



SPEAKING TOUR 2018

Making Waves: Stories, survival and strategies to end the nuclear age

Making Waves is a speaking tour featuring nuclear survivors from Japan and Australia, travelling aboard Peace Boat's voyage to Australia from 24 January – 6 February 2018.

The people of Japan and Australia have experienced the impacts of the nuclear fuel chain, from the tragic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, to nuclear testing on Aboriginal land in Western and South Australia, uranium mining and radioactive contamination following the Fukushima reactor melt-down.

The Japanese and Australian Governments have not yet signed the new Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, claiming instead to be protected by the nuclear weapons of the United States. In both nations, powerful civil society movements are demanding their leaders reject these weapons of mass destruction and abide by the new international legal norm.

Public events, meetings and media opportunities will take place in five cities. The Tour is a collaboration between Peace Boat and the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, in connection with local organisations in each city.

Schedule

- **Fremantle**
Thursday 25 January 12-2pm
Foley Hall, Notre Dame Uni
- **Adelaide**
Monday 29 January 6-7:30pm
The Sailing Club, Birkenhead
- **Melbourne**
Thursday 1 February 6-8pm
The Cube, ACMI
- **Hobart**
Friday 2 February 12:30-2pm
Parliament Lawns, Salamanca Place
- **Sydney:**
Monday 5 February 6-8pm
Redfern Community Centre,
Redfern

Making Waves will explore:

- The devastating humanitarian consequences of the use and testing of nuclear weapons, particularly on Indigenous people.
- The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.
- The role of Japanese and Australian civil society in building momentum for their Governments to reject nuclear weapons and join the treaty.
- The impact of Australian uranium exports on the people of Fukushima in the wake of the 2011 nuclear disaster.

Speakers

The following speakers will travel aboard Peace Boat and participate in *Making Waves*. The agenda will vary in each city with the addition of local speakers.



- Miyake Nobuo, survivor of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima in 1945
- Terumi Tanaka, survivor of the atomic bombing of Nagasaki in 1945
- Hasegawa Hanako and Hasegawa Kenichi, former dairy farmers evacuated from Itate village, Fukushima
- Karina Lester, Yankunytjatjara-Anangu second-generation nuclear test survivor
- Scott Ludlam, former federal Senator and ICAN Ambassador
- Akira Kawasaki, Peace Boat Executive Committee
- Gem Romuld, Outreach Coordinator, ICAN Australia

About Peace Boat

Peace Boat is a Japan-based international non-governmental and non-profit organization that works to promote peace, human rights and sustainability. Peace Boat carries out its main activities through a chartered passenger ship that travels the world on peace voyages. The ship creates a neutral, mobile space and enables people to engage across borders in dialogue and mutual cooperation at sea, and in the ports that we visit.

Since 2008, Peace Boat has invited Hibakusha (atomic bomb survivors) of Hiroshima and Nagasaki to participate in the "Global Voyage for a Nuclear-Free World: Peace Boat Hibakusha Project." As of 2017, close to 200 Hibakusha have travelled around the world giving personal testimonies about the effects of the atomic bombs and calling for nuclear abolition. Peace Boat is also a member of ICAN's International Steering Group.

About ICAN

The International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons is a campaign coalition consisting of partner organisations in 100 countries. ICAN was awarded the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize for our work to raise awareness of the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapons and our role in achieving the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

ICAN was founded in Melbourne in 2007 and is now focused on growing public and political support for nations to join the nuclear weapon ban treaty, as a crucial step towards the total elimination of nuclear weapons.

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