

WHEN WE VOTED "NO": DEMOCRATIC OPPOSITION TO WAR

CONFERENCE The 1916-17 Anti-Conscription Campaigns – Impacts and Legacies



Topics: WWI activist groups, Leading campaigners including John Curtin and Vida Goldstein, Vietnam War and conscription, War-making powers today.

Saturday May 20, 9:00am - 4:30pm at Siteworks, Saxon St, Brunswick
Wheelchair access & disabled toilets available

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Speakers Barry Jones, Murray Goot,
Stuart Macintyre, Bobbie Oliver,
Joy Damousi, Val Noone,
Carolyn Rasmussen, Kate Laing,
Ross McMullin, Peter Love,
Ann-Mari Jordens, Paul Barratt
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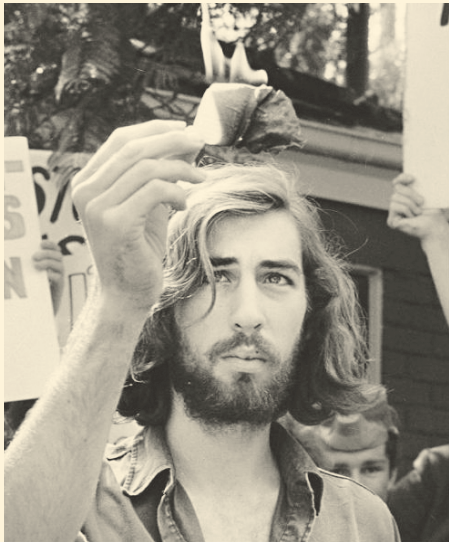
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This conference marks the 100th anniversary of the second of two national WW1 Conscription Plebiscites in Australia. During the 1917 plebiscite, in the midst of the war, Australian anticonscription campaigners succeeded in defeating the introduction of conscription by an even greater margin than the previous year. This was a unique example of popular opposition to conscription in the countries engaged in the war yet appears to have received relatively little attention and analysis in current official ANZAC WW1 commemorations.

The conference, will examine the role of Trade Unions, the Labor Party, Socialists, the International Workers of the world (IWW or Wobblies), Women's groups, Irish Catholics, Quakers, and pacifist and conscientious objector groups. Particular key figures in the campaigns, such as John Curtin, Frank Anstey, Doris and Maurice Blackburn, Frank Hyett, and Bella Guerin (all of whom lived or were closely linked to Brunswick), as well as Adela Pankhurst, Vida Goldstein and Daniel Mannix, will be discussed.



The conference will further explore some of the impacts and implications of the referenda in Australia's subsequent history, as well as continuing issues associated with conscription during the Vietnam and current policies relating to warmaking powers in Australia.

Historians from a range of Australian universities, with expertise in different aspects of the events of WW1, will speak, together with others with expertise on the history of the Vietnam war, and two speakers currently campaigning for reforms to Australian war making powers in this century.



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