



Annual Report of indigenous, ecological and anti-authoritarian resistance in the occupied territory known as New South Wales

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This project was initiated as a response to NSW police propaganda regarding their 150 year history, specifically their release of a NSW police history book titled 'True Blue' and their 2012 annual report (available on their website). The report celebrates their many 'accomplishments' this year, in particular their 'public engagement' events.

As there are already a number of decent books written on the history of resistance in this territory, we decided to put together a short compilation of anti police actions throughout 2012, that would mirror the style and format of the NSW police annual report.

The project later expanded to include any actions against authority and toward greater personal and collective liberty and all actions in defence of wild nature. It was decided to also include actions within the ACT as it sits inside the boundaries of the original colony.

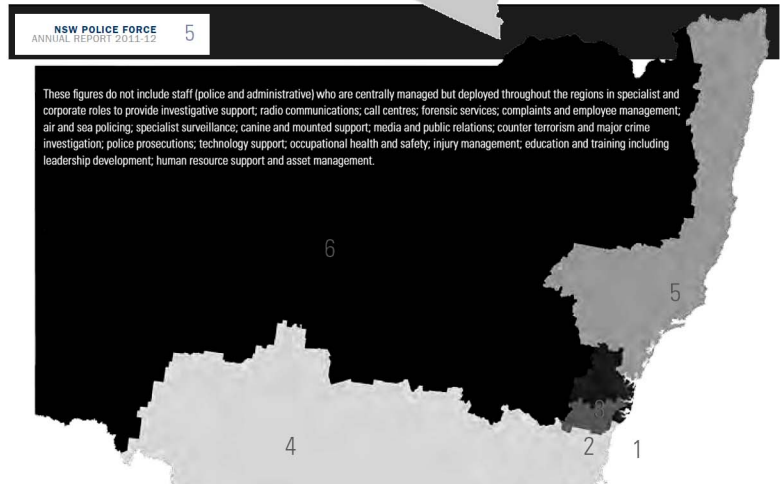
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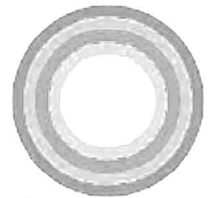


NSW POLICE REGIONS

Eighty local area commands (LACs) operate from 426 police stations delivering policing services to communities. Specialist commands complement the general duties operational capability, covering land, sea and air operations

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Night sky burns bright for officers in blue



time to dream.

Sydney's night sky will sparkle with blue fireworks this New Year's Eve to mark the 150th anniversary of the NSW Police Force.

As NSW Police Force officers work across the state to ensure a safe and enjoyable start to 2012, a Moment In Blue will honour their work to make our community safer.

The 60-second segment during the 9PM Family Fireworks will be choreographed to Australian R'n'B singer Jessica Mauboy's pop song, *Inescapable*.

Lord Mayor Clover Moore said police officers do a difficult job in an extremely stressful environment.

"Hundreds of police officers will be giving up valuable family time on New Year's Eve to make sure Sydney's celebrations go off smoothly, safely and without incident," the Lord Mayor said.

"Dealing with intoxicated people is particularly challenging, and I urge Sydneysiders to recognise and respect the crucial role police officers play – and behave appropriately."

During the Moment in Blue, the Sydney Harbour Bridge pylons will feature a projection of the 150th Anniversary of Policing logo.

NSW Police Assistant Commissioner Mark Murdoch thanked the City of Sydney and the Lord Mayor for supporting the 150th Anniversary of Policing.

"The men and women of the NSW Police Force have been proudly serving the community for a century and a half and have played an important role in the development of our state," Mr Murdoch said.

"The blue fireworks are a symbolic gesture to our officers who continue to work tirelessly to ensure that NYE festivities are safe and enjoyable for all."

The NSW Police Force was established in March, 1862, when independent police units across the State amalgamated. Today the NSW Police Force has more than 15,600 sworn officers and almost 4000 civilian staff.

The 150th Anniversary of Policing will be officially launched on March 1, 2012, with the NSW Police Force banner paraded across Sydney Harbour by the NSW Police Force Marine Area Command to the historic The Rocks.

A *Sea of Blue* group of marching officers will then carry the banner along George Street to Sydney Town Hall.

Sydneysiders can attend other events throughout the year:

- NSW Police Force Expo at Darling Harbour in April;
- An historic policing exhibition at the Justice and Police Museum; and
- The launch of a book, *True Blue ... 150 Years of Service and Sacrifice*, by Patrick Lindsay, which will trace the history of the force.

New Year's Eve is a Time to Dream. From the young to the old, from the moonstruck to the love-struck, every New Year's Eve midnight is a blank canvas for us all. What do you dream for 2012?

Time to dream of freedom



On New Years Eve while the city streets were packed with drunken revellers and riot cops, a group of anarchists dropped 18 banners from five empty buildings in the centre of Sydney. Sound-systems were set up in two of the buildings with an anti-police hip hop/punk/dubstep mix which blasted out onto the streets. Anarchist slogans and symbols were sprayed on the windows in the buildings and on buses and banks in the streets below.

A 7 story office building on Clarence St was chosen in solidarity with arrested comrades in the Occupy Sydney movement. They recently squatted and heavily barricaded the space over a week in an attempting to build a free social centre. On November 8 they were evicted by over a hundred riot pigs and 6 comrades received charges ranging from trespass to assault police.

Once inside the building we set up a soundsystem and dropped 4 banners reading::



"VISUALISE INDUSTRIAL COLLAPSE"
"PROPERTY IS THEFT",
"DON'T FUCK WITH US"
"FIGHT BACK"

These messages were dropped to express our contempt for property rights, industrial agriculture and mining, the material basis of capitalism. We also wished to send a warning to the pigs who would repress us, that we are everywhere, we are angry and we aren't going away.



We then scaled a building within an ANZ financed construction site and dropped 2 banners reading:

"NO JOBS ON A DEAD PLANET"
"CAN'T EAT COAL, CAN'T DRINK GAS".

ANZ is one of Australia's largest banks and a financier of numerous mining projects which pollute and destroy the native life and wilderness we love.



We then broke into the long abandoned Australian Workers Union building, which sits directly across from the Greek consulate. From it we left a banner in Greek which translates as:

"FREEDOM TO OUR COMRADES IN PRISON" & another reading "FREE JOCK PALFREEMAN".

Jock is an anarchist and antifascist from Sydney, now serving a 20 year prison sentence in Bulgaria for defending two young Roma from a gang of nationalist hooligans. The Greek state is currently holding over 50 anarchist fighters hostage in its dungeons.



An empty 18 story office building was then breached. From it we activated our second sound system and hung 7 banners. Three were hung from the facade in solidarity with the indigenous resistance to colonisation from 1788 to now. They read:

"DECOLONISE SYDNEY" &
"SOVEREIGNTY NEVER CEDED"

We seek the complete destruction of this colonial state, which has systematically murdered, incarcerated and dispossessed the aboriginal people of this land for past 224 years.

Another 2 banners were hung in solidarity with the struggle of all refugees, reading:
"NO BORDERS NO NATIONS" &
"NO ONE IS ILLEGAL"



We desire a world free of passports, visas, detention centers and every state mechanism that restricts the free movement of people.

Another 2 large banners were hung from the rear of the building reading :

"NO WAR BUT CLASS WAR" &
"NO SILENCE ABOUT PATRIARCHAL VIOLENCE"

We demand the complete destruction of all patriarchal norms, standing armies and capitalist social relations. We want women's militias, burning banks and libertarian communes.

We also entered the massive 'Griffiths Teas' building, owned by Isaac and Susan Wakil, property magnate directors of Citilease Property Group. These super rich scumbags are sitting on a bunch of empty buildings, all ripe for the taking. The building's located directly between the Australian Federal Police HQ and the Surrey Hills Sydney Police Centre. From it we hung 2 massive banners reading:

"2012 A NEW YEAR'S
REVOLUTION: DESTROY
CAPITAL BEFORE IT DESTROYS
US ALL" &
"ALL COPS ARE FUCKIN'
BASTARDS, ACAB "



Each of the 5 buildings were barricaded on the way out and many of the banners remained hanging three days later. We dedicate this small action to Jock Palfreeman and all anarchist prisoners around the world. We hope this greeting may reach you. You've not been forgotten inside the dungeons of capitalist democracy.

THE PRISONS WILL BURN
SEE YOU AT THE BARRICADES



Police attacked while breaking up unruly NYE Party in northwest NSW

Police were called to Mehi Crescent, Moree at 2.50am and arrived to find about 100 people on the road. Officers with police dogs intervened to disperse the crowd and used tasers on two men who were not cooperating.

It is alleged the crowd then turned on police and pelted them with bottles and rocks.

One officer was hit in the head with a rock and taken to Moree Hospital for treatment.

Another constable sustained minor injuries after being hit on the side of the head with a beer bottle.

The crowd eventually dispersed with two men aged 18 and 65 and a woman aged 44 arrested at the scene.

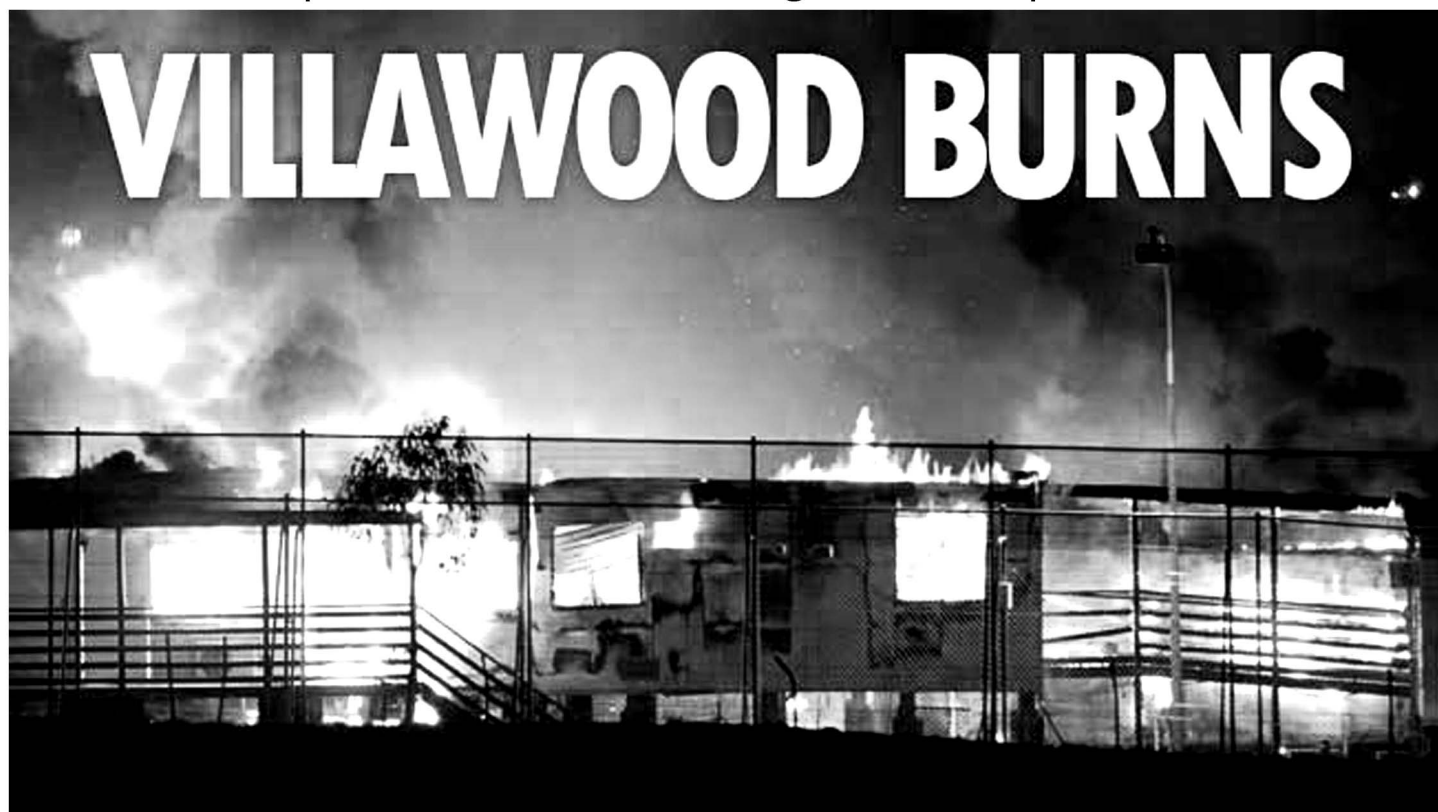
New year's eve solidarity demo at Villawood detention centre

At midnight, as 2011 became 2012, a group of anarchists held a small noise demo outside Villawood Immigration Detention Centre with fireworks, drums, chants and a banner reading 'NO ONE A HOSTAGE IN THE HANDS OF THE STATE - FIRE TO THE PRISONS'. People inside heard us and answered by waving and shouting 'freedom.' Being able to communicate with people across these borders meant that, even though it was a small gesture, for us it was a beautiful way to start this new year.

We made this demo to show our solidarity with people locked up, who resisted their imprisonment by tearing apart their cages from Christmas Island to Villawood in 2011. It was another year in Australia in which nationalist fervour about border protection meant hundreds of deaths, many people deported and thousands of people locked in immigration detention.

We also went to Villawood as part of the spreading worldwide tradition of new year's eve prison demos, in solidarity with everyone resisting inside and outside all cages.

The passion for freedom is stronger than their prisons.



Seven more charged over April 2011 Villawood riots

January 13: Seven men charged with rioting at Sydney's Villawood Detention Centre have been refused bail.

Nine buildings were destroyed by fire during the violent protests last April.

The detainees faced Central Local Court on January 13 after being charged overnight.

They did not apply for bail and it was formally refused.

A total of 16 men have been charged over the riots.

Governor General and Prime Minister's houses paintbombed

January 22: The Sydney residences of the Prime Minister and Governor-General have been damaged with paint bombs during a drive-by attack. Details of the attack last Sunday morning have been kept quiet by the Australian Federal Police and were only released by NSW Police today. Closed-circuit TV footage shows a car stopping out the front of Admiralty House and then Kirribilli House.

A person is then seen to throw five separate "projectiles" out of the window. Police said they appeared to be containers filled with white paint.

The vehicle then drives away without anyone getting out of the vehicle.

Both incidents happened at about 4.05am on Sunday morning.

"The incidents is being investigated by the Australian Federal Police protection unit," a NSW Police spokesman said.

"They have shown us the CCTV footage but they are investigating the crime."

Neither Governor-General Quentin Bryce nor Prime Minister Julia Gillard were in residence at the time.

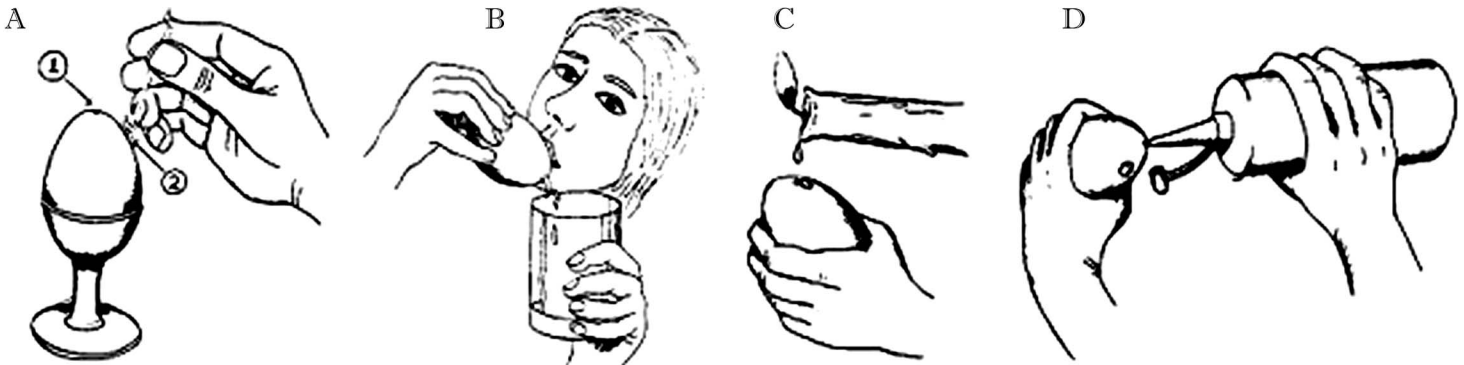
Police said the substance stained the driveway, security gate, gate pillars and roadways at Kirribilli House and Admiralty House.

PAINT BOMBS: 1. lightbulbs filled with paint

First, put on your cloth gloves. This will keep your fingertips (and the paint bombs) clean. You should work on a soft surface (like a folded towel) to protect your bulb.

1. First, use needle-nose pliers to cut off the metal fitting. You can either cut two vertical slits in the fitting and wiggle it off, or simply cut around the entire thing.
2. Next, remove the glass tube and filament from inside the bulb. If they haven't already broken in the process of cutting off the fitting, try gently poking them from the bottom with a screwdriver.
3. Fill the bulb with paint (use a funnel or dish soap bottle and add some water if the paint is thick), seal the hole with paper, clay, or similar, and seal with electrical tape or melted wax. Mixing indoor and outdoor paint makes it much more difficult to remove.
4. Wipe down the bulb with rubbing alcohol to remove any prints.

2. eggshells filled with paint



Take one raw egg. With a needle drill a hole in the top of the egg, gently breaking away about 1/2 sq. cm of shell (A,1). Insert the needle and stir up the yolk and white. Poke another hole in the same end of the egg, about 3 cm from the first hole (A,2).

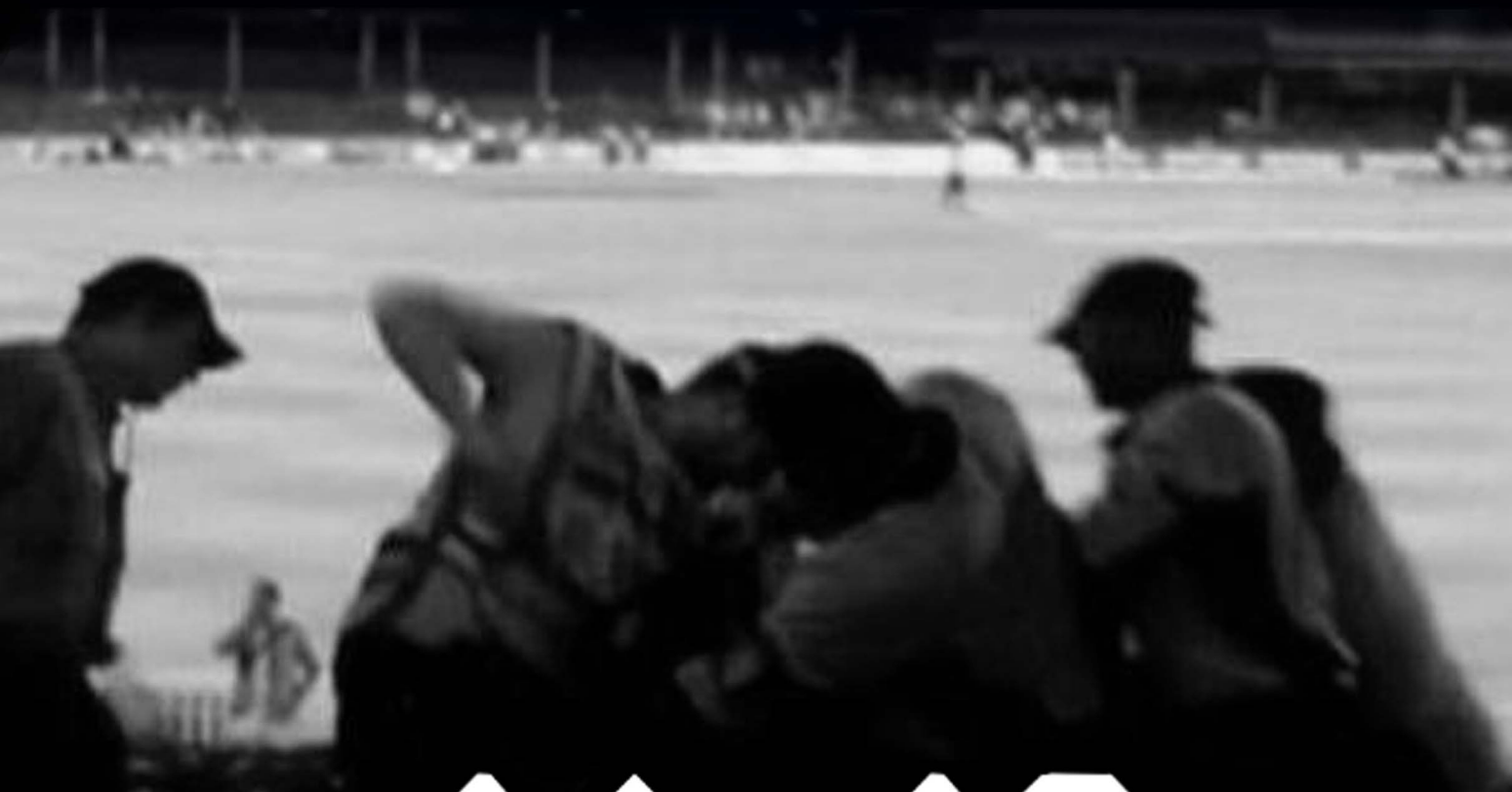
Blow through the second hole so that the yolk and white come out the first hole (B). Have an omelette! Make up a mixture of 50% black, red, yellow, blue or fluorescent green oil-based paint and 50% thinner (eg. turps, petrol, kerosene). Alternatively, make up a solution of colour-fast dye, mixing it with a thickener such as cornflour over heat until you get a gravy-type consistency. Pour this mixture into a thin-nozzled, screw-top bottle. Seal the second hole of the egg with a pasty mixture of flour and water or candle wax (C). Pour in the paint/ dye solution through the first hole (D) and seal it also. You now have a perfect-sized, semi-biodegradable missile. We've found these little beauties very effective.



LIKE FATHER LIKE SON



ALL COPS ARE BASTARDS



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Aboriginal Tent Embassy 40th Anniversary



Jan 26: Hundreds of people from across Australia have converged on Canberra this week to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy, which was started on the 26th of January 1972 as a response to the McMahon government's refusal to acknowledge land rights.



The celebrations began in the morning of the 26th as an estimated 2000 people marched through the capital. The march was led by hundreds of aboriginal activists chanting slogans such as: "Who owns the land? We do!"



At the embassy, speakers then addressed the crowd in front of a banner saying "Aboriginal Control of Aboriginal Affairs - Not Quarantine Racism, Not Welfare".

Activists said they are holding a number of separate men's and women's "talking circles" to thrash out demands. They plan to produce a document to present to the Gillard government.



In the early afternoon, people at the embassy saw a TV interview given by the opposition leader Tony Abbott that morning, telling aboriginal people that 'its time to move on.'

Activist then got word that Abbott and Julia Gillard were in a restaurant just down the road for an 'Australia Day' awards ceremony.

About 200 protesters marched down the road and surrounded the Lobby restaurant. Dozens of police were called in as protesters banged on the glass walls of the restaurant shouting "racist" and "shame" .



Australian Federal Police charged at protesters, then hustled both leaders to the Prime Minister's car, with Ms Gillard stumbling and losing a shoe as she was dragged by her security.



During the scuffles, a protester captured the PM's abandoned left shoe, held it above her head and cried "Gingerella come get your shoe"



Paul Coe, a life long aboriginal activist told reporters he was shocked by the behaviour of police. "We are appalled at the brutal behaviour that the police and the Australian security service handed out to the Prime Minister of Australia that forced her to lose her shoe," he said. He said the group would return the shoe to her as a gesture of friendship and in the spirit of cooperation.

"We hope she will turn up here tomorrow to accept it in the same spirit," he said. "We are not a nation of thieves," he added.

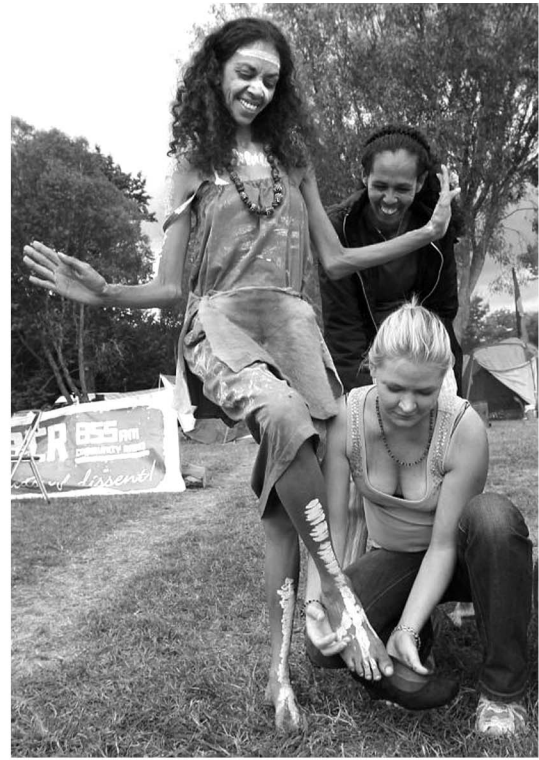


Activist Pat Eatock though ruled out a return to its owner. "She can't have it, this is going on eBay," Ms Eatock said. "We are going to see if we can get some money for the Embassy."

Later the Tent Embassy webpage was updated with the following statement:

"Announcement: Stolen shoe apology. A very formal hand back ceremony due to the great importance, will be held to return the stolen shoe in return for the stolen land.

Julia will be eligible to make a shoe title claim which will take approximately 20 years or more before this is seriously considered. This will be dependent on Julia being able to show continuous connection with the shoe. This may be difficult to prove as she will not have had the shoe for 20 years. Julia will also have to provide evidence she is a full-blooded shoe owner."



The next Gillard later gave a press conference saying that she was fine, thanked police and attacked the protesters. "What I utterly condemn is when protests turn violent, the way we saw the violence yesterday, and particularly disrupting an event which was to honour some extraordinary Australians, did leave me very angry."

Mr Abbott praised the Prime Minister and her security team for getting them both out of a "difficult situation". He defended his comments, and characterised the protest as an outburst of anger against both leaders. "I think it was just fortuitous that we were both there and therefore there could be, if you like, bipartisan anger."

Speaking to journalists, Tent embassy activist Mark countered that "He made the comments in an inciteful and smug manner in Sydney and then flies several hundred kilometres to come down and sit 100 metres from us," he said. He also countered that "The only violence you can see came from the police, so don't say it was a violent protest, it was a violent reaction to the protest," he said.



Tent Embassy protesters march on Parliament



January 27: The day after indigenous activists clashed with police a crowd of more than 400 protesters marched from the tent embassy to Parliament House

On the way the demonstrators blocked Commonwealth Avenue, one of the city's main thoroughfares, and then stormed the front veranda of Parliament House at about 2.30pm. Despite a heavy police presence, including a number of police dogs, authorities were unable to hold an initial cordon at the edge of Parliament's forecourt and were forced to retreat in the face of overwhelming numbers.

The crowd was eventually blocked from entering the Parliament by a 60-strong human wall of special response and armed police. The demonstrators gathered outside the front door, some chanting "We want Gingerella" and demanding that Prime Minister Julia Gillard come out and take her shoe.

After a traditional Aboriginal smoking ceremony and dance, protester Wayne "Coco" Warren announced that the Australian flag flying on the top of the building had allowed white people "to rape murder and destroy our people for 224 years, and we're gonna burn it".



An Australian flag was then set alight at the front door of Parliament House while the crowd chanted: "Always was, always will be Aboriginal land".



Children were among those who burnt the flag, including a 15 year old girl, who spoke to reporters. "Yeah I'm angry, I'm heaps angry with the flag and the Government." "It's so important to me because under that flag my grandparents, my aunties, my uncles they were all murdered, raped, sexually abused and everything," she said. "I've always wanted to burn it" "I don't want my kids to grow up and not have parents. I don't want my kids to be taken away from me when I'm older," she said.



Indigenous activist Michael Anderson, who was among the four original founding members of the tent embassy was unrepentant over the protest, telling a rowdy crowd at the tent embassy that Thursday was "an absolutely wonderful day".

He also countered Abotts claims of the great progress aboriginal people have made, saying that the cause of indigenous rights had regressed in the 40 years since the protest started.

"This year you are not just going to hear about land rights, about better living standards, there are going to be year-long protests over Aboriginal sovereignty. You can do what you like with your constitution, it doesn't matter to us. It isn't our constitution.

A spokesman for the Australian Federal Police says an investigation is underway after Thursday's protest and they have not ruled out laying charges. "I imagine we'll be looking in the public order offence domain and common assault and those sorts of charges," Assistant Commissioner Michael Outram said. "Clearly the behaviour of a number of demonstrators was threatening and aggressive and there were a lot of numbers of demonstrators."



Banners dropped in solidarity with the Aboriginal struggle

In the early hours of the 28th of January some anarchists dropped 3 banners in the centre of Canberra Civic. The banners were dropped as an autonomous action in solidarity with the Aboriginal Tent Embassy's 40 years of struggle.

One was a promotional "AUSTRALIA DAY" banner we'd stolen a few days earlier then modified it to read:

INVASION DAY. SOVEREIGNTY NEVER CEDED

Another two were hung from a large empty building on London CCt directly opposite the Department of Public Prosecutions and the Australian Federal Police headquarters which read:

"224 YEARS OF OCCUPATION, 224 YEARS OF RESISTANCE" &

"STOLEN LAND".

These small actions follow on the heels of world-wide publicity of tent embassy protests, after indigenous activists frightened the police and security teams of the state's two major political leaders into a humiliating 'escape' from an Australia Day function beside the aptly named 'Pork Barrel Cafe.'

The Prime Ministers police escort assaulted numerous angry though entirely nonviolent Embassy activists, who hilariously captured the Prime Ministers left shoe in the melee.

What followed was a concerted defamation campaign waged against the embassy by corporate media and politicians from across the spectrum.

Embassy activists responded on the 27th by marching on the Parliament House and burning the colonial flag at the feet of a line of shaking riot police .

We made this action in solidarity with all principled indigenous activists, those not afraid of political or media censure in their struggle for land rights and sovereignty. We are against this colonial state, its laws and its politicians, including the establishment 'Aboriginal leaders' such as Warren Mundine and Mick Gooda who yesterday condemned the Tent Embassy to corporate journalists amid calls for protesters to be charged.

Embassy protests have been demanding autonomy for aboriginal communities, recognition of first nation sovereignty, an end to the outrageous rates of incarceration of Indigenous people and an end to the ongoing repression of traditional culture through 224 years of colonial policies, such as the NT intervention.

ABORIGINAL CONTROL OVER
ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS
FUCK AUSTRALIA DAY
FUCK AUSSIE PRIDE



Police & protesters clash as figs come down

January 31: Work is underway to remove Newcastle's iconic Laman Street fig trees, with workers and machinery moving in early this morning catching protesters off guard.

Under the cover of darkness chainsaws and a large crane were brought in to Laman Street.

Only around 20 protesters were on hand, but they reacted angrily as the first chainsaw started up just before six o'clock, charging an outer perimeter security fence, breaking it down overwhelming police and security workers.

Large branches in front of the library have been brought down and being put through a chipping machine.

Public order and riot squad officers from Sydney are among the 60 police on the ground in Laman Street to ensure the safety of workers.

Newcastle Local Area Commander, Acting Inspector Trevor Shiels is urging protesters not to take their anger out on police.

"It's not a police issue, it's a matter that should be pursued in an appropriate and civil manner by the protesters," he said.

They're certainly welcome to protest as is their right and to do so in a non-confrontational way is in the benefit of everyone."

John Tate, one of those protesting the removal of the figs and says council management waited until the start of the new school year to resume the removal of the trees.

"Undercover of darkness the police have moved, vehicles have moved in and workers have moved in," he said.

"This is the commencement of the devastation of these trees, which is pretty sad.



Syrian embassy attacked



February 06: Australian Federal Police are investigating a violent attack on the Syrian embassy in Canberra in which 40 men forced their way into the premises, causing "extensive damage" by smashing windows and the front doors, destroying furniture, wall hangings, and stealing documents.

The incident, at 9.30pm on Saturday, coincided with multiple attacks targeting six other Syrian embassies in Europe and the Middle East, apparently in response to the reported killing of more of than 260 people by Syrian forces in the city of Homs.



Protesters clash with police at Syrian embassy protest in London



Syrian embassy in Cairo looted and burnt

Embassy charge d'affaires Jawdat Ali has labelled the attacks "a terrorising action, a brutal action, a barbarian action"

"I am expecting that the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Australian government, responds seriously to this issue," Mr Ali said.

"This act isn't just against the Syrian government, it is against the Australian government, it is against Australian law, against international law too."

It is the second recent attack on diplomatic premises in O'Malley. Last year, police stood by while Arab students entered the Libyan embassy and removed pictures of dictator Muammar Gaddafi, which were smashed on the road outside.



Last night, Foreign Minister Kevin Rudd issued a statement condemning the embassy attack, saying "such behaviour has no place in Australia".

"The government is fully mindful of its obligations under the Vienna Convention and the proper protection of diplomatic consular personnel and property," Mr Rudd said.

A crime scene was established on Saturday night and streets were cordoned off while forensics, specialist response and security and criminal investigations officers examined the site.

An AFP spokesman said police were interviewing witnesses and reviewing CCTV recordings of the attack and ransacking of the embassy's ground-floor offices. Three embassy staff fled into a basement and were unhurt.



Groups gather and chant in huge demonstrations against Assad in Baba Amro, near Homs, Feb 5

Feb 15: Solidarity means attack

On Wednesday the 15th of February participants of the Occupy Sydney movement staged a demonstration in solidarity with the Greek revolt. Over the past week, Greece has been rocked by a General strike, the mobilisation of 500,000 people and massive rioting in the streets of Athens and other Greek cities, At approximately 12.30pm, while the city streets were full of tourists, shoppers and many office workers on lunch, a black bloc carrying an "Occupy Sydney" banner marched from the Martin Place occupy site down Castlereagh Street to the Greek consulate chanting "A FATE WORSE THAN DEATH FUCK THE IMF". The comrades made speeches declaring solidarity with the popular revolt across Greece then left two objects in the doorway of the consulate and quickly dispersed. One object was a large fake Molotov made out of an empty petrol tin with red cellophane coming out the top, the other was an empty, black foam box labelled "PANDORA'S BOX: DO NOT OPEN" with the titles of various financial institutions: "IMF, European Central Bank" etc, labelled along the sides.



By 1pm the area around the consulate was swarming with cops and the entire consulate and all staff of the Beirut Hellenic Bank evacuated by police.

10 minutes later a large police contingent made of uniformed and plain clothed police raided the Occupy Sydney site and corralled, assaulted and arrested 6 comrades outside the West-pack Bank on Castlereagh, and confiscated a number of cameras.



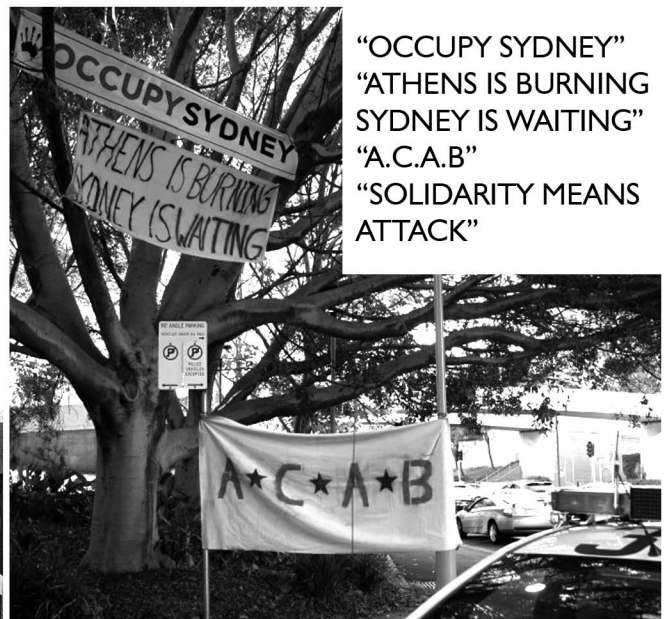
According to the police report:

"As a result of the actions of the group, NSW Police deployed personnel to conduct the following investigations:

- 1 Search and evacuation of 219-223 Castlereagh Street, Sydney
2. Crime Scene Guard for the items placed in the foyer at 219-223 Castlereagh Street, Sydney
3. Restriction of pedestrian and vehicular access on Castlereagh Street between Liverpool Street and Bathurst Street, Sydney
4. Specialist Police deployed from the Protections Operations Unit, Anti Terrorism and Security Group, State Crime Command
5. A detachment from the Australian Federal Police
6. A number of Police utilised in order to stop, arrest and caution the six persons
7. A team of 8 Detectives to investigate the matters comprising of statements, CCTV review and monitoring interviews"

Within minutes of the arrests, anarchists called for a solidarity noise demo, and a crowd soon gathered outside the City Central Police Station where the 6 occupiers were being held hostage. Banners were immediately tied to trees and poles directly opposite the front door of the Police Station, and visible to all traffic from the busy Day Street.

The Banners read:



"OCCUPY SYDNEY"
"ATHENS IS BURNING
SYDNEY IS WAITING"
"A.C.A.B"
"SOLIDARITY MEANS
ATTACK"



Large Drums were also improvised and a beautiful racket filled the area all around the station. Many people stopped to watch and take photos, some congratulated us, and others danced to the drums. Many cars also honked their horns, some drivers shouting “good on ya” and giving a thumbs up or waving a fist from their windows as they passed by. Many police watched from inside the station and some came out to read the banners and scowl at us before retreating back to their hole.

Throughout the long demo, police made repeated attempts to disperse the crowd and stop the drumming, officers occasionally came out of the police station shoving and abusing comrades, but the crowd remained, continued drumming and defended the banners over a period of 9 hours. One enraged policeman even told the crowd that the drumming was intimidating police, and witnesses inside the station had been too overwhelmed by the noise to give statements, as if that would encourage us to stop.



At about 11pm police suddenly and very quickly mobilised a line of officers in front of the crowd and made an announcement that the demonstration was illegal and everyone must disperse immediately or face arrest, at this time a line of police had moved around the block and formed a line behind the demonstrators. The front line of police immediately moved on two comrades carrying the “NO JUSTICE NO PEACE FUCK THE POLICE” banner. Both ran with the banner, evading the police cordon by running through the traffic on Day st. The comrades then reopened the banner on the other side of the road but were forced to flee as a number of police then pursued them across the street. They abandoned the banner and ran into an underground car park where one comrade was cornered and arrested. The other temporarily evaded the pigs, before being arrested 15 minutes later while attempting to flee through a fire escape. One other comrade also broke through the cordon and evaded a number of police in pursuit by passing through a building and locking them inside. The rest of the demonstrators were gradually released from the kettle with warnings they were banned from the area for 24 hours or face immediate arrest. One was then arrested after they refused orders to leave the area and cease drumming.

The “A.C.A.B” banner was the only one saved during the raid, the rest were cut down by police and taken as “evidence”. Once released from the kettle, comrades promptly hung the banner from a pedestrian footbridge, directly visible from the front entrance to City Central Police station.

Inside the cells, all comrades maintained an antagonistic attitude, banging on the cell doors and repeatedly chanting anti-police slogans alongside some teenagers accused of shoplifting. One comrade was also repeatedly slammed into a wall while handcuffed, receiving minor but bleeding wounds on their forehead and shoulder.

Drumming and celebrations continued across the road until all 9 arrestees had been released to loud cheers, hugs, anti-police chants and beers. The last comrade was released at 1.30 am, after being held for 12 hours. In all only 2 comrades were charged with “false representation resulting in a police investigation”*. Others were threatened with various charges, one comrade with as many as 6 that supposedly “may be laid pending further investigations”.

The 2 who were charged received extremely restrictive bail conditions, including reporting to the police 3 times a week, a ban on all contact with each other until the trial, and a ban from entering the centre of the CBD.

At around 2am all comrades walked away in a celebratory mood, still drumming and chanting anti police slogans, with the “A.C.A.B” banner left hanging on the bridge.



Unfortunately all cameras and memory cards holding photographs and video of the black bloc march and demonstration outside the consulate were taken by police and are being held as evidence.

In the 24 hours since the comrades were released, police have raided the Occupy Sydney site on 3 separate occasions, confiscating all furniture, sleeping bags, food, tables and propaganda, leaving nothing behind. Occupiers are currently rebuilding the site.

**SOLIDARITY WITH THE GREEK REBELS
FIRE TO ALL PRISONS!
A.C.A.B.**

*Charges against both comrades have since been dismissed

FREE ALL
PRISONERS
BURN ALL
PRISONS

SMASH
CCTV

Ⓐ KILL
COPS

In the early hours of the 19th of February, anti police, anti prison and anti surveillance slogans were sprayed through Tempe, Marrickville, Sydenham and St Peters. We also sprayed over the screens of 5 CCTV camera and smashed 3 using a hammer.

We're sick of walking through this city under the patrolling eyes of the pigs and under constant surveillance by cameras, commodities built and maintained for the protection of commodity society. We will not submit ourselves to the banal indignity of wage work, nor will we sit idle while over 20,000 sleep in the dungeons of NSW corrections. These acts are just a small expression of our rage against this sick society and we will continue to strike against it until the last cop shop has been destroyed and the last prisoner freed.

NO PRISON NO STATE

WEAR A MASK



Graffiti attack on MP's office

February 23: Baulkham Hills MP David Elliott released a statement threatening to 'name and shame' graffiti artists in Parliament after his electorate office was vandalised for the third time in the 11 months since his election to Parliament.

Mr Elliott, a Liberal, said it was now necessary to use taxpayers' money to fund CCTV cameras outside his office to reinforce his view that "vandalism costs everyone".

Elliot was a vocal supporter of last year's legislation which sought to heavily fine and penalise graffiti vandals and said there needed to be strong laws to combat the "community scourge".

"I will be making representations to the attorney-general seeking mandatory community service for offending and also ask that the government makes it mandatory for people to show their driver's licence in order to purchase spray paint," Mr Elliott said.

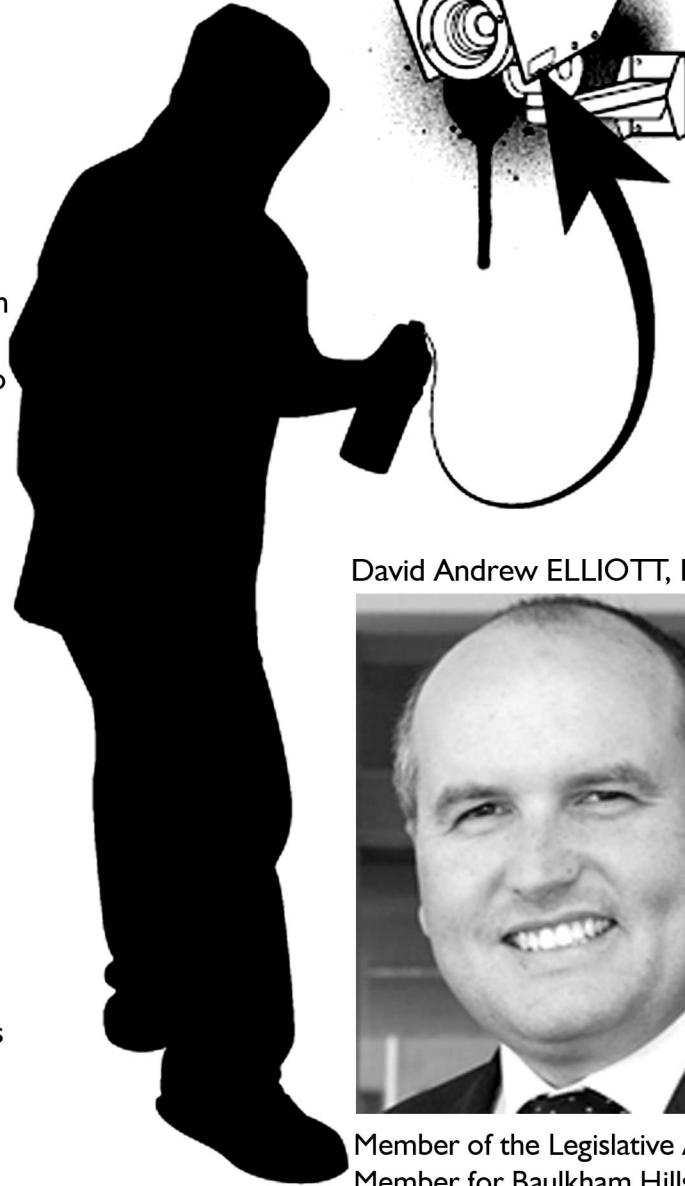
Mr Elliott said he had been advised by police that acts of malicious damage had risen in the past 12 months and asked residents to report acts of graffiti to the police so they could link offences by monitoring individual tags.

He also said that said residents can receive monetary rewards from the council or Crime Stoppers if they report a graffiti vandal to the police which results in a conviction

He has said previously he would discuss with the police minister and attorney-general mandatory jail sentences, lifelong bans on driving and heavy punitive fines for graffiti vandals.

"I am putting graffiti artists on notice that if I find any individual convicted of graffiti offences in my electorate, I will name and shame them in Parliament and publicly humiliate them," he said.

FUCK THE LAW!!!



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KILL ALL POLITICIANS.



Anarchist intervention against 150 year celebration march of the NSW Police Force

At around 10am on March 1st, shortly before the police began their official 'Sea of Blue' anniversary march from the Rocks to the Sydney Town Hall, a group of anarchists dropped a banner reading "PIG BRUVA IS WATCHING, COMMUNITY NOT SURVEILLANCE CULTURE" from the Cahill Expressway bridge. The banner was hung directly above the George St march route while 750 pigs were gathered only two blocks away at the Rocks Police station.

Once the police began their procession, we simultaneously began our own unpermitted march down Pitt St, carrying a banner reading "NO JUSTICE NO PEACE, OCCUPY EVERYTHING" and chanting "COPS PIGS MURDERERS" and "NO JUSTICE NO PEACE, FUCK THE POLICE!"

We continued down Pitt St, directly parallel to the marching pigs, before taking a sudden right onto Hunter St to avoid a police road-block, then continued up Castlereagh for another kilometre before quickly dispersing at the intersection of Park St and Castlereagh, where a large number of pigs had gathered. Along the march we received both cheers of support as well as looks of bewilderment from many passersby. We made this small action in solidarity with all victims of police brutality and incarceration, to express our disgust and opposition to the NSW Police and all militarised forces of capitalist law and order.

Since invasion the primary role of police forces, from the Royal Navy Marines, to the Military Mounted Police to the NSW Police Force has been the dispossession, murder, and incarceration of the indigenous peoples of this land and the control and subjugation of the poor and working class for the benefit of colonial and now business elites.

After 150 years of unaccountable NSW Police violence and injustices, it is time people began to understand there is no use appealing to this armed gang as "workers" or members of some fictitious 99%, the only solution is to abolish them.

A.C.A.B.



Join us to celebrate with a sea of blue

In 2012 the NSW Police Force celebrates 150 years of service.

On Thursday 1 March the anniversary celebrations will commence with a 'Sea of Blue' march along George Street in Sydney.

The Police Banner Party will lead more than six hundred officers, ten police vehicles, a mounted unit escort and the police band on this momentous occasion.

8.45am	Water Police arrive in Watson's Bay with Police Banner
9.00am	Water Police and Air Wing travel up harbour
10.00am	Police Banner arrives in Campbell's Cove
10.30am	More than 600 serving and retired police officers march from the Rocks, near Alfred St, along George St to Town Hall
10.45am	Static Parade at Town Hall, which will be inspected by the Governor of NSW, followed by speeches

Visit www.police.nsw.gov.au/150years for more information.





March 4 freedom for Jock & all prisoners

Jock Palfreeman, an antifascist prisoner of the Bulgarian state, made a request for actions of solidarity regarding his case throughout the month of March.

There are no Bulgarian diplomatic or economic targets in Sydney, but we still wished to make an action for him. We chose March 4 as it is the anniversary of the Castle Hill rebellion, a major convict insurrection that engulfed the recently colonised Sydney region in 1804. The armed rebellion was led by Irish revolutionaries, captured during the failed 1789 war of independence and transported to the prison colony of NSW. They raised the cry of Death or Freedom and engaged the NSW Corps in battle. Although the rebellion was put down, it was not defeated. Their rebel cry continues to inspire and resonates as strongly now as then, their lives were not lost in vain, nothing ends, the war continues.

Around 8pm we took to the streets of Redfern carrying banners reading:

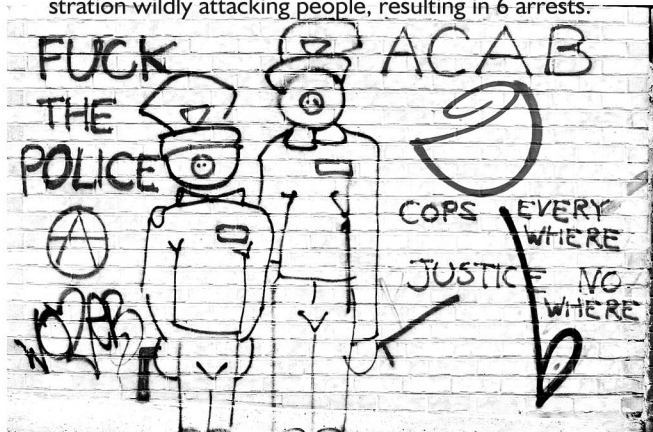
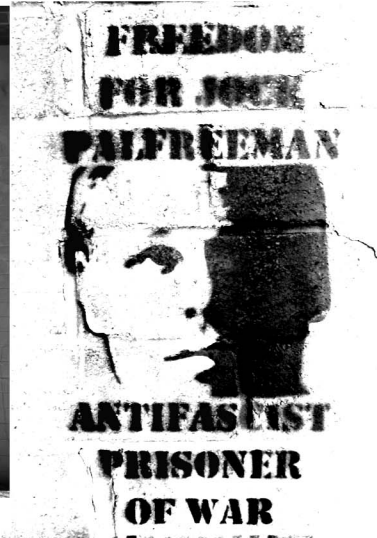
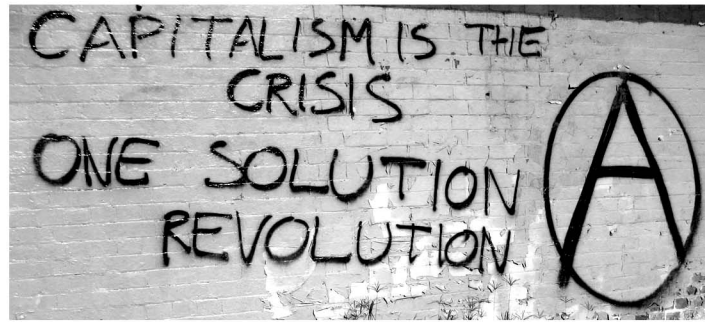
FREE JOCK PALFREEMAN,
NO PRISON NO STATE,
DEATH OR LIBERTY

We then marched from Redfern, to Newtown, chanting against fascists and prisons, handing out flyers about Jock and the 1804 rebellion, throwing many into air outside crowded clubs along King St.

By 10pm we spread out, spraying anti-police and anti-prison slogans through Newtown, St Peters, Tempe, Sydenham and Marrickville. A stencil of Jock and the words: FREE JOCK PALFREEMAN ANTIFASCIST PRISONER OF WAR was sprayed on many walls, and an islamophobic mural* in Newtown was paintbombed

**NOT A STEP BACK
WAR UNTIL LIBERATION**

*The mural which says 'SAY NO TO BURQAS' is on a wall of a property owned by nationalist 'artist' Sergio Redegalli. It has been targeted on numerous prior occasions and has been the site of confrontation between antifascists and police. In January 2011 a large crowd of local people marched to the mural in the middle of the day and began throwing paint on it. Police then charged into the demonstration wildly attacking people, resulting in 6 arrests.





SOLIDARITY WITH JOCK PALFREEMAN

Jock Palfreeman is a 25 year old antifascist from Australian currently in prison in Sofia, Bulgaria. He is accused of murder and attempted murder, following an encounter with a group of 16 far-right football hooligans. After 2 years of trial he was sentenced in December 2009 to 20 years imprisonment and forced to pay a \$350 000 fine. In 2011 he lost his final appeal to the Supreme Court of Cassation against the 20-year sentence for 'murder with hooliganism'.

In December 2007, Jock witnessed a gang of fascist football hooligans attacking two Roma men in Bulgaria's capital, Sofia. Jock went to the aid of the men, putting himself in the middle of the attack. The Roma were able to escape, but the gang then turned on Jock, first kicking and punching him, then collecting pieces of broken concrete to throw at his head. Jock was alone against the gang of 16 drunken fascists and in defence he stabbed two of them. Anton Zahariev was injured while Andrei Monov later died. Monov's father, Dr. Hristo Monov, is a prominent Bulgarian doctor, with ties to the government and contacts in the legal system. The enormous \$350 000 fine is being used as a ransom to prevent Jock's extradition. Jock has been in prison for two years. Police have beaten and threatened to kill him, and have openly lied about his case in court. Much of the evidence that supports Jock's version of events has been destroyed or has gone missing.

For example, a CCTV video tape which showed the brutal attack on Jock has been "lost" by police and then been retrieved, only to mysteriously explode — again while in police custody. The Bulgarian media has labeled Jock a murderer and a hooligan, and has consistently and systematically published lies and distortions about Jock and his case. The court has been repeatedly delayed due to witnesses and court officials failing to turn up. The enormous \$350 000 fine is being used as a ransom to prevent his extradition.

Attacks against Roma in Bulgaria have spiked in recent years, and the far right has declared that the eradication of Roma from their territories is of utmost political importance. Their anti-Roma campaigns include both propaganda and violence. In February 2009, local fascists organised a rally in Sofia, demanding that Jock be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

We expect nothing else from the "Justice System"; the laws, judiciary, police, prosecutors and journalists, nor are we interested in the construction of "innocence" or "guilt". The only thing that resembles justice under capital, is the revenge of the oppressed. Our justice will be in the streets, once we've torn down the walls of the prisons that contain us.

IMMEDIATE FREEDOM TO JOCK PALFREEMAN

FIRE TO THE PRISONS

-anarchists and anti-authoritarians

FUCK ANDREI MONOV KILL NAZIS FREE JOCK PALFREEMAN

NO ONE HOSTAGE IN THE HANDS OF THE STATE

WWW.FREEJOCK.COM



DEATH OR LIBERTY

In 1804 there were 2000 Irish convicts in New South Wales. Of these, over 600 had been transported for political activity – riot and sedition, largely as a result of their involvement in the 1798 rebellion in Ireland.

In May 1798 opposition to English colonisation broke out in armed rebellion through Ireland. The rebellion was leaderless and improvised in many ways; weaponry often consisted of little more than farming tools and homemade pikes. Rebel forces were finally routed at the bloody battle of Vinegar Hill in June 1798.

In the early penal years the Irish convicts were a special class, an oppressed white minority, a lumpenproletariat. While most Irish regarded English authority as illegitimate, the NSW military junta regarded the Irish as a degenerate class that was a threat to the colony. In turn were were oppressed with a special vigilance and unusually hard punishments..

Knowing that they may never be allowed to return home to Ireland, the newly arrived convicts began plotting a mass escape. There were several plots to escape between 1800-1803 but it was not until 4 March 1804 that a plan was brought into action.

On the 3rd of March, a messenger was sent from the Castle Hill Government Farm with a note to alert hundreds of Irish convicts working along the Hawkesbury that the uprising was about to happen. Without the rebels knowledge, the messenger was intercepted by British forces on the way.

At 7 pm the next evening more than 200 convicts rushed from their quarters overpowering their guards and seizing weapons to the cry of 'death or liberty'. The rebels torched a house as a signal for others in the district to join the rebellion. The mob then split into three groups and spread out across the countryside, raiding the homes of settlers to steal guns, ammunition and to rally recruits. Many English convicts, along with free settlers joined the rebellion.

Armed with swords, guns, bayonets and pikes they dragged out the Hills District flogger, Robert Duggan and flogged him. A rebel leader Phillip Cunningham, made plans to march on Parramatta gathering arms along the way before setting fire to the town as a decoy to draw the New South Wales Corp away while they hastened to the government camp at Windsor to join up with the rebels in the Hawkesbury area before marching on Sydney to commander ships to sail back to Ireland.

In Sydney, Major George Johnston quickly organised a New South Wales Corps contingent of twenty-nine soldiers and marched them through the night to Parramatta. Governor King immediately set off for Parramatta and declared martial law.

The New South Wales Corps contingent and fifty members of the 'Active Defence' militia arrived at Parramatta at dawn and soon caught sight of the rebels in a field at Castle Hill. Johnston rode ahead under a flag of truce, and was met by Cunningham and other rebels. After Johnstone asked Cunningham what they wanted, Cunningham replied 'Death or Liberty'. Without warning Major Johnston ordered those rebels arrested, and for his men to charge on the rebel positions and open fire. The far metter armed soldiers and militiamen unleashed a barrage gunfire on the relatively unprepared rebels, who could only briefly return fire, before retreating in all directions. About 20 rebels wereshot dead and many many wounded in the immediate firefight, followed by a day-long pursuit that left at least another 15 convicts dead.

Governor King's retribution for the rebellion was swift as he centred responsibility on accused leaders, and punished them brutally as a warning to the anyone else with rebellious intent.

On March 6 Cunningham was hung from the staircase of the Windsor public store without trial, while other accused leaders were brought before a judicial panel and ordered to be publicly hung, and for their dead bodies to be left hanging in chains.

Three days later 10 more rebels were also executed and hung in chains, while nine others received 500 lashes before being sent to the new colony at Coal River, with 50 other rebels to work in the coal mines. Many more were sentenced to forced labour on government farms.

Father Dixon for his perceived part in the rebellion was made to put his hands on the raw and bloodied backs of flogged rebels in Sydney as a macabre reminder.

Others suspected of involvement, or even sympathy with the rebellion were sent into exile at Norfolk Island to beak up the concentration of the Irish convict population in New South Wales.

Irish convicts attempted many escapes with the hope of catching or stealing a ship home to Ireland, though they never managed to collectively deprive the owners of land and capital of their labour power. The government system made it extremely difficult to withdraw labour, as it resulted in immediate flogging or transportation to the brutal prison colony on Norfolk Island.

The convict revolt of 1804 is a testament to the undying spirit of resistance against oppression. Like the Eureka Rebellion, or the Great Depression riots, March 4 1804 was the first major confrontation between labour and capital on this territory that verged on civil war.

March 9 International Day of Action Against Serco: Sydney



On Friday 9th of March in response to a call for an international day of action against Serco, demonstrations were held in London, Perth, Melbourne and Sydney.

Serco is a British corporation running government services around the world, from juvenile and adult prisons to immigrant detention centres, to army bases in Afghanistan, to speed cameras in Victoria, parking meters in Chicago, and potentially the Sydney Ferry system.



At 1pm a bunch of comrades assembled in Fairfield to picket the office of Chris Bowen, Labor Party MP and Minister for Immigration, in an expression of disgust toward the regime of mandatory detention. Bowen is personally responsible for Serco's contract to run immigrant concentration camps across Australia.

At 6pm comrades then arrived at the Villawood detention centre for a noise demo in solidarity with all the imprisoned refugees. Demonstrators made enough noise with drums and chants demanding the freedom of all hostages for the prisoners to hear and cry back.



A simultaneous demo was also called for 6pm at Serco's Australian headquarters on 90 Arthur St in North Sydney. At 6.30pm a number of anarchists and occupy sydney militants arrived at the Serco office to find police already pushing demonstrators out of the area. The group of mostly socialist activists left voluntarily and the police promptly drove off. The now assembled anarchists then occupied the front of the office with two banners reading "SMASH SERCO SCUM" and "FIRE SERCO" with a sound-system playing loud anti authoritarian music.



After a half hour hanging out fliers outside the office, with no hassles from the pigs, we began to march through North Sydney to the Milsons Point Wharf chanting "NO BORDERS NO NATIONS STOP DEPORTATIONS". We then boarded the ferry without tickets and hung banners reading "THROW SERCO OVERBOARD" and "SMASH SERCO SCUM" from the side of the ferry.

Many leaflets were handed out to passengers detailing Serco's "services" around the world, their potential contract for Sydney Ferries*, and a list of creative ways to respond, from vandalism and arson of Serco's property, through to the destruction of the prisons that they service.

We defended the banners from an annoyed guard for the full journey along Sydney Harbour, before we removed them both at Circular Quay wharf where a group of Occupy Sydney activists had already gathered holding signs and making speeches against Serco.



We then tied the two banners to Circular Quay wharf buildings, in full view of the thousands of tourists and party goers walking the harbour on a Friday night. We hung around the harbour for an hour while some comrades made speeches and intervened to save a banner from a guard attempting to pull it down. We then took them onto the Cahill Expressway bridge and dropped them both above the Circular Quay wharf and threw our remaining leaflets down onto the hundreds of sightseers below and dispersed into the night.



These small actions were carried out as an expression of our solidarity with everyone hostage within a prison run by Serco and to publicly call for the destruction of all prisons and the dismantling of all national borders. Serco is a clear enemy of anyone opposed to the expansion of the prison and surveillance society and their property represents an obvious target of attack for anyone with the courage to make a stand.

**FIRE TO SERCO
FIRE TO THE PRISONS!**

*In May the \$800 million ferry contract was awarded to Transfield Services and Veolia Transdev over Serco. Transfield also has a \$24.5 million contract to provide cleaning, catering and security for the inhuman Nauru offshore detention centre.



THE FACTS ON SERCO

There are more than 70,000 Serco employees delivering services to over 30 countries

The UK's youngest death in custody, a 14-year-old boy, happened in Serco-managed facility after a guard allegedly beat him

It has managed the UK Atomic Weapons Establishment since 1964 and is contracted to do so until 2025

It manages an estimated 500,000sq km of airspace in five countries

The company plans to use robots, not staff, at Fiona Stanley Hospital to run day-to-day tasks

It was investigated by a UK parliamentary committee that found Serco milked taxpayers of tens of millions of dollars

It has signed a \$50 million, two year contract with the Australian Defence Force to supply healthcare accommodation and support functions in the Middle East

Anarchist Vandals salute Lambros Foundas



In the early hours of the 10th of March, exactly two years since Lambros Foundas was gunned down by uniformed pigs in the streets of Dafni, Athens, some anarchist vandals targeted the Marrickville branch of the Beirut Hellenic Bank.

We sprayed across the windows:

BURN BANKS
FOR LAMBROS
FOR SOCIAL REVOLUTION

We then put superglue in the ATM card slots and covered the screens with paint.

This minor act of sabotage was carried out in memory of Lambros, an anarchist, social fighter and member of Revolutionary Struggle. He lived with the courage and conviction to translate his anti-authoritarian beliefs into action and he died on his feet, for that we will never forget him.

Eternal Honour to Lambros Foundas. Love and Solidarity to the comrades accused in the Revolutionary Struggle case!*

FOR GENERALISED ATTACKS ON ALL
MACHINERY OF CAPITAL & THE STATE

* The trial has been ongoing since October 2011, when Nikos Maziotis, Pola Roupa and Kosta Gournas were released from pretrial detention after serving the maximum 18 month term. In June 2012 Nikos and Pola went underground with their baby-son, Victor Lambros. Strength and good luck to the three.



Lambros Foundas



Nikos Maziotis, Pola Roupa and Kosta Gournas

Claim of responsibility for raid on battery hen farm

March 13: Parkwood Egg Farm, located in Macgregor ACT and owned by Pace, is the ACT's only factory farm, housing between 100000 and 200000 layer hens in small cages. Last night, Parkwood was infiltrated. Various items of equipment along the automated grading and packing production line were damaged or destroyed in an attempt to cause economic harm to those who profit from torture and murder. No equipment relating to the welfare of the hens was touched; they will continue to receive food and water.

While there are many such facilities across Australia, this Canberra farm was chosen for two primary reasons:

1. Its significance as the only factory farm in the seat of Australia's parliament.
2. Its history as the target of multiple campaigns by a number of different organisations over a span of twenty years, and its consequent infamy across the nation; these campaigns, despite garnering intense public outrage towards the facility, have failed to shut it down.

A large quantity of free-range packaging was found at the facility, with brands including Pace, Coles, and Woolworths Select. It is therefore believed, though not confirmed, that Parkwood's battery cage eggs are also packaged and distributed as free-range. The hens at Parkwood are currently being emptied from their cages one shed at a time and sent to slaughter, as they have reached 18 months of age and are no longer producing at peak capacity. It is recommended that Pace uses this opportunity to close down the facility and leave our nation's capital. Already three sheds have been emptied, with only two remaining.

This action was intended to highlight not simply the atrocities of the 'cage egg' but the ethical impossibility of justifying the unnecessary torture and murder of any sentient being. Free-range eggs, for example, still require the males to be macerated (ground up alive) at birth, just like organic milk still requires the cows to be repeatedly impregnated and their calves slaughtered. We cannot rely on or be content with welfare regulations that ultimately seek to assure us of humane slavery and slaughter, because slavery and slaughter can never be humane. We did not improve the transport or living conditions of human slaves traded across the Atlantic, we abolished the trade, and again abolition must be our moral baseline.

It is time to question the validity of the Australian identity. What values do we consider virtues? The icon of the Aussie battler – the family-oriented farmer slaving in tough times for the good of the country – is outdated and does not reflect the heavily industrialised nature of modern livestock farming. Nor does it reflect the severe environmental damage caused by such practices.

We need to ask ourselves, do we take pride in the shadowy men who hide behind piles of blood money – the Frank Paces, the Bob Inghams, the John and Simon Camilleris – or do we take pride in those who fight for the oppressed; those who don't live by the legal law of the day but instead by a universal moral law, acting out of compassion and for a justice that discriminates not against race, gender, age or species; the voices for all who cannot speak for themselves yet scream unheard behind the closed doors of our nation's factory farms? A true revolution of values will soon cause us to question the fairness and justice of many of our past and present policies, and to say of a system predicated upon hate and violence: This is not just.

Consumers must be made aware of the truth behind the meat, dairy and egg industries. Our politicians have the power to make such information widely available, but choose not to because of the industries' economic value, even if it means more Australians dying of preventable diseases and disorders, more unnecessary soil degradation, water scarcity, and greenhouse gas emissions, and the slaughter of millions more animals every year.

The industries and their employees, on the other hand, must be made aware that they are in danger of being exposed; that their participation in these violent atrocities will no longer be tolerated, and that the secrecy of their actions can no longer be guaranteed.

Members of the public must no longer be afraid to stand up and make their voices heard through direct action as the affirmation and embodiment of social and ethical responsibility.

Sincerely,
The Blackbird



Ashfield Anarchist HQ Evicted



On Thursday the 15th of March a massive 4 story squat in Ashfield Sydney was evicted by private security forces. For 3 inspiring and eventful months the building had been home to over 20 homeless students, workers and anarchists. The space had become a centre of anarchist organising and counter information, where many demos and actions were planned and countless zines, leaflets and posters were printed for mass distribution. Inside the HQ people were able to collectivise their dreams and begin constructing the microcosm of a free society within the shell of an old building. Everyone involved in the space had equal say in how the space should be used and put a lot of time and effort in cleaning and fixing the place up. The squat was named after a large sign on the building labelling it "The Ideal Corporate HQ"

Ideally the building could have been transformed into an open social centre, and we could have publicly announced our presence immediately with banners hanging down from the roof, celebrated with an opening party, created a public free shop, communal kitchen and free school. Unfortunately, due to Australia's draconian trespass laws, and the lack of militant resistance, squatters have no legal rights. Any squat that publicly announces itself or is discovered by security or police, must generally prepare for an immediate eviction. Police have the right to evict, arrest and charge anyone squatting an abandoned building without even consulting the owner.





Despite these difficulties, squatting goes on, as long as there are empty buildings and homelessness there will be squats and squatters.

There are over 120,000 empty residential properties in Sydney, not to mention the massive number of uncounted, empty commercial properties. Each of these spaces are an opportunity for those without shelter to take direct action for their own needs, without having to wait on an endless queue for state housing, or in one of the unsafe, prison like shelters provided by some charity groups.

Over the past 6 months in Sydney, a number of large empty buildings have been occupied and barricaded by anarchists attempting to build social centres. Though these centres were evicted by massive riot squads, we have not been defeated and we will not back down.

Despite state repression we will continue to take buildings, to create spaces free from capital, and to defend them from police intrusion. We also encourage everyone whos' had enough of a life with bosses and landlords to take over physical spaces, from parks to buildings to entire neighborhoods and reclaim control of a life confined by the cages of capital.

For the defence of self organised spaces and the creation of communes as bases of resistance!

AGAINST WORK AND PRISON



Anti-work activists disrupt UNSW military and mining expo

On the 19th of March, the degree factory otherwise known as the University of New South Wales (UNSW), held their annual 'careers expo'. It is an event designed for those who engage in the process of learning as a means to securing their place in the pyramid scheme that is capitalism. The vast majority of potential employers hearken from the mining and 'defence' industry.

A small group of activists registered for the event, in order to distribute some anti-work propaganda and make life a little more difficult for the companies that wish to prey on yet-to-be-disillusioned potential workers.

We entered the hall, intending to take some photos of the corporate scum luring young teenagers with lollies and free toys, before distributing our pamphlets with information about the destruction that these companies try to mask from their employees just as much as the general public.

While taking photos, we happened across two agents from Australian Secret Intelligence Service (ASIS), the organisation described as 'the CIA of Australia', and which amongst numerous atrocities, have trained Papua New Guinean troops to murder comrades fighting for independence in West Papua and Bougainville.

At this point, our photographer was forced to leave to avoid surrendering footage, however we managed some quick shots of the spies.

The remainder of activists split up to distribute our pamphlets amongst the crowd of students. Numerous tables had all their corporate propaganda taken and repaced with our leaflets.



ASIS agents



BHP & Peebody mining representatives attempting to lure in students with candy and toys

SPLIFFS NOT JOBS!

AGAINST THE MISERY OF EVERYDAY LIFE!

No one should ever work.

Work is the source of nearly all the misery in the world. Almost any evil you'd care to name comes from working or from living in a world designed for work. In order to stop suffering, we have to stop working.

From the correlation between CO2 emissions and GDP, between working hours and stress, precarity and anxiety, between cups of coffee at work, we ask ourselves why do we continue to destroy ourselves and the planet every day to fuel this rotten system.

What drives the prison/military industrial complex?

What is the cause of the oppression of toilers worldwide?

What causes the alienation that each one of us feels when we are forced to spend our time in the pursuit of money instead of the realisation of pleasure, joy and satisfaction?

Just look at the motley crew of swindlers with stalls for you today.

Do you really wish to be a willing slave to their profit margins, a manager or engineer for their destruction?

If not, then what is one to do about it?

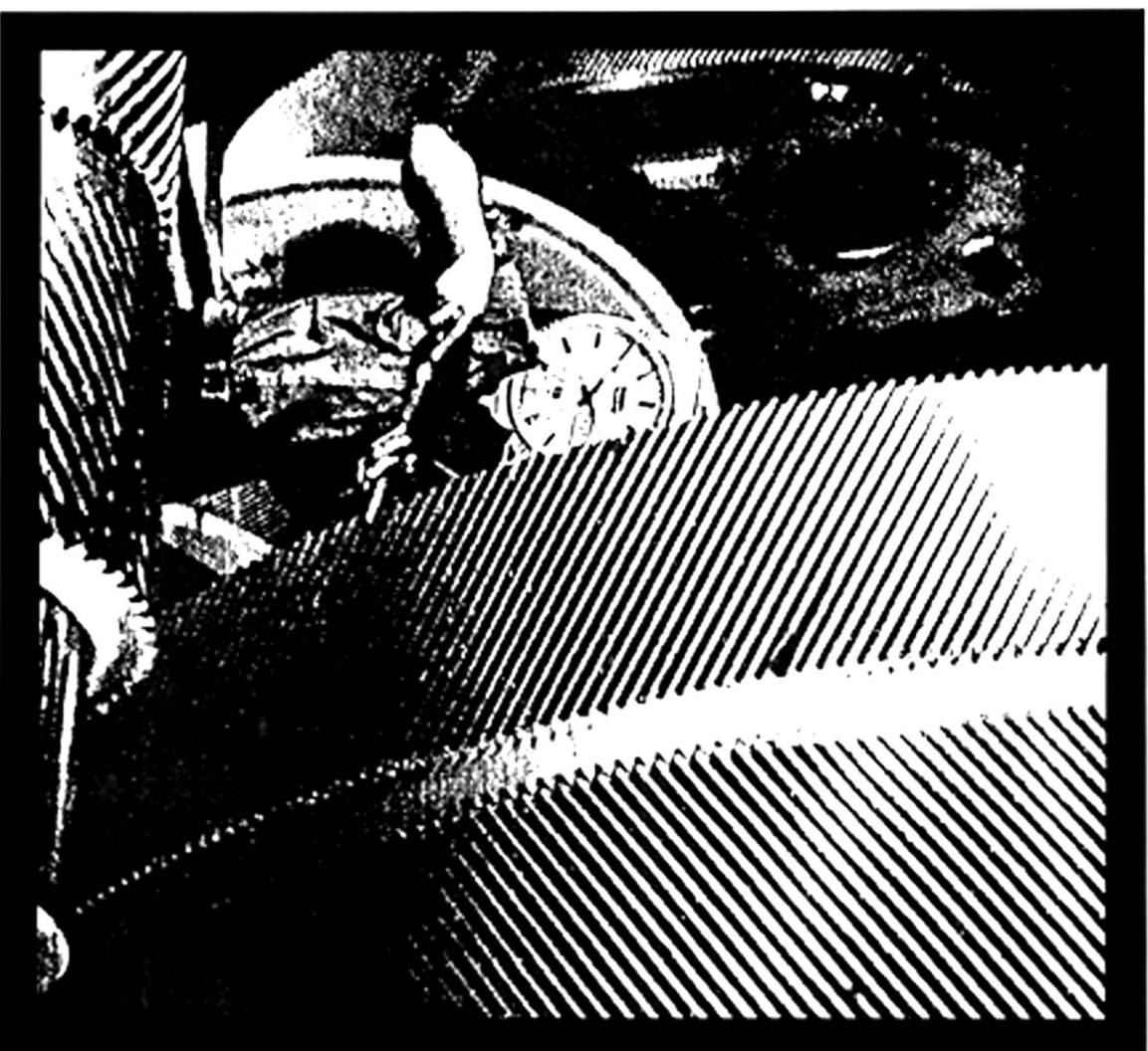
STRIKE!

Without our labour, the corporations cannot exist.

Workers of the world, occupy the sites of your exploitation and sabotage the instruments of your repression.

Towards an indefinite general strike!

IF YOU LIKED SCHOOL...



...YOU'LL LOVE WORK

WORK : A PRISON OF MEASURED TIME

Queer vandals 'love & enhance' Christian Democrat's truck

March 19: Christian democrat MP Peter Madden will think twice before driving his queer hating truck to Lismore again.

On Saturday night the minister from Sydney parked his truck, which had billboard-sized anti-gay marriage messages on it, in Cathcart St before heading to a nearby motel to sleep.

He returned the next morning to find the truck defaced and blockaded.

Cars were parked at both ends of the truck and Lismore resident, Fairy Princess Amber, had locked her neck to the back of the truck.

Glitter, streamers and spray paint covered the truck and its tyres were deflated.

Protesters accused Mr Madden of vilifying queers.

"People have been absolutely outraged and very hurt by this," said a protester.

"The image on the right conflates homosexuality and pedophilia.. and 'the dark side' refers to us living in the dark because we're homosexuals and we're supposedly evil."

Mr Madden said he was exercising his right to free speech. "Anybody who stands up and says anything is immediately branded a homophobe and full of hate," he said. "I actually love homosexual people."

Though he then said that many of the queer protesters he saw in Lismore were "broken" and must have been abused as children before they "decided to become homosexual". "What I found there yesterday were a group of quite broken people...We have boundaries and safeguards that are put in place for the protection of society and children and we need to uphold those boundaries and safeguards otherwise we are conducting a social experiment."

Police monitored the protest and attempted to remove Ms Amber from the back of the truck. After failing to cut the lock with bolt cutters, police succeeded with a generator-powered saw, though while doing this, another protester chained himself to the other side of the truck and police had to cut the lock from around his neck, too.

Mr Madden was heading to Brisbane to hold a prayer rally two days before the Queensland State election and he said the protesters would not stop him.



POLICE. THUGS. MURDERERS.

**ROBERTO "BETINHO"
LAUDISIO CARTI,**

DIED AFTER BEING CAPSICUM SPRAYED
AND TASERED BY SYDNEY POLICE. HE MAY
OR MAY NOT HAVE STOLEN A PACKET OF
BISCUITS.

UNDER CAPITALIST LOGIC, STEALING A
PACKET OF BISCUITS MAKES YOU A CRIMINAL. AS THE
ECONOMIC CRISIS INTENSIFIES, MORE AND MORE OF US
WILL BECOME CRIMINALS.

UNDER POLICE LOGIC, BEING A CRIMINAL
MEANS YOU DESERVE VIOLENCE. MERELY DISOBEYING
POLICE MEANS YOU COULD BE SUBJECT TO VIOLENCE. CHALLENGING THEIR
AUTHORITY IS GROUNDS FOR THE USE OF WEAPONS THAT COULD KILL YOU.

THEIR AUTHORITY IS VALUED MORE THAN OUR LIVES.

THERE HAVE BEEN FIVE PEOPLE KILLED BY TASERS IN AUSTRALIA,
AND FIVE HUNDRED IN THE US, IN THE LAST DECADE.
POLICE CLAIM THEY 'NEED' TASERS SO THAT THEY DON'T HAVE TO
SHOOT PEOPLE, BUT THEY STILL SHOOT PEOPLE. GIVING COPS TASERS AS WELL AS
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TERRANCE BRISCOE, A 28 YEAR OLD ANMATYERRE ABORIGINAL MAN,
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WHEN THE POLICE KILL SOME ONE IT MIGHT MAKE THE NEWS- THOUGH NOTHING CHANGES.
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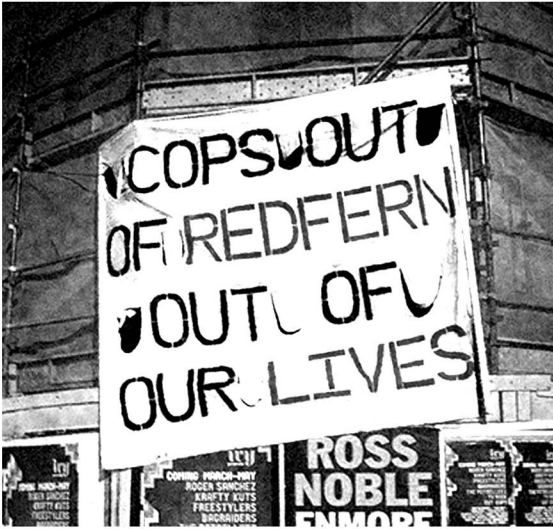
THE POLICE AND THE ECONOMIC SYSTEM THEY ENFORCE.



ANARCHISTS AND ANTI-AUTHORITARIANS.



Anarchists disrupt Police Expo



Just before dawn on April 1st a group of anarchists dropped a banner reading “COPS OUT OF REDFERN, OUT OF OUR LIVES” from an idle construction site at 90 Regent St Redfern. The building had been a squatted social centre and a home for more than 10 people throughout November and December of 2010. Within the large building, dubbed ‘The People’s Castle’, solar power, a free shop and free café were established and opened to the public. In mid December 2010 police evicted the building following a failed supreme court challenge to keep the social centre open. Sydney city council, who owned the building, claimed it would be open as a youth homelessness centre within 6 months. It has remained empty ever since.

The banner was dropped in solidarity with a gathering of indigenous rights activist in Redfern later that day. They planted an illegal memorial plaque at the fence where TJ Hickey was impaled in 2004.



The banner had recently been carried at the annual February 14 demonstration to commemorate TJ’s death, when hundreds of protesters marched through Redfern to express their hatred of a racist police force that systematically targets the aboriginal community. Through constant harassment and incarceration, police have attempted to force aboriginal people out of Redfern and Waterloo, to complete a brutal gentrification process under the government slogan of ‘cleaning up Redfern’, on behalf of landlords, yuppie’s and property developers .

TJ’s painful death was the spark of a rupture that exploded in Redfern. Koori youth, sick of the constant police persecution , rose up against the constraints of fear and normality and confronted a police force exposed for what it was, an occupying military force. With bottles, bricks, fireworks and molotovs, the young warriors made a stand that night and asserted their sovereignty against the occupying state, injured 40 riot cops and tasted their collective power.



In the 8 years since, the NSW government has spent millions arming and training the police for future outbreaks of unrest. In 2005 the NSW Public Order & Riot Squad was established and in 2007 they purchased a \$700,000 water cannon.

As part of the NSW Police’s 150 year anniversary celebrations, a PR expo was held in Darling Harbour later on April 1st. On public display was their new helicopter, numerous stalls, and a demonstration of the riot squad’s tactics. The riot demo featured dog squads, mounted police, and plain clothed police throwing bricks at the riot pigs in various formations.



Invitation to
POLICE EXPO
Sunday 1 April 2012
Hall 1 & 2 - Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre
Darling Harbour
10.00am to 4.00pm

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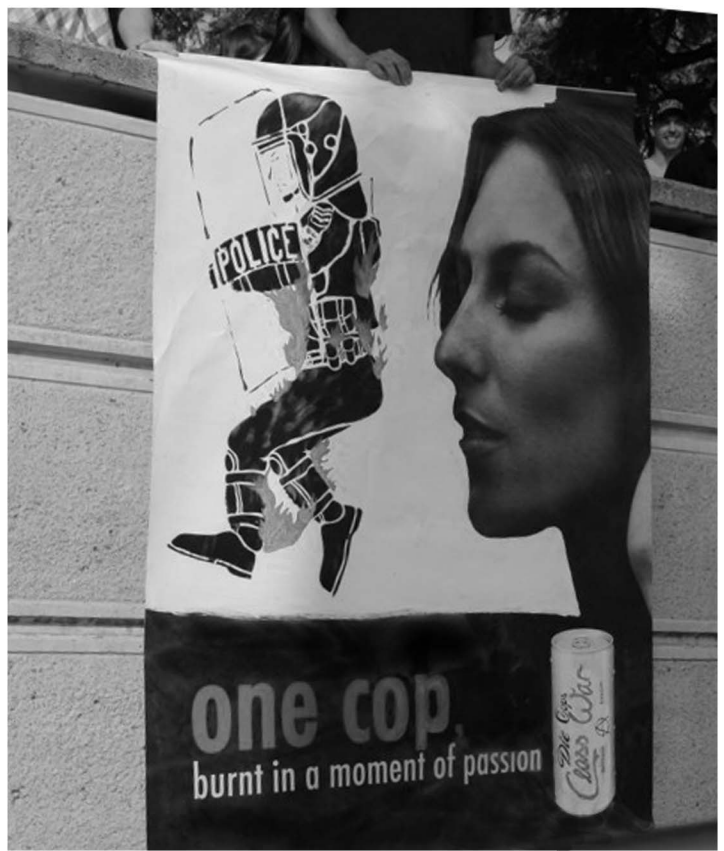
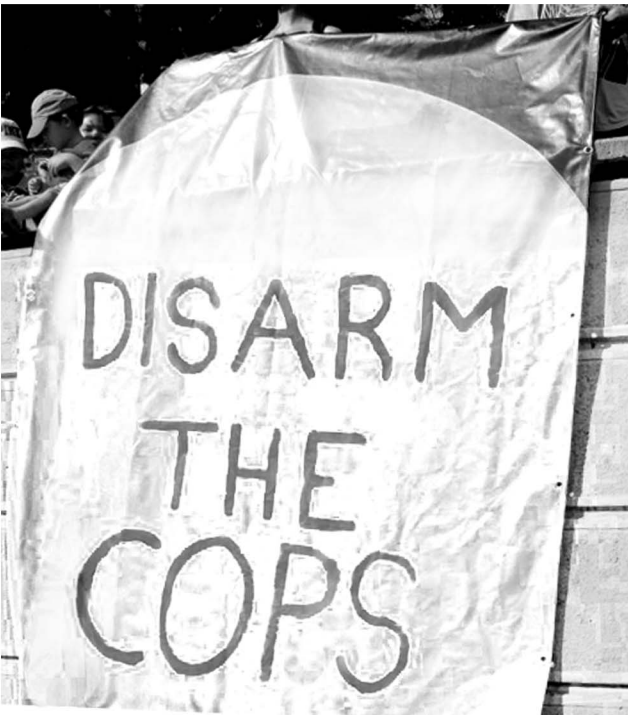


As soon as we arrived, we began handing out hundreds of anti-police fliers to passers-by, in which we outlined the repressive role these pigs have played over the past 150 years (and the previous 70 through earlier manifestations) as the armed defenders of capital.

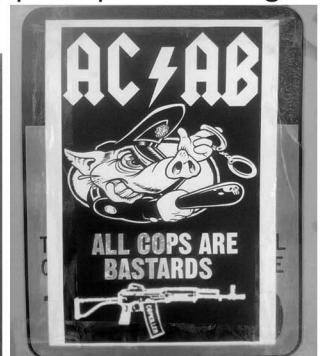
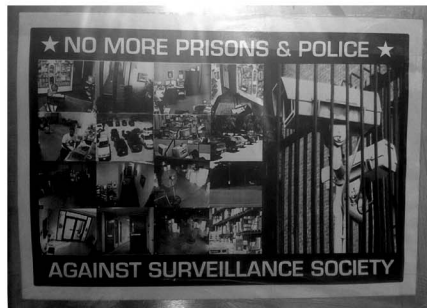
We also raided numerous police stalls and took all their propaganda, from police recruitment pamphlets (some directly targeting Kooris), to “Cops are Tops” stickers, to police fridge magnets and temporary tattoos, even puzzles for children featuring ‘Constable Charlie’ the penguin. The strangest of all was a leaflet for a contest to “WIN A DAY WITH THE NSW POLICE FORCE”, a ‘prize’ that many would prefer to avoid.



When police began their riot show we promptly hung two banners over a wall directly overlooking the demonstration. One banner read “DISARM THE COPS” the other was a modified Coca Cola advertisement, which now read “ONE COP, BURNT IN A MOMENT OF PASSION” under a stencil of a burning riot cop.



After a couple of minutes on display, one self proclaimed off duty policeman attempted to take the banners and a brief scuffle ensued. After the angry ‘cop’ was pushed away, we maintained our position while hundreds of angry police looked on, not sure what to do. Clearly not wanting to make a scene and look foolish on a big PR day, the pigs left us alone till the end of the mock riot when the police MC made reference to our banners, trying to make a joke of our message by calling us “entertainment”. Once we rolled up the banners and began to walk away, we realised there were a number of uniformed and plain clothed pigs on radios following us. We immediately decided it was time to get out of the area and quickly dispersed in different directions, before pasting up a couple hundred anti police posters throughout the city.



These small actions were carried out in solidarity with everyone who has been harassed and imprisoned by the thugs of the NSW Police Force and in memory of TJ Hickey and Roberto Laudisio, the 21 year old Brazilian student who was chased and murdered by NSW Police last month for supposedly stealing a packet of biscuits.

FOR A WORLD WITHOUT POLICE & PRISONS

All Cops Are Bastards

Claim of responsibility for graffiti attack on coal magnate's home

In the early hours of April 9 some Wollongong ecovandals redecorated a \$5 million mansion owned by Arun Jagatramka, executive chairman of Gujarat NRE Coking Coal, a mining company which has recently established itself in the Illawarra region. The company has recently installed over \$90 million worth of long wall mining equipment for the massive expansion of Russelvale mine. The recently approved project will not only devastate the local ecosystem but will destroy numerous aboriginal sacred sites. We refuse to sit idly by like 'good' lawful protesters, we will turn our outrage into action.

The slogans we sprayed across the millionaires walls read:

CLIMATE CRIMINAL
CLASS WAR NOT CLIMATE CHANGE
NO MINES NO MASTERS
SHUT DOWN RUSSELVALE MINE
I SMELL A GUJARAT
CANT EAT COAL CANT DRINK GAS



Arun is a capitalist who values his bank balance more than whatever land he chooses to live on. In attacking his property we wished to send him a signal that neither his wealth nor the police can protect him from those who love wild nature more than money. We also wished to call bullshit on his claims of total support, "from day one we have received support from all quarters, whether that is the federal government or the state government, the employees, and the community around us."

Despite government support Gujarat NRE is in a very precarious situation, suffering profit downgrades, project delays, a plummeting share price of more than 80 cents in the past year and contractors owed significant sums of money. With concerted community action targeting the company, there is a very real chance to stop Russelvale mine, as well as the company's 20 other proposed sites in the Illawarra region. As carbon emissions continue to soar, with institutions such as the annual COP summits failing to provide even an illusion of action against climate catastrophe, it is time those who care about the fate of the earth and the living beings that inhabit it to take a stand against the machinery and individuals which are polluting our common land-base.

Although we didn't take any photos of the slogans, local media covered the small action for 3 days running, even releasing CCTV footage of two individuals, with requests for potential snitches to aid police in the investigation.

Unsurprisingly the act was condemned by an assortment of green lobby groups including Lock the Gate Alliance, an environmental farmers association who campaign in defence of property rights. In an interview with a journalist, Greens politician Drew Hutton described painting slogans as illegitimate and "completely inconsistent" with non-violence. The leninist sect 'Socialist Alliance' even jumped on the reactionary bandwagon by condemning this small action on public radio.

Australia is one of the world's largest coal exporters and the industry represents the nation's most powerful business lobby. As long as we remain trapped in a system ruled by police, political parties and corporate capital we have no faith in any reforms toward an ecologically sustainable future. Those who consider themselves environmentalists must move beyond the ineffectual protests and lobbying campaigns of mainstream environmental groups to direct acts of sabotage against the industrial tools of devastation.

AGAINST COPS, CAPITALISTS AND COAL MINES

For industrial collapse and the creation of communes in harmony with nature

Protester against coal mine is arrested & charged



April 11: A protestor has today attached herself to a bull-dozer being used to clear endangered bushland for an open-cut coal mine in Leard State Forest, near Narrabri in north-western NSW.

Carmel Flint attached herself to the machine at dawn this morning and after seven hours of being locked on to a bulldozer at has been removed from the site and taken into police custody.

Leard State Forest is a public forest that has been earmarked for three enormous open-cut coal mines which are soon to be determined by the NSW and Federal Governments.

The three mines, two of which have already commenced and are now seeking to expand, will clear over 5,000 hectares and destroy the largest remnant of bushland left on the Liverpool Plains.

“This protest highlights the glaring failures of environmental protection legislation and the NSW Government Strategic Regional Land Use Plan” said Phil Spark, farmer and spokesperson with the Northern Inland Council for the Environment.

“Last month the NSW Government mapped Leard State Forest as a Tier 1 Biodiversity Area that could not sustain any further losses, and yet the plan failed to protect it. Today you can see it is being cleared for an open-cut coal mine.

“This exposes the Land Use Plan as a sham that does nothing to protect our most important natural assets.

It's a disgrace that miners are free to slash and burn critically endangered vegetation like the Grassy White Box ecosystem that is being bulldozed here today.

“From the top of the coal chain all the way down to the port of Newcastle, coal mines are destroying our farmland, our bushland, and our way of life and putting the health of our communities at risk. An an irreplaceable public forest is effectively being privatised by stealth for the benefit of coal billionaires like Nathan Tinkler and 100% foreign-owned companies like Idemitsu.

Speaking while locked on to the bulldozer earlier today, Flint said: “The lock on is basically the last resort, we've tried every avenue. We've used scientific analysis, we've written submissions, we've approached government, and we've had no success in stopping those mines to date.”

“We believe it's time now to take direct action, to protect the forest where the government has failed to do so,” she said



Free Pussy Riot action at Russian consulate



On April 21 a demonstration was held at Sydney's Russian consulate in solidarity with three young women imprisoned by the Russian state. They stand accused of being members of Pussy Riot and performing a punk prayer on the alter of Russia's central cathedral.

Pussy Riot are a militant punk-feminist, street band that was formed in September 2011 after Prime Minister Vladimir Putin announced his presidential election bid. In the words of one anonymous Pussy Rioter, their goals are to "rip through Moscow's streets and squares, mobilize public energy against the evil crooks of the Putinist junta and enrich the Russian cultural and political opposition with themes that are important to us: gender and LGBT rights, problems of masculine conformity, absence of a daring political message on the musical and art scenes, and the domination of males in all areas of public discourse."

Their performances and the arrests that followed occurred in the context of the sudden upsurge in dissident activity and an intensification of repression by Putin's suddenly besieged regime.

On November 20 2011 American anarchist MMA fighter Jeff Monson was beaten by Russian Fedor Emelianenko and as part of his upcoming election campaign Putin entered the ring to congratulate the victor. Putin's entrance was greeted by immediate boos and calls to "get out" which continued throughout his short speech. Video of the previously unthinkable incident quickly spread through Russian social media and was widely hailed as the beginning of the end of Putin's 12 year reign. The booing was considered such an attack on his image of strength and invulnerability that Putin's office made the absurd claim that spectators were merely booing because they wanted to go to the toilet.

In subsequent months an unprecedented wave of demonstrations have exploded across Russia following the widely denounced parliamentary elections on the 4th of December. Tens of thousands of angry demonstrators

took to the streets in Moscow, St Petersburg and 88 other cities in public shows of defiance unlike anything since the collapse of the USSR. Over a thousand demonstrators were reportedly arrested in Moscow on the first day of protests alone and the number of protesters arrested across Russia since is unknown. In response to the state repression an unsanctioned rally was called in Moscow on December 30 in support of all political prisoners. Opposition groups report there are several thousand political prisoners convicted under administrative and criminal charges for obviously political reasons. These claims are denied by Putin who stated "In my view, we do not have political prisoners, thank God, even though everyone is talking about them without saying exact names, I wish they'd showed me a single man who is now behind bars for political reasons."

In December Pussy Riot publicly highlighted the plight of political prisoners with an illegal performance on the roof of a prison filled with anti Putin demonstrators. Of this action one member of the group said "all of us are really fond of the act we did on the roof of one of the buildings of a Detention Center in Moscow, where people were arrested after the December 5 post-election protests were held. The political detainees could see us from inside their prison cells and they chanted and cheered while we sang the "Death to Prisons—Freedom to Protest" song. Prison officers and staff were running around not knowing what to do because they had no idea how to immediately take us off that roof. And they got so scared they immediately ordered a lockdown—they must've thought a siege of the Detention Centre was coming after we finished singing. That was cool."

This action was followed by an illegal performance of "Revolt in Russia" on Red Square in January 2012, for which 8 band members were arrested but eventually released without charge. Then on February 21, four members of Pussy Riot entered the Christ the Saviour Cathedral in Moscow wearing their usual brightly coloured dresses and balaclavas, danced and sang a song calling on "Virgin Mary" to "Banish Putin" and escaped without arrest. On March 3 Maria Alyokhina and Nadezhda Tolokonnikova, both mothers to young children were arrested, soon followed by Ekaterina Samutsevicha a week later. The women have denied participation in the 'punk prayer' though have all been charged with hooliganism in relation to the incident with a possible sentence of seven years imprisonment.





On the 21st of April in Sydney, a group of anarchists inspired by the band gathered in colourful dresses and balaclavas. 8 of us on bicycles and another 12 piled into a van with two banners reading "NO JUSTICE IN PUTIN'S RUSSIA" & "Богородица, Путина прогони (VIRGIN MARY, BANISH PUTIN)" stretched across either side. Attached to one bicycle was a trailer carrying a loud sound-system, blasting Pussy Riot songs. We rode for 40 minutes through the city to the Russian consulate in Woollahra, intentionally slowing traffic. Flyers detailing the plight of the three women and the repression of Russian activists were thrown from the windows of the van to people on the sidewalk while those on bicycles handed flyers to other drivers and many pedestrians.

We were joined by another 5 comrades at the consulate where we displayed 4 banners including "FREE PUSSY RIOT" and "NO PRISON NO STATE". We climbed the consulate walls, screamed for the freedom of Alyokhina, Tolokonnikova, Samutsevicha and all Russian prisoners and danced and sung to Pussy Riot from the speakers. During this time we were photographed and filmed by consulate officials from the 4th and 6th floor of the building and after about a half hour two police cars sped down the street, both screeching to a halt with 4 officers literally jumping out screaming, with raised batons. We stood our ground with the banners but after a brief argument and altercation with the pigs, a third cop car, then an arrest vehicle then a Federal Police car all pulled up. We then decided it was time to depart and rode out of area without any arrests and continued to hand out fliers throughout the city.



Our small demonstration was merely one amongst hundreds of Pussy Riot solidarity actions throughout Russia and across the world over the past month. In spite of the popular demands for their release, on April 19 a Moscow judge extended their pretrial detention until at least June 24. In response a 36 year old supporter Andrei Borodin reportedly made an attempt on the judge with an axe, but was subdued, arrested and is now facing a potential life sentence.

In opposition to the growing tide of anti-Putin & free Pussy Riot demonstrations across the country, reactionary Patriarchs led by Primate Kirill I of Moscow, organised a mass prayer on April 23 at the Christ the Saviour Cathedral to 'defend the Orthodox Church'. Kirill is a wealthy Kremlin insider and vehement Putin supporter who has called Putin's reign 'a miracle of God', has accused Pussy Riot of working with the devil and has repeatedly demanded their arrest and imprisonment.

INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY WITH THE MOVEMENT AGAINST THE PUTINIST JUNTA

DEATH TO PRISON, FREEDOM TO MARIA ALEKHINA, NADEZHDA TOLOKONNIKOV, EKATERINA SAMUTSEVICH, ANDREI BORODIN & ANTIFASCISTS ALEXEY OLESINOV & ALEXEY SUTUGA

AGAINST PATRIARCHS AND PATRIARCHY



NSW Police 'too deadly'!

On Tuesday, April 24 at 1.30pm we will be holding a rally outside the NSW Parliament House to protest the violence and abuse of the NSW police, as exemplified by the recent circumstances at Kings Cross and the five police-related deaths in custody this year already.

We'll also be demanding from the O'Farrell government, and police minister Mike Gallacher that tasers be immediately withdrawn from frontline police due to their lethality.

The April 22 shooting of two Aboriginal teenagers in a car in Kings Cross begs the question of just how violent are the NSW Police Force and the police in the rest of this country?

The allegedly stolen car had six young Aborigines, aged between 13 and 24, inside when the police drew their guns and fired through the windscreen.

Whatever the rights or wrongs of that situation, what followed was police brutality at its worst. TV reports and still shots clearly show police exacting their own brand of punishment upon at least one of the occupants of the car.

Troy Taylor, the alleged driver, had been badly wounded, once in the chest, an arm/shoulder wound, and a wound to his neck which he was seen to be bleeding profusely from. Troy was dragged from the car seat with force that would have caused further pain. Then the officer doing the extraction was seen laying into Troy with his fist.

It was obvious to anyone watching that Troy was definitely not resisting arrest in any manner. While on the ground, he was also knelt on as they put the cuffs on him. (This practice of kneeling or sitting on the victim's back is a most dangerous act, as was evidenced by the fatal knee-drop from Senior Sergeant Chris Hurley to Mulrunji Doomadgee on Palm Island in 2004 and the death of Terrance Briscoe in the Alice Springs lock-up in January this year, linked to positional asphyxia from police kneeling and sitting on his back. Still, police around the country continue to use this arrest technique as it is far safer for them to do so. Does the life of a police officer far outweigh that of any member of the community?)

We then saw an officer grab hold of Troy's shirt and roughly drag him over the roadway like a sack of potatoes. He was then dumped face-down and cuffed, but one could see that he was still bleeding profusely.

I've seen no visuals of the driver being extracted, but the procedure would've been the same, even though he was wounded twice. Both are in critical condition in hospital.

However, this disgusting and inhuman treatment handed out by those police involved at the Kings Cross scene comes as no great surprise.

In a four-month period, roughly, we have had at least five deaths in custody relative to police actions and two near-death events that could be fatal in one case at least.

At Springwood, NSW, a 67-year-old man was taken into Springwood police station, where he soon collapsed and died. Nothing else is known about the circumstances of that death.

In February, police around Bathurst were involved in a high-speed pursuit of a stolen car. The car eventually crashed and the two occupants were arrested and taken to Bathurst gaol, where the 22-year old-driver collapsed in his cell and died.

On February 21, Magistrate Geoffrey Dunleavy threw out a case against Phillip Bugmy of Wilcannia and charged the police instead for tasering Phillip in his home while he was on his knees with his hands behind his head. Sometimes, magistrates do stand up to the police.

On March 18, police action led to the death of Roberto Laudisio Curti. Six police chased him through the streets of Sydney, they had maced him, slammed his head into the frame of a shop window, tasered him at least 14 times and violently restrained him till he died.

On March 25, at the end of a police pursuit, the victim, Darren Neil, was cornered at a Westfield shopping centre where he was shot dead by the officer who had pursued him. Details are sketchy and we have only the police version to go on.

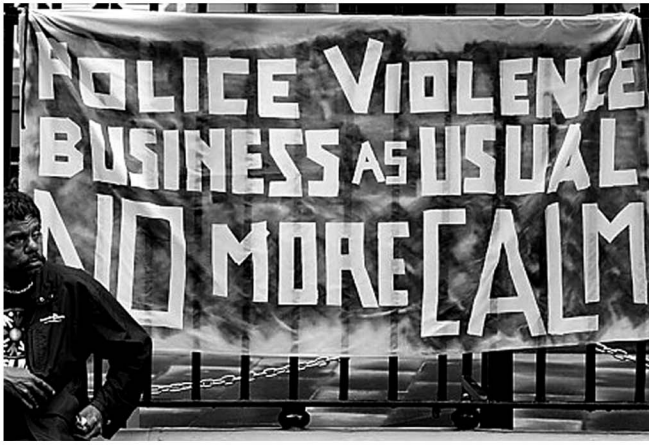
On April 16, police in Tenterfield, NSW, were in a situation in which the victim seemed to be suffering a psychotic attack. It was alleged that he had a crossbow and a knife and threatened the police who were present. A female officer fired off a taser and apparently missed, then a male officer drew his Glock and killed the victim.

If you can make it to this rally and support us, please do. Help us to make justice - not just us!

Ray Jackson

Indigenous Social Justice Association

Rally against police brutality



On April 24, in response to the police shooting and bashing of koori teenagers in Kings Cross, a rally against police brutality was called by the Indigenous social justice association. The rally outside NSW Parliament was attended by hundreds, including dozens of furious youth sick of constant police harassment and brutality. Dozens of anarchists attended in solidarity with these delinquents, in direct opposition to any 'calls for calm'. We handed out hundreds of anti police and anti-pacifist flyers, and (as ANZAC day was the following day,) we distributed out a few hundred anti-militarist flyers.

On the 25th about a dozen anarchists went to the CBD at dawn, and distributed a couple thousand anti militarist flyers in the city throughout the day. While we got some very angry, even threatening responses, the spreading of counter information, to provide an opposing narrative to the official ANZAC myth is of great importance. The disruption and sabotage of ANZAC day celebrations should be a major priority for all anti-militarist activists.

Over the past decades, particularly since 2001, the 25th of April has become a massive spectacle of nationalist, militarist and colonialist celebration. In 1916, and for a few decades afterwards, the Gallipoli campaign was considered a bloodsoaked failure and disaster. Yet a constant barrage of government propaganda has managed to transform that colonial bloodbath into a glorious foundation myth of the Australian nation. Across the country, signs, ceremonies and liturgies of the Anzac myth fill the streets in April every year.

John Howard, one of its greatest salesman, claimed "The Anzac legend has helped us to define who we are as Australians."

Much of the ANZAC mythology is a construct of Australia's official WWI correspondent and historian, Charles Edwin Woodrow Bean and British journalist Ellis Ashmead-Bartlett. Both were being paid and instructed to create government propaganda that bore no resemblance to actual events, yet their 'narrative' is continually pushed onto the public and the youth through compulsory school curriculum as some kind of historical fact.

For decades, the legend has been enthusiastically advocated by right wing veterans' associations, championing militarist mythmaking while abolishing the memory of radicalism and resistance within the military. A massive number of the soldiers who returned from World War I came back to poverty, and a significant proportion were so bitter about their war experiences and their feelings of betrayal that they chose to never march in the annual ANZAC parade.

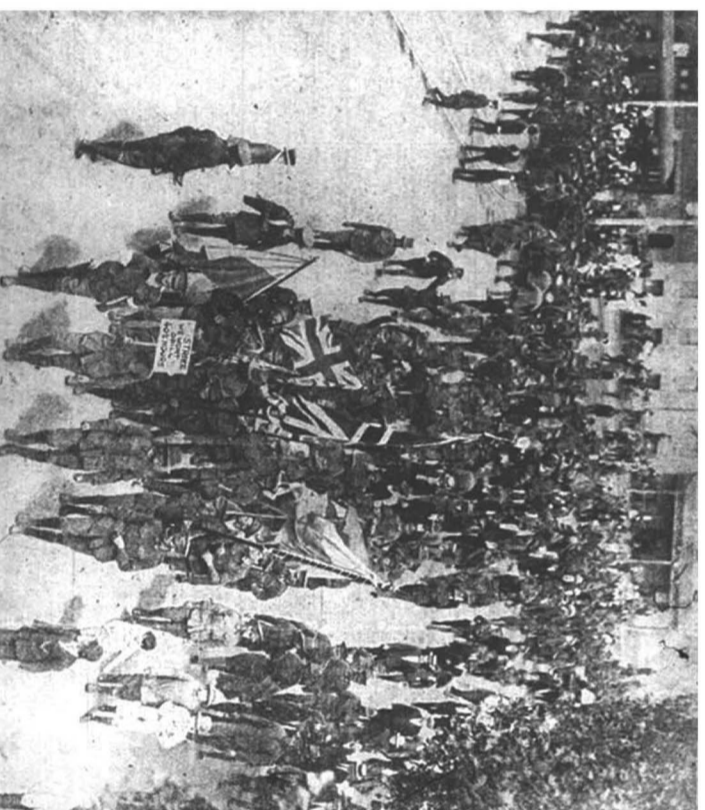
THE BATTLE OF CENTRAL STATION

For a day in 1916, the streets of Sydney were filled with looting and rioting soldiers and working class youth in an act of rebellion that culminated in an armed confrontation at Central Station. In February 1916 the war was not going well, the nation was still coming to terms with the blood-soaked disaster at Gallipoli the previous year. Initially, many people thought the war would be a short, thrilling adventure, but mounting casualty figures shattered that illusion.

On Monday morning February 14th, at least 2000 men in army uniform walked out of the Casula light horse training camp and headed to the massive training camp near Liverpool. They intended to confront higher military authorities with their grievances and concerns. It was a long list. A lot of the recruits felt the food was not up to scratch. Others felt they were worked too hard, often working for 27 hours without a break. The raw recruits had just been informed that the army had changed the training syllabus, increasing their training from 36 hours to 40.5 hours a week; the change and its sudden imposition was deeply resented.

Liverpool military authorities listened to the Casula men and agreed to investigate grievances. Some of the men were satisfied and decided to return to camp. But the example set by the Casula walk-out had a flow-on effect in the Liverpool camp. Thousands of Liverpool men join the protest and quit the camp heading for the town of Liverpool and the railway station. Reaching Liverpool, some of the protesters decided to call it a day and broke off, while most protesters began expropriating the town's alcohol from various hotels. Shops were relieved of cups, glasses pots, pans and buckets for use as drinking utensils. Bread, pies and fruit were also appropriated. When retailers demanded payment for goods, the reply was 'put it down to Kitchener', a reference to Lord Kitchener, Britain's war secretary. Any opposition encountered by the soldiers was met with vandalism, and there was extensive property damage during the day.

The bulk of the protesters had pushed on to Sydney before midday. They blocked the tracks and commandeered the trains. The last train-load out of Liverpool had a political agenda. Disembarking at central, they lined up and began to march in a very long column towards the city.



They were led by two buglers, battalion flags, two union jacks, surmounted by a large red flag and a placard announcing they were on strike and would not train for 40.5 hours a week. The column wended its way through the city and broke up at the quay.

Troops spent the rest of the day drifting about in the city, many getting into trouble. Food, tobacco, alcohol and lollies were appropriated in large quantities; some hotel windows were smashed. Foot police were taunted, squirted with soda siphons and assaulted with projectiles, including beer bottles, but mainly fruits and vegetables. There were reports of police being punched and kicked. A ground-floor window of the evening news was smashed following evening headlines critical of the protesters. Civilians also got into the act and tried their hand at stealing and vandalism.

Protesters approached wealthy-looking men and inquired, 'are you the sort of person we are going to fight for?'. When the answer was 'yes', the men demanded, 'well, dig into your pockets and pay us'.

All available metropolitan police were brought into the city, then despatched to the city police stations and onto the streets. Posses of mounted police went into action early in the afternoon and were targeted by protesters with blue metal and lemonade and beer bottles: police and horses were injured.

A large contingent of armed loyalist troops was brought into the city and central station was virtually placed under martial law. Back on the streets, police used their batons.

Sometime after 10 pm, violence erupted at central. After an iron gate was closed on 30 protesters, the men grabbed a fire hose and turned it full bore on the military pickets calling its members 'scabs' and 'blacklegs' knocking a few over. Despite being ordered to desist, the men maintained the water flow. A revolver was then discharged into the air, allegedly by a protester. In response, the picket was ordered to 'fire low' and shots were loosed of into the protesters. Dozens of men fell. The firing was followed by a bayonet and baton charge. In the melee six protesters were wounded. A protester from the 6th light horse was killed by a bullet through his left eye and bayonet wounds to his neck and shoulder.

At the 11 am muster at the camp the next day, the army chose a conciliatory response, after announcing that 40 hours work would go ahead, they declared that no direct order had been disobeyed by soldiers and there had been no intention to subvert military authority, therefore no mutiny had taken place. Those soldiers identified as protest leaders were arrested upon their return to camp but only summarily discharged. The military then made a number of changes at the camps to improve conditions for soldiers, in a largely successful attempt to appease the rioters and restore calm.

Police, Pacifism and Violence

On April 16 Ryan Pringle, the 33 year old son of a former Balmain rugby league star was shot to death by police at a rural commune called the "School of Happiness" in Northern NSW. The details of this sad day are not completely clear, but it seems that Ryan had arrived at the camp earlier that day, as a group called the Rainbow Family Australia was preparing for a 6 week gathering.

After some time at the commune he began acting in a violent and erratic manner, threatening Rainbow Family members with a knife in what some of the group described as a 'psychotic episode'. Three of the campers fled the scene and drove to the nearby town of Tenterfield where they alerted police to the disturbance. Pringle reportedly threatened the remaining 10 campers for nine hours, apparently punching three of them, and dislocating one man's shoulder.

After police arrived Pringle reportedly dropped his knife and fled into the woods before returning with a crossbow and demanding police drop their weapons. It is at this point police apparently opened fire, first with a taser then a firearm.

Of the police actions, the Rainbow Family made the following statement "We would like to thank the police officers who came to our aid... That the media paint the police in a less than glorious light is an offence to decency. They were, and are, our champions and we are forever in their debt."

The Rainbow Family Australia are an ideal expression of the ideology of nonviolence and this tragedy perfectly represents the impossibility of pacifism in practice. When faced with the threat of violence, pacifism necessarily results in either default submission to the aggressor or the delegation of violence to those who practice it professionally.

For a pacifist to request and applaud violence carried out on their behalf, is not only blatant hypocrisy, but shows their ideology to be a cover for their own fear and rejection of the responsibility to protect oneself and ones comrades. Such sentiments and attitudes are sadly familiar amongst many privileged hippies and activists who passionately claim the righteousness of non-violence, while accepting the institutional violence of police and prisons as natural.

Like the Rainbow Family we believe passionately in the creation of communes as liberating alternatives to life under capital and indeed we believe that if a commune is to survive it must be defended. A commune must be safe space for its members or it must not exist. We do not look toward some imaginary world where all human beings will live in complete harmony, where no one will show aggression toward one another, nor do we believe we can travel to some far away location to escape from the violence of the rest of society.

We encourage those who set out to create communes and intentional communities to train themselves in individual and collective self defence and to have the necessary tools at hand to confront violence from outside but also from within the commune when the need arises.

Unlike the Rainbow Family we make no demands for peace under capitalism. The reigning status quo and the illusion of social peace is upheld by a constant war on the poor. The ever militarised police act as frontline troops against the nation's internal enemies, that surplus population that exists without a stake in the market; those who fill the queues in Centrelink and outside charity vans, who live in parks, housing commissions and prison cells. For the marginalised, the indigenous, the young and rebellious, the police are not considered 'champions' to be celebrated, but oppressors to be evaded and resisted.

This year's 150th anniversary of the NSW Police Force has already been dogged by numerous scandals, from an increase in complaints of police brutality to an increase in gun crime which police have shown themselves powerless to stop. In January Mark Murdoch, the force's second highest ranking cop was found attempting to cover up the public bashing of a cricket fan by his 24 year old cop son and in April senior police in one of Sydney's largest commands were found to have been altering crime statistics.

The shooting death of Ryan Pringle was the third murder by NSW police in less than a month. On March 18, 21 year old Brazilian student Roberto Laudisio Curti was chased, tasered and pepper sprayed by 6 police and died soon afterwards. On March 26, following a high speed chase policeman shot dead 34 year old Darren Neill in the food court of Parramatta Westfield.

Then on the 22nd of April, Police fired 6 shots into the windshield of a reportedly stolen car carrying 6 aboriginal youth in Kings Cross. The 14 year old driver was shot in the chest and the arm, while 17 year old Troy Taylor was shot in the neck, then dragged out of the car by police and repeatedly punched in the head, both have been charged in hospital, where they remain in serious condition.

There is a very real sense of outrage towards police simmering in parts of this society, a growing discontent with the potential to explode. Many expressions of rage against police injustice go unnoticed by mainstream media. We are a few freedom loving, cop hating hooligans who've had enough. Police violence is business as usual and if we wish to oppose it, we must be prepared to respond to in kind.

To everyone sick of life under cops and capitalists, we extend a wave of solidarity but also a call to live, to dream, to attack and to liberate territory from police occupation and to form rural and urban communes based on our mutual desires.

Freedom to Michael Alan Jacobs and all prisoners of war.

May day vandalism

We are workers against work, wage slaves against wage slavery and unemployed against employment. We have no desires to rent our lives to any boss, whether corporate manager or state bureaucrat. We also have no interest in joining any union that will 'fight' for better wages on the job, we don't want better wages, we don't want better jobs, we want freedom, freedom from jobs, rent, commerce and the state.

In the early hours of May 1st 2012, we put superglue and liquid nails in the card and coin slots of all ticket machines at Wollie Creek, Sydenham and Ashfield train station. This minor act of sabotage was intended to slow work on the international day of workers struggle. While we expect nothing more than some workers arriving late, we still regard this as valuable, sabotage to slow or stop work is the most revolutionary tool any worker holds and we encourage its use. We also sprayed a bunch of anti-work and class war slogans through Sydenham, Marrickville and Strathfield.

There is no 'workers movement' in this country, the only thing left of a workers movement is its representatives, the bureaucratic unions who's membership is plummeting. The unions are the enemies of any independent movement of workers not interested in paying dues to fund the Labor party's next election campaign. They are thoroughly integrated into the ALP and capitalist establishment and represent narrow interests associated with negotiating the terms of workers' exploitation. Over the past decades unions have become so spineless and courteous they are either not capable or simply unwilling to defend past gains. While the O'Farrell government privatises what it can, capps wages for public servants, and slashes workers compo, unions do nothing but grumble.

For example, the Shop, Distributive and Allied Employees Association (SDA), one of Australia's largest unions has a long and sordid history of negotiating employer friendly agreements. It is yellow to the core and run by right wing Catholic Labor Party officials, primarily Joe de Bruyn, who has run it as his person fiefdom since 1978, using his position to promote catholic bigotry amongst his membership. Just 3 weeks ago Dominos cut their drivers wages by 20% across the country. The cut was a vindictive response to numerous formal complaints by drivers that their pay was already too low.

In a particularly cruel and mocking statement, Dominos claimed an 'internal audit' found the drivers were being overpaid, but would "not ask workers to return overpayments." In response Joe de Bruyn said he was "surprised by the pay cut" and that was it, no action was taken. The SDA has a monopoly over retail and food service workers, who are primarily young, and often from non Christian immigrant backgrounds. It amazes us that these workers continue to join and reproduce this rotten organisation, an organisation that should be smashed and its officials beaten.

Even worse self serving union bureaucracy can be seen in the ultra corrupt Health Services Union. For years major Labor party and union officials such as Craig Thompson have used union funds to buy everything from fine wine to high end sex workers. Not only has the union failed to defend their workers interests, they've actually proved themselves to be the enemies of the very workers they claim to represent. For the past 3 years ambulance drivers and paramedics have left the HSU en mass and formed the Australian Paramedics Association. Unions NSW has repeatedly blocked their attempt to register as a union, and in an act of savage vindictiveness, the HSU (with the sole legal right to represent paramedics) made a successful application to the Industrial Commission to reduce their wages by \$30,000 a year.

While some comrades associated with the occupy encampments in Australia and north America hoped and agitated for a national (even global) general strike today, we had no such illusions, particularly here, where strikes are few and far between, and unions have negotiated away all militant actions. Any uncompromising strike against capital here could only arise from the self organised initiative of workers acting outside of the union structures.

In NSW neither unions nor leftist even march on May 1. Instead they hold a small annual march the following weekend, this year on May 6, days after workers around the world have taken the streets, sometimes confronting riot pigs to do so. We refuse to attend these pathetic, demoralising spectacles that show nothing except the lack of a movement. We also refuse to join any march with alongside the screws of the Public Service Association.

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As May Day not recognised as a public holiday in this state, the unions refusal to call for a May 1 demo (unless it happens to fall on a weekend), is indicative of their general unwillingness to ever call for walkouts or any form of cross industry industrial action.

Surprisingly though, on May 1st this year, five thousand people protested outside NSW parliament, blocking all traffic along Macquarie St for hours. It was far larger than any 'May day' demo in years, though these were not May day marchers. They were protesting coal seam gas mining, many of them had gotten buses from regional NSW to attend.

It was a reminder that the only genuine 'social movement' at present in NSW is the movement against coal seam gas. While there are a gamut of tiny leftist sects and single issue campaign groups who regularly organising 'rallies' for a variety of issues, none of these have the momentum or social force to be described as a movement.

It's also a movement that's sometimes in direct opposition to the so called 'workers movement.' The Australian Workers Union consistently lobbies on behalf of the mining industry for the continued expansion of Coal Seam Gas, and other mining jobs at the expense of the climate, wildlife, and often the local communities wishes.

The movement against CSG, and mining generally is one we have contributed to and taken active part in. But it is a movement we also have deep reservations with. Most of those attending the demo on May 1 were white and many are likely to have been quite wealthy landowners. Rural landowners, or farmers, comprise a significant section of those opposing the NSW Coal rush. While we are pleased to see many farmers, once quite antagonistic to 'greenies' joining demos against mining, it is also important to ask why people are doing so. While camping at blockades we have heard much outright racism from farmers, complaining about the mining company we were opposing being Chinese or Japanese owned, as if the nationality of the profiteers should matter.

Others farmers we've spoken to have made it clear they were primarily concerned that a proposed mine nearby would affect their property value, something else we couldn't give a fuck about.

But the aspect of the anti CSG campaign we find most grating is the outright and obsessive defence of property rights and trespass law. NSW reserves the rights to sell mineral rights to a company regardless of someone 'owning' the land above it, something that has outraged countless farmers, who thought the land they bought was theirs alone.

Our response to the inevitable deficits of any mass movement, is not the marginalising tendency to form subcultural 'political scenes', we must engage with social movements, especially those opposed to industrial expansion. We must push them towards radicalisation and to actively disrupt all attempts by political Party's to co opt and take control. We must encourage and partake in widespread sabotage of the machinery of mining, work and capital if we are to have any hope for a libertarian future on a liveable planet.

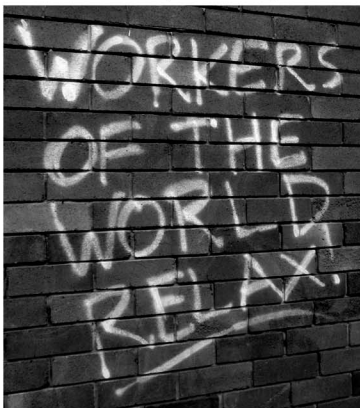
We have no interest in fighting for crumbs or concessions from employers, we want to abolish employers, we want nothing less than everything. All that has been produced under capitalism has been through the direct exploitation of workers. We've no interest in reproducing this system through our labour, or legitimising the 'property rights' of those who've profited from sweat of others. As workers, prisoners and homeless, as those with nothing, we claim it all. Anything produced using the creativity, energy and time of a wage slave and anything purchased using capital accumulated through the exploitation of labourers should be expropriated and communised or simply destroyed.

NO GODS NO GAS
NO MINES NO MASTERS

For wilderness in the ruins of industry
and communes in the ashes of capital.

DEMAND NOTHING
TAKE EVERYTHING

Some mayday vandals



Sydney University protest turns violent



May 7: The University of Sydney administration has condemned a protest on the university grounds after a Police officer was taken to hospital and several students were arrested amid claims of police brutality.

Over fifteen hundred students and staff marched down City Road and into the uni on Monday afternoon to protest against job and budget cuts.

Officers were monitoring a peaceful protest march along City Road until 2.15pm when the march finished outside the Senate building where a petition against the cuts was to be tabled.

Part of the group then jumped over a fence and forced their way inside the Senate building. Police responded at once by rushing into the building and blocking the entrance. Dozens of students scuffled with police as they were being dragged out of the building.

Some students outside the building threw projectiles at police, while other protesters hurled abuse at the officers.



Three students were arrested in the violent confrontation and an officer suffered a fractured arm and has been taken to Prince Albert Hospital.

As the three detained protesters were taken away, students surrounded and blockaded the building with linked arms.

Education Action Group spokeswoman Freya Bunday said the protest was going well until the students tried to have "a peaceful occupation and sit-in, until the police brutally broke that up. A number of students have been quite hurt...So because of that the students have actually been sieging the senate building and not letting senators in at the moment."

Protesters later hailed the march a success, saying they managed to block the building. "We successfully stopped the senate from meeting," said one student protester.

A spokesman for the university said he had no comment on the matter.



Lock-on protest of Metgasco's new CSG wastewater pond



LOCK-ON PROTEST AGAINST CSG POND CONSTRUCTION AFTER GOVERNMENT BAN FAILS

June 20: A protestor has today attached himself to a bull-dozer being used by Metgasco to build a new coal seam gas wastewater holding pond near Casino in northern NSW. He is being supported by 50 people from the region who have gathered at the site.

Lismore resident Davey Bob Ramsay, whose family has lived in the Northern Rivers region for 4 generations, locked himself to the machine at dawn this morning to highlight the threats posed by CSG wastewater to land and water in the Richmond Valley.

“We’re here because the NSW Government promised to ban evaporation ponds 12 months ago but today Metgasco are building an open wastewater pond on the edge of the Casino floodplain,” said Boudicca Cerese.



“This action today exposes the promises by the NSW Government as a sham that were designed to hoodwink the public into thinking they were putting tougher constraints on coal seam gas wastewater management.

“This pond is located in the catchment of Shannon Brook Creek which runs into sensitive wetland areas.

“It seems that Metgasco has been allowed to build these ponds because they have called them ‘temporary holding ponds’ rather than ‘evaporation ponds’.

“That is a misnomer in more ways than one – the pond is approved to operate for five years and it functions like an evaporation pond and has exactly the same risks, including pond overflow, liner failure and seepage into alluvial aquifers.

“Wastewater management of coal seam gas in the Casino area is a shambles and the NSW Government has done nothing to fix it.

“We don’t take this action lightly but we can’t stand by while our Governments fail us and we see our floodplains, wetlands and farmlands threatened. Casino is the beef capital of Australia and we don’t want that put at risk by coal seam gas.

“We are calling on the O’Farrell government to impose a proper ban on open CSG wastewater ponds and to prevent any further construction of this pond,” she said.

Firies spray Parliament



June 21: "Washing away the foul stench of hypocrisy" was how an official of the Fire Brigade Employees' Union (FBEU) set the scene just before firefighters turned the water on from a massive truck-mounted fire hose pointed straight at NSW Parliament. The unprecedented strike action and spraying of parliament was a dramatic escalation in the fight against O'Farrell's cuts to workers' compensation.

In a move not seen since 1956, NSW firefighters voted to take full strike action, completely shutting down fire stations across the state and leaving no skeleton crews behind. After an order from the Industrial Relations Commission, the FBEU seems to have backed down somewhat on this, sending some members back to deal with certain "emergencies".

The government has called in the volunteer Rural Fire Service and even some military organisations to try to take over the duties, with the media reporting that one house has already burned down while police watched on.

The initial strike action went from 1pm to 6pm. By 2 o'clock the firefighters had started assembling at parliament. Many marched on foot while a massive convoy of about a hundred fire trucks blockaded Macquarie Street and sent a clear message that the FBEU means business. Several hundred firefighters cheered and jeered as parliament was hosed down, with smaller numbers of nurses and other unionists there in solidarity. A few police initially seemed to make a move to arrest the operator of the hose, before realizing the number and anger of the firefighters, and backed down.

The Fire Brigade Employees' Union stated they are especially angry that police, but not firefighters, were exempted from the cuts to coverage for sick and injured workers.

A motion was carried unanimously by FBEU members to authorise their officials to continue the strike if the government does not back down.

The firefighters left with sirens and horns blaring deafeningly as passers-by cheered them on.

Inside, Premier Barry O'Farrell was preparing a spray of his own - branding the strike the most irresponsible action taken by a union in NSW history, telling reporters "If you think I'm angry, you're right,"

"As a result of the poor behaviour by a number involved in the protest NSW Police Force may pursue action against those individuals who may have broken the law," a police spokesman told reporters.

Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) said in a statement on Friday that an internal investigation into the incident was under way.

"If any firefighter is found to have engaged in inappropriate or illegal conduct then the appropriate legal and FRNSW internal disciplinary action will be taken," it said.

Though the parliament did eventually accept a Greens amendment that extended the exemptions to firefighters and ambulance workers, many other workers will now be cut off all medical payments after a year, regardless of whether they have recovered. The changes are also retroactive so will affect workers currently sick and injured.

Solidarity gathering for the Honduran resistance

In response to a call by the resistance movement in Honduras for an International Day of Solidarity, a rally was called for June 23 at the Iberoamerican Plaza by Central Station. About 50 people gathered in solidarity, against the political killings and environmental exploitation, driven since 2009 by an internationally coordinated military/business coup.



As people gathered at the plaza, some activists broke into an empty building by Central station and the plaza, dropping a large banner from the third story which read: "Solidarity with the campesino land occupations throughout Honduras. viva la resistencia"



A year ago anarchists had occupied the building, and were creating a free social centre when they were violently evicted by riot police. It has remained empty ever since.

Speeches were made by unionists from the CFMEU and Teachers Federation condemning the Honduran state and declaring solidarity with the resistance.

Colectivo Mujer representatives read out poems by a Honduran feminist poet and highlighted the impunity with which femicides are being committed there.

A Street theatre performance ended the protest with a group portraying symbolically what it is like to live under a dictatorship.

Many leaflets were also distributed with the following text:

The military coup that took place on 28 June 2009 involved the kidnapping and deportation of the social reformist president Zelaya and installation of the Micheletti regime. As soon as news of the coup spread, grassroots resistance flourished immediately as antimilitary protesters built barricades and burnt tyres on major roads throughout the capital and other cities. A sham election was soon held and a business puppet named Lobo was then installed as President. He has since passed a number of 'anti terrorist' laws to criminalise the resistance and has begun building 'model cities' (entirely privatised cities.)

Over the last three years, political killings have taken place weekly. San Pedro Sula has now eclipsed Ciudad Juarez as the 'murder capital' of the world. There were 9 confirmed political assassinations in May 2012 alone. In one instance on May day, police raided the family home of young Indigenous anti-dam activist Santos Rodríguez and executed him. These murders (which are carried out by, or with the complicity of the authorities) have frequently targeted women, LGBTI, teachers, human rights activists, farmers, indigenous activists, unionists and journalists.

Apart from killings; death threats, assaults, teargas, police and military brutality, illegal detentions, judicial persecution, being followed by suspicious persons and vehicles without numberplates, are all part of the reality of diverse individuals and groups engaging in activism to change their conditions. Even international human rights observers have recently reported death threats against them.

Environmental activists have been a particularly frequent target. Honduran state greenwashing has reached the degree that the regime now promotes 'sustainable open pit' mining to the 'international community'. The regime is maximising what mining companies can do, such as polluting land, soil and waterways with impunity. It also promotes expansion of biofuels including palm oil, sugar, and corn, a fake solution to climate issue that prioritises monocrops and international exports over local food production.

It may be half the world away but we share much common ground with the Honduran resistance. The police here in NSW also kill with impunity, they too brutally handle protesters and arrest and abuse and judicially process us. We are up against similar neoliberal forces which privilege those with money, and represses those that don't.

The massive land occupations by Honduran peasants are an inspiration to us. Since 2009, 50 farmers have been killed in the Bajo Aguán region where a major land struggle is being carried out against palm oil giants.

In April this year, thousands of landless farmers collectively seized land in provinces across the state. The largest peasant group MOCSAN has been evicted 3 times from massive sugar plantations (the second time with over 100 arrests) and reoccupied the land twice. It is truly inspiring that people whose whole towns have been burnt down by the police and military, defiantly return and reoccupy to defend communal territory from capital.

Anarchists respond to Grafton prison blockade



Any town that depends on a gaol for its survival is not a place worth saving. A town where the youth grow up to become screws is a town that should be deserted or destroyed. The social relationships that make up a place where a prison and its guards are celebrated are poison. Anyone who holds a sign or wears a shirt that says "SAVE OUR GAOL" is providing material support for the terrorist that put people in cages.

Before dawn, on July 9 we attacked the facade of the Public Sector Association (PSA) headquarters at 160 Clarence St in the city with paint. We sprayed

"NO PRISONS" &
"BURN GRAFTON GAOL"

After sunrise we dropped two banners off the Cahill Expressway bridge above the Rocks and threw hundreds of anti-prison leaflets down to the morning commuters. The banners read:

"FUCK JOHN CAHILL, FUCK THE PSA" &
"SHANK SCREWS BURN GAOLS"



For the past six days, the screws, their families, PSA bureaucrats and some local prison lovers defended a picket, 24 hours a day, to keep people in cages, to maintain, indefinitely, the cruellest institutions of the state, an institution of torture and total control. For six days prisoners were prevented from leaving the prison, some were due to be transferred while others were due to be released.

Earlier this year Grafton gaol was reviewed by a state government panel. The report found the prison facilities were unhygienic and outdated, and there was an ingrained 'culture of racism, bullying and harassment' amongst guards toward prisoners. Throughout the gaol's history indigenous inmates have made up a massive proportion of its population.

The Mayor of Grafton passionately defended the prison, saying "this is all about our city's future and what we are made up of. This is in our DNA. The gaol has been a part of our community, many lives since 1893. So we have a connection with the gaol and that connection and resolve is as strong today as it was in 1893"

Media reported that shortly after riot police broke through the picket, that many screws and their families cried as buses of prisoners were driven away. Such sick and twisted human beings they are, that they cry as their hostages are taken away, so upset that they've been deprived the right to bully, beat and restrain these individuals again.

As members and supporters of the workers struggle, we've always been of the opinion that all pickets should be respected, until now. Any picket that demands a prison remain open or at "full capacity" or that physically holds prisoner's hostage, should be crushed. The picketing screws should be attacked and any union propaganda or infrastructure should be destroyed.

On the day the picket commenced the PSA declared a week long industrial action at all NSW prisons, with prison guards working to rule and refusing to allow any visits. Not only does the union hold the prisoners of Grafton hostage, but they vindictively punish prisoners, their friends and families across the state. It should be noted that many families have to travel hundreds of kilometres to visit loved ones and in recent days some travelling across the state have been turned away by screws refusing to facilitate their lawful right to a visit.

While the PSA sits back and does nothing while other public workers have their wages capped, the PSA maintains a constant focus on the demands of their screws. In late May the PSA announced industrial action across the state in protest of a screw from Newcastle receiving a 4 month prison sentence for brutally bashing an inmate. Video of the incident clearly shows the screw punching an inmate in the face and chest literally dozens of times. The PSA is currently funding an appeal in the high court.

AS long as the PSA fights for prisons to remain open and for the rights of screws to bash prisoners with impunity, they are a clear enemy of freedom and should be attacked. Along with the NSW Police Force and the Department of Correction they are responsible for 20 000 hostages held in this state.

FREE ALL PRISONERS
FIRE TO THE PRISONS

Public Service Association Media Releases

07 July 2012

Current and former employees, members of the Public Service Association of NSW and other unions, and community members are gathering at Grafton jail for a blockade to save the facility and local jobs.

PSA General Secretary John Cahill said the NSW government's proposal to slash more than 80% of the Grafton jail workforce will have a devastating economic impact on Grafton.

"This broad coalition of workers, unions and community members is gathered at Grafton jail today for one united purpose -- to save the jail and ensure the future of Grafton," Mr Cahill said today.

"We're calling for the NSW Government to overturn this bad decision for the benefit of workers and the whole Grafton community.

"The real victims of this mean and tricky strategy are correctional facility workers and the public who are being kept in the dark about the true plans for the state.

"We can run this jail on a tighter budget if management will give us the chance to put plans in place and avoid scattering people across the state.

"We invite all concerned members of the community to join with us in showing the Government we want a solution that won't result in the wholesale destruction of the community," Mr Cahill said.

08 July 2012

More than 300 people are blockading Grafton jail in the state's Northern Rivers region to protest against NSW Government plans to downsize and ultimately close the correctional facility. John Cahill said "a broad range of current and former prison workers, union members, the local mayor, an MP, and grandmothers have joined the blockade to save the jail and ensure the future of Grafton.

"The Grafton community is outraged at the NSW Government's attack on the local community," Mr Cahill said today. "We've seen a massive show of support for a 24-hour-a-day blockade of the correctional facility to prevent inmates leaving the prison. "Already, we've experienced heavy-handed and unsafe tactics from senior corrective services staff as they try and push through and begin dismantling the facility and move the prison population. But the hundreds of people on the picket line refuse to be intimidated and remain united in defying the staff cuts and downsizing of the jail." Mr Cahill said.

*The Screws, not the Prisoners,
should go to HELL...*

KEEP GRAFTON CLOSED!

Closure 'overdue' says former inmate

July 9: 'Nick', a former inmate of the Grafton jail told journalists that shutting Grafton down is a great idea.

'Nick', says he spent three months at Grafton, after also doing time at Kempsey, Cessnock and Silverwater and says the closure of Grafton's One Wing is long overdue.

"Once you get locked in at 3:30 in the afternoon there's no fans, no air moving through the place, it really makes you sick," he said. "There's cockroaches all over the place, it's old, its dingy. Closing it is a great thing. Comparably Kempsey's prison is quite good. All the cells have showers and toilets in them as opposed to Grafton where you've only got a toilet and a sink with barely minimal running water. Silverwater's the same, it's a quite a few years old but you've still got facilities in the cell like showering whereas Grafton you just don't. "

"The cells are a really small room, it's two blokes, bunk beds... when it's 30, 40 degrees outside through the day, the brickwork warms up and there's no air flowing through there and it makes you feel physically sick in summer... Most of the blokes turn to drugs, or there's a lot of fights over it because everyone is constantly hot and frustrated. "

Nick says there was never any guarantee that if you lived in the Northern Rivers you'd be sent to Grafton to be closer to family and friends.

"If you're un-sentenced, you're on random bed placement so you can be sent anywhere in NSW."

"There's no guarantee you'll stay in Grafton or in Kempsey, they'll just move you."

Left: MP Chris Gulaptis, wearing a PSA shirt, after joining screws on the picket

Gulaptis is a member of the far right National Party, which is largely funded by mining CEO's and constantly lobbies for anti union laws. Despite this the PSA appear to consider him an ally.

Right: some local youths protesting outside graffton prison complex.



Torpedo the Fascists: Rallies & counter rallies on World Refugee Day

On the 20th of June a boats filled with asylum seekers cap-sized between the coast of Indonesia and Australia, 90 people are believed to have drowned. Darrin Hodges and Nick Folkes, leaders of the tiny fascist 'Australian Protectionist Party' created a facebook event titled 'Torpedo the Boats'. The event was to be a counter rally, to a refugee solidarity march on June 23 World Refugee Day.

Their callout read:

...come out in support of your future, your children's future and your country and send the message to the refo huggers, Labor and the other socialist s-bend intellectuals, hand-wringers and assorted bed-wetters, that we don't want their pets in our country:

TORPEDO THE BOATS!

The pro refugee rally called 'Walk Together' was organised by a pro refugee public relations NGO called 'Welcome to Australia'. A couple thousand people marched through the city from Parliament to Belmore Park, where a stage had been set up for performances by musical and dance groups of different ethnicities.



A few hundred meters away, on the far side of the park five people bothered to attend the APP anti-refugee 'rally', protected by riot police, from a couple dozen anarchists and antifascists who assembled about 20 meters away, holding black and red flags and banners reading:

**TORPEDO THE FIRST FLEET
NO BORDERS
ANTIFA
FREE REFUGEES, BURN ALL PRISONS**

The antifascists also hung a banner between some trees which read **SOLIDARITY IS OUR WEAPON FASCISTS OFF OUR STREETS**, and chanted against borders, nations & deportation, that the APP are racist scum, and that Australia was and is Aboriginal land.

Anarchists have clashed with members of this sect on previous occasions, and many came to this demo prepared for a confrontation. The large numbers of riot police outnumbering both groups put any direct clash out of the question. The pigs even arrested, detained, and eventually released one antifascist without charge, for apparently 'getting too close' to the fascists.

Despite this, hundreds of anti-police and anti-detention leaflets were handed out to many curious passersby while the APP loons looked foolish hiding between some trees with more racist placards than racists to hold them. The failure of the rally, and the party generally, resulted in the apparent resignation of de facto party leader Darrin Hodges, later that day.

Darrin Hodges

This will be my last APP rally. I've concluded that the political process is far too slow to effect change, mired as it is in bureaucratic redtape crafted by the establishment parties to ensure they don't have to face too much competition. The other option requires a level of violence that only the few would be willing to contemplate or execute, to unscramble the egg.

So after this rally I will cease political activity and pursue my dream of being a professional basket-weaver and flower arranger.

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Darrin Hodges Somebody once defined madness as repeating the same actions and expecting a different result, they could have been describing democracy.

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In April 2007 Darrin Hodges, chairman of the Sutherland Shire branch of the far right Australia First Party, was expelled due to disagreements with other party members. Hodges went on to co-found the Australian Protectionist Party and unsuccessfully ran in the 2008 Sutherland Shire Council elections, coming last in his ward. He then unsuccessfully ran for the Senate in the 2010 Australian federal election garnering a whopping 0.03%. His brief foray into fascist politics will not be missed.

On the following day a more militant march against the detention of asylum seekers was called by the refugee action coalition, and was promoted with banner drops and posters throughout Sydney. A few hundred people marched through the city with large banners reading **END DETENTION NOW**, **TEAR DOWN THE FENCES**, and **BURN ALL PRISONS** while chanting against borders, deportation and mandatory detention.





June 30: Modified billboard outside Stanmore train station in Sydney

Vandals attack war memorial

July 06 Vandals have attacked a flag pole at the Clarence Town War memorial, causing \$1,500 worth of damage.

Police say the incident happened on Wednesday or Thursday this week.

The aluminium flag pole has been broken just above ground level

Raymond Terrace & St Pius high school's vandalised

July 10: Police say a Raymond Terrace public school has been targeted by vandals over the school holiday period.

Four computer monitors were thrown around the library of Irrawang Public School, after vandals smashed their way into the building.

Ten windows in several buildings have also been smashed with bricks and logs, causing about \$2,000 damage.

Just over a week ago a fire was deliberately lit at St Pius High School at Adamstown, causing \$500,000 dollars damage.

Two 12-year-old boys have been charged over the incident.

Cherrybrook high vandalised

July 28: Cherrybrook Technology High, in north-west Sydney has been attacked by vandals, two of whom have been identified as students.

They entered the school after hours last night and flooded a second-floor textiles classroom with a fire hose, put glue in the school gate locks and wrote offensive graffiti about teachers on the amenities block of John Purchase Oval, behind the school. The damage is estimated at \$6000.



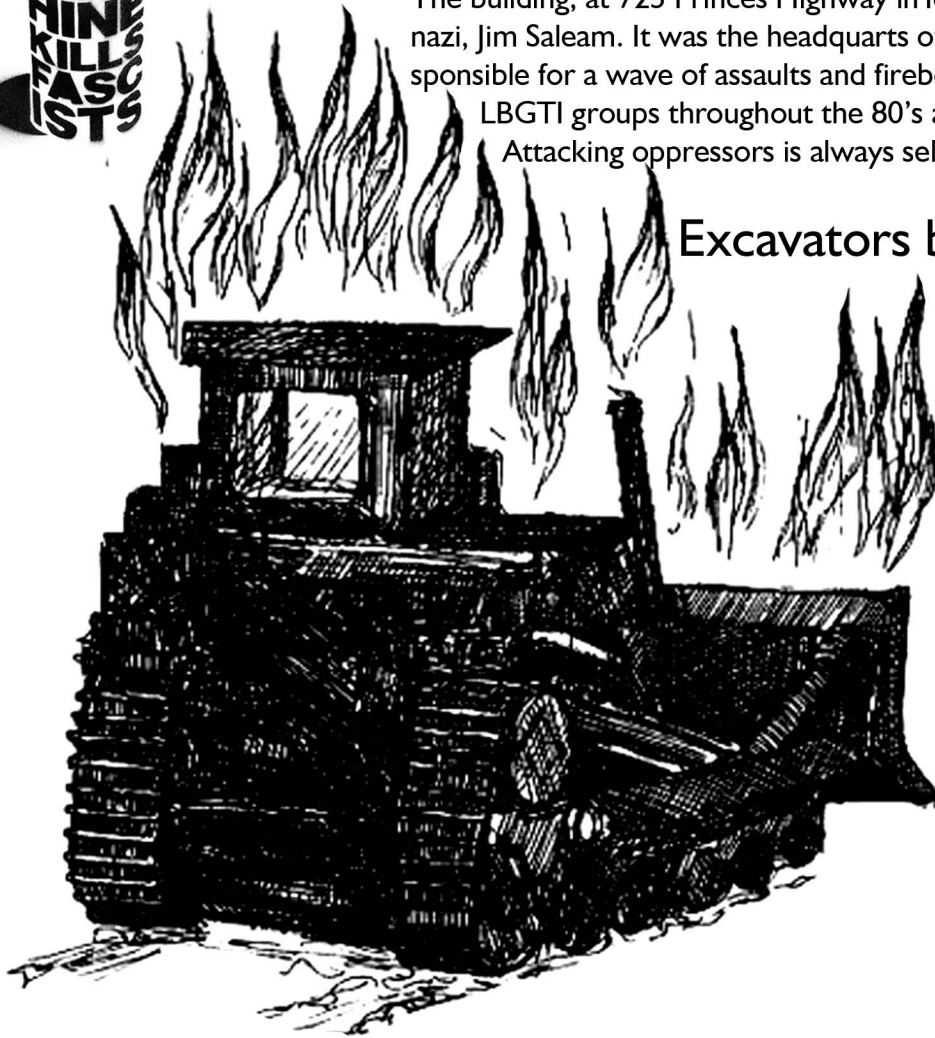


Paint attack on fascist party office

"In the early hours of July 28, some anarchists attacked the headquarters of the small fascist sect called the Australia First Party. Slogans and stencils were sprayed on the front walls and windows and paint was strewn about.

The building, at 725 Princes Highway in Tempe is owned by long time sydney based nazi, Jim Saleam. It was the headquarters of 'National Action', a defunct nazi group responsible for a wave of assaults and firebombings against immigrants, leftists and LBGTI groups throughout the 80's and early 90's.

Attacking oppressors is always self defence



Excavators burnt in the Hunter Valley

31 July: Arsonists have torched three excavators, causing almost \$1 million in equipment damage and hindering work on the \$1.7 million Hunter Expressway project.

The excavators were discovered alight at a section of the project, near Averys Lane, about 8.40pm on Sunday night. Police and firefighters discovered two excavators ablaze, and a third already destroyed by fire.

The fire took several hours to extinguish safely, because diesel was fuelling the flames. A number of heavy vehicles parked at the construction site were also damaged.

Banners dropped in solidarity with Toronto G20 Prisoners

On August 5 some anarchists dropped two banners from the Cahill expressway bridge outside the Canadian consulate. The action was in response to a call for August 5 solidarity actions for Kelly Rose Pflug-Back, an anarchist hostage of the Canadian state, recently sentenced to 15 months in prison for her resistance to the 2010 Toronto G20.

The banners read:

'EVERY PRISONER IS A POLITICAL PRISONER'

'FREE KELLY ROSE PFLUG-BACK'

A couple hundred leaflets condemning the repression and celebrating the resistance in the occupied territory of Turtle Island were also thrown from the bridge. Our small act was an expression of solidarity with Kelly and all the anti-G20 rebels who rejected the passive logic of legal protest and made a concrete stand against the managers of global capital.

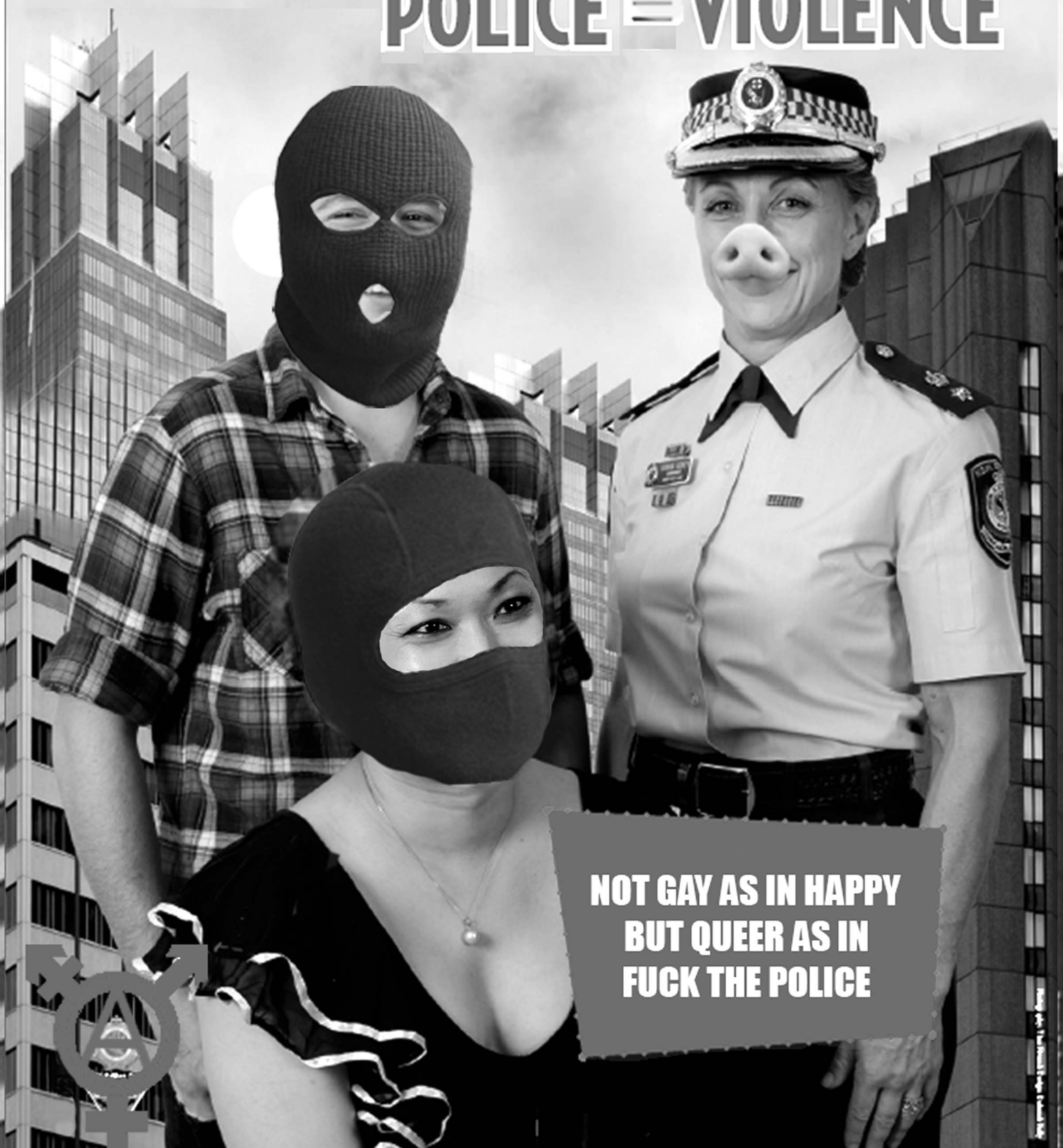
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NO G20 NO STATE



LETS ORGANISE TO KEEP OURSELVES SAFE

POLICE = VIOLENCE

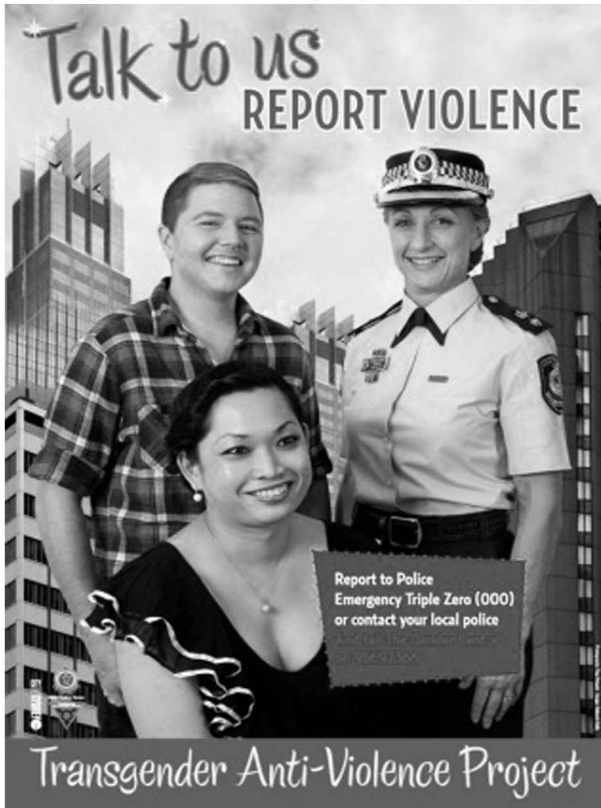


**NOT GAY AS IN HAPPY
BUT QUEER AS IN
FUCK THE POLICE**

Transgender Anti-Police Project

Trans anti-police project

This is a communiqué written by Unicorns Against the Existent in response to a recent police propaganda campaign and 'out reach' program targeting transfolk



We are anarchists, Trans and (?), who recognise that our oppression is brutally created and maintained by capitalism and the state. The police as the armed enforcers of the state and guardians of capital, have not only contributed to our violent oppression in the past (incarcerating us for being queer) but also repress and pacify our struggle for total liberation in the present.

We refuse to celebrate the state's attempts to promote itself as our protector and guardian. The police do not 'serve and protect us' – they are not our friends or comrades – they are not part of the working class – their job is to control and discipline the working class. It makes no difference what an individual officer's gender or sexuality may be – a police womyn can never be feminist and the police are anathema to anti-oppression struggles. The moment they choose to join the police force they annihilate any shared basis with our struggles and identification with us and become complicit in our oppression.

We recognise that violence against trans people is just one of the extreme expressions of capitalism and the states degradation and exploitation of our bodies and genders. This abuse will always be institutionalised in a system that has a fundamental need to control all elements of our lives – including reproduction, our labour, relationships and sexuality. Despite peddling the illusion of individuality and (consumptive) choice, capitalism requires us to live highly prescribed, routine existences in order to be neatly catalogued, identified, under constant surveillance and therefore dominated.

Under this system, control over the reproduction of the labour force (and therefore reproductive choice) and our sexuality must all be tightly maintained in order to keep us weak, complicit and to perpetuate our oppression. At a time when reproductive freedom is once again under assault in the USA and where abortion is vilified all over the world – we draw the links between the vicious policing of our bodies and genders and the control of all oppressed peoples bodies, lives and choices.

Controlling us in these ways is fundamental to the functioning of the state and capital, therefore our oppression can never be eradicated in this system – it can only be veiled or superficially amended.





This portrayal of the police as caring and protective of trans people is a deceptive attempt to veil the true relations of power that lie at the root of our oppression as trans people, as well as gender queer, poor, queer, female, people of colour and all who suffer oppression under this system. This attempt by the state and police to present themselves as partners against oppression is just another absurd feature of our advanced late capitalist society that clutches liberal ideology and social democracy so close to its maggot-ridden heart. But we refuse to see them mock us without comment – to be silently and passively placated by the lie that we can be safely protected by the vultures that prey on our lives, labour and freedom. The same vultures standing guard over the system that violently inhibits our ability to define ourselves and manage our own lives.

We will never be free of our oppression under the capitalist system, and although it is understandable that we attempt to reduce the harm and suffering that we experience, the cause of our suffering can never become the solution to it. Further, trans people of colour, trans womyn, poor trans people and trans sex workers will all continue to suffer the multiple, manifold oppressions of poverty, misogyny, police harassment, criminalisation and racism – all symptoms of and yet integral to capitalism and the state

Up until now this has just been a counter propaganda sticker/poster campaign but we would love to see many strikes against the state, either under the appropriated name of anti-police trans gender project or through other forms. We encourage and have solidarity for diverse actions carried out against the capitalist state by people of all genders and identities.

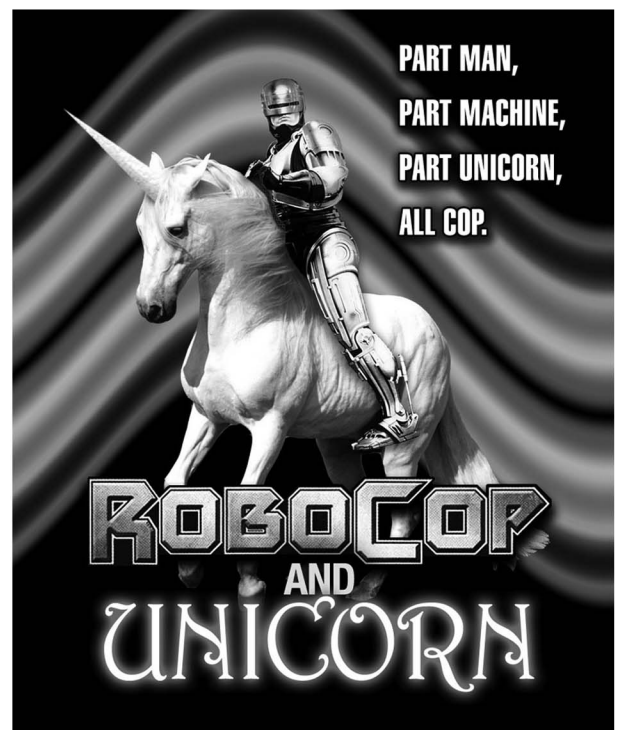
Due to currently lacking a movement here in Australia, we are currently unable to protect our selves using the necessary organisation, collectivity and solidarity. Although we are not there yet we can build and work towards this through struggle. We want self-determination and liberation, not to further give up our power to the police and state.

We recognise that due to the intense levels of violence trans people experience that there is at times a physical need to resort to the police. We are kept so weak by the violence and oppression of the state that paradoxically we sometimes have to turn to the state as it currently holds a monopoly on our 'protection', and so violently criminalizes our attempts to defend ourselves. But this does not mean that we will embrace the states attempts to gain a stronger paternalistic hold over our self-determination and convince us of the need for their protection. And so we refuse to buy into the states' lies and manipulation peddled through its various propaganda campaigns. Transgender anti-police project, a force that won't be reckoned with.

No justice, no peace. Fuck the police.

Notes:

The Transgender Anti-Violence Project is running out of the Gender Centre, an organisation that includes "for people with gender issues" in its title.



(We think our words and actions should be strong enough for this robocop image to be taken as completely ironic and harmless against our points, though we do have our critique on the lack of strong words and actions in australia, which has come to leave irony as the main mode expression by our generally quite frightened and socially controlled hipster cliques, leading us to a state of confusion, over whether that which should be ironic is really intended or then understood for its nuances of irony at all. And so although we would never choose irony to attempt to express our views, we have tacked on this ironic image as an opportunity to engage with the former, and for fun).

Police accused of assaulting transgender woman

August 6: The NSW Police Force has launched an internal investigation into allegations by a transgender woman that she was assaulted by officers from Redfern Local Area Command (LAC).

Indi Edwards, who identifies as female and will soon have gender realignment surgery, said the incident occurred at her Alexandria home when she phoned crisis support centre, Lifeline.

“I called Lifeline after being rejected by my family when I told them about my surgery,” Ms Edwards, a transgender activist, said.

“While I was talking to Lifeline, the call dropped out because the battery on my cordless phone went flat,” she said. Ms Edwards said she placed the phone back in its cradle to recharge it, and intended calling Lifeline back, but within ten minutes there was “loud banging” at her door.

Ms Edwards said four police officers charged into her apartment when she answered the door. When she insisted they leave, she was roughly thrown onto her bed, held down and handcuffed, then dragged out of her apartment and thrown into a paddy wagon, she alleges.

“It was absolutely humiliating because I was half naked and the whole street could see,” she said. “I was freezing cold, dragged through the rain with hardly any clothes on.”

Ms Edwards was taken to Concord Hospital, approximately fifteen kilometres away, and released shortly afterwards, when a mental health team assessed her as posing no risk to herself or others.

Police did not lay any charges against Ms Edwards, who said she sustained numerous bruises from the officers’ rough treatment and from “rolling around the back of the paddy wagon every time they turned a corner or stopped at a red light”.

“I couldn’t hold myself steady because they handcuffed my arms behind my back,” she said.

She further claimed that officers referred to her as “he” and “him”, except in front of medical professionals, when they used the pronouns “she” and “her”. “They were trying to rile me up,” she said.

While the incident occurred almost three months ago, Ms Edwards said she had not gone to the media earlier because police had promised a thorough investigation. “But it seems now they’ve swept the whole thing under the carpet,” she said.

The allegations have sparked concern from equality campaigners.

Equal rights activist Gary Burns urged senior police to mount “a thorough, open and impartial investigation into these very serious allegations.”

Dr Tracie O’Keefe, sexologist and spokesperson for Sex and Gender Education (SAGE) Australia, was perturbed by the apparent lack of confidentiality surrounding Ms Edwards’ call to Lifeline.

A NSW Police spokesperson said the matter was being investigated. “Redfern [LAC] has received a complaint about an incident that occurred in April,” said the spokesperson



Indi Edwards' bruised thigh

Anonymous take down ASIO website

August 10: The notorious hacking group Anonymous crippled a computer server at the domestic spy agency, the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation, and claimed the agency's website would be unavailable for the rest of the day.

An Australian arm of the loose-knit hacking group Anonymous announced its attack via its Twitter account shortly after 10am today. "Server <http://www.asio.gov.au> has been down for some time now, And will be for the rest of the day!" the account stated.

ASIO's website was down for at least half an hour this morning and now either works, loads slowly or doesn't work at all. The spy agency said in a statement that it was "aware that there may have been some technical issues" with its site, adding that it did "not host any classified information [on it] and any disruption would not represent a risk to ASIO's business". Over the past week Anonymous' Australian Twitter account has been boasting it will attack the ASIO website and that of Defence Signals Directorate. "The anonymous Operation Australia hackers have today again been busy with further attacks on the ASIO and DSD website," Anonymous Australia wrote on Wednesday.

A number of other distributed-denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks and website defacements have been levelled at some 10 government agencies in the past month. The group also recently took data and customer records belonging to business telco AAPT from a data centre and published it on a website. Anonymous conducted the attack because it wanted to highlight the dangers of a proposal to force telcos to store every Australian's web history for up to two years. Today's attack was done in protest of the proposal too.

The Privacy Commissioner launched an investigation into the AAPT leak earlier this week. It comes as Fairfax Media reported today that the federal government had put the web spy proposal on the back burner, delaying it until after the next federal election.

An Anonymous user in an internet relay chat, believed to be where the hackers have been coordinating the attacks on Australian websites, said the attack on ASIO's site would cease at 10pm today. They claimed a "minor victory" after the web spy proposal was put on the back-burner by Attorney-General Nicola Roxon, saying Roxon "didn't want the attention leading up to the election."

"Attacks may ease up," they said, "[but] I cannot say no more attacks will continue.

"We will continue to watch the situation. The operation had only just started really.

"[There] was a lot more heat to bring if she didn't back down.

"But [we] will continue to keep an eye on the Australian government."

Roxon has previously urged interested parties to avoid "hysteria" and contribute to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security inquiry instead. But the Anonymous group member said hysteria was needed.

"Sometimes you need a bit of organised hysteria to get a reaction with an apathetic public," the anonymous group member said, earlier linking Fairfax Media to GetUp's campaign against the proposed reforms to Australia's laws.

They added that they wanted an explanation as to why Australia was pushing for restrictive copyright measures in the Trans-Pacific Partnership treaty which could, as tech site iTnews reported, "severely restrict copyright limitations and exceptions" in Australia.

EXPECT US

Coal seam gas blockade set to stay



Aug. 20: Residents have vowed to continue their blockade of the Fullerton Cove pilot coal seam gas project indefinitely.

About 30 residents descended on the entrance to the Fullerton Cove Road site yesterday morning, preventing workers from gaining access.

Dart Energy, which hopes to begin test drilling in the near future, was considering its response last night. Resident Lindsay Clout said the community would continue an around-the-clock vigil.

"The project represents an unacceptable risk to our water, our flood plain and our local community. We are not going to let them destroy our community and environment," he said.

Police move to break 9-day CSG blockade

Aug 28, Police say they are disappointed a coal seam gas protest at Fullerton Cove near Newcastle had to end in a confrontation.

Police removed more than 50 protesters who had been blockading a coal seam gas test drill site for the last nine days.

Around a dozen police arrived at the site at midday (AEST) instructing the group to clear a pathway for Dart Energy's equipment to gain access to a property off Fullerton Cove Road.

As police arrived the protestors sang, "These gates were made for locking, and that's just what they'll do..."

The protesters remained defiant as they were informed by police that they would be fined or arrested.



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"Dart Energy have requested access to the site this morning which has been declined. I'm now advising you that Dart Energy have asked us to gain access to the site for them and so I'm now issuing a direction for you to allow them access to the site and failure to do so is committing an offence."

\$200 fines were issued to around a dozen people who refused to move, while some moved on voluntarily.

Lisa McDonald and Julie Wood were taken away in a police van after Rescue Squad officers cut them free from a tractor they were chained to. Eventually the riot squad was called in. Port Stephens Acting Local Area Commander, Superintendent Trevor Shiels says police tried every attempt to move the protesters on peacefully.

"A level of discretion has been used and certainly a level of tolerance," he said.

"Unfortunately our attempts to negotiate free access to that area so the lawful works of Dart Energy could take place were unsuccessful, and today police had to escalate the response."

Security upgrade to MPs' homes due to threats

August 26: Taxpayers are footing the bill for security upgrades to MPs' homes in the wake of death threats and stalking by angry voters. Fences, CCTV cameras and security grills on windows are being installed to protect the families of Australia's political leaders.

Last year the Federal Police investigated 156 incidents involving high-profile politicians, including Ms Gillard, Kevin Rudd, Tony Abbott, Julie Bishop, Treasurer Wayne Swan and former Greens leader Bob Brown.

Prime Minister Julia Gillard's Altona home is the most high-profile example, where work is underway to install high fences.

In a big security breach in Parliament House on Thursday a man entered a restricted area and handed a note to the PM during a press conference being broadcast live on TV.

Attorney-General Nicola Roxon was also recently menaced by a man who pointed his hand in the shape of a gun at her head and told her and another MP he would "like to shoot you both".

The Melbourne Magistrates' Court heard the man approached the women after a ceremony outside council offices in Altona on April 22 and also told them: "I can't believe my luck. I've got two of you in the one place which makes it easier to take you both out."

The spending on security upgrades for politicians' private homes comes under Ms Roxon's Attorney-General portfolio but her department will not reveal the cost of the upgrades, citing security concerns.

POLITICIANS



YOU CAN SET YOUR CLOCK TO THEM!

Feminists storm anti-choice conference

We have been socialized to fear physical danger, discouraged from taking risks and engaging in deeds of daring ... Despite these obstacles women are resisting injustice. For those who look, it is also evident that women have always resisted injustice and will continue to resist..

Mary Lee Sargent,

On Saturday September 1st, a R'ight to Life 'event took place. Except that it didn't, because feminists occupied it. Or, if you like, d'estroyed the joint ."

NSW Right to Life invited the lovely David Bereit to speak at their conference dinner on Saturday night while he does a speaking tour of Australia. This scumbag proudly claims to have shut down 23 abortion clinics as national director of Stop Planned Parenthood. He also started '04'days for life .'He is vile and he wants to increase government control over the bodies of women and trans folks.

Some feminists were motivated enough to want to interrupt this guy. We wanted to let him know that he is not welcome to fuck us over by attacking the limited culture of reproductive rights in Australia. We wanted to take direct action to make sure the people peddling this stuff know that they are not unopposed, their opposition is strong, tough and amazing. We wanted to take our glittery, beautiful, feminist fight to those who want to take control of our bodies. So we did.

We went to North Ryde RSL and threw a glittery ballet flat at him, in homage to others accross the globe whov'e tossed footwear at fanatics. We yelled t"his is for all the women whov'e died in backyard abortions. "The room went silent. They heard us.

Two feminists then occupied the floor in front of the lectern. Our comrades rushed in to join us at the front. One of us took over the lectern and spoke about womens' rights to control their bodies. We played Peaches (fuck the pain away). Some of us gave attendees our own p'rayer for women everywhere, 'poster.

We stood proudly in a row in front of the audience. We ruined their meal.

We glitter bombed the audience. We used glitter and pink shoes and music to have fun and show that resistance against oppression is beautiful. We did it to contrast their conception of femininity as passive, a chalice for n'ew life,' with our ideas of liberated femininity. Our femininity is empowered, and on Saturday night, it was about action, fierceness, solidarity and strength.

ACTIVISTS SCALE COAL-CRUSHING PLANT AT BOGGABRI COAL MINE

September 3, 2012 frontlineaction

Two activists have scaled the coal-crushing plant at the Boggabri Coal Mine and are currently suspended about 20m above the ground with a banner saying 'Stop the Coal Rush: Protect Health, Water, Climate'.

The NSW Government has recently approved a fourfold expansion of the Boggabri Coal Mine and last week the NSW Planning Department recommended approval for the adjoining Maules Ck Coal Project, east of Narrabri.

The two mines form part of an open-cut coal complex planned for Leard State Forest and surrounding farmland and the Boggabri mine is the first major mine approved by the NSW Coalition Government in the Gunnedah Basin.

The mines will clear 5,000 hectares of bushland, extract 23 million tonnes of coal per annum and the coal when burnt will emit over 50 million tonnes of greenhouse gases each year.

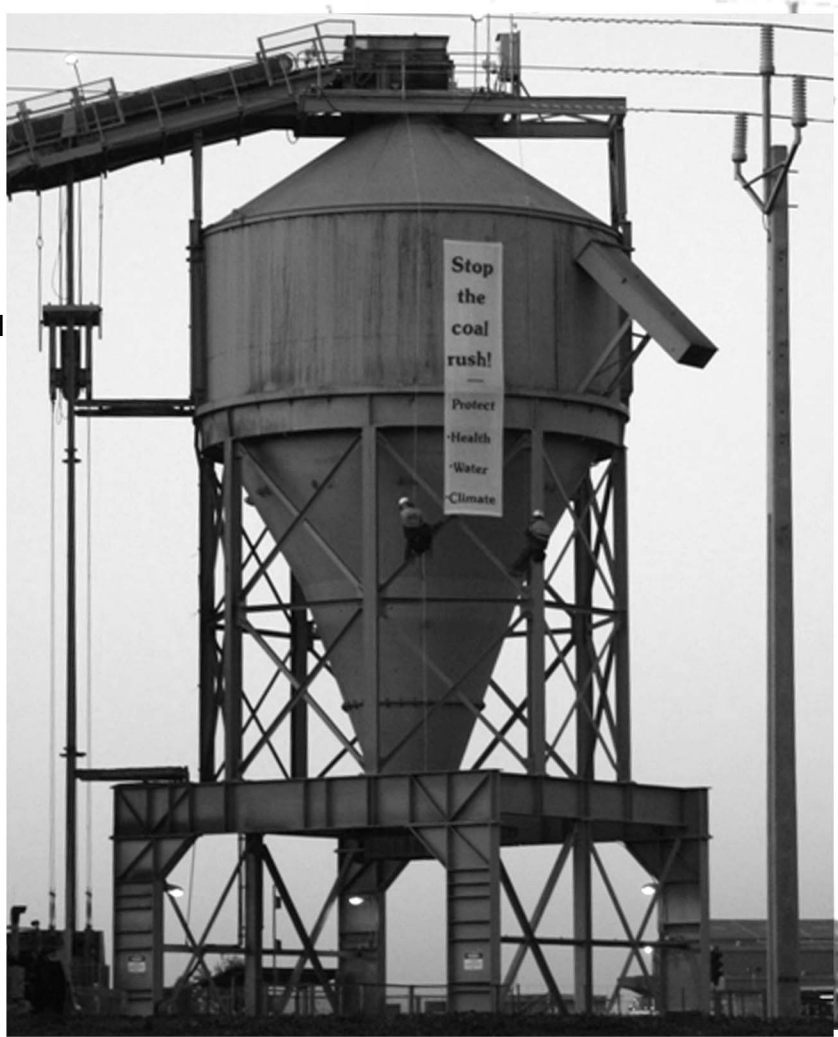
"Expanding open-cut coal mining poses a severe threat to human health and the environment" said Phil Spark, farmer and spokesperson for the Northern Inland Council for the Environment.

"The NSW Government is pushing full steam ahead to convert the Gunnedah Basin into a gigantic industrial mining zone just like the Hunter Valley.

"It is clear that the lessons of the past have not been learnt because detailed cumulative impact assessments have not been conducted and the human health risks have not been properly assessed.

"The approval of the Boggabri Mine and the recommendation in favour of the Maules Ck Mine show that the NSW planning system is broken and that even the most precious environmental assets are not safe from the mining boom.

"The NSW Government has deliberately removed the rights of community groups to mount legal challenges against these damaging coal mines leaving people with little option but to protest" he said.



Two men have been arrested this afternoon after spending 8 hours suspended from a coal-crusher at the Boggabri Coal Mine, and taken to Narrabri Police Station.

The men were protesting against the destruction of Leard State Forest, in the Gunnedah Basin, for three open-cut coal mines.

They descended voluntarily this afternoon after dropping a banner saying 'Stop the Coal Rush: Protect Health, Water, Climate'.

No coal trucks have left the mine today.

The Boggabri Coal Mine expansion is the first major open-cut coal mine approved by the NSW Coalition Government in the Gunnedah Basin.



84-year old locks himself to mine gate in anti-coal protest

Tuesday, September 4, 2012

A group of activists protesting coalmining near Maules Creek in NSW, released the statement below on September 4.

An 84-year old birdwatcher, Russ Watts, has this morning chained himself to the gates of a coal mine in protest at the environmental damage that will be caused by a massive expansion of open-cut coalmining in Leard State Forest and surrounds, east of Narrabri.

The gates are located on a haulage road along which coal trucks travel to transport coal from the Boggabri Coal Mine. The coal is then moved by train to the port of Newcastle for export to Japan.

The birdwatcher has been joined by 20 members of the local community of Maules Creek and surrounds who are set to be affected by three massive open-cut coalmines planned for the area.

This is the second day of protest in the area after two men yesterday scaled the coal-crushing plant at the Boggabri Coal Mine and were later arrested.

Watts said: "The new and expanded coal mines proposed in the Boggabri area will destroy 5000 hectares of bushland which is habitat for 21 threatened bird species, including the Barking Owl, Hooded Robin and Grey-crowned Babbler.

"The mines will largely destroy Leard State Forest, which is a haven for birds and other wildlife and a public area that is important for recreation and the quiet enjoyment of nature.

"The mines will also put at risk the local community and environs, producing 18,000 tonnes of dust each year that will be a major health risk for surrounding families. The NSW government has washed its hands of the Maules Creek community and effectively given the green light to convert the area into an industrial zone.

"The reckless expansion of mining into the Gunnedah Basin is occurring without proper assessments of risks and is being driven by multinational companies seeking export dollars at great cost to local communities.

"We are calling on the federal environment minister to intervene and prevent the destruction of Leard State Forest and surrounding areas under federal environment laws."



Activists close down coal rail project



September 5: Activists have closed down a coal haulage railway construction project in the NSW Hunter Valley, to protest the rapid expansion of the export coal industry and its impacts on public health and the environment.

Activists arrived at the Hunter 8 Alliance construction compound at Rutherford before dawn this morning, erecting a wooden tripod to prevent access to the site. An activist is perched on the tripod, 10 metres over the gateway to the site, refusing to move.

Steve Phillips, spokesperson for protest organisers Rising Tide, said: "This railway construction project is designed purely for the benefit of coal corporations, yet it is being paid for with taxpayers' money."

"Why are taxpayers' dollars being handed over to rich mining corporations, in order to prop up a polluting industry that is destroying human health and the environment?"

"There is a coal rush under way in NSW, and public health, waterways, ecosystems, and the global climate are under assault. Massive coal mine projects, coal haulage projects, and coal port projects are in the pipeline. If all these projects go ahead, the consequences will be devastating."

Today's protest follows two consecutive days of community direct action against the Boggabri mine in the Gunnedah Basin – the coal industry's "new frontier". A major expansion of the Boggabri coal mine was approved by the NSW Government in July despite huge ecological impacts and overwhelming community opposition.

"We call on state and federal governments to abandon their infatuation with mining companies, and their addiction to fossil fuels. It's time to take a stand and stop this coal rush before it's too late."

The Maitland to Minimbah Third Track project is being constructed by Hunter 8 Alliance, which is a consortium of engineering company GHD, construction company John Holland, and the federally-owned Australian Rail Track Corporation.

The objective of the project is to lift coal haulage capacity on the Hunter rail corridor to 200 million tonnes per annum. It includes construction of 23km of new rail track, and reconditioning of 9km of existing track.

The federal government granted \$114 million, through the ARTC, to the project.



Protest stops Newcastle coal port project

September 6: Activists are scaling a crane at a Newcastle coal terminal, stopping work on the construction of new coal loading facilities.

Activists entered the Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group (NCIG) coal terminal construction site on Kooragang Island before dawn this morning, and two people are now scaling the crane, preparing to unfurl a banner reading “Stop the coal rush! For health, water & climate.”

Today's protest is the fourth consecutive stop-work action against NSW coal projects this week. Activists have targeted expansions of the three major elements of the coal chain — mines, railway, and port infrastructure — to highlight the unprecedented coal rush taking place in NSW, and its impacts on public health and the environment.

Rising Tide spokesperson Steve Phillips said: “There is an unprecedented coal rush under way in NSW. Public health, waterways, ecosystems, and the global climate are under assault.

“Local communities are resisting the coal rush at every step of the way, challenging new mines and port developments that place the profits of coal companies ahead of the public good.”

“But both state and federal governments have taken the side of the coal companies. NSW planning minister Brad Hazzard and federal environment minister Tony Burke continue to approve every coal project that arrives on their desks. Communities are crying out for help, but governments are ignoring them.

“Enough is enough. We need to stop the coal rush. It's time for state and federal governments to stop kowtowing to the mining companies, and get behind community demands for a clean, renewable future.”

Key facts:

- Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group (NCIG) is a consortium of coalmining companies headed by BHP Billiton. The Chairman of NCIG is former NSW Treasurer Michael Egan.
- Mining companies propose to boost Newcastle coal exports to 300 million tonnes per annum by 2020 up from 114 million tonnes last year. This equates to more than 800 million tonnes of carbon dioxide pollution. Australia's domestic carbon dioxide pollution is 550 million tonnes per annum.
- There are 34 coalmine proposals before the NSW planning department at the time of writing, almost all would produce coal for export through Newcastle.

RISING TIDE

Recent protests against mining have been condemned by the NSW Minerals Council

“The anti-coal protests over the last 72 hours by activists ideologically opposed to coal mining have wasted valuable emergency services resources and impeded the jobs of the thousands of people who rely on mining for their incomes,” the council said.

Speaking at the Committee for Economic Development of Australia forum in Newcastle yesterday, NSWMC chief Stephen Galilee said the groups are deliberately attempting to destabilise mining, the central pillar of the Hunter Valley's economy.

“In the last few days we have seen protestors chain themselves to fences, forcing valuable police resources to be diverted from regular duties to remove them; we have seen active rail work sites on the Hunter Valley coal line tampered with posing a serious safety risk; and we have even heard mining in the Hunter Valley compared to the Chernobyl disaster,” Galilee said.

“What's particularly disappointing is that hardened political activists are harnessing legitimate community concerns as part of a coordinated campaign.”





Anarchist campaign against the NSW council elections

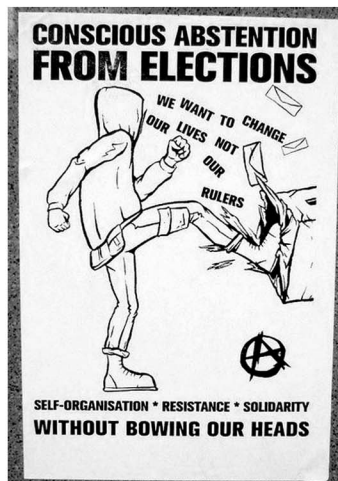
In the weeks preceding the NSW council elections, some anarchists and anti authoritarians in Sydney mounted a campaign against the coerced ritual of voting.

A couple thousand posters and stickers were pasted on walls, bins, electricity boxes, telephone booths, and bus shelters mostly throughout the electorates of Ashfield, Leichardt, Marrickville, Rockdale, Hurstville and Sydney city.

Low lying politician signs from every party were torn down, numerous high ones were hit with paint bombs and at least 20 anti voting slogans were sprayed across walls, mostly throughout the inner west.

In the days before the election a number of pre-poll party tables of various parties were raided of all available propaganda. While we focused on Labor, Liberals and Greens we also targeted the propaganda of various independents and small nationalist and leninist sects such as the APP and the Socialist Alliance.

Before sunlight on Saturday the 8th, a number of polling booths were targeted in Leichardt, Marrickville and Rockdale with 'polling place' banners taken and the areas covered in paintbombs and anti voting counter info. A banner was also dropped from the Hathem St bridge over Parramatta Rd in Lewisham, reading "VOTE FOR NOBODY".



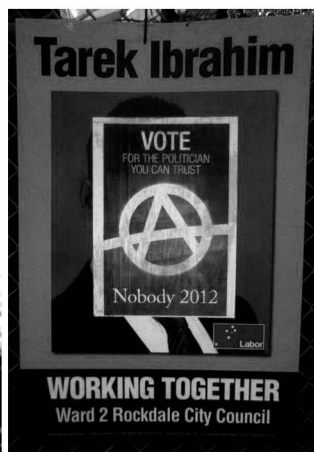
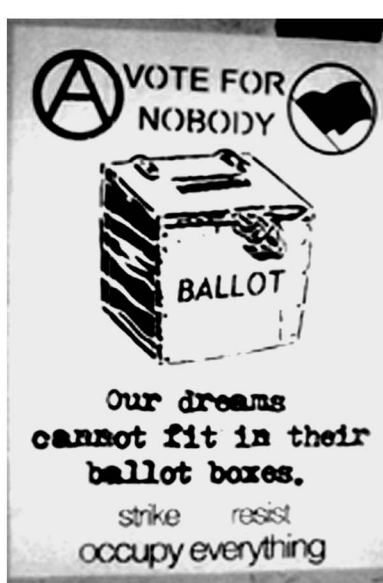
Once the polls opened, some of us chose to hand out leaflets encouraging self-organisation and informal voting at a couple different poll booths in Kogarah and Hurstville while others raided party tables of all available propaganda.

Though many of us risked the fines by refusing our citizens duty, some of us chose to vote informal, filling the ballots with anti politician messages for the vote counters, while also scrawling anarchist and anti-voting slogans across the walls inside the booths.

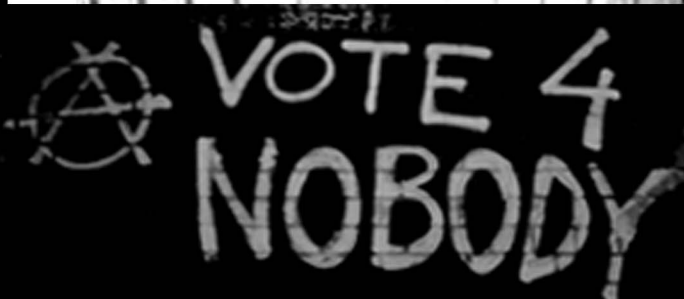
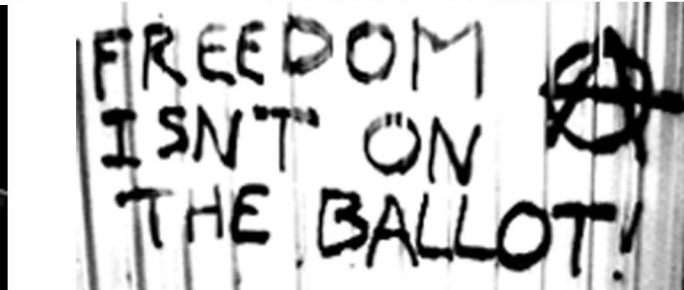
As polls closed at 6pm some anarchists gathered in an abandoned lot in Ashfield, piled our political booty and made a bonfire of party propaganda while planning ongoing resistance to any public officials, their laws and the pigs who enforce them.

We will not accept the authority or mandate of any politician, we will not petition or lobby these scumbags for scraps or concessions. We seek the complete liberation of our mutual desires, the destruction of all hierarchy and the establishment of libertarian communes in harmony with the native environment. These options are not available on any ballot paper and we encourage widespread disruption and sabotage of these enforced spectacles of 'democracy'.

Any hope for a better world must stem from the self organised initiatives of marginalised communities acting outside the paradigm of state councils or parliaments. By occupying territory, communising property, and rejecting the lies of police protection and political representation, we can take back our lives from bosses and bureaucrats.



AGAINST POLICE, PRISONS & POLITICIANS FOR TOTAL LIBERATION FOR ANARCHY

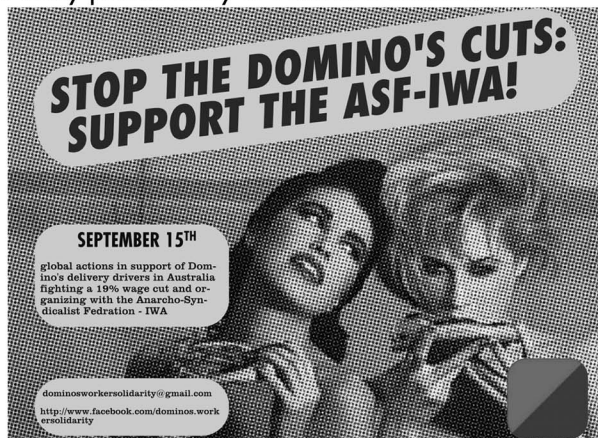


International day of solidarity with Dominos drivers in Australia

On April this year, Dominos Pizza drivers across Australia had their wage cut by 19% overnight. Some Dominos drivers in Brisbane, who were already members of the Anarcho-Syndicalist Federation, launched an immediate struggle to regain the lost pay. This struggle has not only been against Dominos, but also the right wing hierarchy of the SDA union, which 'represents' some Dominos employees. In response to the inaction of the SDA, the drivers formed the General Transport Workers Association/ASF to actively coordinate the struggle to reinstate the salaries on the national level. Other employees of the firm have joined the ASF's new branch union, seeing the SDA for the yellow (pro employer) union they are.

The SDA, is one of Australia's largest unions with over 230,000 members. SDA is run by a right-wing Catholic bureaucracy headed by Joe de Bruyn who uses the union to propagate clerical ideology.

ASF Brisbane organised a meeting with Tim Van Schyndel, director of labour relations for Dominos Australia, demanding the wage cut be reversed. When the meeting brought no results, the ASF-Brisbane organised a picket at the headquarters and appealed to the ASF Melbourne for support. ASF-M also began a weekly picket every in front of Dominos.



The Anarcho-Syndicalist Federation of Australia made a callout for September 15 to be an international day of solidarity with the drivers of Dominos Pizza across Australia. The campaign was supported by the International Workers Association and actions were carried out by anarchist groups and anarcho syndicalist unions in 16 different countries.

Australia: Pickets and solidarity meetings with the drivers were organised in Brisbane, Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide and Perth.



New Zealand. A protest against Dominos took place in Auckland, organised by activists from "Action against Poverty" and Auckland anarchists. Another action also took place in the capital in Wellington.

Great Britain. The Solidarity Federation called for people to send solidarity protests through the firms page on Australian Facebook and on September 17 to flood the Australian office with protest faxes and letters of protest, so as to paralyze the company's communications for a while. SF organized protests in front of restaurants in London, Manchester, Leeds, Brighton, Bitterne Southhampton and other places.



In Bristol, an Australian woman approached the picketers and thanked them for solidarity with Australian workers.

In Manchester, activists from SF from the city and West Yorkshire, together with members of the Anarchist Federation and other libertarian comrades picketed Dominos near the university. The manager called the police but they did not intervene. The action was successful: during the picket only one group of customers went in.

In New Cross members of South London SolFed delivered a protest letter to Dominos Pizza and spoke with the drivers there; the area was posted with leaflets and stickers supported the Brisbane drivers. A picket in Sheffield in front of Dominos was organized by the Industrial Workers of the World. And in Leeds, members of the IWW and the AFed also picketed.

Germany. Members of the Free Workers' Union (FAU) picketed Dominos restaurants in Bonn, Cologne and Langenfeld. They gave leaflets to the workers, passersby and residents which explained the basics of the labour conflict in the firm. On a placard in Cologne was written "19% wage cut in Dominos! Today Brisbane, tomorrow Cologne?"

Spain. There were different solidarity actions with the drivers of Dominos organized by members of the CNT-AIT in different cities. In Mataro, activists from Premia and Mataro held a picket at a restaurant on St. Antoni St.

In Gijon, a banner was hung on one restaurant and different graffiti against the company was made.

In Cornelia de Llobregat there was a picket in front of Dominos when they have the most customers there. They read a communique a few times and gave out about 300 flyers to passersby, customers and workers.





In Salamanca, members of the CNT (from the CNT union in Telepizza) informed workers about the campaign and called on workers in the branch to follow the example of the Australian colleagues, choosing the path of self-organization. In Elche there was a picket in front of Dominos Pizza which lasted about one hour. The participants gave out leaflets and brochures to passersby, customers and workers and they put up some posters.

France. French anarcho-syndicalists held pickets in front of Dominos in Caen, Clermont-Ferrand, Paris, Toulouse, Pau and other places. Leaflets were distributed in 4 restaurants in the Paris region (in Nanterre, Besonne, Sartrouville and Enghien-les-Bains) entitled "Why the pizza delivers get only pennies" and they spoke with the workers. They discussed with workers about their conditions and what is happening in Australia. In Toulouse about 200 leaflets were given out in front of a Dominos restaurant and they spoke with the workers. In Caen there was a picket and leaflets were given to residents, customers and passersby. An administrator came out and demanded an explanation and declared that the situation in Australia does not concern him and that he would inform the management of the company in France. In Pau a picket was made and the comrades talked to the workers, asking them to deliver leaflets to the company headquarters.

Activists of the union of retail and services of SUD delivered a protest letter to Dominos on Boulevard Saint-Marcel 40 in the center of Paris.

Netherlands. The Amsterdam group of the Anarcho-Syndicalist Union made a picket in front of Dominos. The participants explained the situation to pizza delivers and they expressed sympathy with their Australian colleagues.



Norway. Activists from the Norwegian Syndicalist Federation distributed leaflets at a Dominos in Oslo.



Poland. Members of the Union of Syndicalists, Poland visited the office of the company in Warsaw on September 14 and delivered letter of protest. On September 15, they hung banners on the restaurant in Jerozolimskie, which drew the attention of many passersby. They gave out leaflets explaining the struggle of the drivers from Dominos Pizza in Australia and about the situation of workers in the food service industry in Poland. The police showed up with the manager of the restaurant, who took photos of the picketers, then tried to mock them by offering free pizza.

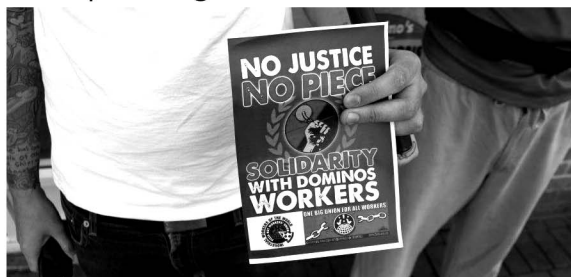
Russia. For the international solidarity day, stickers were put up at the entrance of a Dominos restaurant reading "September 15, international day of solidarity with drivers from Dominos Pizza in Australia. Shame on the company that lowered wages by 19%! No to exploitation! International Workers Association". Leaflets with a similar text were left on cars, including the ones for delivering pizza.

Slovakia. Since in that country there are no Dominos, Priama akcia sent letters of protest to the company.

Argentina. The Society of Resistance of FORA in Rosario translated and distributed the appeal of the Australian comrades.

Brazil. The Brazilian Workers Confederation (COB) organized solidarity actions in Sao Paolo and Porto Alegre.

Canada. A protest against Dominos was held in Vancouver.



USA. Solidarity actions took place in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Berkeley, Long Beach, Cleveland, Providence, Tampa, Ann Arbor, Atlanta, Minneapolis/ St. Paul and other cities. Most of them were attended by the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW), Workers' Solidarity Alliance and other local activists. Members of the Workers' Solidarity Alliance took active part in the campaign in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Berkeley, Long Beach and Providence (together with the group „Common Struggle”). In Missoula (Montana) there was a picket in front of Dominos organized by the Workers Solidarity Alliance and the Zootown Solidarity Network. In Ann Arbor the action was organized by Lansing Workers' Center.

Paint attack on Patriarchy and Pacifism

In the early morning on the 2nd of October some feminists took to the streets armed with spray paint and left slogans along the walls of many businesses through Arncliffe, Banksia, Rockdale and Kogarah and Hurstville. We specifically targeted the 'Bay City' evangelical church, for its campaign against reproductive freedom, some bus shelter ads selling 'beauty' products and a billboard for a weight loss company.

We chose this day because it is the birthday of Mohonda Gandhi and has been designated by the UN as "The International Day of Non-violence." While outside India this day is only noticed by small pacifist groups, we still wished to respond to it, because fuck Gandhi and fuck non-violence. Gandhi was a racist, sexist and homophobe, who justified the Indian caste system, ordered women to dress modestly, opposed all forms of birth control and accusing women who used contraception of 'selling themselves like a prostitute'.

We are sick and tired of hearing liberal feminists, leftist and enviro activists wank on about non-violence and Gandhi, constantly trying to play into the corporate media's set role of the 'good protester'.

We're not interested in being lawful, non-threatening dissidents and reproducing the power relations of patriarchy and rape culture. Pacifism in the face of the male violence is nothing but submission.

We will not turn the other cheek when some chauvinistic prick gropes, cat calls or abuses us or our sisters.

We will not forgive or forget the women attacked and incarcerated by the pigs, screws and judges of capital.

We will never ask permission to act in our own interests.

We believe in the formation of girl gangs, and women's militias, to bash harassers and kneecap rapists.

Male violence cannot be negated with petitions, pledges or white ribbons. Our path to liberation will be forged with brass knuckles and bullets.

These minor acts of vandalism are dedicated to Nevin Yildirim, a hostage of the Turkish state, accused of shooting, stabbing and decapitating her rapist last month, before dumping his head in the town square.

FREEDOM FOR NEVIN YILDIRIM

A BULLET FOR EVERY RAPIST



Aunty Isabelle Coe 1951-2012 a life in struggle



Ms Coe, a Wiradjuri Ngunnawal woman, died on Saturday 11th of November at the age of 61.

She grew up at the Erambie mission run by the NSW Prisons Board near Cowra in central NSW and moved to Sydney in the late 1960s to get a formal education.

"We met up with all these young people who had great spirit and spunk and determination and Isabel was one of them," friend and fellow activist Michael Anderson said.

"She was a standout, Isabel, because she was such a force to be reckoned with in terms of her as a lady. Her commitment and passion certainly stood out. She towered over some of the young fellas in the Black Power movement back in those days."

Mr Anderson said Ms Coe was there when the idea was born to take a protest to Canberra, which later spawned the tent embassy.

"She came back to the house in Erskineville where we made the decision, we were looking for volunteers to go down to Canberra and start a protest, and she went down"

Mr Anderson said her death, aged 61, was anticipated, but he was saddened it coincided with the 40th year of tent embassy activism.

More recently Ms Coe defended those who in January burnt the Australian flag on the steps of Parliament House. She said "You've got to start asking why people have taken this attitude where they've got to do these things to try and get people on our side or upset,"

"She was one of our dear friends and will be well missed," said fellow activist Lee Nangala Lacey.

"She was one of the best voices for Aboriginal sovereignty in Australia.

"She has been a leader of the tent embassy for 40 years and she travelled the world for our cause. And then she set up a tent embassy in Cowra in recent years, too."

Anthony Coombes, fire keeper at the tent embassy said "She was very passionate in the fight for sovereignty,"

"And she made progress in the past 40 years, but there is still much to do.

"She was quite sick for a while but she didn't let that affect what she was fighting for.

"We have lost not only an elder but more or less the spokeswoman for our community."

In the 1990s Ms Coe led the campaign to keep the tent embassy open when it appeared that the federal government led by John Howard wanted it removed.

She was also a leading figure in helping Aboriginal communities in Redfern, and was instrumental in establishing the Redfern Aboriginal Children's Service.

It was because of the plight of the Redfern communities that Ms Coe called for the Olympics boycott.

Arsonists with money to burn



THIS is the charred remains of an ATM after an arsonist's fire destroyed every single dollar.

October 19: A Commonwealth Bank ATM was doused with an accelerant and set alight at Lalor Park Shopping Village on Freeman St about 12.20am this morning.

Firefighters arrived at the scene and unlocked the bunker door next to the ATM when extinguishing the flames.

The machine was a burnout mess once the fire was put out.

All of the ATM's cash was destroyed and police setup a crime scene attended by forensic officers.

ATM fire starters caught on CCTV

November 12: Two men have been arrested after an ATM was set on fire outside a bank in Sydney's east, causing \$100,000 damage.

CCTV showed two men using a lighter to ignite the receipt drawer of the ATM on Belmore Road in Randwick at 2am today.



Police and the fire brigade were called and the fire was extinguished before it could spread to the bank's interior.

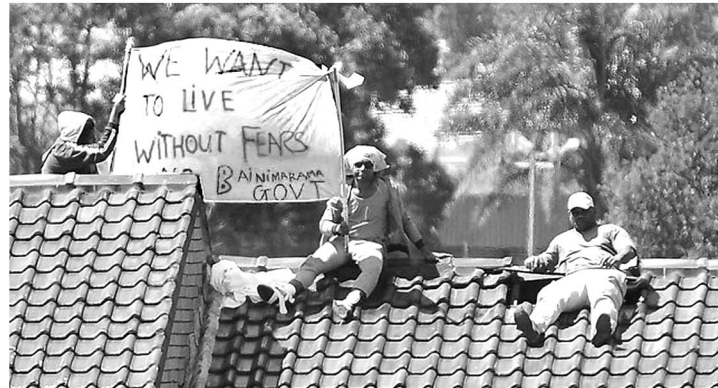
Just before 5am, police arrested two men, aged 37 and 44, who they believe to match the description of those seen on the CCTV.

Rooftop protest at Villawood

November 12, : Three Fijian asylum seekers, including one woman scheduled for deportation, have broken through a ceiling and climbed onto the rooftop of the two-storey Villawood detention complex on Monday. The three climbed onto the roof around in last desperate attempt to prevent the woman's deportation, as guards came to take her to the airport.

Her husband who is also scheduled for removal, but he has remained at the centre after the woman threatened to jump from the roof if he was removed.

They held up a banner made from a bedsheet that said: "WE WANT TO LIVE WITHOUT FEARS. NO BANINIMARAMA GOVT"



For the past six years Fiji has been ruled by a Commodore Bainimarama, who staged a military coup on December 5 2006, Fiji's fourth coup in 20 years.

A Department of Immigration spokeswoman said Monday's protest was "fluid" but would not discuss what the protest was about, or whether the refugees feared for their lives if sent back to Fiji. "We don't like to get involved with the personal issues as to why people protest," she said. "The department hopes for a positive outcome as soon as possible...Protest action will never affect the outcome of detainee visa applications... The security company Serco, charged with running the facility, is managing the situation."

Refugee rights activists rallied outside the detention centre in support on Monday evening. Urgent steps are underway to gain an injunction to prevent the removal, but it is unclear whether this can be organised before the Immigration Department carries out their deportation

"The Immigration Department should withdraw the removal notice for both the wife and husband," said Ian Rintoul, from the Refugee Action Coalition. "That is the first step to de-escalate the situation and remove the threat of forcible removal."

He also said that it was unclear whether the three were being given any food or water by staff, as other detainees have been prevented from bringing them any.

In 2010, 36-year-old Fijian democracy activist Josefa Rauluni, due to be deported, leapt to his death from the same building complex after staging a rooftop protest.

**After 4 days on the roof in blistering heat, all three climbed down, and the couple were deported.*

Text of Leaflet distributed following the deportation of two Fijian nationals

On November 12 Andrew Beswick from Amnesty International released the following statement condemning the brutal culture of impunity within the Fijian government:

"We've received reports about five men who had escaped from prison and were recaptured, then taken to barracks and repeatedly beaten by military officers...one man was beaten so badly that his leg had an open fracture on it, and when he was finally admitted to hospital, doctors identified infected and dead skin and had to amputate it to save his life. His lower jaw was fractured and needed to be wired shut."

"Another man was attacked with a gun and anally raped which caused severe internal injuries."

"The assault against all five men lasted over two days. We know that they were taken into a dark room, forced to take their clothes off, were hit with the butt of guns, sworn at, spat on, had hot water poured on them and, as I said, one of the men was assaulted with a gun."

I think there's definitely a climate of intimidation generally," he said. "Press is extremely restricted in Fiji. There's concerns about interference in matters before the court."

"I think, you know, people are generally reluctant to speak out on these issues"

US embassy cables leaked to WikiLeaks confirmed the violence and intimidation at the heart of Bainimarama's military rule. Beatings and intimidation of the regime's suspected opponents have reportedly taken place with the knowledge of military commanders and included the direct participation of Bainimarama himself.

One US embassy report records witness testimony that Bainimarama joined in an assault on public servant detained at the military's headquarters after the coup. According to the cables, he "kicked [the man's] legs out from under him and beat him around the head, telling him: 'Don't fuck with the military.'"

In other reported cases a group of villagers were "subjected to beatings over a three-hour period". Hindus suffered humiliation directed at their religious beliefs, and Muslim youths were ordered by soldiers to wallow in a pigsty.

The US embassy reports also document cases of rape and sexual assault by military personnel, including at least one instance of a group of detainees forced to engage in group sexual acts.

In another case a prominent human rights activist was "felt up" by a senior military officer and was "warned she would receive worse treatment unless she stopped her activities". Telephoned threats of rape have been regularly used by the military to intimidate political activists.

Australian and New Zealand corporations such as Qantas are collaborating with the military state to drive down wages and big Chinese firms are muscling into the mining sector. Workers' rights are now non-existent, under new emergency laws- unions are not allowed to represent members, collective agreements are void, strikes are illegal and all minimum wages, work conditions and overtime rates have been scrapped.

Fiji is in a country where up to 60 percent of the population live in poverty and over 15 percent of the population (125,000) live in 200 informal and squatter settlements.

As the military regime has intensified repression an underground movement calling itself the Viti Revolutionary Forces is agitating for an end to military rule and the crackdown on churches and unions. The activists have burnt down police stations, covered walls in anti regime graffiti and hacked the Vodafone network, getting a text sent to people across the country, calling for resistance.



The regime hates the graffiti and the revolutionaries behind it. Intelligence sources say Fiji's dictator, Frank Bainimarama, gave a clear directive to police "Cut their fucking hands off, no court cases – make an example."

As a result a 12 year old boy had his three fingers broken by soldiers in Lami after he was found tagging a bus shelter with anti-Bainimarama slogans.

In 2009, Fiji was suspended from the Commonwealth over its lack of progress towards democracy, the second full suspension in the organisation's history.

In 2012 the government agreed to hold elections in 2014, prompting Australia and New Zealand to restore full diplomatic ties, despite the military maintaining that it has no intention of restricting its role after the elections, stating "we will not hesitate to intervene if a situation arises that the military considers to represent a threat to the national interest".

The Australian government continues to deport political refugees back to Fiji.

Fascists confronted at Gaza solidarity Demo



On the 24th of November hundreds of angry demonstrators assembled at Sydney Town Hall to denounce the latest Israeli military assault on the people of Gaza. While speeches were being made, 10 members of a White nationalist sect showed up wearing Guy Fawkes masks and black clothing branded with 'National anarchist' logos. The crowd immediately identified these clowns as fascists, isolated them from the demo. Some demonstrators physically confronted them and attempted to take a banner they were carrying (which was only unsuccessful due to riot police intervention).



The white nationalists were then surrounded by the riot squad for their protection. These nationalists appeared to be pleased by this situation and were seen exchanging friendly greetings and thanks to police. The nationalists remained silent and stationary behind police lines, till the march and began, where they quickly left with police protection, without attempting to join the procession.



In November 2007 about 20 of these crypto fascists attended the anti APEC demo in Sydney, marching behind a banner reading "Australia: free nation or sheep station". Like at the Gaza demo, they were also isolated from the wider demonstration and constantly protected by riot police.




In April 2008, when the Beijing Olympic torch relay passed through Canberra, 10 members of the group travelled to the ACT to 'support Tibet'. In their report of their 'demo' they repeatedly used Pauline Hanson's infamous 'swamped' slur to describe Chinese people watching the relay. "swamped by loud, aggressive Chinese...the Chinese tried to surround and swamp our group... we'd heard of the Chinese swamping tactic" They also thanked police for using force against those that opposed them "Fortunately, the police intervened and removed these provocateurs."

A few weeks later 4 of them attempted to join the Melbourne May Day demonstration but were immediately confronted & forced out by other demonstrators. Since then (besides the occasional sticker baring their logo) there has been no visible presence of 'national anarchism' on the streets of any Australian city until this appearance on the 24th of November.

While these fascists claim to be against the state and say their alternative is for everyone to create ethnically segregated 'tribes', their practice belies any anti-statist position as they welcome police protection every single time they try to spread their racist views. They merely use the word anarchist, and its symbols, while maintaining friendly relations with the armed pigs of the state. Their 'politics' are both parasitic and contradictory.

In response to their attempt to publicly associate racist goals with anarchist politics, some anarchists gathered at the Town Hall at 2pm the next Sunday, tied up a banner that said **SOLIDARITY IS OUR WEAPON FASCISTS OFF OUR STREETS**, and for two hours played antiracist music from a sound system and distributed leaflets denouncing these fascists. For fun we reworked the design of a poorly written leaflet they attempted to distribute on the 24th:

FREE PALESTINE

**FREE GAZA
LIBERATE ALL GHETTOS**



The National Anarchist Movement is attending this rally to express their support for the Palestinian people and to demand an end to the siege of Gaza. We are not here to discuss our ideological differences with different groups.

If anybody has a problem with our group and supporters being here, well tough luck. Deal with it because today is NOT about you. And maybe think about how totalitarian YOUR political opinion is to deny others to think differently. ... Neither Left or Right - Smash all Political Dogmas

NATIONAL ANARCHIST MOVEMENT

AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND

National-anarchist.net
nationalanarchistsauz.wordpress.com

SMASHED



ALL FASCIST DOGMAS

'National anarchism' is fascist nonsense.

Anarchists in Australia and Aotearoa will not tolerate fascist morons attempting to use anarchist rhetoric and imagery in order to pursue their racist goals. We will confront them whenever & wherever they attempt to gather. We believe in the equality and freedom of all individuals, regardless of race or ethnicity and will attack fascists in recognition of the role their ideas, parties and movements play in undermining and repressing the libertarian, egalitarian cultures and movements we are building.

Local anarchist links

disaccords.wordpress.com
slackbastard.anarchobase.com
anarchonation.wordpress.com
jura.org.au

International

en.contrainfo.espiov.net/
325.nostate.net/
zinelibrary.info/
anarchistnews.org/



On the 24th of November, at Sydney Town Hall, 10 members of a White nationalist sect showed up at a rally against the latest Israeli military assault on the people of Gaza. Armed with a two banners, Guy Fawkes masks and branded clothing, the wingnuts were soon identified as hostile by members of the crowd, who proceeded to isolate them. An attempt was then made to confiscate one of their banners, which was only unsuccessful due to riot police intervention. The white nationalists were then surrounded by the riot squad for their protection. These nationalists appeared to be pleased by this situation and were seen exchanging friendly greetings and thanks to police. The nationalists remained silent and stationary behind police lines, till the march and began, whereby they quickly left with police protection, without attempting to join the procession.

So, who were these weirdoes?

Their propaganda proclaimed them to be 'national anarchists'. While the term is oxymoronic, the label is an ideological 'development' of the racist far right. Its origins can be traced to attempts by European fascists in the late 1980's and 90's to rebrand their politics using the slogans and symbolism of anarchist and ecological movements. National anarchism' is largely the brainchild of Troy Southgate, a fascist ideologue with a long history in the British neo-Nazi movement. Despite never making public manifestations, Southgate and his minions have been busy attempting to recruit young racists online. This public appearance on the 17th of November was a rare public show from the tiny 'international network'.

In Australia, the national anarchists were established in late 2005 and made their first public appearance in 2007, when a group of 20 or so fascists gathered in black bloc garb at the APEC protest in Sydney. They've never been seen demonstrating on the streets of Sydney since.

The principal exponent of 'national anarchism' in Australia is a German born, Sydney-based businessman named Welf Herfurth. He has a long history with German neo nazi and Australian far right political groups and projects.

As anarchists, we categorically reject and oppose any and all attempts by these fascists to align themselves with the contemporary anarchist movement in Australia and Aotearoa. We consider the use of these tactics to be deliberately aimed at causing confusion among the broader public with regards the aims and methods of elements of the far right, and to confuse anarchism with the pursuit of 'white, nationalist' politics. Such tactics are also based upon a recognition by elements of the far right of the attractive nature of anarchist rhetoric and imagery to many young people, and a desire to win some of these individuals away from genuine attempts to create true anarchy; a society without rulers — of whatever colour, and of whatever supposed nationality.

FASCISM IS NOT TO BE DEBATED IT IS TO BE SMASHED

ASIO negative refugee starts hunger strike in detention

The Tamil refugee who successfully challenged the government in the recent High Court case over ASIO security assessments is on his third day of a hunger strike in the Melbourne Immigration TransitAccommodation detention centre.

He is protesting against the lack of progress since the positive High Court ruling on 5 October.

Despite the High Court finding that it was unlawful for the government to deny to grant a protection visa on the basis of a negative ASIO assessment, there has been no progress in the processing of their protection visas and all ASIO negative refugees remain in detention.

In the ruling on 5 October the High Court found that the government could not refuse to process a protection visa because of an adverse ASIO security assessment. However, the High Court did not rule on the question of their indefinite detention. It only said that their detention was lawful as long as the government was processing their visa application.

Shortly after the High Court decision, the government announced that it would implement a process that would allow a limited review of ASIO security assessments. But under the review process, the retired judge can only make recommendations; ASIO retains the final say, and the refugees themselves will not necessarily get to know the basis of the ASIO assessments.

Despite the success in the High Court and the announcement of the review process, all the ASIO negative refugees remain in detention with no idea of when their detention will end.

The Minister has always had the power to issue visas to allow them to live in the community, but has so far refused to exercise his powers to rectify the situation.

There are around 55 refugees and their families affected by negative ASIO assessments.

“The High Court ruling was only a small step forward. Refugees still do not have the same rights as Australian citizens to challenge negative ASIO assessments. The government is even stalling in granting them a protection visa,” said Ian Rintoul, from the Refugee Action Coalition.

“The High Court has left them in a limbo that only the Minister can fix. These refugees and their families should not be in detention. The present situation defies any logic or natural justice. It is time they were released.”

Students occupy Immigration minister's office



November 29: At 12:30pm today a dozen student refugee activists occupied Immigration Minister Chris Bowen's electoral office demanding that he act now to save the life of Omid Sorousheh, the Iranian hunger striker on Nauru now on his 49th day of hunger strike.

"We are here because Chris Bowen has a moral responsibility to act now to save a life. Omid and all the other asylum seekers on Nauru must be brought to Australia now," said Clare Fester, spokesperson for the Sydney Uni Anti-Racism Collective.

"Is Bowen truly prepared to sacrifice a human life for the sake of political point-scoring? The Pacific Solution is already in shambles, and a humanitarian crisis of Labor's making is now unfolding on Nauru," she continued.

"Comments from Bowen reported in the Sydney Morning Herald indicate that his pride is more important than Omid's life — this from the Minister who said he wanted to save lives at sea.

"Labor is plumbing new depths with this callous disregard for human life. No asylum seeker that was Australia's responsibility has ever been left to die on hunger strike ever before, not even in the darkest days of the Howard era. We are here in Bowen's office to say we cannot let this happen in our name.

"We can only imagine the hell that Omid is going through. His determination to hunger strike until death, to undertake such a desperate resistance and plea for help, shows how intolerable the conditions on Nauru are.

"Bowen must drop the charade that Australia is not responsible for processing these asylum seekers' claims. They must be brought to Australia now and Nauru must be closed,"

BHP AGM marred by protest



The report focuses on the uranium and copper mine at Olympic Dam, South Australia, and the company's proposed liquefied gas hub at James Price Point, in Western Australia.

Arabunna man Kevin Buzzacott said that he would not be satisfied until the company pulled out of northern South Australia.

"I don't want them up there destroying the country," he said. "These bastards are killing us out there in the desert."

November 29: Police riot squad and rescue officers were called to Darling Harbour on Thursday where about 60 people gathered to protest against BHP billiton outside its annual general meeting.

Four people abseiled down the building to unfurl two banners reading "BHP, Dirty Deeds" and "Australian uranium fuelled Fukushima". All four were later detained by police and charged.



Mr Buzzacott believes Olympic Dam operations are causing locals to fall ill, splitting families and damaging sacred sites.

"When you destroy Aboriginal sacred sites you destroy the people," he said. "A lot of people have gotten sick, a lot of people have died and it is because of them."

The Wilderness Society offered AGM delegates pamphlets warning the proposed James Price Point development would damage a pristine part of the Kimberley coastline, and calling on the company to drop its plans.



Trade unionist Edwin Miejoa raised money to travel from Colombia to Sydney for the AGM. Through a translator, he said that he hoped to draw Australian attention to poor working conditions of BHP workers abroad.

Aboriginal activists Roy "Dootch" Kennedy, Kevin Buzzacott and Peter Watts joined Colombian trade unionist Edwin Mejia inside the meeting and made speeches about the indigenous communities imperiled by the mining company's irresponsible activities around the world. They also distributed an alternative annual report, Dirty Deeds, to shareholders.

"I want to talk about the misery that BHP has generated, the poverty that this company has created in my people, for the workers and the Guajira people where the mine operates," he said.

"BHP wants to change the course of a river which is the main source of water for the communities around the mine."



Anarchists mourn fallen officer

"The Australian people made heroes of none, and raised no idols, except perhaps Ned Kelly, an outlaw.."

Brian Fitzpatrick

On December 6 police were called to a property in Oakville Sydney over a neighbourhood dispute about a bird aviary.

The police and media claim that 19 year old Mitch and 45 year old Fiona Barbieri barricaded themselves inside their home when officers arrived and that Mitch kept police at bay with a volley of arrows throughout a two hour siege. Shortly after the detective inspector Bryson Anderson breached the Barbieri's back patio he was stabbed and would latter die of his wounds. Mitch and Fiona have both been charged with his murder.

What followed was a week of corporate media hagiographies, painting Bryson as a fallen hero and the NSW Police as brave protectors of the 'community' while savagely vilifying the accused.

No cop is innocent of the brutality ingrained in routine police work, nor of the dehumanising torture of incarceration. As a high ranking officer with 26 years in the force Bryson has plenty of blood on his hands.

In the early morning of the 12th of December, we dropped three banners from the Hathem st bridge over Parramatta rd in Petersham. We chose this day to time with Bryson's open funeral, which the police and media had encouraged the general public to attend. This small action was made to counter the corporate media whitewashing of police violence and murders, with claims that 'the whole state is in mourning'. We wished to make clear our rejection of police protection and our solidarity with the accused.

The banners read:

FREE MITCH AND FIONA BARBIERI
FROM JOSEPH LUKER TO BRYSON ANDERSON
NO TEARS FOR DEAD COPS!
FUCK THE POLICE

Joseph Luker, a member of the Sydney foot police was the very first cop to be killed on this territory in 1803. From the very first police units established by the British invasion force, to the militarised NSW police force, cops have played a central role in the displacement and imprisonment of the aboriginal population, the regulation and control of convicts, the poor and working immigrants for the benefit of ruling elites. The social peace that police uphold allows hunger while surplus food is discarded from supermarkets and homelessness while buildings sit empty for decades.

This social peace is a lie, only maintained by a constant war against the marginalised and under privileged. The daily violence cops meet out to us using their batons, fists, boots, OC spray, tasers, handcuffs and glocks is no accident. They have chosen their side in this war and so have we. We are against any peace under capitalism and encourage looting, squatting and confrontations with police to reclaim communal territory from capital.

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FROM JOSEPH LUKER
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NO TEARS FOR
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FUCK THE
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UNTIL THERE ARE NO POLICE PATROLLING OUR STREETS
ARRESTING OUR LOVED ONES AND HASSLING US AT EVERY TURN

THE POLICE WILL BE ATTACKED
ALL OUR HEROES KILLED COPS

McDonald's raise funds for fallen police officer

McDonald's restaurants across NSW and ACT are running a fundraiser for the Bryson Anderson Memorial Fund by selling \$1 helping hands

The event will run for a week and the funds will go towards the family of Mr Anderson. McDonald's licensee, Chris Rodgers, said the restaurants truly valued their relationship with their local police units. "I'd like to thank and congratulate each and every resident who open their hearts, and their wallets, to help support our local police," he said.

McDonald's NSW licensee Mark Halford said "We are truly honoured to have been part of this fundraising initiative and thank the communities for getting behind and supporting the Police and the invaluable work they do to keep the community safe"

Hawkesbury LAC, Area Commander David Jones said "I'd like to give my personal thanks to McDonald's NSW licensee Mark Halford for his efforts in establishing the Helping Hands project."



Acting NSW Police Commissioner Nick Kaldas with McDonald's NSW licensee Mark Halford.

McDonalds bandits on the run

December 18: Police on the mid north coast are still searching for a gang of men involved in a pre-dawn raid on a Mcdonalds outlet at Kempsey.

Police say four men armed with a rifle and a crow bar forced their way into the restaurant on Smith Street, at about 2.20am on Monday morning by smashing a window next to the children's playground

The four men fled with a large amount of cash, stealing an employee's Holden Commodore to make their escape.

The four men are described as Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander appearance of thin to medium build.

They were wearing gloves, dark coloured long pants and dark coloured hoodies. Their faces were covered with balaclavas.

Detective Inspector Steve Clarke said that police were doing what they could to track down the four subjects.

"Obviously it's occurred around 2.30am which is opportunistic in the sense of timing as there wouldn't be a lot of people around," he said.

"A considerable amount of money has been stolen which would suggest it was the takings from the weekend. To some extent this suggests it has been planned."



Solidarity with Villa Amalias from Sydney

On Thursday the 20th of December in Athens Greece, Villa Amalias squat was raided by riot police and eight comrades inside were arrested. All have been charged with various felonies and misdemeanours and are being held at Athens police HQ till they will be brought again before a judge on the 24th of December. *

Following the eviction, the Greek minister of public order stated that Villa was an “epicentre for lawlessness”. For the past 23 years Villa Amalias has been an open political, cultural and social space hosting regular concerts, theatre, dance and language classes, film screenings, free markets and collective kitchens. The squat was a self organised initiative of the anarchist and anti authoritarian movement in Athens and those associated with the squat have contributed to the struggles of workers, immigrants and the anti racist/anti fascist struggle.

As a minimal act of solidarity, on Sunday the 23rd of December some anarchists gathered outside the Greek Consulate and Beirut Hellenic Bank in the Sydney CBD. Two banners were tied to the consulate building reading:

**SOLIDARITY WITH VILLA AMALIAS
FREE VILLA AMALIAS SQUATTERS**

Leaflets declaring solidarity with Villa and squatters everywhere were thrown, and much noise was made while hundreds of shoppers rushed by in Christmas mania.

SOLIDARITY TO ALL SQUATS

FUCK THE LAW SQUAT THE WORLD!

* On the 24th all eight comrades were released from custody. Early in the morning of Wednesday, January 9th, 2013 dozens of people re-squatted Villa Amalias. Massive riot police forces soon encircled the building, smashed the windows, threw tear gas inside and raided it anew, detaining 101 people who were inside. On January 12, 10,000 people marched through central Athens in solidarity with Villa Amalias, and other recently evicted squats.



Villa Amalias Squat Athens



Riot Police Raid the building



Solidarity demonstration immediately following raid



MP wants new Cop Shop

December 23: Newcastle MP Sonia Horney says it is crucial local government builds a new police station at Wallsend after a spate of vandal attacks. She says her office has been forced to replace 23 windows over the last two years. She says a bolstered police presence is crucial and has been lobbying for a local police station for years. Her office is at 30 Dan Rees St, Wallsend 2287

Beware of Child Predators

December 24: Police and Volunteers in Policing set up the Mobile Police Station at the Hunter Valley Gardens to greet children.

The event was a great success with many hundreds of children given stickers and tattoos as well as having the chance to interact with Police and VIPs.

The most popular item with children was the temporary tattoos bearing the NSW Police emblem.



Santa Claus raids Sydney safe

December 24: Police are searching for man dressed as Santa Claus who stole cash from a shopping centre in Sydney's south-west.

They say the man, dressed in a full Santa suit, entered the shopping centre in Liverpool around 8.00pm. They say he broke into the office of a retail store, cracking the safe and stealing a large sum of cash.

The store was closed at the time though the shopping centre was still open.

It is alleged the man then walked out of the store, pushing a trolley with a red sack full of cash while using a walking stick.



Two teenagers hit by NSW police car

December 24: Two teenagers are in hospital after being hit by a police car on the NSW south coast last night.

A male senior constable was driving with in Kalandar Street, Nowra about 9.45pm when he hit the pair.

The 15-year-old Nowra boy and 15-year-old East Nowra girl were injured and taken to Shoalhaven Hospital and kept under observation.

The patrol vehicle was towed from the scene.

Police car attacked as riot squad called into to break up party

December 31: The Public Order and Riot Squad were called in to break up an 18th birthday party at Winston Hills.

"When they arrived police were confronted with a large number of intoxicated teenagers" said a police spokesman.

Five people were arrested when the riot squad arrived, after the mob of teenagers had attacked a policeman and smashed the windscreen of a police vehicle.

Operation Paramount floods city with 3000 officers to police New Year's Eve



97 people were charged in the CBD during New Years celebrations. Most charges related to drug supply and possession, affray, assaulting police, breach of bail, offensive behaviour and malicious damage.

In Woolloomooloo, two 22-year-old men were arrested for allegedly pointing a laser at the 'PolAir' police helicopter. They were charged with threatening the safety of an aircraft and using a prohibited weapon.

CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NSW POLICE FORCE



On 1 March 1862, the independent police units of the colony were amalgamated into a single organisation, the NSW Police Force. A range of events and activities took place during 2012 to commemorate this important historic event.

The year was kicked off with a 'Blue Moment' during the New Year's Eve fireworks, with the 150th anniversary logo featured on the pylons of the Sydney Harbour Bridge. This was followed by an invitation to participate in Australia Day Celebrations at Darling Harbour. A police Honour Guard was present to greet Her Excellency, the Governor of NSW, Professor Marie Bashir AC, CVO and the official party as they arrived. The NSW Police Force put on an action-packed performance showcasing the impressive capabilities of the Marine Area Command, Dog Unit and Aviation Support Branch.

On 1 March 2012, 800 serving and retired police marking exactly 150 years of service to the people of New South Wales with a Sea of Blue march from The Rocks to Sydney Town Hall.

The NSW Police Force banner was carried by a flotilla of police vessels across Sydney Harbour to The Rocks. Then, cheered on by crowds of well wishers, the banner was escorted up George Street to the Sydney Town Hall. It was a very proud day for the organisation and for its extended family.

On 1 April, a huge crowd visited the NSW Police Force Expo at Darling Harbour, which showcased the diversity of policing roles and skills of our organisation. PolAir was on show outside alongside riot police, dogs and mounted police, while other specialist and frontline commands were represented inside the Pavilion. The Law Enforcement Torch Run brought the Flame of Hope to the Expo's official opening.

In this milestone year our participation in the annual Anzac Day Parade took on an added poignancy. In recognition of the 150th Anniversary of Policing, the Commissioner took part in this year's Anzac Day Parade along with retired Commissioners Ken Moroney, Tony Lauer and Neil Taylor. The Commissioner received special approval from the RSL to march. A larger than usual

contingent of serving and retired police took part in the march and for the first time, the Police Banner and armed escort participated in the march.

The Justice & Police Museum also launched a new exhibition to commemorate our milestone. Drawing on rarely seen objects and photographs from the Justice & Police Museum collection, *The Force: 150 Years of NSW Police* brought together the many stories and heroes of our organisation's past. It also revealed some interesting facts about where we came from, how we evolved and what we have become. This impressive legacy will be on permanent display at the NSW Police Academy once it has toured the state.

Key to our celebrations has been engaging people across the state in a shared celebration of the NSW Police Force. Local police hosted regional celebrations throughout the year, which included parades, historic exhibits and community events.





On NYE, in defiance of the massive police presence in the city streets and in complete rejection of the city council's blue pig fireworks, some anarchists broke into 5 empty buildings, dropped 18 banners and painted anti police graffiti throughout the city streets.

On March 1st, some anarchists dropped a banner above the 'sea of blue' march and made an unpermitted demo parallel to theirs, distributing hundreds of anti cop leaflets.

On March 26, a couple days after Roberto Curti was murdered by NSW police, two anti authoritarians painted messages across business facades at the location he was killed. They sprayed "Disarm the pigs", "No Tasers, No Guns. Mothers Keep their Sons", "RIP Roberto" and "Solidaridao", before being chased through the city and eventually captured by police. The pair were charged with malicious damage.

On April 1st anarchists hung two anti police banners overlooking a public order & riot squad demonstration, and stole piles of police recruitment pamphlets at their expo in Darling Harbour.

From April to November, the Indigenous Social Justice Association organised 5 demonstrations against police brutality. Anarchists and anti authoritarians promoted and attended every rally and anti police banners were tied to fences and telegraph poles at each of these, (which often resulted in minor confrontations when police tried to tear down banners that said "COPS PIGS MURDES" and "FUCK THE POLICE")

There was also a number of smaller NSW police 150 year "community events", such as a police march and awards ceremony in Marrickville and a community engagement and recruitment day in Fairfield on September 9. Anarchists attended each of these events to disrupt police PR attempts, usually by simply carrying around banners with messages such as "POLICE ARE THE REAL TERRORISTS" and handing out anti police fliers. Even these very minor acts of resistance were not without risk, as one comrade was arrested and detained for a number of hours for simply handing out fliers at a police award ceremony, or in the words of the pigs, for "distribution of offensive material." After the pigs searched the comrades bag and found a pair of scissors, they excitedly declared they'd also press charges for "possession of a weapon", then joked about throwing in "resisting arrest" or "assault police", though no charges were ever laid.

As police began promoting National Police Remembrance Day on September 28th, 'to honour all officers who've lost their lives on duty', some anarchists began pasting up posters throughout Sydney promoting September 28th as National Bacon Day, and attended the memorial, distributed hundreds of fliers listing the individuals NSW police have killed this year alone.

In Newcastle, an area of grass on Nobbys reserve had been cut to portray the 150 years of NSW police logo. In the early hours of October 3, just before Newcastle Police were to march to celebrate

their 150 year anniversary, some anarchists spelled out the word "PIGS" with petrol across the grass logo, then set it alight, burning the message into the lawn.

Throughout the year some anarchists in Sydney set themselves the task of defacing or destroying as many copies of 'True Blue' (the police 'history' book) as possible. As it appeared that every library in the state had received a copy for display, they visited dozens of libraries across Sydney, taking the police propaganda off the shelves, tearing out pages, or covering them in anti police slogans, or more simply, throwing them into the library wastepaper bins.

At this moment, anti authoritarians are little more than an annoyance to the police. While we can claim to have somewhat disrupted, or at least provided a visible counter narrative at most 150 year celebrations, we have not managed to weaken their organisation in any significant way. NSW police still patrol this occupied territory at will, and generally without fear of being attacked or ambushed. There are currently no areas, regions or neighbourhoods that are unsafe for police to venture.

To build truly libertarian alternatives to capitalism, we must drive the police off our streets. It is only once we have expelled the police from a territory, that we can we accomplish the task of abolishing property, communising resources and dismantling all patriarchal and authoritarian social relations.



The formation of crews

Instead of hoping for a bureaucratic organisation to do something for us, we can take our lives into our own hands by self-organising. The formation of a crew is a step in this direction. A crew is a collection of close friends that trusts one another enough to organise together. This means having shared intentions, ideas, and practices, having each other's backs, and never talking to police. In other words, this means sharing affinity.

Some people refer to crews as affinity groups. While who is in your crew can be somewhat flexible depending on what you're trying to do, it does imply having people with whom to consistently participate in social struggles and develop a more long-term term strategy. It often involves sharing your day-to-day life and knowing people well. This means knowing what is shared, but even more importantly, knowing where real political differences exist.

A crew is a small group of people who organize without hierarchy - there are no leaders or followers, and everyone chooses how to take part in the activity.

Crews can form anywhere: in school, on the street, and on the job. This is an effective way of organising because, in a small group, you are making decisions and setting goals with people that you already share affinity with, without needing to vote or use formal processes. Another benefit is that the decentralisation of action planning renders repression of social movements more difficult.

As people realise their own power as individuals and communities, the power of those in authority weakens. This is what happens in any community garden, any occupation, and any riot. Individuals see that they can grow their own food and help others do the same; they see what they can do with just a few others. They see that they can take and hold space, and make entirely new ways of interacting together possible, while fighting the institutions that stand in their way. When space is liberated, when we fight authority, we see that capitalism is not absolute. We realize that most of the things around us that we value are of our own creation. Contrary to the myths we are all taught, authority is both unnecessary and harmful.

When more people realise their actual capacity to determine their own lives, they, along with others, become a material force. One of a physical nature, unlike the voting polls that only act as a means to confuse where our true power lies, in our own hands.

Those who wish to play puppet master know this. The people who fancy themselves our rulers and keepers – politicians, bosses, police, judges, and many others – long ago organised themselves into a force that can in actuality change things, move things, and control things. Crews act as a counterforce to those whose goal is to profit by dominating us.

Crews, then, serve a role in protecting ourselves from those who would like to exploit us for the sake of the economy, from those who would like us to continue working for scraps and piling up huge debts.

Crews can organize to disrupt the functioning of the economy through blockades, sabotage, occupations, and other forms of action.

Crews can get together and articulate their ideas on the walls of the city streets with graffiti and posters. They can make sure that advertisements never stay up for long, and that police stations, banks, and gentrifying apartments or restaurants are never safe. Crews can steal from big businesses, such as by expropriating groceries to pass out for free in their neighbourhoods.

They can take money from capitalism and give it to social projects autonomous from the state, or initiate those projects themselves. Crews form to act as a force against those who would rather see us subervient or behind bars.

Crews can form to approach the police when they are hassling someone on the street or on the train. They can attack the immigration machine that deports and imprisons. They can stop the landlord trying to evict their neighbours. They can de-arrest someone at a demonstration without hesitation, even if they don't know them. They can smash banks and other spaces which exist to reproduce capitalism.

They can build up their communities through solidarity, so that the police hesitate before following someone into a neighbourhood. In short, create not an 'alternative' that can easily be accommodated within capitalist society, but rather liberated space in which power is built to destroy capitalist society.

The point of acting is to gain control over our lives and to further our own power, as well as the power of those who have always been dispossessed in this society.

It's time to fight back.

SECURITY AWARENESS

Security awareness is a set of practices designed to keep everyone involved in social struggle safer by systematically reducing risk. The simple reality is that governments target and try to repress groups and individuals engaged in struggle, no matter the tactics that they use. This is because the state exists to defend the political and economic interests of capitalism. By adopting a widespread security awareness, we can limit or neutralise counterintelligence operations meant to disrupt our political organising. Security awareness is most effective when an entire movement or community understands the practices and the logic behind them. Also, there is no perfect formula that can be applied in all situations - the ability to think critically about security is what counts. Finally, like anything else, these practices are not fool-proof.

What not to say

To begin with, there are certain things that are inappropriate to discuss. These things include:

Your involvement or someone else's involvement with illegal activity.

Someone else's desire to get involved with such activity.

Asking others if they participate in illegal activity.

Your participation or someone else's participation in any action that was illegal.

Someone else's advocacy for such actions.

Your plans or someone else's plans for a future action.

In short, don't ask and don't tell. It's fine to speak about direct action in general terms. It is perfectly legal, secure and desirable that people speak out in support of direct action and all forms of resistance. The danger lies in linking individuals to specific actions or groups.

Two exceptions

There are only two times that it is acceptable to speak about specific actions and involvement.

1. If you're planning an action, with the people you're planning it with. However, these discussions should never take place over the internet (email), phone lines or in proximity of a cellphone, through the mail, or in an accomplice's home or car, as these places and forms of communication are frequently monitored. The only people who should hear this discussion would include those who are actively participating in the action. Anyone who is not involved does not need to know and, therefore, should not know.

2. After a person has been arrested and brought to trial. If they are found guilty, they can freely speak of the actions for which they were convicted. However, they must never give information that would help the authorities determine who else participated in illegal activities.

The reason for these security precautions is obvious: if people don't know anything, they can't talk about it.

Also:

Don't gossip or brag in order to impress others or try to "fit in".

Beware of alcohol/drugs and loose lips.

Know your limits: don't do anything if you couldn't live with the worst possible consequences.

Lying to the police is a crime, but you have the right to remain silent – use it, even if they try to pressure you to talk.

You don't have to let the police into your home unless they have a warrant.

Balance the need for security with the need to be accessible to potential friends.

Good security awareness is not paranoia institutionalised.

Some people just don't know about security awareness, so if someone is behaving in a security-violating way, it's really important to tell them and ask them to stop.

Silence

It needs to be stressed that no one is under any legal obligation to provide the police with any more information than one's own name, address, and birth date, and only if one is under arrest. That is it! Saying anything more jeopardises security. Even answering seemingly insignificant questions can assist the police in developing personality profiles. It may not be "evidence" but it is used to give police "leads" on other suspects and construct intent during legal proceedings. The only principled response to police questioning when under arrest is to say nothing more than your name, birth date, and address. If questioned further, you can simply say "I have nothing to say".



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- ROSER, Steven
- ROY, Colin
- RUCKER, Henry
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- SCHELL, Adam
- SCHETOR, Kurt
- SCORER, Raymond
- SEWELL, Cecil
- SHAW, Allan
- SHORT, Kenneth
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- WHITTAKER, Richard
- WILLIAMS, Edgar
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New years cocktail for New South Wales Police

A molotov cocktail has been thrown at a Sydney police station at the onset of the new year.

Police ran outside Dee Why police station, in Sydney's northern beaches, after hearing an explosion at about 12.45am on January 1st.

The attack sparked a fire at the back of a police vehicle that officers extinguished.

No one was injured.

Police established a crime scene and deployed sniffer dogs but no one was located.

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