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Ceasefire, Russian troop withdrawal, negotiations [READ ON](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=0b611f9499&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | With acknowledgement to Pearls and Irritations, Mar 17, 2022  **Truth is the first victim in war**                                           By [John Lander](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=ba580ba80b&e=8ef5b7f4e3)  Don’t believe what you read in the mass media. It is also an instrument of war. War is an obscenity. It is not an instrument of policy, it is a failure of policy. War is not only morally indefensible, it is politically counterproductive. Russia claims to have invaded Ukraine because it is afraid of NATO expansion. By invading, it has virtually guaranteed that it will have a permanent enemy, heavily armed by US/NATO, even if not a full member, on its Western border. Australia’s constant war-mongering is equally shameful and equally damaging to our security. Peace can only be secured through negotiation and the development of mutually beneficial relations. [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=3db78233e6&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | With acknowledgement to Pearls and Irritations, 30th March, 2022  **The Ukraine – a decisive transfer of the balance of power from west to east**                                         By [Cameron Leckie](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=608b4436d9&e=8ef5b7f4e3)    The 2022 Russo-Ukraine is also a proxy war between Russia and the Western world. We should be prepared for a decisive transfer of the balance of power from West to East…The bulk of the fighting is in the Donbas where there are few or no Western journalists.  Most of the debate and coverage of the ongoing Russo-Ukrainian war in Australia and the Western world is decidedly banal. It is characterised by the simplification of an extremely complex situation to generate a narrative that can be summarised as Putin and Russia are evil and Ukraine is good.  This gross simplification is not helpful in either understanding the causes of the war, the nature of the war, its broader implications and most importantly of all, how it can be ended with the least number of additional deaths and injuries and damage to Ukraine’s infrastructure. [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=43ef48663f&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Logo  Description automatically generated | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Australian Anti-AUKUS Coalition formed**  A national meeting of members from peace, community, environment, social justice, independence, faith and socialist organisations and unions from across Australia has launched a broad national coalition campaigning against the AUKUS (Australia, UK, US) military pact, and the acquisition and stationing of nuclear-powered submarines in Australia.  The national coalition is calling for a united front against AUKUS, nuclear submarines and a broad movement for peace and a nuclear free Australia.  We oppose Australia’s involvement in US-led wars and preparations for war with China.  We call on the Federal government to divert the $100s of billions earmarked for military spending on AUKUS and nuclear submarines to be spent instead on urgent social and economic needs in the Australian community, including urgent action dealing with the climate crisis and natural disasters.  The Australian Anti-AUKUS Coalition campaigns in all states.  Contact details – [nationalantiaukuscoalition@gmail.com](mailto:nationalantiaukuscoalition@gmail.com). | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **A quarter of a trillion dollars to be spent on the military at the expense of social need and addressing the impact of climate change**  The projected military expenditure by the current government has topped a quarter of a trillion dollars. This is in addition to the annual recurrent ADF expenditures. What could a small fraction of this expenditure buy? | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A picture containing table  Description automatically generated | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A picture containing chart  Description automatically generated | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | According to the AMA representative on the ABC’s recent Q & A, to fix the public hospital system in Australia requires spending **$20 billion**…. A Q &  viewer commented “**that equals the cost of one nuclear submarine plus a dozen tanks”.**  **Huge spending on an imaginary enemy; precious little on the climate enemy ravaging Australian communities**                                            By Bevan Ramsden  One quarter of a trillion dollars of tax- payers’ money is being spent on defending against an imaginary enemy but precious little is spent on preparing for and defending against the climate change enemy ravaging our communities [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=04c23d500f&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Diagram  Description automatically generated | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Did you miss the IPAN Webinar with these speakers on  **an Alternative Defence Policy for Australia** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Two people  Description automatically generated with low confidence | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | You can **view** the webinar [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=3abdd139ec&e=8ef5b7f4e3)  You can also **read** their presentations:  Dr Albert Palazzo [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=1f98914fdc&e=8ef5b7f4e3) Dr Sue Rosen [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=7731871bce&e=8ef5b7f4e3) Cameron Leckie [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=319dde7f65&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Call for donations to support production  and printing of the People's Inquiry Report** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A picture containing map  Description automatically generated | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Letter giving details [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=9e5b80163a&e=8ef5b7f4e3)                   Donations can be made [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=cfc16efb1c&e=8ef5b7f4e3)  An interim report has been released by Kellie Tranter, Chair of the Inquiry  panel . The Final Report and recommendations based on the 281 submissions to the IPAN Inquiry will be released later this year following the Federal elections                            Read Interim Report [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=731bdf0c43&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Newcastle Opposition to a port for nuclear submarines** | | | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A submarine in the water  Description automatically generated with low confidence | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | The government has identified three potential locations for Future Navy Base – in Brisbane, Newcastle and Port Kembla – to support the future nuclear fleet being acquired under the AUKUS partnership.  The government says the new base will add capacity and capability to Fleet Base West in Western Australia, which is home to the Navy’s fleet of six Collins-class submarines.  It will also enable visits from US and UK nuclear-powered submarines under AUKUS, Prime Minster Scott Morrison said in a national security address to the Lowy Institute on Monday.  The Department of Defence estimates that ***more than $10 billion*** will be needed for facility and infrastructure to transition from Collins to the future nuclear-powered submarines, including the new east coast submarine base. | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Newcastle City Council votes against making Newcastle a port for Nuclear Submarines**  Members of Hunter Peace Group attended Newcastle City Council meeting Tuesday 22nd March to hear a debate on Motion that Liberal Councillor put up " support Newcastle becoming a nuclear Port as it will creat transition jobs in the Hunter."   (not exact wording)    ***This motion was resoundingly beaten and all Councillors who spoke with passion, conviction and intelligence on the topic.*** | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Newcastle Trade Unionists oppose nuclear submarines port for Newcastle** | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A group of people holding flags  Description automatically generated | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Some of the protestors at anti-nuclear rally Friday 11.3.22 | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Report from Hunter Peace Group** A very passionate anti-nuclear rally at the foreshore park beside the Merchant Mariners Monument.   The Hunter Workers did a good job on this spot rally.   Leigh spoke very well, Secretary of Wollongong Trades Hall spoke well,  Official from CFMEU Sydney  spoke as did I and Niko Leko.      On Saturday we had an excellent IWD March (approx 200) again great speakers - Again Hunter Workers' organisation of this rally was spot on and Hunter Workers Women's Committee were solid in their determination and enthusiasm to hold the first IWD rally in Newcastle for many a long year.       Good speakers - local pollies and Lord Mayor spoke and marched.       Wonderful day.  I attach a copy of my speech. The marchers endorsed the following:  **NO NUCLEAR PORT IN NEWCASTLE**  **NO NUCLEAR PORT ANYWHERE IN AUSTRALIA**  **AUSTRALIA TO BE A NUCLEAR FREE COUNTRY**  **The ALP TO CHANGE THEIR POSITION ON BLANKET SUPPORT FOR THE AUKUS PACT OR THEY WILL GET A NO VOTE LIKE THE LIBS.**  **AUSTRALIA TO SIGN AND RATIFY THE TREATY ON THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS**  READ Lynda Forbes Speech (Hunter Peace Group) [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=7b8f482af7&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | ****Say NO to a nuclear submarine base on the east coast of Australia**** Open letter to the Prime Minister and Defence Minister   [**SIGN HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=763f434767&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Logo, company name  Description automatically generated | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **NUKES and your SUPER**  The war in Ukraine is two weeks in, the east coast is devastated by floods and the Prime Minister has announced his intention to base nuclear-powered submarines at one of three east coast cities. It's a critical time to be active for a safer and nuclear-free future, and also to take care of each other.  Thank you for signing the petition to Foreign Minister Marise Payne and Prime Minister Scott Morrison calling on them to step up on nuclear disarmament by pressuring nuclear-armed nations to take their weapons off high alert and disarm, and to **walk the talk by signing and ratifying the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.** It now has over 600 signatures!   |  | | --- | | **Nukes and your super**   If you want your superannuation fund to cut ties with nuclear weapons producers, join an upcoming webinar with **Quit Nukes**, our joint campaign with the Medical Association for Prevention of War. We'll be unpacking some nasty findings from our recent research, celebrating some wins and strategising! [Register here for the Quit Nukes session on Tuesday 12th April at 7-8pm](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=7113f8029f&e=8ef5b7f4e3). |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**QUIT NUKES EVENT: REGISTER**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=a7c3f128e1&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | | | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Picket of Dutton's lunch with American Chamber of Commerce at Hilton Hotel.** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A group of people holding signs  Description automatically generated with medium confidence | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Text  Description automatically generated with low confidence | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Graphical user interface, text, application, email  Description automatically generated | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | For more information: RaisingPeace.org.au | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Calendar  Description automatically generated | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Table  Description automatically generated | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Diagram  Description automatically generated with medium confidence | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A picture containing text, newspaper, screenshot  Description automatically generated | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Text  Description automatically generated with medium confidence | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | We are women who are heartbroken over the war in Ukraine and deeply concerned about the risk of catastrophic nuclear war. We are mothers, daughters, grandmothers, and we are sisters, one to another.  Today our hearts and prayers are with the people of Ukraine and with everyone suffering and traumatized by this war.  We appeal to world leaders for the sake of humanity to implement an immediate ceasefire. For the sake of our children, for the sake of future generations, we women appeal for peace. **Please join us in signing this statement** [HERE](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=a87d2b8bc5&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A person standing next to a personnequin  Description automatically generated with low confidence |  |  | | --- | | **FILM SHOWINGS AROUND AUSTRALIA  Julian Assange  His father's fight for his freedom** | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Filmed over two years across the UK, Europe and the US, Ithaka follows 76 year old retired builder, John Shipton's tireless campaign to save his son, Julian Assange.  The world's most famous political prisoner, Wikileaks founder Julian Assange. has become an emblem of an international arm wrestle over freedom of journalism, government corruption and unpunished war crimes. Ithaka provides a timely reminder of the global issues at stake in this case, as well as an insight into the personal toll inflicted by the arduous, often lonely task of fighting for a cause bigger than oneself. **Film Showings with Q & A:** **Brisbane** 11th April 630pm [https://fivestarcinemas.com.au/new-farm/movie/ithaka](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=7c8a66b3c0&e=8ef5b7f4e3) **Melbourn**e 21st April, 6.30pm [https://www.cinemanova.com.au/films/ithaka](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=43754ed7d4&e=8ef5b7f4e3) **Sydney** 19th Apr Tickets on sale soon [https://www.dendy.com.au/movies/ithaka](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=7a47c9c7d8&e=8ef5b7f4e3) **Canberra** 20th Apr Tickets on sale soon [https://www.dendy.com.au/movies/ithaka](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=83f7eec701&e=8ef5b7f4e3) **Adelaide**- 24th April 2.00pm  [https://palacenova.com.au/films/ithaka](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=49ded8d938&e=8ef5b7f4e3) **Perth** APRIL 24th 6.00PM [https://lunapalace.com.au/m/select-film+4836+movies-with-mark-ithaka](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=c1f1bc94f4&e=8ef5b7f4e3)  This is the email for bookings to show the movie in your community: Contacts are Leeanne and Louise. [screenings@ithaka.movie](mailto:screenings@ithaka.movie) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **PALM SUNDAY EVENTS AROUND AUSTRALIA** | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Brisbane: PALM SUNDAY RALLY FOR PEACE AND REFUGEES** Sunday, 10th April in King George Square 2pm. \*Free the refugees - close the camps and hotels \*Permanent Protection not poverty \*Increase the Refugee Intake \*Peace not militarism - stop the wars that create refugees John Shipton, Julian Assange's father will speak and there will be a **March for Julian** after the rally.  **Sydney: 10th April, 2pm, Belmore Park: Talk Peace; War creates refugees; Reject AUKUS submarines, Justice for Refugees; No to Racism** **MC**: Ms Ruby Wawn **Welcome to Country**: Aunty Rhonda Dixon-Grosvenor **Speakers**:            **Nick Deane**, Independent & Peaceful Australia Network (IPAN)   **Maria Tiimon** (pronounced Si-mon), Edmund Rice Centre, Pacific Calling Partnership    **Pastor Richard Schroder**, Lutheran Church, NSW Ecumenical Council     **Shukufa Tahiri**, Afghan woman refugee, Refugee Council of Australia     **Glenn Kolomeitz**, Australian Afghan War Veteran, Afghan Refugee Advocate      **Anastasia**, Ukrainian-Australian advocate against Russian invasion of Ukraine       **Amber Flohm**, Senior Vice-President, NSW Teachers Federation **Route of the march:** **3pm - Exit Belmore Park onto Eddy Avenue** – turn left into Pitt Street – proceed through Railway Square to Broadway – proceed up Broadway to City Road – enter Victoria Park and disperse.   **Canberra:**The NoWarNoAukus group will be joining the **Palm Sunday refugee rally** in Garema Place, Canberra City from 1:00pm.  **Melbourne:** **Walk for Justice and Freedom for Refugee**s, State Library, Swanston St, 2-4pm 10th April  **Adelaide:**Churches Together SA invites you to the 2022 Palm Sunday **Peace & Justice Walk** Date: Sun April 10th Time: 2pm Place: Tarntanyangga/Victoria Square As a radical, visible sign of peace-making presence, respect, solace and harmony, this Walk will be in silence, with our banners as our voice. We walk for many areas of injustice.   **HOBART:** PALM SATURDAY, 9th April: MAPW in Hobart have organised a **peace vigil** on the Saturday from 11-12 with support from others on Parliament House Lawns. | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Diagram  Description automatically generated with low confidence | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Lockheed Martin is by far the largest weapons producer in the world. From Ukraine to Yemen, from Palestine to Colombia, from Somalia to Syria, from Afghanistan and West Papua to Ethiopia, no one profits more from war and bloodshed than Lockheed Martin.  We call on people around the world to join the **Global Mobilization to #StopLockheedMartin** **on April 28**, the same day that Lockheed Martin holds its Annual General Meeting.  Individuals and organisations everywhere — we invite you to call for protests in your towns and cities. Whether vigils, demos, direct actions, art interventions or weapons blockades.. wherever Lockheed Martin produces weapons or profits from violence we must mobilize to #StopLockheedMartin. [ENDORSE THE GLOBAL MOBILIZATION HERE.](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=efae8dbb4e&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A picture containing text, building  Description automatically generated | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Let's kick weapons giant Lockheed Martin out of the Australian War Memorial.**  Can you take a moment to send a letter to the AWM Director?  We've **made it easy** for you to tell the AWM that corporations that profit from war have no place in our national memorial: just[click here](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=45c37d69ff&e=8ef5b7f4e3)[.](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=5084acb818&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Logo  Description automatically generated with medium confidence | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Friends the Earth are calling on our supporters to [**email government MPs and Senators today**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=7c98dde46b&e=8ef5b7f4e3) to remind them that tackling the climate crisis is a top priority.  We've developed a simple tool that allows you to email government MPs in the House of Representatives and Senate in less than two minutes.  [Will you add your voice to the community call for a stronger 2030 climate target?](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=15f6ee9848&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | With acknowledgement to The Guardian, 23rd March, 2022  **Climate crisis is greatest threat to Australia’s future and security, former defence leaders warn**  **Open letter calls on politicians to make climate a primary focus in election year and ‘address this clear and present danger’**                                           by ***Lisa Cox***  The climate crisis is the greatest threat to the future and security of Australians and the country is unprepared for its increasingly harsh impacts, a group of defence leaders has warned. In a [statement](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=1233a04cde&e=8ef5b7f4e3), to be published in a full-page advertisement in The Australian newspaper on Wednesday, senior retired defence and security personnel have called on political leaders to make the security risks posed by climate change a central issue of the forthcoming federal election. “As ex-service members and experienced security practitioners who have witnessed up-close the devastation of war and crisis, we consider that climate change now represents the greatest threat to the future and security of Australians,” the letter says. | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Call for Suspending US-ROK Military Exercises and Decreasing Military Tensions on the Korean Peninsula**  We, the civil society groups in the United States, South Korea, and around the world, listed herein, urge the governments of the ROK (Republic of Korea, aka South Korea) and the United States to suspend the combined military exercises and to instead actively pursue a path to peace. We are deeply concerned about the recent increase in military tensions on the Korean Peninsula. The ROK, the DPRK (Democratic People's Republic of Korea, aka North Korea) and the United States should take steps toward sincere dialogue and cooperation, not military actions.  **IPAN has joined the many organisations in signing this statement** | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | With acknowledgement to Pearls and Irritations, 28th March, 2022  **The rot began with Howard** by Bruce Haigh  The Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison does not have qualities of leadership. He is unable to act in a crisis, he fades in the face of fire and flood, he demonstrates poor judgement and when challenged he bullies. The Royal Commission into Natural Disaster was handed down sixteen months ago. Of 80 recommendations Morrison has adopted 14. It has become apparent that his Prime Ministership is not about seeking best outcomes for the Australian people but rather for himself. He not only ignores climate change, he mocks it. He supports the fossil fuel industry.  The rot began with John Howard  [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=ef750faa5d&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Coming Events**  **BRISBANE**:  **PALM SUNDAY RALLY FOR PEACE AND REFUGEES** Sunday, 10th April in King George Square 2pm. \*Free the refugees - close the camps and hotels \*Permanent Protection not poverty \*Increase the Refugee Intake \*Peace not militarism - stop the wars that create refugees  **SYDNEY: PALM SUNDAY** - Talk Peace; War creates refugees; reject AUKUS submarines; Justice for Refugees; No to Racism. 2pm Belmore Park followed by march.  **CANBERRA**: **PALM SUNDAY** , 10th April, refugee rally in Garema Place, Canberra City from 1 pm  **MELBOURNE:**  **ADELAIDE**: **PALM SUNDAY**; 10th April, Peace and Justice walk, 2pm Tarnyanyangga/Victoria Square  **HOBART**: Saturday 9th April: MAPW in Hobart have organised a peace vigil on the Saturday from 11-12 with support from others on Parliament House Lawns.  **SYDNEY**: Peace and alternatives to War organised by Raising Peace. ANZAC weekend: **23,24,25th April.** Details at RaisingPeace.org.au  **LISMORE**: Uniting in our differences. Eve of ANZAC Day. Lismore Anglican St Andrew's Church, Zadoc St. Sunday 24th April 5-6pm | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **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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