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Mr Adam Dempsey: ICAN website

**MAPW GOVERNANCE**

MAPW is governed by the National Council, which is made up of the Coordinator of each state and territory Branch; together with the President, Secretary, Vice-Presidents, and Treasurer who are elected by the Council.

The Council meets yearly face-to-face; and bimonthly by teleconference. Between meeting, issues are canvassed by email, and a Steering Committee meets monthly by teleconference with the Executive Officer.

Constitutional changes currently under consideration would bring the two National Student Representatives onto the Council. MAPW is incorporated in Victoria.

The Constitution is available at [www.mapw.org.au](http://www.mapw.org.au)

**PHOTOGRAPHS**

Front cover: Launching Securing our Survival in Federal Parliament; Bill Williams addresses meeting in Septèmes, France; Tilman Ruff, Cr Jenny Farrer and Tim Wright at the UN NPT PrepCom.

Page 4-5: Hiroshima Day, Melbourne; Daniele Viliunas; NSW members at Kirribilli House pre-election rally; Jason Garrood clowns for peace; Our World In Crisis course with MAPW scholarship-holders.

Page 6-7: Hiroshima Day students’ art; medical students perform ‘Target X’; Nuclear white elephant pre-election; John Andrews and EO Nancy Atkin with ICAN sign; Jessica Morrison holds Securing our Survival.

Page 8-9: Sue Wareham and Australian delegates accept prize for our display, Delhi IPPNW Congress; student with banner at candlelight Peace March which closed the Delhi student conference; Australian and New Zealand students in Delhi national students at their conference in Adelaide, 2007.

Back cover: Hiroshima Day 2007; student art work from WA competition. Thanks to our photographers, including Eric Li for Canberra pictures.
PRESIDENT’S REPORT

DR SUE WAREHAM

It’s been an extremely busy year for MAPW, and one with unusually clear results for us. The most significant of these was the commitment of the ALP before the election, to “drive the international agenda” for a Nuclear Weapons Convention, with then foreign affairs spokesperson Robert McClelland drawing heavily from material provided by MAPW through the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN).

This was followed this year by Mr Rudd’s very pleasing announcement of a Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Commission. MAPW can never claim to be the only voice for nuclear disarmament in Australia of course, but I believe we can claim to be one of the strongest, most persistent and most effective.

ICAN owes much to the enormous efforts of Tilman Ruff, as its Australian chair, in ensuring this issue stays before government as a priority. Thanks also to Bill Williams in helping build the campaign globally, Jenny Grounds as Treasurer and the rest of the ICAN Committee. Jessica Morrison, as ICAN Director in Australia, deserves particular thanks.

The other “nuclear” success last year was the virtual dropping of the push for nuclear power in Australia. This was the result of effective campaigning by a number of groups, including MAPW, working in coalitions with Australia’s main environmental organisations such as the Australian Conservation Foundation, the Wilderness Society, and Friends of the Earth.

MAPW has played a significant role also in exposing the dangers of the arms trade, specifically the arms fair APDSE, which was due to open in Adelaide on Remembrance Day this year.

We have continued active membership of IPPNW. There was a large contingent of Australians at the Delhi Congress in March, and I want to mention the particular contributions of Tilman Ruff, Bill Williams, Daniele Viliunas, Ruth Mitchell (now deputy chair of the IPPNW Board); and all the students who attended the Congress.

The growing involvement of student members over the past year is important for our future success. Thanks to Angela Wilson and Sarah Gardiner for their tremendous efforts as student representatives, especially with getting MAPW firmly on the agenda leading up to the Australian medical students’ 2007 Global Health Conference.

Apart from all that campaign activity, there have been important organisational and funding advances, such as the setting up of the MAPW Peace Fund, a trust fund that will enable us to receive tax-deductible donations much more easily. We have built a new website, thanks to Chris Miller, Moritz Kuett, Galen White, Cecily Gilbert, Angela Wilson, Dimity Hawkins, and many others.

Branch activity remains very important to MAPW’s visibility. The WA Branch excelled with their art exhibition, that provided an unprecedented boost to our finances!

My biggest thank you is to our wonderful Executive Officer Nancy Atkin who has enabled all the above to happen with efficiency, thoroughness and dedication, and with whom it is a great pleasure (and fun) to work. Thanks Nancy.

MAPW’s professional standing in the community brings particular opportunities that are not necessarily available to others. Added to that is the dedication and commitment that drives each of us to do what we do. Even our “inactive” members are enormously important to the organisation, for their financial and moral support, and for spreading the word to families, friends and colleagues.

For those reasons, while MAPW by its very nature will always be a relatively small organisation, I believe it will continue to have an impact disproportionate to its size.

SECRETARY’S REPORT

DR CAROLE WIGG

I have enjoyed the year and am very glad to have been able to be part of such a dedicated and stimulating group of people. Working alongside Nancy Atkin has been a great pleasure.

My regular governance responsibilities include attending and minuting our regular National Council meetings; the Executive Officer Steering Committee; monthly PLUs, and planning for our National Council yearly meeting.

I believe my most important contribution is in attending MAPW activities, holding the banner literally and symbolically.

I have accompanied Nancy and ICAN’s Jessica Morrison to meetings with local mayors, politicians, and represented MAPW at Palm Sunday rallies and Hiroshima Day commemorations, as well as speaking, with ICAN’s Professor John Langmore, at the World Matters festival in Eltham.

This year’s highlights included Melbourne’s inaugural alternative ANZAC Day service and the national tour by indigenous activists from Guam, raising the issues of the huge and expanding US military base on their island.

I hope that these activities keep MAPW in the public eye and demonstrate that we are an active group of people concerned about peace and nuclear weapons which others with a desire to improve the state of the world might join.

These reports are summaries based on officials’ full reports to MAPW National Council, August 2008
MAPW BRANCHES

MAPW has active branches in every Australian state and territory. Branch activities reflect local concerns, responding to issues ranging from nuclear waste dumps in the Northern Territory, to military exercises in Queensland. Local activities also draw on the particular strengths and interests of members.

Branches also play an important role in fund-raising for MAPW activities. This year’s highlight has been an extraordinarily successful art show organised by the Western Australian Branch (see opposite page).

Special mention should also be made of Canberra member Dr Robert Schmidli, who has given his remarkable skills as a pianist to raise several thousand dollars for peace, performing in fund-raising concerts in Victoria and the ACT.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS 2007-2008**

**“UNDERSTANDING THE NPT”**

Ahead of the 2008 NPT PrepCom, and a possible change of government, we updated and reprinted our 2005 booklet “Understanding the NPT”, funded by a grant from Australian Ethical Investments, and by donations from members and supporters. Available at www.mapw.org.au or in hard copy from our office.

**“RADIATION SICK” POSTERS**

This series of four beautiful educational posters for Indigenous communities, on health effects of the nuclear chain, was produced with Beyond Nuclear and the Arid Lands Environment Council, and supported by a grant to MAPW from the JB Seed Fund.

**AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

**Coordinator (until August 2007)**

Dr Rosie Yuille

ACT members have a special role because Canberra is Australia’s national capital. Members have thus been active in raising issues of peace and disarmament with federal politicians and government officials, and in joining several MAPW and ICAN delegations, both in the lead-up to the Federal elections, and with the new government.

The Branch also arranged to take activists from Guam to see Pacific Island Affairs Minister Duncan Kerr.

Members are active fund-raisers for MAPW, and once again this year raised several thousand dollars through concerts with pianist and endocrinologist Robert Schmidli; and also their well attended musical soirée where members and their families contribute musical items and share a meal.

**QUEENSLAND**

**Coordinator Dr Daniele Viliunas**

Queensland members have been actively involved in international campaigning against nuclear weapons. Daniele Viliunas contributed to a workshop on the psychology of peace work at the London Conference in October 2007, and was the Regional Vice President for IPPNW until March. Misha Byrne was appointed by IPPNW students as Co-coordinator of the Nuclear Weapons Inheritance Project.

MAPW continues to be well regarded locally and our contributions are warmly received. Branch members helped organise the Queensland events of the Guam Chamoru indigenous peace activists’ tour, and have been invited speakers at the Palm Sunday and Hiroshima Day rallies and peace day rallies, and on local radio.

**NEW SOUTH WALES**

Co-coordinators Dr Anne Noonan, Ms Lynette Saville and Dr Robert Marr

NSW Branch members are active on Indigenous issues; West Papua; regional conflict; and veterans’ health issues, as well as on the nuclear chain. During the year, the branch has hosted visitingpeace and anti-nuclear activists. Highlights included the visit by the two indigenous Chamoru activists from Guam who spoke on the expansion of US military bases on their island; and US visitor Steven Starr, an expert on the particular threat of nuclear weapons being kept ready to fire.

An ongoing local issue is the contamination left by a former radium smelter, in the residential area of Hunters Hill.

The Branch works closely with the Anti-Bases Coalition, CPACS (Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies); and the Catholic Church. Co-coordinator Anne Noonan also attended the Melanesian Spearhead Group meeting in Vanuatu and met with the Vanuatu Government to discuss regional peace issues.

**NORTHERN TERRITORY**

Coordinator Dr Rosalie Schultz

Northern Territory members are active on a range of local issues. Uranium mining is one, in particular the campaign against Pamela-Angela uranium exploration 20 km from Alice Springs. Other local campaigns have been the nuclear waste dump proposed for the NT; Aboriginal land and self-determination issues; and developing policy on foreign bases, as the Pine Gap Joint Defence Facility, a major US-Australian base, is just outside Alice Springs.

The Branch is based in Alice Springs, with a small but growing group in Darwin. A high proportion of members are actively involved, working with other local groups to speak at public meetings, write letters to the newspapers and be available for expert media comment.
South Australian membership grew by 20 per cent over the year. The Branch is led by an active executive committee, which meets bi-monthly with rising student involvement. Support for student activities remains a core activity. Coordinator Jason Garood and other members have spoken about ICAN and MAPW at many diverse public and professional fora, ranging from the national Rural Doctors Conference to the Mayo Greens and the Hampstead Rehabilitation Centre Grand Round. The branch works closely with a range of local peace and environment organisations.

The branch has been active in recruiting partners for ICAN. Members have signed up two more municipalities to Mayors for Peace. Individual members have also been active in writing on ICAN and on nuclear issues, with Adrian von der Borch contributing to Catholic publications and Amanda Ruler writing for several publications and promoting MAPW to nurses. Members have also been active in promoting peace through the arts.

**TASMANIA (MEDACT)**

**Coordinator Dr Jenni Bond**

A core group of active members in Tasmania meets monthly for an informal lunch. The branch has many long-term supporters, and supports local and national peace initiatives. Gerry McGushin has been the spokesperson, speaking at the Palm Sunday peace rally; and to second year medical students about medical ethics, including the effects of war.

Members have supported Hobart Lord Mayor Rob Valentine as a Mayor for Peace. For the 2007 Federal elections they mailed MAPW’s Prescription for Peace to every local candidate; and assisted the Tasmanian Peace Coalition’s candidate survey.

The branch shared a table with WILPF at the Tasmanian University students’ fair in February and found a lot of interest in MAPW. Long time member Ian Newman is active in the Peace Coalition while Rob Rands has involved the branch in the campaign for a cluster munitions treaty.

Another concern is the repair of US patrol boats at Incat in the River Derwent, with the danger of contamination by uranium munitions, and a thick veil of secrecy over this matter with the workers not wanting to know.

**VICTORIA**

**Coordinator Assoc. Professor Lou Irving**

The Victorian branch has had a productive year with the support of a strong group of active members. Regular meetings with speakers, sometimes over dinner, has attracted and involved a broader section of the membership, as well as members of the public who have heard about our work on community radio or through our website.

Membership overall remains steady. We actively support local peace events, including Palm Sunday and Hiroshima Day; and supported the Indigenous activists from Guam in their Australian tour. We also work closely with and are supported by Japanese for Peace and other peace groups.

We have attracted the support of local students by speaking at University classes, and by offering scholarships to the highly-regarded 10 week evening course, “Our World in Crisis” (pictured below).

We also have run successful fund raisers, including wine sales; and four very successful piano concerts with Dr Robert Schmidli which have raised over $5000.

**WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

**Coordinator Professor Peter Underwood; Executive Officer Ms Leigh Dix**

The main focus for the 2008 has been the highly successful Artists for Peace Exhibition (see report below).

The WA Committee meets monthly, and organises an annual dinner which around 50 members and friends attend. Membership has dropped a little in recent years, with the branch aiming to get back to 100 members. The Branch publishes three newsletters each year.

The branch is active in local peace activities, including the 2007 Students of Sustainability conference, Hiroshima Day; and the Psychologist’s for Peace Student Peace Art Exhibition and works closely with ANAWA, the Anti-Nuclear alliance of Western Australia.

**ARTISTS FOR PEACE**

Twenty five of Western Australia’s most celebrated artists joined together to create this special exhibition on the theme of peace in May 2008.

17 art works were sold, and the exhibition raised $36,000, shared equally between MAPW and Arc en Ciel Lebanon, a charity for victims of cluster bombs. A beautiful colour catalogue was produced.

Partners in the Exhibition were ‘Psychologists for Peace’ and Peter Tagliaferri, Mayor of Fremantle and member of Mayors for Peace.

Special credit for this extraordinary achievement must go to WA Branch Coordinator Professor Peter Underwood, and Branch EO Leigh Dix.
PROJECTS AND CAMPAIGNS, 2007–08

MAJOR CAMPAIGNS

ABOLISHING NUCLEAR WEAPONS — ICAN

The International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons was launched in April 2007. During 2007–08, the campaign expanded both in Australia and internationally. As our major campaign, it is reported fully on the opposite page.

ABOLISHING CLUSTER BOMBS

MAPW is proud to have been associated with the successful global campaign which has produced an international treaty to ban cluster munitions. We helped form an Australian coalition, and supported the campaign wholeheartedly: joining a national postcard campaign; through officials and members writing to the Minister for Defence; and by raising the issue in national and local media.

2007 FEDERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN

MAPW produced a “Prescription for Peace”, expressing our concerns about threats to humanity, and to the survival of life on this planet, posed by both nuclear weapons and climate change. This was mailed to Federal parliamentarians and candidates before the November election.

Members also joined the “Vote Nuclear Free” campaign (see opposite page), visited and wrote letters to local candidates and raised nuclear issues in the media.

THE NUCLEAR CHAIN

MAPW has worked closely with our Northern Territory Branch in a national campaign against nuclear waste dumps; urging the incoming government to keep their election promise to repeal the Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Act, which threatens the NT with a waste dump.

MAPW has advocated strongly, with both the previous and the current government, to abolish launch-on-warning policies (by which nuclear weapons are on “hair trigger” alert). We hosted and supported US expert Steven Starr in his visit to Canberra and Sydney early in 2008.

We have continued to raise the inability of safeguards to prevent diversion of uranium to weapons, especially as Australia prepares to sell uranium to China and Russia, and allow India to receive special treatment by the Nuclear Suppliers Group.

We have supported campaigns to combat climate change with renewable energy technologies, co-publishing, with Friends of the Earth, a leaflet documenting the enormous water needs of both uranium mining and nuclear power generation.

CLOSING THE ARMS FAIR

In early 2008 major arms fair was announced, to open in Adelaide on Remembrance Day, 11 November, marking the end of the 1914-1918 “War to end all wars”.

President Sue Wareham led off the campaign with a major feature in the Adelaide Advertiser. MAPW helped coordinate a national network of groups campaigning to close the fair. We began research into the humanitarian and health effects of the weapons trade, in particular in the Asia-Pacific region.

AND MORE . . .

Branches supported a national tour by Indigenous Chamoru activists from Guam who spoke against planned expansion of US bases on their island.

Our members have continued to write, meet and speak on a range of other peace-related issues. To mention a few:

- small arms and light weapons,
- the ongoing catastrophe in Iraq,
- civilian costs of war
- veterans’ health,
- the situation in West Papua,
- enduring health effects of nuclear testing, and
- the continuing saga of the new Opal nuclear reactor at Lucas Heights in New South Wales.

MAPW ADVOCACY ACHIEVEMENTS, 2007–08

- MAPW was invited to join the Australian Delegation at the Nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty PrepCom — an Australian first. Professor Tilman Ruff accepts the invitation.
- At the NPT PrepCom, the Australian delegation put consideration of a Nuclear Weapons Convention on the record — and the medical use of highly enriched (weapons grade) uranium, HEU.
- Advocacy by MAPW contributed to the announcement by PM Kevin Rudd, of the establishment of an International Commission for Non-Proliferation and Disarmament
- Nuclear power “off the political agenda” in post-election Australia.

Post-script: the Arms Fair (see right) was cancelled in September, after this reporting period. Our work on the effects of the weapons trade continues.
Partners ICAN has 5 Australian partner organisations, with which we organised events, linked to websites, lobbied government, published ICAN articles, and distributed ICAN materials. These include churches, environment and peace groups, unions, political parties and others.

A key ICAN partner is Mayors for Peace. MAPW members have used ICAN materials to approach their mayors, and eleven have joined as a result. ICAN also co-organised an event at the Australian Local Government Conference in Darwin in December 2007 where Hiroshima Mayor Akiba spoke via video link, inspiring the 50 participants.

Events ICAN has been involved in numerous conferences, protest rallies and seminars. ICAN has had speakers at many Palm Sunday and Hiroshima Day marches, academic conferences and community meetings.

Media ICAN employed two media experts during the year, and was able to stimulate a number of radio interviews, print articles, and opinion pieces. We met with a number of senior media representatives.

Materials ICAN Australia coordinates the international ICAN website, with Adam Dempsey providing weekly updates and improvements. Tim Wright prepared wonderful new brochures and booklets — we have already distributed over 20,000 copies — and has now designed an educational “Learn Abolition” package.

Political engagement ICAN met with many members of Parliament and their staff, and was able to convince the ALP to support eradicating nuclear weapons through a Nuclear Weapons Convention. The parliamentary launch of Securing our Survival: The Case for a Nuclear Weapons Convention was attended by shadow ministers McLelland and Garrett, several ambassadors, and other federal members and their staff.

The ALP as well as Democrats and Greens announced their support for a Nuclear Weapons Convention at this event. ICAN worked with Friends of the Earth and the Wilderness Society on the Vote Nuclear Free campaign for the 2007 federal election, distributing 300,000 postcards, and helping organise street stalls, a Kirribilli House action and media engagement.

Former parliamentarian John Langmore worked as ICAN’s senior political advisor following the election, allowing us to engage substantially with the new government.

A DVD presented by Dr Carmen Lawrence, with contributions by Dr Hans Blix and Gareth Evans about the ALP’s role in abolishing nuclear weapons was distributed to every ALP Federal Member of Parliament after the elections.

International work Two ICAN representatives participated in the 2008 nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty PrepCom meeting in Geneva in April.

Tilman Ruff was on the official Australian delegation, the first time NGOs had been invited to participate. As a result, Australian official statements mentioned a Nuclear Weapons Convention and called for the removal of highly enriched uranium from production of isotopes for medicine. Tilman also co-chaired an international student model negotiation on a Nuclear Weapons Convention.

Tim Wright promoted ICAN material to national delegations and met with many diplomats and fellow NGO activists.

ICAN coordinated a round-table with NGOs and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, before the PrepCom.

Bill Williams served as ICAN ambassador in many European countries, Malaysia and India. Tilman Ruff promoted ICAN in Japan, the US and Sri Lanka.

ICAN met with representatives of nine diplomatic missions in Canberra.

ICAN’S INTERNATIONAL EXPANSION

The IPPNW board strongly endorsed ICAN as its key initiative at the International Congress in Delhi in March 2008. Equally significant was the enthusiastic support of hundreds of delegates, from all corners of the earth.

Their passion is reflected in the multiple activities organised over the last year by our IPPNW colleagues. The Malaysian affiliate has been instrumental in facilitating their government’s promotion of the Nuclear Weapons Convention. Indian doctors have campaigned far and wide under the ICAN banner.

Medact in the UK provides the central coordination for the UK network which now involves all major peace organisations.

Our German colleagues have engaged with their government and officials on a Nuclear Weapons Convention.

Meanwhile, ICAN alliances are building in Turkey, Canada, Norway, France and many other nations, providing opportunities for collaboration, multiplication and amplification.

Our greatest challenge is to build a groundswell in the USA, and also Russia, for nuclear weapons abolition, so that it becomes an irresistible force.

THE INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO ABOLISH NUCLEAR WEAPONS: ICAN

ICAN met with representatives of nine diplomatic missions in Canberra.
Compared to other community and advocacy organisations, MAPW has one huge advantage: its members.

Many people imagine MAPW to have a well-staffed office with administrators, campaigners, and researchers. They are astounded to hear that our substantial profile and effective advocacy is carried out on a voluntary basis by many active members around Australia, supported by the equivalent of one full-time staff member.

We have a core of dedicated members who donate very substantial time to our campaigns. Others make generous financial donations.

All around Australia, many members make a difference by donating what time they can afford, to visit a politician or write a letter.

MAPW is an active member of the Nobel Peace Prize-winning organisation, International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War. IPPNW's three core activities are the abolition of nuclear weapons, campaigning against small arms and light weapons, and promoting student involvement.

MAPW members are prominent in all of these aspects. Queensland Coordinator Daniele Viliunas was outgoing Regional Vice-President for South East Asia and the Pacific, with South Australian member Ruth Mitchell taking on the position from March. Ruth served as International Student representative until March and is now Deputy Chair of the IPPNW Board.

Australian students have also taken on leading IPPNW roles (see opposite page).

By taking the lead in setting up the ICAN campaign, Australia has helped set the agenda for IPPNW, with strong and unanimous endorsement of the IPPNW International Council and Board for the Action Plan developed by the ICAN Working Group as IPPNW's key priority.

Seventeen Australian delegates attended the biennial Delhi IPPNW Congress, including six students.

Dr. Tilman Ruff was elected to the IPPNW Board to advance ICAN, with the largest number of votes. He chairs the ICAN Working Group which includes several MAPW members.

Bill Williams and Tilman Ruff lead the IPPNW campaign to remove highly enriched uranium (HEU) — directly useable in the simplest nuclear weapons — from production of medical isotopes.

Their call has been published in an editorial in the world's leading medical journal, The Lancet.

An approach to the World Health Assembly, which governs the World Health Organisation, is also being led by MAPW, aiming for WHO to take up the issue of HEU, and to commission a major report on the effects of nuclear weapons.

One of my aims has been to work with Branches to build our membership numbers, to allow us to campaign even more effectively. It is pleasing to see membership gradually increasing as members take the initiative to spread the word.

As health professionals know, having clean and accessible data is essential to any project. The work of student members on data-cleaning, and the work by Galen White in building a 21st century database for our expanding list of members and supporters, is essential for our consolidation and future growth.

With a membership of medical and health professionals, our best advocates are our members. Numerous reports show that Australians respect, believe and are likely to act on information that comes from their doctor.

For this reason, as Executive Officer I have worked to improve our communications with both members and the public.

With massive volunteer support and the remarkable skills of our members and supporters, our excellent new website, at www.mapw.org.au, is up and running. Our fortnightly email is widely appreciated.

Through the efforts of individual members, and the focused work of our ICAN campaign, our presence in the media continues to grow — through letters to the editor, the contribution of “op eds” to daily papers, and through thoughtful analysis in on-line journals.

Our National Office is in Melbourne's Florey Institute and I must thank Professor Fred Mendelsohn and the Florey staff for their support and interest.
Growing student activity is one of the outstanding successes of the year. MAPW student activities are coordinated by two National Student Representatives (NSRs) serving overlapping two-year terms. Thus Lauren Finlay (South Australia) has taken over from outgoing representative Angela Wilson (Victoria) with Sarah Gardiner (South Australia) the continuing representative.

In Australia, NSRs have spent considerable effort during this year clarifying their role, expectations and responsibilities. Their major aim has been to increase student participation and membership. A network of State and University student representatives has been established to support this work.

Angela has built a productive relationship with the Australian Medical Students’ Association, and its annual Global Health Conference. MAPW has assisted with members’ expertise; and benefitted through increased student interest and new memberships.

Medical students are particularly interested in the issues of small arms and light weapons, with epidemiology work by NZ student Andrew Winnington inspiring many. Health effects of current conflicts is another major area of interest. Australian students are also active on an international level, with South Australia hosting the July 2007 IPPNW regional student conference.

Six Australian students attended the IPPNW international student meeting and Congress in Delhi in March 2008. At Delhi, NSR Sarah Gardiner became a South East Asia-Pacific student representative while Misha Byrne is now joint coordinator of the IPPNW’s Nuclear Weapons Inheritance Project, a student-led project to encourage dialogue between citizens of nuclear weapons states and states without nuclear weapons.

Both MAPW and ICAN offices welcome interns and volunteers and have benefitted greatly from their work over the year. Interns included:

- Till-Krischan Wohling (La Trobe University) – Nuclear Free Zones in North Asia.
- Leanne Abouzeid (La Trobe University) – Mayors for Peace.
- Moritz Kuett (Darmstadt University, Germany) – building MAPW website; Vote Nuclear Free campaigning.
- Priyal Rama Asary researched and wrote our web page on the effects of war on women and children. Many other students documented our old website contents, to prepare for the move. Other students have helped with mail-outs, and membership records and statistics.
MEMBERSHIP, FUNDRAISING AND FINANCES

TREASURER’S REPORT
DR JENNY GROUNDS

FINANCIAL SITUATION

During 2007–08 we earned more income than we budgeted for, mainly due to Western Australian MAPW’s highly successful Western Australian Art for Peace event. We finished with a surplus of $27,210. The cash position is strong with $274,764 on deposit.

INCOME

The Art for Peace exhibition raised $18,368 for MAPW Australia. Other branches contributed considerable funds from their own fundraising efforts, including piano performances by Dr Robert Schmidli in the ACT and Victoria, and a soiree in Canberra. This came to another $20,000.

Membership income Membership income has increased by more than 20% ($58,000 in 06/07, $78,000 in 07/08). We had an increase in membership numbers from 684 at 30 June 2007, to 744 at 30 June 2008: of whom 200 had paid for 2008–09. Memberships are the mainstay of our income. Our gold, silver and platinum members are crucial to MAPWs effectiveness while a new rate for junior doctors has increased membership in that grouping.

Our EO has spent substantial time on membership systems, renewal and recruitment. We are increasingly recruiting members from non-medical health professions. Student membership and activity has increased significantly.

Database development Major work has been done on the substantial task of developing a new database for membership and contacts, which will make both membership record-keeping and communications simpler and more flexible. This work is being carried out with expert voluntary assistance from supporter Galen White.

Payment systems Currently we receive membership payments and donations via cash, credit card, or cheque; or on line via a link on our website to the community based e-Give website. We are reviewing options for the most effective online payment service.

EXPENSES

Wages and salaries The largest expense items are salaries (listed under ‘secretarial services’ on the income and expenditure statement). We employed our EO for four days a week, and ICAN director for four days a week (mostly) during 07/08. We have an administrative and website assistant one day a week for the ICAN office, Adam Dempsey, and administrative assistance for MAPW (see below). ICAN also employed Professor John Langmore as political advisor for 6 months leading up to and during the election time.

Insurance We have increased our insurance cover to include Association’s Liability cover, in addition to our General and Products Liability which includes limited public liability. We have had to purchase extra cover for large events like the Palm Sunday rally. This has increased insurance costs from $2,500 to $4,400.

Accounting fees These will increase in the future as our organisation grows and the accounting is more complex. The accounts are prepared by OWB Chartered Accountants of Bourke Rd, Camberwell.

Appointment of an auditor From this financial year, the accounts are being audited. The auditor is Alan Lane of ABL Accounting Services, Bourke Place, Collins St, Melbourne.

Income tax In 2002 MAPW Australia applied, unsuccessfully, for exemption from Income Tax payment. However any income we receive from membership, including donations and subscriptions is tax exempt. Income from non-members is taxable, and we have paid $4556 in tax this year. We will reapply for income tax exemption during 2007–08.

FUTURE PLANS

Deductible Gift Recipient status Donations to MAPW are not tax deductible. We have never applied for DGR for MAPW, as we have had legal advice that it would be extremely unlikely to be granted.

ICAN, our major project is currently funded at $150,000 a year till June 2009, and major donor the Poola Foundation will then match any other grants or donations to ICAN. Most potential donors require DGR status, so both ICAN and MAPW would benefit from donations being tax deductible.

MAPW Peace Fund established For these reasons MAPW has decided to set up an ancillary fund which allows donors to claim their donations as tax deductions. These monies can only be spent through a body with DGR status.

In practice, this means forming partnerships with bodies with similar aims and DGR status, to continue the work of ICAN. The funds will then be spent by the chosen partner. The Trust Deed has been prepared by Gadens Lawyers, Bourke Place, Melbourne, for approval by the August 2008 National Council meeting.

Bequests A leaflet encouraging members and supporters to consider bequests to MAPW, is available online, and will be printed and sent to members.

Administrative Officer position Vera Phipps has been MAPW’s efficient administrative assistant, working on membership administration as needed after hours, for many years. With Vera planning family leave from June 2008, Dimity Hawkins kindly assisted short-term, and it was decided to create a new position one day a week as Administrative Officer; combining regular membership work with bookkeeping support.

Banking We currently bank with the National Australia Bank, but are reviewing options better suiting our needs. Monies not immediately needed continue to be placed in the Uniting Church’s Development Fund, a fixed interest ethical fund which is therefore not susceptible to the vagaries of the share market. Current interest rate is 6.5%.

Procedures manual Our updated financial procedures manual is available on request from the office.

I have agreed to stay on as treasurer till the 2009 AGM, when I hope someone new can step into the role.
MEDICAL ASSOCIATION FOR PREVENTION OF WAR AUSTRALIA, (INC.)

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2008

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30TH JUNE 2008

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Extracts from the accountant's 20 page 2007–08 report are re-printed above. Note that these include the ICAN grant and budget. Salaries come under ‘secretarial’. Members may contact the office for a full copy of the accounts, or auditor’s report.
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