

Never has an Australian government talked so much about freedom while doing so much to undermine it. When it comes to national security and refugees we are increasingly pathetic, writes Ben Saul.

Ben Saul is Professor of International Law at The University of Sydney.

He has written on this subject as follows:

“The truth is that Australia already has enough laws to deal with terrorism. Since 9/11 the Parliament has been amongst the most hyperactive and invasive counter-terrorism law-makers on the planet. Much of it is never used, or goes too far - from preventive police detention, to ASIO's incommunicado detention of non-suspects, to control orders.

The new laws also go too far. They ***criminalise innocent travel*** to places the Foreign Minister does not want you to go. They ***criminalise free speech***. They ***criminalise whistle-blowers and***

the media that report them. They allow mass surveillance of innocent Australians on the internet. They deny procedural fairness. They violate the right to social security and therefore potentially leave people destitute.

All of this comes without the binding human rights safeguards that every other self-respecting democracy imposes on its security agencies.”

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Stockholm International Peace Research Institute

World military expenditure grows to \$1.8 trillion in 2018

(Stockholm, 29 April 2019) Total world military expenditure rose to \$1822 billion in 2018, representing an increase of 2.6 per cent from 2017, according to new data from the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI).

The USA and China lead increase in world military expenditure
US military spending grew—for the first time since 2010—by 4.6 per cent, to reach \$649 billion in 2018. ***The USA remained by far the largest spender in the world, and spent almost as much on its military in 2018 as the next eight largest-spending countries combined.*** ‘The increase in US spending was driven by the

implementation from 2017 of new arms procurement programmes under the Trump administration,' says Dr Aude Fleurant, the director of the SIPRI AMEX programme.

China, the second-largest spender in the world, increased its military expenditure by 5.0 per cent to \$250 billion in 2018. This was the 24th consecutive year of increase in Chinese military expenditure. Its spending in 2018 was almost 10 times higher than in 1994, and accounted for 14 per cent of world military spending. 'Growth in Chinese military spending tracks the country's overall economic growth,' says Tian. 'China has allocated 1.9 per cent of its GDP to the military every year since 2013.'

Military expenditure in Asia and Oceania has risen every year since 1988. At \$507 billion, military spending in the region accounted for 28 per cent of the global total in 2018, compared with just 9.0 per cent in 1988.



UN orders UK to end 'colonial' rule of Chagos Islands

Britain separated the Indian Ocean islands from Mauritius in 1965. The UK and the US both have major military bases on the largest island.

The United Nations General Assembly handed a resounding defeat to the UK on Wednesday, as a vast majority of member states voted that it hand back the disputed Chagos Islands to Mauritius within 6 months.

The remote archipelago in the Indian Ocean has been the source of tension for decades, after Britain separated it from Mauritius in 1965 and set up a military base along with the United States on the largest of the Chagos Islands, Diego Garcia.

A total of 116 countries voted for the measure. Only six countries voted against it: UK, US, Australia, Israel, the Maldives, and Hungary.

The vote came just three months after the International Court of Justice said in an opinion that Britain had acted illegally when it split the islands from Mauritius.



We live in a time of wars and violence. The armament race has been growing, especially among the NATO countries. Their goal: 2% of country's GDP for war and war preparations. Foreign military bases play an important role in the policy of confrontation: they are a crucial element for the preparation of yet new wars, the promotion of regime changes and the nurture of repression. While the USA has, by far, the highest number of military bases outside its territory (currently over 800), countries such as the UK, France, Russia and China also rely on military bases to project and enlarge their power. We believe that sustainable peace and international security are best achieved by pursuing an approach of common security that is based on cooperation, trust, understanding, diplomacy and respect. Foreign military bases are not compatible with this vision: they represent constant threats of military action and the subsequent destruction that war casts over human life, nature, environment and infrastructure





50 years on: Remembering the successful workers fight against the Penal Powers 1969

Extract from Speech at meeting

By late 1968 Clarrie, militant trade unions and Clarrie's communist comrades decided that it was time to challenge the Penal Powers head on. Clarrie said that someone had to do it and it may as well be him. Clarrie and his comrades had an unshakeable confidence and optimism in the power of the organised and mobilised working people to win the battle.

In the months before he was gaoled Clarrie ignored summonses to appear in court for refusing to pay fines imposed on his union. As part of the strategy he went into hiding. The Tramway union's finances were dispersed and hidden in different places, including in a large locked metal box dispatched interstate and buried on a

remote farm. It was then decided that Clarrie would front the court on 15 May.

That morning Clarrie attended a packed meeting of 5000 angry workers at Festival Hall. His fiery speech was met with roars of approval. Workers and students passionately pledged to fight the Penal Powers and support Clarrie whatever it took; and they marched to the courts with Clarrie where thousands more had gathered.

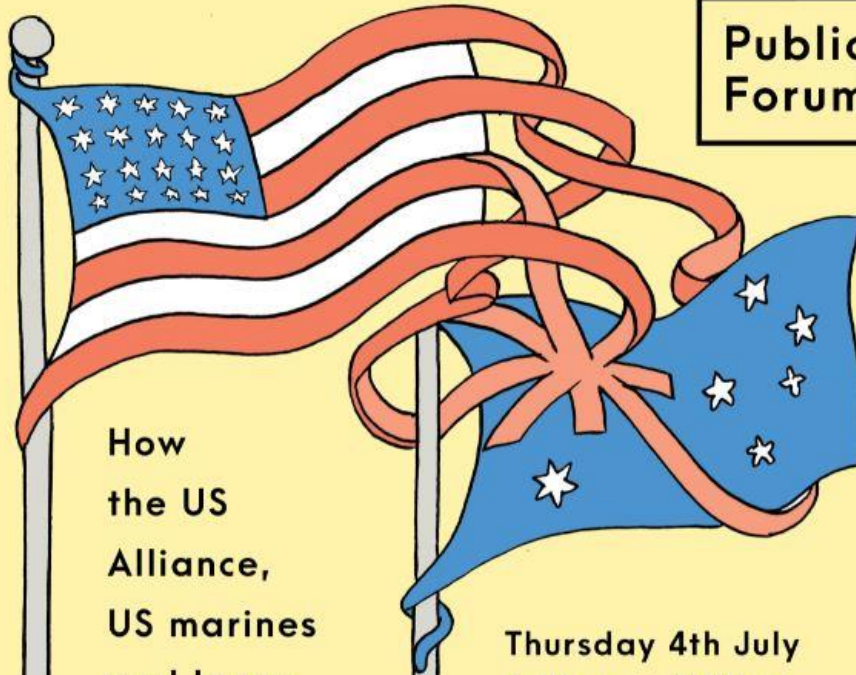
Clarrie was gaoled immediately for an indefinite period. The sentencing Judge was the infamous John Kerr, who later became the Governor-General who conspired with the CIA to remove the Whitlam government in November 1975.

Within hours thousands of workers across the country downed tools, switched off the machinery, walked out and protested in the streets across the country. In the next 5 days more than a million across Australia were on strike. The Victorian economy almost came to a standstill. All public transport stopped, gas and power were running out. School and university students abandoned classes. Breweries and pubs closed down. Workers in the Pilbara and Kalgoorlie joined thousands of others in wild cat strike action and defying instructions from some union officials not to.

[READ FULL SPEECH](#)

Keep Australia out of U.S. wars: Time for our Independence

Public
Forum



How
the US
Alliance,
US marines
and bases
in Australia
threaten our
Peace and
Sovereignty.

Thursday 4th July
6.30pm – 8.30pm
Meeting Room 1,
Trades Hall, Cnr Victoria
& Lygon streets, Carlton

Speakers:

Richard Tanter is former Senior Research Associate at the Nautilus Institute, at the University of Melbourne. He is widely renowned and respected for his work on the highly secretive US military intelligence base, Pine Gap, and other US bases in Australia.

Fiona McCandless – IPAN member and unionist.

Vince Scappatura teaches Politics and International Relations at Macquarie University. His book "The U.S. Lobby and Australian Defence Policy" has been recently published.





Thursday 4 July at Sydney Trades Hall, 6pm - 8pm

Peace is Union Business!

**Marines out of Darwin - Time to declare
independence**

Australia needs an independent foreign policy based on pursuit of peace, solidarity and international justice. The relatively recent decision to permanently base US troops on Australian soil in Darwin needs to be revisited and reversed if we are to have truly independent foreign relations.

It is important that unions and working people generally take an interest in and democratic control over our international relationships rather than leaving it to self-serving elites, warmongers and the Trump-led United States.

Hear from union activists, leaders and activist academics on how we can change the system in relation to international affairs.

Speakers include Jacquie Carovski (AMWU), Anthony Ashbolt (Wollongong Uni), Warren Smith (MUA), Arthur Rorris (SCTLC).



We are going to "Give 'em the boot" !

IPAN will "Give 'em the boot" in Darwin when it is hoped delegates at the Darwin National Conference will meet with the Commander of the US Marines for a "parley" outside Robertson Barracks..

You can have your organisation show support for this action by having your organisation's plaque added to the base of this "gift" for

\$30; contact Nick Deane at Nick Deane

<homishdu@yahoo.com.au>

Keeping Australia out of U.S. wars

Friday, 5th July, 6.30pm

Hunter Union Building, 3rd Floor, Devonshire Lane,
Newcastle



“Do the US Marines in Darwin pose a risk to our peace and security?”

Dr Anthony Ashbolt,

Senior Lecturer, History and

Politics, University of

Wollongong, long time peace

activist

Peace and Justice is Union Business

Arthur Rorris, Secretary South Coast Labour Council, long time peace activist and activist for worker's rights





Why the U.S. marines in Darwin must be “given the boot” !

Launch of IPAN National Petition to oust the U.S. marines from Darwin

Nick Deane, NSW Rep on IPAN National Co-ordinating Committee, long time peace activist and secretary of Marrickville Peace Group

And plenty of opportunity for questions and comments

Organised by IPAN (Independent and Peaceful Australia Network

(Queries: Bevan Ramsden 041869752

Just Peace QLD

Public Forum July 7th 2019

**Sneak Preview of the
IPAN 2019 International Conference.**
Australia at the crossroads. Time for an independent foreign policy.



Australia at the crossroads
Time for an independent foreign policy

IPAN
Independent and Peaceful Australia Network

National IPAN Conference
Darwin, August 2nd - 4th, 2019

- Why does Australia need an Independent Foreign Policy?
- What is the extent of foreign military facilities in Australia?
- What is the impact of militarism on the Environment?
- What are the costs of militarism to Australians?

Featuring a range of high profile and international speakers, including author and expert on US intelligence and military facilities Richard Tarter, Professor Lisa Natividad from Guam, Robin Taubenfeld from Friends of the Earth, a video link with John Pilger, (renowned investigative journalist and film maker) and both Abby Martin & Mike Prysner (from The Empire Files) and more...

Register online at www.ipan.org.au/event/conference2019
For more information: Annette on 0431597256, Devan 0418697528 or ipan.australia@gmail.com
Independent and Peaceful Australia Network www.ipan.org.au

Speakers at the Forum:

Annette Brownlie, National President, Independent and Peaceful Australia Network (IPAN); **Dr. Ross Gwyther** (IPAN); **Anita Reid**, Poet; **Casey Davidson**, filmmaker.

Date: Sunday, 7th July 2019

Time: 3 pm to 5 pm

Place: Red Brick Hotel,
83 Annerley Road,
Woolloongabba, Brisbane.

Short Documentary Film screening:

**RISKY BUSINESS:
Australia's Military
Alliance with the US**

Dinner: Everyone is welcome to join us for dinner in the hotel after the Forum to continue the discussion.

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THE US LOBBY

AND AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE POLICY

VINCE SCAPPATURA

"Much-needed fresh thinking on Australia's strategic relationship with the United States"
Professor Mark Beeson, University of Western Australia



Australian society and its leaders generally take for granted the importance and value of this nation's relationship with the United States. The US is commonly thought of as the world's great purveyor of liberal values and the rule of law, and as a powerful friend indispensable to Australian security. In **The US Lobby and Australian Defence Policy** Vince Scappatura demonstrates how these conceptions are underpinned by the work of the Australian American Leadership Dialogue, Australia's most important, private, pro-US lobby group. As the inner workings of this lobby are unveiled for the first time, Scappatura also discusses the considerable costs to Australia of its strong military ties to the US, draws into question notions of "benign" US power, and demonstrates that suggestions of the US keeping Australia safe from invasion are flatly wrong. For Australia's national security elite, other considerations, to do with power and wealth and spreading political influence, are to the fore

Vince Scappatura teaches Politics and International Relations at Macquarie University. His research interests include Australian and American foreign policies, the international relations of the Asia-Pacific, and Middle East politics. He is a member of the Independent and Peaceful Australia Network (IPAN) and a supporter of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN).

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VINCE SCAPPATURA - THE US LOBBY AND AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE POLICY

Thursday 18 July 2019

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

In store at Avid Reader
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Ticket \$10.00, Book (The US
Lobby and Australian Defence
Policy) \$39.95

Tickets available until 18 July
2019 6:00 PM

**This event commences at
6.30pm. Printed tickets are
not issued and your booking
will be on a door list under
your surname.**

Vince Scappatura discussing
**The US Lobby and Australian
Defence Policy.**

7PM, SAT 20 JULY

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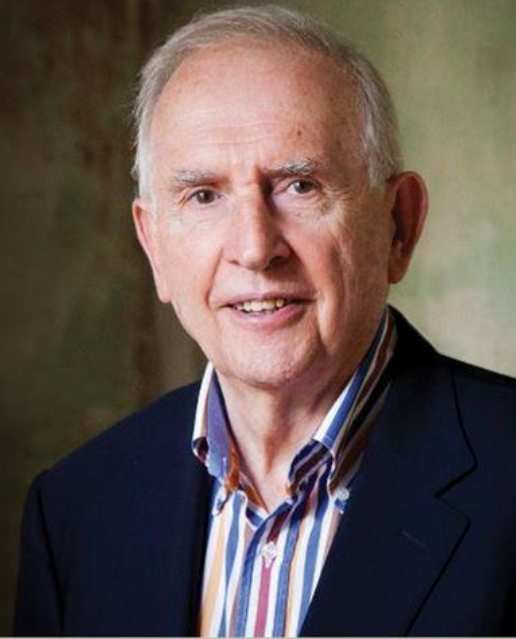
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RALPH SUMMY

ANNUAL LECTURE

HUGH MACKAY

"The man who explains us
to ourselves", psychologist,
social researcher and
best selling author.



REIMAGINING AUSTRALIA THROUGH A CULTURE OF COMPASSION

Hugh MacKay is a social researcher and bestselling author of 19 books, including *The Good Life*, *The Art of Belonging* and his latest: *Australia Reimagined*.

When it comes to our future, misplaced optimism is as dangerous as blind faith. What is needed is the courage to face the way things are, and the wisdom and imagination to work out how to make things better.' Hugh MacKay

Join Ngarra Institute and Hugh MacKay as we delve into the social and cultural changes reshaping Australia. **For an evening of warmth, acknowledgement, hope and insight, join us at the Civic Memorial Hall, July 20, 7pm.**

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In Adelaide, on Parliament Steps at 4.30 pm that evening – bring

banners and placards – family and friends.

In 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.

COMING EVENTS SUMMARY

Mullumbimby: Hugh Mackay, Ralph Summy Annual Lecture,
Mullumbimby Civic Hall, 7pm, Saturday, 20th July.

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Melbourne: Public Forum: Keep Australia out of U.S. Wars: Time
for our Independence: Thursday, 4th July, 6.30 - 8.30 pm, Meeting
Room 1, Trades Hall, Cnr Lygon & Victoria Sts, Carlton. Speakers:
Richard Tanter, Fiona Candless, Vince Scappatura. Organised by
IPAN (Vic)

Sydney: Peace is Union Business! Marines out of Darwin- Time to
declare independence; Thursday, 4th July, Sydney Trades Hall,
6pm - 8pm; Speakers include: Jacquie Caravski (AMWU), Anthony
Ashbolt (Wollongong Uni), Warren Smith (MUA), Arthur Rorris (
South Coast Trade & Labour Council)

Newcastle: Keeping Australia out of U.S. Wars: Friday 5th July,
Hunter Union Building Devonshire Lane, 6.30pm -

8,30pm:Speakers: Anthony Ashbolt (Woollongong Uni) ,"Do the US Marines in Darwin pose a threat to our peace and security?", Arthur Rorris (South Coast trades & Labour Council), Peace and Justice is Union business; Nick Dean (IPAN NSW) , Launch of National Petition to oust the US Marines from Darwin.

Brisbane: Public Forum, Sunday, 3pm -5pm, 7th July, Red Brick Hotel, 83 Annerley Rd, Woolloongabba: Sneak Preview of IPAN 2019 Conference Plus Film :Risky Business: Australia's Military Alliance with the US

Melbourne: Fair Go for all.. Conference, Wednesday 10th July 2019 9:00 – 4:00pm, Coburg Greek Orthodox Church, Community Hall, 23-29 Victoria Street, Coburg 3056. Come and discuss what's gone wrong, what sort of 'welfare' services and society we want and how we can get there.

Lead speaker: Rob Watts, Professor of Social Policy, RMIT University.

Brisbane: Book Launch: **Vince Scappatura- "The US Lobby and Australian Defence Policy"**; 6-8pm, Thurs., July 18th, Avid Reader Book shop, West End Brisbane. Avid Reader in conjunction with Just Peace present Vince Scappatura discussing his book.

All states and territories: PLAN NOW for delegates to attend :
IPAN National Conference: Darwin, Charles Darwin University, Casuarina Campus, 2-4th August 2019

"Australia at the cross-roads- time for an independent foreign policy"

For more events see the IPAN website; www.ipan.org.au

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