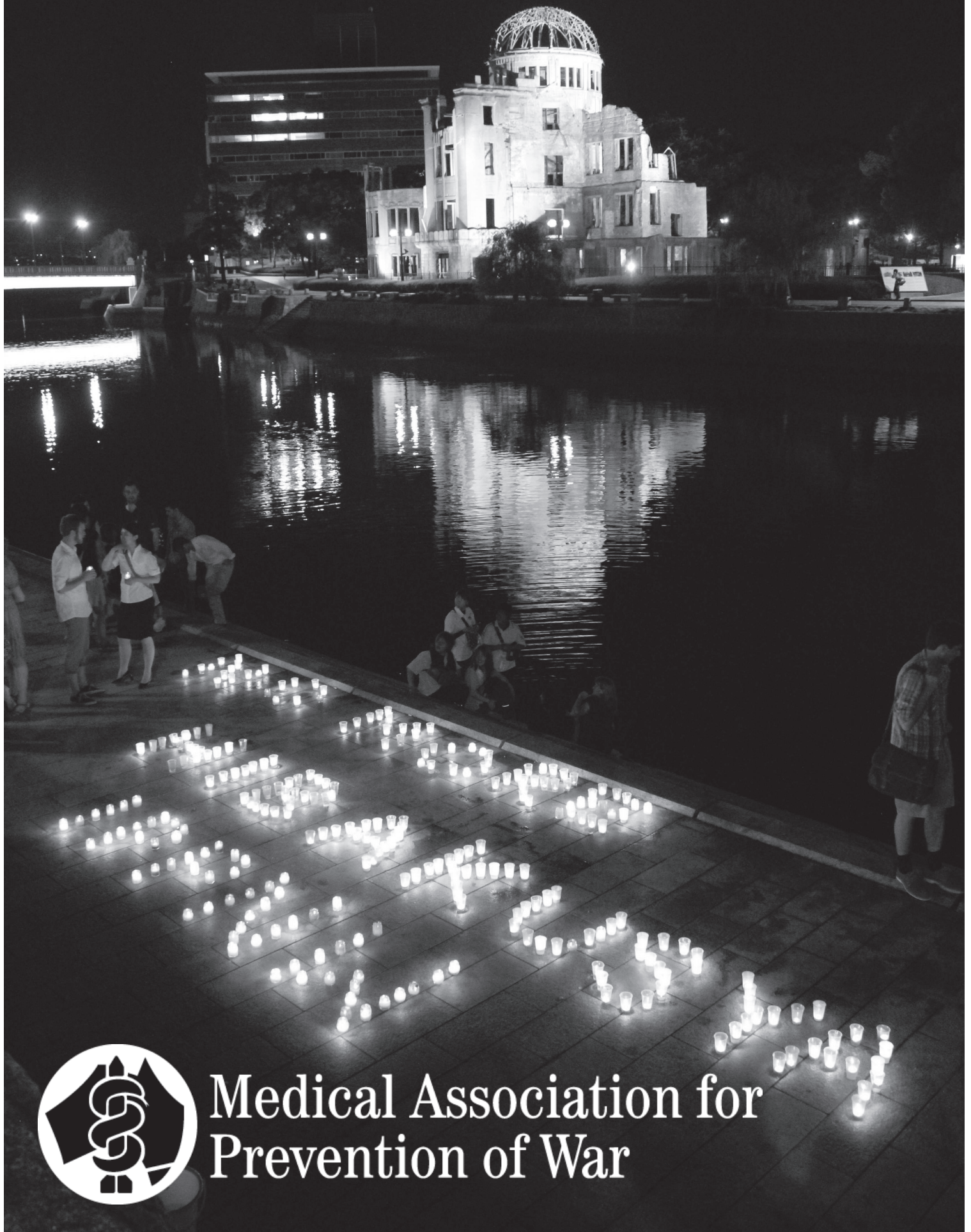


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Medical Association for
Prevention of War

MAPW

Members. Our 600 members are our most valuable asset: our active members effectively implement most of MAPW's campaign. We work to facilitate them to take action.

Money. We successfully applied for income tax exemption in 2012, and will further investigate possible deductible-gift-recipient status again.

Meetings. MAPW's activities are run by its members through monthly phone meetings: full National Council alternates with Executive. We liaise regularly with ICAN. We coordinate with our partners through phone link-ups: national anti-nuclear campaigners; US bases network; and the Pacific small arms group.

Militarism. Through a successful partnership with the Sydney Peace Foundation, funded by the MAPW Peace Fund, Michelle Fahy was contracted to publish and promote 7 discussion papers by leading authorities. The paper on the health effects of war was launched at Melbourne's Brunswick Secondary College in an evening of music, poetry and the words of Peter Cundall and Michael Leunig.

A team of post-graduate volunteers and international relations interns began work on 15 fact sheets on Australia's wars, including health outcomes for Australian military; and our international obligations. Historian Professor Marilyn Lake began the series.

The next stage of this process will be to get these resources into schools, universities and the broader community, to stimulate discussion and provide a more objective balance to the materials flooding into schools from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

AMSA Global Health Conference. See page 10 regarding this important regular date on the MAPW calendar.

Anti-bases Campaign. During 2012 MAPW has played a key part in linking campaigners around Australia to form IPAN: the independent and peaceful Australia Network. Regular national phone meetings and Victorian meetings have been held at MAPW office, and we have produced a summary fact sheet with Professor Richard Tanter.

Arms Trade Treaty. We've worked closely with IPPNW's Aiming for Prevention IPPNW project, gathering signatures for the Medical Alert for a strong Arms Trade Treaty; as well as linking with local groups, and with Carole Wigg attending meetings of the Pacific Small Arms Action Group. We are becoming more active on this issue.

Anti-nuclear campaigning. We've continued to work in close partnership with ICAN, campaigning for divestment in nuclear weapons, focusing on the Future Fund and through Don't Bank on the Bomb. We helped recruit members with the Order of Australia or other honours, to support a nuclear weapons treaty.

We worked with opponents of the Muckaty nuclear waste dump proposal, in particular meeting with local community leaders, advising them on nuclear facts and fiction and producing a plain language leaflet.

We met with Labor party conference delegates to explain why it was dangerous to sell uranium to India.

We comment and inform the public on the health and policy implications of the Fukushima nuclear power plant disaster as it continues to unfold.

Partnerships and collaborations. Some key partners this year have been the Sydney Peace Foundation; Japanese for Peace; Anti-bases groups (IPAN); Red Cross; the Iraq War Inquiry Group; Brunswick Secondary College; WILPF; Friends of the Earth; the Australian Conservation Foundation; Pax Christi; the Quakers; Oxfam; Amnesty; and many more detailed in Branch reports.

People. There are dozens actively supporting our campaigns in addition to our tiny staff: regular and occasional volunteers, interns, national and branch officials, supporters and colleagues.

Publications. A major focus of our work is providing accurate information to members, supporters and the public, through printed publications, online media; importantly supported by members' individual interventions. See EO's report.

Planning and prioritising is done annually at National Council, and through the year at the meetings described above.

Policy. During 2011-12 we updated our policies on nuclear power and on nuclear waste management (policies are available at www.mapw.org.au)

Peripatetism. President Jenny Grounds has addressed the Tasmanian Branch in Hobart, and at WA's Art for Peace exhibition in Fremantle. Peter Karamoskos, with Darwin members, spoke at a public meeting there on nuclear waste disposal. EO Nancy Atkin, Misha Byrne and Sue Wareham (as speaker) attended the 2011 GHC (see page 10) in Sydney. Marg Beavis went to a January 2012 Global Conference against Nuclear Power in Yokohama

(MAPW's travel budget is small and members frequently cover their own costs)

What else? MAPW supported the work of the Cluster Munitions Coalition pressing for amendments to Australia's flawed treaty legislation, with letters and visits to politicians to explain the weaknesses of the legislation

Refugees – we wrote letters to politicians and the newspapers, and ran local meetings, opposing off shore processing and highlighting the health costs of detention.

Bahrain doctors – we contacted the media over doctor arrests.

Sri Lanka – we have written to the government about human rights; and encouraged debate and discussion.

Weaknesses and challenges. Building and retaining membership. Following up contacts, ideas, networks, speaking to groups. Fostering student contact and student membership and activity. Fundraising. Supporting and inspiring branches to more activity including fundraising. Staying focused on our core projects. Meeting expectations to be focusing on current conflicts and issues – Afghanistan, Syria, the Arab Spring, the Congo, China and Japan.

West Papua. Our NSW Branch takes the lead here on circulating information and writing to the government urging action on human rights abuses.

This MAPW 2012–13 round-up is adapted from President Jenny Grounds' opening presentation at our National Council meeting, October 2012.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

DR JENNY GROUNDS



MAPW President, rural GP Dr Jenny Grounds

During my first 12 months as President MAPW has had a very challenging and productive year.

The world is warming, with increased natural disasters, which will cause increased conflict; and there are still around 20,000 nuclear weapons.

The nuclear power industry has been found seriously wanting but refuses to bow out gracefully and indeed our government is encouraging the worst possible nuclear power/weapons nexus by selling India uranium. Civil wars and political instability abound in the Middle East. Threats to bomb Iran and start more violent conflict are increasingly being heard. The USA is muscling up to China by pushing into the Pacific and Indian Oceans, with Australia facilitating them all the way. Small arms are traded freely around the world with less regulation and accountability than the banana trade.

And we are moving towards the 100th anniversary of Anzac, which brings with it a new wave of military fervour as a national pastime.

We have continued to raise our voices loudly to be heard above the shock jocks, mining companies, nuclear industry and governments looking for military solutions to all the problems of the world.

Through our militarism project and its excellent discussion papers we have developed a body of ideas to challenge the nationalistic, xenophobic and militaristic image that Australia now projects to the world and to our young citizens.

The very capable Michelle Fahy in ACT has worked with our writers Marilyn Lake, Paul Barrett, Joy Damousi, John Langmore and Richard Tanter, who have all contributed their wisdom gratis, as did a group of young postgraduates researching and writing another set of papers, on the health effects of war.

Already we have responses from the media, and our task now is to get these ideas out there and debated in the media, in schools and other forums.

We have exposed and criticized the increasing integration of US and Australian military facilities and what this means for Australia in the face of increasing tension between the USA and China.

While many world leaders continue to choose weapons over words, and threats over dialogue, we have presented the case for thoughtful engagement between nations, for diplomacy to be elevated to a higher level and for international law to underpin all relationships between states and non state parties in resolving conflict.

We have pushed, alongside many others, for effective cluster bomb legislation in Australia, an international regulatory system for trading of weapons, and a call for an inquiry into Australia's involvement in the second Iraq war.

Thanks to all of you, our members, for contributing to this work, both financially and by your creative input. But to continue to be effective we need more of you and more from you!

Please continue to talk about MAPW's work among your friends and colleagues, write letters, come to meetings, and contribute your ideas and particular expertise when you can. Remember that any one can join our organisation, and donate to our work. Health professionals join as full members, others as associate members.

Particular thanks from me to the members of the Executive, Sue Wareham, Carole Wigg, Margie Beavis, Anne Noonan, Daniele Viliunas, Peter Karamoskos and Peter Underwood for their huge contribution to the wellbeing of MAPW, and their personal support to me as President.

Our small but noisy coalition of state and territory branches is skilfully and tirelessly managed by our Executive Director Nancy, ably supported by Dianne as administrator in the National Office, and by Kathy, Cecily, Victoria, Mary and Michael to mention a few of our willing troop of volunteers, without whom we just couldn't do.

Artist and writer Michael Leunig, and gardener and ex-soldier Peter Cundall, spoke at MAPW's 2012 Anzac Eve in Melbourne



TREASURER'S REPORT

DR PETER KARAMOSKOS



Dr Peter Karamoskos participates in a panel on the Fukushima disaster, at a public meeting in Tokyo (MAPW's Tilman Ruff, standing, co-chaired the meeting)

The scope and quality of the MAPW's work belies the perennially limited resources our organisation has to fund its mission.

With a combined paid staff equivalent to less than a single full-time position, the annual report into our activities not only demonstrates the commendable efforts of our small national office, but also underscores the tireless contributions of our volunteers, office bearers and countless others whose efforts are vital to our effectiveness.

Although financial resources are essential to funding our activities, it is the human capital that gives substance, sustenance and drive far beyond our financial resources.

Therefore, in reading the following report, it is important to note that our financial accounts only provide one perspective of our resources, albeit an important one.

Income

Our total income for 2011-12 was approximately \$133,000 which was substantially less than the previous year's income. However, the 2010-11 amount was inflated due to one off tax (GST) refunds accounting for most of the discrepancy. Nevertheless, our membership income declined by almost \$5,000 probably largely due to timing issues related to more renewals than usual occurring after we closed our books for the fiscal year. This will thus manifest as excess membership income

in the new fiscal year. Our membership numbers measured by financially current members have stayed stable which we need to address given the large proportion of our income derived from memberships alone.

Spending

Overall, we have run a fiscally prudent, tight budget spending less (\$133,000) than was originally budgeted which, allowing for the revenue decline, allowed us to record a slight surplus instead of a deficit.

The National Council recognises that we cannot rely on fiscal restraint alone to finance our activities. Indeed, at some level, this strategy can become counterproductive. Our organisation needs to grow in line with our activities by increasing fundraising efforts in addition to membership numbers and activism. Fundraising is essential to growing our organisation and becoming more effective campaigners.

Branch disbursements

Once again this year the disbursements to the branches were suspended in order to fund our national effort, with the consent of all branches (the National Council is largely comprised of the Branch Coordinators). Branches still have access to funds if necessary however, underscoring the importance of supporting Branch based activities especially coupled to fundraising efforts. Once sustainable surpluses are achievable, the disbursements will be able to recommence.

Assets

Our asset base is secure with approximately \$124,000 in largely cash as of June 30, 2012. Note, however, that at the low point of our cash cycle our cash reserves decline to about \$60,000.

We are thus financially sound. Our biggest challenge is to increase membership and fundraising to grow our organisation which, in a financially uncertain environment in the last few years, has not occurred. This is increasingly vital in the context of our costs which inevitably are increasing relentlessly.

Peter Karamoskos
MAPW Treasurer
October, 2012

NOTE: The formal financial accounts will soon be available on the website.



The audience at an MAPW music fund-raiser at Riddells Creek in country Victoria

SECRETARY'S REPORT

DR CAROLE WIGG



Dr Carole Wigg, with ICAN's Turkey Campaign Coordinator Arife Kose, in front of Hiroshima's A-Bomb Dome at IPPNW's 2012 Congress

The year started with a change in the Presidency. Bill Williams had stood down for family reasons and Jenny Grounds was elected at the National Council Meeting. She has put in a lot of enthusiasm and hard work with her usual grace and style and we have had a successful year.

Happily Bill is now feeling free to give his time especially with ICAN, with whom we continue to have a mutually supportive relationship. Congratulations to Tilman Ruff whose brain-child it was, who received an AM in the Queen's Birthday Honours.

Our anti-nuclear work has focused on the nuclear industry particularly the waste dump at Muckaty and the issue of uranium sales to India. The NT branch does not let its small numbers diminish their effectiveness in the opposition to the dump and to uranium mining generally.

Our other major area of work has been on militarism which has been a particular

project for Jenny, Sue Wareham and Michelle Fahy. A beautiful set of papers is nearing completion. Michelle also worked very hard on getting an amendment to the Cluster Bomb legislation. MAPW was very fortunate in that John Rodsted, who we know through his work on that campaign, donated one of his magnificent photographs which raised \$1700 at auction.

Individual Branches and members work hard on particular projects: for example Anne Noonan on West Papua and Amanda Ruler on peace education.

Nancy's dynamism in the National office is unflagging. She has organised a set of new membership and publicity materials this year to promote our work.

The office space is a great asset. It accommodates a large number of volunteers and is very useful for formal and informal meetings. Jenny and I meet there regularly which gives us a good insight into how the

organisation runs. We can have the office open and running while Nancy is away, thanks to help from Dianne and volunteers, as mentioned by Jenny above, particularly Kathy O'Shaughnessy and Cecily Gilbert.

Increasing our membership numbers must be a high priority. Student membership has been less strong though we continue to be a part of the Global Health Conference.

The constant stream of interns and undergraduate and postgraduate volunteers is much appreciated.

In general our membership numbers reflect the amount of work we are seen to do and the output of newspaper articles and broadcasts has been growing.

We should be set to expand.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

NANCY ATKIN

Many of the highlights of our work have been covered in the preceding reports, so this report gives details, and outlines "bread and butter" work not covered elsewhere.

Campaigns

Nuclear issues

We again worked closely with ICAN on the campaign to abolish nuclear weapons through promoting a treaty to ban nuclear weapons. We have also supported ICAN's work promoting divestment in the nuclear industry, focusing initially on the future fund and then – following detailed research – on banks and institutions investing in nuclear weapons.

Our expertise in the health consequences of nuclear war has been important in publicising IPPNW's research into the devastating longer-term effects of nuclear war: famine resulting from the climate effects of nuclear explosions.

Internationally we have played an active role in IPPNW student projects, including the Nuclear Weapons Inheritance Project, and helping with research for Hibakusha Worldwide, which looks at health effects of nuclear weapons, tests, and the nuclear industry.

Members' expertise on these issues has found MAPW in demand to comment, speak, provide resources and debunk misinformation on Japan's nuclear crisis, uranium mining, and the unresolved problem of safe nuclear waste disposal. Our NT and WA branches in particular have taken the lead on these issues.

War and militarism

National Council adopted this as a major focus in 2011.

Anticipating the 2015 Anzac commemoration, we initiated a joint project on **Australian militarism** with the Sydney Peace Foundation, producing educational materials and gaining media publicity on Australia's mythologising of past wars; critiquing defence and foreign affairs strategies and documenting the health outcomes of conflict.

As mentioned elsewhere, MAPW has added a volunteer project producing materials documenting **Australia's overseas wars** and veterans' health; and fact sheets outlining international laws controlling war.

Cluster bombs: Our members such as the ACT's Michelle Fahy worked actively through the coalition campaigning for the convention; and then **against** the weak legislation presented to Parliament, to ratify the convention.

- **US bases:** changed US and Australian policies, and planned creation or expansion of US bases in Australia has sparked a new national campaign network, IPAN. MAPW has played a key role in setting up the network and facilitating national and local activities and materials development.
- **ATT:** we have supported work led by the Pacific Small Arms Action Group (including Oxfam and Amnesty) and by IPPNW in support of a global arms trade treaty to control the legal trade in weapons.

We continue to lobby government and raise public concerns about the humanitarian and health costs of particular conflicts, informed by the particular interests of members and branches. These are mentioned in the reports above, and in Branch reports.

IPPNW

MAPW is an active member and contributor to the work of our international organisation. Tilman Ruff has convened IPPNW's ICAN Working Group and our work with IPPNW on nuclear issues is noted above. We have actively supported "Aiming for Prevention", IPPNW's arms control campaign, in particular through our members supporting their doctors' petition to the UN for a strong arms trade treaty. See page 10 for details of our IPPNW student work.

Communications

Our fortnightly **Peace e-Script** is highly valued by members and supporters, and brings in new members and donations.

Printed newsletters and mailouts: Our quarterly newsletters remain important to communicate with members without email, and as a much more effective way of eliciting donations and subscriptions.

Social media: Facebook and Twitter have mainly been managed by members and volunteers. This important area could be expanded perhaps with skilled regular volunteers, as could our YouTube presence.

Media publicity: Despite limited staff time to liaise directly with known reporters and editors, our members are sought out to comment on our issues of expertise. This year we have focused on facilitating **members' letter-writing**, a very "cost-effective" and successful form of media liaison, given our highly literate membership.

Website: Our website has been effectively maintained, mainly by skilled volunteers.

Expanding

As noted in previous pages, income from memberships and donations has not increased significantly in recent years; and our paid staff is tiny compared with our achievements around Australia.

An increased income will definitely allow us to do far more. But on a more positive note, two years after our move to a large, central rented office we can see a big increase in regular and occasional volunteers, interns and local members' involvement.

Essential tasks carried out by volunteers include mailouts, membership filing, website and email updates, (all tasks which otherwise must be by paid staff). Volunteers also research and write fact sheets and informative papers. This is in addition to the huge voluntary contribution to campaigns, governance and financial management by our Treasurer, Executive and active members.

Worth noting are many regular donations and associate memberships from non-health-professionals who support MAPW's work.

Our strength, independence and longevity is due to the large number of individuals who continue to support MAPW's work with membership subscriptions, donations, and by donating their time and expertise.

MAPW volunteer research team 2012: recent graduates Maria, Hugh and Anna



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AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Coordinator: Dr Sue Wareham OAM
Secretary: Dr Rosie Yuille
Treasurer: Dr Deb Thornton

Fundraising has been the main branch activity. This has included a piano concert with Robert Schmidli in October, a fund-raising dinner with historian Marilyn Lake, and our annual musical soiree organised by Graeme Thomson.

The campaign against proposed new WW1 and WW2 war memorials has continued, with success looking likely; the involvement of the Australian War Memorial has had a strong effect. This has been a broad-based campaign, with MAPW's input being especially significant early on than over the past year.

In 2012, much preparation was done for the August launch of the Iraq War Inquiry Group.

Membership activity and interests:

Members are interested in the broad range of MAPW issues, including nuclear weapons. Member Michelle Fahy has been enormously active on the cluster bomb campaign (as well as project officer for the Militarism project).

Sue Wareham has spoken on Agent Orange and on the Arms Trade Treaty and small arms.

The 2015 Gallipoli centenary has sparked interest in Australia's growing militarism and the need to counter it over the next 2-3 years.

We have core of members who reliably attend our events and a smaller core who do the organising of the fund-raisers.

Any major partner organisations?

Informally, WILPF, the Quakers and UNAA share our values and often support the same events.

Challenges? Getting more active members.

Any exciting plans?

There has been thought given to having a regular weekend breakfast discussion, so that not all our events are fund-raisers. Getting together a group to plan ways to promote a national identity that does not focus on war. There are a few (non-MAPW) individuals who are keen to take an active role in this. It started after Marilyn Lake's talk, but fizzled when the Iraq War Inquiry Group and the war memorial issue took over and people were busy with other things.



History Professor Marilyn Lake addresses a fundraising MAPW dinner in Canberra

NEW SOUTH WALES

Co-Coordinator Dr Anne Noonan, Ms Lynn Saville (Dr Noonan is also Branch Treasurer)

NSW branch activities centre very much on networking with other groups, WILPF, CPACS, AWP, PND and the ICRC

Anne Noonan attends NSW International Humanitarian Law meetings of the ICRC and some of their other meetings and trainings as well.

The Branch actively participated in Hiroshima Day and supported and helped arrange the tour of former USSR Colonel Valery, now an activist opposing nuclear weapons, who was the keynote speaker.

Anne is active as the MAPW representative at the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of Sydney. Members are also engaged with refugee issues, and on human rights in Sri Lanka.

Anne organised an MAPW seminar on West Papua with lawyer Jennifer Robinson as keynote speaker; and attended Senator Di Natale's round-table on West Papua. She received the John Rumbiak prize for her work on Papuan human rights.

The Branch has also assisted with the organisation of the annual Australian Nuclear Free Alliance conference.

NSW Branch Coordinator Dr Anne Noonan and NSW member Dr Con Costa talked to delegates about the hazards of uranium exports at the ALP National Conference, 2011



QUEENSLAND

Coordinator Dr Daniele Viliunas
Treasurer Dr Rachel Darken
Student representative Mr Misha Byrne

Activities focussed again on maintaining public and professional awareness of MAPW, by attending meetings and encouraging the interest of students.

Maintaining Queensland MAPW's commitment to ICAN and peace education continued this year. As well as the usual individual professional out-reach, the major activity was at international level supporting student initiatives with (recently graduated) student Misha Byrne as Nuclear Weapons Inheritance Project international coordinator for IPPNW, supporting the ICAN Bike tour and participation at the International Student Conference.

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Queensland Branch report– continued

Misha raised \$US1300 through sales of raffle tickets and also participated in the tour, which saw 35 medical students and young doctors ride bicycles from Nagasaki to Hiroshima. Along the way, the group held forums and dialogues with students, other NGOs and local mayors to discuss radiation and weapons issues.

Other participation and support for ICAN, included Misha Byrne participating as youth representative on the ICAN International Working Group; and locally, coordinating the participation of ICAN's Bombs no More Project at the Harvest (music) Festival.

Queensland played an important role for MAPW at the annual medical students' Global Health Conference with Misha a key organiser of MAPW sponsorship and participation at the July 2011 Sydney conference; and doing advance organising for the September 2012 (Cairns) event.

As usual, MAPW continues to be a valued member of and contributor to the peace community. We were represented at public talks and meetings including invitations for the Global Day of Action against Military Spending and Hiroshima Day.

Main partner organisations are the Queensland Nuclear Free Alliance; WILPF, the University's Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, the Queensland Peace Network, Just Peace, CADUU (Yeppoon) and Australia at the Crossroads

Challenges? The perennial issues of expanding the membership, (both general and of the committee) and of finances.

Strategic focus: Outreach to students and allied health professional groups locally, with exploration of the value of building regional centres in such a large state.

NORTHERN TERRITORY

Coordinator Dr Tom Keane
Secretary Dr Rosie Schultz
Treasurer Ms Rita Apelt

NT MAPW has continued to be active in 2011- 2012, providing health information and advocacy on the dangers of the nuclear industry.

Major activities included:

Participation in an evening organised by Environment Centre NT on nuclear medicine in Darwin with MAPW member, nuclear medicine physician Dr Peter Karamoskos.

A 7-minute video documentary was produced, which is available online.

Release of the Transport of Radioactive Material fact sheet. The fact sheet got some good media coverage, was ridiculed by NT politicians as fear-mongering, but quickly vindicated by an unfortunate rail derailment at Edith River Bridge.

Support of the campaign to prevent the creation of the radioactive waste repository at Muckaty. Members have been involved in community discussions, attended campaign meetings and a deputation to Alice Springs Town Council, and letter-writing.

Involvement with 'Basewatch' - a group formed in response to stationing of US marines in Darwin.

Letters to newspapers have covered a range of issues from the nuclear industry, the proposed repository at Muckaty to US bases in Australia.

The NT Branch has set itself this list of goals, which may be useful in clarifying practical local priorities:

1. Improve recruitment- perhaps develop an NT MAPW facebook page or other social media forum, increase profile through events such as 'Grand Rounds',
2. Increasing engagement with students, interns and residents and allied health workers, who are working in NT, but are not NT MAPW members. This could be achieved through working with existing groups, for example the RMO society.
3. Develop relationship with students, interns and residents who have been active in other parts of Australia, and come to Alice Springs to work.
4. Recognise, thank and support paying but 'non-active' NT MAPW members. Aim to maintain membership and increase likelihood of participation.
5. Supporting and encouraging existing NT MAPW members to pursue their passions and interests.

NT MAPW members are a diverse and passionate group of people, with interests that extend widely, and beyond the scope of NT MAPW.

These include challenging injustice faced by Indigenous peoples, the Roll Back the Intervention Group, broader public

health issues with the PHAA, and broader environmental issues with DEA. There has been some doubling up on work performed by our associated groups and as memberships overlap, perhaps these efforts could be streamlined in the future.

The distances and remoteness in the NT, and the small number of members, also impact on how NT MAPW organises itself and interacts with other branches.

Finally NT MAPW would like to recognise and thank Rita Apelt for all of her efforts. Rita has been an active member and greatly contributed to NT MAPW as Treasurer for a number of years. She is stepping back for a well- earned break. Your efforts have been appreciated and will be missed. Good luck for whatever the future holds!

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Co-Coordiators Dr Amanda Ruler and Dr Adam Badenoch
Secretary Dr Adrian Van Der Borch
Treasurer Dr Sarah Gardiner

Mayors for Peace: Existing Mayors for Peace have signed a letter inviting others to become Mayors for Peace. The next step is for MAPW representatives to visit the mayors.

A Peace Day celebration barbeque where other social and peace groups also met with MAPW members and their families was held at the home of member Adrian von der Borch. The day was enjoyed by all and healthy discussions were promoted.

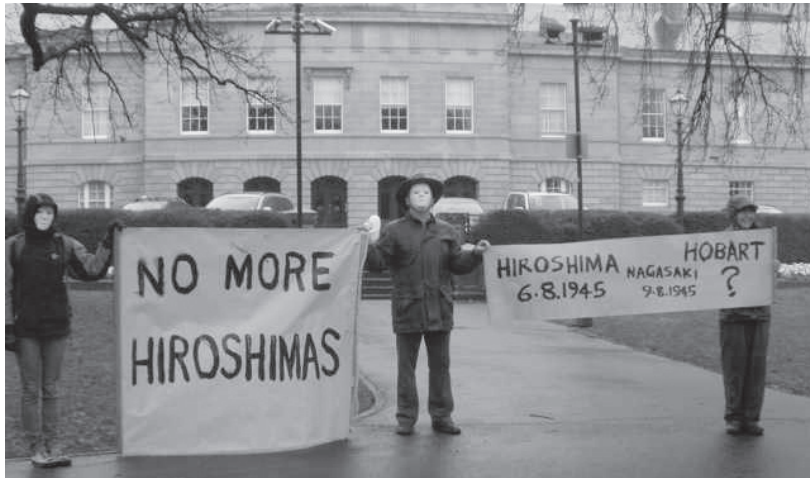
Radio presentations. Several members have been interviewed on the on Radio Adelaide (5UV) on the Sunday program Peace of the Action held on Sunday mornings: Adrian von der Borch (landmines and cluster munitions) Amanda Ruler (Nuclear and MAPW issues more generally) Jason Garrood (MAPW and environmental) and Ingo Weber (Climate Change). Helen Caldicott also spoke, on nuclear issues.

The **International Day of Peace 2011** celebrations were held at Immanuel College, Novar Gardens. Several hundred school children attended to depict peace in various forms : art, poetry, sculpture, prose, dance – and the day was a great success. Students took time out from their usual activities to consider peace and peaceful activities with each other and the community.

The Combined Peace Group in future will focus on sending out information such as the booklet "Learn Peace" to various

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Tasmanian members mark Hiroshima day 2011
(Branch Coordinator Dr Gerry McGushin, we believe, in the middle)

schools and visiting them when invited. Representative members of MAPW have met with and supported teachers and others involved in teaching peace on a more global scale. More recently, Amanda Ruler has visited Bellevue Heights Primary School with this objective. Mayor John Trainer of the City of West Torrens has been thanked for his support and commitment to this program by way of sponsorship.

Helen Caldicott's visit. This began with a presentation at Flinders Medical Centre at the Grand Round arranged by Flinders Medical students. She then went on to meet interested people and present again at the University of Adelaide's Florey Lecture Theatre. Helen also spoke at the University of Adelaide. She was interviewed by the ABC and on Radio Adelaide. Members hosted Helen at a dinner which was very enjoyable and a healthy discussion was promoted. Helen and Amanda have discussed future writing projects.

Our secretary Jeff Baker has been investigating ways of **tracking radioactivity exposure** amongst workers at Roxby Downs: part of an ongoing discussion including University researchers.

TASMANIA (MEDACT)

Coordinator Dr Gerry McGushin
Treasurer Dr Sally Attrill

The Tasmanian branch of MAPW has continued regular Monday lunch monthly meetings this year. Members were delighted to have National President Jenny Grounds join them to talk about her vision for MAPW.

Members were invited to speak about MAPW and peace issues at local meetings for seniors this year. MAPW was also invited to speak to medical students at a session on 'activism and doctors'.

MAPW members held the annual Hiroshima memorial rally in Hobart (pictured above).

Several members have had letters published in the *Mercury* regarding Afghanistan, nuclear weapons and uranium and other peace issues.

VICTORIA

Coordinator Dr Margaret Beavis
Secretary Dr Carole Wigg
Treasurer Dr Margaret Rowell

When Jenny Grounds became National President in 2011, Margaret Beavis kindly agreed to stand as Victorian convenor and was elected at our AGM in December. We are enjoying Margaret's energetic and enthusiastic leadership. She played a large part in the campaign to produce a vote against uranium exports to India at the ALP congress and has recently taken up the divestment issue based on ICAN's "don't bank on the bomb" campaign. We are moving our account from CBA to Bendigo Bank.

The group has continued with its regular meetings and rallies with a particularly successful Anzac Eve event at Brunswick

Secondary College featuring Peter Cundall and Michael Leunig. Hiroshima Day fell on a Sunday so we focused on Nagasaki Day with a public lecture by Hans Kristensen, as usual working closely with Japanese for Peace.

The bimonthly dinner meetings with speakers continue to go well and maintain a group of active members as well as forging links with other organisations. We have been pleased to make contact with Psychologists for Peace this year.

Jenny Grounds organised two Robert Schmidli concerts and a light music concert, which were good fund-raisers as well as extremely enjoyable events. Our Christmas wine sales also did well but could benefit even more from increased support.

In the future we need to continue to work on fund raising and membership with a particular focus on student membership. Continuing with our regular activities which advertise our interests and passions is a good basis for this.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Coordinator Professor Peter Underwood
Secretary Ms Glenys Davies
Treasurer Dr Peter Shannon
Executive Member Dr Harry Cohen

After the kerfuffle of the 2011 Art Exhibition, 2012 has been relatively quiet for the WA Branch – though we have plans to enliven the Branch over the next 12 months.

Dr Margaret Beavis addresses a Victorian rally commemorating the Fukushima nuclear disaster



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Western Australian report— continued Our main activities have been

- In September, the presentation of the 2011 Artists for Peace Exhibition, including the one day symposium of *The Poetry of Peace*. A wonderful visit from the Director of the Gernika Peace Museum was the highlight. This event was most successful in terms of consciousness raising, but was – in contrast to its 2008 predecessor – not successful in raising funds.
- Regular more or less monthly meeting of the Executive. Regular contact with the national office, included direct visits by Peter Shannon and Glenys Davies.
- Regular contact and networking relevant WA groups, particularly the Conservation Council and ANAWA.
- Fairly regular inputs into various public fora on peace and anti-nuclear matters.

Membership levels: Stable – but we need intensive work to engage and recruit members.

Any exciting plans

Peter Underwood visited Hiroshima for the IPPNW Conference, spent time with our Australian delegation, and was inspired. Starting with a November AGM and Dinner it is hoped to take up and develop the project, Green Legacy Hiroshima. We are actively working alongside the anti-uranium movements here in WA.

MAPW STUDENTS

National student representatives during 2012-13: Raymun Ghumann, Misha Byrne

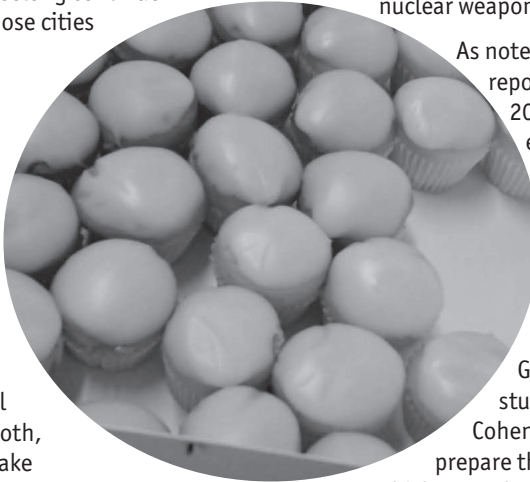
MAPW continues to have a substantial student membership, with a much larger group of students subscribing to our fortnightly emails and joining local activities. Activity levels do vary from campus to campus, and from year to year. Adelaide and Geelong continue to be among those cities with especially active student participation.

MAPW is now a regular sponsor of AMSA's Global Health Conference (GHC), where we have an annual information booth, serve "yellow cake (pictured at right)" for morning tea with appropriate anti-nuclear messages, and provide speakers. Each year we get a large number of students signing up for our e-news, and some go on to become members.

Misha Byrne's contacts with the GHC organisers facilitated this process. Thanks also to Marcus Yip, who continues to

support and advise MAPW on student activities since he graduated and began work as a doctor two years ago.

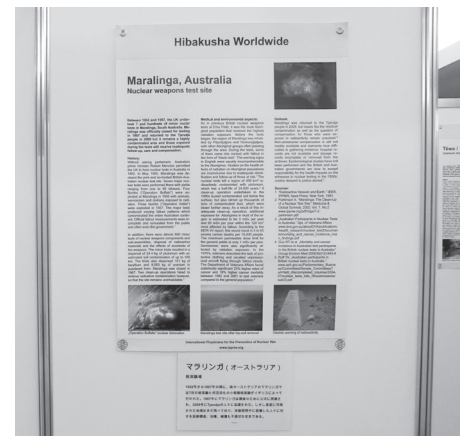
Misha Byrne also plays an important role in our international student movement. He is Coordinator of IPPNW's Nuclear Weapons Inheritance Project, which aims to raise awareness about the political and humanitarian consequences of security policies relying on military power and nuclear weapons.



As noted in the Queensland report, during the 2011-2012 year Misha has been engaged in planning and fundraising for the student the bike ride from Nagasaki to Hiroshima, leading up to the 2012 IPPNW Congress.

Graduating medical student Sophie Gascoigne-Cohen volunteered to help prepare the poster display which was taken on the bike-ride and displayed at the Congress, on Hibakusha Worldwide – documenting the health effects on survivors of the nuclear industry and of nuclear testing around the world. Sophie, and MAPW's Bill Williams, prepared the text for posters on Australia's nuclear test sites.

Dr Robert Schmidli has raised many thousands of dollars for MAPW through his excellent piano concerts: this one at the Chrysalis Gallery in Melbourne, with MC Jenny Grounds.



Sophie Cohen's poster (see story above) on display at the Hiroshima IPPNW Congress

We look forward to increasing the active involvement of students in MAPW, whether this be in local branches, in universities and hospitals, or as volunteers in our office.

Thanks to our photo contributors, including Tim Wright for the cover and page 3.

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MAPW is governed by a National Council made up of the eight Branch Coordinators; plus an Executive of President, Secretary, Vice-Presidents, and Treasurer elected biennially by Council.

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