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Late News Comment



Our own nuclear weapons? That's the exact opposite of what we should do

The Canberra Times, 9th July

Sue Wareham, Medical Association for Prevention of War

Our own nuclear weapons? That's the exact opposite of what we should do

As the Australian government appears at risk of involving us in yet another United States war of aggression, a leading strategic thinker has dropped a bombshell. Professor Hugh White, emeritus professor of strategic studies at ANU, has suggested that Australia might need to consider acquiring nuclear weapons. He writes in his new book *How to Defend Australia* that, because US influence in our region is waning and Chinese influence is rising, "there are circumstances in which the development of nuclear forces could be justified".

Professor White claims that in the future we might not be able to rely on US "extended nuclear deterrence" to protect us from adversaries. However his comments carry the potential to severely damage the

ever-fragile progress that has been made towards nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament, for several reasons.....

Firstly, any advocacy for nuclear weapons will serve to legitimise and normalise these most horrific of all weapons.....

A nuclear armed Australia would have to withdraw from the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, a treaty that has, for all its flaws, helped prevent the very weapons proliferation that Professor White now suggests Australia might need to consider.....

Professor White's advice to keep the nuclear weapons option open should be rejected outright. It is a recipe for nuclear weapons proliferation, and a world armed to the teeth with self-destructive capacity. We survived the Cold War but might not be so lucky again. Nuclear weapons must be abolished, and the discussion in Australia should be about rapidly getting on board with global efforts to achieve this critical goal.

Signing the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons would be a good start.

For the complete article [Click Here](#)

Conference bookings still open

For IPAN's Darwin Conference Bookings, Go to
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Is your IPAN-affiliated organisation sending a delegate or delegates to the Darwin Conference ?

Australia at the crossroads

Time for an independent
foreign policy

**National IPAN
Conference**



Darwin, 2nd – 4th August 2019

Friday evening, public meeting at
Charles Darwin Uni., Waterfront Campus

Saturday and Sunday, conference at
CDU Casuarina Campus

Photo by: Spc, Alexander
Reiger at Talisman Saber
exercises Shoalwater Bay
Oct 2017

- 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?

Speakers include:-

Dr Vince Scappatura (Macquarie University) The US Lobby and Australian defence policy

Prof S. Harris-Rimmer (Griffith University) The need for a fresh approach to Australian foreign policy

Prof Lisa Natividad (Guam University) Guam's experience of the impact of US marine presence

Dr Sue Wareham (International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons) Implications of signing the TPNW

Warren Smith (Maritime Union of Australia) Peace and Justice are Union business

Dr Allison Broinowski (Australian National University) Strategic costs of the Australia/US alliance

Dr Margaret Beavis (Medical Association for the Prevention of War) Social costs of militarism

John Pilger (Journalist) Appearing by video link.

PLUS - **Senator Jordan Steele-John** (Greens) Peace and Disarmament, **Henk Rumbawes** (West Papua), **Robin Taubenfeld** (Friends of the Earth), **Donna Jackson** (Rapid Creek Community Group), **Shar Molloy** (NT Environment Centre), **Shirley Winton** (IPAN), **Nick Deane** (IPAN)

Register online at www.ipan.org.au/event/conference2019

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Independent and Peaceful Australia Network www.ipan.org.au

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. Green's Senator Jordan Steele-John will speak at the Friday evening forum and will lead off the first Saturday morning session on Australian Foreign Policy.

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Introducing some of the speakers for the IPAN National Conference in Darwin



Lisa Linda Natividad, PhD, LCSW, LMHC, LMFT, LPC is an Associate Professor of Social Work at the University of Guam and also has an appointment as faculty in the Chamorus Studies Program. She maintains a private behavioral health practice and is the President of the Guahan Coalition for Peace and Justice. She has engaged the United Nations through various legs to include the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, the Committee on Decolonization, and the 4th Committee of the General Assembly. She has lectured globally on the issues of decolonization and the militarization of her native island home, Guahan. She is the mother of Atdao-mami and lives in the village of Inarajan.

Lisa speech at the conference : *“Exploring the strategy of US stationing of their military forces in an arc around China and informing on the conditions in Guam”*

Dr Vince Scappatura

Vince Scappatura teaches Politics and International Relations at Macquarie University. His research interests include the Australia-US alliance and the international relations of the Middle East. He is a supporter of Independent and Peaceful Australia Network (IPAN) and the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN). His book, "The US Lobby and Australian Defence Policy", has been recently published.



He will be speaking on the topic of the Australia-US alliance in the context of rising tensions with China.



Dr Alison Broinowski AM: Visiting Fellow, Coral Bell School, ANU; Vice President, Australians for War Powers Reform

Formerly an Australian diplomat, Alison is the author or editor of 14 books about Australia's dealings with the world, Asian countries in particular. Her PhD is in Asian Studies at ANU. She has researched and taught there, at Macquarie University, and at the University of Wollongong. Her forthcoming book is about terrorism.

Alison will be speaking on *the cost to Australia's relationships with our regional neighbours and the Alliance "Insurance" policy where "premiums" have*

“gone through the roof” leading to Australians now being a greater risk of the impacts of war

HENK RUMBEWAS is a Native of West Papuan from Biak Island. He completed his Bachelor of Teaching and Post Graduate Studies at Charles Darwin University. Since coming to Australia in 1984 he has been teaching both at High School and Tertiary Level.



Through the Uniting Church Of Australia Henk Rumbewas has been advocating for Human Rights in West Papua around Asia Pacific region, Europe and United States. Since 2016 and 2017 he has attended United Nations Convention on Human Rights in Geneva and also General Assembly Of United Nations sponsored by the Government Of Solomon Islands and Vanuatu. Currently he is working as a Language Interpreter for the Government Northern Territory and Custodial Officer at the Supreme Court in Darwin.

At the conference Henk will be “***discussing the situation in West Papua and the failure of Australian Foreign policy to address the rights of West Papuans***”.

Program of the IPAN National Conference in Darwin 2-4th August

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U.S. to establish Darwin as its second "Fortress of the Pacific"

reported in Defence Connect by Stephen Kuper, 28/6/19

Darwin has long served as one of Australia's key staging points for launching operations into south-east Asia and the broader Indo-Pacific. As China has expanded its ballistic missile and long-range strike capabilities, America's traditional 'Fortress of the Pacific' – Guam – is now exposed, paving the way for Darwin to emerge as a strategic 'hub' comparable to a civilian variant Hong Kong.

As greater US forces continue to rotate into the Indo-Pacific. US military assets, particularly large force structures like carrier and expeditionary strike groups, deployed bomber forces and forward deployed expeditionary land forces will require greater access to reliable and secure basing, maintenance and sustainment infrastructure and facilities – providing a range of local economic benefits.

An example of this could include the major redevelopment of naval facilities in Darwin to accommodate both Australian and American expeditionary strike groups, with specialised moorings to accommodate a US Navy Nimitz or Gerald R. Ford Class supercarrier and supporting naval task group – providing an alternative basing arrangement to the comparatively vulnerable facilities existing in Japan and Guam.

Darwin residents oppose US war base in Darwin



National On-line Petition

Launched by IPAN in Melbourne, Sydney, Newcastle, Brisbane on
4,5 & 7th July, 2019

To: Prime Minister and Parliament

US marines out of Darwin!

We ask the Australian Parliament to terminate the 'Force Posture Agreement', between the Australian and USA governments, under which US marines are stationed in Darwin.

Why is this important?

The presence of US marines in Darwin, under control from Washington:-

- *Makes us a target;
- *Makes us less safe;
- *Makes us enemies (when we need have none - e.g. China);
- *Means we are being exploited by the USA, for its military ambitions, and
- *Jeopardises Australia's national sovereignty.

To sign, [Click here](https://www.megaphone.org.au/petitions/us-marines-out-of-darwin) or use the following URL:

<https://www.megaphone.org.au/petitions/us-marines-out-of-darwin>

Please help multiply the signatures by emailing to friends and posting it on your social media



IPAN MEDIA RELEASE

Date 1st July, 2019

Australia must say “No” to war on Iran

- **War would be disastrous for Australia**
- **It would block the flow of fuel imports**
- **Australian and US interests ‘diametrically opposed’**

Responding to reports that PM Morrison is backing US President Trump’s harder line on Iran, the Independent and Peaceful Australia Network (IPAN) urges the PM to take a step back and urgently reconsider. IPAN believes US sanctions imposed on Iran is creating severe hardship for its people and a military option would create a huge humanitarian disaster. The group insists that the military option be ruled out altogether and the (Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) revived.

IPAN’s spokesperson, Mr Bevan Ramsden said

“The JCPOA (Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action), negotiated between Iran, France, Russia, China, The UK, Germany and the USA, endorsed by the UN Security Council and supported by

Australia, was a peaceful solution to the problem of Iran's nuclear ambitions. It's unilateral ditching by the USA under President Trump, to the consternation of the other parties, precipitated the current crisis. The USA should be urged to return to the JCPOA as the only way to resolve the matter peacefully.

For Australia to join any military engagement would be the height of folly. War in the Persian Gulf would mean that the Straits of Homuz might be closed. Insurance companies would not cover oil tankers in a war zone. Australia's fuel supplies would be severely limited or cut off entirely – with disastrous consequences for the Australian economy and its people. Further, Closing of the Straits, on top of the intensifying US-China trade war, would crash the global economy.

This is a clear case where Australia's and USA's interests are diametrically opposed. It underlines the need for an independent foreign policy. Our fuel needs are too important to be placed in jeopardy by US military action.”

With acknowledgement to Pearls and Irritations

Iran: Another US War by Choice

Richard Butler - 15th May 2019

Extracts:

The character and political needs of President Trump and the obsessions of John Bolton are coalescing towards US action directed at regime change in Iran. The reasons given for the current increase in US military deployments in the Persian Gulf demand careful, independent analysis, before Australia responds to any US request that it join it in its actions. It is not simply an Alliance issue.

There is a triangle in Washington which appears to be conspiring to attack Iran. Its three points are: an unstable, bullying President; a National Security Advisor, John Bolton, who is devoted to US militarism and refuses to even concede the existence of international law; and, Trump's belief that he is both immune from any laws; and, addicted to the notion of distraction, as the means of deflecting focus from his errors and abuses of his office.

Perhaps above all, we know of US intentions because key US figures, led by Bolton, have told us, for some time now, that they want the US to attack and bring down the Iranian regime. If they do this, it must not be forgotten, it will be the second time the US has removed an Iranian government

Any request to Australia to participate in US actions should not be considered on the basis that it is an "automatic" alliance duty for Australia to take part in such actions. Our decisions should be shaped by our own assessments of the interests and principles of Australia and relevant international law, including that against aggressive war.

Hopefully one benefit from the present spinning of this malevolent

triangle in Washington, may be that the call for an independent Australian foreign policy will get a more earnest hearing

For complete article: **READ ON**

Global Research:

Provocations in the Gulf of Oman: Will John Bolton Get His War on Iran?

America's declared policy should be ending Iran's 1979 Islamic Revolution before its 40th anniversary...Recognizing a new Iranian regime in 2019 would reverse the shame of once seeing our diplomats held hostage for 444 days." – John Bolton (January 15, 2018)

Coincidentally or not, America's 'maximum pressure' campaign against Iran began within a month of **John Bolton's** installment as National Security Advisor. On May 8th of 2018, **President Donald Trump** announced the U.S. was backing out of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), otherwise known as the Iran nuclear deal negotiated by the U.S. under **President Barack Obama** along with the other permanent members of the United Nations Security Council, Germany and the EU in July of 2015. Consequently, the sanctions imposed on Iran previous to the JCPOA were reinstated, and additional sanctions imposed by the end of the year.

In April of this year, the Trump Administration took the unprecedented step of declaring the Middle East country's military, the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) to be a terrorist

organization.

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**No War on Iran protest organised by the STOP WAR
Sydney Coalition and the Australian Anti Bases Coalition-
3rd June in Martin Place**

The Greens Press release: 27th June 2019

Australia can't follow Trump into yet another disastrous war in the Middle East

The Australian Greens are gravely concerned at reports today that the Morrison Government is considering joining Donald Trump in his counter-productive and erratic so-called strategy to pressure Iran.

Australian Greens Leader Richard Di Natale said: “Donald Trump is a dangerous President and could easily start another needless war in the Middle East. His inflammatory language and reports of aborted military strikes clearly demonstrate the danger he poses. Prime Minister Morrison needs to make clear at the G20 Summit in Japan this weekend that Australia will not have a bar of another disastrous US war.”

“Both the Coalition and the ALP are at risk of sleepwalking into another deadly and costly military entanglement in the Middle East. We need leadership now, not politicians who unquestionably follow the US into all its military follies. The stakes could not be higher.”

Letter to the PM from Australians for War Powers Reform

No War with Iran: No war without Parliament

Dear Mr Morrison,

I write on behalf of Australians for War Powers Reform, an organisation dedicated to achieving Parliamentary involvement in any decision Australia might make to deploy members of the Australian Defence Forces into international armed conflict. The purpose of this letter is to convey our concern about the prospect of military action against Iran.

Australia has no quarrel with the government of Iran which since 2015 has fully observed the terms of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) as verified by the International Energy Agency and has not proceeded towards development of nuclear weapons.

Iran and Australia have a significant two-way trade worth \$A584 million in the last financial year.

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Waiting for War to Break Out.

David Mcilwain - 2nd July 2019

I wrote recently on the silence of Australian media over the threat of war with Iran, and what appeared to be an assumption that Australian forces would yet again join in a “Coalition of the Willing” with the US in the event of a military confrontation.

It wasn't until that media silence was broken that I – at least – was prepared to believe this could really be true, and that despite everything that has happened in Iraq and Afghanistan, Syria and even in Vietnam, the commitment to the US alliance was so rigid and unthinking. But when the subject of Iran became impossible to ignore – “on everyone's lips” in discussions at the G20 - the depth of Australia's subservience to America's whims was laid bare; the critical question of whether we would join America evidently didn't even need to be asked.

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Keep Australia out of US wars

Four IPAN Public Meetings , Melbourne, Sydney, Newcastle and Brisbane on 4,5 &7th July endorsed unanimously resolutions calling for:

- * **Ousting of the US marines from Darwin** [\(CLICK HERE\)](#)
- * **No war on Iran** [\(CLICK HERE\)](#)
- * **For an independent and peaceful Australian Foreign Policy** [\(CLICK HERE\)](#)



Keep Australia out of US wars

Sydney meeting 4th July:

Dr Anthony Ashbolt:

Woolongong University

Arthur Rorris , South Coast

Labour Council

Warren Smith, MUA

Ama Somaratna, Search

Foundation

Keep Australia out of US wars

Newcastle meeting 5th July:

Dr Anthony Ashbolt,
Woolongong University
Arthur Rorris, South Coast
Labour Council
Nick Deane, NSW IPAN
representative



Excerpts:

Dr Anthony Ashbolt: "Remember Vietnam and stop future wars..... We need to rekindle the sense that peace not war is central to our quest for human dignity. To do that we need to forge a foreign and defence policy that is non-aligned at the very least".

Warren Smith: Our union proudly adopts the principle that Peace and Justice is Union Business.....We adopt this in recognition of the nature of war and its impact on working class people; the fight for peace is part of the class struggle. It is important for us to link movements such as the various single issue movements which are all linked by the same groups of exploiters.

Ama Somaratna: We have a lot of young people who have become politicised by the climate movement and the women's movement . So we need to build that nexus between the trade union movement, the climate change movement and the women's movement . And then we need to look at ways of connecting these to the peace movement.

Arthur Rorris: The important notion here is that the working people,

the working class suffers disproportionately the burdens of war, even the justifiable ones such as the fight against fascism.

Now what happened in 1938 with the workers refusing to load pig iron to Japan was particularly significant for this reason that the workers demanded a "seat at the table" of Australian foreign policy. Never before to that extent had it happened. What they were saying was this: 'You want us to die for you, then we are going to be in the room when these decisions are being made because it is our people, our class, that is doing the dying.'

Nick Deane: "Despite correspondence with a succession of governments, over seven years, we have never been given convincing explanations for the presence of the marines. The answers to our questions have been unsatisfactory. The vital question, about what might happen if the marines engaged in military action on orders from Washington, has been ignored."

"There are no valid, strategic reasons to have US marines stationed in Australia. There are many reasons NOT to have them stationed here. On balance, the benefits accrue to America, whilst Australia bears a strategic and financial cost."



Melbourne Public Meeting 4th July
Keep Australia Out of U.S. wars – Time for Australia’s
independence from U.S.A.

On Thursday evening 4 July, America’s Independence Day, 80 people attended a lively public forum in Melbourne calling on the Australian government to keep Australia out of U.S. wars and declaring that it is time for Australia to be independent of the U.S.A. The meeting, organised by IPAN-Victoria, heard from 3 engaging and informative speakers who drew on the impacts of U.S. bases, marines and political influence on Australia.

Fiona McCandless, member of IPAN and unionist, spoke on the disastrous impact on people and the environment in countries hosting foreign military bases. Examples she gave included Maralinga in South Australia and Okinawa in Japan.

Vince Scappatura, who has recently published a book “ The U.S. Lobby and Australian Defence Policy”, spoke on the influence of the pro-U.S. lobby on Australian military, intelligence and foreign policies in the context of U.S.-China contention. Vincent’s book was sold at the meeting.

Richard Tanter, Research Fellow with the Nautilus Institute and a long time researcher and expert on Pine Gap, spoke on U.S. military bases in Australia and the integration and interoperability of Australia’s military and foreign policies with the U.S.

For full report [CLICK HERE](#)

July 7th Brisbane Public Meeting report

James O'Neill delivered a comprehensive report on Australian foreign policy highlighting the history of the Australian American Alliance to the meeting. The upcoming IPAN conference was discussed in detail at the Just Peace Politics in the Pub. The doco Risky Business: Australia's military Alliance with America was screened <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zXho73FiskY>

The resolutions were endorsed by Just Peace Qld.



Prof Clinton Fernandes

speaks at Newcastle's Broad Left function 6th July.

He explained how successive Australian governments have spent huge amounts of tax payers money on research, such as in relation to Australia's continental shelf and its imbedded resources and then handed the results over to the corporates to drill and make money. In contrast the Norwegian government did similar research at tax payers' expense but formed a government company to drill and exploit the off shore resources to the financial benefit of the Norwegian people. He also mentioned that BHP was 70% American owned, Rio Tinto 60 % American owned and the Commonwealth Bank 60 % American owned indicating that such corporates work for the benefit of their american investors not in the interests of the Australian people.

His book, "Island of the coast of Asia" sold well at the function and should be widely read.



Acknowledgement to The Conversation, 25th June, 2019

Benjamin Neimark, Oliver Belcher, Patrick Bigger

The US military's carbon footprint is enormous. Like corporate supply chains, it relies upon an extensive global network of container ships, trucks and cargo planes to supply its operations with everything from bombs to humanitarian aid and hydrocarbon fuels. Our new study calculated the contribution of this vast infrastructure to climate change.

Greenhouse gas emission accounting usually focuses on how much energy and fuel civilians use. But recent work, including our own, shows that the US military is one of the largest polluters in history, consuming more liquid fuels and emitting more climate-changing gases than most medium-sized countries. If the US military were a country, its fuel usage alone would make it the 47th largest emitter

of greenhouse gases in the world, sitting between Peru and Portugal.

In 2017, the US military bought about 269,230 barrels of oil a day and emitted more than 25,000 kilotonnes of carbon dioxide by burning those fuels. The US Air Force purchased US\$4.9 billion worth of fuel, and the navy US\$2.8 billion, followed by the army at US\$947m and the Marines at US\$36m.

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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>

Wage peace Media release:

Whistleblowers need protection, not prosecution

Whistleblowers David McBride and Witness K both passed on information about actions which most of us would agree were morally, and likely criminally, reprehensible. It was information which the public should have the right to know and the perpetrators should be held accountable. Instead David McBride and Witness K (along with his lawyer Bernard Collaery) are facing prosecution and long prison terms.

These prosecutions are a travesty of justice and constitute an attack on our free press and democracy.

Along with the raids on the ABC and the home of News Corp journalist Annika Smethurst, and the treatment of Julian Assange, the prosecutions are a symptom of creeping totalitarianism in our society.



Protect Whistleblowers rally in Canberra supporting David McBride the ADF afghanistan/ABC whistleblower. David spoke, along with Alex White from unions ACT and Sue Wareham and Tim Hollo from the Green Institute .

With acknowledgement to The Guardian, 20th June, 2019

UK arms sales to Saudi Arabia unlawful, UK court of appeal declares



British arms sales to Saudi Arabia have been ruled unlawful by the court of appeal in a critical judgment that also accused ministers of ignoring whether airstrikes that killed civilians in Yemen broke humanitarian law.

As a result, the court said that the UK export licensing process was “wrong in law in one significant respect” and ordered Fox, the international trade secretary, to hold an immediate review of at least £4.7bn worth of arms deals with Saudi Arabia.

Campaign Against Arms Trade (CAAT), which brought the case against Fox, welcomed the verdict that continuing to license military equipment for export to the Gulf state was unlawful.

Thousands of civilians have been killed since the civil war in Yemen began in March 2015 with indiscriminate bombing by a Saudi-led coalition that is supplied by the west and accused of being responsible for about two-thirds of the 11,700 killed in direct attacks.

SBS News 21/6/19

In USA, Law-makers voted against arms sales to Saudi Arabia

US lawmakers have voted to block President Donald Trump's arms sales to Riyadh hours after Britain temporarily suspended similar sales.

In Washington, the Senate voted to prevent \$12 billion in US arms in a symbolic bipartisan rebuke to the president and his close ties with the kingdom.

A handful of Republicans joined Democrats in voting against 22 separate sales of aircraft support maintenance, precision-guided munitions and other weapons to Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Jordan at a moment of heightened tensions in the Middle East.

In Australia, protest against Australian arms sales to Saudi Arabia



In Marseilles, dockworkers refuse to load arms to Saudi Arabia

In Marseilles, dockers refuse to load French weapons heading to Saudi Arabia.

Following revelations on cargo headed for Saudi Arabia, the port's CGT branch confirmed its members would not handle "any weapons or arms whatsoever, for whatever war they may be destined"

No War on Iran !

End the U.S.-Australia Alliance.

For an independent and peaceful foreign policy

Speech at Unitarian Peace Memorial, 30th June 2019,

by Shirley Winton

Why are Australian governments dancing to the dangerous beat of the U.S. war drums? How has the U.S.-Australia military alliance deeply enmeshed Australia into U.S. wars of aggression, its military-industrial complex and its global imperialist agendas that threaten Australia's peace, security and independence?

How do we in Australia build a people's movement to end our government's involvement and support for U.S. wars of aggression, end the U.S. military alliance and move towards a truly independent and peaceful foreign policy that respects the sovereignty of all countries, and contributes to global peace and justice for people and the environment?

Successive Australian governments' obsequious support for the U.S. and its wars of aggression diminishes Australia as the 51st state of the U.S., carrying out Washington's and Pentagon's global objectives. With the exception of a handful of a few politicians, both the two main parliamentary parties, the LNP and Labor, are obediently following U.S. global imperialist agendas at home and internationally.

The U.S. military alliance is a dangerous burden on Australian people and the environment.

[Read complete article](#)



Actions to oppose Talisman Sabre , US- Australia war exercises which commence off and on the coast of Qld in July

This year TS19 involves Defence and NON-Defence training areas including Townsville, Stanage Bay (on the Shoalwater peninsular), Mackay, Bowen, Proserpine (Whitsunday), Bundaberg and Evans Head in New South Wales.

July 11-24 is the peak period for TS19 but activity has already begun in Shoalw

These biennial exercises are some of the world's largest military exercises - 2019 involves 25,000 US and Australian troops (the overwhelming majority US) engaged in land, sea and air warfare practice. They are joined by New Zealand, Canadian, United Kingdom and Japanese Defence forces.

US troops involved in these exercises deploy to, or from, real war situations, forward deployed units, or other military operations. Live firing, while not explicitly part of the exercise, is likely to occur either before or after the above dates.

Talisman Sabre war games must be stopped and Australia must refuse to support US wars, environmental destruction and indigenous rights abuses.

Take Action

We encourage people to take nonviolent action, in their own region, or where ever war games and militarism are taking place.

Contact your politician and demand that

- Our reef be protected #SaveTheReefFromMilitaryGrief
- We are not involved in any attacks on Iran #DontInraqlran #NOMoreUSwars
- An end to war games like Talisman Sabre #StopTalismanSabre

Visit Australians for [War Power Reform](#) and join the [Be Sure on War Campaign](#)

Organise an action in your own community, particularly if you live near of the locations being used for TS19.



Extract from Conference Resolution:

At this conference, we reiterate our rejection of the US Air Base Ramstein. ***We call on the Federal Government and the German Bundestag to terminate the Treaty on the stationing of foreign armed forces in Germany - the "Troop Stationing Treaty", to***

remove all US/NATO Bases and nuclear weapons. This would enable the closure of the Ramstein Air Base within 24 months. Nevertheless, the jobs of the civilian population must be secured through a comprehensive conversion plan, which must meet the trade union demands of “good work.”

The US-Air Base in Ramstein is a central foreign military base, but only one out of about 1,000 worldwide. Our goal is to realize the closure of all of these bases. This would be a significant contribution to world peace, but also to the protection of our environment and climate. It is a political scandal that no international climate agreements emphasize the destructive role the military is playing in threatening and destroying our environment. The military is a main climate killer.

For complete resolution [CLICK HERE](#)



The world youth congress is a youth-led congress, contributing to the vision of a world in peace and without war and to the vision of a more peaceful, just and sustainable future. The idea of the youth congress derives from the preparatory process of the youth gathering of the IPB World Congress “Disarm! For a Climate of

Peace – Creating an Action Agenda” (www.ipb2016.berlin). Some of the discussions of this congress as well as of an international working meeting on the weekend of the international day of peace 2018 (<https://ipb-youthnetwork.org/2018/08/ipbyn-event-on-international-day-of-peace/>) will be continued at the world youth congress.

"This conference of young people from around Europe and further afield will be an exciting place to explore how young people in Australia can act towards peaceful resolution of conflict and the end of big power militarism

If you are thinking of attending this conference, IPAN has agreed we will provide a small contribution towards your attendance cost.

Contact us if you are interested in attending."

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You and others in your various networks can now watch the entire proceedings of the Earth@Peace Conference:
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Filipino Rights Workers urge International Community to stand by the victims amidst Charivari, Calumny and Callousness

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND - The resolution tabled by Iceland and supported by many States at the current 41st session of the United Nations Human Rights Council to comprehensively and methodically address the horrendous extrajudicial killings and the plethora of rights violations in the Philippines is a highly significant international initiative.

**We ask the international community of nations and peoples:
stand by us before it is way too late as it is already much too
much**

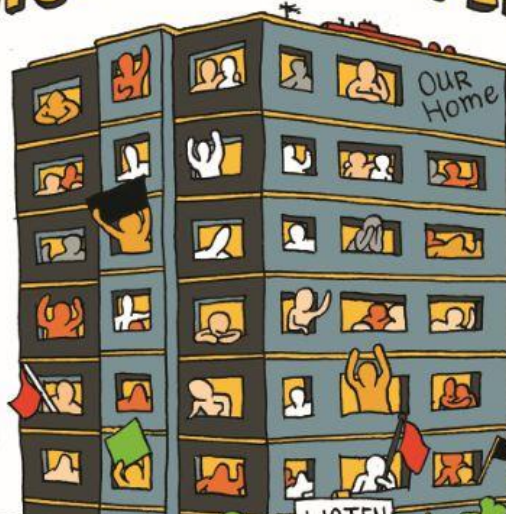
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THE US LOBBY

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

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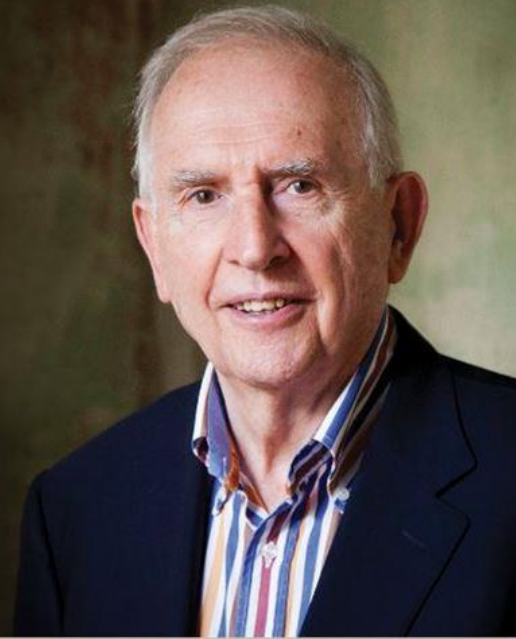
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2nd Yami Lester Memorial Address

Remembering Hiroshima & Nagasaki

'This is not a drill: Australia and the nuclear weapon ban treaty'



Speaker: Gem Romuld
Australian Director
International Campaign to
Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN)
2017 Nobel Peace Prize Winners

Friday 9 August 2019, 6.30 pm
Venue: Kungkas Can Cook
(Diarama Village, Larapinta Dr.)
\$25 p/p for a welcome drink & light dinner

ICAN Report Launch: "Choosing Humanity: Why Australia must join the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons"

RSVP TO Maya Cifali by Tuesday 6th August
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RAPID Public Response Arrangements to any imminent major military conflict, invasion or war

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.

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

Rockhampton: 11 July, Film Screening 6:30pm at Havachat, 20 East Street, Rockhampton

Near Rockhampton: Wage Peace: Stop militarisation of First Nations Lands:

14-19 July Training Camp: Stop Militarisation of First Nations' Lands

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

Book now : Ngarainstitute.org.au

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.

Lismore: Panel discussion for an inquiry into identity: "How do we define ourselves as Australians ?" RAH North Coast Peace Group, Sat., 27th July, 11am-12.30pm, The Event Space, Lismore Regional Gallery, 11 Rural Dt, Lismore

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"

Newcastle: Hiroshima Remembrance: Sunday 4th August, 6pm,
Adamstown Uniting Church, 228 Brunner Rd Adamstown: **Speaker:**
Dr Daryl De Cornu ,member of the Board of ICAN, past vice
president of United Nations Association of Australia

Adelaide: Hiroshima Day Commemoration: Sunday 4th August,
2.30 - 4.15pm; Australian Red Cross Office, 212 Pirie St. Contact:
Petra Ball pball@redcross.org.au

Melbourne: Hiroshima Never Again, Tuesday 6th August at
7.30pm, Black Rock Civic Hall, Cnr Balcombe St and College Gve,
Black Rock. Australians for Nuclear Disarmament

Sydney: Choosing Humanity: Forum with the Hon Michael Kirby
AC CMG; Tuesday 6th August at 6.30pm. NSW Parliament House,
Preston Stanley Room, Macquarie St.

Hobart: Hiroshima commemoration Ceremony, Tuesday 6th
August. Hosted by Lord Mayor Anna Reynolds

Fremantle: ICAN Report Launch and Peace Constellation,
Thursday, 8th August at 5.30pm - 7pm , City of Fremantle Council

Office and Library, 70 Parry St. Contact:
mayorsforpeace@fremantle.wa.gov.au

**Alice Springs: The 2nd Yami Lester Memorial Address:
Remembering Hiroshima & Nagasaki: Speaker: Gem Romuld,**
Australian Director of ICAN. **Fri 9th August, 2019, 6.30pm ,**
Kungkas Can Cook (Diarama Village, Larapinta Dr.)

Brisbane: Saturday, 17th August at 2-4pm, Griffiths University;
Hosted by WILPF Australia. Contact: truffle157@gmail.com

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

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