



# NoWar Newsletter

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## Editorial

*The past month has seen an increase in world focus on the Coalition of the Killings' strategy in Iraq as the US mid-term elections draw nearer. Bush seems caught in the headlights but keeps on repeating that he is going to stay the course and claim victory for freedom and democracy. Our own esteemed leaders have taken up the issue of exiting Iraq, with Beasley talking about a withdrawal if the Opposition wins the 2007 election, and Downer calling him a coward. Howard and Downer parrot the chief in Washington, and continue in their own state of denial as death rates in Iraq climb while the resistance and civil war intensify. The country has been devastated and the Iraqi people are suffering every moment of every day.*

*Startling evidence of this was provided on 12 October by the eminent medical journal, The Lancet, which published the results of a study that has estimated that there have been 655,000 excess Iraqi deaths since the start of this war. This was roundly pooh poohed by Howard and Bush. You can read a [summary of the study](#) in our Featured Items section below.*

*Even though Australian troops being pulled out of Iraq is part of the peace movement's campaign, many agree that the main game, as it were, is Pine Gap. According to [Dr Brendan Nelson](#), the Minister for Defence, "we currently have 1,400 troops — sailors, airmen and women — across Iraq." (Hansard, 30 October 2006, pp20-21). However, it is arguable that the main contribution Australia has made to this war is the US use of Pine Gap through the provision of intelligence that guides military targeting. We have not heard the brave Opposition say anything yet about withdrawing Pine Gap's involvement if Labor wins the 2007 election! Thankfully, there are people around like the "Pine Gap Four" who were featured in last month's newsletter, and NoWar member, Edward Cranswick, who was arrested on 7 October along with four other protesters who have brought this to the notice of other Australians. You'll find [an item in our Featured Items](#) section that will take you to a fuller article by Indy Media Melbourne on the recent arrests at Pine Gap.*

*October's visit by Professor Tanya Reinhart, in Adelaide to deliver the Second Edward Said Memorial Lecture at the Adelaide University was greatly anticipated and well attended. During her very informative and at times moving presentation, Professor Reinhart provided the audience with a detailed description of the development and affects of the "Security Fence" Israel is building in the West Bank. Of particular significance was the detailed map she displayed showing the extent of this "Fence" and how it has encircled and closed off whole sections of the West Bank from other parts and has taken even more Palestinian land. Knowing the power of maps, NoWar has placed a link on our web site in our MAPS section, to the [Vermonters for a Just Peace in Palestine/Israel](#), who have published a detailed map of the 'Fence'. The transcript of Professor Reinhart's speech is expected in the near future to be on the University of Adelaide's [Edward Said Memorial Lecture](#) web site, so check that out from time to time.*

*Late October saw the visit to Adelaide by journalist, Antony Loewenstein, the Australian author of the controversial book, [My Israel Question](#). Antony was brought to Adelaide by the Australian Friends of Palestine for the South Australian launch of his book. This month's edition of the NoWar Newsletter features an [article by Dr David Palmer](#) about My Israel Question. Antony's blog, linked in the article, is worthy of checking out on a regular basis.*

*We held our AGM on 11 October. See the [Summary of Last Minutes](#) section of this newsletter for a summary of that meeting and the [NoWar Committee](#) section for the composition of the new Committee.*

*How are you going with your contribution to the [NoWar Logo Competition](#)? Entries are due at the end of this month! There's a \$100 prize for the winner! Don't be shy now!*

## Feedback

We had some enthusiastic feedback last month from readers who particularly liked the easy to read format and the colorful presentation. People seemed to like knowing who the members of the NoWar Committee are and they especially appreciated the new section on how we spend our money. Another reader seems to like the editorials and was interested to read about our conclusions concerning when we should hold rallies.

We are really keen to receive feedback about the newsletter, so please don't hesitate. As well as this, the group that broadcasts the radio program, [A Peace of the Action](#) is very interested in feedback, as is the NoWar webmaster. So, [email us](#) and let us know!

## What's on?

### Future Energy - Monday 6 November 7pm



*Have you been wondering about power bills, global warming and whether nuclear energy is the answer? Are you interested in hearing about a range of future energy options and finding answers to your questions? Would you like to know more about what individuals and communities can do to use energy wisely?*

**Come and hear:**

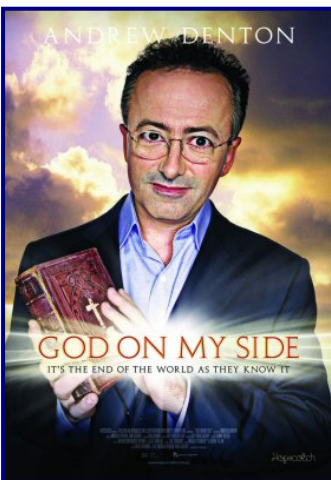
**Dr Helen Caldicott, Professor Timothy Doyle, Dr Michael Lardelli and Monica Oliphant**

**Casa D'Abruzzo-Molise Club, 86-89 Churchill Road, Prospect (near Bus Stop 9)**

For more information, contact: [energyforum@picknowl.com.au](mailto:energyforum@picknowl.com.au) or phone 0432 650 701

[Click here for full poster](#)

### NoWar Film fundraiser - God On My Side – Sunday 12 November, 4pm



*"In February, Andrew Denton travelled to Texas for the National Religious Broadcasters' Convention, the annual shindig for every televangelist powerbroker and wannabe in America. This feature-length documentary records what he found. By turns, serious and comic, and sometimes a little scary, it examines the cutting edge of evangelical technology, the business of God, the America of the religious right, and what the inescapable truths of the Bible mean for US foreign policy and the Middle East. Avoiding cheap potshots by asking a range of Christians about their beliefs and experiences, the film is complex, layered and surprising." ([East-End Cinemas Web site](#))*

**NoWar will be presenting this fascinating documentary as a film fundraiser on Sunday 12 November at 4pm at the East End Cinemas (cinema to be announced). As usual, book your tickets by ringing 0414 773 918.**

**Tickets: \$15 waged; \$10 unwaged.**

### Coming soon to the East End Cinemas: The Road To Guantanamo - Sunday 12 November, 4pm

Winner of the Silver Bear at the Berlin International Film Festival, Michael Winterbottom and Mat Whitecross' *THE ROAD TO GUANTANAMO* is the terrifying first-hand account of three British citizens who were held for two years without charges in the American military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Known as the "Tipton Three," in reference to their home town in Britain, the three were eventually returned to Britain and released, still having had no formal charges ever made against them at any time during their ordeal. The film has already engendered significant controversy due to its critical stance towards the American and British governments. Part documentary, part dramatization, the film chronicles the sequence of events that led from the trio setting out from Tipton in the British Midlands for a wedding in Pakistan, to their crossing the Afghanistan border just as the U.S. began its bombing campaign, to their eventual capture by the Northern Alliance and their imprisonment in Camp X-Ray and later at Camp Delta in Guantanamo. ([From the film's official web site](#))



**NoWar will be presenting this movie as a film fundraiser on Sunday 26 November at 4pm.**

**\$15 waged; \$10 unwaged. Phone 0414 773 918 to book your tickets.**

## NoWar logo competition – win \$100! – closes end November!!

(This competition ends at the end of the month. We are hoping that our supporters can come up with a logo that says it all and can be used on our publications. Send them in! Send them in! Send them in!)

NoWar needs a logo. We haven't really got one! So, we are holding a Logo Competition for our supporters to suggest a design that we can use on our web site, publications and letterhead. **The prize is \$100** and we will hold the competition open until the end of November. Designs need to be simple and easy for us to use. It would be best if you can provide your designs in electronic form, preferably in a .jpg file. The winner will need to give the rights to NoWar to use the logo freely. The winning entry will be chosen by the NoWar Committee.

The current "sort of logos" we use are:



and



The logo with the peace dove is similar to the one on the large banner we use at rallies, except the banner only says "NOWAR" and the website address is bigger. The second logo is one we have been using on our letterhead for almost 3 years. A particular feature of our name that competitors should note is the combination of upper and lowercase letters, such that our name is NoWar, not NOWAR. *NoWar* makes it easier for people to understand what our name means.

*If you can come up with a logo that you think depicts the aims and activities of NoWar, please send it in and have a go at the prize! (NoWar addresses at the end of this newsletter).*

## Featured items

The following summary is provided at the beginning of the original article which you can read in full by going to the Lancet web site and subscribing. Subscription is free (see below).

### Mortality after the 2003 invasion of Iraq: a cross-sectional cluster sample survey

Gilbert Burnham, Riyadh Lafta, Shannon Doocy, Les Roberts

**Background** An excess mortality of nearly 100 000 deaths was reported in Iraq for the period March, 2003–September, 2004, attributed to the invasion of Iraq. Our aim was to update this estimate.

**Methods** Between May and July, 2006, we did a national cross-sectional cluster sample survey of mortality in Iraq. 50 clusters were randomly selected from 16 Governorates, with every cluster consisting of 40 households. Information on deaths from these households was gathered.

**Findings** Three misattributed clusters were excluded from the final analysis; data from 1849 households that contained 12 801 individuals in 47 clusters was gathered. 1474 births and 629 deaths were reported during the observation period. Pre-invasion mortality rates were 5.5 per 1000 people per year (95% CI 4.3–7.1), compared with 13.3 per 1000 people per year (10.9–16.1) in the 40 months post-invasion. We estimate that as of July, 2006, there have been 654 965 (392 979–942 636) excess Iraqi deaths as a consequence of the war, which corresponds to 2.5% of the population in the study area. Of post-invasion deaths, 601 027 (426 369–793 663) were due to violence, the most common cause being gunfire.

**Interpretation** The number of people dying in Iraq has continued to escalate. The proportion of deaths ascribed to coalition forces has diminished in 2006, although the actual numbers have increased every year. Gunfire remains the most common cause of death, although deaths from car bombing have increased.

**Discussion** We estimate that, as a consequence of the coalition invasion of March 18, 2003, about 655 000 Iraqis have died above the number that would be expected in a non-conflict situation, which is equivalent to about 2.5% of the population in the study area. About 601 000 of these excess deaths were due to violent causes. Our estimate of the post-invasion crude mortality rate represents a doubling of the baseline mortality rate, which, by the Sphere standards, constitutes a humanitarian emergency.

Our estimate of the pre-invasion crude or all-cause mortality rate is in close agreement with other sources. The post-invasion crude mortality rate increased significantly from pre-invasion figures, and showed a rising trend. The increasing number of violent deaths follows trends of bodies counted by mortuaries, as well as those reported in the media and by the Iraq Body Count.

[Read more ... must register - free subscription \(\*The Lancet\*\)](#)

[Photo: AfterDowningStreet.org](http://www.AfterDowningStreet.org)

### FIVE ARRESTED IN PINE GAP PROTEST - Including Edward Cranswick, NoWar Member

7 October 2006

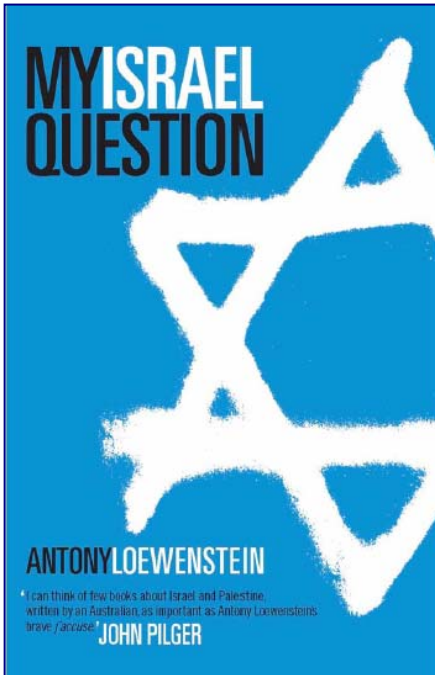
At a colorful demonstration at the front Gates of Pine Gap today, a group of 35 citizens blocked the front gate, and when asked to move, 5 remained, and have just been arrested. The arrests came at the end of an afternoon of protest activities by about 60 local and interstate activists. The action coincides with the first stage of the trial of four Christian peace activists who broke into Pine Gap last year and face seven years in prison.

[Read more ... \(Melbourne Indymedia\)](#)



Edward - in blue shirt

### Antony Loewenstein's "My Israel Question" by Dr David Palmer



**Antony Loewenstein, the Australian author of the controversial book, [My Israel Question](#), was in Adelaide recently to launch the book in South Australia and deliver a lecture, sponsored by the Australian Friends of Palestine. Antony was also able to attend a meeting of a number of Adelaide peace activists organised by NoWar.**

**[Dr David Palmer](#), Senior Lecturer in American Studies at Flinders University introduced Antony to a large gathering at the book launch on 21 October. David has kindly provided his introductory remarks as an article for our newsletter.**

Antony Loewenstein has written a very important book – My Israel Question. It is a book that needs to be read not just in Australia, but around the world – and particularly in the United States, where I'm originally from.

When you start reading My Israel Question you won't be able to put it down. You'll find the main narrative and analysis amazing. But also you'll discover the incredible range of sources he uses on the Israel-Palestine issue and the related strange politics in our own country.

In the first section, Antony relates his personal experiences. In 2003, he discovered the prejudice and political machinations against Hanan Ashrawi, the Palestinian leader and peace activist, when she was

awarded the Sydney Peace Prize. When he criticised the crude efforts of Australia's Israeli lobby to block Ashrawi's receipt of the prize and to prevent her from speaking in Sydney, he himself became a target of the lobby's vitriol. And Antony's "crime"? That he – as a Jew – had criticized those who vehemently supported Israeli policy that oppressed the Palestinian people. They portrayed him as someone who had betrayed his own people – who had come to hate his own people.

He then takes us on a journey, first through his own upbringing in Melbourne and then to Israel and the Palestinian territories. Through his words we encounter some of the most important voices of Jewish dissent within Israel – the leftwing former Knesset member and outspoken peace activist Uri Avnery; intellectual advocate for Palestinian justice Tanya Reinhart, who spoke here in Adelaide last week; and secularist Gideon Levy who wants an end to Zionist racist rule and an Israel and Palestine based on equality and international law. Antony then provides us with a history both of Zionism and anti-Semitism so that we can make sense of the arguments, counter-arguments, and distortions that have flooded the media but which also have raged among "experts" and academics. I found most disturbing his account in the last two sections. These focus on the corrupting influence of the Israeli lobby on politics, the media, and academic life in the United States, the United Kingdom, and Australia.

In numerous forums around Adelaide in the past few months we have had a chance to hear about those whose voices have too often been kept out of the media, ignored by many politicians, and abused by the Israeli lobby – Palestinians and Arab people generally. The Israeli attack on Lebanon several months ago, funded and sponsored by the Bush administration in the United States, has made many of us more active than ever. We refuse to accept the lie that killing over 1,000 civilians and making 1 million people homeless is self defense. It is not – it is genocide and an echo of the fascist Holocaust of half a century ago.

But there is another group who has been invisible for too long. I'm talking about those Jews who dissent from Israel's past and present dispossession of the Palestinian people and its continued attacks on Arab people in the region. I believe that Antony – with this book – has brought new visibility to the real Jewish voice – a voice that goes back much further than late nineteenth century Zionism.

He writes and speaks from a long tradition – a tradition that is far longer historically, far deeper intellectually, and far more compassionate than those who claim to speak for Jews by defending the current destructive policies of the Israeli government and its superpower godfather the United States government.

I know what I'm talking about, because while Antony was Jewish and grew up in a Gentile neighborhood and attended Gentile schools, I was the opposite. I was the Gentile minority in mainly Jewish neighborhoods and schools in suburban Chicago. Decades later I got my Ph.D. in history from Brandeis University, America's most prestigious Jewish affiliated non-sectarian university. I remained "the minority" but did not feel that I was one.

Antony came to witness a very reactionary, prejudiced side of Jewish life – in Australia – but I found just the opposite in 1950s and 1960s America. When I was growing up, we all learned about the Holocaust, but saw it within the context of the global fight against fascism. In those days, World War II had just ended. The Holocaust for us was not just genocide against the Jews; it symbolized the barbarism internationally of fascism for all common people. It had not yet become a racial stereotype misused as a defense of Israel.

My Jewish friends in high school argued with me not to support the Vietnam War. They tried to convince me that socialism was a reasonable alternative to capitalism. Their parents went south to march with black people in the civil rights movement. And in my twenties, when I became active in the American trade union movement, I learned that our movement had Jewish leaders at its core from its earliest days – and it was they who had fought hardest against racism within the unions and as practiced by many employers.

Today you'd never know these Jews were once the majority, that they had come as poor working class refugees from Europe at the turn of the last century, and despite their poverty fought for justice for themselves and for others.

Antony Loewenstein is helping to recover this other voice of the Jewish people. Anti-Semitism? Equating Jewish people with Israel is anti-Semitism and dishonours Jewish tradition and values, values that I – as a non-Jew – grew up with and learned to respect. We must recognize Antony's role in this and thank him for his courage. His voice is one of passion but also reason – and it is only through passion and reason – and honest questioning – that we can help bring justice to the Palestinian people and their nation.



Photo source:  
[antonyloewenstein.com](http://antonyloewenstein.com)

[Click here to go to Antony's web site.](#)

## News

### UN INVESTIGATES ISRAEL'S 'URANIUM WEAPONS'

30 October 2006

The United Nations Environment Programme is investigating allegations, first published in The Independent, that Israel may have used uranium-based weapons during this summer's war in Lebanon. Twenty UN experts, working with Lebanese environmentalists, have spent two weeks assessing various samples. They are planning to report their findings in December. [Read more ... \(The Independent\)](#)

### BUSH & BLAIR: TWO LEADERS SEARCHING FOR A WAY OUT OF IRAQ, AND FINDING NONE

29 October 2006

Their faces alone said everything. At his press conference on Wednesday, in the sumptuous setting of the White House East Room, George Bush was grim, bemused and aged. In the House of Commons 3,000 miles away, Tony Blair stood rooted to the same political spot he has occupied for more than three years. Two leaders, mesmerised and transfixed by the enormity of the crisis they face, searching for an exit and finding none.

[Read more ... \(The Independent\)](#)

### ISRAEL ADMITS TO USING PHOSPHORUS BOMBS IN RECENT LEBANON WAR

23 October 2006

Israel has acknowledged for the first time that it attacked Hezbollah targets during the second Lebanon war with phosphorus shells. White phosphorus causes very painful and often lethal chemical burns to those hit by it, and until recently Israel maintained that it only uses such bombs to mark targets or territory. ...During the war several foreign media outlets reported that Lebanese civilians carried injuries characteristic of attacks with phosphorus, a substance that burns when it comes to contact with air. [Read more ... \(Haaretz\)](#)

See also: [Uruknet.info](http://Uruknet.info) for photo gallery of results on Lebanese civilians of Israeli bombings

## WHITE HOUSE CHANGES TACTICS AS VOTERS DECIDE WAR IS BEING LOST

23 October 2006

Senior Republicans increased pressure on the White House to change its Iraq strategy yesterday by demanding that the Government of Nouri al-Maliki, the Iraqi Prime Minister, should assume responsibility for securing the country. ...The change in tactics comes amid one of the bloodiest months for US troops in Iraq for two years, with 81 killed, and an admission by the American military that a two-month offensive to stabilise Baghdad is failing. [Read more \(Times On Line\)](#)

## PROBE FINDS REPORTER KILLED BY US SOLDIERS



Photo: BBC

14 October 2006

One of Britain's most experienced journalists was unlawfully killed by US soldiers in Iraq, a British inquest into his death ruled overnight, prompting calls for the perpetrators to be tried for war crimes. ...Veteran war correspondent Terry Lloyd, 50, who worked for British television company ITN, was killed in March 2003 in southern Iraq as he reported from the front line during the first few days of the U.S.-led invasion. [Read more ... \(Adelaide Advertiser\)](#)

## GENERAL SEEKS UK IRAQ WITHDRAWAL

12 October 2006

The head of the British Army has said the presence of UK armed forces in Iraq "exacerbates the security problems". In an interview in the Daily Mail, Sir Richard Dannatt, Chief of the General Staff, is quoted as saying the British should "get out some time soon". He also said: "Let's face it, the military campaign we fought in 2003, effectively kicked the door in." [Read more ... \(BBC\)](#)



Photo: BBC

## Campaigns

### Peace Program – Radio Adelaide: *A Peace of the Action* – Sundays at 12:30



*A Peace of the Action*

101.5 FM [Radio Adelaide](#)

*Radio program about Peace every Sunday, 12:30pm*

'A Peace of the Action' is a new half hour program going to air on Sundays at 12.30 pm on [Radio Adelaide](#),

The program is a collaboration of the Australian Peace Committee, NoWar, WILPF, ANTaR and the Human Rights Coalition. The half hour program covering peace and related issues includes interviews, reviews, commentary, magazine items, music and announcements of local events.

**The following pages are standing items in our newsletter. They provide basic reference information about NoWar for our readers and particularly for newcomers to NoWar.**

**The information includes summaries of recent meetings, members of the NoWar Committee and links to the NoWar web site for the Constitution and membership forms.**

## What is NoWar?

NoWar is a South Australian peace group originally formed at the time of the invasion of Afghanistan in 2001. We oppose the idea that a military response to terrorism ("The War on Terror") can succeed or that its cost to innocent people could be justified.

We organized protests against the invasion of Iraq, including the biggest protest in the history of South Australia on 16 February 2003, when 100,000 people filled the streets of Adelaide. We opposed the war on Iraq because it was unnecessary, unjust and illegal. Iraq had not attacked anybody nor threatened to do so, nor had the capacity to do so.

Since the invasion of Iraq in March 2003, NoWar has continued its work of raising public awareness about the aftermath of the invasion, both for Iraq and the world. Unlike our government, we believe it is important that the public is made aware of the costs and reality of war. Unlike most of the mass media our interest in the war on Iraq did not diminish once the US and its allies launched their aggression.

NoWar opposes American militarism and unilateralism being the guiding forces in international relations. We support a more just world with peaceful resolution of conflicts, where acknowledgement is given to genuine grievances and our common future is not just about American political, military and economic interests. We support an independent foreign policy for our country and we want to see Australian troops only being used for the defense of Australia. NoWar continues to work for peace through public meetings, hosting visiting speakers, screening important films and holding public protests.

### **The aims of NoWar are:**

***To educate, inform and mobilise people based on the following principles:***

- Opposition to the increasing militarisation of the world, and the consequences for the international community;
- Support for a reversal of the global military build-up, specifically the removal of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, an end to the trade in arms, and a reduction in the current level of conventional arms;
- Support for the removal of foreign military bases around the world, and an end to foreign military interventions;
- Support for the resolution of conflicts in a just and peaceful manner, having regard for the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, international law and the rights of all peoples to self-determination.

**Click here to view the [NoWar Constitution](#)**

NoWar consists of a Committee, a financial membership that elects the Committee (see below) and a large support base, the names of which we have collected over time at our various functions and events. From this membership and support base come people such as you, who become involved in our public meetings, rallies and other public actions towards peace.

## NoWar Committee

The NoWar Committee is elected at the AGM each year in October-November. The current members of the Committee were elected at this last AGM on 11 October 2006. They are:

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| • Mike Khizam (Convenor)        | • Renfrey Clarke         |
| • Jeanie Lucas (Secretary)      | • Jane Bower             |
| • Margaret Peterson (Treasurer) | • Sue Gilbey             |
| • Stephen Darley                | • Colin Mitchell         |
| • Ruth Russell                  | • Bob Eastman (co-opted) |

The Committee meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. The Committee has met approximately every 2 weeks for the last 3 years (with a short Christmas break each year!). Prior to that, particularly in the build up to the war, the Committee and membership met more than that, as many of you would remember!

During the height of anti-war activities in 2002-03, NoWar maintained a staffed office. Currently, the meetings are held at NoWar Committee member's homes.

## What does NoWar spend its money on?

Like other groups, NoWar needs funds in order to conduct its activities, and like other groups, maintaining a viable bank balance is always a challenge. Sometimes people ask us what we spend our money on, and fair enough too, since much of what we have is provided through donations or membership subscriptions. Here is a list of items that cover our current expenditure:

- *Web site account*
- *Email account*
- *Paper and stationery*
- *Copying and printing*
- *Postage*
- *Telephone calls*
- *PA system hire for rallies*
- *G.P.O. Box hire*
- *Radio program*
- *Merchandise (e.g. T-shirts, badges, stickers)*
- *Costs associated with organizing events (e.g. hall hire)*
- *Accommodation, travel and meals for visiting speakers*
- *Equipment (e.g. tables, banners, storage boxes)*
- *Advertisements in newspapers*

## Ways we communicate

NoWar has a policy that, except in special circumstances agreed to by the Committee, we only send out emails related to NoWar matters and concerns. In this way we hope to keep email traffic to a minimum. Most emails you will receive from NoWar will be about upcoming events or notices about meetings – and now this newsletter. Very occasionally we may forward an item generated by another group or about another matter.

Aside from emailing what we call our “data base” (the approximately 700 people who have given us their email addresses), there are a number of other ways that NoWar communicates with people. These are:

**The web site.** Visit [www.nowar-sa.net](http://www.nowar-sa.net) regularly as it is updated at least once a week and has excellent links to alternative sources of information about the war on Iraq and other anti-war groups throughout Australia and the world.

**nowar\_announcements.** This is a newsgroup we set up for people interested in keeping in touch with supporters of NoWar SA. Various interesting and wide ranging items are posted to this news group and it is sometimes used for discussion. [Click here to join nowar\\_announcements.](#)

**nowar\_australia.** This newsgroup was originally set up as is a communication and information forum for members who attended NoWar Committee meetings. Subscribers must have attended NoWar meetings and the group is moderated. This news group and nowar\_announcements are very similar and there may be a need to consolidate them. [Click here to join nowar\\_australia](#)

## Summary of last minutes

The last meeting of the NoWar Committee was held on 25 October 2006. The meeting covered:

- Financial report
- Christmas/New Year schedule of meetings
- AGM - discussion
- Antony Loewenstein visit - discussion
- Bob Eastman – coopted onto Committee
- Letter to Opposition – Pine Gap
- Fundraisers - 2007
- Planning – 2007-08
- David Hicks Committee request
- Sub groups - proposal

The previous meeting was held on 11 October 2006. The meeting covered:

- Financial report
- AGM – preparations
- Radio Program
- Edward Cranswick arrested at Pine Gap
- Bush visit to Australia - 2007
- APEC meeting, Australia - 2007
- TSO7 (Talisman-Sabre 2007)
- Walk Against Warming
- Funding for Sue's Pine Gap visit

***The next business meeting of NoWar will be held on 8 November at 6pm. The following meeting will be held on 22 November at 6pm and this will be the last meeting for the year. The first meeting for 2007 will be a half day planning meeting on 4 February.***

***The NoWar Committee meeting schedule is every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 6pm, venue to be fixed at each meeting.***

## AGM, 11 October – Summary

- The meeting was held at the Friends' Meeting House, 40A Pennington Terrace, North Adelaide.
- NoWar member, Joy Noble sold copies of the book she has co-authored with Fiona Verity: *Imagine If: A Handbook for Activists*, with a percentage of the proceeds going to NoWar – thank you, Joy and Verity.
- The meeting was chaired by Maureen Arnott.
- Minutes of the last AGM (23 November 2005) were tabled and accepted.
- The Convenor provided a detailed report of the past year's activities:
  - Noted that NoWar has been very active for four years
  - Peace activities are as relevant as ever
  - Australian government taking the position of the US although a large number of Australians oppose this; vast majority of the people of the world don't want militarism
  - Outlined current significant threats in the world
  - NoWar fortunate to have a good supportive base and a committed and active Committee
  - Listed year's events: rallies; vigils; provision of speakers; public meetings; radio program; Unity for Peace Conference; WOMAD; International Peace Festival
  - Listed activities: web site; newsletter; fund raising; partnerships with other peace and social justice groups; KBR campaign; hosting visiting speakers
  - Future: need to work more effectively; radio program and web site need strong focus; we can sponsor others to conduct activities
  - Thanks to Committee members
  - Thanks to active helpers and supporters.
- Treasurer's Report: tabled with Auditor's report. Reports accepted.
- Committee election held. See above for new Committee (page 8).
- Thanks to retiring Committee members: Anne McMenamain and Brian Arnott.
- Graham Smith provided an update on the KBR campaign – campaign continues and increasing resources for the campaign will be discussed by the new Committee.
- Announcements of a number of coming non-NoWar events.
- Raising of membership fees – proposal rejected; there will be a membership drive in 2007
- Letter of appreciation to the Friends with a donation for use of the Meeting House – supported.

## Membership forms

If you would like to become a financial member of NoWar, please have a read of our constitution and then complete the membership form which is available through this link on our web site: <http://www.nowar-sa.net/pdf/IndMemb2006.pdf>

There is also a membership form for groups at: <http://www.nowar-sa.net/pdf/GroupMembForm2006.pdf>

Membership is \$10 for individuals and a starting membership for groups (under 100 members) is \$50. NoWar needs all the funds it can get so your membership fee is of significant value.

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**See you next month!**