

Citation for the awarding of a Paul Harris Fellow to Dr Sue Wareham 23 February 2018.

I am delighted to announce the inaugural winner of the Chief Ministers Rotary Peace prize. The purpose of this award is to recognise an individual or group that has or have contributed to a more peaceful Canberra community.

To recognise this service to the community, the Rotary Club of Canberra Burley Griffin have donated \$1,000 to the Rotary International Foundation and named the recipient a Paul Harris Fellow. The award is named after the founder of Rotary, Paul Harris, and the donation to the Foundation is to support Rotary's peace and humanitarian activities around the world.

The person receiving this inaugural Chief Ministers Rotary Peace Prize is Dr. Sue Wareham OAM

Sue joined the Canberra community in 1978. She has raised her family here and worked as a GP for over 30 years, which included running her own medical practice in Giralang from 1989 to 2011. Throughout her nearly 40 years in Canberra she has campaigned tirelessly for peace.

She was one of the early members of the ACT branch of the Medical Association for Prevention of War and has been the Coordinator of the ACT branch since the late 1980s. She has held the position of National President of Medical Association for Prevention of War from 1997 to 2005 and from 2007 to 2009 and re-appointed for another term this year. She was appointed as Regional Vice President of the International Physicians for Prevention of Nuclear War from 1996 to 2000 and remains on the board of that organisation.

Sue was a founding member of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, launched by Medical Association for Prevention of War in 2007. The International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize this year and she remains on the board of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons. She also has a prominent role in Australians for War Powers Reform which was convened in 2012 and is also the convenor of the No Airport Arms Ads campaign.

Sue was awarded the Order of Australia Medal in the General Division (OAM) in 2006 "for service to the community and to the peace movement, particularly through the Medical Association for Prevention of War

Her main campaign advocacy has focused primarily on

- The abolition of all weapons of mass destruction, and the need for a nuclear weapons free defence for Australia
- The need for reductions in military spending and the arms trade
- The prevention of armed conflict
- Reducing warfare's worst excesses, such as landmines and cluster munitions, environmental damage, and displacement of populations
- Promoting other justice and environmental causes.

As we stand before the Canberra Rotary Peace Bell we can think of no more suitable candidate than Dr Sue Wareham to receive this award. Congratulations Sue.