

International Court of Justice Ruling : Is this the Beginning of the End for Japan's Commercial Whaling?

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The following excerpt is from the unofficial Press Release by the International Court of Justice which has upheld Australia's bid to ban Japan's Antarctic Whaling program. ICJ president Peter Tomka said the court concluded the scientific permits granted by Japan for its whaling program were not scientific research as defined under International Whaling Commission rules.ⁱ

Whaling in the Antarctic (Australia v. Japan: New Zealand intervening)

The Court finds that Japan's whaling programme in the Antarctic (JARPA II) is not in accordance with three provisions of the Schedule to the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling

THE HAGUE, 31 March 2014. The International Court of Justice (ICJ), the principal judicial organ of the United Nations, has today rendered its Judgment in the case concerning Whaling in the Antarctic (Australia v. Japan: New Zealand intervening).

In that Judgment, which is final, without appeal and binding on the Parties, the Court,

- (1) finds, unanimously, that it has jurisdiction to entertain the Application filed by Australia on 31 May 2010;
- (2) finds, by twelve votes to four, that the special permits granted by Japan in connection with JARPA II do not fall within the provisions of Article VIII, paragraph 1, of the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling;
- (3) finds, by twelve votes to four, that Japan, by granting special permits to kill, take and treat fin, humpback and Antarctic minke whales in pursuance of JARPA II, has not acted in conformity with its obligations under paragraph 10 (e) of the Schedule to the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling;

*J*apan currently issues its fleet with a scientific permit for a yearly quota of up to 935 minke whales, 50 fin whales and 50 humpbacks, with the humpback quota currently "suspended". How did Japan react to this new ruling?

"We are deeply disappointed and regret that the court ruled that Japan's research whaling program in the Antarctica did not fall within the special permit clause of the treaty. However, Japan will abide by the judgement of the court that places a great importance on the international legal order and the rule of law," Japan's chief negotiator Nori Shikata said outside the United Nations' top court in The Hague.

Given such a momentous decision it is interesting to reflect on Australia's role in this decision. Peter Garrett, the then environmental minister for the Rudd government, filed the application to ban Japan's whaling program four years ago, but the fight to end commercial whaling began for Australia on the beaches of Albany, WA almost 40 years ago.

GREENPEACE ASUTRALIA - Where it Began :

In 1977 fate brought together three key figures to raise public awareness to the plight of the hunted whales on both a national and international level. These three men – a Frenchman, an Australian and a Canadian – in a matter of nine short weeks worked together to close Australia's last whaling station. The USA had outlawed whaling off its shores in the early 1970s, along with the United Kingdom, Canada and New Zealand. The Cheynes Beach Whaling Company, based in Albany, Western Australia, was the last bastion of commercial whaling in the English-speaking world.

Australian photographer Jonny Lewis met French-born John-Paul Fortom-Gouin when he appeared at the International Whaling Commission in Canberra on 20-24th June 1977 as a representative for Panama. To the embarrassment of the pro-whaling Commission, Jean-Paul spoke passionately of his own research into the amazing intelligence of whales and put a case before them to cease the killing and use their resources to protect these giants of the sea. Jonny was so impressed by Fortom-Gouin's speech that he dubbed him The Phantom, and the two men quickly formed a friendship. Much like his comic book alter-ego, this Phantom was also a man of means and he handed a sizeable cheque and \$5,000 in cash to a total stranger, telling the astounded Jonny to get started on a media campaign immediately.

Jean-Paul instructed Jonny he had two months to get organised, saying, *"We're going to do a Greenpeace-type operation and we are going to create a local group, an Australian group. We're going to bring Greenpeace in to give it an international feel. The media will think it's some kind of big international coalition. If they think we're only a dozen hippies in Sydney they won't take us seriously, right?"*ⁱⁱ

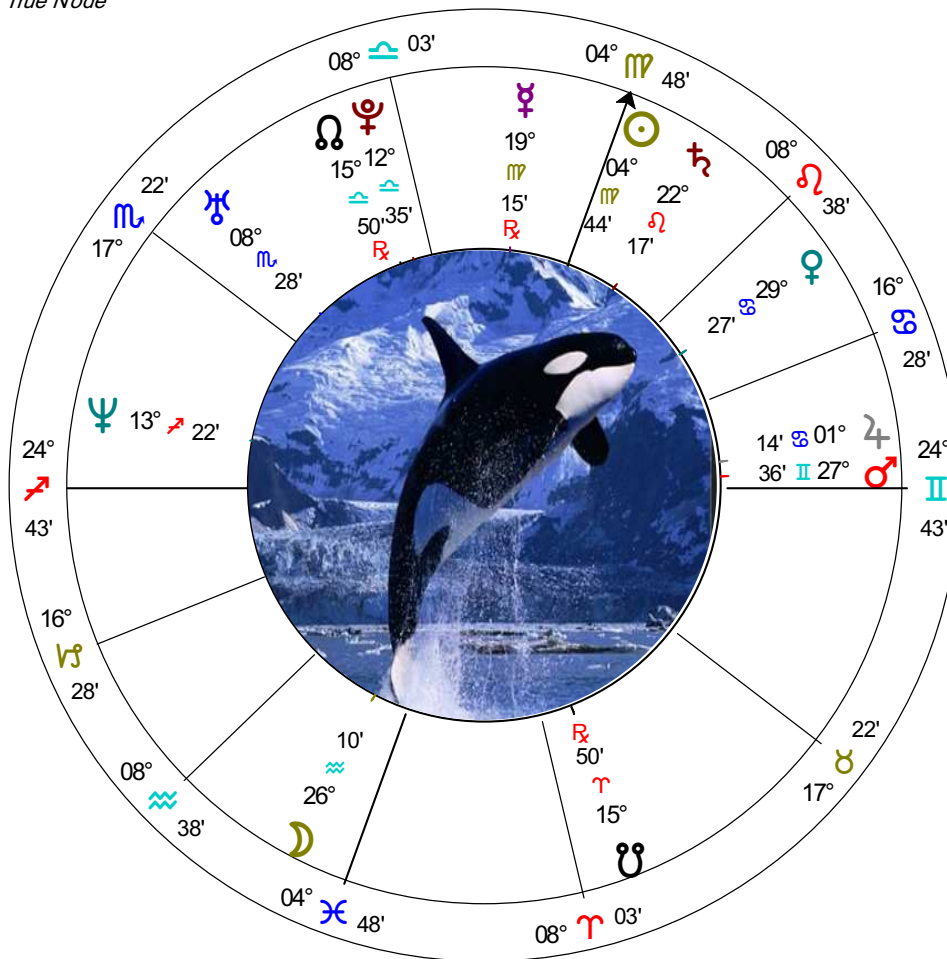
During the frenetic two month period leading up to the demonstration planned for 28th August 1977, Jonny created The Whale and Dolphin Coalition and invited Canadian Bob Hunter, Greenpeace co-founder and its first president, to join the fight so that his expertise could be put to good use, at the same time spearheading an ambitious campaign to attract international media interest in the Australian project. Hunter would be a key figure in the active side of the campaign, principally dogging the three working ships of the Cheynes Beach Whaling Station, known as whale chasers, by manoeuvring a small inflatable boat between the loaded harpoon and the whale in order to thwart the killing shot. The idea of using Zodiacs - rubber inflatable boats with outboard motors - had come to Bob during an anti-nuclear campaign in 1973.

At 12 noon on the 28th August 1977, anti-whaling activists gathered together in the Cheynes Beach Whaling Station car-park at Albany WA to await the arrival of Bob Hunter and his wife, Bobbi, on the beach alongside the whaling station. The Hunters arrived ten minutes later after crossing the shark-infested waters of the King George Sound in a Greenpeace Zodiac, at the same time as the

local bikie gang, God's Garbage, roared into the car-park to heckle the protesters. Greenpeace publicly acknowledges this event as the beginning of their Australian chapter.

The Chart shown below is the chart set for 12:10pm on 28th August 1977 at Albany, Western Australia.

Greenpeace Australia Foundation Chart
Natal Chart
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Geocentric
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True Node



Greenpeace Australia Chart - Major Aspects :

♁ ☉ ♂ MC: The starting time for the Cheynes Beach Whaling Station demonstration was scheduled to start at midday. Delayed 10 minutes by the arrival of the Hunters on the beach alongside the whaling station, the demonstration births a chart for Greenpeace Australia which is more accidental than deliberate in creating a powerful and prominent Sun on the Midheaven. Sun's placement in Virgo, is Mercury ruled, so planning, detail and precise execution is important, but Virgo is still an earth sign, and therefore perfect for describing a non-profit association concerned with protecting the earth, and both the Sun's sign and the chart's mutable Cross of Matter fits well for an activist group which covers the protection of both land and sea, and concerns itself with maintaining the freedom, purity and preservation of all categories of animal/mineral/vegetable kingdoms.

♿ ☿ in 10th H □ ♃ ♃ in 12th H:

Mercury, the Virgo Sun's dispositor, is elevated in the chart in the 10th house, aspects the Ascendant, and squares Neptune in the 12th house. An effective but often frustrated Mercury (retrograde) in rulership gains a reputation and a voice which is hard to ignore, beginning with a handful of 'hippies' leading a campaign to end whaling in Australia, and yet it gathered momentum in such a short period of time. Mercury continues to serve the Greenpeace chart as the explosion of social media has meant that movements like this one have impacted on environmental issues in every corner of the world. Greenpeace has become a household word, and those who see it as an enemy (Neptune in 12th H) have found themselves uncomfortably in the spotlight, and often looking mean-spirited or vindictive in their attacks on this organisation.

The recent September 18 seizure, arrest, and subsequent release, of the Arctic 30 in 2013ⁱⁱⁱ, is just one example of a powerful government made to look foolish by this organization. The Mercury to Neptune square is reflected in Chris Pash's comment on the period leading up to the August 1977 protest in Albany: *"Jonny had no time to think about what he was doing. He felt that time was running out for the whales and he was so focussed that sometimes he forgot to eat. The days and nights took on an intense, manic quality. He ran on nervous energy fuelled by marijuana. Negative thoughts were banished. Whaling must be dragged out of the closet and into the open"*^{iv}

What was believed to be a random, idealist and poorly organised plan devised and executed by pot-smoking hippies became, against all odds, a strident voice for social and environmental change. Even the whales themselves can be seen as the Neptune in the 12th house – the house of 'large animals'!

♃ ☾ in 3rd H ♄ ♁ in 9th H:

The 3rd /9th axis of thoughts and ideas that start small in the 3rd house and becomes an international incident in the 9th is demonstrated by the two planets which stare across the chart at each other - Moon opposite Saturn - the physical threat experienced by the activists, as well as their passion to take on a large corporation in order to 'protect and serve' the whales facing slaughter from a Saturn in detriment. This Saturn Moon is the backbone of the chart as its singular opposition, with the Moon the only planet occupying one hemisphere indicates the weight of what the protesters were up against, but also demonstrates the sheer determination of those individuals who opposed whaling.

This telling aspect's relevance as to the authenticity of the chart is reflected in an unrelated incident which occurred as the protest at the Cheynes Beach Whaling Station was underway. On the same day as the protest, a ten year old local boy went missing from Middleton Beach at Albany; the same beach that the Hunters had launched their Zodiac from on the morning of 28th August, 1977. Bobbi Hunter recalled seeing a couple of boys down near the water, yelling at the protesters from rocks in the corner of Middleton Beach. By late afternoon when the boy had not returned home, a search was organised, and the same locals and anti-protesters who had locked horns in the morning, now came together to search for the missing boy. The Saturn Moon opposition works on many levels, from the public opposition by the regulars to these intruders who had invaded their town and were threatening their livelihood, to the private anguish of the

missing boy's parents as the search was abandoned when it proved unsuccessful in locating the boy. It was presumed that he had slipped on the wet rocks and drowned, and that the sea's currents had taken him out to sea. Pluto conjunct the North Node may also reflect this tragic incident as well as the driving passion behind the anti-whaling movement which became the Greenpeace chart.

GREENPEACE AUSTRALIA AND THE FIRST *Rainbow Warrior*

Chris Pash recounts in his book *The Last Whale*, that in the late 1960s Canadian Bob Hunter had been given a book entitled *Warriors of the Rainbow: Strange and Prophetic Dreams of the Indian People*. He put the book away for almost two years but took it with him when he sailed on a rusting ship to Amchitka in the Aleutian Islands in 1971 on the first campaign by the group that became Greenpeace. They were trying to stop a nuclear test by the United States.

As Bob and his friends headed to the test site, the ship dropped down a steep wave and the book slipped from a shelf. Bob caught it and decided he better read it before anything else happened.

The Indian tribe, the Cree, believed that magical champions will walk on the earth when the planet needs saving. When the rivers are poisoned, the seas blackened, and the animals sick, the Warriors of the Rainbow will come to teach the tribes how to make the earth beautiful again. This prophecy was the basis for calling the Greenpeace eco-soldiers Warriors of the Rainbow.

When Greenpeace co-founders Bob and Bobbi Hunter left the Australian protesters in Albany at the end of September 1977 they flew to Amsterdam, where the World Wildlife Fund had organised a phone-in fund-raiser for Greenpeace. They raised \$150,000. The Greenpeace office in Canada was \$150,000 in debt because of the global anti-whaling campaign (including the Albany, Aust campaign). On the way home to Canada, Bob and Bobbi stopped in London, where Greenpeace had found a ship, the *Sir William Hardy*. Instead of paying off the debt, the Hunters used the money to buy and refit their new flagship. And their name for this exciting new ship? "*Rainbow Warrior*".

THE BOMBING OF *Rainbow Warrior* : 10th JULY 1985

In early 1985, *Rainbow Warrior* was in the Pacific campaigning against nuclear testing. In May she transported some 300 Marshall Islanders from Rongelap Atoll, which had been polluted by radioactivity from past American nuclear tests at the Pacific Proving Grounds. She travelled to New Zealand to lead a flotilla of yachts protesting against French nuclear testing at the Moruroa Atoll in the Tuamotu Archipelago of French Polynesia. During previous nuclear tests at Moruroa, protest ships had been boarded by French commandos after sailing into the shipping exclusion zones around the atoll. For the 1985 tests, Greenpeace intended to land protesters on the island to illegally monitor the blasts.

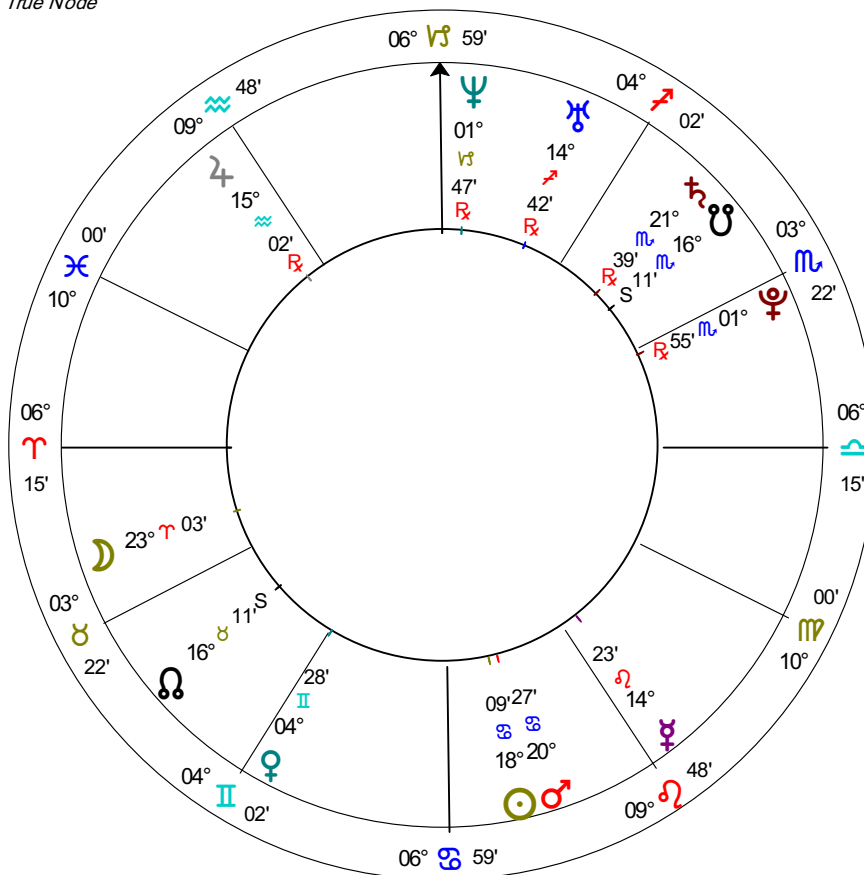
On 10th July 1985 the *Rainbow Warrior* was sabotaged and sunk in Auckland Harbour just before midnight NZST, by two explosive devices attached to the hull by operatives of the French intelligence services (DGSE). One of the twelve people on board, photographer Fernando Pereira, returned to the ship after the first explosion to attempt to retrieve his equipment, and was killed

when the ship was sunk by the second larger explosion. A murder enquiry began and a number of the French agents were tracked and arrested. The captured French agents were imprisoned, but later transferred to French custody. They were confined to a French military base on the Island of Hao where they were joined by their families, and after a brief period, were released to return to France.

The revelations of French involvement caused a political scandal and the French Minister of Defence Charles Hemu resigned. On 22nd September 1985, 10 months after the bombing, the French Prime Minister Laurent Fabius summoned journalists to his office to read a 200-word statement in which he said: *“the truth is cruel. Agents of the French secret service sank this boat. They were acting on orders.”* In 1987, under international pressure, France agreed to pay \$8.16 million in compensation to Greenpeace. In June of the previous year France paid \$13 million to New Zealand in compensation for carrying out an act of terrorism on New Zealand territory.^y

The Chart for the *Rainbow Warrior* Bombing : Major Aspects

Rainbow Warrior Bombing :
Natal Chart
 10 Jul 1985, Wed
 11:38 pm NZT -12:00
 Auckland, New Zealand
 36°S52' 174°E46'
 Geocentric
 Tropical
 Placidus
 True Node



Ruler of Asc ☿ ☿ ☉ in Cancer in 4th house ☐ ♃ ♃ in 1st house

Deborah Houlding states: *“The 4th house, being an extension of the lower depths and that which is hidden in the earth, acquired astrological rulership over graves, buried treasure and wealth from hidden sources, also symbolising the act of drowning as well as the means by which we explore the past or the hidden roots of the present.”*^{vi}

Mars, in fall in the sign of Cancer, is ruler of the Ascendant, and describes so succinctly, the *Rainbow Warrior* meeting its end in a watery grave, as it separates from a conjunction with the Sun in Cancer in the 4th house.

The Moon in Aries in 1st house also describes the Greenpeace vessel itself – named after the earth’s magical champion protectors - along with the wave of international sympathy and outrage this act of terrorism created. In the wake of the bombing, as a show of support for Greenpeace, a flotilla of private New Zealand yachts sailed to Moruroa to protest against a French nuclear test. This act added to the embarrassment suffered by the French, and the nuclear tests planned for this period were postponed for the next 10 years.

The 4th house is often referred to as the house which shows ‘the end of the matter’ and no doubt France hoped the bombing would bring about just that, but instead the mutual reception between the Moon and Mars in angular houses only provided Greenpeace with the stimulus to strengthen their resolve as environmental guardians.

Neptune conjunct M.C.

The act of sabotage (a secret mission conducted under the cover of nightfall), and the initial confusion it created is aptly described by Neptune on the M.C. The reaction of photographer, Fernando Pereira, whose reckless act to save the previous weeks’ filming and his precious equipment, led to his ultimate sacrifice, and made France’s act even more cowardly and despicable – all of this is demonstrated by Neptune position on the Midheaven. The need to deny their responsibility, followed by the ultimate shame they faced publicly, and the heads that rolled because of it, are all marks of Neptune’s brand at the culmination point of the chart.

Saturn, ruler of MC, in 8th house, conjunct South Node and retrograde

The culmination of that night is highlighted by the retrograde Saturn in the house of death conjunct an ancient malefic, the South Node. Whilst the damage to the boat and the resultant death of Pereira are the tragic outcomes for such an act of terrorism, France paid a price as well, not only by losing respect and credibility in the eyes of the global community, but also on a monetary level as well. The 8th house shows ‘other people’s money’ or ‘inheritance’, therefore when France was pressured into paying millions of dollars in compensation to Greenpeace, the New Zealand government, and a further 2.3 million dollars to the family of the slain photographer, Saturn’s retrogradation showed the action turning back on itself and causing further damage to France. The irony that in 1989 the ‘blood money’ was spent by Greenpeace to outfit a replacement ship named *Rainbow Warrior II* cannot have been lost on France as their act of sabotage was

intended to intimidate and hamper the efforts of the activists, not to provide them with a new lease of life, or to financially support their cause for future ventures.

Jupiter opposite Mercury at the Bends of the Nodal Axis

The publicity gained by Greenpeace, as opposed to the public relation disaster that it created for France, even to the point that a report was released twenty years later in 2005 bringing the incident back into focus, may have been seen as giving Greenpeace both a strategic and a moral victory, had it not been for the tragic loss of a life.

A retrograde Jupiter ruling the 9th and 12th houses bring together the houses of foreign interference with the house of hidden enemies. Part of the DGSE task force's strategy was infiltration of the group by posing as volunteers and supporters in order to gain access to both the structural plans of *Rainbow Warrior*. and to gauge the expected movements of its crew members on that fateful night.

Two Yods to Create Change :

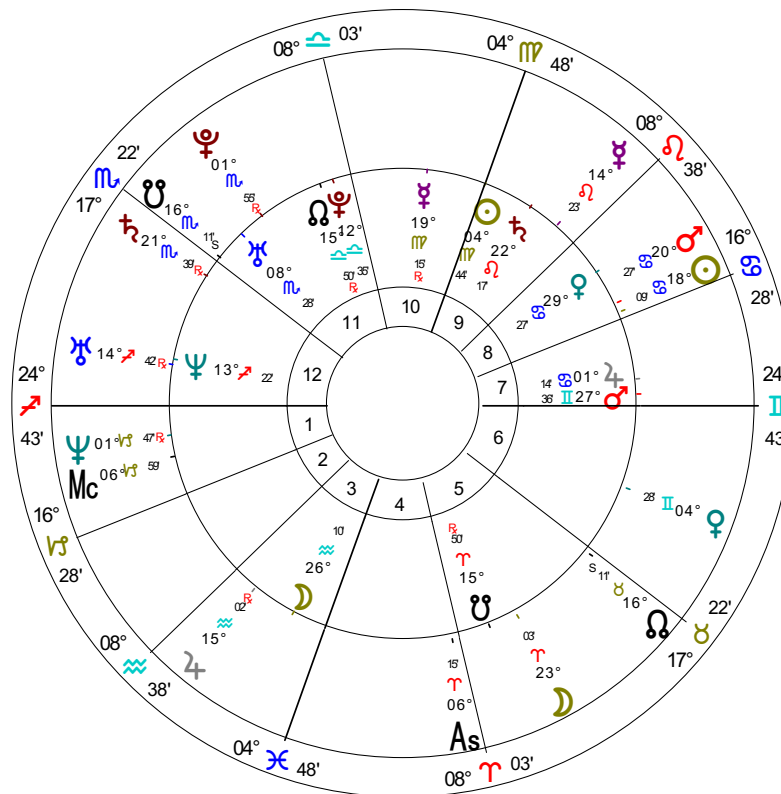
For the purpose of this article I have kept astrological significations brief, but it is interesting to note the two Yods aspects in the *Rainbow Warrior* Bombing chart: Yod One with a sextile base between Jupiter and Uranus with the apex being specifically the Cancer Sun but also drawing in Mars, the Lord of the Ascendant. Yod Two involves the sextile between Neptune on the MC (mentioned above) and Pluto, and has Venus as the apex of the Yod.

In each of these Yods they have as their base two 'wild card' planets which have a reputation for unpredictability and chaos. In the case of Yod One Jupiter sextiling Uranus can exaggerate a situation where there is little control over the outcome. The result lies with the nature of the apex planets - Sun and Mars – volatile, dangerous, destructive.

Yod Two has Neptune and Pluto as the base planets in sextiles it does not matter how well planned or well executed the plan is – something will go horribly wrong. The 2nd bomb was set to go off 5 minutes after the first – the first to get the crew off the boat, the second to sink it – but they had no way of knowing that the crew, inexperienced at true sabotage, would have any idea that a second blast would soon follow to finish the job.

BiWheel for Greenpeace Australia (inner wheel) and *Rainbow Warrior* Bombing (outer wheel)

<p>Inner Wheel Greenpeace Australia Formation Natal Chart 28 Aug 1977, Sun 12:10 pm AWST -8:00 Albany, Australia 35°S02' 117°E53' <i>Geocentric</i> <i>Tropical</i> <i>Placidus</i> <i>True Node</i></p>	<p>Outer Wheel <i>Rainbow Warrior</i> Bombing: Natal Chart 10 Jul 1985, Wed 11:38 pm NZT -12:00 Auckland, New Zealand 36°S52' 174°E46' <i>Geocentric</i> <i>Tropical</i> <i>Placidus</i> <i>True Node</i></p>
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The Connections : Major Aspects between *Rainbow Warrior* Bombing (R.W.B) and Greenpeace Aust (G.A)

Whilst the *Rainbow Warrior* bombing had a huge impact on all of Greenpeace across the world, it is interesting to note the connections between the original Australian Greenpeace chart and the bombing chart.

The MC/Neptune mentioned above for the bombing chart lies in the Australian Greenpeace's first house and Neptune is opposite the G.A. Asc ruler, Jupiter, in the same degree. Uranus in the outer circle (R.W.B) conjuncts Neptune in the inner circle (G.A.), and the Sun/Mars conjunction in Cancer on the day in Auckland lies at the bends of the Greenpeace Pluto/North Node/South Node. The same Sun/Mars which is the apex for Yod One of R.W.B.

The retrograde Saturn which is conjunct South Node and lay in the R.W.B.'s 8th house now resides in the Greenpeace 12th house, the house of hidden enemies, and is forming the apex of a T-square back to that fatal Saturn Moon opposition in the Greenpeace chart. It is this Saturn, at 21 degrees Scorpio, which is causing the most interest during 2014, as Saturn returns once more to this degree, 29 years later.

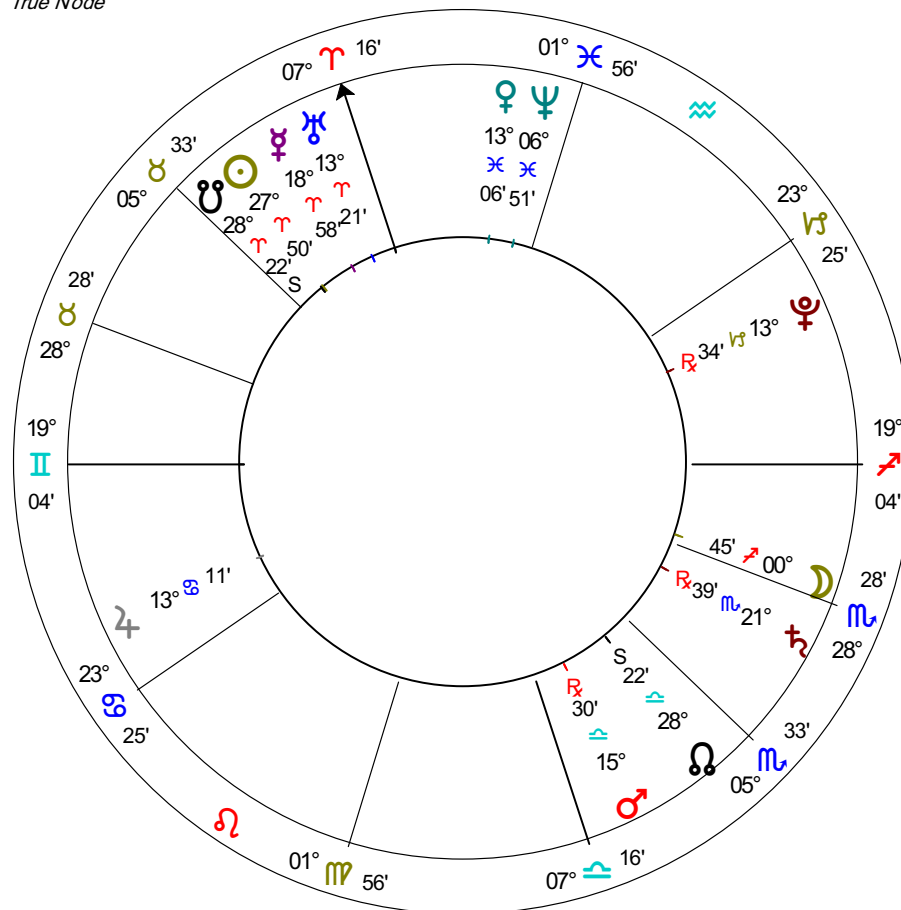
Coincidentally, this same R.W.B. Venus which is the apex planet for Yod Two, is a partile (same degree) square to the Virgo Sun and Midheaven degree of the Greenpeace Australia chart.

SATURN RETURN DATES FOR RAINBOW WARRIOR BOMBING :

17th January 2014
 18th April 2014 (Retrograde)
 12th October 2014

Saturn Transiting 21°Sc39'25''

Saturn Return
 18 Apr 2014, Fri (±2 secs)
 11:03:40 am NZT -12:00
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The chart shown above is set for the retrograde hit of the Saturn Return and I believe has the most potency as a reflection of the origin chart, as it also has Saturn in retrograde position. The chart is set once more for Auckland, but the cross of matter and the Moon's degree will alter according to where it is moved around the world to relate to various offices and chapters of the Greenpeace organisation. But it is not the house placement that is critical to this Saturn Return, but rather the relationship that the planets have with each other that deserves attention. In my opinion, its impact has the ability to be felt by all international associations of Greenpeace as this act conducted by the French government was a pivotal event in the history of Greenpeace.

The Saturn Return Chart of 18th April 2014 : Major Aspects : CARDINAL GRAND CROSS ACTIVATED

If you have been reading any astrological papers over the past few months you may have observed growing speculation over the Cardinal Grand Cross which will be current over the 2014 Easter long weekend.

As can be seen from the chart above which is set at the *Rainbow Warrior* Bombing's Saturn Return on 18th April 2014, Jupiter, Pluto and Uranus are all at 13 degrees of the respective signs of Cancer, Capricorn and Aries. Mars is a couple of degrees higher at 15 Libra, but is moving retrograde to complete the Cardinal Grand Cross just after the Easter weekend on Tuesday 22nd April.

Mercury will oppose Mars on the day before this chart, after having first both conjunct Uranus and squared Pluto and Jupiter over the two days of 14th/ 15th April 2014, whilst the exalted Sun in Aries approaches the conjunction to the South Node.

Like many others of my profession, I have been asked by a number of students to give an opinion as to what I think might occur at this Easter period given the astrological conglomeration of all these energies, and quite honestly I have replied I have no idea as I have nothing specific to judge it by. The ramifications are too broad and can be scripted to fit so many variations which may not be obvious at the time the cardinal grand cross occurs.

However, when looking at this Saturn Return chart in relation to the history of Greenpeace and the impact this one act had on it, I wonder whether as its voice and power is growing, will another government or large corporation decide that Greenpeace needs to be put back in its place? Any number of the concerns listed in the articles below have the potential to take on the combination of Jupiter/Pluto/Uranus, Mercury/Mars energy as Greenpeace has become extremely vocal over the past few months of 2014.

It would appear that over the 30 years since the bombing of *Rainbow Warrior* that Greenpeace is gaining in voice, resources, power and influence, as can be witnessed by just a few of these headlines chosen randomly from world media and press articles, websites and blogs, just one day after the International Court of Justice ruling on Japan's ban on whaling.

"Greenpeace vows to control Japanese compliance with whale hunt ban."^{vii}

HEADLINE , Voice of Russia, 1st April 2014

"Greenpeace report on P&G's palm oil sources could spur industry change."^{viii}

HEADLINE, the guardian, 1st April 2014

"Greenpeace has hit out at claims that the shale gas industry could create a jobs boom in Lancashire."^{ix}

HEADLINE, LONGRIDGE NEWS, UK, 1st April 2014

"Government Oil Announcement Tomorrow : Greenpeace Comment"^x

HEADLINE, SCOOP, NZ, 1st April 2014

"Democratic Republic of Congo logging is out of control as Chatham House study lays bare."^{xi}

HEADLINE , Greenpeace International News, 1st April 2014

BiWheel for Greenpeace Australia (inner wheel) and Saturn Return (retrograde) for Rainbow Warrior Bombing

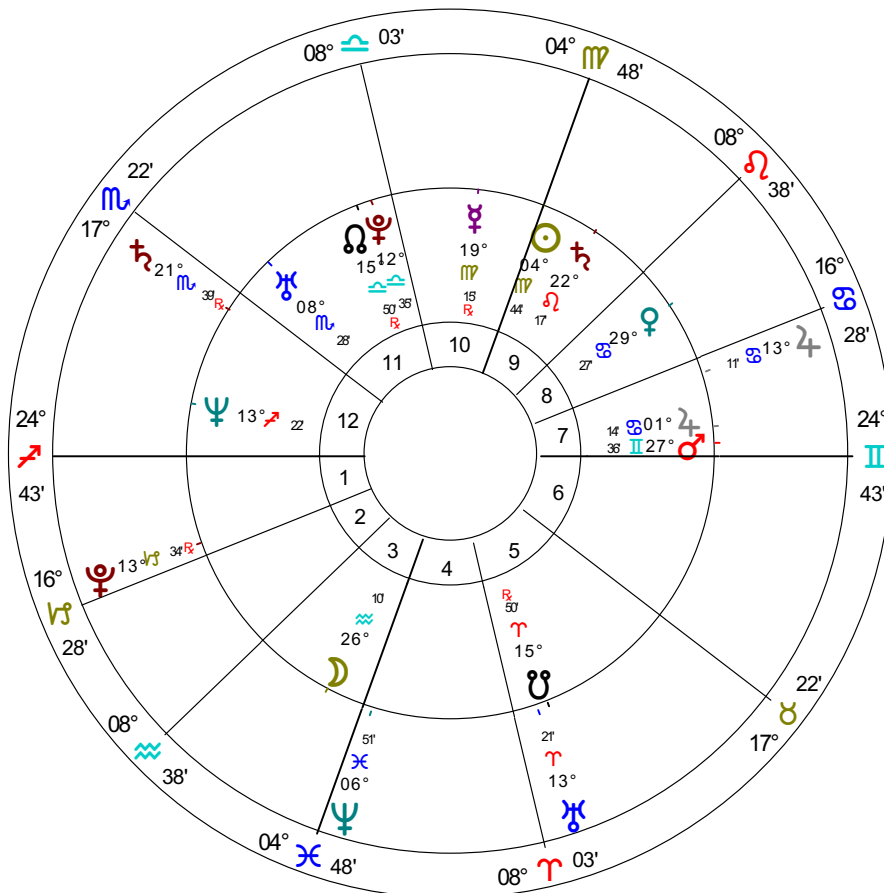
With this in mind, and curious to see if there was a connection once more between Greenpeace Australia and this particularly volatile Saturn Return, I looked at the Biwheel for the two charts. Given that it was Australia who took the action to start court proceedings against Japan's whaling program, has the wheel come full circle and echoed once more the relationship between Australia's Greenpeace, and an act of violence against the same global association? And whilst the deliberation and ruling of the International Court of Justice had arrived two weeks short of the 2nd Saturn Return between the space of the 1st and 2nd Saturn Returns, is there more to come from this potent Grand Cross in Cardinal signs? Is Japan sincere in its desire to honour the court's decision? Or is there another incident which is growing in momentum?

Inner Wheel

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The Connections : Major Aspects between Saturn Return Bombing (S.R.B.) and Greenpeace Australia (G.A.)

Saturn square Saturn/Moon : As can be expected Saturn returns back to its position as apex for the Greenpeace Australia Saturn opposing the Moon, and once more lies in the Greenpeace 12th house.

Sun/South Node square Venus

The Greenpeace Australia Venus lies at the bends of the Saturn Return's Nodal Axis, and whilst this may not seem relevant, this same Venus forms a wide trine to the Saturn which has been repeated in the Solar Return chart. In 1985 Greenpeace may not have been accepted by the majority of community members as issues such as the environment, global warming and social consciousness were not the order of the day. However, the bombing of *Rainbow Warrior* brought a wave of sympathy and new recruits through the door and perhaps this is shown by the connection of retrograde Saturn to Venus.

Neptune opposing the Sun

Exactly one year before the cardinal grand cross is due to hit, Neptune began its transiting opposition to the Greenpeace Australia Sun at 4degrees 44 Virgo. Since then it has passed over the Sun's degree by retrograde motion in late July 2013, and by direct motion, made the exact aspect on 15th February 2014. It will retrograde again in the same degree as the Sun for the entire month of November this year before it moves on. Perhaps only those closely involved with Greenpeace Australia truly appreciate the impact of this important transit.

Aspects to the Cardinal Grand Cross in the Saturn Return Chart

This is where the two charts in comparison become really interesting! S.R.B. Mars at 15 Libra lies in partile degree on the North Node of the Greenpeace Australia chart, whilst closer to the 13 degrees of Jupiter, Uranus and Pluto is the natal G.A. Pluto at 12 Libra. This means not only does the cycle of Saturn connect to this original chart from 1977, but there is a significant Pluto square natal Pluto happening for Greenpeace Australia. Jupiter saw its return in Cancer in July 2013 and the Jupiter Pluto opposition of 2014 lies across the 7th/1st axis of the Greenpeace Australia chart.

It would seem that the Cardinal Grand Cross has the potency to activate the Nodal Axis and Pluto in the Greenpeace Australia chart, and if it does nothing else, has the potential to stimulate the 'birth' chart or at the very least, to galvanise it into some action which can have dramatic effect. It will just remain to be seen if it brings with it the same mayhem and sabotage which marked the first Saturn placement on 10th July 1985. I recommend watching the papers, blogs and websites, especially over the Easter week, to see if this cardinal grand cross has a direct influence on not just Greenpeace Australian, but has repercussions for the world-wide Greenpeace movement.

ⁱ Andrew Darby, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 31st March 2014

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ⁱⁱ Chris Pash, *The Last Whale*, Fremantle Press, 2008, p. 42

ⁱⁱⁱ See blog posted by Camila Speziale posted on 18/9/2013 at 17:28 on the Greenpeace website

^{iv} Ibid, pg 68

^v Wikipedia, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sinking_of_the_Rainbow_Warrior

^{vi} Deborah Houlding, *The Houses : Temples of the Sky*, The Wessex Astrologer, 2006, pg 10

^{vii} http://voiceofrussia.com/news/2014_04_01/Greenpeace-vows-to-control-Japanese-compliance-with-whale-hunt-ban-9213/

^{viii} <http://www.theguardian.com/sustainable-business/greenpeace-procter-gamble-palm-oil-change>

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^x <http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/PO1404/S00021/government-oil-announcement-tomorrow-greenpeace-comment.htm>

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