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EDITORIAL

IPAN opposes all foreign interference in the internal affairs of Australia

Recently we have been subjected to sensational mass media stories alleging interference in Australian politics by China. Some, like the

recent SMH headline repeating a claim by an ex ASIO chief that “China is out to take over our political system”, are clearly a gross exaggeration if not a straight out lie. Even if there is truth in the allegation that an individual was feted and supported to try and enter Federal Parliament as a “proxy” of the Chinese Government, and that is a matter of concern, it hardly constitutes a take-over of Parliament or our political system.

All big powers, and smaller ones like Australia, engage in espionage with the aim of gaining sensitive information and influencing the policies of other countries.

The Australian Government is no exception to this rule. It bugged the Cabinet room of the East Timorese Government to obtain inside information and thus gain the upper hand in negotiations with East Timor over access to East Timorese off- shore oil. This espionage worked to the advantage of Oil Corporations operating out of Australia. Whistle-blowers who exposed it are being subjected to harassment and criminal charges which are currently being heard in the courts and, if convicted, face the prospect of lengthy prison sentences.

Whilst justifiably calling out China for interference in Australian politics, the media and the two main parliamentary parties have failed to identify the big power which already wields a huge influence politically in Australia by ensuring that the major parties remain totally committed to the US-Australia military Alliance. Through the US-Australia Leadership Dialogue, the U.S. fetes and trains politicians, trade union leaders and business leaders in support of the US-Australia Alliance and is considered by some as a “central

institution” in maintaining the US-Australia relationship. Questioning the role of the US military bases and CIA operatives in Australia under that alliance was a major factor behind the dismissal of the Whitlam Labor Government on 11th November, 1975. This major interference in Australia’s political system by a foreign power, the United States, was confirmed by the President of the United States in an apology made to Whitlam in 1977.

IPAN is campaigning for an Independent Foreign Policy for Australia from all big powers and this means distancing ourselves from the war policies of the United States, ending the stationing of US military bases in Australia and opposing interference in Australia’s political and economic system by all foreign powers and that includes China and the United States.

Defence Connect- 12 November 2019

Confront Beijing in South China Sea: Top Defence and DFAT bureaucrat

Former head of the Defence and Foreign Affairs and Trade departments, Dennis Richardson, has set the cat among the pigeons, calling on Australia and the Royal Australian Navy in particular to take the fight to China in the South China Sea in defiance of Beijing and in support of the global ‘rules based order’. IPAN has written to the PM, Minister for Defence and Minister for Foreign Affairs asking whether it is Australian Foreign Policy to send the Australian Navy into the South China Sea to “take the fight to China”.

IPAN Chairperson, Annette Brownlie has commented:

"There is no denying that the fortification of islands in the South China Sea was an assertive, military move – one that would have been calculated to challenge the dominance of the USA. But to regard this is an act of aggression, as opposed to an act of assertive defence, carries with it the assumption that China behaves in an imperialistic manner, trying to extend its 'empire' wherever it can, through the use of military power. In other words, it rests on the assumption that China will behave in much the same way as the colonial powers of the West have behaved over the last couple of centuries. It rests on projecting onto China strategies that the West (and the USA in particular) have long used, to material advantage."

Nick Deane in his article published in Pearls and Irritations says" The Pivot (to Asia of US forces) was announced in 2011, and the (Chinese) fortification of the islands began in 2013. In light of that, and applying her stated doctrine, China's action can be interpreted as a legitimate and purely defensive response to the USA's stated intentions."

For complete article [READ ON](#)



Global Research 23rd October 2019

US Troops Are Staying in Syria to ‘Keep the Oil’ – and have already killed hundreds over it

Hundreds of American soldiers are remaining in Syria to occupy its oil reserves and block the Syrian government from revenue needed for reconstruction. Trump said openly, “We want to keep the oil.”

US President Donald Trump has reassured supporters that he is “bringing soldiers home” from the “endless” war in Syria. But that is simply not the case.

While Trump has ordered a partial withdrawal of the approximately 1,000 American troops on Syrian territory — who have been enforcing an illegal military occupation under international law — US officials and the president himself have admitted that some will be staying.

And they will remain on Syrian soil not to ensure to safety of any group of people, but rather to maintain control over oil and gas fields.

"We want to keep the oil," Trump confessed in a cabinet meeting on October 21. "Maybe we'll have one of our big oil companies to go in and do it properly."

Three days earlier, the president tweeted, "The U.S. has secured the Oil."



PHOTO: [The nuclear waste management facility has divided locals.](#) (ABC News)

"A majority of South Australians are opposed to the planned dump", says Jim Green of Friends of the Earth

An SA poll commissioned by Greens Senator Sarah Hanson-Young in mid-2018 found that 55% agreed that "South Australia should stop the Federal Government from building a national nuclear and

radioactive waste dump in outback SA" while 35% disagreed. Those who strongly agreed with stopping the dump outnumbered those who strongly disagreed by a factor of three (41:14).

"South Australians fought long and hard to prevent the Howard Government turning SA into the nation's nuclear waste dump, and we will continue fighting until the Morrison Government backs off", Jim Green said.

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In good news, the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons just reached 80 signatories, with 33 states parties! The newest signatory is Nauru, one of our closest neighbours in the Pacific. The treaty will enter into force after it acquires 50 states parties.

Yesterday in Nagasaki, Pope Francis spoke out against nuclear deterrence. He said "we must never grow weary of working to support the principal international legal instruments of nuclear

disarmament and non-proliferation, including the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons."

Victorian Labor recently passed a resolution supporting the ban treaty. Moving the resolution, Andrew Giles MP said it "calls upon federal labor to continue our progress towards the treaty and towards ridding the world of the risk of nuclear weapons and the risk of nuclear war". Victorian Labor joins WA Labor, SA Labor, ACT Labor, NT Labor and Tasmanian Labor in formally supporting the treaty.

During the last week two local Labor branches discussed the treaty and passed motions urging federal Labor to maintain its commitment to join it in government. Thank you to the Bellevue / Double Bay and Penshurst branches.

Do you belong to a branch of a political party, or an organisation that hasn't yet engaged with the nuclear weapon ban treaty? If yes, bring us in for a briefing! Reply to this email to tee something up.

In more good news, the Peace Boat is returning to Australia. This floating peace university will tour from Fremantle to Adelaide, Melbourne, Hobart and Sydney from 8-20 January. We'll be hosting "All Aboard!", a series of action-based workshops on board the ship. [Click here](#) to find out more and register.

Best,
Gem Romuld.



Protesting school students participate in a Global Strike 4 Climate rally at Civic Square in Launceston, Tasmania.
Source: EPA

On the Climate Emergency

SBS News 6/11/19

Scientists declare climate emergency

More than 11,000 scientists from 153 countries have come together to declare a climate emergency and create a six-step plan to help humanity mitigate the effects of man-made global warming.

The declaration not only warns of the dangers of climate change but outlines six areas humanity should immediately act on if they want to mitigate the impacts of global warming. The areas include energy, short-lived pollutants, nature, food, economy and population.

SBS News: 15/11/19:

Fire Fighters and Emergency Services Leaders declare Climate Emergency

A coalition of 23 fire and emergency services leaders from every state and territory gathered in Sydney on Thursday to call for a climate emergency to be declared, insisting that harder-to-control fires have broken out earlier-than-normal across New South Wales and Queensland because of global warming.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison has refused to meet with the group called Emergency Leaders for Climate Change and has dodged questions about the link between climate change and the devastating bushfires that broke out on Friday.

SMH: -Elizabeth Farrelly:

'That's the bloody disgrace': Australia is burning but NSW is cuddling up to coal

Thoughts and prayers? Miracles? Seriously, Mr Morrison? It was already 29 degrees by 9am Tuesday, when hundreds gathered in Macquarie Street to protest against our governments' strenuous addiction to coal. The rally was smaller than the climate strikes but every bit as poignant, outlining as it did the coal-shaped hole in our democracy.

"People are dying from climate change," 38-year old Aaron Crowe told the crowd. "We're not prepared." His self-built Manning Valley house had burnt down on Friday night. Now, holding his small daughter Pepper, Crowe tipped its ashes from a tin compost bucket onto the footpath outside Parliament House. "Thoughts and prayers are not reliable. It's not sensible policy. The time for miracles is over."

Senator Jordon Steele-John brands politicians “Arsonists”.

A Greens senator has branded major party politicians "arsonists" in an incendiary spray at climate policy as catastrophic fire conditions grip NSW.

An enraged Senator Jordon Steele-John, who represents Western Australia, let rip in the Senate on Tuesday during debate on the federal government's proposed laws cracking down on energy companies.

"How dare any of you suggest that in this moment at this time it is appropriate to be prosecuting a piece of legislation with the aim of propping up coal," he told the chamber.

"You are no better than a bunch of arsonists - borderline arsonists - and you should be ashamed."

Aust Financial Review 16-17th Nov2019 Political Bonfire

This week's bushfires are shaping as a turning point on climate change policy, a force politicians simply cannot resist

Climate change and the environment have become key issues of concern among voters rivalling health and the economy and sounding an early warning to the Morrison Government ahead of the next Federal election. This was identified in the latest True Issues survey by JWS Research.

When those surveyed were asked, unprompted to name three issues of concern, The environment and climate came first.

SBS News 7/11/19

New Zealand shows the way:

Jacinda Ardern's coalition government has delivered its flagship climate policy, passing the Zero Carbon Bill through the New Zealand parliament.

New Zealand's parliament has achieved the holy grail of environmental politics; a consensus on climate change policy.

Impact of climate emergency on Newcastle

- a personal observation- Bevan Ramsden

It's 2pm, 6th December, 2019 (3pm Daylight Saving Time), the sky is orange- brown and an eerie orange twilight has descended on Newcastle again. This has been happening day after day. I have turned lights on inside the house as it is too dark to work inside. You can't see buildings 4-5 km away due to the heavy bushfire pollution haze. The Newcastle Herald says the air quality index hit 647 at 4pm yesterday – the safe range is under 100. This puts Newcastle among the highest polluted cities in the world. Public Health physician David Durrheim said in The Newcastle Herald: "What is particularly concerning is the amount of fine particle pollution (PM2.5) which can get into the lungs". Poor air quality is causing the cancellation of sports events. The Hunter Emergency Health Department reports a 30% increase in patients with respiratory conditions. One writer to the Newcastle Herald said today: "Hey ScoMo I'd really like to breath some fresh air.... If you and your mates aren't up to it pass the baton to others who can." Another wrote to the Newcastle Herald: "a coalition of 23 fire and emergency services leaders from every state and territory gathered in Sydney last week to call for a climate emergency to be declared. But our government in Canberra refuses to recognise the urgency of the situation. It refuses to declare a climate emergency and activate the measures necessary to seriously address the situation.

Our government has failed in its duty of care to the Australian people. We and all those protesting now need to call for this government to resign. We need to elect people to parliament with a

commitment to address this emergency and to thoroughly and publicly vet them for this commitment before we go to the polls”.



Wage Peace Report

- Margaret Prestorius

1. Stopping Electro Optic Systems from selling overseas to countries such as Saudi Arabia which are conducting domestic human rights abuse and foreign war crimes. Human rights abuse and war crimes have different legal instruments but they involve the same sorts of violence against women and children and men. Anti Bases Coalition are doing the on the street work here with monthly vigils at EOS in Sydney.
2. Wage Peace supports Make West Papua Safe draw attention to the training by the Australian Federal Police of Kopassis

and other Indonesian security forces - in the context of continued genocide and dispossession of their Tribal lands. We are looking for monthly donations to pay for a West Papuan organiser in Australia. This will make a huge difference to this campaign.

3. We are seeking to draw attention to General David Hurley - the Chief War Criminal at the time of the human rights abuses conducted by Australian SAS in Afghanistan [#AfghanFiles] Hurley refused to act on these abuses and is now Governor General - We would seriously appreciate some support in this arena because we think the "top brass" are getting off the hook. "Don't let the Top Brass off the hook!" Hurley was Chief of Defence at that time. Please retweet.
4. We are actively acknowledging the roles of #Assange and #McBride in exposing #warcrimes. #WarcrimesMATTER. The Canberra crew with Kathryn Kelly from IPAN have been supporting McBride - also in relation to the Collaery matter which is about the attainment of oil resources by military force and deceit. Our activist friends in Melbourne have been organising around Assange. We are looking to join up these crews at a peace convergence in Canberra shortly. Contact us to join.

We are interested in drawing connections between the \$200billion military spending and the money needed for Living Systems Restoration and solving the climate crisis

SBS News 15/11/19

Critics liken Tasmania's latest anti-protest legislation to 'police state'

Protesters who disrupt businesses in Tasmania could spend up to four years behind bars under laws proposed by the state Liberal government.

Proposed anti-protest laws which could see activists in Tasmania jailed or fined up to \$10,000 have been lashed by opponents as draconian. The state Liberal government on Thursday reignited a push to introduce laws it has labelled the toughest in the country. Similar legislation was in October last year ruled unconstitutional by the High Court after a legal challenge by former Greens leader Bob Brown.

Under the reworked bill, protesters who disrupt workplaces could be jailed up to four years for a second offence.

Corporations who impede businesses face fines of up to \$100,000.



Andrew Wilkie MP 
@WilkieMP

I urge the Tasmanian Parliament, particularly [@ogilvieMP](#) and [@SueHickeyTas](#), to vote against the anti-protest laws so they can be thrown in the trash where they belong. [#auspol](#) [#politas](#)

I love a cowering country
One ruled by pious heads,
Where, if reporting happens,
We send around the Feds.
I love the smell of tear gas
And a bulky statute book,
Where protest is forbidden
If it hurts the way I look.
I love the sound of sirens,
Across our greenhouse skies.
If I have my say, then capsicum spray
Is squirted in your eyes.
I love how I can shout stuff,
And not cop any flak.
I love to see, when you disagree,
You're banned from shouting back.

-with apologies to Dorothea Mackellar

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The "Australian Government" has made an ad about its transition to authoritarianism, and it's surprisingly honest and informative.

Thanks to Juice Media

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Please share it around

In Parliament Petition tabled today; One of biggest in Australian Parliamentary History

-Phillip Adams

NOV 13, 2019 —

Hi Team,

I have awesome news in this pathway to Free Julian Assange and I think the best way for me to express this is by quoting Peter Wish-Wilson Senator for Tasmania " I want to share an exciting moment in the campaign to bring Julian Assange home to Australia.

I'm standing outside the doors to the Australian Senate and I'm just about to table **one of the biggest petitions in Australian parliamentary history**. More than 200,000 people from around the world who support the Australian Government taking action to Free Julian Assange. This is a huge outpouring of support for a really, really important man - Julian Assange. And we're going to deliver his petition in a format that Julian Assange would be proud of - on a USB stick.

Let's do whatever we can to bring Julian Assange home to Australia."

<https://twitter.com/i/status/1194524951044227072>

or

<https://www.facebook.com/senatorsurfer/videos/397596584455103/>

Julian Assange's father speaks in Brisbane about son's torture



Julian Assange's father, John Shipton, will be speaking in Brisbane at the Kurilpa Hall , Boundary Rd in West End on Wednesday 11 December at 7pm.

The event is part of a developing movement across the globe aimed at saving his son, who is currently languishing in a bleak British prison, awaiting likely extradition to the United States to face the death penalty for the crime of journalism.

Mr Shipton will report on Assange's prospects in facing U.S. espionage charges, outline Julian's serious health concerns, and will be interviewed by reporters from Independent Australia, as well as

field questions from the audience. The event is to be co-hosted by Independent Australia and the Queensland Council of Civil Liberties.

Tickets \$10 available [HERE](#)

Our meeting with the PM

Julie-Ann Finney



NOV 6, 2019 —

Today, the campaign for a Royal Commission into Veterans Suicide took a big step forward when **Prime Minister Scott Morrison met with me, and other mothers of veterans lost to this crisis.**

It's a big step in the right direction, but we're not there yet.

That's why we're gathering peacefully around the nation this

Monday to honour the #VetsWeForget and demand a Royal Commission

At the meeting, **the PM told us a Royal Commission was not off the table. He said money is not the issue, and he asked for six months to see if a Royal Commission is feasible.**

Click here to RSVP to a #VetsWeForget gathering around Australia

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/EndVeteransSuicide/events/>

#MAKE WEST PAPUA SAFE



Justice for Murdered Children



Sharing this story, would mean a lot to people like Obed Gobay, father of Apius Gobay. Apius was one of five schoolchildren shot dead by the Indonesian police and military in Enarotali, a town in Paniai, West Papua, 8 December 2014.

I know this, because recently the Make West Papua Safe team was in West Papua. We met Mr. Obed and the other parents of the five children who were murdered by the Indonesian police and military. Together, with West Papuan film makers, we made a short film. They, and evangelical human rights activist Yones Douw, who bravely features in the film, had a very simple message for us.

They told us they would keep up the fight for justice for their murdered children, no matter how much they were intimidated by the Indonesian security forces.

They also wanted our help. They want people like you to tell the Australian government, including the Australian Federal Police who run a training program in Java, that they must stop training and arming the Indonesian police and military.

#StopTrainingIndonesia!

WATCH THE FILM **and share it**

SIGN THE PETITION



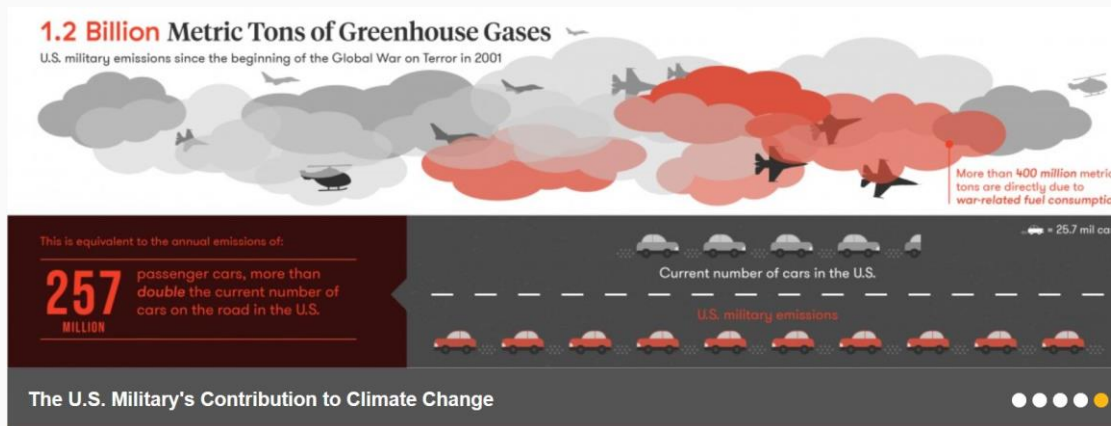
COSTS OF **WAR**

Costs of US wars since 2001

- Over **801,000** people have died due to direct war violence, and several times as many indirectly
- Over **335,000 civilians** have been killed as a result of the fighting
- **21 million** — the number of war refugees and displaced persons
- The US federal price tag for the post-9/11 wars is over **\$6.4 trillion dollars**
- The US government is conducting counterterrorism activities in **80 countries**
- The wars have been accompanied by violations of human rights and civil liberties, in the US and abroad

The U.S. Military's contribution to Climate Change:

1.2 Billion metric tons of Greenhouse Gases



Climate change, capitalism and the military

Nick Buxton (The Ecologist) 16th November, 2018

Ever more people are connecting the dots between our economic system and ecological destruction but rarely make the link to militarism and security. As climate change will dramatically increase instability and insecurity, we examine the role of the military in a climate-changed world.....

Global military spending amounted to 1.74 trillion US dollars in 2017, equivalent to 230 US dollars for every person on earth – and almost double what it was at the end of the Cold War.

The close links between capitalism and militarism can be seen in the operations of the US military. Deploying most military assets today requires huge emissions of greenhouse gases, which means the Pentagon is the single largest organisational user of petroleum.

Just one of its jets, the B-52 Stratocruiser, consumes roughly 3,334 gallons per hour.....

We also need to argue and mobilise against this militarisation of a society in whatever form it takes and demonstrate the potential for a different approach.

This can take many forms, from climate adaptation plans that prioritise solidarity rather than security – such as those pushed for by the Transition Towns movement – to the network of cities supporting sanctuary for refugees, to the Black Lives Matter protesters seeking to hold police accountable in the US.

All such efforts can start to slow down the relentless march towards militarising our planet. Climate campaigners have started to slow down the fossil fuel machine, we need now to start throwing grit into the gears of the military-industrial-security complex.

READ ON for complete article

US Assassination squads in El Salvador- 30 years on Clinton Fernandes

Last weekend, on November 16, marked the 30th anniversary of the assassination of six leading Latin American intellectuals in El Salvador.

You probably won't hear much about it when other 30-year-old events are also being commemorated — such as the Democracy Movement in China, the fall of the Berlin Wall, the Velvet Revolution

in Czechoslovakia, and political upheavals in Poland and elsewhere in Eastern Europe.

But El Salvador offers important insights into the real character of international relations and the politics of memory.

The six intellectuals were Jesuit priests, murdered on the campus of the Central American University in San Salvador, along with their housekeeper Elba Ramos and her teenage daughter Celia Marisela Ramos. The assassins belonged to the elite Atlacatl Battalion, trained and armed by the United States. But the killings by US-trained and armed death squads began at the start of the decade, with the murder of archbishop Oscar Romero in 1980.

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Solidarity Statement 14 November 2019

'We are not afraid!'

Support Evo Morales and the people of Bolivia against US imperialism

Evo Morales was forced to resign by the mutiny of the armed forces and police backing the local elite class interests of the right-wing political opposition and supported by the U.S. through the USheadquartered Organization of American States (OAS). More violence is threatened but the people are not afraid. The struggle against U.S. imperialism continues with greater fervor and intensity.

Morales had called for new presidential elections despite having been declared the winner of the October 20 elections with 47 percent of the vote, and a 10 percent margin that removed the need for a second round. However, the right-wing opposition supported by the OAS refused to recognise the results and subsequent violence left three dead.

On 10 November 2019, after 19 days of street protests and violent police attacks following the election results, the military and police of Bolivia called for the resignation of President Evo Morales. In Resigning, Morales declared that he did so under duress by the military, even as there was no proof that he rigged the elections as claimed by the rightist opposition and he was still the incumbent president up to January 2020 by virtue of his election prior to the recent election.

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**WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE
FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM
TASMANIAN BRANCH
1920-2019**

INVITATION

The President and members have much pleasure in inviting you
and your friends and colleagues

to WILPF Tasmania's Annual Christmas and Human Rights Event

To be held on TUESDAY 10 December From 12.30 -2.30 p.m.

12.30 - WELCOME – President WILPF Tasmania– Linley Grant
BYO Lunch - DRINKS PROVIDED

1.00. – PHOTO of those who wish to stand as part of the 16 days
global stand against violence (wear **orange**/bring orange flowers)

1.15 -- GUEST SPEAKER –Sarah Bolt –
Commissioner for Equal Opportunity Tasmania,
and Human Rights Advocate

2 00. – AFTERNOON TEA

Criterion House, Off Bathurst St, next to the Flower Shop,
Parking in Melville Street Car Park

Afternoon Tea provided; BYO lunch
Gold coin donation

RSVP: 1 December – please
Linley Grant 6234 6672 mgr70303@bigpond.net.au; or
Summer Gwynne -0408 842 046 <summer_breeze78@hotmail.com>



*The Melbourne Unitarian Peace
Memorial Church*

END-OF-YEAR CONCERT

In aid of



Palestinian People

**SUNDAY
15 DECEMBER 2019
11AM-12.30PM**

Buffet lunch afterwards

EVERYONE WELCOME

110 Grey Street, East Melbourne (Melway: 2G D1)

Further information:

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admin@melbourneunitarian.org.au

Church office ph: 9417 4178

Your democratic rights are about to be wronged

ROBERT STARY, an Australian criminal defence lawyer best known for defending Julian Assange and for his commitment to justice, will be guest speaker at our Service at 11am on Sunday, 8th December.

Robert's critical message will inform us of the Federal Government's plans to introduce repressive legislation that undermines our democratic rights and our capacity for protest. This is of particular importance to the environmental movement, the trade unions, and journalists' right to inform.



For everyone involved in the struggle for social justice, this is a vital opportunity to learn first-hand what this Federal Government is proposing, how it will affect us, and what we can do to defend our democratic rights and fight back!

There will be an opportunity for questions and discussion.

Share with friends, colleagues and neighbours – clear your Sunday morning and make this an urgent commitment.

As lunch will be provided, RSVP to Donna Sensi on 94174178 or email admin@melbourneunitarian.org.au

Melbourne Unitarian Peace Memorial Church at 110 Grey St. East Melbourne 3002



The Vietnam Moratorium Campaign

A 50 years- on- Celebration is being planned for May next year

Volunteers are needed

To make it **national**, celebration organising committees need to be set up in **all states**.

Melbourne has already established a committee and is in the process of organising.

Can you help or contribute in some way or have memorabilia for a display ?

If so please get in touch with:

Bevan Ramsden 0418 697 528 bevanlramsden@gmail.com

The aim of the celebration includes learning from the past and applying those lessons to the present.

Not much has changed since May 1970. Australia is still in a close alliance with the United States and has continued to support and follow the U.S. into wars of aggression; in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria and currently there is danger of being drawn into a war on Iran.



Remember Vietnam and keep Australia out of U.S. Wars !

Supported by the Independent and Peaceful Australia Network (IPAN)

RAFFLE of George Gittoes painting of TRUMP



RAFFLE

The raffle has been organised by Australian Anti-Bases Campaign Coalition and the proceeds will allow AABCC to continue its work in the cause of peace.

The prize is a painting by celebrated artist, and Sydney Peace Prize recipient, George Gittoes. The painting is a portrait of Donald Trump that Gittoes created on hearing that Trump had won the Republican nomination. It is a study for a later and larger work titled "The Beast".

Here is the link for purchasing tickets on-line <https://www.rafflelink.com.au/art-raffle-for-peace>.

A REMINDER FOR ALL OUR DEAR FRIENDS AND

SUPPORTERS!

In case you haven't bought a ticket or two yet, please go to the link for our 2019 raffle <https://www.rafflelink.com.au/art-raffle-for-peace> , have a look at Gittoes' notorious take on Donald Trump and be enticed to take part in our raffle! Please support us! More details below.

Thank you for your support of our activities over the years. You now have the opportunity to once again support our work and at the same time a chance to win a unique art work donated to the Anti-Baseschryan55 Campaign by famous artist George Gittoes.

Win a masterpiece from celebrated painter George Gittoes valued at \$5,000 for only \$5.

RAPID Public Response Arrangements to any imminent major military conflict, invasion or war

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.

COMING EVENTS SUMMARY

Brisbane: Julian Assange father, John Shipton, Wednesday 11th
December at Kurilpa Hall, Boundarh Rd, in West End at 7pm . See
details above in Voice.

Sydney: Protest outside EOS offices, 75 Elizabeth St , Every
second Thursday of the month. Next is Thursday 12th
December. Organised by the Anti-bases Coalition

**Hobart: WILF Tasmania's Annua; Christmas and Human Rights
Event**; Tuesday 10th December, 12.30 -2.30pm at Criterion House
(ioff Bathurst St next to Flower Shop. See further details above in
Voice.

Melbourne: Sunday 15th December, 11am-12.30pm at The
Melbourne Unitarian Peace Memorial Church. **End of Year Concert
in aid of the Palestinian People.** Buffet lunch afterwards. 110 Grey
St East Melbourne. Info: admin@melbourneunitarian.org.au or

phone 9417 4178

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