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Welcome to the eighth issue of FTP zine, our biannual report on anti-colonial, anti-state resistance, compiled within occupied Cadigal territory.

Like previous issues we have chosen to highlight acts of resistance to the Australian state and its control of this territory, such as attacks on its police, its prisons, its monuments and its schools.

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The contents include communiqués, media releases, photos, posters and leaflets which have been found on radical blogs. The remaining content has been culled from the websites of corporate newspapers and TV stations. Many texts have been condensed for reasons of space.

We make no claims to the intentions behind the unclaimed actions. We have simply chosen to highlight acts which open possibilities for a more libertarian, less polluted future. Actions which, if generalised, have the potential to fundamentally disrupt and weaken the Australian state and its ability to govern.

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This report is only partial as most acts of resistance are not reported in the mainstream press, and most people who stand up to state authority don't write self aggrandising communiqués of their actions.

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Roxy Downs: Police clash with anti-uranium protesters



4 July - Tensions between protesters and police in Roxby Downs reached flashpoint on Sunday amid claims activists were mishandled during a scuffle with officers.

A video showed protesters being pulled, kicked and prevented from carrying a giant piece of fake uranium as they shut down the main road into Olympic Dam from Roxby Downs.

They have established a temporary camp site along Olympic Way.

The protesters earlier set up a bonfire in the middle of the road leading to Olympic Dam, stopping any traffic in or out of the uranium mine.

Police initially responded by closing Olympic Way, blocking the entrance to the mine after about 60 protesters started the road fire on Sunday morning.

On Monday morning, police reopened Olympic Way after extinguishing the fire and forcibly clearing the road.

The road was closed for about 19 hours and fire damage was caused to the road surface.

Over the last few days of the protest, police claimed they had gone to considerable effort to facilitate lawful protest activity and were disappointed with the actions of protesters.

The fake piece of uranium was seized and rolled away by police,

Desert Liberation Front spokeswoman Nectaria Calan condemned the police force throughout the three-day event as unnecessary.

“Police have been abusing their power all weekend... they went beyond that, they were reckless,” Ms Calan said.

Desert Liberation Front spokesman Tiago Freire said the event was to highlight the transport of “destructive” uranium materials.

“It starts with yellow cake and it goes through populated areas and industrial areas where all our people are,” Mr Freire said.

“This industry has leaks all the time, they don’t report it, they just monitor it themselves.

“We can’t trust this industry. It’s not safe for our people, so we’re saying stop this radioactive poison on our roads, no mining, no waste. Keep it in the ground.”

Olympic Way was closed on Saturday as about 200 demonstrators undertook a funeral procession, carrying a black coffin and baskets of animal bones to the gates of Olympic Dam.

The road was closed for about 90 minutes during the march.

The Desert Liberation Front opposes toxic waste dumps in Australia and wants BHP Billiton’s uranium mine to be closed within two years.---

Sydney: WestConnex protests, tight security in wake of May's rowdy meeting



6 July - There was a heavy police presence, compulsory registration and bag checks at last night's meeting of Sydney's newly-merged Inner West Council, after ugly protests in May saw the new council administrator spat on.

At least a dozen police officers and security guards watched on as residents outside staged a peaceful protest against the unpopular WestConnex road project and the forced merger of Leichhardt, Marrickville and Ashfield councils.

There were long queue to get inside, with people having to register and undergo bag checks before being escorted upstairs by security guards in two small lifts, taking about eight people at a time.

About 200 protesters drowned out administrator Richard Pearson during the meeting last month and police were eventually forced to call riot squad officers.

Sydney student Nicky Minus, 26, pleaded guilty to offensive conduct after spitting in the face of the Mr Pearson and has been given an 18-month good behaviour bond. She stayed away from last night's meeting. Camperdown resident Joern Harris said he had come hoping for some action.

Alice Springs: Inmates protest on prison roof

26 July - A Riot has broken out in the Alice Springs Correctional Centre. It's understood officers have lost control of G Block and eight prisoners are on the roof.

Northern Territory Police and the Corrections Department don't yet know what the protest is about, but say that none of the inmates appear have weapons.

'There's eight prisoners who climbed up onto the roof of one of the accommodation blocks. They're just sitting there quietly at the moment,' a Corrections spokesman told journalists.

'We've asked police to send a couple of negotiators to talk to them.'

It's not yet known how the prisoners got out of their cells and onto the roof, nor what their security ratings are.

Corrections officials hope that as the temperatures drop towards nightfall they will decide to come in on their own.

At this time of year the overnight temperature in Alice Springs can hover around zero degrees.

The disturbance comes just hours after the Northern Territory Department of Correctional Services was forced to respond after footage emerged of children in NT youth detention being hooded, shackled and tear gassed.

Footage from Don Dale Youth Detention Centre, which aired on Monday night, depicted Indigenous youth being tear-gassed, stripped naked and held in solitary confinement for weeks.

Earlier today about 150 Alice Springs residents protested the treatment of the young boys.

Ulverstone: War memorial vandalised for fourth time in two years

6 – Aug Vandals have desecrated Ulverstone's war memorial in the state's north-west for the fourth time in two years. The marble statue of a soldier was targeted on Wednesday, with a tyre placed over its rifle and its bayonet stolen.

Security cameras were installed in the area after the last attack on the site and the RSL said camera footage showed people at the memorial about 2am.

Ulverstone RSL president Derek Ballard said the cost went beyond the thousands of dollars they had spent repairing the damage over the past two years.



He said the bayonet has had to be replaced three times already and that regularity of damage had led to the repairs being done in fibreglass rather than marble.

"But it's not so much the expense now, it's that we still think it's pretty rotten, you know, that somebody can mutilate a war memorial," Mr Ballard said.

Mr Ballard said the prominent memorial was the town's real centrepiece and the repeated damage was deeply upsetting.

"It's right in the centre of town, it's a cenotaph which goes up about six storeys. It's our symbol."

Melb: Wilson Group vandalised in solidarity with detained refugees

18 Aug – Wilson Storage and Wilson Parking benefit from the suffering caused by Wilson Security on Manus, Nauru and elsewhere. In the past week we attacked both subsidiaries with glue, concrete, paint and hammers. We will continue to attack Wilson Group until they pull out of detention wholly and permanently. Any company associated with the border industrial complex is a target. We urge our comrades to join us in solidarity with protesters on Nauru and all others incarcerated.



Canberra: Police hunt graffiti vandals who damaged cars, buildings, schools



10 Aug - Police are hunting for two youths who went on a "senseless" graffiti spree spraying obscene words and images on school buildings and numerous businesses in Isabella Plains.

When police arrived at the school on Saturday morning, they found extensive graffiti on the front entrance doors, tiles, external walls and windows.

"FTP" was one of the tags used by the two vandals.

Tuggeranong Police Station officer-in-charge Chris Meagher said the officers were "appalled" by the offensive nature, obscene language and images of the graffiti.

Melbourne: Vandals attack Arch of Remembrance

21 Aug - Police are looking for a vandal who tagged Brighton's Arch of Remembrance war memorial over the weekend.

Liberal Bright MP David Speirs said "everyone is fairly disgusted" about it.

"It's just stooping to a whole new level," Mr Speirs said.

Wagga: Youths vandalise, defecate on Mater Dei Catholic school grounds

23 Aug - A horde of youths spray-painted fences, smashed glass and defecated inside Mater Dei's school grounds.

Police confirmed "malicious damage" had been done to the school late Thursday night after approximately eight carloads full of allegedly intoxicated youths wreaked havoc on the property.

A nearby resident, who wished to not be identified, watched on while masked hoodlums went on an hour-long vandalism spree.

"They could have been burning the school down for all anyone knew – there was that much noise," the local told journalists.

"First a group of girls arrived in a red hatchback and started painting the fences, and then probably about 10 carloads of them rocked up.

"I'd guess they would have done thousands of dollars worth of damage. It sounded like a war."

Wagga duty officer Inspector Peter McLay confirmed police received calls from distressed residents around 10.30pm on Thursday night.

"Police are continuing their investigations" he said.

"It would appear that the actual extent of the damage was not known until the following morning.

"I can assure that some further work will be done to try and identify who was responsible."

Detergent was also dumped in the War Memorial Gardens fountain on Thursday night, but it is unknown if it was related to the Mater Dei incident.

Melbourne: Protester storms stage during Turnbull speech



18 Aug - A protester, yelling obscenities, stormed the stage and forced the Prime Minister to stop speaking during his major economic address in Melbourne.

The woman — holding a sign that read "FFS close the bloody camps" — made it within metres of Malcolm Turnbull.

"For fucks sake Malcolm, close the fuckng camps," the protester yelled at Mr Turnbull.

Organisers tried to dim the lighting as the woman was approached and ushered off the stage.

At least five other protesters were held back by security in the room.

The Australian Federal Police have confirmed four protesters were escorted from the event.

In a statement to journalists, an AFP spokesperson said it was "an avoidable incident" which has prompted a security review.

"Beyond this particular incident, the AFP does not comment on operational security matters in relation to the Prime Minister," it read.

Protester Sam Castro said the disruption was aimed at shaming Mr Turnbull over offshore detention policies.

"We have known for years that we are torturing, abusing and indefinitely detaining people on Manus Island and Nauru," she said.

"It's time for the Government to acknowledge that their policy and successive government policy, including the Labor Party's policy, has failed.

"It has resulted in us torturing more than 1,000 people who have been left to rot on Manus and Nauru.

"I think Malcolm Turnbull heard us loud and clear."

It is understood the protesters entered the venue claiming to be part of the media.



Narrm / Melbourne: Graffiti for the Week of International Solidarity with Anarchist Prisoners

29 Aug – Slogans painted around inner-city Narrm / Melbourne, so-called 'Australia' as a minimum contribution to the International Week of Solidarity with Anarchist Prisoners (August 23-30). Victory to the anarchist fighters! Solidarity with all combative anarchist prisoners! Destroy the prison society!



*CCF (Conspiracy of the Cells of Fire) is an anarchist nihilist organisation which formed in Greece in 2008 who claimed credit for dozens of arson attacks against various state, capitalist and fascist targets. More than a dozen anarchists have since been arrested and accused of membership in the group.

*FAI / IRF (The Informal Anarchist Federation / International Revolutionary Front) is a global network of anarchist groups focused on the practice of sabotage against the infrastructure of capitalism.



Kalgoorlie: Arrests made, officers injured in violent riot over teen's death

31 Aug - A dozen officers were injured and several arrests were made in Kalgoorlie, Western Australia, after riot police moved in when a protest over the death of an Aboriginal teenager turned violent.

Car and building windows were smashed and courthouse staff were evacuated.

About 300 protesters gathered outside the courthouse ahead of the expected appearance of the 55-year-old man, who has been charged with manslaughter over the death of 14-year-old Elijah Doughty.

The boy was riding a possibly motorcycle on Monday before being run over in a suspicious hit and run collision. Police have alleged that the man deliberately chased down Elijah in his Nissan Navara and hit the motorcycle the boy was riding.

Officers made several arrests during the three hour riot as protesters stormed courthouse, which was placed in lockdown after its front windows were smashed in.

Acting commander Darryl Gaunt said officers were vastly outnumbered by the crowd, and most of those injured had suffered cuts and abrasions from rocks and bottles being thrown. One had required stitches.

He said all staff and magistrates at the court had been removed to the adjacent police station during the riot, after protesters broke into the complex.



Commander Gaunt said a total ban on takeaway alcohol sales had been implemented in the city ahead of an expected vigil tonight to commemorate the dead boy.

He said Facebook posts about the incident by some residents had been "disgusting and racist" and had "absolutely inflamed the situation".

The man was remanded in custody and is expected to appear in a Perth court via video link tomorrow.

Commander Gaunt said the man had been moved from Kalgoorlie for his own safety, Elijah's grandfather told journalists that "kids have been chased in cars for too long, and reported, [but] nothing done about it," he said.

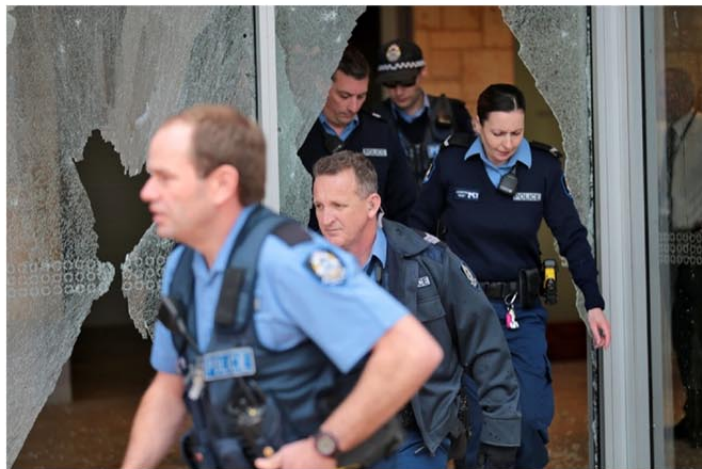
He said his grandson was a talented footballer.

"He was a good sportsman. He's played for Kalgoorlie City Football club since he was 11. They got in the grand final. But he won't be there," he said.

Others in the city expressed frustration at what they said was ongoing, endemic racism.

Linden Brownley said the violence had been "200 years in the making".

"Relations have reached a boiling point and it's exploded here today," he said.



Syd: Solidarity actions for the Kalgoorlie rebels

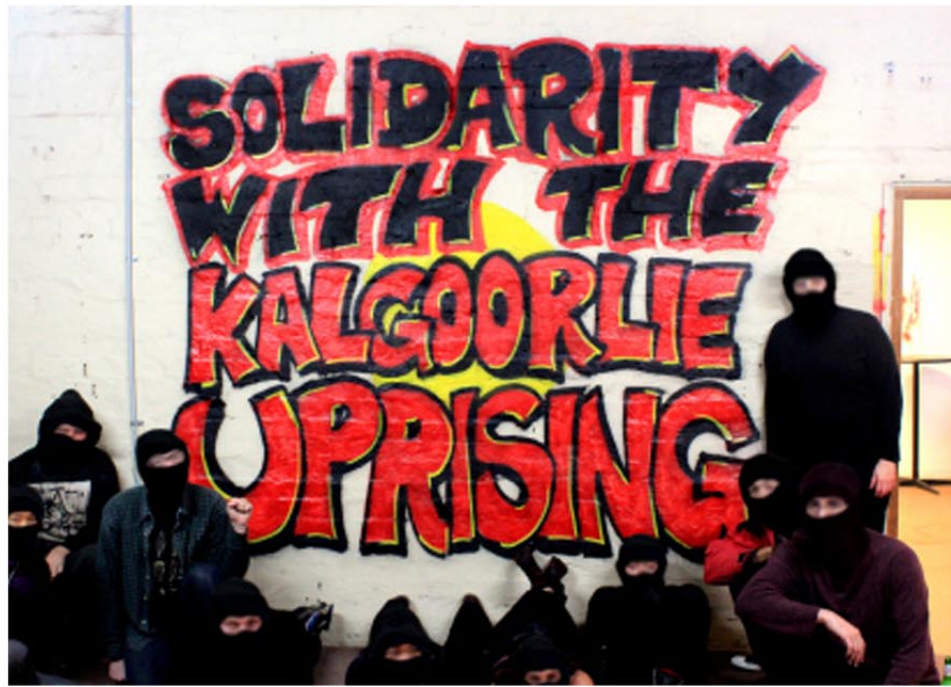
2 Sept – On the 30th of August 2016, following the murder of an Indigenous 14 year old by a white vigilante, aboriginal protesters fought back against their treatment by police and the racist 'justice system', by smashing up the courthouse, 5 police vehicles, and injuring 12 cops.

In the days since then, some anarchists in Sydney undertook some small acts of solidarity.

Hundreds of posters celebrating the rebellion was pasted up around train stations in various areas, a number of solidarity banners were tied to highway overpasses and a few dozen anti-colonial slogans were sprayed on Sydney walls.

The 'justice system' in this country, the police, courts and prisons are all structures of capitalist and colonial domination whose purpose remain the continuing dispossession, and oppression of Indigenous people.

The rebels in Kalgoorlie were right to attack these structures with all the rage and ferocity that they deserve. Such uprisings are a source of inspiration and joy to countless people who face daily harassment by cops on the streets or by screws in the prisons. When the flames of revolt break out we must fan them across this territory, by striking out at every manifestation of state authority, until every structure of colonialism is reduced to ashes.



Barwon: Prisoners go on strike



5 Sept – Prisoners at the state’s most secure jail have gone out on strike to demand more pay.

Some inmates at maximum security Barwon Prison want a better deal and have been refusing to work since last week.

Management at the jail, near Geelong, on Monday took action of their own, confining those refusing to work under new arrangements to their cells.

Journalists have been told the situation had been, at times, tense and that those prisoners locked down were being allowed out of their cells on a rotation basis.

Specialist officers from the security and emergency services group were on standby in case of trouble at the jail, which houses killers, armed robbers, terrorists and gangland figures.

Prisoners in Victoria are paid between \$6.50 and \$8.95 per day.

It is unclear who are the ringleaders of the Barwon industrial action.

Opposition Corrections spokesman Edward O’Donohue said the strike raises questions about who was in control of our corrections system.

The Liberal Party’s corrections spokesman Edward O’Donohue said it was “unacceptable” that maximum security prisoners would “feel emboldened” to strike.

“The community expects prisoners to be focused on rehabilitation and paying their debt to the community, not to be taking strike action over pay rates in prison.”

“Under Daniel Andrews we’ve seen the worst prison riots in Victoria’s history, prisoners growing drugs in the prison gardens, increased escapes, increased deaths in custody and now prisoners going on strike,”.

“You have to question who is in control and who is running the Victorian corrections system.” said O’Donohue.

Inmates are paid at three levels, determined by the level of responsibility required, complexity of tasks, the hours and skills.

Their tasks can include gardening, maintenance, woodworking and textile jobs. The Marngoneet jail, near Barwon, was last year placed on lockdown as prisoners protested for better pay.

Barwon Prison is regarded as the most secure jail in Victoria’s corrections system with a capacity of 448 inmates.

Authorities have said they’re confident the issues at Barwon will not degenerate into the mayhem which gripped the Melbourne Remand Centre in July last year, leading to widespread destruction and assaults.

All sentenced prisoners in Victoria, unless too old or physically unable, are expected to work.

Melb: Anarchist demo at the US Consulate



9 Sept - A group of masked anarchists in Narm/Melbourne marched into the US Cosulate on Friday armed with a solidarity banner as a small gester of suuport to the September 9 Strike in US prisons.

From the prisoners declarton:

“In one voice, rising from the cells of long term solitary confinement, echoed in the dormitories and cell blocks from Virginia to Oregon, we prisoners across the United States vow to finally end slavery in 2016.

On September 9th of 1971 prisoners took over and shut down Attica, New York State’s most notorious prison. On September 9th of 2016, we will begin an action to shut down prisons all across this country. We will not only demand the end to prison slavery, we will end it ourselves by ceasing to be slaves.”

Perth: Two charged over vandalism spree at High School



10 Sept - Two men have appeared in court charged over a vandalism spree at Eastern Hills High School that caused \$100,000 damage.

More than 220 windows were smashed, computers were destroyed and two buildings were flooded with fire-hoses.

Police allege the vandalism happened between 11pm on Thursday and 12.30am on Friday.

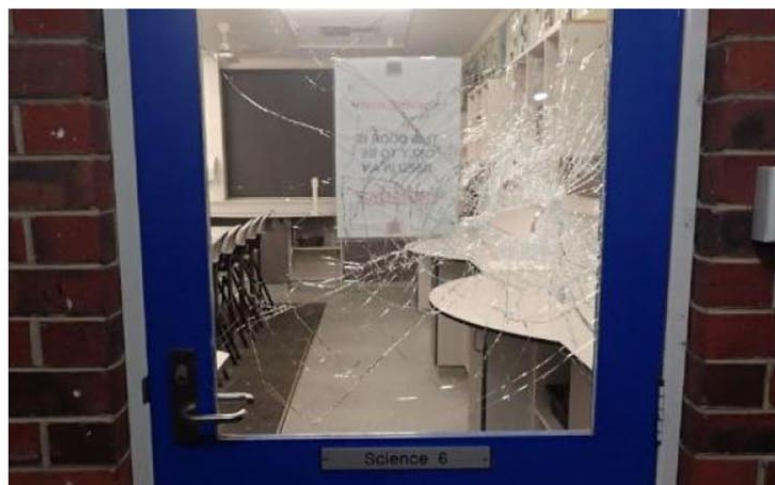
About 40 per cent of the school has been damaged with the incident captured on CCTV.

The extent of the damage was so bad that the school asked parents to keep their children at home if possible as there would only be limited classes.

Midland detectives charged two men, 22 and 19-year-old, both from Wundowie, with aggravated burglary, criminal damage and trespass.

The court was told both men were found by police at an address in Wundowie with items linked to the crime scene.

Neither could raise the bail surety of \$2000 and \$1000 respectively, so they remain behind bars.



Yatala: Prisoner left critical and five guards injured during 'incident'

24 Sept - The family of a young Aboriginal inmate "left brain-dead" after a violent altercation with prison guards is planning national protests.

But Correctional Services has said the steps taken were necessary to bring a dangerous situation under control.

Wayne Morrison, 29, was in a critical condition on life support in the Royal Adelaide Hospital on Saturday night as a result of a fight that left five Yatala Labour Prison guards injured.

His distressed family has vowed to fight for justice for the young father.

Mr Morrison's sister, Latoya Rule, told the Sunday Mail she planned a series of national protests. "There definitely will be national protests – they will be happening," she said. Ms Rule said doctors had told her family that Mr Morrison was brain-dead and would not wake from the incident, which happened in the prison's admissions area.

Mr Morrison was waiting ahead of a scheduled video link appearance at Elizabeth Magistrates Court when the "critical incident" erupted about 11.30am on Friday.

It is understood he was involved in an altercation with two officers, when he had to be restrained by other guards.

It is believed he was being taken to the maximum-security G-division when he had a medical episode.

It is believed CCTV cameras captured the incident, which is now the subject of a police investigation.

His family claimed he was due to be released on home detention, once they provided the court with an address.

Ms Rule described her brother as a "non-violent fisherman and artist" who loved to paint and weave, play guitar and who spent most of his days outdoors fishing.

She said he had suffered health problems and claimed he was denied "the human right of healthcare" by authorities while in custody over the past six days.

Ms Rule said: "My brother's life matters and he should not be portrayed as someone he was not.

"All prison officers involved have been released from the hospital with minor to no injuries, and my brother is brain-dead and has no life left.

"We will remember him for who he is."

Mr Morrison's brother, Patrick, attacked the state Correctional Services Department over the incident.

"My brother is going to die because of what they've done to him," he wrote on Facebook.

"There will be justice, I demand justice. You cannot hide what you've done."

Correctional Services Department chief executive David Brown said that "the prisoner involved in the incident was brought under control by responding staff."

He further stated that he remains "very concerned about the physical and mental health of my staff involved in this critical incident," he said."

An SA Ambulance spokesman said one man suffering a cardiac arrest was taken to hospital, along with two other people with minor injuries.

Pine Gap: Protesters freed after breaking into military base



28 Sept - Five protesters who broke into the boundary of the top secret military base at Pine Gap have been freed after a judge dropped charges because of "flawed" police prosecution.

The protesters were arrested by Australian Federal Police early on Thursday after they breached the perimeter to the joint US-Australian defence facility outside Alice Springs.

The five were remanded in custody and have appeared in court in front of a large contingent of supporters, charged with Commonwealth offences.

The charges laid against the group were thrown out of court because the police failed to gain the consent of the Attorney-General before the prosecution began, as is required by Commonwealth legislation. Judge Daynor Trigg said the legislation was "a bit of nonsense" which "clearly didn't understand how the criminal justice system works" but the prosecution was "flawed", "premature" and never should have proceeded.

However, Mr Trigg made it clear that the protesters could still be charged.

Protesters are this week campaigning to close down the military base, which has been in operation since 1970.

Fellow activist Graeme Dunstan said the group, who described themselves as

"peace pilgrims", broke the boundary to the base to set up a shrine to lament the war dead.

"They are faith-based activists so they're actively praying," Mr Dunstan said.

"They're so determined to get the evil of Pine Gap recognised that they went on there to pray and face serious charges of trespass on this secret base."

Meanwhile, four activists in Alice Springs chained themselves for several hours to the gates of a defence contractor supplying the Pine Gap base to block employees from getting to work.

"[We want to] let the workers know that there are people here who don't like what they're doing in working at a foreign military base outside Alice Springs, which is obviously responsible for [the] deaths of hundreds of people across the Middle East," said activist Jacob Grech, who chained his neck to a gate.

"We've successfully stopped the buses getting out ferrying the workers."

Police were on hand to negotiate with the protesters.

"When people start to impact on the common intercourse of other people's lives then obviously we have to intervene."

On Wednesday, dozens of people blockaded the access road into the base for more than two hours.



Sydney: Protesters clash with police outside John Howard doctorate ceremony

30 Sept - Sydney University was host to violent scenes today when over 150 protesters clashed with police as they tried to disrupt an award ceremony honouring John Howard.



The former prime minister was at the University of Sydney to collect a doctorate when the crowd of demonstrators attempted to storm the Great Hall.

Police rushed to hold back the tide of angry students, who delayed the ceremony by 15 minutes and could be heard chanting outside when it finally got underway.



The crowd of protesters surged towards the entrance of the hall and used megaphones to shout: 'Racist, sexist, anti-queer. Howard is not welcome here.'

Police appeared to have been caught off guard as the ceremony was delayed by 15 minutes to deal with the group, but they could still be heard shouting outside as Howard received his doctorate.



One of the demonstrators, a man, was arrested and charged with breach of the peace.

The protesters, who denounced Howard's decision to invade Iraq in 2003, also clashed with a smaller group of Young Liberal Party members, who rallied in support of the former PM.

In his speech after accepting the honorary doctorate, Howard, 77, admitted that he'd made some mistakes in office.



'I often reflected upon the things that we got right, as well as acknowledging from time to time the things we hadn't.

Being an intense Australian nationalist, I always thought the balance of the things we got right was quite decisive.'

More than 100 academics from the University of Sydney - which Howard graduated from in 1961 - boycotted the ceremony.

Corrigin: Police powerless to act on 'untouchable' gang of vandals as young as four



28 Sept - Vandals as young as four-years-old are believed to have repeatedly damaged a Catholic Church's stained-glass windows in the Wheatbelt town of Corrigin, and police are powerless to act.

WA Police confirmed a gang of 10 - all aged between four and eight - had been seen in the church grounds last weekend and were also responsible for the vandalism of a nearby public park.

But under WA law, children under the age of 10 are not deemed criminally responsible for their actions and cannot be charged.

"Corrigin Police were made aware of damage to some windows at the St Therese Catholic Church over the weekend... Police examined the scene and it appeared the windows had been broken by small rocks that had been thrown at the church," Sgt. Troy Coumbe said.

Corrigin resident and church-goer Neil Bowron said he and his wife Nancy discovered the broken windows, the third such attack on the church, and alerted the police.

He claims there has been two more instances of vandalism since.

"There's not much you can do. You can't put them in jail, you can't charge them. The kids know that," Mr Bowron said.

South Australia: Police plea for vigilance to prevent school-holiday vandalism



2 Oct - Police are appealing for help to combat vandal attacks on schools that have caused more than \$10 million of damage in the past four years.

The call for community vigilance coincides with the increased threat to empty schools from vandals during the holiday break.

Latest State Government figures show the greatest number of vandal attacks occurred on schools in the northern suburbs, where 86 incidents were reported last financial year.

Police this week said it was "important for everyone to be vigilant during the school break" because "the absence of students and teaching staff can provide more opportunities for property crimes to occur within school grounds".

Police are asking anyone who lives near a school, or passes by an education facility, to keep an eye on them during the holiday break.

The bill to taxpayers for repairs to vandal damaged public schools since 2012/13 has totalled \$10.85 million.

"Schools are vital community assets so if people see anything suspicious happening on school ground they should report it to the police immediately."

VANDALISM IN SA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

FINANCIAL YEAR	COST
2012/13	\$3.49m
2013/14	\$2.54m
2014/15	\$2.71m
2015/16	\$2.11m

Coolnwynpin: Police hunt for school vandals

4 Oct - Disgusting scenes have been revealed at Coolnwynpin State School in Capalaba as stunned staff and students returned from their school holidays to find their buildings trashed.

A series of images released by police show how the classrooms were wrecked by vandals over the weekend. The has been estimated at more than \$40,000.

The pictures show numerous smashed windows in a number of rooms inside the Queensland school.

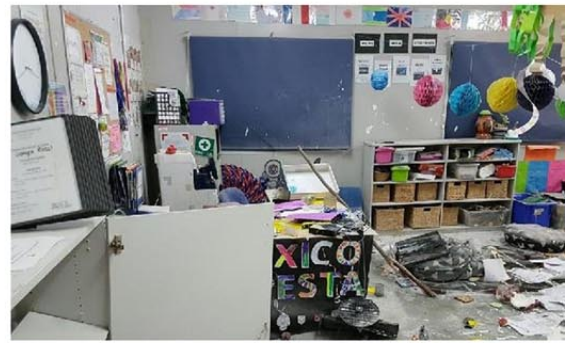
The images reveal food and paint thrown over furniture and walls inside various classrooms at the school.

Water taps had also been turned on and had eventually flooded a number of classrooms causing widespread water damage.

Today much of the mess has since been cleaned up, however, certain parts of the school are still out of bounds to staff and students due to the extent of the damage.

School staff, builders and cleaners are working hard to ensure students are able to return for the start of term.

Officers believe the school was broken into between 6pm on Friday and 4pm on Sunday.



Kununurra: Children accused of crime spree

4 Oct – Seventeen cars have been stolen during three break-ins at a Kununurra car dealership in the past week.

Extensive damage was made to the dealership building when the cars were stolen, Kununurra Toyota branch manager Lloyd Morley said.

"They were able to get the keys which were in a locked office and then help themselves to a variety of cars," Mr Morley said.

In one instance a stolen car was driven through the locked gate of the car yard. On a separate night, the building was badly damaged.

"They obviously had the key from the previous night, and we thought we were okay but they broke in again and basically drove out through the front doors."



Police have identified a group of children whom they allege were responsible for the thefts and damage, "The ages range from just under 10 to about 17 years of age, there are about 20 juveniles who we're looking at here," Sergeant Loverock said.

Police are tracking down the children and have apprehended six of them so far.

The crimes will have a major impact on the car dealership's operation.

Perth: Youths set fires during detention centre riot

8 Oct - Juvenile detainees at Perth's Banksia Hill detention centre have been involved in a riot at the facility for the third time in five weeks, damaging a building.

Police and firefighters were called to the centre at 10pm following reports of unrest.

A Department of Corrective Services spokesman said a section of the centre was damaged by three inmates, who had gained access to a restricted part of the prison.

Detainees also set fire to stacks of paper, though no damage was caused by the blaze, he said.

The department's Special Operations Group were called in to deal with the disturbance.

Rikki Hendon from the CPSU said the incident was much more violent than the department had let on.

Ms Hendon said 22 detainees were being escorted to their units after a movie night when three absconded.

She said the boys aged 16, 17 and 18 years old trashed an office, administration building and teaching unit by smashing windows and doors and used a lighter and a can of accelerant to light several fires.

She said staff were told to lock themselves in wherever they could, while the fires were set around them.

During a disturbance at the prison earlier last month, teenage detainees barricaded themselves inside one of the units, smashing windows and furniture, while another incident in the same week a prison guard's arm was broken while trying to restrain an inmate who had allegedly been throwing rocks at staff.

In 2013 a riot at the facility involving 70 youths caused extensive damage to 90 cells, which authorities responded to by moving the youth inmates to Hakea adult prison.

Geelong: Viva Energy workers defy Supreme Court order



10 Oct - Protesters at Viva Energy are defying a Supreme Court order, and continuing a blockade at the Corio refinery.

Several staff maintained a presence at the site on Sunday, and picket numbers are expected to soar again on Monday.

The industrial action began when an estimated 400 people held a stop-work meeting and blocked trucks from entering the site on Wednesday.

Viva Energy obtained an injunction through the Supreme Court to bring the unprotected action to an end.

However the blockade has continued as staff aim to draw attention to what they say are unsafe working conditions at the refinery.

The action comes during a large maintenance program, worth more than \$100 million, which Viva says requires 700-plus additional contractors over several months.

Federal Corangamite MP Sarah Henderson said the unlawful action was costing Viva Energy \$3 million a day and risking vital jobs.

"On Friday, in defiance of the court order, the picket line blockaded six trucks from leaving the work site for some six hours," she said.

"At a time when every single job matters in Geelong, this unlawful action is hurting our city. Labor cannot stand by in silence and support this illegal blockade."

Port Augusta: Prisoner stand-off under police investigation



15 Oct - Police are investigating a stand-off at Port Augusta Prison that saw 17 prisoners barricade themselves inside a gymnasium on Friday.

The incident started about 3pm in the high-security section of the prison and put the facility into lockdown until it was resolved at 10:30pm.

The South Australian Department for Correctional Services (DCS) said the prisoners damaged a classroom as well as tables and chairs.

"The incident was contained within the gymnasium area of the secure custody zone and the rest of the prison was locked down as a security measure," it said in a statement.

Earlier this year, the prison was put into lockdown when two prisoners barricaded themselves within a cell.

The prison was also the centre of a large riot involving dozens of inmates in 2008.

Banksia Hill: Prison officers injured in another youth attack

25 Oct - Three prison officers have been injured after they were allegedly assaulted by a juvenile detainee at the Banksia Hill detention centre in Perth's south.

The Department of Corrective Services said two officers were escorting the youth back to his cell after a teleconference with his lawyer when he attacked them with a tree branch and a rock.

A third officer called in to help was also attacked with a branch.

Two of the officers were taken to hospital for assessment but later discharged with minor injuries.

It is the third violent incident at the centre reported in two months.

Last month, juvenile detainees with makeshift weapons caused extensive damage to a wing of the centre, which was placed in lockdown before staff using flash bombs and pepper spray brought the situation under control.

Also in September, a prison officer's arm was broken and his elbow dislocated while trying to restrain a 17-year-old detainee, who 'd earlier been throwing rocks at staff.

In 2013, a riot at the facility involving 70 youths caused extensive damage to 90 cells, forcing authorities to move inmates to Hakea adult prison.

Mandurah: 'Gay is the way' graffiti attack on Christian College

30 Oct - The Mandurah private school under fire for threatening to expel a 7-year-old girl for mentioning her father having a male partner, has been targeted by graffiti vandals.

Vandals spray-painted "Gay is the Way, your principal is a cockhead" on the walls of the Foundation Christian College school hall in what appears to be a protest at the treatment of the girl, whose gay father was told by principal Andrew Newhouse she could only stay at the school as long as she did not speak of his sexuality.

Mr Newhouse had told journalists that: "I mentioned to the parent that if his daughter was to continue this topic of discussion with her peers, then it would be in both his and his daughter's interests to move to a school that would support his world view."

Staff of the school were painting over the graffiti on Friday afternoon.

Malmsbury: Violence at Youth Justice Centre prompts Government crackdown' on rioting teens



24 Oct - The Victorian Government has vowed to crack down on rioting teenagers at the state's youth detention centres, following another night of violence at the juvenile jail in Malmsbury.

Police are investigating the rampage at the central Victorian youth justice centre on Saturday night, which took hours to bring under control.

Ten teens, aged 16 and 17, are accused of ripping benches off walls and arming themselves with metal legs, before threatening guards with the makeshift weapons.

No one was injured in the uprising, which followed a similar security breach in September, when inmates armed themselves with metal poles and scaled the roof.

It's not clear what sparked the latest unrest.

Some of the youths involved in Saturday's outburst had moved to the higher-security Malmsbury unit after causing trouble at the Melbourne Youth Justice Centre in Parkville.

Youth Affairs Minister Jenny Mikakos stated that "this behaviour is totally unacceptable and our staff should not have to put up with this," she said.

"We are considering far tougher measures to ensure that we can stamp out this behaviour."

A prison officer was treated for minor injuries as a result of a separate clash with two 18-year-olds at Malmsbury yesterday.

Last month a WorkSafe report warned staff at Malmsbury were at risk of being killed by violent inmates and had complained about working in a centre more dangerous than an adult jail.

Community and Public Sector Union (CPSU) spokesman Julian Kennelly said staff called in sick yesterday because of fears for their safety.

"We've had a number of young offenders within the remand unit start to rip benches off walls and arm themselves with the metal legs and attack the unit staff," he said.

"Both centres, Parkville and Malmsbury, are completely at the whim of the young offenders."

The CPSU estimated inmates had caused hundreds of thousands of dollars in damage to the two youth justice centres over the past three months.

It proposed building a new super security detention centre to house the state's most dangerous young criminals.

Opposition spokeswoman Georgie Crozier said the teenagers responsible for the riots did not fear the consequences, claiming that "they are making a mockery of the detention system" ..

Victoria's Commissioner for Children and Young People Liana Buchanan is investigating the use of restraints and isolation in juvenile detention, including a child's 10-day stay in solitary confinement at Malmsbury.

Ms Buchanan is also examining how a child broke a limb when a staff member intervened in a confrontation at Parkville.

Sydney College of the Arts occupation evicted in dawn raid



25 Oct - Students occupying the administration building of the Sydney College of the Arts have been forcibly removed by police and security guards.

A student said that at 6.43am this morning, 15 police officers and 20 security guards forced entry to the building and evicted students, who've been occupying the space at Rozelle for 65 days.

The students refused to budge from their occupation to stop Sydney University from selling off the Callan Park campus, along with massive staff cuts.

"Police officers and security guards broke down the door to the occupation and dragged the occupiers out," a student said.

"They then went around campus tearing down all the posters and banners, even those that weren't associated with the protest."

"This is a perfect emblem of what they want to do to SCA as a whole."

Police have been contacted for comment but have not provided a statement yet.

For the past two months a large number of students have been living in the building behind heavily barricaded doors.

Students from Sydney College of the Arts gathered at the University of Sydney's main campus in August to protest the closure of the Rozelle campus and the planned cuts to staff numbers and degree options.

A University of Sydney spokesman said they had escorted protesters off the campus and said the institution has affirmed the right of students to protest about proposed changes.

"Unfortunately a number of the occupying students, and some of their off campus supporters, have shown little respect for people or the laws governing safety for themselves or others, despite numerous formal requests," the statement said.

"In addition, the protesters have refused a number of polite, informal and then formal requests for the university to reclaim personal possessions of staff."

The statement said some students and staff had been "distressed" by the occupation and the impact on their studies and working environment. And they warned people could be banned from campuses.

"The university has the right to exclude anyone who has been party to the occupation from its campuses," the statement said.

"It has chosen not to do so at this stage, but students and their representative groups have been warned that any further attempt to occupy could see the university exercise this right."

The protesters claim several small wins since they marched into the college's administration building in August.

A proposed merger with UNSW's Art and Design School and the National Art School was taken off the table, and embattled dean Colin Rhodes resigned.

Brisbane: Refugee solidarity protesters occupy roof of Dutton's office



2 Nov - Police have charged three women who climbed onto the roof of the Minister for Immigration, Peter Dutton's electorate office in Strathpine and unfurled a banner reading "Peter Dutton, International criminal, stop the refoulements". Three onlookers were also charged.

As the protest got underway, one of the women told reporters they were not representing any particular group.

The activists confirmed they were protesting against proposed laws to prevent asylum seekers who travelled to Australia by boat from ever entering the country.

Ms Purnell said the majority of people seeking asylum in Australia by boat are found to be genuine refugees.

"This constitutes refoulement under international law since the government is placing genuine refugees at risk of persecution or serious harm," she said.

"We want to see this legislation fail"

Ms Squire said the government's asylum seeker policies were "hypocritical in light of Australia's colonial past".

"We are complicit in and initiate international conflicts which result in people becoming displaced.

"Having created the problem this government then persecutes the victims,"

The three eventually climbed down from the roof after almost four hours.

"They're dangerous," Peter Dutton said of the protesters, adding police and emergency services would have spent \$10,000 worth of resources "trying to get these idiots down from my roof".

Three others were also taken into custody after failing to comply with police orders at the protest.

It is understood the initial three arrested were not directly involved in the protest but stopped to show their support to the activists on the roof. Two of the onlookers included a 56-year-old man and 45-year-old woman.

The protesters said the third passer-by had simply stopped to give them some water and was then arrested after police claimed they hadn't complied with requests to move away.

The three protesters have been charged with obstructing police and unregulated high risk activity and will face court over the coming weeks.

Police earlier cleared the area in front of Mr Dutton's office citing traffic concerns due to its proximity to Gympie Rd.

About half a dozen police officers were positioned outside the building.

Sergeant Matt Bowden was supervising the scene and said there were more appropriate ways for the activists to protest.

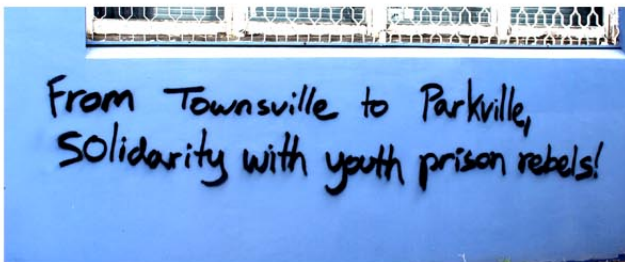
"Everyone's got the right to protest, you've just got to be able to do it correctly," he said.

"We've got quite a few police here and they're there for the safety of these people and we've got jobs stacking up elsewhere that other police are now having to get to,".

Sgt Bowden had earlier said he was concerned that the longer the girls remained on the roof, the more risk to their own safety.

"As the sun gets hotter and the shade goes there's more risk of sunburn" he said

Townsville: Guards injured in youth prison riot



11 Nov - Police expect to lay riot and grievous bodily harm charges over a disturbance involving 20 youth detainees in Townsville that reportedly led to a prison officer being blinded in one eye.

The incident at the Cleveland youth detention centre flared when some youths began protesting against privileges being restricted, before arming themselves with objects damaging the prison unit and assaulting staff, the assistant commissioner Paul Taylor said.

Teams of riot police, the dog squad and negotiators achieved a "peaceful resolution" by Friday morning after a 12-hour standoff, during which some of the youths climbed on to the roof of the centre and threw stones at staff, he said.

A small contingent of staff remained at the centre overnight but most were evacuated for their own safety.

"They were breaking things, accessing various parts of the unit, they made implements to throw at police," he told reporters.

Taylor said the police had been in no position to accommodate the "fairly frivolous" demands of the youths, which had included deliveries of Kentucky Fried Chicken, alcohol, drugs, computer games and for the recently elected Donald Trump to be prevented from taking office.

The wife of one of four injured prison guards told the Townsville Bulletin he had permanently lost his sight in one eye after a rock was hurled at him.

Taylor said there would be a lengthy investigation involving forensic and CCTV examination, adding that "some of these kids [went] to great lengths to put shirts around their heads" to avoid identification.

Taylor said 29 staff, including the four injured who were being cared for by two nurse colleagues, had taken refuge in a visitors' centre while the youths involved in the unrest had "free rein" of the facility.

"Police expect that the 20 youth involved will be charged with various matters," he said.

"On the face of what we know now, those matters include rioting, assault, in particular assault causing grievous bodily harm, and wilful damage.

"Rioting in company is a fairly serious charge. Assault causing grievous bodily harm is a very serious charge."

Cleveland was at the centre of allegations of widespread mistreatment of inmates earlier this year. An Amnesty International report had said there was a "culture of abuse and secrecy" within Queensland's youth detention system.

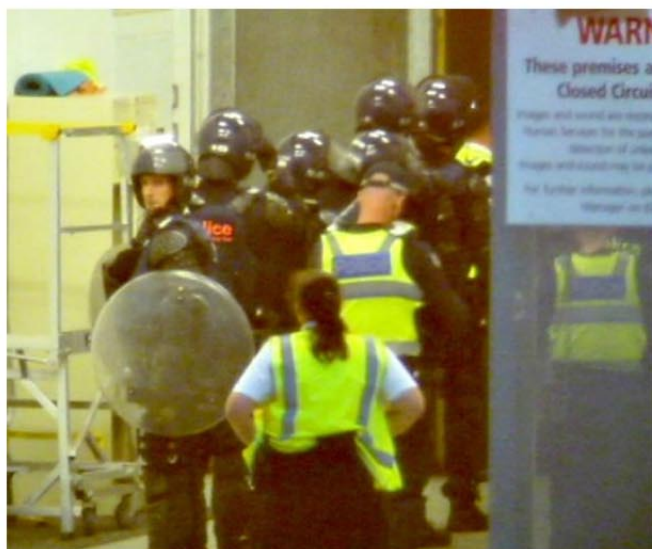
One such incident cited, involved a boy on suicide watch who was held down, cuffed, stripped naked and put into isolation after refusing to take a shower.

The reports also detailed prolonged solitary confinement, rising numbers of suicide attempts and concerns about the use of guard dogs by private security.

Last year there were 31 suicide attempts by children at Cleveland.

A former Cleveland inmate, Russell Johnston, 17, said he was repeatedly tormented by guards, alleging regular bashings and racial abuse.

Melbourne: Riot police called-in after another riot at Parkville Youth Detention Centre



13 Nov - Police will question young offenders involved in a fresh riot at Melbourne's Youth Justice Centre at Parkville last night.

Police, including officers in riot gear and dog handlers, were called to the facility in Melbourne's inner north after reports of a riot breaking out just before 9:00pm.

The situation was brought under control by about 11:00pm, a Department of Human Services spokesman has claimed.

Unconfirmed reports said offenders trashed cells and rioted on the facility's roof.

The incident is the latest in a series of disturbances across youth detention facilities in Victoria this year.

At the higher-security Malmsbury juvenile jail last month, two teenagers were accused of ripping benches off walls and threatening corrections officers with makeshift metal weapons.

A review was ordered at the Parkville facility in September after a "number of inmates" damaged property and forced staff to barricade themselves inside a room.

The offenders also kicked in doors and were able to access a number of staff areas, according to the Community and Public Sector Union Victoria.

In March, another review was ordered by the State Government after teenagers armed with poles held a seven-hour standoff on the roof of the Parkville facility.

Opposition corrections spokesman Edward O'Donohue said the State Government's lack of control was emboldening young offenders.

"Reports say that many cells have been trashed, reports say that some of the offenders may have their way onto the roof."

The State Government has not confirmed the details of the incident, but minister Richard Wynne said Labor was working to restore order.

WA: Youth prison guards still angry after riot

13 Nov – The latest violent incident at Perth’s juvenile detention centre – the 10th in less than two-and-a-half months – has prompted the prison officers’ union to blame it on the introduction of a new rehabilitation program.

Seven detainees were involved – three who jumped out of a window trying to escape – causing an estimated \$350,000 to \$400,000 trashing their unit on Saturday afternoon.

Guards used flash bombs and chemical spray to control rioting detainees.

The youths barricaded themselves in, removed bricks from walls and threw them at staff, broke every reinforced glass window and pulled panelling and cabling out of the ceiling, says the Community and Public Sector Union.

The Banksia Hill centre was locked down for three hours.

There has been a rise in incidents, including an officer having his arm broken and elbow dislocated by a 17-year-old detainee in mid-September and a riot that caused \$150,000 damage on September 1.

“We’ve been saying for some time now that detainees’ behaviour is getting worse, becoming more prone to violence and the staff – our members – are concerned about how long it will be before they end up in the firing line,” union WA secretary Toni Walkington told journalists.

Walkington also condemned the introduction of new prison rules, introduced in July, which restricted officers’ ability restrain or conduct strip searches and spit hoods were banned after the ABC TV Four Corners program showing guards abusing children in Darwin.

Adelaide: Vandals attack SA Parliament Speaker after he reported graffiti

15 Nov - South Australia’s Parliamentary Speaker, Michael Atkinson has told journalists about his late night encounter with three graffiti vandals at Croydon station.

"They didn't seem to be too worried I was present on the platform waiting to catch the train," he said.

"But when they saw I rang the police they decided to depart and walk off towards West Croydon railway station."

He said he called police before deciding to get "a bit of exercise" while he waited for the train and went to West Croydon station.

"Sure enough they were graffitiing that station with spray cans as well."

Mr Atkinson said he called police again and that was when the young men attacked.

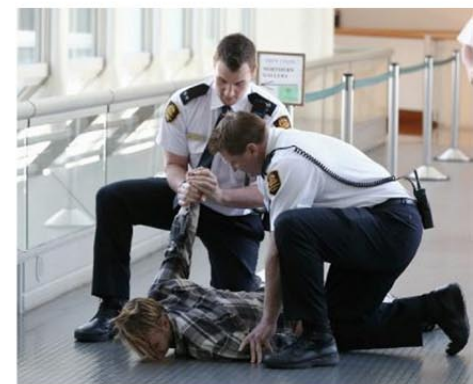
"One of them rushed at me from a long distance, tried to snatch my computer tablet ... and my mobile phone," he said.

"But in the course of snatching all they got was a Parliamentary bill I was carrying."

Mr Atkinson said one of the men threw rocks at him and threatened to find him and visit him at home.

He said he called police this morning and was told a police patrol arrived about 40 minutes after he called, but did not find the vandals.

Canberra: Two days of disruptive protest at Parliament House



1 Dec - Refugee activists have managed to hijack the political agenda in Canberra for a second day in a row, holding and safely ending a surprise protest at parliament house, including abseiling to unfurl a “close the bloody camps” banner and pouring red dye in the forecourt fountain.

After several hours hanging from the front of the building, and with a large security and media presence, two protesters eventually packed up the banner and climbed to the roof to waiting police.

Soon after a group of fellow protesters stood on the forecourt fountain for hours after putting red dye in the water to symbolise that “Turnbacks are murder” while holding signs saying ‘close the camps’.

“Today we have made sure that plight of refugees is still on the agenda,” protester Phil Evans told reporters.

“We need be having this urgent conversation about the humanitarian crisis that is still going on in Australia.”

This second security breach in two days comes on the same day parliamentarians voted through security upgrades including new 2.6 metre high fences to restrict public access to Parliament House lawns.

Just yesterday protesters disrupted and suspended question time in the House of Representatives for the first time in 20 years. Some protesters super glued their hands to railings in the public gallery while others linked arms and resisted Parliament security guards' attempts to remove them.

In a rare move, Speaker Tony Smith quickly suspended question time and proceedings did not resume for 40 minutes.

Prime Minister Turnbull also condemned the protests as an appalling "denial of democracy and an affront to the Australians who elected the senators and members who are here.”

“Those who seek to interfere with them, to deface the Parliament, who seek to silence the Parliament, they are trying to deny our democratic freedoms.”

“I was concerned that the Parliament could be interrupted like that, the demonstrators who rioted in the gallery were interrupting the People’s House,” Mr Turnbull said.

The Immigration Minister Peter Dutton said Wednesday they were "idiots" while Opposition Leader Bill Shorten declared that shutting down Question Time was "the exact opposite of democracy."

But the protesters say they are undeterred. “A few errant comments from parliamentarians is not going to err us,” a protester named Evans declared.

“They are responsible for the murder, the abuse of refugees.”

There have been no arrests over the past two days, although police officers were seen talking the details of protesters and heard telling them they had committed an offence.

Collie: Police investigating CBD vandalism

2 Dec - Collie Police are investigating acts of vandalism to Collie CBD's Central Park Christmas decorations.

Police confirmed CCTV footage captured three to four offenders using a homemade slingshot to knock down and smash Christmas baubles and lights between late Wednesday evening and Thursday morning.

The culprits also removed a concrete ball from its foundations in Forrest Street.

Banksia Hill: Prison officer injured in fresh riot at youth detention centre

5 Dec - Six detainees barricaded themselves in their cells and three others pelted rocks at prison officers from the roof during more unrest at Perth's Banksia Hill juvenile detention centre last night.

One prison officer suffered injuries to his wrist during the disturbance, when Special Operations Group officers were called in about 6.00pm.

The inmates who barricaded themselves in their cells damaged two blocks at the facility, including windows, air-conditioning units and furniture.

Order was reportedly restored by 9:00pm according to the Department of Corrective Services (DCS) director of strategic communications Charles Hayne.

He said the boys on the roof were eventually talked down.

The department originally said the person who was injured was a detainee before identifying them as a prison officer.

The violence was the latest in a series of riots and incidents at the centre, where guards used flash bombs and chemical spray to subdue a group of detainees in November.

Corrective Services Minister Joe Francis claimed it was a "minor disturbance".

Port Macquarie: Two vandals slash inflatable Santa in CBD



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12 Dec - Two brazen teens have given their best impression of the Grinch after destroying a blow up Santa decoration in Port Macquarie.

Motion sensor cameras captured two teenage boys at on William Street on late on December 9.

One boy jumped the fence, allegedly slashing the foot of a \$500, five metre tall inflatable Santa Claus as the other looked on. They both fled on foot.

Buisness owner, James Page, said it was a case of déjà vu after they had Santa decorations stolen last year.

"In 2015 someone grabbed our inflatable Santa, which was smaller, and ran off with him. We never got that back," he said.

"This year we went and bought a larger Santa so that no one could steal it. Clearly they have other means to act a Grinch."

"The camera served its purpose. It sends a message that it can't dampen our Christmas spirit."

Norfolk Island: Mutiny brewing against Australian administrator



7 Dec - The Australian administrator of Norfolk Island, Gary Hardgrave, says he's been abused and had his car egged by some pro-independence supporters, as the fight for sovereignty of the tiny island descends into name-calling and confrontation.

Opponents of Canberra's takeover of the island are accusing the new Australian administration of favouring pro-Australian businesses and censoring the local radio station.

Australia abolished self-government on the island in June, prompting protests from locals.

Norfolk's laws will be taken from New South Wales and its residents will vote in the federal electorate of Canberra.

In April this year protesters against the Australian Government takeover occupied the grounds of the former legislative assembly and refused to leave.

For 36 years the legislative assembly, which was shut down last year by the Australian Parliament, was the centre of the island's self-government, and occupying it was a spontaneous act of civil disobedience.

The protest was directed against Gary Hardgrave, a former federal Liberal MP, who has been appointed by the Australian Government to act as the island's administrator during the transition period.

Mr Hardgrave had riled the large gathering of islanders by refusing to issue a licence for a protest to be held on ground that they say they consider to be theirs.

The protest went ahead regardless.

There have also been reports of death threats, sabotage and attacks on locals doing the bidding of mainland authorities.

Most of the 1500 people who live on Norfolk Island are descended from the Bounty mutineers and their Tahitian wives whose families moved from Pitcairn Island in 1856.

Mr Hardgrave accused some of the pro-independence campaigners of crossing the line into abuse and intimidation.

"My wife and I have been spat on, we've been hit, had the full vernacular of four letter words yelled at us."

Andre Nobbs, a descendent from an old Pitcairn family and a staunch proponent of independence hit back that "An egg was apparently lobbed up in the air and landed on his car. Our heritage has been ripped out from around us, completely erased. Don't you think that you'd get a little bit agitated?"

"I personally think he was sent here because he is an arrogant bully," said plumber Ernie Christian, who was convicted of assault after slapping a supporter of the takeover during a confrontation.

"He was sent here to do a job and that was to divide us."

Perth: Police arrest Roe 8 protesters near wetlands



12 Dec- Around 80 protesters gathered at Coolbellup woodlands, west of the Beeliar wetlands, amid expectations work is about to start on the controversial project.

Part of the woodlands have been roped off and a large machine has been brought in.

About 30 officers including mounted police were brought in as one man managed to chain himself to the machine.

Police cut him loose and made a handful of arrests, as well as issuing several move-on notices and fines to protesters.

One man was arrested after lying on the ground and blocking the path of a ute being used for site works.

One elderly demonstrator collapsed and was taken away in an ambulance.

A number of contractors working the machine were eventually surrounded by a ring of police officers.

Roe 8 forms the first stage of the Freight Link which is set to extend Roe Highway.

The protesters, including Aboriginal Elder Ben Taylor who said "They're going to disturb all the wetlands. For thousands of years Aboriginal people have taken care of that, to bulldoze this now is like killing the heart of our mother," Mr Taylor said.

Perth: Protesters arrested after chaining themselves to gate



20 December - Protesters have chained themselves to a gate and police have closed a road as demonstrations against the Roe 8 extension continue to disrupt work on the controversial project in Perth's south.

Two women chained themselves to the gate of the construction company contracted to undertake the clearing works at Beeliar Wetlands, stopping bulldozers from leaving the yard.

Tactical Response Group officers were called to remove them, and they were taken to Cockburn lockup.

Police said at least seven people were arrested on charges including trespassing, obstruction and refusing to give details to police.

Earlier officers were forced to close busy North Lake Road for about 90 minutes as up to 400 protesters demonstrated at the site.

Bulldozers resumed clearing trees around 10:30am.

The project has been controversial for economic and environmental reasons, with critics arguing it will cause irreversible damage to the wetlands.



Manus Island detainees riot after death of refugee



25 Dec - Asylum seekers inside the Manus Island detention centre briefly took control of two compounds and expelled guards after the death of a Sudanese refugee who fell ill at the centre, PNG police say.

Senior Sergeant Thomas Lelepo, who is stationed on Manus Island, said guards at the processing centre were forced out of the facility last night.

"There was a situation there ... over the death of a resident," he said.

Sergeant Lelepo said order had since been restored inside the detention centre.

Faysal Ishak Ahmed, 27, collapsed in the Oscar compound at the Manus detention centre on Thursday.

He was evacuated to Brisbane for urgent treatment on Friday, but died in hospital on Christmas Eve.

A Department of Immigration and Border Protection spokesperson said Mr Ahmed had suffered a seizure.

Mr Ahmed's death had been referred to the Queensland coroner, but there were no suspicious circumstances, the spokesperson said.

However, detainees and the Refugee Action Coalition claimed the man was seriously ill for months and had made repeated requests for medical assistance before the emergency.

"The department is aware of a disturbance involving a group of residents in the mess area of Manus RPC," the spokesperson said.

"The disturbance has now been resolved. There is minor property damage and no reported injuries."

Photos posted to Facebook by Iranian refugee Behrouz Boochani, who is among the asylum seekers held on Manus Island, showed what appeared to be damage to a mess area inside one of the compounds.

"We just kicked out the Wilson security from Delta and Oscar detentions. This message is for the Government," Mr Boochani wrote.

Another Manus detainee, Abdul Aziz Adam, 24, said Mr Ahmed had sought medical treatment from the clinic, run by International Health and Medical Services (IHMS), every few days for several months for various ailments including stomach upsets, high blood pressure, fevers and heart problems.

"[Mr Ahmed] said 'I don't get to see the doctor, I always see the nurse and then the nurse tells me 'you don't have anything', but I feel I have a problem'," he said.

"I can't hold my tears because how does this happen? Two days ago I spoke with him on the phone, now he end up dead.

"This system is designed to kill us one by one."

Mr Adam said he and about 60 asylum seekers signed a letter addressed to IHMS demanding better medical treatment for Mr Ahmed after he returned from the clinic earlier this month looking particularly crestfallen.

Melbourne: Audis targeted in Christmas night prestige car vandalism spree

26 Dec - More than 30 cars were significantly damaged in a Christmas night vandalism spree in some of the wealthiest streets in Balwyn, in Melbourne's east.

Police have said that cars with the prestige European brand Audi was a target in the spree, warning residents to park in their garage and to remove valet keys from their vehicles.



Melb: Liberal MP's car among those smashed in Malvern vandalism spree

27 Dec - Fifteen more vehicles have been damaged overnight in a second vandalism spree in Melbourne's affluent eastern suburbs, including a car belonging to a Liberal MP.

At least nine of the vehicles had their driver side window smashed in Malvern overnight on Boxing Day.

Shadow treasurer and Malvern MP Michael O'Brien told journalists the driver side window of his car was smashed.

"There's glass everywhere, things taken out," he said.

He said the incident had affected his sense of security.

"It seems to be a combination of absolutely mindless vandalism, mindless violence."

No arrests have been made.

Adelaide: NYE celebrations lead to street riots as 140 arrested

1 Jan - People were seen jumping on cops cars as fights broke out between police and revellers in Adelaide in the early hours of New Years Day.

A total of 140 people were arrested during riots on the streets of Adelaide in Australia as New Years Eve celebrations boiled over.

Police were forced to intervene as hundreds of people screamed abuse at cops with one even jumping on the bonnet of a patrol car.

Fighting in the streets began at around 3am after a large group of revellers began chanting "fuck the police, fuck the police".

In the footage which has been released online, one man can be seen jumping on top of a bin before another man leaps on top of a police car and stamps on it.

The man who was stood on top of the bin is seen with his hands in the air as the crowd can be heard chanting aggressively.

Dents were visible on the police car after the vandal had jumped up and down on it.

In the footage, one man can be seen being restrained by four police officers before being taken away in the back of a van.

The violence began after police tried to clear the streets of Adelaide after midnight.

Many of the rioters are thought to have been drunk after celebrating the New Year before the scenes quickly turned out of control.

Police attempted to shut down Bank Street after the out of control crowds came face to face with police.

It has been reported that officers arrested 140 people that evening.



Footscray: Anti-gentrification vandals target new 'hipster' shops

1 Jan - Sling shots, ball bearings, graffiti, glue and rotting meat, are being used in an anti-hipster war in Melbourne's inner west.

8-Bit burger restaurant is the latest business to endure attacks aimed at affluent newcomers.

8bit's entire facade was destroyed earlier this week, and "fuck off hipster scum" was graffitied over the wreckage. 16 window panels were shattered, but not knocked out.

Mr McCallum said it was the fourth time the windows at the burger restaurant had been smashed, with one resulting in a break in and burglary.

The first anti-hipster slogan was written on Up in Smoke, a barbecue restaurant in Hopkins Street, which he also owns.

His businesses are not alone. Littlefoot Bar around the corner in Barkly Street also suffered a series of attacks when it opened two years ago.

Stuart Lucca-Pope, who co-owns the bar with his wife Liana, said one of the attacks saw the bar-front plastered with A4 sheets with anti-gentrification slogans on them, claiming the business was run by profit-seeking hipsters who were pricing locals out of the rental market.

Another time the front door had its lock glued shut making it impossible to open.

Display suites for new apartment developments in the suburb have also been vandalised, with someone spray-painting "fuck off yuppies" across them.

A bag of rotting meat even was hurled through the door of Footscray's Rudimentary Cafe only days before burger bar 8bit was trashed.

The cafe on Leeds Street, built from shipping containers and serving third-wave, cold-drip and pour-over coffee since it opened in 2015, is the fourth new establishment in gentrifying Footscray to be targeted in recent weeks.

Des Huynh, Rudimentary's owner, said the meat was so rotten he couldn't tell which animal it came from.

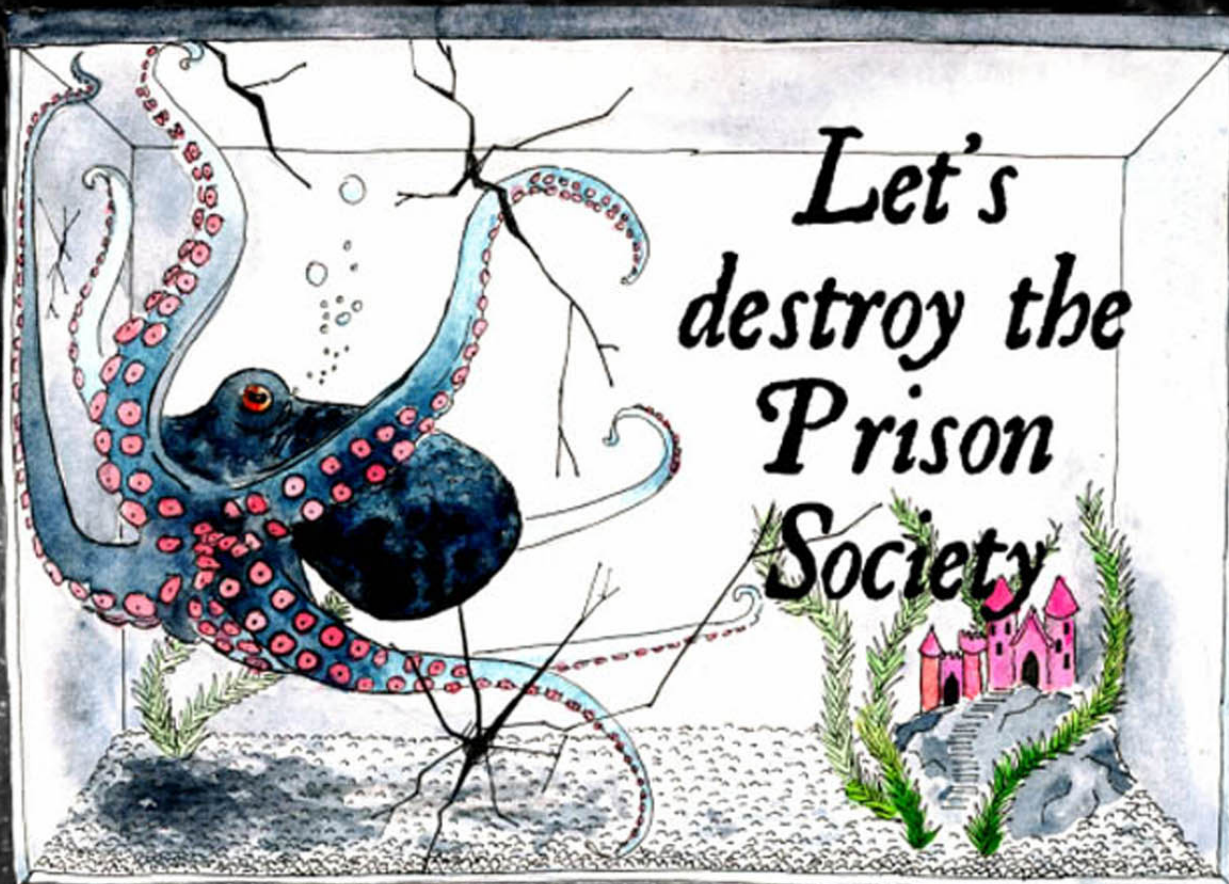
The bag was thrown over the cafe's fence two days before New Year's, bouncing into the front door. Staff said it took days for the stench to go away.

When Littlefoot opened two years ago it was repeatedly plastered with anti-gentrification slogans criticising the business pricing locals out of the market.

At Up in Smoke, a barbecue joint in Hopkins Street, "yuppies" was scrawled in huge yellow paint on the side of the building.

Co-owner Roshan had the slur scrubbed off, but it still shows faintly on the side of his building.



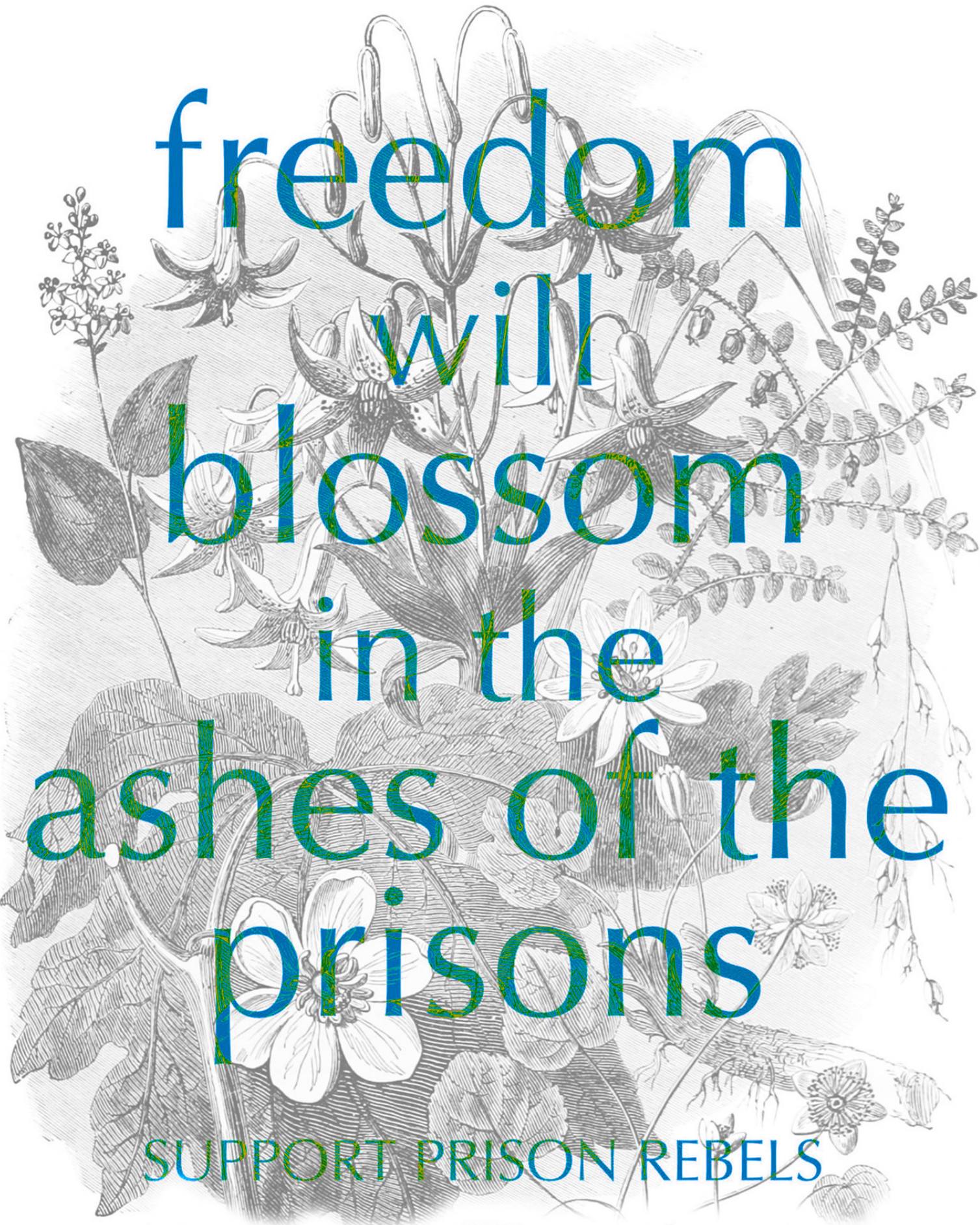


*100,000 in prisons, detention centres & secure units.
1,000,000,000 animal lives confined to factory farms.
CCTV in schools. Immigration raids. 'Right to Rent' checks.
Wage slavery. Commuter boredom. Ugly flats we can't afford.
Bloodsucking landlords. Soul destroying jobs. Turning frustration on
outsiders. The Daily Mail sidebar of shame.*

*Wake up to the prison society! It hasn't always been like this. Let's
read, research. Let's deviate from the script. Smash the cameras.
Free some animals. Squat the empties. Disrupt the raids.
Fight evictions. Support each other against repression.*

*Disobey - alone & together.
Break free - for ourselves and each other.*





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