



MAPW health professionals promoting peace

A Round- up of MAPW News in June 2018

Presidents Report

MAPW continues to raise awareness of not only the nuclear weapons threat which - according to the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists - is at two minutes to midnight, its most perilous since 1953, but also the related issue of Australia's growing militarism.

Both are based on the notion that our "security" is equivalent to our capacity to inflict untold suffering on others. The lessons of the huge arms build ups before World War 1, which were meant to "secure" and "deter", are lost among our commemorations.

There is much we are doing, and even more we still need to do. Please make sure you:

- Sign the petition below to the Australian War Memorial (Did you know that the AWM has accepted sponsorship to help commemorate WW1 from Lockheed Martin, the world's biggest weapons maker? We can't let this go unchallenged.)
- Sign, and get others to sign, the Health Professionals' statement on the nuclear weapons ban treaty, below
- Renew your membership!

Thank you, as ever, for your ongoing support. Remember things are only impossible until they happen.

Dr Sue Wareham
National President

PS WA readers, see the notice below about a UWA talk I'll be giving on the nuclear weapons threat next Wednesday 4 July at 5 pm

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MAPW LAUNCHES NEW CAMPAIGN

Hospitals would not accept cigarette or alcohol company sponsorship, so why is it acceptable for weapons makers to sponsor our national War Memorial?

MAPW believes that the Australian War Memorial should be a place of genuine commemoration and learning. Taking funds from companies with a vested interest in warfare is not compatible with these goals.

MAPW's latest campaign, Commemorate Don't Commercialise, is calling on the Australian War Memorial to stop accepting funding from weapon-making companies such as BAE Systems, Lockheed Martin, Boeing, Northrop Grumman, Raytheon, and Thales.

You can support the campaign by signing the petition to the Director and Council of the Australian War Memorial. Please click [here](#).

MAPW & IPPNW in the news

- [Taming the Nuclear Tiger](#) by Stephen Leeder, in John Menadue Pearls & Irritations blog, 27 June 2018, and an edited version appeared in *Australian Medicine* recently
- [IPPNW urges JCPOA parties to adhere to Iran agreement despite US withdrawal](#): statement issued by IPPNW 18 June 2018
- [Staying Out of Wars](#): letter by Dr Margaret Beavis, *The Age*, 9 June 2018
- [Should arms dealers be funding the Australian War Memorial?](#): article by Toni Hassan, *Sydney Morning Herald*, 9 June, 2018
- [A failed Trump-Kim summit would be a catastrophe](#). IPPNW Co-President Ira Helfand MD calls for continued diplomacy regardless of the outcome of N. Korea-US summit, and for all nuclear weapons states to negotiate abolition. Broadcast by CNN on 8 June 2018.

Please Sign Up to Abolish Nuclear Weapons

Thank you to everyone who has already signed the Australian health care professionals' statement calling on the government to support the nuclear weapons ban treaty.

If you haven't already signed, please do so! And please ask any health care colleagues to sign too. You could:

- Print some copies and take them to work and elsewhere.

- Refer colleagues to our website <http://mapw.org.au/news/sign-health-care-professionals-statement-and-help-us-ensure-australia-signs-nuclear-weapons-ban>

We want as many health care professionals and students across the country as possible to see and sign this statement. It's an excellent way of introducing MAPW to colleagues and giving people a chance to contribute to our work. You can download a copy of the statement [here](#).

Are you a member of any medical college or other health care organisation? We are about to release a very similar statement for organisations to sign, and will be relying on our members to make the contact. Please email MAPW President Sue Wareham, at sue.wareham@mapw.org.au, if you can help with this.



Calling All Cyclists!

In September, ICAN is embarking on a 3-week cycling adventure to carry the Nobel Peace Prize medal and the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons from Melbourne, where ICAN began, to Parliament House in Canberra. The journey will stop in towns along the way to meet with local communities and will culminate in a peace march and rally in Canberra on September 20, marking one year since the Treaty opened for signature.

ICAN is seeking participants for the journey! You can find further information and register your interest [here](#).

Have you renewed your MAPW membership for 2018/19?

MAPW relies completely on the support we receive from you, our members and supporters. Thank you to all our members who have already renewed their membership. If you haven't done so already, please renew today by clicking [here](#).

What's On

MAPW Annual National Council Meeting

Members Day Saturday 25 August 2018, followed by a dinner with speaker.
Venue: Meeting Room 1, Trades Hall Council, 54 Victoria Street, Carlton, Vic.

All members are invited to the MAPW National Council Meeting members' day. This gives the opportunity to meet and talk with others from around Australia who are working for a more

peaceful and nuclear-free future. "Active" and "inactive" members are all very welcome! You can find out more about MAPW's work in 2018 and discuss the direction of the organisation in 2019 and beyond.

If you would like to attend or know more, please email eo@mapw.org.au or phone the office on 03 9023 1958, so we can send you the agenda when it is finalised.

NEW SOUTH WALES

What: Special screening of *Border Politics*, including a live Q&A with Julian Burnside

When: Monday 2 July, 2014 at 6.00pm

Where: Ritz Cinema 45 Saint Pauls Street Randwick Randwick 2031 Australia

Hosted by the Sydney Peace Foundation, *Border Politics* follows Burnside as he travels the globe examining the harsh treatment of refugees at the hands of western democracies. This contemporary story is about the threat to human rights, the loss of democratic values and our increasingly heartless treatment of 'the other'.

Click [here](#) to book tickets

VICTORIA

What: BANNING NUCLEAR WEAPONS - Australia Must Act!

When: Monday 6 August 2018 at 7:00 for 7.30pm - Hiroshima Day

Where: Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert St, East Melbourne.

RSVP <https://www.trybooking.com/WOJT>

A thought-provoking panel discussion about why Nuclear Weapons remain a major threat to global health, and what Australia can do. Last year the UN adopted the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, but Australia did not vote for it and has not signed it. Speakers include A/Prof Tilman Ruff, co-founder of ICAN, Richard Tanter, Professor of Political and Social Studies at the University of Melbourne and Sue Coleman-Haseldine, Nuclear Test survivor. **Come and see Australia's Nobel Prize Medal.**

Click [here](#) to download the event flyer

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

What: Talk by Dr Sue Wareham entitled "Nuclear weapons - a global health threat of the highest order".

When: Wednesday 4th July 2018 - RSVP by Tuesday 3 July | Bookings are essential as seats are limited

Where: Hew Roberts Lecture Theatre, UWA Nedlands Campus WA 6009

COST: PHAA members free (\$5 for non-members)

The Public Health Association of Australia (WA Branch) and the University of Western Australia (UWA) Public Policy Institute and School of Population Health invite you to hear from Dr Sue Wareham.

The threat of use of nuclear weapons is greater than it has been for over half a century. Any use of

these weapons again would be utterly catastrophic, with little humanitarian help available for any survivors. Prevention is our only rational response. Come hear why this is a health issue, why it matters and what we can do about it together.

To book for this event click [here](#)

Thank you to all our contributors for sharing their articles and reports with MAPW. If you would like to write an article for enews or have information about events in your area you think would be of interest to MAPW members, please email Phyllis at eo@mapw.org.au