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* **COMING EVENTS**

The United States is stepping up its war
preparations in NT to use Australia as a launching
pad for war

The **IPAN National Conference in Canberra**, 22-

24th November is timely and an opportunity for peace activists to exchange views and plan and organise urgent peace action

IPAN Conference, Rally and Report Launch **COME TO CANBERRA 22-24TH NOVEMBER**

IPAN CONFERENCE 2022

Charting our own course:

Next steps towards an Independent and Peaceful Australia

Register now - see ipan.org.au/ipan-national-conference-canberra-2022/

VENUE 22-23rd The Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture Barton Canberra

Opening public meeting Tuesday 22nd November 5pm for 5:30pm start

Launch of new David Bradbury doco - *Nuclear Submarines & AUKUS*

Speakers include Emma Shortis, David Brophy, Margaret Reynolds,
& Richard Broinowski

Full day conference Wednesday 23rd November 8:30am - 5:00pm

Speakers include above plus Alison Broinowski Vince Scappatura
& Tim Hollo, Peter Cronau, Kellie Tranter

Some billeting available - check the conference website

Conference panels include:

AUKUS and the threat of war against China.

IPAN Inquiry Report Findings and Recommendations.

Alternative Defence Policies.

How to win: Collaborative activism for peace and climate.

**LAUNCH of People's Inquiry Report
Parliament House**

Thursday 11am 24th November

What are the costs and consequences of
Australia's involvement in US-led wars and the US-Alliance?
What are the alternatives?

No War, No AUKUS RALLY

on the Parliament lawns 10am Thursday 24th

Support the findings and recommendations of the Inquiry report,
Join together to show our opposition to AUKUS
Help build the movement for peace and independence.

including War Profiteers Trail

Walk around military industrial complex offices. Details later.



For more information, conference and public
meeting registration, billets and updates, visit
ipan.org.au/ipan-national-conference-canberra-2022/
or use the QR Code here



Register for the public meeting and conference here:

Film & Public Meeting Tuesday evening registration:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CDGYF>

Conference Registration Wednesday:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CDHCZ>

Conference Accommodation:

[For a list of reasonably priced accommodation, click here.](#)

Some billets available – contact Jane

Timbrell at janetimbrell@gmail.com



**If you missed the 4th IPAN WEBINAR
on an Alternative Defence Policy for Australia**

**"The political adjustments involving alliances in order
to implement an independent foreign policy and self-
reliant, self-defence for an independent Australia"**

You can view the webinar [HERE](#)



**Health Care not Warfare petition presented to
Parliament by Senator Jordan Steele-John**

Senator Jordan Steele-John presented the "Health care not Warfare" petition with 26,000 signatories to the Senate on 27th September, 2022 saying: **"I present a non-conforming petition of over 26,000 signatures, relating to the withdrawal of Australia from the AUKUS agreement and the stopping of**

the development of nuclear submarines.

Parliamentary procedures prevented him speaking further to it.

The United States is stepping up its war preparations in NT to use Australia as a launching pad for war



The U.S. to station up to six B52 nuclear capable long distance bombers at Tindal RAAF base in NT

With acknowledgement to Pearls & Irritations, 1st Nov, '22

Four Corners: Australia becomes US spear carrier in Asia

by John Menadue

"Last night Four Corners reported:

- The US is preparing to deploy up to six nuclear capable B-52 bombers to northern Australia, a provocative move experts say is aimed squarely at China.
- The bombers are part of a much larger upgrade of defence assets across northern Australia, including a major expansion of the Pine Gap intelligence base which will play a vital role in any conflict with Beijing."
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With acknowledgement to Pearls & Irritations, 1st Nov., '22

The lunatics course: the Northern Territory's increased militarisation

by Binoy Kampmark

"With both aviation, military, naval and signals intelligence facilities being developed and readied on its territory for a future conflict with China, Australia now finds itself on a lunatic's collision course. Beijing is being regularly reminded that Australian military infrastructure will be fair game in any conflict it might have with Washington. From a political perspective in Canberra, this tragic scenario is lamentably entertained, and remains foolishly bipartisan"

Read complete article **HERE**

IPAN Media Release -1st November, 2022

- **The US is establishing Australia as a proxy in a war against China**
- **Prime Minister Albanese must stand up to the US and say NO to nuclear-capable B-52 bombers stationed on our territory.**
- **Australia must stay out of any US plans for a war against China**
- **READ ON**



Roof top protest in Darwin in 1980's

With acknowledgement to Pearls & Irritations, 25th Oct., '22

US Admirals driving Aukus had a conflict of interest: Washington Post

by Mike Scrafton

"The Washington Post reports that "Two retired U.S. admirals and three former U.S. Navy civilian leaders are playing critical but secretive roles as paid advisers to the government of Australia during its negotiations to acquire top-secret nuclear submarine technology from the United States and Britain". Let that sink in. In its negotiations with the US over the AUKUS submarine project Australia is being advised by retired US Navy and civilian officials. Negotiations is probably the completely wrong term when everything appears to have been given away before the haggling starts".

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With acknowledgement to Pearls and Irritations, 27th Oct., '22

US influence deep inside Defence Department

In Richard Tanter's P & I article of 27th October., "Captive media: what does the submarine scandal tell us about our "defence correspondents", he states that a Washington Post investigation has found: "Two retired U.S. admirals and three former U.S. Navy civilian leaders are playing critical but secretive roles as paid advisers to the government of Australia during its negotiations to acquire top-secret nuclear submarine technology from the United States and Britain.

"All told, six retired U.S. admirals have worked for the Australian

government since 2015, including one who served for two years as Australia's deputy secretary of defense. In addition, a former U.S. secretary of the Navy has been a paid adviser to three successive Australian prime ministers.”

Read complete article [HERE](#)

With acknowledgement to Pearls & Irritations, 29th Oct. '22

The Pentagon builds a network in our Department of Defence amidst media silence

By [John Menadue](#)

It is more than inter-operability and inter-changeability with the US military. Anthony Albanese and Richard Marles need to break up the American network in our Department of Defence that the Washington Post has exposed.

The Washington Post has found that a retired US Admiral is ‘now a Deputy Secretary of Defense for Australia’

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Clare Daly, Irish representative in European Union Parliament, calls for peace in Ukraine.

Clare Daly MEP calls out the EU parliament: "As war in Ukraine escalates out of control, out come the vicious, scapegoating slurs against those who speak for peace: "cronies," "puppets," "stooges," "agents." Opposing the horror of war is not "anti-European," "anti-Ukrainian" or "pro-Russian." It's common sense".

[LISTEN HERE](#)

With acknowledgement to Pearls & Irritations, 13th Oct., '22

US rejection of Moscow's offer for peace talks is utterly inexcusable

By [P&I Guest Writers](#)

It is absolutely pants-on-head gibbering insanity that these direct negotiations are not already presently underway.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov [said on Tuesday](#) that Moscow was open to talks with the the US or with Turkey on ending the war in Ukraine, claiming that US officials are lying when they say Russia has been refusing peace talks.

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Call out for action by all peace supporters

Peace, not war escalation, in Ukraine

Marles makes Australia part of the conflict

Email and or telephone Australia's leaders

The message for them is simple and it is **urgent**:

“As a peace loving person, I urge you not to send Australian troops to train Ukrainian soldiers and instead urge that you call on all parties involved to support a ceasefire in Ukraine, supervised, if necessary by the UN, followed by negotiations for a security solution which address the needs of all parties involved in the war.”

Defence Minister Richard Marles is committing Australian troops to train Ukrainian troops in the UK. This is an escalation of Australian involvement in this war and if past history is any guide, is “the thin end of the wedge” for actual troop involvement in this overseas war. Russia has said that the country which trains Ukrainian soldiers anywhere in Europe becomes part of the conflict. Marles is making Australia part of this war.

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Disrupt Land Forces Action

Wage Peace has held a marathon protest over a week in Brisbane. Much creative theatre in the protests and numerous arrests by heavily armed police.

[VIEW HERE](#)

CHOOSING HUMANITY:

INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW, HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE NUCLEAR WEAPON BAN





SUE COLEMAN-HASELDINE
Kokatha elder and nuclear test survivor



HELEN DURHAM AO
Former Director of Int'l Law and Policy ICRC



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ICAN co-founder and IPPNW Co-President



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Faculty of Law, Monash University

THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER 2022
5:30-8PM
UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

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FREE EVENT. REFRESHMENTS, MUSIC AND CONVERSATION.

Choosing Humanity

Thursday, 8th December, 5.30-8pm University of Melbourne

REGISTRATION for this ICAN EVENT [HERE](#)



**ALLIANCE AGAINST
POLITICAL PROSECUTIONS**

DROP THE PROSECUTIONS!

www.facebook.com/Dropwhistleblowerprosecutions



Pressure mounting for AG to drop prosecutions of whistleblowers, McBride and Boyle

A group of 17 international whistleblowing organisations have written to AG Dreyfus asking that he halt the prosecutions of whistleblowers, former ADF lawyer David McBride and ex ATO officer, Richard Boyle. They state that Australia's reputation is being harmed by the prosecutions.

Major David McBride who publicly revealed information about possible war crimes in Afghanistan, was due to start his public interest disclosure (PID) defence in the ACT Supreme Court on 27 October. After a hearing of around 15 minutes, when his lawyers were informed that his witnesses would not be heard because of 'national security' reasons, they abandoned the defence. See article

by Greens Senator David Shoebridge here.

Richard Boyle finished his public interest disclosure in the Adelaide District Court in October and is awaiting a decision by the judge. If he fails in that defence, he will go to court to face the 24 charges against him, possibly leading to decades in jail.

The Alliance Against Political Prosecutions has been organising weekly pickets for Assange, McBride and Boyle, outside the Attorney-General's department in Canberra each Tuesday at 12.30pm. Next Tuesday 8 November, they will be outside MP Andrew Leigh's office at 12.30pm, then back to AGs on 15 Nov. Join up on the AAPP website for newsletters.

Adelaide 4Assange is organising pickets outside FM Penny Wong's office, 19 Gouger St Adelaide, each Tuesday at 4.30pm.

Now that the US Mid-term elections are nearly over it's a great time to put pressure on the Albanese government by writing or phoning PM Albanese ((02) 9564 3588) asking him to get the US to drop the charges against Assange now, and bring him home for Xmas. There won't be a better time!

Kathryn Kelly

Co-convenor, Alliance Against Political Prosecutions

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Hunter Peace Group Letter to MP's

No to AUKUS

To members of parliament

Dear Member

Hunter Peace Group members have been opposed to the AUKUS PACT and all it brings with it since it was first announced back in September 2021 by former Prime Minister, Scott Morrison.

The Anti-AUKUS Coalition has been doing excellent work to bring the need to cancel the acquisition of costly and dangerous nuclear-powered submarines to the fore. Their recent advertisement placed in 2 major newspapers, signed by 1,000 groups or individuals and responses received shows that opposition to the AUKUS PACT is growing across the country.

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University of New England-Armidale International Conference, 1-5th December,2022 Environmental and Sustainable Peace, Social Justice and Creative Activism: Celebrating 40 Years of Peace Studies at UNE

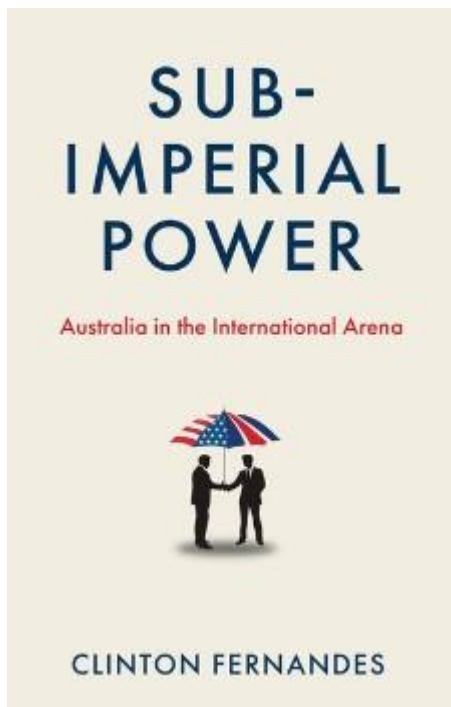
This year Peace Studies celebrates forty years of outstanding tertiary education for peace, making it one of the oldest Peace Studies centres in the world. To commemorate this historic occasion, we are holding an international conference at UNE from 1-5 December 2022. To view the **draft programme**, [click here](#).

Register for conference [HERE](#)



Dr Albert Palazzo who spoke at IPAN's 3rd Alternative Defence Webinar has written this book on "**Climate Change & National Security- Implications for the Military.**

Download his book [HERE](#)



Aukus will lock in Australia's dependence on US, intelligence expert warns

Clinton Fernandes argues in provocative new book the security pact will make it impossible to have an independent defence policy

The Aukus deal will lock in Australia's dependence on the US and make it impossible to have an independent defence policy, a former Australian army intelligence officer has warned.

In a provocative new book to be released this week, Clinton Fernandes argues the true character of Australia's relationship with the US is "a transactional, dramatically unequal one". He argues the rhetoric about mateship is merely "window dressing".

Book review from The Guardian, 2nd October, 2022

Sydney Criminal Lawyers, 19/10/22

Dr Alison Broinowski on the War Powers

Inquiry succeeding despite Marles Intervention

by Paul Gregoire

For people born over recent decades, global wars and the use of nuclear weapons are aspects of a fading black and white past, despite their having become very real prospects for the near future.

Right now, world leaders have been threatening to toss around a few nuclear warheads, while divided lines are increasingly being defined in relation to the war in Ukraine and the coming war on China.

If someone pushes the nuclear button, it's basically sayonara for us all.

But the decision on whether Australia enters into the Ukrainian war or the more likely determination that our nation enters into a conflict against Beijing has nothing to do with we the people.

READ COMPLETE ARTICLE [HERE](#)

With acknowledgement to Pearls & Irritations, 21st October, 2022

China policy: A casualty of Australia's addiction to imperial power

by Joseph Camilleri

It's now close to five months since Labor came to office, but little has changed in the government's position on China or the dangerous escalation in great power tensions.

A short ministerial meeting here, a reassuring sentence there, but no substantial rethink on the 'China threat' thesis which has held sway in Australia for the past decade.

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Coming Events

Canberra: IPAN National Conference and Inquiry Report Release in Parliament: November, 22-24 REGISTER [HERE](#)

Melbourne: Choosing Humanity

Thursday, 8th December, 5.30-8pm University of Melbourne

REGISTRATION for this ICAN EVENT [HERE](#)

Armidale, NSW: UNE International Conference: Environmental & Sustainable Peace, Social Justice & Creative Activism: 1-5th December, 2022. Register [HERE](#)

Brisbane: Human Rights Day: Monday 12th December, St John's Cathedral, Brisbane, 6pm to 7.30pm.

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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