

## MEDICAL ASSOCIATION FOR PREVENTION OF WAR

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# **OUR MISSION**

The Medical Association for Prevention of War (Australia) is a national, professional not-for-profit organisation that works to promote peace and disarmament.

MAPW's mission is to reduce the physical and psychological impact, as well as environmental effect, of wars throughout the world.

We promote solutions through advocacy, education and partnerships.

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the lands on which we work and pay our respects to elders past, present, and emerging. MAPW recognises the ongoing impacts on Aboriginal people of being dispossessed of their land by armed conflict.



MAPW is the founder of the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons.



MAPW is an affiliate of 1985 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW).



## **OUR PEOPLE**



#### 2018 - 2019

President | Sue Wareham OAM Vice Presidents | Amanda Ruler, Lynne Saville, Carole Wigg, Michael Keem, Jenny Grounds National Secretary | Margaret Beavis National Treasurer | Jenny Grounds International Councillor | Ka Sing Chua Branch Conveners | Peter Wigg, Marg Rowell, Michael Keem, Peter Shannon, Rosie Yuille, Anne Noonan, Lynne Saville, Sally Attrill, Amanda Ruler, Robert Hall Executive Officer | Elise West, Finance Officer | Leila Mutapcic ASAP Project Officer | Michelle Fahy Intern | Lisa Coulthard, Swinburne University



MAPW has had a dynamic year again, with many activities to shed a light on some of the forces that profit from, promote and prolong armed violence in our world.

We've campaigned particularly to expose Australia's role in war profiteering and to advocate for change. As ever, nuclear weapons abolition remains our key campaign focus. The urgent need for climate action to avert a more dangerous world is an increasing one.

If you've helped us in all this – and just being a member is a big help – sincere thanks. If you haven't yet, please join us now! Groups like MAPW are needed more than ever.



Dr Sue Wareham OAM President, MAPW



## **ACTIONS FOR PEACE**

#### Nuclear weapons abolition

- Regular talks and published letters, articles and news items Australia-wide
- Successful advocacy for health professionals, professional colleges and organisations to endorse the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons
- Awarded \$10 000 from the Jessie Street Trust to develop and launch the **Quit Nukes** nuclear weapon divestment campaign

## Militarism, especially the impact of weapons companies

- Founding member of the Australian Arms Control Coalition, a group including Save the Children, Oxfam Australia, Human Rights Watch Australia, and the Australian Centre for International Justice. The Coalition advocates for better controls of Australian arms exports and cessation of exports to the Saudi-led coalition bombing Yemen, generating media coverage and political attention
- Australia: Stop Arms Promotion (ASAP) project generated media and public attention to the Australian War Memorial's commercial partnerships with war profiteers, Melbourne University's collaboration with Lockheed Martin, and the Avalon arms fair
- Intern Lisa Coulthard produced original research on the intrusion of weapons companies into **STEM education** in schools

#### War and insecurity

- Media and public commentary in opposition to US hostilities towards **Iran**, and Australian involvement with military action in the Strait of Hormuz
- Engagement with Australian government about humanitarian consequences of the war in **Yemen** and Australia's role in arming Saudi-led coalition
- Engagement with parliamentarians on LAWS (lethal autonomous weapons systems, or killer robots)
- Engagement with the Indian and Pakistani High Commissions about the crisis in **Kashmir**
- Launched a collaboration with the **History Teachers Association of Victoria**, a project on the long term impacts of World War 1
- Developed and launched an interactive guide to Alice **Springs**' local World War 1 stories
- Engagement with Foreign Minister on violence and suppression in **West Papua**
- Local actions for peace in South Australia, Western Australia, and Tasmania

#### Nuclear power and nuclear waste

- Submissions and testimony to parliamentary inquiries in response to renewed calls for nuclear power in Australia
- Ongoing advocacy against plans for nuclear waste dumping, and engagement with affected communities

#### Climate

• Advocacy on the link between conflict and **climate crisis**, participation in local and national actions, endorsement of climate campaigns

#### Refugees

• Advocacy in support of the **Medevac Bill** to allow refugees to receive appropriate health care

#### Whistle-blowers

• Public and media commentary in support of **whistleblowers**, such as David McBride who exposed unlawful activities of Australia's elite special forces in Afghanistan

#### Peace Research

 Submission to the Australian and New Zealand Standard Research Classification Review 2019 to advocate that **peace studies** be recognised in academic codes as a distinct discipline



MAPW made some noise about Melbourne University's partnership with nuclear weapons company, Lockheed Martin, at the uni open day, August 2019.

# Doctors & Health Professionals AGAINST THE BORDER FORCE ACT





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## **QUIT NUKES**



Quit Nukes launched in October 2019 by recognising Australia's nuclear weapon free super funds. Pictured: Margaret Peril (MAPW), Steve Gibbs (Australian Ethical), Gem Romuld (ICAN Australia)



Simon Sheikh (Future Super), Sue Wareham (MAPW), Gem Romuld (ICAN Australia).

The **Quit Nukes** campaign launched during 2019 Disarmament Week.

Quit Nukes asks Australian superannuation funds to divest completely, across all portfolios, from companies that produce, or support the production or deployment of, nuclear weapons.

Divestment is an integral part of progress towards the total **abolition** of nuclear weapons.

Divestment stigmatises nuclear weapons, and creates new norms and standards for financial institutions.

Divestment is consistent with principles of responsible investment, and with community expectations about ethical investment: our research found **69% of Australians did not want their superannuation invested in nuclear weapons companies**.

Quit Nukes is an initiative of MAPW in collaboration with the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, Australia.

Quit Nukes gratefully acknowledges the support of the **Jessie Street Trust**. The Trust continues the work of Jessie Street (1889 - 1970), a committed advocate for equal rights and justice for all, elimination of all forms of discrimination, and world peace and disarmament.

For campaign information and updates, go to **quitnukes.org** 





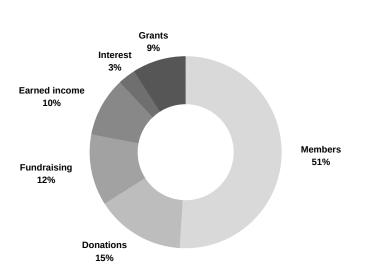
### **MEMBERS & DONORS**



MAPW is independent of all political parties, and is funded almost entirely through the commitment of members and the generosity of donors.

Membership is open to professionals and students from all fields of health, and to associates who share our vision. Members lead and drive our campaigns, and provide the expertise and credibility that makes us so effective. We are especially grateful to our long-term members, many of whom have shaped and supported our work for over ten years.

MAPW has received small grants for discrete projects - such as an Alice Springs War Stories app, and the After Armistice educational resource on the enduring effects of WW1 - in 2019. Thank you to our grantmaking partners.



MAPW INCOME 2018-2019

MAPW partnered with the History Teacher's Association of Victoria (HTAV) to produce After Armistice, an educational resource on the enduring effects of World War 1.

*After Armistice* addresses the long and short term health effects of WW1. MAPW worked closely with HTAV to develop a compelling resource aligned to the Victorian curriculum. We thank Jo Clyne (HTAV), Peter O'Rourke (John Fawkner Secondary College), and Peter Khalil, (Federal Member for Wills) for their collaboration.



MAPW provides campaign assistance and in-kind support to the Australian Campaign to Stop Killer Robots.

Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems - 'Killer Robots' - are Al-powered weapons that can kill without meaningful human control. The UN has appealed for a ban on these weapons, and dozens of countries around the world have expressed concern.

We support the campaign's efforts to secure a preemptive ban on these weapons. MAPW lends its voice and expertise to the campaign and provides office space in our National HQ.



## MAPW founded ICAN in 2007, and continues to provide expertise to this global campaign.

The humanitarian argument for a nuclear ban is at the core of our work for nuclear abolition. In 2018-2019 we brought more health professionals and health organisations into the campaign for the UN nuclear ban treaty, supported the Cities Appeal through our nuclear divestment work, and represented ICAN at events across Australia.

## SNAPSHOT: PARTNERS & PROJECTS



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## **INCOME & EXPENDITURE**

#### Medical Association for Prevention of War - Australia Inc. For the year ended 30 June 2019

	2019	2018
Income		
Membership Fees	55,755	88,425
Donations Received	16,248	11,546
Total Income	72,003	99,971
Other Income		
Fundraising Income	12,483	2,240
Reimbursements (ICAN & PF)	11,077	-
Divestment	10,000	-
Interest Income	3,475	3,559
Branch Receipts	-	44,587
Miscellaneous Income	-	16,021
Total Other Income	37,035	66,407
Total Income	109,038	166,377
Expenditure		
Administration Costs	-	1,712
Advertising	1,473	735
Annual Leave	(468)	(2,209)
Bank Fees	1,355	1,138
Branch Expenses	-	28,285
Computer Expenses	9,366	2,276
Contract Work	-	2,273
Depreciation	789	1,546
Donations	300	-
Filing Fees	-	57
Insurance	2,281	2,811
Other Expenses	526	-
Postage	502	1,275
Printing & Stationery	350	1,606
Project Costs	2,306	-
Rent	13,627	7,058
Repairs and Maintenance	1,295	1,419
Staff Amenities	-	377
Subscriptions	3,764	4,263
Telephone & Internet	1,602	1,817
Travel	3,077	-
Student Support	379	-
Wages and Salaries	105,665	84,245
Superannuation	7,901	7,908
Work Cover	949	9
Total Expenditure	157,041	148,602

## **ASSETS & LIABILITIES**

#### Medical Association for Prevention of War - Australia Inc. As at 30 June 2019

	30 JUN 2019	30 JUN 2018
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	204,584	247,661
Trade and Other Receivables	742	4,026
Total Current Assets	205,326	251,688
Non-Current Assets		
Plant and Equipment and Vehicles	912	1,701
Total Non-Current Assets	912	1,701
Total Assets	206,238	253,388
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Trade and Other Payables	7,160	7,656
Employee Entitlements	3,229	1,880
Total Current Liabilities	10,389	9,537
Total Liabilities	10,389	9,537
Net Assets	195,849	243,852
Members' Funds		
Current Year Earnings	(48,003)	17,775
Retained Earnings	243,852	226,077
Total Members' Funds	195,849	243,852



MAPW is a registered charity, incorporated in Victoria A0018205V our ABN is 15779883661