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| **In this issue:**\* Building a Movement/Coalition to oppose Aukus,Nuclear submarines and war\* Aukus means more U.S. troops stationed in NT and practicing with the ADF for war\* You can make your views heard: Letter to MP's re Aukus etc\* Final report and recommendations based on 281 submissions  to the IPAN Inquiry will be released during the first sitting of Parliament in February 2022\* Aukus alliance highlights US decline and Australian humiliation - Cameron Leckie\* Rapid community response: peace activists say no to nuclear-powered submarines  and AUKUS - Bevan Ramsden\* Jo Valentine speaks out at anti-nuclear subs protest , HMAS Stirling,WA\* Protest : No Nuclear Subs No AUKUS Pact- No war on China- Sydney Anti-AUKUS Coalition\* AUKUS nuclear submarines deal must be abandoned- Brian Toohey\* From deputy sheriff to 51st state of the Union - John Menadue\* Report from ICAN\* Inspirational story of Women of Palau in establishing the first nuclear free Constitution in the world and the subsequent sabotage by the U.S.\* Domed and sealed nuclear rubbish dump installed in the Marshall Islands by the U.S. under threat by climate change and may crack open\* Reclaim our future with two words- Jeffrey Chew\* Taiwanese Foreign Minister warns his country is preparing for war with China, asks Australia for help\* COMING EVENTS\* Rapid Public Response |

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| **Building a Movement/Coaliton to oppose Aukus, nuclear submarines and war** The interim working group formed from the Zoom meeting of 18th September attended by over 100 individuals and organisations, has received 220 replies from some 60 organisations and 160 individuals wishing to join together in a zoom meeting on 7th November to consider forming a National Movement/Coalition to oppose Aukus, nuclear submarines and the march to war. December Voice will report on the decisions and  actions decided at the meeting **The invitation to this meeting was signed by:** * Independent and Peaceful Australia Network
* Australian Anti-Bases Campaign Coalition
* Friends of the Earth
* Pax Christi Australia
* Melbourne Unitarian Peace Memorial Church
* Medical Association for Prevention of War
* The Quaker Peace and Legislation Committee
* Spirit of Eureka
* Just Peace
* Marrickville Peace Group
* Philippines Caucus for Peace
* Campaign for International Co-operation and Disarmament
* Sydney Criminal Lawyers
* Lawyers for Peace
* Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom, Australia

If you would like to discuss this further, please contact us at ipan.aukus@gmail.com.**It is hoped this meeting will agree to day(s) of joint national activity around the general themes of no Aukus, no nuclear submarines, no war and associated consequences.** |

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| From ABC News: 9th October, 2021:The AUKUS announcement has fuelled more speculation about possible expansion of the marines' presence in the Top End, which Defence Minister Peter Dutton [has already said he would like to see](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=5213c7fa5a&e=8ef5b7f4e3).In an interview with the ABC, the US's Charges d'Affaires in Australia, Michael Goldman, said talks on the subject were ongoing."I can see [the rotation] only getting bigger, more integrated, more ambitious and better in the future," he said. |

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| **You can make your views heard**[Here](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=42c75eeb2a&e=8ef5b7f4e3)is a letter that can be sent to your MP You put in your post code and it automatically addresses the email to your Federal MP.  |

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| **Final Report and recommendations based on the 281 submissions to the IPAN Inquiry will be released during the first sitting of Parliament in February 2022** An interim report has been released by Kellie Tranter, Chair of the Inquiry  panel . Barbara Hartley has summarised the Interim Report and her summary can be read [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=31e6f79999&e=8ef5b7f4e3)  |

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| With acknowledgement to Pearls and Irritations: 14th October, 2021   **AUKUS alliance highlights US decline and Australian humiliation**                                            By [Cameron Leckie](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=24ec27c152&e=8ef5b7f4e3)  By joining Australia and the UK in the AUKUS agreement, the US has highlighted its decline. And if that decline continues, Australia will find itself increasingly isolated.Extracts:"AUKUS highlights that the core of the United States’ imperial system now consists of just three nations. Three nations which all have significant internal issues to address but are unwilling to acknowledge that the global balance of power has fundamentally changed, and not in their favour."........."Australia has willingly boxed itself into a lose-lose-lose scenario. If the China containment strategy is successful then the major engine of global economic growth will be damaged, perhaps permanently. This is at best a pyrrhic victory. If the containment strategy triggers a war with China, the results are likely to range from the merely catastrophic to the apocalyptic. And if the decline of the United States empire continues apace, Australia will find itself increasingly isolated facing the very real prospect of our own century of [humiliation](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=cb5727f864&e=8ef5b7f4e3)."Read complete article [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=a64a79510c&e=8ef5b7f4e3)   |

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| Acknowledgement to Pearls and Irritations: 11th October, 2021 **Rapid community response: peace activists say no to nuclear-powered submarines and AUKUS**By [Bevan Ramsden](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=dc284b808d&e=8ef5b7f4e3) The Morrison government’s embrace of nuclear-submarine technology and the AUKUS agreement has been challenged in Australia and overseas. A coalition of people and organisations is being formed to oppose these decisions.There has been a rapid response in the Australian and international community expressing concern and opposition to the Morrison government’s embracing of the AUKUS war pact and moving to acquire nuclear powered submarines.[**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=6a3fc9e60a&e=8ef5b7f4e3)  |

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| **Jo Valentine speaks out at anti-nuclear subs protest at HMAS Stirling, WA where British nuclear submarine is docked**View video [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=ad89198ab8&e=8ef5b7f4e3) |

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| With acknowledgement to Pearls and Irritations: 13th October, 2021**AUKUS nuclear submarines deal must be abandoned**                                               By [Brian Toohey](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=519803e528&e=8ef5b7f4e3)  Australia doesn’t need nuclear powered submarines, especially given the Australia’s long-standing support for the world’s nuclear non-proliferation goals. [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=fa2baa1a12&e=8ef5b7f4e3) |

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| With acknowledgement to Pearls and Irritations: 30th September, 2021  **From deputy sheriff to the 51st state of the Union**by John Menadue Paul Keating [put it succinctly](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=39a16d2b7a&e=8ef5b7f4e3) yesterday in The Sydney Morning Herald that we are selling our country to another power. Or, as former ambassador [John McCarthy put it](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=97493e2be5&e=8ef5b7f4e3), “we are moving from being a country with the self-respect of true independence”.Step by step we have been ceding our sovereignty to the US. The recent AUKUS and AUSMIN meetings in Washington were further giant steps in our becoming a US colonial outpost.[**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=0ca401e5a5&e=8ef5b7f4e3) |

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| **Report from ICAN****ACTU**The Australian Council of Trade Unions has passed a formal policy backing the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and calling on Australia to join it as a humanitarian imperative. Further, "Congress is committed to a world free of weapons of mass destruction and a nuclear-free defence policy for Australia." [Read the full policy here](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=91252c9355&e=8ef5b7f4e3). **Nuclear submarines**The recording of our forum on the nuclear submarine deal is now on our [Youtube channel](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=4483ec12eb&e=8ef5b7f4e3). It is well worth a watch! We have also published a [briefing note here](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=bbd8d94b35&e=8ef5b7f4e3). **Norway**The Norwegian Government will participate in the first meeting of states parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in March 2022. It is the first "nuclear-endorsing" state to do so, and should encourage Australia to do the same. |

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| **An inspirational story of Gabriela Ngirmang and the women of Palau in establishing the first nuclear -free Constitution in the world for the Republic of Palau only to have it sabotaged by the United States** |

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| The Republic of Palau consists of 340 Islands in the Western Pacific, north of Australia and east of The Philippines.The late Gabriela Ngirmang, Mirair of Koror, was instrumental in giving the world its first nuclear-free constitution. As  Mirair (leading woman for the eastern side of the state of Koror), Gabriela Ngirmang was the leader of Otil A Beluad (the Anchor of the Land) women’s organisation for 50 years. When she died at the age of 84 in 2007, she had been a central figure among the women elders of her nation, and an inspirational leader for social justice and anti-nuclear activists across the Pacific and globally.Read their inspirational story and the sabotage of their efforts by the United States as it seeks to make Palau a military base,  [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=ceeb5cde70&e=8ef5b7f4e3) |

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| **Reclaim our future with two words**by Jeffrey Chew(A member of IPAN) Dressed as a white dove, “Indo‐Pacific” is the deceptive embodiment of destruction (some say, evil).  With little resistance, White Man’s Media has already succumbed, signed the consent form and enlisted as “Indo‐Pacific’s” volunteer army.[**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=ea6345bc65&e=8ef5b7f4e3)  |

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| ABC News: 4th October, 2021**Taiwanese Foreign Minister warns his country is preparing for war with China, asks Australia for help**Exclusive by defence correspondent Andrew Greene and Stan Grant   Taiwan's Foreign Minister warns his nation is preparing for war with China and urges Australia to increase intelligence sharing and security cooperation as Beijing intensifies a campaign of military intimidation.READ FULL  REPORT [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=65153118ae&e=8ef5b7f4e3) |

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| **Coming Events** **National via Zoom:**[Register here for Raucous Anti-AUKUS Caucus #2](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=d05df792b4&e=8ef5b7f4e3) **Thursday 4 November**. 7.00-8.30pm eastern time, 4.00-5.30pm WA time, 6.30-8pm SA time. Featuring acknowledgement from first nations activist Robbie Thorpe and talks by Emma Shortis, David Brophy and Jacob Grech. This event will focus on activist report-backs. Find out how to get involved in campaigns and actions in your area!**National via Zoom: 7th November, 2pm AEDT**Meeting of interested organisations and individuals to to consider forming a National Movement/Coalition to oppose Aukus, nuclear submarines and the march to war.**Sydney: December 11th, 12 noon Sydney Town Hall:** Sydney protest: No nuclear subs, no AUKUS Pact- No war on China  |

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