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14/05/2003

Erosion trench salt trap



Denise

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~~Cayenne pepper~~
~~capsules~~

Cayenne: hot condiment of ground
pods & seeds of capsicum, red
pepper (viz. red capsicum)

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Dear Peter

This is an unusual letter and I am not used to writing such letters.

Whenever I visit you, we do business and ordinary things. You must also get frustrated as we try to sort out things like the washing machine.

You may never get the message from me and I have trouble expressing it.

As time goes by, I love you deeper and deeper. It's as if my love has become more clearly outlined and made bolder and more prominent. I don't know how to say "I love you" but that is what I feel as I ask how you are, or remind you of something.

I am also fearful for you - I try to keep that in check. I am often in anguish as I see how this cancer or old age has affected the way your brain can work. I can understand your frustration.

But this letter is just simply to say that I love you. I've told you that I have made a commitment to assist you in your old age. It is that love that drives that commitment.

With love
Denise

28/2/03

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✓ TO: Leah Seed

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Thanking you
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What happens to the kids if we break up?

One Sunday afternoon a man came into the State Library LIAC to find information about family law. He could not agree with his ex partner about arrangements for their 5 year old daughter. The LIAC librarian gave him some introductory information in a plain language booklet. After reading this he asked for further information and was helped to access commentaries on family law and relevant cases. He ended the afternoon with a greater understanding of how children's cases are decided by the Family Court.



If I'm renting, what happens about repairs?

A Bourke resident came into her local public library and asked for help with a letter she had written to her landlord. She wanted him to replace cracked glass in a window and washers in leaking taps. The librarian referred her to the *Tenants Rights Manual*, one of the plain language books in the Legal Tool Kit. The manual contained a useful sample letter and information on repairs and maintenance. She was also given the 1800 number for western NSW residents of the Tenants Advice and Advocacy Service. As she was leaving she said that she felt much more confident because she now had a better understanding of her rights and the landlord's obligations.

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Peter Hamilton

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Read and weep everyone. Read and weep.

Extract from MPA News Vol. 4, No. 7 (February 2003)

on Victorian MPA process (PART 2 refers to the Channel Island process in US)

BALANCING ECOLOGY AND ECONOMICS, PART II: LESSONS LEARNED FROM PLANNING AN MPA NETWORK IN VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

In 2002, the Australian state of Victoria and the American state of California approved plans for representative networks of marine protected areas in their waters. Involving long and contentious planning processes, both efforts offer lessons to practitioners and stakeholders around the world who face similar challenges in designing MPA systems.

In a two-part series, MPA News distills lessons learned during each process by examining the obstacles encountered and how participants might have improved the processes in hindsight. Part II of the series, focusing on Victoria, appears in this issue. (Part I, on the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary in California, appeared last month [MPA News 4:6].)

*** Background on Victoria planning process ***

The process to plan a system of marine national parks in Victoria lasted 10 years, involved six periods of public comment, and was overseen by three successive state governments. Initially intended to be a four-year process, the planning effort encountered extensions and delays due to a range of factors, including evolving views on the comparative value of multiple-use parks and no-take areas.

The effort began in 1991 with work by the Land Conservation Council (LCC), an independent statutory authority that conducted land-use planning for the Victorian government. Charged with offering recommendations for a representative system of marine parks, the LCC released a draft final report in 1996 that proposed designating 21 multiple-use MPAs, of which relatively small portions would be set aside as no-take zones.

While in the process of finalizing recommendations, the LCC was disbanded by the state government. In its place, the government established another independent body, the Environment Conservation Council (ECC), which took charge of planning a marine park system. The ECC consisted of three members from the fields of academia, agriculture, and finance, respectively, each of whom had extensive experience in natural resources management. In 1998, the ECC published an interim report that again canvassed public comment on objectives for the selection of MPAs on a

multiple-use basis.

By that time, however, a shift in mindset was occurring within the ECC: council members had begun to change their view on the ability of multiple-use protected areas to protect Victoria's marine biodiversity. Deciding that science indicated no-fishing areas would offer greater protection, the ECC effectively changed its course, moving toward a system of no-take MPAs.

In December 1999, the ECC released a report for public comment in which it proposed a network of no-take marine national parks and no-take marine sanctuaries covering roughly 6.2% of Victoria's marine waters. (Marine national parks were to be considerably larger than marine sanctuaries.) Following the comment period and consultation, the ECC made several changes to proposed site boundaries and submitted a final report to the Victorian environment minister in August 2000, recommending 13 marine national parks and 11 marine sanctuaries. The ruling Labour government submitted a bill based on the recommendations to the state parliament, which held authority to approve the new MPA system.

The parliament received significant lobbying on the bill from stakeholder groups. In an effort to secure support for the legislation, the Labour government modified several park boundaries and proposed a temporary, capped system of financial assistance for commercial fishermen to cover increased operating costs and reduced catches due to the new closures (MPA News 3:11). But support for the bill was lacking from opposition parties, whose backing was necessary for passage. A second version of the bill, introduced in 2002, featured additional boundary modifications and expanded the ability for fishermen to gain compensation. By this time, the proposed system covered 540 km², or 5.3% of state waters. The Victorian parliament passed it in June 2002.

The 13 marine national parks and 11 marine sanctuaries were proclaimed in November 2002. Bans on fishing took effect immediately at all but five sites; at these five, the bans will commence in 2004.

* Lessons learned *

MPA News interviewed six individuals who participated in the ECC planning process and/or legislative negotiations. Spanning government, NGOs, and the commercial and recreational fishing sectors, these participants described challenges faced by practitioners and stakeholders in the planning effort. Through these discussions, MPA News garnered the following lessons:

Lesson 1. Opposition is part of consultative processes on no-take areas.

Once the ECC shifted its focus toward designation of no-take areas, public comment on the council's proposals turned much more contentious. Attending a series of public meetings following release of their draft report, ECC members encountered strong opposition from fishermen concerned about the loss of their fishing areas. "The public meetings were particularly stressful," said John Lovering, ECC chairman. "They inevitably deteriorated into 'theatre of the absurd' in which constructive dialogue between the public and council became impossible." He said some disaffected individuals even threatened ECC members with harm.

Unlike the reserve-planning process for the Channel Islands in California

(MPA News 4:6), there was no effort made in Victoria to pursue community consensus on a marine park plan. "A consensus model was deliberately not chosen for this process," said Joan Phillips, who oversaw the government's marine park planning effort from 1998 onward. Now manager of protected area establishment and policy for the Victorian Department of Sustainability and Environment, Phillips says the main challenge of the Victoria process centered on the impact on users. "Where users derive part of their livelihood from their use of resources - or their recreational use forms part of their identity - the process can very quickly become adversarial," she said. "The broader public interest and the interests of future generations are often lost in the ensuing debate." She acknowledges that impacts on fishermen are important to consider in MPA planning. She also points out that political bargaining appropriately ensured the establishment of compensation arrangements and other strategies for minimizing impacts. But the process's greatest strength, she says, was that the necessary social choices - i.e., which fishing areas to close - were made by government on behalf of all the people.

Tim O'Hara, senior curator of marine invertebrates for the state-run Museum Victoria, collated biodiversity data to inform the ECC planning study. "Because almost 100% of a coastline is usually fished, it is impossible to avoid the not-in-my-backyard syndrome," he said. "It is impossible to negotiate a solution that will not upset some fishers somewhere. This is unfortunate but unavoidable. It is similar to the establishment of other public-good enterprises, like hospitals, that disrupt those who live nearby."

Tim Allen, who served as Victoria coordinator for the Marine and Coastal Community Network (an NGO) through the planning effort, says consultative processes should be carefully tailored to suit individual communities. "While the ECC used a range of techniques to facilitate public input to the process, [the council] soon became aware that public meetings were not one of the better strategies employed in smaller communities," said Allen, now national coordinator for his organization. "Public meetings tended to work against the process as they established an opportunity for opponents to 'grandstand'. With many meetings [filled] with vocal recreational and commercial fishermen, potential supporters were intimidated on occasion. The meetings also helped to establish entrenched regional media opposition to the process that was hard to counter."

Lesson 2. Advisory bodies should strive to maintain a reputation of independence.

"The planning process needs to be driven by a planning body, like the ECC, that is completely independent of the [ruling] government, government bureaucracy, and all other vested interests," said Lovering. "Members of the planning body also need to have a high level of credibility for independent and unbiased decisionmaking with all stakeholders."

While the ECC's investigation of marine national parks was underway, says Lovering, the three members of the council were generally accepted as being independent of the various vested interests involved in discussions of no-take areas. Nonetheless, that changed once the ECC released its draft report in 1998. "The commercial and recreational fishers decided the ECC was a threat to their activities and carried out a campaign to discredit the independence of the ECC and its draft report," he said. "As a result, when the council went to conduct public meetings explaining its draft recommendations, these groups disrupted them. It may have helped to

restore order if the meetings had been chaired by somebody independent of the ECC, its draft report, and other stakeholders."

Ross McGowan, executive director of Seafood Industry Victoria, an industry group, said the ECC failed to consider all stakeholders' interests equally. "We must find a balance between competing interests and aspirations, recognizing that all have valid opinions," he said. "Does a fisher have the same rights as a conservationist?" McGowan said consultation was too late and not transparent enough. "The process of consultation is always one that, with hindsight, can be improved."

Ray Page, executive officer of VRFish, a leading organization of recreational anglers in Victoria, says the process should have been run by an organization consisting of stakeholders. "[Planning MPAs] should not totally be a government responsibility," he said. He says the outcomes did not satisfy most stakeholders. "A consultative group should have been convened at the commencement of the process, with representatives from major stakeholders. This group should then have agreed on terms of reference for the planning process, and could have been used as a steering committee for the entire process." The final results may not have been different, he said, but at least stakeholders would have felt more involved.

Lesson 3. For supporters, educating the public on the need to protect biodiversity is critical.

The majority of the public does not have a strong view in either direction about MPAs, says Phillips. For proponents of the marine national parks plan, this meant that success would come from building public appreciation for the importance of protecting marine biodiversity. "Because the most obvious stakeholders are commercial or recreational fishers who may be genuinely anxious about their futures, much of the public discussion focuses on addressing issues raised by these groups," she said. "However, when the general public is presented with simple messages about protecting marine biodiversity - accompanied by visual material such as underwater video footage - their understanding and support for MPAs increases. In the Victorian case, mobilizing some of the support in the broader community was vital to securing bipartisan support for the legislation."

"Be prepared for a long haul in educating stakeholders to the need for fully protected marine areas," said the ECC's Lovering. "There is one thing that I think we should have done earlier, and that was to have had a professional communications company establish at a very early stage a process to market the crucial importance to future generations of establishing a system of marine national parks."

Allen says that absent a strong communications effort by the ECC, NGOs largely carried the responsibility for disseminating information on the need for the planning process and MPAs. The fact the process lasted 10 years allowed NGOs time to build an active constituency across many sectors, including scientists, divers, and local government. "The length of time associated with the process created a persuasive public argument - i.e., there must be a positive outcome after 10 years of public discussion and scientific input," said Allen.

For O'Hara, the main challenge of the process was establishing the public ethic in favor of no-take areas. "The principle was gradually accepted by the majority of Victorians, who came to appreciate the beauty of the

marine environment and accept the conservation needs of marine ecosystems," he said. "No-take marine national parks and marine sanctuaries were eventually seen as a vote winner by the two largest political parties in the parliament."

Lesson 4. For opponents, negotiation is sometimes a better strategy than total opposition.

When the ECC disclosed its intent to recommend large no-take areas, VRFish argued that such measures would enhance neither fish stocks nor the marine environment in general, and that recreational fishing had little impact on marine ecosystems. It has maintained these positions. However, the organization chose to negotiate with the government in the final legislative stages rather than oppose all MPAs outright. In a 31 July 2002 media release ("An Open Letter to All Recreational Fishers", <http://www.vrfish.com.au/asp/announcement.asp>), VRFish Chairman Pat Washington said the government had made clear there would be marine national parks with or without the support of the fishing community. VRFish took the view that it was best to negotiate to minimize the impact, rather than fight the bill and potentially end up losing more fishing areas.

Washington wrote further in the July 2002 VRFish newsletter (<http://www.vrfish.com.au/news/jul02.htm>), "Despite the disappointment in the final legislation, I feel that we have made significant changes to the legislation and our position in this debate has been justified. The introduction of these parks was inevitable. The changes made through VRFish negotiating with the government have been significant, and could not have been achieved through any other method."

Washington also stated that street demonstrations against the marine national parks, as were led by other MPA opponents, could only work if many thousands of people were willing to attend. Poorly attended demonstrations proved to be counter-productive, he said, and sent a message to the government that anglers were not concerned about marine national parks.

Lesson 5. There are benefits to pursuing an "all-at-once" strategy for creating an MPA system.

Phillips says the state of Victoria's effort to plan MPAs across all of its waters in one process, rather than in a piecemeal fashion, was a good move. "It was helpful in identifying issues and implications, as well as tradeoffs for the commercial fishing industry in particular," she said. "This approach delivered some certainty to commercial fishing license holders, who at the end of this process do not face the threat of having more areas restricted for MPA purposes in the immediate future."

"Making recommendations that would significantly alter marine management across 10,000 km² of state waters was never going to be an easy task," said Allen. "But it did offer benefits. First, it focused the public debate not only on the values of parks themselves, but on the principles of representativeness, adequacy, and comprehensiveness. The statewide approach also raised the public and political profile of the issue, and fostered widespread community knowledge about marine biodiversity in the process. This will have long-lasting benefits."

Although percentage-based targets were not established for the process,

the percentage figure of state waters covered by the system proved to be useful for MPA supporters in the public debate, said Allen. "It was not seen as unreasonable by the public that 6% of the state's coastal waters should be protected," he said.

* Outcomes of the process *

Commercial and recreational fishing organizations have joined in criticizing the marine national parks legislation for doing little to address what they view as the real ecological problems facing Victoria's waters, including urban and rural runoff, seagrass dieback, and introduced pest species. And it remains to be seen how costly the compensation framework - a key part of legislative negotiations - will be. Under the compensation scheme, assistance will be available to commercial fishing license holders for up to three-and-a-half years, depending on the type of fishing license held and the park site. A three-member assessment panel, including at least one fishing-industry representative, will determine compensation for those who show they suffered financial losses (i.e., reduced catches and increased operating costs) due to the new no-take areas. The panel's decisions may be appealed to an independent tribunal. Eligible charter boat operators may also file for compensation to cover increased operating costs.

Industry sources have estimated compensation claims could total tens of millions of dollars, but government officials are confident the amount will be much less, with fishermen adjusting relatively easily to the new system.

Allen says NGOs will continue to strive for improved marine management practices throughout state waters. In the Victoria MPA-planning process, he says, NGOs' most important goal was to retain the no-take principle through the legislative negotiations, which they achieved. Although he is disappointed that the negotiations modified boundaries for non-scientific reasons, such boundaries can always be revisited. "And in time, I have no doubt they will be," he said.

In the meantime, Parks Victoria, the state parks agency, has taken charge of the new MPA system. It is now finalizing a management strategy for the entire network, setting out statewide objectives for planning, operations and research. That strategy is expected to be completed soon and will be posted on the agency website, at <http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au>.

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* TABLE: Characteristics of Victorian and Channel Islands (US) representative MPA networks *

DESCRIPTION

- Victoria: 13 marine national parks, 11 marine sanctuaries.
- Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary (CINMS): 10 marine reserves and 2 marine conservation areas. (These are in state waters within the CINMS. A proposed second phase of designation, involving federal waters, would add one marine reserve and expand boundaries of some existing areas.)

SIZE

- Victoria: 540 km².
- CINMS: 450 km². (The proposed federal phase would expand this to 1100 km².)

REGULATION OF FISHING

- Victoria: Fishing is prohibited in marine national parks and marine sanctuaries.
- CINMS: Fishing is prohibited in marine reserves but allowed on a limited basis in marine conservation areas.

PERCENTAGE OF REGION SET ASIDE AS NO-TAKE

- Victoria: 5.3% of Victoria state waters.
- CINMS: 10% of CINMS. This figure excludes the marine conservation areas. (The proposed federal phase would expand this to 25%.)

ALLOWED ACTIVITIES

- Victoria: Diving, boating, research.
- CINMS: Diving, boating, research.

DOES NETWORK INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVE EXAMPLES OF ALL MARINE HABITATS IN REGION?

- Victoria: Yes.
- CINMS: Yes.

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Sent: Sunday, 26 January 2003 7:05 PM
Subject: Yet more SunRAG natter

Hey Guys

Sorry, I'm sure I'm not going to keep bothering you as often as I have been, but at the moment we're largely an Email group and it's too easy to update, like so...

Andrew Murray has set up a chat room/mail group thingie on Yahoo to make it easier for those needing to distribute info or read the latest happenings in a relatively secure way, details follow. You are invited to register (means getting a Yahoo ID if you don't already have one), and it might obviate the need for some of you hearing more than you want or need on the subject.

JOIN NOW, IT'S EASY:

Go to the Yahoo! Groups site at (cut-and-paste the following address onto the navigation bar of your browser window):

<http://au.groups.yahoo.com/invite/sunriserag?email=aztec%40spot%2Ecom%2Eau&iref=xyqgHbSqED32zW4wLi6PsdwSRq8>

By joining sunriserag, you will be able to exchange messages with other group members. Yahoo! Groups also makes it easy to store photos and files, coordinate events and more.

Andrew has also offered feedback on another two points, firstly that he doesn't like the term SunRAG and would prefer that we stick with Sunrise Residents Action Group for all formal purposes (e.g. press releases). Personally, I still like SunRAG but if anyone has any other ideas they'd be very welcome at this point. Let's throw it around for ideas, anyone who feels strongly about it either way is invited to comment on the above forum and maybe we'll agree on the long-term name at the next meeting (no dates or thoughts yet, sometime in early-mid Feb?).

Andrew's other point was as follows "I also note that you are now mixing the Landcare project with the Resident Action Group, including the spending of Landcare money on an overtly political promotion campaign. Don't do it. It's a potential minefield for both groups." I agree that it would be better for both groups to maintain a sense of separation for a number of reasons, and that the Hottentot gig in the vacant lot therefore needs to be reconsidered. Ideally, we'd still do it for the SunRAG group but we'd need to find at least \$250 to pay for the PA and marquee, and we need to hold an info day for Belongil Landcare sometime soon anyway. All thoughts welcome on this one too.

Thanks for everyone's time, I look forward to seeing how the mail group works out.

Handwritten signature

28/01/2003

Peter Hamilton

From: "Martha Ansara" <Martha.Ansara@uts.edu.au>
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Sent: Wednesday, 13 November 2002 5:39 PM
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Subject: Film on Cavanbah

Dear Peter,
 Holly McKay, a good student in the documentary course at UTS, wants to make a film about a recent victory against development in Byron, entitled "Victorious Cavanbah". I suggested that you might be willing to have a talk with her and am sending her your email address. You might wish to get in touch with her yourself. Her father is a local architect and a battler in that particular struggle as is her stepmother.

Duration of film?

Is this Jan McKay!!?
"Eric Wright Lookout"

I am planning on going to doco festival, helping with it a couple of weeks ahead of time, and hoping to stay in Bangalow with Gai. (And perhaps with you for a bit too?) But I'll keep you posted.
 Will you show up for any of it? — *No.*
 All the best,
 Martha

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2) that was a few years ago now & I remember that when I went to the USA about 2 years ago, the leading cinematographer, Lumino, was living there and so was the sound recordist I'd known - a very patriotic young communist in 1979. Out of work - no films to do.

As for the deco festival in Byron Bay, yes, I am hoping to go & in fact want to go up early to help work on it.

I'd really appreciate a place to stay, if you've got it. And would actually prefer to stay with you... Do you think you will attend any of the conference?

I've been shooting a film myself, but am waiting to get a response from SBS television before I continue. I'm strangely exhausted these days. I think I'll go see a doctor; it's ridiculous! Glad I'm not trying to shoot at the moment. Went to a seminar on the weekend with David MacDougall. Do you know him? It was wonderful. He showed his film on Sardiman Shepherds - I'd seen it before - really great. I'm on the bus

Dear Peter, leave return
17 Sept 2002

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Hurlstone Park
NSW 2193

Dear Peter,
Thanks for your letter & information on Harry Road. As I believe I told you when you first mentioned him to me, I think I met him on a trip he made back to Oz (perhaps his final return? I can't remember).

Did he write a novel about Cuba during the revolution? Some Australian did & I have it somewhere - a paperback.

Anyhow, I would like to know if you make any headway on getting his films. But whether the ^{film} archive is capable of dealing w/ anything like that, I don't know. They seem to be quite overloaded. And as for Cuba: when I visited the Archive there in 1979, it was closed because THE archivist was on holidays & in those days, they may well have had more resources than they do now. At least they were making plenty of feature films etc. I can't remember the last Cuban film I saw at a festival here... Yes, I can remember, it was good. And funny. But →

21.12.02.

Dear Peter,

While going through some papers I came across the enclosed. I am reluctant to throw it away if it is of interest to someone - maybe for archival interest? - or it may be of no use - but you can judge.

How are you, Peter? I hope you're keeping well. You're probably still as busy as ever.

This year has had its ups and downs; more downs than ups I think. The world's troubles, the nation's troubles and the local troubles with the drought and the awesome bush fires.

Then on the personal side, the aches & pains of old age and the problems of maintenance of an old house. Finding termites in the kitchen floor was the beginning of a saga, with the end being a

concrete slab put down. The leaking roof has finally been fixed with replaced tiles, flashing around chimneys (not functional) fixed & the ridges repointed.

Other activities have been much the same as before with the addition of having to deliver talks on elder abuse on two occasions, both of which were well received.

Paul had a slight scare by being ordered to have a colonoscopy, but it turned out O.K. He's now on holidays for a couple of weeks.

Wishing you the Seasons Greetings. Hope you enjoy it - maybe with some of your family? & warm wishes for a 2003 of health, and hopefully peace for all of us.

Love
Laurie

Do parody of "Morton Bay"
song.

*Dentle/Lyoh***Peter Hamilton**

From: "Kenneth McLeod" <kmcleod@bigpond.net.au>
To: "Kenneth McLeod" <kmcleod@bigpond.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 27 November 2002 8:32 AM
Attach: Global Eye.doc
Subject: The Global Eye

Remember John Poindexter?

A retired Navy Admiral, John Poindexter lost his job as National Security Adviser under Ronald Reagan, and was convicted of conspiracy, lying to Congress, defrauding the government, and destroying evidence in the Iran Contra scandal.

[Background: Iran was holding American hostages. President Reagan said we would not negotiate with terrorists. At the same time, the CIA wanted to support a rebel army in the overthrow of the Nicaraguan government. Congress said no. So John Poindexter, along with Oliver North and many others, went behind President Reagan's back (supposedly) and sold weapons to the Iranians (illegally), then took the money they made and funnelled it to the brutal "Contra" army that they built in Central America (also illegally). The Bush administration has appointed other convicted Contra conspirators to key security/foreign policy positions including John Negroponte as US ambassador to the UN. "President Bush," the **Washington Post** reported on March 25, "is quietly building the most conservative administration in modern times, surpassing even Ronald Reagan in the ideological commitment of his appointments, White House officials and prominent conservatives say."]

Poindexter's convictions were overturned in 1990, based on the fact that Congress had given him immunity in exchange for his testimony, even though the testimony he gave Congress turned out to not be true.

More recently Poindexter was the Vice President of **Syntek Technologies**, a government contractor.

Syntek and Poindexter worked for years with the Defence Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) - the Pentagon's central R&D organisation - to develop **Genoa**, a surveillance device that's a combination cutting-edge search engine, sophisticated information harvesting program", and a "peer-to-peer" file sharing system. Kind of a military-grade Google/Napster for use in instant analysis of electronic data.

Now read the attachment... PTD

Global Eye -- Rough Beast

By Chris Floyd

We've said it before, and we'll keep on saying it: A country whose leader has the power to imprison any citizen, on his order alone, and hold them indefinitely, in military custody, without access to the courts, without a lawyer, without any charges, their fate determined solely by the leader's arbitrary whim -- that country is a tyranny, not a democracy, not a republic, not a union of free citizens.

Now, it may be that it is still a tyranny in utero, a rough beast slouching toward Bethlehem -- or in this case, Washington -- to be born, and not yet the full-blown monster, fangs bared and back plated with bristling armored scales. But the tyranny has been conceived, it's taken root in the womb, gained definite form and is clawing, tearing its way toward the light.

President George W. Bush openly claims that he now holds this power of arbitrary arrest and imprisonment. His minions defend it with earnest arguments. They have already begun acting on its dictatorial tenets. If this claim is not rejected by the other two branches of government -- an unlikely event, with both branches now held by Bush partisans -- then the fundamental liberty of every American citizen will have been stripped away finally and completely. Henceforth, liberty is not the inalienable right of the citizen, but a privilege granted -- or not -- by an autocratic government.

What we are witnessing is the mutation of a democratic republic into a military autocracy: Bush bases his claim of arbitrary power on the president's constitutional role as commander-in-chief of the U.S. armed forces. Although there is nothing in the constitution that warrants the extension of military command to cover arbitrary rule over the entire citizenry, and certainly nothing that countenances the abrogation of basic rights and liberties on the unchallengeable say-so of an all-powerful leader, the "commander-in-chief" argument nevertheless serves a useful purpose for the autocrat, creating the illusion of a limited and temporary suspension of liberties -- a drastic but necessary "wartime" measure.

But Bush and his officials have already warned us that this "wartime emergency" might never end. A direct quote from the commander-in-chief: "There's no telling how many wars it will take to secure freedom in the homeland." The other branches concur in this militarization of American society. Citing a political landscape "changed by war," the new head of the



The Pentagon's new Office of Information Awareness is building a system called "Total Information Awareness" that would effectively provide government officials with immediate access to our personal information: all of our communications (phone calls, emails and web searches), financial records, purchases, prescriptions, school records, medical records and travel history. Under this program, our entire lives would be catalogued and available to government officials.

Leading this initiative is John Poindexter, the former Reagan era National Security Adviser who famously said that it was his duty to withhold information from Congress. In his new post as Head of the Pentagon Office of Information Awareness, Poindexter has been quietly promoting the idea of creating "a virtual centralized database" that would have the "data-mining" power to pry into the most minute and intimate details of our private lives.

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Senate Armed Services Committee, Republican John Warner, says he wants to "break down the barriers" -- the constitutional barriers -- that restrict the military's involvement in civilian life. The chief justice, William Rehnquist, whose Supreme Court stands as the last defense against the dictatorship of the executive branch, has already signaled his public approval of military rule, quoting the old Roman maxim: "In time of war, the laws are silent."

So if the wars never cease raging, the laws will no longer speak. Or rather, they will speak only to ratify the will of the authoritarian regime. Just this week, a "special" appeals court -- a secret panel operating outside the ordinary judicial system -- upheld the right of the state to invade the privacy of any citizen through expanded wiretap and surveillance powers, Reuters reports. These invasions no longer need meet the already-lax standards previously required for domestic surveillance, but can now proceed virtually at the whim of the federal forces, even without any direct connection to suspected terrorist or espionage activity.

The "special" court is a three-judge board made up of appointees from the Reagan-Bush administration, chosen for this secret duty by that obedient Roman, William Rehnquist. It overturned a lower-court ruling that curbed surveillance powers after documenting 75 cases of their abuse by federal agents in both the Clinton and Bush II administrations. However, Attorney General John Ashcroft -- whose agents will carry out most of the secret investigations -- said this week that the government will not "overstep its legal bounds" with the new, broader powers. And indeed, with a "silent" high court and a supine legislature willing to lend an air of legitimacy to any action of the ruling junta -- hijacking a presidential election, imprisoning citizens without charge, waging aggressive war -- no doubt Ashcroft is right. There are no longer any "legal bounds" to overstep.

Bush's dictatorial powers of arrest and imprisonment are only part of an unprecedented expansion of militarized state power into every aspect of American life, coupled with an unprecedented level of secrecy surrounding government activity. These changes are meant to be permanent -- and they are meant to remain under the control of the Bush Regime and like-minded successors. It is absurd to believe that Bush, Cheney and the rest of the junta are constructing this vast machinery of dominance only to risk turning it over to any political adversary who genuinely opposed empire, plutocracy and rule by a privileged elite.

It is equally absurd to believe that these new, unconstrained powers will not be abused. The very fact of their assertion is itself an abuse, a perversion of the freedoms that Bush has sworn -- falsely -- to uphold. They are a far greater threat to the foundations of American liberty than even the most horrendous attack by murderous criminals. No foreign terrorist can strip the entire American system of its basic freedoms -- the inviolability of the citizen, the right to due process, the constitutional separation of powers, the people's right to know what their government is doing in their name.

Only an American tyrant can do that. And he is doing it, day by day.

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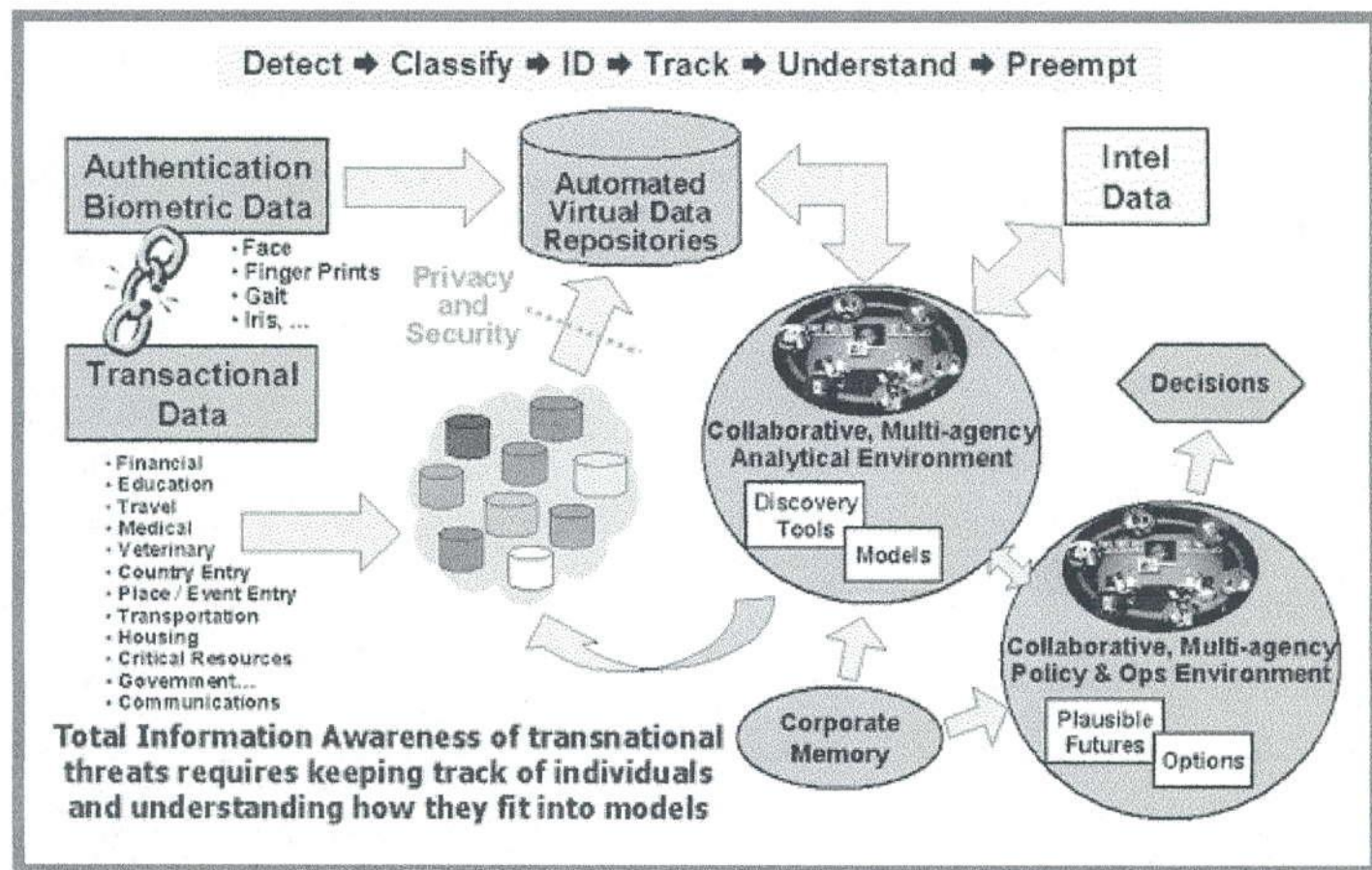
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Dearest/Leah
Please return

From Megan Mathews 27.9.2002

BURNING TIMES (song lyrics)

In the cool of the evening, they used to gather,
'Neath the stars in the meadow circling near an old oak tree.
At the times appointed by the seasons of the earth and the phases of the moon.
In the center, often stood a woman, equal with the others respected for her word.

One of the many they call the witches, the healers and the teachers of the wisdom of the Earth.
And the people grew in the knowledge she gave them,
Herbs to heal their bodies, smells to make their spirits whole.
Hear them chanting healing incantations, calling for the wise ones
Celebrating in dance and song.

Isis, Astarte, Diane, Hegati, Dimitra, Kali, Inarna

There were those who came to power, through domination.
They were bonded in their worship of a dead man on a cross.
They sought control of the common people
By demanding allegiance to the church of Rome.
And the Pope he commenced the inquisition, as war against the women whose powers they feared.
In this holocaust, in this age of evil, nine million European women they died.
And a tale is told of those who by the hundreds,
Holding hands together chose their deaths in the sea.
While chanting the praises of the Mother Goddess,
Their refusal of betrayal women were dying to be free.

Isis, Astarte, Diane, Hegati, Dimitra, Kali, Inarna

Now the Earth is a witch, and we still burn her.
Stripping her down with mining and the poison from our wars.
Still to us the Earth is a healer, a teacher and a mother.
The weaver of a web of light that keeps us all alive.
She gives us the vision to see through the chaos,
She gives us the courage, it is our will to survive!

Isis, Astarte, Diane, Hegati, Dimitra, Kali, Inarna

Peter Hamilton

From: "katherine ashley" <maritex@austarmetro.com.au>
To: "Peter Hamilton" <peterh@nor.com.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 30 October 2002 6:50 PM
Subject: Re: thank you

Many thanks Peter

Have been inundated with well wishers but I'm not really that excited over this one! Have been suffering with Hay fever and the extra dry makes it rather horrible when the wind blows too.

We have just returned from a trip sailing in the Whitsundays which was absolutely fantastic. Hopefully we will be able to do that again one day.

I have been working 5 hours x 5 days since April. The extra money has been lovely but the hours are long when I have to turn around when I come home and do the bookkeeping here and play mother. People think we have it good but as self employed persons, we work very long hours! No wonder we want to retire early!

Great to hear Leah has done so well (obviously or she wouldn't even be considered for Honours). She is a very conscientious. Give her our best wishes next time you see or speak to her.

Everyone here is relatively well, hayfever aside and a few minor ailments. Steph has taken up sculling down on the lake which involves 6am starts on Wednesday mornings before school. And 9am starts every Sunday too. She also plays indoor soccer on Friday nights...so our weekends are almost non-existent!

Tori has cooled off a bit from her karate but she is still going irregularly. She is in year 5 now and I think the hormones are kicking in and making her a bit confused. She claimed she didn't want a party this year as she was friends with all the groups and it was too difficult to have them all together (what a dilemma!). Apart from that she has just completed a national testing in school and has come well above average (as did her sister).

Len continues to be an electrician and has now employed a full-time guy. He is really great so it takes a lot of the pressure off him to cover day and night 7 days. It also means we can plan some more holidays rather than just once a year. The business seems to have stabilised but I don't know what will happen this financial year as we have taken Ben on. Do you believe it Len and Ben! His last employee was Lem! Luckily my new job has also taken the financial pressure off the business having to provide incomes for both of us.

Anyway we are off to see the Russian Ballet tonight Romeo and Juliet. A first for the girls. I thought as the music is so good and the costumes it would be a lovely experience.

Hope you are well and that your surrounds are still as fantastic as I imagine (to be living in Byron!). We contemplate moving out of this cold windy climate every year but we know it is a dream at least till the girls finish school....only 7 more years!

best wishes
 katherine

----- Original Message -----

From: Peter Hamilton
To: Katherine Ashley
Sent: Sunday, October 27, 2002 8:50 AM
Subject: Birthday Greetings

Dearest Katherine,

This is to wish you a **Very Happy Birthday** and that the coming year brings you all that your heart desires.

No doubt there will be a Birthday Cake and well wishing from the loved ones around you. I will be with you in spirit and drink to your achievements and best wishes for the year ahead. The "year ahead" certainly needs all possible love and care in the these troubled times!

I am part of a local group of concerned citizens in the Paterson Hill area. Today we are engaged in environmental repair work in connection with the recently formed Arakwal National Park.

With best wishes and love to the family.

Peter

P.S. Leah will complete her Degree course in a few weeks time and at this time is looking to do an additional year as Hounurs.

Dinosaurs in the trees

Bangalow amateur naturalist, part-time artist and part-time forest regenerator David McInnes-King will be signing copies of his book *Tree Dinosaurs - Araucaria* on Friday January 24, 10am-3pm in Byron Bay's 7@13 restaurant.

The self-published book follows years of research and world travel to view trees of the *Araucaria* genus which includes the Australian hoop pine and Wollemi pine.

The *Araucaraceae* dominated the world's forests millions of years ago and were prominent in the ancient forests of Gondwana.

Mr McInnes-King went to South American and Pacific countries to see living specimens of the genus. His self-published book is illustrated

with his own black and white artwork.

The unique and authorita-



tive book can be purchased for \$40 at the signing, at Noah's Ark bookstore in Lismore, or by mail order from David McInnes-King, 17 Keith Street, Bangalow 2479.

AE 24.1.03

Wacking the warmongers

■ John Howard what are you doing by inviting war to our country and angering our close neighbours and how far can you stick your head up America's arse?

It seems to me that even your words are choreographed by North America (not Canada of course, at least one member of their government thinks that George Bush Jr is 'a moron' - well done - exactly!). I really can't believe that this obviously uninformed, unintelligent creature (Georgie Bush), thinks he is the world's 'main man' - vomitous stuff really and an enormous embarrassment to any intelligent person.

Obviously Hussein is a vicious and disgusting bit of work but if we face it truthfully North America isn't worried about that, it's the oil reserves they're after and the heading they use to cover their greedy motives is 'weapons of mass destruction' over and over again. In fact, America has the most sophisticated 'weapons of mass destruction' in the world which leaves the rest of us pretty well at their mercy.

Howard is a simpering wimp (overly potty-trained I feel - don't think he left home till he was in his thirties but correct me if I'm wrong Johnny). Money, power and exploitation of the planet seem to be the main aims of his life (and his 'best' mate Bush's). These people are to be pitied for their shallow perceptions and vilified for the terrible damage they do to our societies, cultures and environment, and for that, at the very least, they deserve a bloody good slapping.

Hannah Grace
Mullumbimby

stuck in a 1950s time-war unable to adapt to a changing world.

I have watched with alarm as many of my fellow Australians (under his stewardship), have developed a mean-spirited, hard-hearted and intolerant attitude towards other people and other cultures different to our own.

I have watched with even greater concern as Howard and several of his bumbling ministers have wilfully allowed Australia to be sucked into the vortex of what is essentially America's conflict with the Arab world. A conflict which is predominantly to do with the control of oil - the life-blood of the US economy.

Our sons and our daughters, mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, friends and acquaintances are now at risk of being blown to bits without warning as a direct result of the foreign policy pursued by this government, under John Howard's leadership.

Sixty-five percent support for Howard according to a survey. The mind boggles. I for one do not support this awful prime minister or his woeful government, recently revealed to be the highest taxing government in the history of his country - in combination with the longest working hours of the modern era. This is the legacy bestowed upon us after almost seven years of rabid economic rationalism.

It is glaringly apparent to my eyes that Australia is in very great need of progressive and enlightened leadership if we are to have any hope of ever achieving a culturally rich, vibrant, intelligent and caring society, and

mit any of my taxes to fund the sending of young Australian men and women to fight America's oil war. Shame on you. Your obligation sir (and your duty), is to align this country with the accords set down by the United Nations - not the United States, who seem hell-bent on going to war regardless.

Let the Americans fight their own battle. The United States has a military capability of frightening proportions. She is more than capable of taking care of herself.

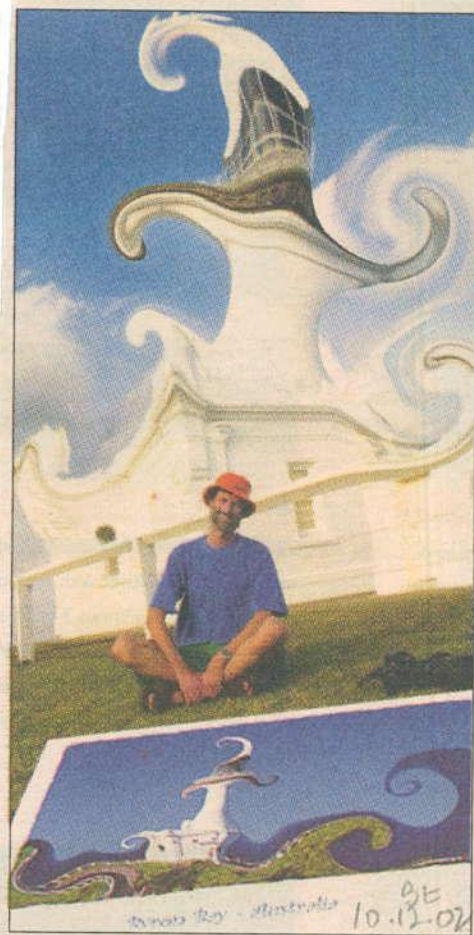
Were Australia to adopt a neutral position in line with a host of other countries, perhaps the bombers would cease to target Australians, Mr Howard.

Instead of beating the drums of war, prime minister, your time and energy would be better spent at home helping to improve the living standards and earning capabilities of the less fortunate in our society, in your own country - regardless of background, colour, creed or place of origin.

There is no valid reason for Australia to be involved in a war with Iraq. Just as there was no valid reason for Australia to be involved in Vietnam in the 1960s. Please do not allow yourself to be manipulated by the United States government over this very serious matter.

I would remind you sir, that you hold a temporary position of responsibility. The decisions you make, the actions you take, could have serious repercussions for Australia and her citizens for years to come.

Show some backbone, Mr Howard, and apply some wisdom. Do not allow the



His partner Kate Platt may be a fantastic interior designer but let's hope David Young sticks with photography and leaves exterior design to architects.

David apparently didn't need to twiddle too many pixels to produce his poster of the Shire's most easterly Tantra symbol, the Byron lighthouse.

Check David's web site <http://www.davidyoung.com.au>

What are we doing to our children? A five year old friend of ours didn't sleep that night after seeing the movie but he would never admit that he got was an obscure character and when I said that to my my sleep for a long time. She *Snow White* haunted me in As a child, the witch in around the world are watch ing the latest Harry Potter and it really makes me won A recently published sur-

Peter Hamilton

From: "Jan Barham" <jbarham@nor.com.au>
To: <ian.cohen@parliament.nsw.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 24 January 2003 9:43 PM
Attach: PETITION.doc
Subject: PETITION ABOUT THE WAR - to present to Byron Shire Council at the first Ordinary Meeting on the 4th February 2003 1pm - AND a collection of information / contacts/ events

hi all

attached is a petition to council, it states opposition to the war and the sending of troops and a call for peace and democracy.

I did this in response to a number of requests I have received from people in the last week about what they can do and what council can do.

Rather than a councillor putting forward a notice of motion, the petition presents the opportunity for the community to make its concern known to council.

I will table the petition at the first Ordinary Meeting on Tuesday the 4th of February and put forward a motion for a letter to be sent to local Federal member Larry Anthony and the Prime Minister, John Howard to inform them of the concerns of the residents and visitors to Byron Shire.

PLEASE PRINT, COPY AND DISTRIBUTE AND
 EITHER POST BACK TO ME, LEAVE AT COUNCIL OR CONTACT ME IF YOU WOULD LIKE ME TO PICK UP
 SIGNED PETITIONS as the originals need to be presented,
 THEY WILL NEED TO BE AT COUNCIL OR REACH ME BY MONDAY 3RD FOR PRESENTATION TO THE MEETING
 OF THE 4TH

Cr Jan Barham - contact no's - Home phone 66 853 891 Mobile 0407 296 137 or by email

DON'T FORGET AUSTRALIA DAY

'A different Australia Day' - BYRON SHIRE ECHO January 21 2003 page 2

Local filmmaker John Weily has called for everyone in Australia who is opposed to Bush's attack on Iraq to
gather at their local memorial at 5pm on Sunday 26 January - Australia Day.

'Our government has gone out of its way to convince us that we are powerless - that we have no say in the matter - but we don't have to accept that,' said Mr Weiley.

'A draft message should be agreed by each meeting and a delegation appointed to take the message to their local Federal member of Parliament. There should be a show of hands to move support for the message and the delegation. We don't plan to do any shouting or marching.'

Mr Weiley said this rally is not sponsored by any political party or organisation. For more information call 66 875544 or email jweiley@helio.com.au

Websites / info for peace / anti war

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[where] Sydney Town Hall Square [more...]
 [contact] Nick Everett 0409 762 081 Hannah Middleton 0418 668 098 Bruce
 Childs 9386 1240 nov20walk@yahoo.com.au
<http://www.palmsunday.socialchange.net.au>

To keep in touch with the peace movement join the Stop the War Coalition - send any email to StopTheWar_Announce-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

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A number of concerned Australians in the **entertainment industry** have put together an electronic petition at:

<http://www.onevoiceforpeace.org/main.cfm>

-----Amanda Tattersall
from the Labor Council of NSW is **coordinating a webpage with information on the various Anti-War local community groups**, including actions and events.

Amanda's email address is a.tattersall@labor.org.au Ph. 0408 057 779.

WOMEN IN BLACK Against War and Violence SILENT VIGIL

First Thursday every month 5.30pm to 6.30pm SYDNEY TOWN HALL

Invitation to all women to stand in vigil on the steps of Sydney Town Hall wearing the black clothing of bereavement, to mourn the dead and express our opposition to all forms of violence. Women in Black is an international network of women who share a common philosophy of opposition to militarism and violence.

<http://www.womeninblackoz.com>

10 THINGS YOU CAN DO TODAY IN RESPONSE

1. Distribute this email

. Send this email to friends, relatives, co-workers, and business contacts (where

appropriate). All Australians (even those living overseas) need to consider where they stand on this most important of issues. If someone gets this email more than once, please accept our apologies but we hope you agree that it is extremely important that this information gets to as many people as possible in the shortest possible time.

2. Write to, email or phone call John Howard and Simon Crean today

(or whenever you get this email) - our target: a million emails by Australia Day (this Sunday)

Prime Minister John Howard

Canberra Tel: (02) 6277 7700 Fax: (02) 6273 4100

Electorate Tel: (02) 9251 5454 Fax: (02) 9251 5711

Email: go to webpage http://www.pm.gov.au/your_feedback/feedback.htm

Simon Crean, Leader of the Opposition

Canberra Tel: (02) 6277 4022 Fax: (02) 6277 8495

Electorate Tel: (03) 9545 6299 Fax: (03) 9545 6211

Email: S.Crean.MP@aph.gov.au

You can write to both c/o Parliament House, Canberra, ACT 2600

3. ** WATCH "THE CASE AGAINST WAR" 8.30pm TUE JAN 21 on SBS**** if you missed this, contact SBS and request that they rescreen**

ALSO - surf the net and find out how wrong this war really is How many proud Australians realise that our "friend and ally" America, has already been dropping nuclear bombs on children in Iraq? We wish we were making this up, but check out the thousands of websites documenting the INDISPUTABLE FACTS.

<http://www.savewarchildren.org>

Educate yourself about Iraq and the US so you can discuss the issue with friends, family, and even strangers. Punch some appropriate terms into your search engine. We won't be able to stop this war if we can't convince people who don't agree with us to come over to our position. Websites that have good information include www.zmag.org, www.thenation.com, www.commondreams.org, www.alternet.org, www.pacificnews.org and www.endthewar.org.

See also: Global Exchange's Top Ten Reasons Why the US Should Not Invade Iraq, available online at www.globalexchange.org.

Still don't believe us? Wait there's more...

nomoreinnocentvictims-on@globalexchange.org.

<http://www.afsc.org/>

<http://www.medialens.org/> (follow links to Iraq)

http://www.medialens.org/articles_2002/jp_great_charade.html

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/talking_point/2553245.stm

Iraq, Sanctions and the War Against Terrorism - a CAFOD briefing available from
www.cafod.org.uk/policy
- phone 020 7733 7900

MEDACT, with new report on Collateral Damage: Health and Environmental costs of War on Iraq
www.medact.org
ph. 020 7272 2020

Oxford Research Group, excellent briefings on the so-called War on Terrorism
www.oxfordresearchgroup.org.uk
ph. 01865 242819

www.paxchristusa.org
- the website of Pax Christi USA

4. Write letters to local papers and ring talk back radio

Possible points to make include: the US has not presented an adequate justification for going to war; there are alternative means of helping the people of Iraq break the rule of Saddam Hussein (who the US installed in the first place); and an invasion of Iraq would violate international law. Keep it short and snappy, and address your name, address and phone number (or they won't publish it!):

5. Contact parliamentarians Details of local MPs and Senators for your State are available at:

House of Representatives: <http://www.aph.gov.au/house/members/index.htm>
Senators: <http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/senators/index.htm>

6. Tell Us How You Really Feel

TAKING PART IN AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS? PLEASE WEAR A WHITE ARMBAND TO SIGNIFY YOUR COMMITMENT TO PEACE. Some other things you can do THIS WEEK: Put a sign on your letterbox. Print out NO WAR ON IRAQ or I VOTE FOR PEACE on an A4 sheet of paper and stick it to your rear windscreen. Place a "No War on Iraq" banner in a prominent public place. Even if the banner is taken down within a few hours, people will see it while it's up, and they will realize that the silent majority opposes this war. You can hang banners from freeway overpasses and out the windows of buildings in built-up areas. It's easy to make a banner: just use paint or markers on a white sheet. Stand on a busy street with a sign saying "Honk If You Want to Stop The War" - people in the US are already getting heaps of support doing this.

White Armband = AUSTRALIANS FOR PEACE
Contact Justine (0416) 015 016

7. NETWORK, NETWORK AND NETWORK

a.. Find out what peace rallies, marches or gatherings are happening - many states have activities planned for FEB 16 (let's hope that's not too late!). Connect with the local peace group in your community. Help letterbox leaflets or put up posters for coming events organised by peace organisations in your area or city - bus stops, train stations, grocery stores, uni campuses, libraries, and churches, among other sites. For a sample flyer, go to <http://www.onevoiceforpeace.org/main.cfm>, or www.unitedforpeace.org, and you can also print a pre-made high quality window sign.

b.. Visit websites

<http://www.onevoiceforpeace.org/>

and its state links for Australian activities

or for international inspiration try <http://www.afsc.org/>

or one of the other anti-war websites listed earlier.

c.. Get your local sports club/community group to pass a resolution and write letters as well

d.. If you have a website, link it to some of the sites mentioned here

8. Call, fax and/or email George Bush or Tony Blair. Contact the White House at 202-456-1111 (tel) or 202-456-2461 (fax). George Bush, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington DC 20500 phone 001 202 456 6797 email president@whitehouse.gov

Tony Blair, 10 Downing Street, London SW1A 2AA phone 020 7270 3000 fax 020 7925 0918 (Apparently Tony Blair doesn't have email - now there's a guy in touch with his public!!!!!!!)

Koffi Annan: email ecu@un.org

9. Organize a weekly vigil against the war at a government building in the city, at the office of a politician who supports the war, or at another public place eg war memorial.

10. Call a press conference where local community leaders, religious leaders, returned servicepeople, politicians, and others can speak out against the war. Once you have some community leaders who are willing to speak out against the war, determine the time and location of the press conference, send a press release to local media outlets, and then follow up with a phone call to tell editors and reporters what you're doing.

"You can bomb the world into pieces but you can't bomb the world into peace!"

Peter Hamilton

From: "Chris Harris" <Chris_Harris@egive.org.au>
To: <Recipient list suppressed>
Cc: <info@egive.org.au>
Sent: Friday, 24 January 2003 2:45 PM
Attach: EGive_A4_Kit_whole.pdf
Subject: LAUNCH OF eGIVE SERVICE

LAUNCH OF eGive INTERNET PAYMENTS FACILITY FOR DIRECT DEBIT AND MONTHLY CREDIT CARD

The Earth Share Australia Foundation is pleased to announce the launch of its eGive internet portal.

eGive is aimed at small to medium non-profit organisations allowing them easy and cheap access to regular direct debit and credit card payment facilities for donations, memberships and e-commerce, as well as a range of data management tools.

www.egive.org.au

eGive currently provides the following **secure** facilities:

AVAILABLE NOW

- ◆ On-line **monthly Direct Debit** donation facility
- ◆ On-line **monthly Credit Card** donation facility
- ◆ On-line **"once-off"** Credit Card donation facility

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E-commerce facilities including:


- ◆ Monthly payments by Direct Debit and credit card for goods and services (including membership of your organisation)
- ◆ One-off payments by credit card

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Ez!Terminal on-line credit card payments facility on your computer

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To: "Alanna Hardman" <alanna@idx.com.au>
Cc: "Gareth Smith" <maxigar@koeee.com.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 23 April 2003 12:25 PM
Subject: Fw: It is amusing for the Mad Hatter to say

> Interesting retrospective view of the US-led invasion - sent by a
 > friend in the States.
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 > This is a piece by Peter Fruendlich heard on NPR.
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 > All right, let me see if I understand the logic of this correctly. We
 > are going to ignore the United Nations in order to make clear to
 > Saddam Hussein that the United Nations cannot be ignored. We're going
 > to wage war to preserve the UN's ability to avert war. The paramount
 > principle is that the UN's word must be taken seriously, and if we
 > have to subvert its word to guarantee that it is, then by gun, we
 > will. Peace is too important not to take up arms to defend it. Am I
 > getting this right?
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 > Further, if the only way to bring democracy to Iraq is to vitiate the
 > democracy of the Security Council, then we are honor bound to that
 > too, because demoncracy, as we define it, is too important to be
 > stopped by a little thing like democracy as they see it.
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 > Also, in dealing with a man who brooks no dissension at home, we
 > cannot afford dissension among ourselves. We must speak with one
 > voice against Saddam Hussein's failure to allow opposing voices to be
 > heard. We are sending our gathered might to the Persian Gulf to make
 > the point that might does not make right, as Saddam Hussein seems to
 > think it does. And we are twisting the arms of the opposition until
 > it agrees to let us oust a regime that twists the arms of the
 > opposition. We cannot leave in power a dictator who ignores his own
 > people. And if our people, and people elsewhere in the world, fail to
 > understand that, then we have no choice but to ignore them.
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 > Listen. Don't misunderstand. I think it is good that the members of
 > the Bush administration seem to have been reading Lewis Carroll. I
 > only wish someone had pointed out that "Alice in Wonderland"
 > and "Through the Looking Glass" are meditations on paradox and puzzle
 > and illogic and on the strangeness of things, not templates for
 > foreign policy. It is amusing for the Mad Hatter to say something
 > like, "We must make war on him because he is a threat to peace," but
 > not amusing for someone who commands an army to say that.

Hoot of a day at the races

The Scout went down to the **Byron Bay Day** races at Ballina on Saturday with a bus load of locals and had an absolute hoot. It's a day that deserves to become a regular on the Byron Bay social calendar and the Byron Bay Lions Club, which organised the day, is taking steps to ensure that it does. Anyone who thought of going - and didn't - missed out on a great day. And the good news for The Scout was he backed the winners of the last three races, most of which he blew on celebratory drinks at the Park Hotel on the way home. Mrs Scout, on the other hand, lost at the races, but made up for it on the pokies in the pub. The horse taketh and the pokies giveth back - until the next time.

The metropolitan media's love/hate affair with **Byron Bay** continues unabated. A couple of weeks ago, the Financial Review had a huge spread on the town focusing on real estate values and the illegal backpacker issue, then on Sunday, the Sun Herald ran a double-page spread with the headline, *'Desperately seeking the new Byron Bay'*. The intro to this piece read, *'A one-hour wait for a cup of coffee, sky-high property prices and main streets full to bursting - it's enough to put you off Byron Bay'*. Wonder what that will do for the image of the laid-back, cruisy resort town? Then on Monday the Sydney Morning Herald ran another big story regurgitating the Club Med saga and pinning it to the current owners' plans for the site. The Gold Coast Bulletin also was doing a big story on the Bay and The Australian apparently had something a couple of weeks ago. Who's going to be next?

From the 'if it ain't bolted down etc' category (See page 5), incident number 763: Some boofheads, it would seem, have pinched the **Gaggin Park sign** at Suffolk Park. All of which is pretty distressing for park supporters who spent 15 years working to get the sign. If you've got it, do the right thing and take it back to the park. Or even better, if you know who did, dob the low-life (lives) in.