



NZ PALESTINE SOLIDARITY NETWORK

Palestine Solidarity Network Aotearoa

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Newsletter No 2

Kia ora koutou,

Our new committee and supporters around the country have had a busy couple of weeks getting organised for visits to MPs (see note later in this newsletter), producing a “Let’s talk about Palestine/Israel” booklet and sourcing merchandise etc. We hope to shortly confirm a national tour in October by a prominent Palestinian speaker and we have two speakers in the pipeline for 2020.

It’s been a solid start for our new national committee.

Two things we’d like you to do right now!

1. **Buy a copy of our excellent small booklet of common questions and answers on the Middle East conflict.**



We hope you will buy a copy for yourself and maybe a few to give to friends and family. If so please send us your address in an email to -

bronwensummers@gmail.com and pay \$5 online for a single copy – includes post and packaging – add \$2 each for extra copies)

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Account No: 38 9015 0849542 00

Do you live in Oamaru and Timaru?

At the moment we are looking for people in **Oamaru** and **Timaru** who may be able to help organize a public meeting or a small house meeting in late July or early August for our spokesperson John Minto. This is part of spreading the word in local communities throughout New Zealand. Email secretary@PSNA.nz if you can help.

Delegations to Members of Parliament

Are you able to organise a delegation of two or three people to deliver a copy of the “Let’s talk about Palestine/Israel” booklet to your local MP? We are aiming to cover all MPs with a visit over the coming six months. Please let us know, and the name of your MP, and we will send you the details of the points that need to be raised with MPs and a copy of the booklet.

Email secretary@PSNA.nz.

T-shirts and merchandise for sale:



Our spokesperson John Minto recently walked Te Araroa (from Cape Reinga to Tekapo – he will finish in Summer) wearing this T-shirt. He still has the T-shirt but has lost the beard!

We have these T-shirts for sale:

\$26 + postage XXL, XL, L, M, S, XS (size 8)

\$30 + postage XXXXL, XXXL

Email bronwensummers@gmail.com or phone 03 55 00 132 txt 0220850161

Alternatively, you can buy merchandise including T-shirts from our website

<http://www.palestinesolidaritynz.net/shop.html>

Do you know of Israeli products sold in New Zealand?

We are building a database of Israeli products made in New Zealand as part of the BDS campaign. If you come across any such products please let us know. Email secretary@PSNA.nz with the details.

Are you able to donate a cup of coffee a month to the campaign?

We will need some serious money to make our campaign as effective as possible. For example, we will need somewhere in the vicinity of \$25,000 to bring speakers to New Zealand over the next year and organise large public meetings to help spread the message.

You can help. Are you able to donate a cup of coffee a month to the campaign? In other words, **can you afford to make an automatic payment of \$5 per month to support the Palestinian struggle?** (If you can afford more that would be great!)

Our account details are:

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Or Pay Pal account: admin@palestinesolidaritynz.net

We are happy to provide a receipt upon request (however, we are not a registered charity so this is not tax-deductible)

Links to important stories

Petition to stop global tourism sites from profiteering from stolen Palestinian Lands

There is currently a petition from Amnesty International NZ calling on Trip Advisor to stop profiting from illegal Israeli settlements. The target is 1000 signatories, let us help them achieve this!

<https://www.amnesty.org.nz/tell-tripadvisor-pull-out-illegal-israeli-settlements-occupied-palestine>

Please note Trip Advisor are not the only company to do this, others include Air BnB, Expedia, and [booking.com](https://www.booking.com).

See Amnesty International's full report titled **Destination: Occupation** here:

<https://www.amnesty.org/download/Documents/MDE1594902019ENGLISH.PDF>

<https://www.newstalk.com/Tourism-giants-fuelling-human-rights-violations-with-Israeli-settlement-listings>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=92&v=-lk7VLsAKIM

The Daily Blog has regular articles in it about Palestine/Israel.

<https://thedailyblog.co.nz/>

More ways you can get involved

- Forward this Newsletter – If you know people who may be interested in this movement, please forward this Newsletter to them. They can sign up themselves by emailing secretary@PSNA.nz
- Join in local activities in your area monthly Rallies - In Auckland, we hold a monthly Protest at Aotea Square at 2.00 pm on the first Saturday of every month. Please consider doing the same in your community. Contact <mailto:admin@palestinesolidaritynz.net?subject=Flags and Banners> if you would like to know where and how to get Flags and Banners
- Help set up a Students for Justice in Palestine groups on your campus
- Tell Your MP your opinions on Divestment and Sanctions of Israel.
- Write Letters to Newspapers – Call Talkback Radio
- Keep in touch with the campaign on social media
 - NZ Palestine Solidarity Network website: <http://PalestineSolidarityNZ.net/index.html>
 - NZ Palestine Solidarity Network Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/671376706283605/
 - NZ Palestine Solidarity Network email: secretary@PSNA.nz
- Keep Updated on our Facebook pages and websites (listed below)

Regional	
Whangarei	Freedom & Peace for Palestine from Whangarei
Auckland	New Zealand Palestine Solidarity Network
Hamilton	Palestine Human Rights Campaign Waikato
Tauranga	Tauranga Moana 4 Palestine
Napier/Hastings	Aotearoa Standing with Palestine
Wellington	Wellington Palestine
Nelson	Te Tau Ihu (Nelson) Palestine
Christchurch	PSNA Christchurch

Dunedin	Dunedin for Justice in Palestine
New Zealand Affiliates	Kia Ora Gaza
	Letters for Palestine
	Boycott Divestment and Sanctions NZ -
	Auckland Peace Action
	Global Peace and Justice Auckland
	Palestine Human Rights

John Minto

Chair

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