

MEDICAL ASSOCIATION FOR PREVENTION OF WAR

ANNUAL REPORT 2020



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“ The year 2020 was unlike any other in living memory. Although it will rightly be remembered as a time of much human suffering, there were significant positive advances, not least being the realisation of humanity’s capacity to act together to address major global threats, and the need for us to do so. ”

On MAPW’s key work - the abolition of nuclear weapons - the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons received its 50th ratification, paving the way for its entry-into-force early in 2021; the importance of this cannot be overstated.

However, the challenges that drive much of MAPW’s work remain. They include Australia’s failure to act on the two great health challenges of nuclear weapons and climate change, the equating of “security” with exorbitant military expenditures, the marginalisation of dialogue and diplomacy, and the failure to prioritise our true security by investing in health, education, housing and equality between people.

MAPW has met these challenges at many levels throughout the past year. We continue to be the primary messenger in Australia for urging the elimination of nuclear weapons as a health imperative. With ICAN, we’ve worked for divestment from these weapons. We launched a new report “Minors and Missiles” on the influence of weapons companies in our schools, and have worked actively to remove this influence from schools and elsewhere. Under the banner “Healthcare Not Warfare” we’ve advocated for expenditures and policies that promote genuine human security. We’ve spoken out in multiple forums for whistle-blowers and for the victims of war. And much else.

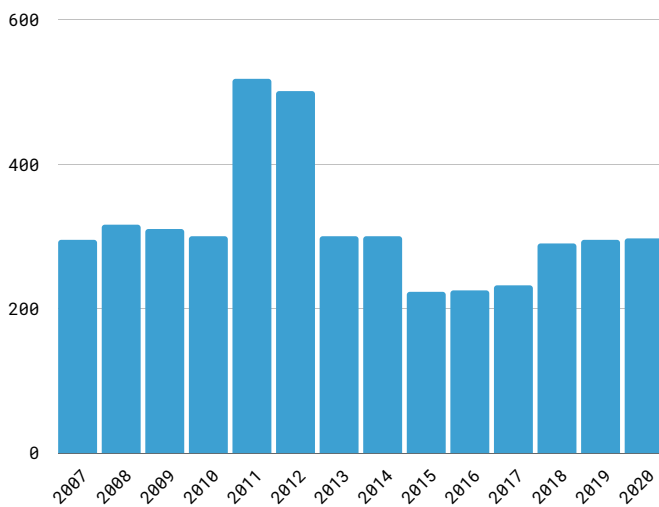
At the time of writing in early 2021, we are preparing to celebrate MAPW’s 40 years of working for peace. It’s a long journey, with persistence being one of our greatest tools, and it’s critical that we remember our successes as well as the ongoing challenges. As ever, we couldn’t do it without you. Sincere thanks for joining us, sticking with us, and being a voice for peace.

Dr Sue Wareham OAM
President



OUR MISSION

MAPW was founded in 1981. Our core mission is the prevention of the harms of war, and the redirection of the world's resources away from war, and towards peace, health and justice. The abolition of nuclear weapons has been a primary goal since inception; MAPW is the founder of 2017 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, and the Australian affiliate of 1985 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War.



Membership of MAPW is open to professionals from all fields of health and to associates who share our commitment to peace and health. In June 2020, we had 297 members. Memberships are our single most important source of financial support: we don't take money from vested interests, and have stayed independent, influential and effective for nearly 40 years.



OUR PEOPLE

MAPW members are the core of our national network. Members are health professionals from many fields, and associates who share our vision. MAPW is governed by a National Council, committed members who meet monthly. State branches also have their own member committees, who drive advocacy efforts locally. Thank you to our national and state office bearers around Australia for your time, energy, creativity and commitment.

National Council members

President Dr Sue Wareham **Vice Presidents**

Dr Amanda Ruler, Dr Margie Beavis Dr Carole Wigg

Secretary Dr Michael Keem **Treasurer**

Dr Jenny Grounds **IPPNW International**

Councillor Dr Ka Sing Chua **Branch**

Convenors Dr Amanda Ruler, Dr Anne

Noonan, Lynne Saville, Dr Rosie Yuille, Dr Peter

Shannon, Dr Michael Keem, Dr Sally Attrill

Executive Officer Elise West **Finance Officer**

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\$80 000 000 000

= COST OF FUTURE SUBMARINE PROJECT



\$10 000 000 000

= COST OF AUSTRALIAN INVOLVEMENT IN AFGHANISTAN



\$4 400 000

= VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTION TO AVALON ARMS FAIR

COVID19 + SECURITY

Governments have long told us that our 'security' comes from our military: worldwide, \$1917 billion was spent in 2019 on armies and equipment with which to fight wars.

Australia is spending more than \$200 billion over the decade to 2028-29, in addition to the annual defence budget, on military hardware for 'security'. But in the global coronavirus crisis healthcare workers – not soldiers – are at the forefront, and it's clear that the *true* security of our community depends on a commitment to health and welfare for all.

If we are to achieve health for all, the goal of healthcare not warfare must be explicitly affirmed, and the resources committed to achieving it.

Throughout 2020, MAPW called for the prioritisation of healthcare over warfare, and for increased investment in healthcare workers, health equipment and infrastructure, and in a system that addresses the social determinants of health and wellbeing.

We joined the United Nations call for a Global Ceasefire, and set out - in *Croakey News* - concrete actions our government should take.

Sources:

[Cost of Future Submarine Program](#)

[Cost of Australian involvement in Afghanistan](#)

Victorian Government contribution to Avalon: MAPW FOI request

50th RATIFICATION TPNW



On 25 October 2020, Honduras became the 50th state to ratify the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW), triggering the process for the treaty to enter into force in 2021.

The TPNW is the first multilateral treaty to clearly define the possession, use or threatened use of nuclear weapons as illegal under international law.

MAPW members launched the international campaign for the treaty in 2007, and have remained an integral part of the global movement for the abolition of nuclear weapons.

Throughout 2020, in spite of a global pandemic, nations continued to sign and ratify the treaty in recognition of the imperative to respond decisively to the existential threat of nuclear weapons.

On 30 October 2020, MAPW hosted an online event to celebrate the profound milestone of the 50th ratification, thank members and supporters, and kick up our heels (remotely). MAPW gave special thanks to Dr Ron McCoy (Malaysia) for his original inspiration and leadership. We also acknowledged the extraordinary contributions of Dr Tilman Ruff, Dr Bill Williams, Dr Sue Wareham, Dr Margie Beavis, and others including MAPW members and supporters working for a safer, healthier world free of nuclear weapons.

We are indebted to early pioneers in our movement including Professor Ian Maddocks and Dr John Andrews.

Maria Valenti, Chuck Johnson, John Loretz & Molly McGinty send greetings from IPPNW Central Office. 'GOPO' is a classic movement rallying cry: Groundswell of Public Opinion | MAPW EO Elise West feeling festive | Dr Bill Williams as the ICAN-garoo, Melbourne 2007 |

MILITARISM

MAPW works to reveal, and counter, rising Australian militarism. Militarism is a 'military mind set', a belief that conflict can and should be addressed with military solutions, that nations should constantly build military capability, and that military-like values are important.

In 2020, MAPW showed that **weapons companies** are in the vanguard of Australian militarism, intruding into Science Technology Engineering and Maths (STEM) education, universities, and public institutions.



MINORS + MISSILES

In 2020, MAPW published original research by Lisa Coulthard, documenting the reach of weapons companies into primary and secondary education across Australia. We documented over two dozen instances of STEM programs sponsored or directly delivered by weapons companies, with the explicit purpose of creating positive attitudes to careers in weapons development and production.

Many weapons company STEM programs promote and gamify skills that will be central to the next generation of offensive and autonomous weaponry – weaponry whose moral and legal implications are profound.

[Read the report on our website.](#)

The Guardian

'Deeply offensive': Australian War Memorial urged not to renew BAE sponsorship

Soon-to-expire deal with arms manufacturer 'commercialises the memory of our war dead'

9 June 2020

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

In 2020 MAPW continued efforts to sever commercial ties between the Australian War Memorial and weapons companies.

The AWM accepts sponsorship from, and has granted naming rights to, some of the world's largest weapons companies - including companies associated with corruption, alleged breaches of international law, and investigations into war crimes.

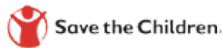
We briefed the AWM's incoming Director on the issue, and continued working to draw media and public attention to the issue.

BRERETON REPORT

On 19 November 2020, General Angus Campbell, Chief of the Australian Defence Force, released the summary of the final report of a long-running inquiry into reports of war crimes committed in Afghanistan by our special forces. The key finding of the report was the identification of 23 incidents involving 39 unlawful killings, and the referral of these incidents for prosecution.

MAPW joined with prominent Afghan, Australian and International groups to call for swift action and justice for victims. The Canberra Times carried MAPW President Sue Wareham's op-ed:

"[Accountability] must start at the top – meaning the political decisions to send Australians to war and the impunity with which those decision are made. And it must focus on those who are disproportionately affected and disproportionately ignored when we go to war – civilians."



Co-signatories to the open letter: Conflict Analysis Network (UK), Afghanistan Human Rights and Democracy Organisation, Human Rights Law Centre (AU), Save the Children (AU), Australian Centre for International Justice (AU), Amnesty International, Australian Lawyers for Human Rights

The Guardian

The strange case of the weapons maker and the Australian children's charity

An anti-war group accused BAE Systems Australia of trying to sanitise its reputation through its 'partnership' with The Smith Family

4 December 2020

BAE + SMITH FAMILY

In December 2020, MAPW drew media attention to a sponsorship arrangement between weapons company BAE Systems and children's charity the Smith Family.

A sponsorship arrangement - \$100 000 over three years, announced in August 2020 - gave BAE branding rights to Smith Family STEM education programs and Christmas toy drive.

Smith Family leadership defended the arrangement in correspondence with MAPW, but when contacted by the Guardian's Paul Daley, the partnership was swiftly shut down.

MILITARISM + CLIMATE

In the aftermath of the Australian bushfires, and as Australian Defence Force reserves and personnel were being called out to assist with the coronavirus response, MAPW responded to new federal legislation expanding the role of the ADF in civilian emergencies, including emergencies caused by climate change.

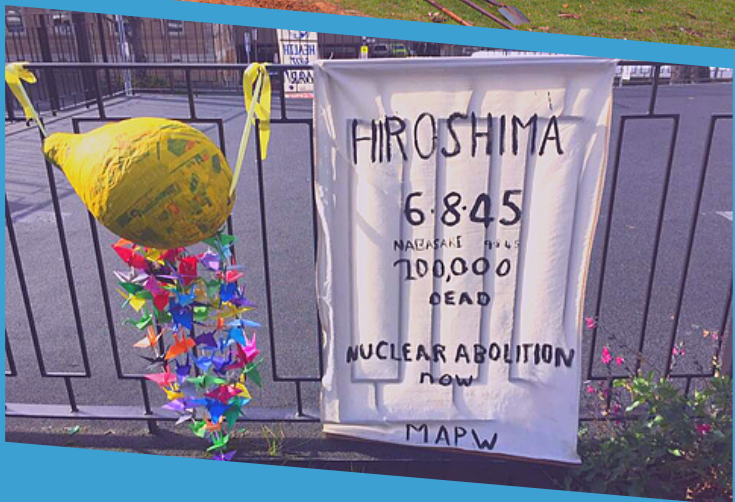
MAPW wrote a formal submission opposing key elements of the bill, and assisted members and supporters to make their own submission. The Canberra Times carried President Sue Wareham's piece on the issue:

"The risk is that civilian agencies will continue to be under-resourced to do their job, while funding and priorities are skewed even further towards military 'solutions'. Military spending in Australia is already sacrosanct, with the PM recently confirming an additional \$270 billion over 10 years (over and above the annual defence budget). More far-reaching roles for the ADF could serve as a further pretext for prioritising military defence over other needs, including health and bushfire preparedness."

Preserving
LIFE
by Preventing
WAR

A History of the
Foundational Years
of the Medical

Edstart



'Preserving Life by Preventing War', a history of the early years of MAPW, written by Dr John Andrews and Vicki Standish |
No War with Iran VIC | Jan 2020
Dr Margie Beavis at Doctors 4 Assange rally VIC | Jan 2020
VIC branch meeting | 2020

Dr Sue Wareham at People's Climate Assembly ACT | Feb 2020
MAPW halt US Troop Rotation visual identity | April 2020
Hiroshima Day WA | August 2020
Hiroshima Day TAS | August 2020



MAPW Demilitarise Day visual identity | April 2020
Rally for David McBride ACT | Feb 2020
Day of Climate Action NSW | Feb 2020

In 2020 MAPW members also:

Stood in solidarity with **Prutehi Litekyan: Save Ritidian**, a Guam-based group dedicated to the protection of natural and cultural resources in all sites identified for DOD live-fire firing training on Guam.

Made a submission to the The **Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade** Inquiry into the implications of the COVID-19 pandemic for Australia's foreign affairs, defence and trade, arguing for a re-framing of Australia's conception of security.

Joined international efforts to cancel **RIMPAC** military exercises in Hawaii.

Opposed the rotation of **US Marines** to Darwin.

Took action to end the torture and medical neglect of **Julian Assange**. Sue Wareham participated in global advocacy coordinated by Doctors 4 Assange; Anne Noonan published on the issue, and members attended rallies around Australia.

Took action on the persecution of **Bernard Collaery, Witness K** and **David McBride**.

Condemned the **racism** displayed by Senator Eric Abetz during the Senate Inquiry into the issues facing diaspora communities in Australia.

Called on the Australian government to ensure the integrity of the annual UN report on **Children and Armed Conflict**.

Presented to the **Academy of Child and Adolescent Health** on children and war.

Successfully lobbied local councils around Australia of endorsement of the **ICAN Cities Appeal**.

Endorsed **No Child Left Behind** and **End COVID for All** campaigns seeking equitable responses to the pandemic.

Testified to the **Victorian Environment and Planning Committee Inquiry** on the risks of the removal of prohibitions enacted by the Nuclear Activities (Prohibitions) Act 1983.

Endorsed the global open letter on **COVID-19 and Humanitarian Disarmament**, the G20 appeal for a **Healthy Recovery**, and the UN call for a **global ceasefire**.

Urged Australia to condemn Israeli plans to **annex more land in the West Bank**.

Coordinated a statement on special protections for Indigenous communities, and **support for Indigenous-led responses**, during the pandemic.

Submitted to the inquiry into the **National Radioactive Waste Management Amendment** (Site Specification, Community Fund and Other Measures) Bill 2020, setting out the flaws in the selection of Kimba (SA) as a nuclear waste dump site.

Presented on the **Uluru Statement** at the University of New England's Rethinking Peace Conference.

Published on the **influential role of nurses** in building support for the TPNW.

Stood in solidarity with the **Black Lives Matter** movement and calls to end the scourge of **black deaths** in Australian custody.



Dr Rosie Yuille at ACT Supreme Court | May 2020
MAPW Global Ceasefire campaign identity | 2020



2018 No Nukes rally, Port Augusta. Photo: TJ Sutton

Throughout 2020, MAPW continued its work on nuclear waste issues.

In coalition with Traditional Owners, local residents, and other allies, MAPW worked to highlight, and halt, a flawed and divisive process to locate a radioactive nuclear waste dump in Kimba, South Australia.

MAPW SA branch, together with Dr Margie Beavis and Dr Tilman Ruff, generated media coverage of the issue, advocated to decision makers in parliament, wrote analyses and submissions, and supported people affected by the issue to take action.

In November 2020, MAPW publicly called for an independent and open review of nuclear waste production and disposal in Australia, highlighting need for a long-term disposal plan that avoids double-handling and unnecessary movement of radioactive materials and meets world's best practice standards.

MAPW continues to advocate for cleaner, safer and more reliable accelerator-based nuclear medicine manufacture.

In 2020, MAPW also called on the government of Japan to withdraw plans to release into the sea more than 1 million tonnes of radioactive water from the severely damaged Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant.

ARMS CONTROL COALITION



Human rights groups call on Scott Morrison to confront Trump over landmines.

Concerns Australian troops could be involved in ally's use of mines after White House reversed Obama ban.

'Australia urged to stop selling weapons to countries accused of war crimes

It's unthinkable Australia sells arms to the Democratic Republic of Congo, where 5 million people have been forced to flee, human rights groups say

'Blanket secrecy' surrounds Australian weapons sales to countries accused of war crimes

Exclusive: Defence department refuses to reveal extent of exports as arms sold to UAE, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka and Democratic Republic of Congo

Australian Weapons Sales: Shrouded in Secrecy

Canberra wants to be a top arms exporter, but its partners draw scrutiny.



In 2020 MAPW continued to play a central role in the Australian Arms Control Coalition (AACC).

Convened in 2019 by Save the Children (Australia), the AACC brings together key civil society groups and individuals. Our primary focus has been to research, expose, and halt Australian military exports to Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates - the key military actors in the six year war with Houthi forces in Yemen.

Yemen is the largest humanitarian crisis in the world, with over 80 per cent of the population – including more than 12 million children - in need of humanitarian assistance.

All parties to the war have been credibly accused of breaches of international human rights and humanitarian laws.

Nevertheless, the Australian government has continued to approve military exports to both Saudi Arabia and UAE.

In 2020, MAPW and the AACC drew national media attention to the Australian arms trade, advocated to decision makers, communicated with Ministers and parliamentarians, and conducted research and communications activities.

MAPW warmly thanks fellow contributors to the AACC including: Save the Children (Australia), Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International Australia, Australian Centre for International Justice, Independent and Peaceful Australia Network, Wage Peace, Kellie Tranter, Susan Hutchinson.

QUIT NUKES

Quit Nukes is a divestment campaign, a joint initiative between MAPW and ICAN.

Divestment is an important part of progress towards the abolition of nuclear weapons, stigmatising nuclear weapons and reducing financial flows to their development.

In 2020, Quit Nukes continued to focus on Australian superannuation funds and welcomed the following funds to the Honour Roll, recognising their comprehensive policies to exclude investments in nuclear weapons companies: **Christian Super, Verve Super and Crescent Wealth.**

The Quit Nukes team conducted research, communication and outreach activities, engaging with industry bodies such as the Australian Sustainable Finance Initiative, the Australian Council of Superannuation Investors, the Responsible Investment Association Australasia, and the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority.

The team made submissions to Chartered Financial Analysts, Sustainability Accounting Standards Board and International Financial Reporting Standards Foundation.

Quit Nukes thanks students at Macquarie University for their research report "Bombed out: how Australia superfunds are investing against our future." Special thanks to Quit Nukes directors Margaret Peril, Margie Beavis, Jenny Grounds, Gem Romuld (ICAN) and Elise West (MAPW).

Visit Quit Nukes at quitnukes.org



IPPNW

MAPW is the Australian affiliate of 1985 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War. Despite the cancellation of the 2020 World Congress in Mombasa, Kenya, we strengthened our connections with IPPNW Central Office throughout the year. MAPW is represented on the IPPNW board by Tilman Ruff (IPPNW co-President), Sue Wareham (IPPNW Regional Vice President) and Ka Sing Chua (IPPNW International Councillor).

Talal Yassine OAM,
MD Crescent Wealth | December 2020
Ross Piper,
CEO Christian Super | April 2020



EVENTS

MAPW members adapted to coronavirus restrictions during 2020, holding carefully managed public events in some states, and moving entirely online in others.

Thank you to members and branch officials for working to keep us connected - and effective - under extraordinary circumstances.



Prime Minister,

Angus Taylor's failure to act on climate change is risking lives

We are over 3,400 health & medical professionals

Public health is inextricably linked to climate health. Climate change is here now - and it is killing people.

Mr Taylor is failing to reduce Australia's emissions in line with our international obligations. He is contributing to the harm resulting from worsening bushfires, floods, dust storms, drought and airborne heat, biodiversity loss, and reduced availability of fresh water.

Australians are already seeing higher rates of respiratory illness, diarrhoea and meningitis requiring hospital admission on hot days, and higher rates of suicide in rural areas during drought years. The burning of fossil fuels such as coal and gas that drives global warming is also a major contributor to air pollution, which is linked to the premature deaths of 3000 Australians each year.

We urge you to replace Angus Taylor with a Minister who is committed to climate action.

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CLIMATE

In 2020 MAPW joined the national Climate and Health Alliance and took part in major national campaigns.

Climate change and nuclear weapons both pose existential risks to humanity; there are also strong connections between war and environmental degradation. Equally, peace and cooperation are essential preconditions for coordinated global action on climate.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Medical Association for Prevention of War - Australia Inc. For the year ended 30 June 2020

	2020	2019
Income		
Membership Fees	59,803	55,755
Donations Received	24,714	16,248
Total Income	84,517	72,003
Other Income		
Fundraising Income	10,692	12,483
Reimbursements (ICAN & PF)	11,505	11,077
Divestment	-	10,000
Interest Income	2,739	3,475
Other Revenue	22,000	-
Total Other Income	46,936	37,035
Total Income	131,453	109,038
Expenditure		
Advertising	851	1,473
Annual Leave	123	(468)
Bank Fees	1,198	1,355
Computer Expenses	2,833	9,366
Depreciation	407	789
Donations	-	300
Insurance	2,836	2,281
Other Expenses	-	526
Postage	939	502
Printing & Stationery	159	350
Project Costs	7,839	2,306
Rent	13,627	13,627
Repairs and Maintenance	935	1,295
Subscriptions	200	3,764
Telephone & Internet	1,827	1,602
Travel	1,377	3,077
Student Support	-	379
Wages and Salaries	73,347	105,665
Superannuation	6,323	7,901
Work Cover	776	949
Total Expenditure	115,598	157,041
Surplus/(Loss) for the year	15,855	(48,003)

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Medical Association for Prevention of War - Australia Inc. As at 30 June 2020

	NOTES	30 JUN 2020	30 JUN 2019
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	2	222,648	204,584
Trade and Other Receivables	3	681	742
Total Current Assets		223,329	205,326
Non-Current Assets			
Plant and Equipment and Vehicles	4	505	912
Total Non-Current Assets		505	912
Total Assets		223,834	206,238
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	5	6,444	7,160
Employee Entitlements	6	5,686	3,229
Total Current Liabilities		12,130	10,389
Total Liabilities		12,130	10,389
Net Assets		211,704	195,849
Members' Funds			
Current Year Earnings		15,855	(48,003)
Retained Earnings		195,849	243,852
Total Members' Funds		211,704	195,849