

So what does MAPW do?

The Medical Association for Prevention of War (MAPW) works for the elimination of all weapons of mass destruction and the prevention of armed conflict. We aim to reduce the physical, psychological and environmental effects of war. We advocate that resources be used for human and environmental wellbeing, rather than for making and buying weapons.

Over the past year, our work has included:

Highlighting nuclear dangers

MAPW instigated the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) in 2007. This successful campaign is growing in strength in Australia and around the world.

- In 2010 ICAN will educate young Australians on the need to abolish nuclear weapons; will work with local communities through Mayors for Peace; and will be actively engaged in the crucial nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Review Conference.

Advocating for zero nuclear weapons

MAPW's credibility helps us influence governments.

- Past President Tilman Ruff is an NGO Adviser to the Co-Chairs of the International Commission on Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament.
- MAPW Treasurer Dr Peter Karamoskos represents the Australian public on the Radiation Safety Committee of nuclear safety agency ARPANSA.
- Australia's 2009 parliamentary inquiry on nuclear treaties unanimously recommended a Nuclear Weapons Convention – as MAPW had proposed.

Informing Australians about the costs of conflict

- Our website www.mapw.org.au is constantly updated with news, events and information.
- **Peace eScript**, a fortnightly email with peace-related news and links, goes to over 1500 supporters.
- As well as MAPW's quarterly print **newsletters**, members receive IPPNW global newsletters.
- Branch meetings around Australia keep members informed and involved. Over the past year our members have spoken publically in churches, town halls, schools, streets and universities; at rallies, student conferences, and hospital Grand Rounds.
- MAPW's recent **fact sheets** include the weapons industry, environmental costs of war, nuclear power and childhood leukaemia, and the hazards of nuclear warships.
- MAPW members have appeared on local radio, online forums, and daily newspaper Opinion pages.
- We've kept a watching brief on conflicts from Gaza, Iraq and Afghanistan to Sri Lanka and West Papua; as well as critiquing Australia's own military policies and practice.



With your support we can do even more...

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MAPW is the Australian affiliate of the International Physicians for Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW)