

Anne Noonan (MAPW)

Anne is a psychiatrist and psychoanalyst having trained in Australia and Italy. She works in Sydney and in remote communities in Central Australia. She has been involved in anti-war movements for many years through WILPF, PND, NFIP and MAPW.*

With respect to Medical Association for Prevention of War (MAPW), Anne is currently Co-ordinator of MAPW's NSW Branch and Vice President of MAPW's National Council.

Since its foundation in 1981, MAPW has campaigned for the abolition of nuclear weapons and the prevention of war and for resources to be dedicated to human and environmental well-being rather than the acquisition of armaments.

MAPW is the Australian affiliate of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW). IPPNW was founded in 1980 by physicians from the US and the former Soviet Union and was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1985.

MAPW supported the formation of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) in 2007 and, along with ICAN in recent times, has championed the global campaign for a treaty that will ban and eliminate these instruments of mass extermination under international law.

Following IPPNW's first major entry into the non-nuclear arena to ban landmines in the 1990s, MAPW became engaged in addressing small arms violence in 2001 when it launched *Aiming for Prevention*. This campaign was subsequently broadened to include all types of armed violence. More recently, MAPW has campaigned for the prevention of climate change and regional conflict (these two major problems being seen as interdependent).

Anne's current commitments include the promotion of international humanitarian law (IHL) as MAPW's representative with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and participation in the Australia West Papua Association (AWPA).

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