



## Newsletter No 43

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### A small thing you can do right now...

Copy and Paste this cartoon onto your social media pages and email a copy to the Prime Minister [j.ardern@ministers.govt.nz](mailto:j.ardern@ministers.govt.nz) and Foreign Minister [n.mahuta@ministers.govt.nz](mailto:n.mahuta@ministers.govt.nz) and your local MP.

There is no need to write anything with it – everyone will know what you mean.



## PSNA National Meeting – 27/28 March in Auckland

Thanks to everyone who helped make the Palestine Solidarity National Meeting last weekend such a great success!

We had an outstanding turnout from around the country and were delighted with the energy and passion which our members and supporters brought to the meeting.

We were able to celebrate several important campaign “wins” and more importantly what PSNA National Chair John Minto described as the “forward momentum” we are generating in the campaign for Palestinian human rights.

In his address to the conference John thanked the members of the national committee, our local representatives and the entire membership whose commitment, engagement and donations has made our progress possible.

The meeting re-elected John Minto as National Chair and Neil Scott as National Secretary and has brought in several new faces as representatives of local centres around the country.

A very special thanks to the Palestine Community who provided a marvellous Palestinian meal which we all enjoyed on the Saturday night.

Some of the major decisions made at the meeting which will guide our work over the next year include:

- A national tour by PSNA Chair John Minto to mark the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1981 Springbok Tour protests against apartheid in South Africa and at the same time to help build the fight against Israel apartheid and the oppression of Palestinians.

Here is the schedule for the tour which will include public meetings in each centre along with talking to community groups, media and schools. If you can help organise an event in one of these centres then please write to [secretary@PSNA.nz](mailto:secretary@PSNA.nz)

Date in 1981	Centre	Game	Score	2021 Public Meeting dates
Wed 22 July	<a href="#">Gisborne</a>	<a href="#">Poverty Bay</a>	SA 6–24	Thurs 22 July
Sat 25 July	<a href="#">Hamilton</a>	<a href="#">Waikato</a>	cancelled	Sun 25 July
Wed 29 July	<a href="#">New Plymouth</a>	<a href="#">Taranaki</a>	SA 9–34	Thurs 29 July
Sat 1 August	<a href="#">Palmerston North</a>	<a href="#">Manawatu</a>	SA 19–31	Sun 1 August
Wed 5 August	<a href="#">Whanganui</a>	<a href="#">Wanganui</a>	SA 9–45	Thurs 5 August
Sat 8 August	<a href="#">Invercargill</a>	<a href="#">Southland</a>	SA 6–22	Sun 8 August
Tue 11 August	<a href="#">Dunedin</a>	<a href="#">Otago</a>	SA 13–17	Wed 11 August
Sat 15 August	<a href="#">Christchurch</a>	<a href="#">New Zealand</a> (1st Test)	NZ 14–9	Sun 15 August
Tue 19 August	<a href="#">Timaru</a>	<a href="#">South Canterbury</a>	cancelled	Thurs 19 August
Sat 22 August	<a href="#">Nelson</a>	<a href="#">Nelson Bays</a>	SA 0–83	Sun 22 August

Tue 25 August	<a href="#">Napier</a>	<a href="#">NZ Māori</a>	12–12	Wed 25 August
Sat 29 August	<a href="#">Wellington</a>	<a href="#">New Zealand</a> (2nd Test)	SA 12–24	Sun 29 August
Tue 2 September	<a href="#">Rotorua</a>	<a href="#">Bay of Plenty</a>	SA 24–29	Thurs 2 September
Sat 5 September	<a href="#">Auckland</a>	<a href="#">Auckland</a>	SA 12–39	No meeting
Tue 8 September	<a href="#">Whangārei</a>	<a href="#">North Auckland</a>	SA 10–19	Wed 8 September
Sat 12 September	<a href="#">Auckland</a>	<a href="#">New Zealand</a> (3rd Test)	NZ 25–22	Sun 12 September

- Organising a series of mini-film festivals around the country using some of the excellent films that have been made in Palestine recently.
- Engaging unionists, religious organisations and student groups in solidarity actions with Palestinians and organising tours of Palestinian union activists to New Zealand.
- Developing and broadening our campaign against investments in the 112 companies the United Nations Human Rights Council has identified as complicit in illegal settlement building and maintenance.
- Continuing our support for the Gaza Centre for Human Rights as it processes complaints for the International Criminal Court.
- Supporting the next Flotilla to try and break the siege of Gaza.

## Two pics from the national meeting



At the end of the national meeting we held a protest on Great North Road in Grey Lynn to mark Palestine Land Day (March 30) where we gathered on all four corners of the main intersection. There was a huge positive response from cars honking their horns in support and solidarity.





This picture is from the political panel held on the Sunday morning with Labour MP Duncan Webb on the left and Green MP Golriz Ghahraman speaking. On the video screen, zooming in from Australia is former New South Wales Premier and former Australian Foreign Minister Bob Carr. It was a stimulating discussion which canvassed ways to encourage MPs and ministers to be more vocal against Israel's apartheid policies as our parliamentarians were in the case of apartheid in South Africa back in the 1970s and 80s.

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### Other activity from around the country recently



A stall at the recent Clubs and Societies day at Auckland University.



Handing out leaflets at the recent Palestine Land Day protest in Christchurch (March 30) Can you spot the word Palestine on the Bridge of Remembrance in the background?

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## A couple of important stories from the internet

New Anti-Semitism definition excludes BDS but Palestine activists say it's still flawed [here](#)

Federal judge tosses out lawsuit targeting Palestinian rights group [here](#)

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## Interview with Njimah Ali

Earthwise interview with Njimah Ali on Monday 5 April, 9pm on Plainsfm96.9 also live <https://plainsfm.org.nz/> repeated Wed 07 Apr at 9:30am. Njimah Ali, a graduate student at the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies in Otago, is a Palestinian Israeli (never called that by the Israelis, instead they say Arab Israeli) about living in Israel, including the significance of Palestine Land Day, (Remembering the killing of unarmed protestors on 30 March 1976)

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## 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:

**Account name: Palestine Solidarity Network**

Account number: 38-9015-0849542-00

Or Pay Pal account: [admin@palestinesolidaritynz.net](mailto: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*)

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## Merchandise for sale

We have Merchandise you can buy including T-shirts from our website.



Go here - <https://www.psna.nz/shop>

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## In Occupied Palestine daily newsletter – an invitation to subscribe from Leslie Bravery

Because of mainstream news media complicity, daily headlines and commentary only occasionally ever mention the relentless Israeli violence in Palestine, not even the frequent air strikes!

However, daily news and statistics regarding the violence Palestinians are forced to live under are regularly reported on in the “In Occupied Palestine daily newsletter”, sourced and compiled for easy reading and correlation chiefly from the Palestinian Monitoring Group's daily situation reports.

The “In Occupied Palestine” daily newsletter continues to be circulated, by email, worldwide to subscribers only, as it has been over the last two decades.

Contact: [Palestine Human Rights Campaign](mailto:Palestine Human Rights Campaign)

(Please note we have changed the link).

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## 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.
- Join in local activities in your area monthly Rallies - In Auckland at 2.00 pm on the first Saturday of every month. Please consider doing the same in your community. Contact [Secretary@PSNA.nz](mailto:Secretary@PSNA.nz) 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
  - ❖ Palestine Solidarity Network Aotearoa (PSNA) website: [www.PSNA.nz](http://www.PSNA.nz)
  - ❖ PSNA Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/groups/671376706283605/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/671376706283605/)
  - ❖ PSNA email: [Secretary@PSNA.nz](mailto:Secretary@PSNA.nz)

- The Palestine Human Rights Campaign produces the *In Occupied Palestine* newsletter. It is a regular daily newsletter on the daily situation in Palestine, compiled by Leslie Bravery and emailed to subscribers. If you would also like to become a subscriber, please contact Leslie at “sumud1 @ outlook. com” (remove the spaces to use as an email address) for further information.
- Keep Updated on our Facebook pages and websites (listed below)

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## PSNA Groups

### National Committee

Website	<a href="http://www.PSNA.nz">www.PSNA.nz</a>	
Chair – John Minto	<a href="mailto:Chair@PSNA.nz">Chair@PSNA.nz</a>	
Secretary – Neil Scott	<a href="mailto:Secretary@PSNA.nz">Secretary@PSNA.nz</a>	

### Regional Groups

Bay of Islands	<a href="#">PSNA Bay of Islands</a>	email
Whangarei	<a href="#">PSNA Whangarei</a>	Facebook
Auckland	<a href="#">PSNA Auckland – Tamaki Makaurau</a>	Website
Hamilton	<a href="#">Palestine Human Rights Campaign Waikato</a>	Facebook
Tauranga	<a href="#">Tauranga Moana 4 Palestine</a>	Facebook
Napier/Hastings	<a href="#">Aotearoa Standing with Palestine</a>	Facebook
Palmerston North	<a href="#">PSNA Palmerston North</a>	email
New Plymouth	<a href="#">PSNA New Plymouth</a>	email
Whanganui	<a href="mailto:Whanganui@PSNA.nz">Whanganui@PSNA.nz</a>	email
Wellington	<a href="#">PSNA Wellington</a>	email
Nelson	<a href="#">Te Tau Ihu (Nelson) Palestine</a>	Facebook
Christchurch	<a href="#">PSNA Christchurch</a>	Facebook
Dunedin	<a href="#">Dunedin for Justice in Palestine</a>	Facebook
Invercargill	<a href="#">PSNA Invercargill</a>	email

### Other groups supporting Palestinian Rights

- [Boycott Divestment and Sanctions NZ](#)
- [Kia Ora Gaza](#)
- [Letters for Palestine](#)
- [Auckland Peace Action](#)
- [Global Peace and Justice Auckland](#)
- [Preserved Identity \(Palestinian products\)](#)
- [Auckland Uni– Students for Justice in Palestine](#)
- [Massey Uni- Students for Justice in Palestine](#)
- [Wellington Palestine](#)
- [Palestine Human Rights Campaign](#)