People for Nuclear Disarmament

WHAT IS PND?

People for Nuclear Disarmament (PND) seeks to unite all Victorians who want an end to the nuclear arms race and who believe that Australia can and should play an active role for nuclear disarmament.

PND is based on the belief that the issues of human survival involved are too important to be left to politicians, governments and the military and can only be resolved by the ordinary people of the world joining together.

We join in a spirit of solidarity with the growing national and international nuclear disarmament movement.

PND was formed mid-way through 1981 in response to the drastically increased risk of nuclear war.

Our first major activity was to sponsor a major public meeting in October 1981 featuring Nobel Laureate Patrick White and other speakers. On 4 April, 1982, over 40,000 people attended PND’s Rally and Festival for Nuclear Disarmament; 60,000 and 100,000 attended in 1983 and 1984 respectively. We are constantly developing campaign programs to further our policies.

WHAT CAN PND DO TO BRING ABOUT DISARMAMENT?

PND believes we are entering the most dangerous period in human history. A third world war, a nuclear war, is not merely possible, but increasingly likely unless the ordinary people of the world join together in a massive movement for nuclear disarmament.

We believe that this threat of nuclear war is a global problem of immediate concern to all Australians.

We are campaigning for Australia to take a stand for nuclear disarmament by—

- removing from Australia any facility, military base or operation which contributes to the preparation for nuclear war or is a likely target in the event of such a war;
- stopping the mining and export of uranium — the vital element in the production of nuclear weapons;
- supporting the establishment of a Nuclear-Free Zone in the Pacific Ocean and a Zone of Peace in the Indian Ocean;
- supporting the campaign to make Australia nuclear-free and strengthening Victoria’s stand as a nuclear-free State;
- ending Australia’s complicity in the United States’ nuclear war fighting plans and preparations by withdrawing our involvement in the ANZUS (nuclear) Alliance.
WHO IS INVOLVED IN PND?

Victorians from all walks of life are active in PND. Affiliated organisations include the peace and anti-nuclear groups, church groups, migrant groups, women's organisations, trade unions, student groups and political parties. A variety of professional groups such as teachers, actors, artists, doctors, scientists, lawyers and welfare workers are also involved in the work of PND.

Over 70 PND local groups are active in the suburbs and country cities and towns raising the nuclear disarmament question in their communities.

HOW DO ALL THESE PEOPLE WORK TOGETHER?

All PND members, whether individuals, groups or organisations have an important role to play in PND, and all have an opportunity to take part in decisions about the way PND is run, its priorities and programs.

WHAT CAN I DO?

- Become an individual sponsor of PND.
- Join a local PND group or form one in your area.
- Encourage your community group (e.g. church, union, political party branch, youth group etc.) to affiliate with PND.
- Arrange for a film/speaker to come to your workplace/locality/school/group.
- Volunteer to work in the PND office.

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P.O. Box 132
CARLTON SOUTH, 3053
663 2846 or 663 3395

Dear PND,
I'd like to sponsor PND.
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Enclosed is an additional donation

The PND office is always in need of volunteers. If you can help please contact the office on 663 2846 or 663 3395.

Name: ........................................ Phone: ........................................ (work) ........................................ (home)
Address: ........................................ Postcode: ........................................