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Public rally and leaflet handouts in Queen Victoria Market. [ipan.victoria1@gmail.com](mailto:ipan.victoria1@gmail.com);  0417456001 See Poster below for details.  **Sydney:**Rally postponed. Replacement peace activity involves blitzing key politicians with emails; for details **HERE.**  **Adelaide:** Rally cancelled because of COVID restrictions  **Brisbane**: Rally cancelled because of COVID restrictions | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **INVITE: The People's Inquiry: Australia-US Alliance Webinar Series**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**Click Here to RSVP for Zoom Webinar**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=932cb0eca1&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | | | |      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Final Webinar July 8 - 6 pm AEST We are very excited to be hosting the final webinar in a series on the U.S.-Australia alliance.  A brilliant panel of experts will discuss the U.S.-Australian alliance and the work of the Inquiry.   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | We will be joined by the following **fantastic guests** from the previous four webinars:   * Kellie Tranter, Chair of the People’s Inquiry exploring the costs and consequences of the U.S.-Alliance * Greg Barns SC, the Inquiry panellist for the area of political (including democratic Rights) * Associate Professor Jeannie Rea, the panellist for the area of unions and workers rights * Dr. Chad Satterlee, the panellist for the area of economics * Dr Vince Scappatura, the panell  |  | | --- | |  |  * ist for the area of foreign policy, defence and security * Alison Broinowski, the panellist for the area of foreign policy * Very Rev. Dr Peter Catt who is the panellist for the area of Social and Community * Ian Lowe AO the panellist for the area of Environment and Climate Change   The webinar will be hosted by Michelle Pini the managing editor of Independent Australia.  We are excited to see you all there, if you have any questions please message us at [ipan.inquiry@gmail.com](mailto:ipan.inquiry@gmail.com) | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Submissions keep rolling in** **Have you had your say yet?**  **To make a submission to the Inquiry, go to:** [www.independentpeacefulaustralia.com.au](http://www.independentpeacefulaustralia.com.au) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Submissions can be short (one paragraph) or long (up to 5,000 words). EXAMPLES:** **Annette Brownlie**: Being embedded in the policies of the United States has meant that we in Australia have missed an opportunity to take our place in the region in which we are placed geographically and politically. Read submission [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=8cc790c6fc&e=8ef5b7f4e3)  **Beth Gordon**: Australia’s alliance with the United States has taken us as Australian citizens into at least four wars since WWII that have been pointless. Read submission [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=5a2fd2faeb&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Have your say on Australian Foreign Policy using the IPAN questionaire with Survey Monkey** Access the Questionaire [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=fa80027375&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | With acknowledgement to Independent Australia: 24th June, 2021  **Australia's collective voice should silence the 'drums of war'** by Barbara Hartley  **With Australia raising its hand to be part of joint naval exercises in the**[**South China Sea**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=a89afc1f20&e=8ef5b7f4e3)**, its departure from the G7 in Cornwall continues the "down-under" tradition of following U.S. foreign policy.**  Although the beat of war drums is currently more muffled, anti-China rhetoric still echoes down the chilly halls of Federal Parliament as the winter sitting takes place............  It is imperative that the now muted "drums of war" are silenced once and for all.  Readers are therefore urged to respond to the [People’s Inquiry](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=b75c5bd1c2&e=8ef5b7f4e3) for a Peaceful and Independent Australia being conducted by the Independent Peaceful Australia Network ([IPAN](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=8a95283732&e=8ef5b7f4e3)).  The inquiry’s purpose is to examine the impact of involvement in U.S.-led wars and the U.S.-Australia Alliance on everyday Australians. The current obsession with China and the inexplicable desire to face off with the world’s greatest military power is arguably a result of our alliance with the U.S.  Read complete article [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=fc44b307b7&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Jenny Leong, NSW Greens MP speaks out against alarmist warmongering and for an independent Australian foreign policy. Hear her speech [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=4b566d5f51&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Acknowledgement to On-Line Opinion- Australia's e-Journal of Social and Political Debate:-17th June,2021  **A Different Defence Policy** by Don Aitkin  I wrote an essay like this for the National Times some fifty years ago. Nothing has changed. If I could find it in my papers I could just run it again……….  The Swedes have their own defence policy, make their own ships and planes, and make it clear that they are not going to surrender lightly. In fact, Sweden's policy is one of armed neutrality, and it hasn't been in a real war since 1814. It does some partnering with NATO, but that is all.  It offers a model for an Australian defence force. [Australia is, in my book, just like Sweden, and it is two and half times bigger in terms of population, and very similar in terms of wealth per head of population.](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=9b07fc8a1e&e=8ef5b7f4e3) It is certainly big enough to defend itself, but its position in Big Power politics should be one of neutrality. It is big enough and wealthy enough to design and make its own planes, ships, tanks and the rest. And it should increasingly be doing so. Does that mean an increase in the defence budget? Of course it does. Does it mean higher taxes? Yes, that too. Though what follows is not the main purpose, building our own materiel will encourage technological and scientific innovation, and lead to advances in education, especially in STEM.  I do not think that China has any plans to invade Australia. I think we are seen as a noisy insect, one that needs to be slapped down every once in a while. But an armed neutral Australia would be a different kettle of fish. Our neutrality would be tested, but if, for example, we stop seeing the South China Sea as something with which we have a real strategic interest - we don't, this is Big Power games - China would quickly see that we mean what we said. We would not be buying weapons from either the USA or China, but developing our own, and we have the wealth and the brains to do so.  Read complete article [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=5da53f3fa5&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Defence Minister wants to increase U.S. Marine numbers in NT**  Defence Minister Peter Dutton wants to bolster US marine numbers in the Top End beyond 2,500, declaring the nation’s security depends on even closer military ties with our closest ally. Mr Dutton told the Australian Strategic Policy Institute’s annual conference in Canberra yesterday Australia was working to take greater responsibility for its own security, but needed to “become an even more reliable alliance partner” to the US. He said there was scope to increase the size of the US marine rotational force in the Top End from its 2,500-strong pre-Covid high.  Nick Deane, Spokesperson for IPANs Give 'em the boot" campaign ' comments "The U.S. marines stationed in NT do not enhance our national security. To the contrary they make us an enemy of who ever  is an enemy of the United states and make us less safe not more safe. These U.S. marines will be practicing with our ADF  in the Talisman Sabre exercises for war with China and in doing so give China, our major trading partner, very bad signals. A peaceful future for Australia lies in an independent foreign policy with our territory being free of foreign military bases and troops." | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Hunter Peace Group gains Newcastle Council support to establish a Peace Park and the raising of a flag for peace on Hiroshima Day**  **Hiroshima Day Peace Flag Raising Ceremony** That City of Newcastle:   1. Notes correspondence received from Hunter Peace Group **(Attachment A)** requesting a Flag Raising ceremony and Civic Reception to mark Hiroshima Day, on 6 August 2021; 2. Reiterates our previous support for a world free of nuclear weapons, with Councillors unanimously supporting a motion to join the Nobel Peace Prize winning International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons **(Attachment B)**, as well as the City’s 1982 declaration of Newcastle as a Nuclear Free Zone **(Attachment C)**; 3. Supports the Hunter Peace Groups efforts to raise awareness about the ongoing campaign to abolish nuclear weapon, as well as our long and proud history of activism against nuclear weapons, particularly as a City with a large, working harbor, and holds a Flag Raising Ceremony and Civic Reception on 6 August 2021 to mark Hiroshima Day.   **Establishing a Newcastle Peace Park** That City of Newcastle:   1. Acknowledges Hunter Peace Group’s request for assistance to establish a Peace Park in Newcastle, aimed at recognising Newcastle’s long and proud activist history in the fight for nuclear disarmament, and in the pursuit of world peace; 2. Notes that Lord Mayor Joy Cummings AM was a Peace activist and dedicated advocate for Newcastle as a Nuclear Free City, joining with Hunter Peace Group, the Trade Union movement, and activists to hold demonstrations to raise awareness about nuclear disarmament and the importance of Newcastle as a Nuclear Free City and Port; 3. Notes that many City’s across the nation are home to Peace Parks, with Peace Parks located in Adelaide, Hobart, Canberra, Bankstown, Wallarah Point, Albany and locally at Cessnock and Tanilba Bay. 4. Works with Hunter Peace Group to establish Newcastle Peace Park at Tighes Hill Reserve, adjacent to Islington Park.   **Both Motions passed 29th June, 2021** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Local Councils urge Government to sign Treaty to Prohibit Nuclear Weapons**  The City of Newcastle submitted a motion in support of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons to the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) for discussion at the 2020 National General Assembly.  In August 2020, after receiving submissions from local councils across the nation, the Australian Local Government Association board wrote to the Senator the Hon. Marise Payne Minister for Foreign Affairs with a message: Councils urge the Australian Government to sign and ratify the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons | | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **ICAN Report - 21st June, 2021** | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | At its National General Assembly in Canberra yesterday the Australian Local Government Association **unanimously passed a motion calling on Australia to sign and ratify the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.**  This is the first time Australia's peak body of local government representatives from 537 councils has passed a motion that backs the treaty. Across the country, local councils are listening to the the voices of constituents, and steering the call for Australia to join the treaty into the national arena. | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | : A group of supportive councillors gather to celebrate the successful motion in support of the Treaty at the National General Assembly in Canberra. | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Join us on Monday 28th June for Ban School. From 5pm (AEST), we will dive into the first session All About the Ban with some wonderful guest presenters:  TIM WRIGHT, ICAN Treaty Coordinator, Tim knows the TPNW like the back of his hand.  BONNIE DOCHERTY, International Human Rights Clinic, Harvard Law School. Bonnie is excited about the positive obligations contained in the TPNW and she will tell us why.  VANESSA GRIFFEN, Fijian/Australian activist and founding member of the Nuclear Free and Independent Pacific movement.  [RSVP to Ban School here.](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=2d27194abb&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **UNESCO urges Great Barrier Reef be placed on endangered World Heritage Site listing** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | With acknowledgement to Pearls & Irritations: 24 June, 2021  **The Great Barrier Reef in danger. But is there a China conspiracy afoot?** By [Imogen Zethoven](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=649ce4bf60&e=8ef5b7f4e3)  The Government deliberately fuelled a conspiracy theory that China must have been involved in the UNESCO report. It is alleged that the Prime Minister’s Office backgrounded journalists along these lines for the first 24 hours of the release. The Australian ran a story, China-led ‘ambush’ on health of the Reef.  This was a complete fabrication to deflect from the substance of report.  The Australian Government has announced it is going to “fight” UNESCO’s proposed inscription of the Great Barrier Reef on the List of World Heritage in Danger.  One of the world’s most beautiful, biologically diverse and treasured places on Earth is declining precipitously because of climate change. Yet the government is gearing up to fight against global efforts to protect it. Has the Australian Government arrived at the lowest point of its performance on climate and biodiversity? Or will there be more?  Read complete article [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=f22ee43ef4&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | With acknowledgement to Pearls and Irritations: 21 June,2021  **Adventures in incompetence – Witness K sentenced**  by Susan Connelly  This whole farce is more about protecting the real criminals in the case, those politicians and public servants who devised and planned, enabled and financed the shameful act of spying on the Timorese people. Witness K has been sentenced. He has received a three months’ suspended jail term and a longer good behaviour bond for conspiring to reveal classified information about a spying operation during maritime treaty negotiations between Australia and East Timor. Witness K was not accused of lying about Australia; he was prosecuted for deciding to tell the truth, confidentially, to the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague.  [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=e17023b990&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **"Festival of Whistleblowing, Dissent and Accountability "** **David McBride interview on Consortium news**  "I'm prepared to go to jail....., they worst thing that could happen to me is that "the charges will be dropped'' ...  'he will feel a failure if he does not get accountability"   David McBride    Program goes on to discuss **Julian Assange** too,   "this is the definitive  civil liberties case of the 21st century"  View Interview [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=70e82a0a99&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Australian Politicians Call on President Biden to Drop the Charges Against Julian Assange** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | MPs and Senators urge the US Government to revoke its appeal of the UK judgement against extradition.  In a one minute, 30 second [video message to U.S. President Joe Biden](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=056ebe52bc&e=8ef5b7f4e3), 11 Australian politicians from across the political spectrum have appealed to the U.S. Government to drop its Espionage Act and computer intrusion charges against Australian citizen, Julian Assange. **READ ON** | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **World without War Pledge**  People in 192 nations have signed a pledge to work to end all war and replace war with just and sustainable peace. [You can sign it too by clicking here](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=9579fb4cff&e=8ef5b7f4e3)**.** This Declaration of Peace gives us the power to influence policy, the ability to keep you informed on only the topics that interest you, and the ability to organize powerful educational events and nonviolent actions.  [Please take a moment to add your name!](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=c623f8d97e&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **NZ Protest: Stop Rocket Lab’s militarisation of Space**  On Monday the 21st of June, 2021, winter solstice at poupoutanga o te rā/ midday, around 30 peace activists, supporters of demilitarisation, and mana whenua of Māhia gathered outside Rocket Lab’s Auckland headquarters.  Auckland Peace Action and peace veterans from the Nuclear Free movement organised the event in Auckland, demanding an immediate halt to Rocket Lab’s launches of surveillance and military satellites from New Zealand, protesting against Rocket Lab’s involvement in the militarisation of Space. Simultaneously there was a peace gathering in Nelson. | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | International Zoom Meeting Report **Australian peace activists discuss the Talisman Sabre (TS21) war exercises with New York City Veterans for Peace**  Prominent Activists Annette Brownlie, Robin Taubenfeld, Dr. Margaret Beavis, Dr. Vince Scappatura and Col. Ann Wright provided a terrific comprehensive discussion and analysis of the joint biennial Talisman Sabre military exercises TS-21. There have been regular protests against the exercises by peace activists and environmental groups since 2007. View meeting Video [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=14143c4f0d&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | With acknowledgement to Pearls and Irritations: 21 June, 2021  **Biden’s strategy exposed – tempestuous times ahead** by Joseph Camilleri  It is safe to conclude that neither China nor Russia will be intimidated by shows of US strength or  alliance solidarity. They will keep on strengthening their military capabilities and continue to use every bit of soft and hard power to advance their vision of a multi-centric world.  Biden’s first major overseas trip as president has provided us with a fascinating insight into the thinking of the current US Administration. We can now piece together with some confidence the grand plan hatched by Biden, his senior advisers and the US security establishment more generally. The immediate aim is to arrest the decline of US power and influence. The more ambitious goal is to restore American dominance in a rules based order, where the rules are largely set by the United States and dutifully followed by everyone else.  [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=2baa451271&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **How the Chinese People View Australia- Global Research survey** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **RAPID PUBLIC RESPONSE**  In the event of an imminent major military conflict, military invasion or war actually breaking out, IPAN organisations in the following states, urge everyone to rally :   **In Melbourne**, outside the State Library in Swanston St, Melbourne, from 5pm that evening- bring banners and placards - family and friends   **In Adelaide**, on Parliament Steps at 4.30 pm that evening – bring banners and placards – family and friends.   I**n Newcastle**, at the Clocktower, Hamilton, 4.30pm that evening- bring banners and placards and tell family and friends    **In Canberra**, on the median strip at the corner of London Circuit and Northbourne Ave.   **In Brisbane**, at King George Square, 5 pm | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Voice is produced and edited by the Media Group of the IPAN co-ordinating committee. 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