Médical Association for Prevention of War (Australia) Management and Staff 2008–09

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Position vacant

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Dr Gery McGushin

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Associate Professor Lou Irving MBBS, FRACP, FCCP

WESTERN AUSTRALIA
Professor Peter Underwood MD

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Ms Sarah Gardiner and Ms Lauren Finlay

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(Deceased 27 May 2009)

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Professor John Langmore (2008)
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Mr Tim Wright
Ms Nancy Atkin
Mr Adam Dempsey
Ms Jessica Morrison

STAFF
Ms Nancy Atkin: MAPW Executive Officer
Ms Jessica Morrison: ICAN Director/Outreach Coordinator
Ms Pauline Renkin: MAPW Administrative Officer

CONSULTANTS
Professor John Langmore: ICAN Political Advisor (2008)
Mr Adam Dempsey: ICAN website
Ms Dimity Hawkins: MAPW website; Weapons Trade fact sheet research; member renewals 2008.
Ms Teri Calder: ICAN funding and communications (2009)

AFFILIATION
International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW): Nobel Peace Prize winner 1985

IPPNW OFFICE-BEARERS

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CONVENOR, IPPNW ICAN WORKING GROUP
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GOVERNANCE
MAPW is governed by its National Council, consisting of the Coordinator of each state and territory Branch; together with a President, Secretary, Vice-Presidents, and Treasurer elected by the Council. The Council meets yearly face-to-face; and bimonthly by teleconference. MAPW is incorporated in Victoria. The Constitution is available at www.mapw.org.au
**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

DR SUE WAREHAM

Summary of MAPW President’s report, for 2009 Annual Report. Dr Sue Wareham.

Each year in MAPW seems more active than the previous one, and the last 12 months are no exception. This is due to a mix of challenges, opportunities and the wonderful engagement of members in activities at many levels.

Foremost among our achievements during the past year has been the growth of our major campaign, ICAN, the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons. As I write, the report of the parliament’s Treaties Committee on disarmament and non-proliferation has just been released, with the recommendation that the government make clear its support for ICAN’s goal, a Nuclear Weapons Convention. This is a major and very welcome breakthrough. (The report also perpetuates the myth of the “peaceful” atom, which we must continue to expose.)

Other highlights of the year included the cancellation of the Asia-Pacific Defence and Security Exhibition arms fair that was due to open in Adelaide on Remembrance Day 2008, and which MAPW and others strongly opposed. However any illusion of a reduced reliance on militarism from the current government were shattered by the 2009 Defence White Paper, which recommended vast expenditures, and continued reliance on US nuclear weapons. MAPW will be pursuing the issues the paper raises. Genuine security requires the fulfilment of basic human needs for all people, large-scale environmental remediation, and good international relationships.

There is so much more to report, including our advocacy for the people of Gaza, Afghanistan and Sri Lanka, and on cluster munitions. Ultimately, what we can achieve is determined significantly by our membership numbers and financial strength, and I thank each member for your support, regardless of your level of activity.

My role as MAPW President has been supported enormously by the great skills and commitment of our EO, Nancy Atkin, whom I thank most sincerely for all that she does. I thank also the rest of the wonderful MAPW and ICAN staff and National Council for keeping us strong, and give special acknowledgement to our ever-impressive student members.

It has been an enormous privilege to serve MAPW as president. Leaving the role is made easier by knowing the dedication and track record of my successor Bill Williams. Our organisation will go from strength to strength as a unique and critical force for a more peaceful and nuclear free world.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT**

DR CAROLE WIGG

During this year there seems to have been marked progress in nuclear disarmament nationally and internationally. MAPW, in association with ICAN, has been active in this with the federal government, and internationally through IPPNW.

Conventional warfare in its modern form has been a serious concern, particularly in the Middle East. The Arms Fair in Adelaide was cancelled as a result of the protest in which we were involved. Australia’s Defence White Paper was a disappointment but we have helped initiate useful discussion about it and continue to raise these issues: both nationally – particularly through our retiring president Sue Wareham – and locally, as with the Talisman Sabre exercises in Queensland.

Regular National Council PLUs and EO Steering Committee meetings have streamlined our co-ordination. Nancy is now assisted by Administrative Officer Pauline Renkin and by a number of students and other volunteers. We need to work both to increase membership numbers, and on eliciting more input from our membership.

My contribution has largely been through taking part in these meetings and involving myself in Melbourne activities. MAPW was represented at the Palm Sunday rally, and more recently in various activities to mark Hiroshima Day. Although peace per se seems to be fading as a priority, nuclear issues generate more interest. In these activities, we usually join with other local organisations and play a significant role in the Melbourne peace network.

I am very grateful to Nancy for her enormous efforts on our behalf, and to Sue Wareham. From this distance, the force of Sue’s work comes mainly through her lucid and passionate writing, to which she devotes so much time and energy; but her presence in person and through the phone is always reassuring and she has held the council together very effectively.

I am sure we will continue to receive a lot of support from Sue, but many thanks are due as she steps down from the Presidency.
MAPW BRANCHES

MAPW has active branches in every Australian state and territory.

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Treasurer: Deborah Thornton
Coordinator: position vacant

Despite lacking a coordinator this year, ACT membership remains the highest per capita of any MAPW Branch.

Two extremely successful fund-raisers were held during the year, raising several thousand dollars for MAPW campaigns, and greater awareness of our work. We are extremely fortunate to have endocrinologist member and brilliant pianist Robert Schmidli, who performed a concert again for us in November. Equally enjoyable was the annual May Music as Peace Work concert organised by Graeme Thomson, where members and their friends and families contribute musical items and share a meal. Music is a fabulous way to bring people together in the cause of peace.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Co Coordinators Dr Anne Noonan, Dr Robert Marr and Ms Lynn Saville

The NSW Parliamentary Inquiry into a former uranium processing site at Hunter’s Hill was a successful project of the Branch during this year, with Lynette Saville leading MAPW involvement, and preparing a written submission. MAPW Vice-President Associate Professor Tilman Ruff was then invited to appear before the Inquiry, where he made a powerful presentation. The Inquiry’s 12 substantial recommendations to the NSW Government were largely adopted.

The NSW branch initiated discussion on the interconnections of climate change and war, supported by the national office. Phone meetings of interested members brought several proposals for action. The documentary, “Scared Lands and Wounded Lives: The Environmental Footprint of War” has been screened by the Branch; including at the NSW Parliament.

MAPW President Sue Wareham has visited from Canberra to speak at a Royal North Shore Grand Round; at Palm Sunday; and the Branch Annual Dinner. The branch works closely with academic and women’s peace networks.

QUEENSLAND

Coordinator Dr Daniele Viliunas
Treasurer Dr Ian Uhlman

Although small in numbers, Queensland branch remains a welcome presence in the peace community.

ICAN and peace education at secondary level; included representation on an ‘Inspiring Women’ panel for the Combined Private Girls’ Schools Conference at the end of 2008. This was warmly received and appreciated.

The Branch was involved with planning for the July 2009 Talisman Sabre protests; and members represented MAPW at various public talks, rallies and meetings including addressing the Hiroshima Day rally.

As Queensland Student Coordinator, Misha Byrne helped with MAPW’s involvement in the 2008 Melbourne Global Health Conference; and in planning for 2009 Brisbane Conference.

As Queensland members are spread across the state, members phone link-ups were initiated in 2009 enabling members from Townsville to the Gold Coast to discuss and coordinate activities.

NORTHERN TERRITORY

Coordinator Dr Rosalie Schultz
Treasurer Peter Tait

The MAPW NT Branch is unique in that our members have intimate awareness of Aboriginal land, history and health issues; as we all face these daily in our work. In Australia, the nuclear industry has disproportionately adversely affected Aboriginal people, and with the expansion of uranium mining this will continue.

Our branch has the responsibility of keeping these Australian issues in focus. Members have developed particular expertise on uranium mining and the nuclear industry, and its health effects on employees and surrounding residents; especially Aboriginal people; and on nuclear waste disposal and the impact of a possible nuclear waste dump in our region.

Our monthly Branch meetings in the beautiful Olive Pink Botanic gardens allow members to pass on information from partner organisations, develop strategies and share our concerns about the impact of war and related industries. Members also communicate by email. To enable fast responses, a committee member can speak on behalf of the group with email support from one other member.

Major campaigns 2008-09 included urging the repeal of Commonwealth Waste Management Act (an ALP pre-election promise); helping develop the MAPW Nuclear Waste Policy; and work on the MAPW Foreign Bases Policy, as an extension to the Policy on Pine Gap.

The Branch campaigned against uranium exploration at Angela-Pamela near Alice Springs. Major partners are the Alice Springs Angela Pamela Collective; the Public Health Association of Australia; and the Arid Lands Environment Centre.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Coordinator Dr Amanda Ruler
Secretary Dr Adrian Vonderborch
Treasurer Dr Adam Badenoch

The branch is organised through bi-monthly committee meetings, and an Annual General Meeting. Combined meetings with representatives from
other major Adelaide peace groups have also been held, to plan a major event in September 2009.

Highlights have included promoting the work of MAPW through sponsoring the anti-war play “Major Barbara”; conducting focus groups at schools; organising International Day of Peace celebrations at Port Adelaide; and participating in the November 2008 Festival of Peace, celebrating the cancellation of the planned War Fair.

Students have been particularly active in the branch, promoting nuclear issues in education and campaigning. Coordinator Amanda Ruler has been active promoting MAPW and peace issues to Australian and New Zealand nurses, through publications in their industrial journals.

Expertise of active members includes the overall health effects of warfare and conflict; nuclear issues; the environment and health; land mine campaigning; and generating peaceful pathways at an individual, group and community level.

Partner organisations include Peace groups: WILPF, Australian Peace Committee, Graham F. Smith Peace Trust and Psychologists for Peace. Also, Conservation Council SA, United Nations Association of Australia

**TASMANIA (M E D A C T)**

**Coordinator Dr Gerry McGushin**

**Treasurer Dr Sally Attrill**

A core group of active members in Tasmania meets monthly for an informal lunch. Members now also communicate through an email group. The branch has many long-term supporters.

The Branch participates in both Palm Sunday and Hiroshima Day events. Tasmanian members coordinated a Palm Sunday vigil in Hobart. Tasmanian members again led a vigil and a Town Hall forum for Hiroshima day 2008.

The Branch supported ICAN with a public meeting on hopes for the abolition of nuclear weapons, in June 2009, with Tilman Ruff and Jessica Morrison as speakers. This was hosted at the Town Hall thanks to cooperation with the Mayor who is an active Mayor for Peace.

Members have reached out to local medical students with an O-week stall, and a lecture to medical students by Branch Coordinator Dr Gerry McGushin.

**VICTORIA**

**Coordinator Prof Lou Irving**

**Secretary Dr Carole Wigg**

**Treasurer Dr Margaret Rowell**

We have had an productive year with a number of interesting meetings and public activities in addition to fundraising and national campaigning.

We have been alternating our business meetings with bi-monthly meetings with a speaker, often at a local restaurant. This has attracted a wider group of members, students and supporters, with speakers on nuclear abolition, the ethics of war, and the nuclear chain.

We have worked with partner organisations: organising a Forum to discuss the Defence White Paper; and a Hiroshima Day vigil on the steps of St Paul’s Cathedral. We participated in the Palm Sunday rally. We work with local peace groups, including Pax Christi, the Quakers, and Friends of the Earth; and with RMIT’s Nautilus Institute.

Our substantial financial support for national activities has been led by Jenny Grounds, who organised two delightful concerts with member and pianist, Robert Schmidt; and Carole Wigg raised substantial funds through wine sales at Christmas – and retrieved monies owed by Prospect Wines from 2007 sales!

Student members have been active in joining our activities, and have invited MAPW speakers to student functions, and helping out in the office with research administration, and internet communications.

**WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

**Coordinator Professor Peter Underwood**

**Executive Officer Ms Leigh Dix**

**Treasurer Dr John Masarei**

The WA branch is organised through monthly committee meetings, and communicates with members through a newsletter sent three times a year. It works closely with the Anti-Nuclear Alliance of WA, Psychologists for Peace, and the Christian Centre for Social Action.

2008-09 highlights included the AGM presentation by Professor Bob White (UWA) on Peace and Literature, and a well-attended Annual Dinner with guest speaker Janet Holmes a Court. She spoke particularly about her mother, who was deeply committed to Aboriginal education and world peace, and an active protester against nuclear weapons.

MAPW has made presentations to medical students at both the WA Medical Schools; and has had a rapid growth in student membership. The Branch supported ICAN by hosting the WA premiere of the film *Soldiers for Peace*.

A full page colour ad in the *West Australian* on Remembrance Day 2008 called for an end to Australia’s involvement in the Afghanistan war: “Bring our troops home. Invest in Peace.” Funded by former Premier Peter Dowling, it urged support for MAPW, and drew several new members.

A pro-uranium mining Government took office after the 2008 WA elections. MAPW helped launch “BUMP” – Ban Uranium Mining Permanently; and submitted an appeal on health grounds against the environmental assessment level given to the proposed Yeelirrie Uranium Mine. MAPW joins the annual commemoration of Hiroshima Day; in 2008 collecting 265 signatures on a petition urging the PM to work to remove nuclear weapons from high alert status.
ABOLISHING NUCLEAR WEAPONS

The International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons had another successful year, including solid work on refunding the campaign as its initial grant ends (See the opposite page for details.)

In addition to work initiated through ICAN, MAPW members worked on some specific anti-nuclear campaigns. These included:

We informed Government inquiries through submissions, letters and oral presentations. In particular we made written and oral presentations to the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties inquiries into Australia's nuclear treaties, and into selling uranium to Russia. We also expressed concerns regarding support for India's nuclear industry.

As noted in state reports, we have effectively informed a NSW inquiry into the clean-up of the Hunters Hill uranium smelter site. Branches around Australia are active in organising or joining regular and one-off events including Palm Sunday and Hiroshima Day commemorations. Our Northern Territory branch is particularly engaged in providing the local community with information on the health risks of uranium mining, and of nuclear waste.

AUSTRALIA'S DEFENCE

MAPW, along with individual members and partner organisations, made a written submission and individual oral presentations to the flawed Community Consultation on the Defence White Paper. Aided by much donated volunteer time, we documented the bias in the Community report; and critiqued the White Paper for promoting the notion of the nuclear umbrella and for recommending major spending on military equipment.

INTERNATIONAL CONFLICTS

Information on conflicts and their health consequences are shared in particular through our fortnightly Peace e-Script emails.

Gaza President Sue Wareham wrote to the Government raising our concerns over the humanitarian effects of the Israeli blockade of Gaza. During and after the January conflict Sue raised, in letters to the Government, the issue of the use of white phosphorous in the conflict as well as encouraging Australia's assistance with humanitarian aid.

Sri Lanka President Sue Wareham, in April and June, wrote to the Prime Minister raising concerns over the treatment of civilians in this conflict, and proposing steps for the protection of civilian lives.

Afghanistan As noted in the Branch reports, MAPW WA supported a full-page newspaper advertisement questioning the costs of this war and asking the Foreign Minister to bring Australian troops home. MAPW also wrote to all Federal parliamentarians in April, urging a political rather than military solution to the conflict be sought.

West Papua National Council member Anne Noonan, with the NSW branch, keep members informed on this major regional conflict.

CLOSING THE ARMS FAIR

In early 2008 a major international arms fair was announced, to open in Adelaide on Remembrance Day, 11 November. MAPW helped coordinate meetings of groups opposing the global arms trade. We worked with partner organisations Pax Christi and the Quakers, to produce a number of informative fact sheets; and engaged a short-term coordinator to produce a joint statement against the fair. Our President, Sue Wareham, had the foresight to aim to close - rather than just oppose - the fair. Assisted by the inept choice of date, our campaign was successful and the exhibition was called off in September.

ABOLISHING CLUSTER BOMBS

MAPW is proud to have assisted in the effective 2007-08 global campaign which resulted in an international treaty. The Convention on Cluster Munitions was signed by 94 countries at the Oslo Signing Conference in December 2008. The Convention will enter into force when 50 states have ratified the Convention: campaigners aim for this to happen before the end of 2009. The CMC is calling on all states that have not yet signed the Convention to join the 98 signatories.

RAISING THE ISSUES

Members have continued to write letters, ring talk-back radio, and speak out to promote the peaceful resolution of conflict and the abolition of nuclear weapons. Sue Wareham, Bill Williams and Tilman Ruff have all had articles published both in major daily newspapers, and in online commentary sites, in particular Online Opinion. (See opposite page for details of a group of prominent citizens assembled by Tilman to support nuclear disarmament.

AND . . .

See our branch reports for many other issues on which we are active.
Partners

ICAN partners continue to grow: there are now 54 partner organisations in Australia. Those joining in the past six months include Pax Christi International and Greenpeace Australia Pacific.

Cooperation with Mayors for Peace continues to build. An ICAN-supported Mayors for Peace stall at the Australian Local Government Association Conference in June encouraged Mayors network to organise local initiatives for nuclear disarmament. Mayors for Peace in Australia has produced a postcard promoting their activities for local council distribution; and ICAN partner organisation Soka Gakkai International (SGI) Australia has made available to councils, an international exhibition on human security and nuclear disarmament.

New prominent supporters include jazz great Herbie Hancock. Former Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser convened a group of senior military, political and health figures who published op-eds in two major newspapers calling for nuclear weapons abolition and more active Australian efforts towards this goal.

IPPNW organised a global medical appeal to Presidents Obama and Medvedev in March. ICAN helped to get excellent engagement from Australia’s medical leaders.

Political advocacy

ICAN made a detailed submission to the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties (JSCT) Inquiry into Australia’s role in nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation, and was invited to speak at the Melbourne public hearing. ICAN's call to partners led to over 70 written submissions, many of them extensive and thoughtful.

ICAN organised roundtable meetings between senior DFAT and ICNND officials, and around 20 NGOs in April, before the nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty Preparatory Committee.

The Defence White Paper "Defending Australia in the Asia-Pacific Century: Force 2030" was a significant step backwards, as it included continued reliance on US nuclear deterrence to 2030 and beyond, inconsistent with Australia’s support for nuclear disarmament. ICAN joined others in critique of the White Paper.

Fundraising

Future funding has been a major focus for ICAN, as the initial three year funding period from the Poola Foundation finished on 30 June 2009. Poola generously offered a “challenge grant” to match funds up to $200,000. Fundraising Consultant Mavis Rennie has worked with ICAN on long-term fundraising strategy, focusing on potential individual donors as few Australian foundations give to peace.

ICAN has been supported by a generous response from MAPW members who have donated $20,000 to the ICAN Give appeal; and also helped with fundraising screenings of the film Soldiers of Peace in Melbourne and Perth.

Internationally:

Dimity Hawkins and Ruth Mitchell represented ICAN, and Tilman was on the official Australian delegation at the NPT PrepCom in New York. The PrepCom itself was more productive than recent meetings, primarily due to the changed US position. An agenda for the Review Conference was readily agreed and support for a Nuclear Weapons Convention is growing.

We continue to work closely with the Japanese peace movement. Tilman addressed Japan’s major Bikini Day commemoration on 1 March. Akira Kawasaki and Tilman, who are NGO Advisers to the Co-Chairs of the International Commission on Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament, were invited to address the Commission's June meeting, with Hiroshima’s Mayor Akiba.

ICAN worked with Rebecca Johnson, Director of the UK’s Acronym Institute, on an international strategy for the 2010 NPT Review Conference and beyond. Rebecca’s proposal includes seeking increased support from governments for a Nuclear Weapons Convention; and a coordinated global response to the NPT Review Conference in June 2010.

On the health side:

A detailed proposal for the World Health Organisation to produce an updated report on the effects of nuclear war on health and services was developed by Tilman and submitted by IPPNW Co-president and former Finnish Health Minister Vappu Taipale.

There has been significant progress towards removing highly-enriched uranium in the production of radioisotopes for medical uses. The Federal Council of the Australian Medical Association, and the American Public Health Association have both adopted supportive policy.

Canada has abandoned two HEU-utilising reactors under construction. A January 2009 US National Academy of Sciences report concluded that removal of HEU from isotope production was desirable, feasible and affordable, outlining how governments should expedite this. Consequently, plans to develop non-HEU isotope production capacity in the US are progressing rapidly.
An important achievement during 2008-09 has been the establishment of the tax deductible MAPW Peace Fund. Legal advice received during 2008 had confirmed that it was highly improbable that MAPW could receive income tax exemption or deductible gift recipient status (“tax deductibility”) under present tax laws. We were advised to set up a trust fund with deductible gift recipient status or DGR, to assist individuals wanting to make tax deductible donations; and to permit donations from donor organisations that can only fund DGR entities.

We set up the MAPW Peace Fund, with its own Committee of Management, chaired by Dr Hadia Mukhtar. Members are listed on page 2.

At the end of the financial year, the fund held approximately $50,000, most donated towards the ICAN Give appeal.

Donations to this fund are tax deductible. However money can only leave the fund as a gift to an organisation with DGR.

In effect, we must become a donor to other organisations. To facilitate this, we are setting up Memorandums of Understanding with partner organisations with DGR.

This is more complex than spending the funds directly. However it does encourage our partners to contribute to projects of mutual interest.

The ICAN Management Committee is currently discussing projects with partners, with a view to making recommendations to the Peace Fund Management Committee regarding the expenditure of funds.
Growing student activity is one of the outstanding successes of the year. Participation in the medical students’ annual Global Health Conferences has become an important point for meeting and engaging new student members.

In Melbourne at the July 2008 conference, MAPW as an official sponsor was able to have a booth: providing various reading materials for the students, an opportunity to sign up to the mailing list, become a member and buy a t-shirt (designed by Queensland Student Representative Misha Byrne). We also sponsored a morning tea and provided speakers and workshop leaders.

Many students signed the mailing list or joined MAPW. Melbourne provided the foundations for an excellent relationship working with the organisers of the July 2009 Brisbane conference to further increase our presence.

Student involvement is growing around the country, with students actively organising events and recruiting members especially in Tasmania, Western Australia, Deakin (Victoria) as well as our traditional bases at Flinders and Melbourne. With our National Office located in a University of Melbourne building, students have also become involved as volunteers in research, administration and MAPW website communications.

Flinders students Sarah Gardiner and Lauren Finlay were MAPW’s National Student Representatives during 2008-09, assisted by South Australian state representative Marcus Yip. They managed to coordinate MAPW students nationally, join National Council meetings, while studying medicine full-time. Congratulations and best wishes in particular to Sarah Gardiner who graduates at the end for her dedicated work for MAPW.

Both MAPW and ICAN offices welcome interns and volunteers and have benefitted greatly from their work over the year. Of course our members spend many hours helping with MAPW’s work: this list highlights new members and supporters who have responded to our National Office call for assistance as well as our student interns.

Jocelyn Chan (Medicine, University of Melbourne) worked with Tilman Ruff to prepare the text of our fact sheet on the increased risk of leukaemia among children living near nuclear power stations.

Viktoria Wolff (Journalism, RMIT University) has updated our website on a weekly basis, staying on as a volunteer after her journalism internship.

Courtney Deans (International Relations, La Trobe University) developed a presentation on risks and costs of nuclear power.

Raymun Ghumann (Medicine, University of Melbourne) worked updating our website; and then prepared two resource lists of academic and media articles on Australian veterans’ health.

Jo Pankhurst and Lily Collins spent many hours analysing submissions to the Defence White Paper consultation. This informed our response and led to questions asked in Federal Parliament.

Mary Atkin comes regularly to the office. Her work includes filing memberships and inputting member and supporter data after events, would otherwise be done by paid staff.
MEMBERSHIP, FUNDRAISING AND FINANCES

TREASURER’S REPORT

DR JENNY GROUNDS

FINANCIAL SITUATION

Note: this report covers MAPW and ICAN finances, but not the MAPW Peace Fund.

During 2008-2009 we had more income than expenses. This is mainly due to donations to ICAN for use in 2009-2010. Total income was $324,322. Total expenses were $274,031. Profit before income tax was $50,291. Tax is $11,010 leaving $39,281.

However $60,445 of income is earmarked for ICAN 2009-2010 spending. This leaves a deficit of $21,164 with relation to MAPW non-ICAN monies.

The cash position is $130,910.82 on deposit. This is held in a Bendigo Bank Club Account and Uniting Church Development Fund.

INCOME

Income includes donations for ICAN, donations for MAPW non-ICAN activities, 75% of membership subscriptions, and donations from branches which are mostly from branch fundraising.

The deficit for MAPW core funds is not due to overspending on our budget, but having less income than budgeted for. This shortfall includes anticipated memberships, and donations from the branches. It is also because all non-specified donations were transferred to ICAN in order to meet our target for matched funds.

Membership Membership income is stable, as are membership numbers. MAPW National receives 75% of all subsciptions: approximately $69,000 in 08/09. We are still working on developing a new database for membership which will make the work of maintaining a membership base simpler and more flexible, with the help of Galen White. Student membership has increased significantly, reflecting growing student activity in the organisation.

Branch finances The Branch Treasurers’ reports show a total of $48,310 in Branch bank accounts at 30 June 2009. Branches use their funds for local activities, and donate surplus funds to MAPW Australia periodically.

Donations and Grants MAPW is now set up to receive subscriptions and donations via credit card, cheque or on line via the website www.mapw.org.au

We received $150,000 a year for ICAN from Poola until June 2009. From July 09 we have to raise our own funds which Poola will match up to $200,000. To date we have attracted only one further major benefactor, despite huge efforts. However members and individual supporters have donated very generously. This work will continue in the next year by all, especially ICAN fundraising coordinator Teri Calder, who is being advised by Mavis Rennie from Philanthropy Square.

To offer tax deductibility to potential donors we set up a Trust fund (page 8). This has added to the complexity of our work: we now receive six types of donations.

EXPENSES

Wages and salaries The largest expense items are wages and consultancy fees: listed as secretarial services on the income and expenditure statement. We employed our EO for four days a week, and ICAN director for two days a week (mostly) during 08/09. Fundraising and communications consultant Teri Calder and web administrator Adam Dempsey also worked with ICAN during this period.

MAPW administrative assistant Pauline Renkin has been employed one day a week from August 2008, taking over much of the bookkeeping work from the Treasurer, as well as processing memberships. Salaries and oncosts came to $158,371.

Insurance We have Associations Liability cover, in addition to our General and Products Liability which includes limited public liability. Last year’s costs were $2000.55.

Accounting and auditing fees These have increased as the accounting is more complex and the accounts have been audited from 2007-08 onwards. The accounts are prepared by OWB Chartered Accountants of Bourke Rd, Camberwell. The auditor is Alan Lane of ABL Accounting Services, Bourke Place, Collins St, Melbourne.

Income tax MAPW Australia has applied for but not succeeded in being granted exemption from Income Tax payment in 2003. In 2008 we were strongly advised by two separate law firms that we would have little chance of success if we applied again. However any income we receive from membership, including donations and subscriptions, is tax exempt. Income from non-members and associate members is taxable.

BANKING

In August 2008, we moved MAPW banking to the Bendigo Bank. The advantages are numerous; slightly lower fees, competent and friendly staff, and ability to do internet banking with two to sign. We currently have five signatories: Tilman Ruff, Jenny Grounds, Peter Karamoskos, Pauline Renkin, and Nancy Atkin. In 08-09 we had two credit cards in staff names: J Morrison and N Atkin.

Uniting Church Development Fund We continue to park cash in the UC Development Fund which is an ethical fund with fixed interest and therefore not susceptible to the vagaries of the share market. Current interest rate is 4.0%. Interest earned over the year was $8033.

FUTURE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Documentation We are continuing to update our financial procedures document, available on request from the Treasurer. This is developing into our tool for improving financial governance.

Incoming treasurer Dr Peter Karamoskos has agreed to be nominated as incoming Treasurer, with a gradual hand-over from September to December 2009.

Jenny Grounds, MAPW Australia Treasurer
## Detailed Profit and Loss Statement

### For the Year Ended 30 June 2009

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The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.
These statements should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report of OWB Pty Ltd Chartered Accountants.
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