

# defend gaza

northland poster collective 08



**aawl public meeting**  
time for union action  
global strikes to stop the war  
**wednesday 4 february 6 pm**  
trades hall, 54 victoria street  
carlton south

# free palestine

Most of the Palestinians of Gaza are refugees from the creation of Israel and subsequent wars.

On 3 November 2008, Israel broke the truce in Gaza by bombing tunnels on the border with Egypt. The tunnels were breaking the blockade Israel had imposed on Gaza. Hamas, the elected government of Gaza, retaliated with irregular rocket attacks. On 27 December Israeli jets began bombing Gaza.

The war in Gaza expands the wars of occupation by the US, Australia and other allies in Iraq and Afghanistan. This war was started in a period of serious economic crisis. Millions face unemployment, poverty and starvation.

This is a war against Palestinians in Gaza. But it is also a war against the workers of the world. This war divides workers as they watch their

brothers and sisters being killed because they are of a different nationality, race or religion.

For capitalists, war is a solution to the economic crisis. For workers, war is a disaster. We need to fight against the capitalists who benefit from this war. We need to use our power in coordinated international industrial action.

We need to call strikes in support of the population of Gaza and to halt military supplies to Israel. We need to demand that Israeli soldiers refuse to fight. We need to give practical solidarity to relief workers in Gaza, Palestine, Israel, Egypt, and Jordan.

All workers are our brothers and sisters, whether they live and work in Gaza, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Damascus, Cairo, Mumbai, Karachi, New York, London, Athens, Bangkok, Cape Town, Rio, Tokyo or Melbourne.

# workers change the world

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# aawl solidarity

Workers have common interests and common enemies, no matter what country they live in.

Australia Asia Worker Links builds solidarity between workers' organizations so that we can support each other more effectively. We build solidarity to help workers in struggle in all countries in the Asia Pacific region.

AAWL is a labour movement solidarity organisation with individual members and trade unions and trades & labour council affiliates. AAWL has been active since 1979.

## aawl meetings

Wednesday 4 February 09  
Wednesday 4 March  
Wednesday 1 April  
Wednesday 6 May  
Wednesday 3 June

Our public meetings  
are at 6 pm in  
Trades Hall  
54 Victoria Street  
Carlton South

We have assisted and defended unions from their very beginning in many countries. We support Indigenous struggles and the rights of migrant workers and refugees.

AAWL is a membership run organization. Members can participate in all meetings. Meetings set policy directions and the Executive is responsible for implementing these policies.

AAWL members are activists, proud to be union and support building international workers solidarity as the best way to improve the rights and living standards of all workers.

## radio

Asia Pacific Currents is our radio programme that can be heard every Saturday morning at 9:00 am on Melbourne Community Radio 3CR - 855 AM

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Membership: \$50 solidarity / \$30 full / \$10 concession  
Affiliates: Large union \$1,000; Medium size union \$500; Small union \$200

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