

Putting war on trial



About 2700 years ago the Prophet Isaiah wrote about a time to come when people would learn war no more, when they would beat swords into ploughshares and spears into pruning hooks.

In 1980 eight US Christians entered a General Electric Nuclear weapons factory in Pennsylvania and hammered on the unarmed nosecones of missiles waiting to be assembled. They claimed they were there to enflesh the words of Isaiah. They were not waiting for governments to end their addiction to violence.

Since then there have been over 100 such "ploughshares" actions.

The case

In 2011, Bryan Law, assisted by Graeme Dunstan, struck a Tiger attack helicopter with a garden mattock and put it out of action for several months. They too claimed they were (symbolically) beating swords into ploughshares.

Starting 19 August 2013, Graeme Dunstan will face a jury trial on a charge of wilful damage to Commonwealth property for his part in the action. He will be in the dock alone because Bryan Law died of heart failure last Easter while preparing for the trial.

Graeme Dunstan will not be pleading guilty to any crime. The real criminals, as in Isaiah's day or now, are those who would make war on the innocents.



War crimes in Australia's name

The Tiger Attack helicopter which Bryan disarmed is similar in design and identical in purpose to the US Apache helicopter made infamous by the Collateral Murder video. If you haven't seen it you need to.

collateralmurder.com

On the same website you can also see a talk by US soldier Ethan McCord. He saved two children who miraculously survived the massacre depicted in the video.

He said such war crimes were a daily occurrence in Iraq. No doubt they are in Afghanistan as well.

Bradley Manning was arrested and tortured for his role in releasing this video and copious other documents, many exposing US war crimes in Iraq and Afghanistan. Julian Assange is in the Ecuadorian Embassy in London unable to leave because of his role in disseminating that information.

Graeme Dunstan is seeking to expose the real crimes going on in Australia's name. These include the illegal invasion and occupation of Iraq and Afghanistan and also the extra judicial killings of the drone war which Australia's Pine Gap has been integral.

Further information

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