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## War Powers Reform

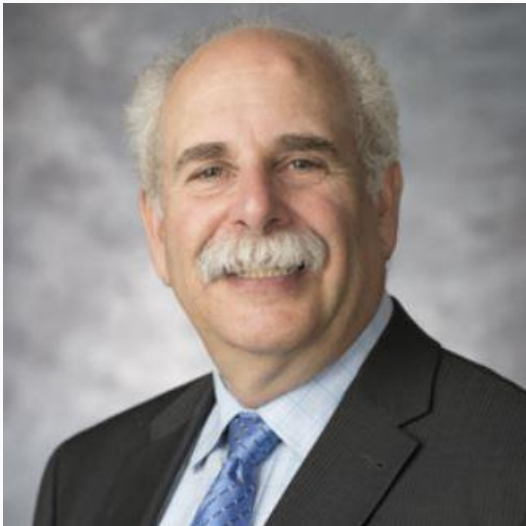
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**IPAN WEBINAR: Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August at 6pm,  
AEST**

Register **HERE** to attend

**Re-structuring the ADF as a self-reliant force  
concentrating on territorial defence of Australia  
only and without foreign assistance**



Discussion with Dr Albert Palazzo & Dr Mike  
Gilligan followed by Q & A

Current Australian defence policy is based on relying on the protection of a big power, the USA. This close relationship has drawn Australia into disastrous wars including Vietnam, Afghanistan and Iraq. IPAN holds that Australia can indeed defend itself without foreign assistance and that our ADF should be confined to this specific task and not join in expeditionary wars with the USA. This webinar discusses what adjustments need to be made to enable the ADF to do this, and what items currently on the government's multi-billion dollar military spending splurge including nuclear-propelled submarines are unnecessary for this self defence orientation.



Facilitator: Dr Sue Wareham

**Dr Sue Wareham** OAM is President of the Medical Association for Prevention of War. She is also Secretary of Australians for War Powers Reform.

**Dr Albert Palazzo**, Formerly the long-serving Director of War Studies for the Australian Army, Dr. Albert Palazzo is currently an Adjunct Professor at the University of New South Wales - Canberra. He completed his PhD i/n military history at The Ohio State University, his dissertation subsequently published as Seeking

Victory in The Western Front; the British Army and Chemical Warfare in World War 1. Born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, he migrated to Australia in 1996 and commenced his career in the School of History at the Australian Defence Force Academy. He has written more than twenty books and monographs on the art of war, including *The Australian Army: A History of its Organisations, 1901-2001*, *The Australian Army and the War in Iraq*, *The Battle of Crete*, *From Moltke to Bin Laden: The Relevance of Doctrine in Contemporary Military Environment*, and *Planning not to lose: The Australian Army's New Philosophy of War*. His next book is *Climate Change and National Security: The implications for the Military* which will be released in September.

**Dr Mike Gilligan** worked for 20 years in defence policy and evaluating military proposals for development, including time in the Pentagon on military balances in Asia. He has authored a number of articles in Pearls and Irritations including, "Our Defence Minister spurns realism, imperilling Australia", June 22, 2022, "AUKUS is not about defending Australia but a possible US attack on China", June 2, 2022 and "AUKUS and submarines – a slippery slope", April 27, 2022. He is a strong believer in our ADF's ability to defend territorial Australia without foreign assistance.



## A Public Call for Peace!

### Newspaper advertisement supported by IPAN

A number of peace, community, environment and faith organisations including IPAN are planning to place an advertisement in a national newspaper calling on the government not to involve Australia in a war with China over Taiwan; to sign the UN Treaty to Prohibit Nuclear Weapons; and direct public spending away from AUKUS war preparations to urgent social and environmental needs. [\(See the advertisement below\).](#)

Over 1,000 signatures of organisations and individuals are being sought to back this statement for publication directed at the Australian Government. The aim is to publish on the anniversary of the announcement of the AUKUS Coalition, 16th September, 2022.

**Your support** would be appreciated by signing, donating and seeking more supporters for this project.

***Individual signatures need to be supported by a donation (\$20 or what you can afford) and larger amounts from organisations***

to cover the cost of placing the signed advertisement statement in a national newspaper.

This campaign is co-ordinated by the Australian Anti-AUKUS Coalition – [antiaukuscoalition@gmail.com](mailto:antiaukuscoalition@gmail.com)

## **Call on the Australian Government**

(National Newspaper Advertisement

(co-ordinated by the Australian Anti-Aukus Coalition, AAAC).

**We call on the Government of Australia in the interests of peace and security for the Australian people and the region:**

- **To advise its AUKUS partners that Australia will not be involved in a war against China over Taiwan or disputed territorial waters in the South China Sea, or any other country, and will not allow use of Australian territory for that purpose**
- **To sign and ratify the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons**
- **To cancel military spending for AUKUS war preparations, including cancellation of the acquisition of nuclear-propelled submarines, so that urgent domestic social needs (climate change mitigation, education, health including public hospitals and housing) can be better addressed.**

Sign and donate [HERE](#)

## **Hiroshima Day Activities across Australia**

77th Anniversary of the U.S. dropping of atomic bombs on the cities  
and people of Hiroshima and Nagasaki



### **Commemorating Hiroshima and Nagasaki - National Peace Rallies 5 – 6 August**

#### **Perth- WA**

**Saturday 6th August**

**11am**

**Forrest Place, Perth**

**Rally for Julian Assange and Hiroshima-Never Again**

**Information and contact:**

**<https://www.facebook.com/events/464850568804753?;>**

**[stoppaukuswa@gmail.com](mailto:stoppaukuswa@gmail.com)**

#### **Adelaide - South Australia**

**Friday 5 August**

**12.30 pm**

**Beehive Cnr (Rundle Mall & King Williams st)**

**No More Hiroshimas, No Nuclear submarines, No First Use of**



nuclear weapons, No Nuclear Industry, Sign Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty

Information and contacts:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/433389905384662>

[nonuclearsubssa@protonmail.com](mailto:nonuclearsubssa@protonmail.com)

## **Mparntwe Alice Springs – Northern Territory**

**Saturday 6 August**

**8 am – 9 am**

Uniting Church Lawns <https://goo.gl/maps/YpD599c9CHw7zTZ5A>

Hiroshima and Nagasaki Remembrance Vigil: Never Again!

(Minute's silence at 8.45 am) Information and contact:

[aspatt2016@gmail.com.au](mailto:aspatt2016@gmail.com.au)

**6pm – 9pm**

3rd Yami Lester Memorial Address: 'Half-lives and half-truths: The nuclear industry in Australia' Witchetty's (Araluen Arts Centre)

Information and RSVP: [mcifali@bigpond.com](mailto:mcifali@bigpond.com) or 0450 474 043

## **Brisbane - Queensland**

**Saturday 6 August**

**11am**

Assembling: Reddacliff Place, 266 George Street Brisbane, (outside the Casino) "Remembrance Day. Atomic Bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Never Again!" "No Nuclear Subs in Brisbane!"

Information and contact: [noaukusqld@gmail.com](mailto:noaukusqld@gmail.com)

## **Newcastle-NSW**

**Saturday, 6th August**

11am

Peace Park, Tighes Hill Reserve, Maitland Rd, Islington.

Commemorating Hiroshima and Nagasaki- No to nuclear submarines in Newcastle Port, Say no to Aukus Pact.

Information and contact: [hunterpeacegroup.2016@gmail.com](mailto:hunterpeacegroup.2016@gmail.com)

## **Sydney-NSW**

**Saturday 6 August**

2pm

Sydney Town Hall Square

Hiroshima and Nagasaki Never Again

<https://www.facebook.com/events/762548164944884/?ref=newsfeed>

## **Wollongong-NSW**

**Saturday, 6th August**

7.30am

Crown St Mall

Hiroshima Day Commemoration

Information and contact:

<https://facebook.com/WollongongAgainstWarandNukes> Nukes;

[wollongongagainstawarandnukes@gmail.com](mailto:wollongongagainstawarandnukes@gmail.com)

## **Canberra – ACT**

**Saturday 6 August**

11 am

Rotary Peace Bell Nara Park

Hiroshima Remembrance

(This is not a No War No AUKUS ACT event)

To contact No War No AUKUS ACT –

[nowarnoaukusact@gmail.com](mailto:nowarnoaukusact@gmail.com)

## **Hobart – Tasmania**

**Saturday 6 August** 11am – 12 pm

**Parliament Lawns, Hobart**

## **Melbourne/NAARM - Victoria**

**Saturday 6 August**

12.30 pm

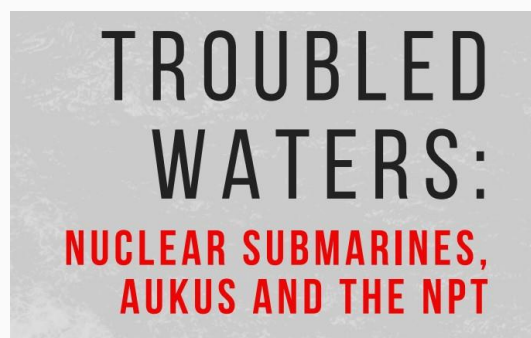
State Library, Swanston street

No More Hiroshimas, No Nuclear Submarines, No AUKUS, Free  
Julian Assange

Followed by march to Trades Hall to join cultural event, Singing for  
Hiroshima Day.

Information and contacts: <https://fb.me.e/2F3C3AKZb>

[noaukusvic@gmail.com](mailto:noaukusvic@gmail.com)



## **ICAN's Report on AUKUS and the Nuclear Subs**

"Australia cannot hope to evade Chinese enduring enmity from such considered and direct assistance to an attempt to make China profoundly existentially vulnerable to US nuclear attack"

Read the ICAN Report, "Troubled Waters", [HERE](#)



## **A position statement by Australians for War Powers Reform**

1. On 15 September 2021, with no public consultation, Australia entered into a trilateral security arrangement with Britain and the United States, known as the AUKUS Partnership. The Leader of the ALP Opposition was informed one day earlier. The agreement is expected to become a Treaty in 2022.
- 2.
3. At short notice on 16 September, Australia cancelled its contract with France to purchase and build 12 submarines, and replaced it with an arrangement to buy eight nuclear submarines from either Britain or the United States or both. The first of these submarines is unlikely to be available until 2040 at the earliest, with major uncertainties in relation to

cost, delivery schedule and the ability of Australia to support such a capability.

3. Australians for War Powers Reform sees the public announcement of AUKUS as a smokescreen for other undertakings between Australia and the United States, the details of which are vague but which have major implications for Australia's security and Independence. AUKUS itself is a precursor to war in our region.

### **READ ON**



**This petition already has 25,000 signatures**

The Australian Government must **withdraw from AUKUS, stop the development of nuclear submarines and end integration into the U.S. military.**

For these reasons, we, the undersigned, are calling on the Australian Government to fully withdraw from AUKUS and the commitment to build nuclear submarines.

**Add your signature [HERE](#)**

# **Petition for No Nuclear Submarine Base for Brisbane**

**Petition to the Brisbane City Council, August 2022**

In March this year the Federal government announced a decision to develop a nuclear submarine base on Australia's east coast with Defence identifying Brisbane, Newcastle and Port Kembla as the most suitable locations. Both Wollongong and Newcastle City Councils have overwhelmingly rejected this proposal for their city. The costs to Brisbane would include \$10 billion, serious safety risks, and Brisbane as a potential nuclear war target.

**We, the following, request**

- **That the Brisbane City Council reject any request to host a nuclear submarine port in any area of the BCC lands, the Brisbane River or ports.**

If you are a resident of Brisbane please sign [HERE](#)

**Defence and security analyst, Hugh White, is concerned Australia may be 'sleepwalking' to war with China, because of our alliance with America.**

He writes in his Quarterly Essay, "Sleepwalk to war" and speaking about Taiwan: "The best way out of this predicament for America is to abandon ambiguity and acknowledge frankly that it cannot and will not defend Taiwan with armed force. And the best path for Australia is to urge America to do this and tell the Americans that we will not support them in a war over Taiwan".

Listen to his discussion on "Sleepwalk to war" on ABC's Radio National [HERE](#)

Financial Review, Jul 20, 2022 –

**Military chiefs to hold talks on basing UK  
nuclear submarines in Perth**

by Andrew Tillett



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British nuclear-powered attack submarine HMS Astute at HMAS Stirling Royal Australian Navy base in Perth, Western Australia, Australia, 29 October 2021. Britain is to send a fleet of nuclear submarines to the Pacific in a decisive move to thwart Chinese aggression in the region.

The prospect of British submarines being based out of Perth with Australian sailors on board to undergo nuclear training will be advanced, with the head of the UK military to hold top-level talks with Australian officials next week.....

Admiral Radakin will meet a number of Australian officials, including recently reappointed Chief of the Defence Force Angus Campbell. In Sydney, he will attend the Indo-Pacific Chiefs of Defence conference and meet counterparts from South-East Asia and the south-west Pacific.

A key topic of talks with General Campbell and others will be how Britain can help Australia plug a potential capability gap between the retirement of the ageing Collins class submarines and arrival of the nuclear-powered boats, which Defence Minister Richard Marles



says may not be delivered until the 2040s.

*The Australian Financial Review* understands this could involve the UK deploying its nuclear-powered submarines to Perth for operations in the region.

As part of this, Australian submariners would be incorporated in British crews to undertake training on operating nuclear-powered submarines, while infrastructure would be built up in readiness to base Australian submarines.

With acknowledgement to Pearls and Irritations, June 29, 2022

## **Oh, for a Prime Minister honest about Australia's security**

By Mike Gilligan

*How did it come to this? Australia's defence policy has been baldly sacrificed to US interests via AUKUS with little public discourse.*

Mostly, those that present as security experts have mumbled support as the US entangles Australia in its planning for war with China. Not a word from the serried rows of professors, publicly funded, who otherwise jostle for public exposure.

Read complete article **[HERE](#)**

With acknowledgment to Pearls and Irritations, July 20, 2022

## **AUKUS – contrived to foster the unrealistic and unattainable aims of American foreign policy**

By Bruce Haigh

*In all of my experience, AUKUS is the worst example of abuse within the so-called American alliance.*

It is a prescription for failure and considerable loss of face for Australia amongst its neighbours, friends in the region and more widely spread friends and trading partners. In fact, the region has shown no support for the proposal and indicated disquiet.

Involvement with the US in the disastrous Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan wars should have given cause for thought, but no, a supine media, lack of debate within academic institutions and amongst what remains of an intellectual class has seen the AUKUS proposal gain 'acceptance' by politicians without so much as question or query. And this in the complete absence of planning detail and cost analysis.

**[READ ON](#)**

**Stop the persecution of whistleblowers! Free  
Assange, drop the prosecutions of McBride  
and Boyle.**



### Adelaide Rally for Richard Boyle

Around 300 people gathered for the **Converge on Canberra 4 Assange** on Thursday 28 July on Parliament House lawns. Speakers, who included former SBS news presenter Mary Kostakidis (MC), Senators Peter Whish-Wilson, David Shoebridge and Jordan Steele-John, Andrew Wilkie, Monique Ryan (independent MPs) Dr Sue Wareham (Drs for Assange), Julian Hill, Bridget Archer (Labor and Liberal MPs) and James Ricketson all spoke passionately, asking the Albanese government to talk urgently to the UK and US governments to secure his freedom. Peter Whish-Wilson reminded us of the millions who marched against the war in Iraq and urged everyone to do what they can to build the movement to free Assange. Organisers are planning for more protests.

The video of the rally and speeches [can be seen here](#).

**ATO whistleblower Richard Boyle**

A rally was held in Adelaide on 26 July calling for the prosecution of ATO whistleblower Richard Boyle to be dropped. Around 40 people attended and heard former Senator Rex Patrick and Human Rights Law Centre senior lawyer Kieran Pender and others call for AG Dreyfus to halt this unjust prosecution as well as that of ADF whistleblower David McBride.

Richard's hearing did not go ahead as he and his legal team came down with COVID and it is now postponed until October.



Welcome to the  
Autumn AVPQ  
Newsletter and the  
31st Anniversary of AVP in Qld



## Upcoming Workshops in 2022

Our workshops are grounded in belief that there is power and good within everyone

Help participants discover new and creative ways to respond to conflict

Help participants uncover strengths and skills within themselves to deal with conflict or potential violence in a positive way

Limited places, please register now with Neil at [queensland@avpaustralia.org](mailto:queensland@avpaustralia.org) 0490481828

Dates -

**Basic July 16, 17**

**Advanced August 20, 21**

**T4F October 8, 9**

Times - 9 am - 5 pm with a lunch break

Venue

Lotus Place  
46 Cleveland St, Greenslopes  
QLD 4120

Cost Per Workshop

\$80 waged

\$40 unwaged

Fees negotiable if needed

Experience pathways of peace and discover how to create them in living our daily lives

Affirmation  
Communication  
Co-operation  
Community Building  
Conflict Resolution  
Trust

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[avpaustralia.org](http://avpaustralia.org)

More details: 0490 481 828

## Coming Events

**Hobart:** MAPW in Hobart joining with other local peace groups for **Hiroshima Day vigil** on Saturday August 6th on Parliament House lawns.

**All Hiroshima Day events are detailed above in the body of this publication**

**National:** IPAN Webinar: Wed., 24th August at 6pm: Restructuring the ADF as a self - reliant force concentrating on territorial defence of Australia only and without foreign assistance - Dr Albert Palazzo and Dr Mike Gilligan.

Register [HERE](#).

## 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.

**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.

**In Brisbane**, at King George Square, 5 pm

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