



APAN
Australia Palestine
Advocacy Network



ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 2022 - JUNE 2023



**Palestine
Solidarity
Conference**

January 27 - 29, '23
Narrm/Melbourne

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Australia Palestine Advocacy Network (APAN) recognises that we live and work on unceded Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander lands. We acknowledge Elders past and present and their role as custodians of these lands. We acknowledge the dispossession and ongoing harm done to First Nations peoples by colonisation and we are inspired by their fight for recognition, rights and self-determination. We pledge to support their work. APAN Pays the Rent.

MISSION

The Network exists to advocate for an end to the Israeli occupation of Palestine, leading to a just, comprehensive and sustainable peace established within the framework of UN resolutions and international and humanitarian law.

**APAN MEMBERS ARE DIVERSE
APAN OFFERS A VOICE FOR ALL AUSTRALIANS
WE WORK IN THE COMMUNITY, IN PARLIAMENT, WITH
THE MEDIA**

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OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2023

The crimes we all bore witness to in October and November of 2023 by Israel are not new to Palestinian advocates, but they have drastically intensified both in the Gaza strip and across historic Palestine. The dehumanisation of Palestinians in the international sphere in the past six weeks has shown why our continued advocacy for Palestine has never been more crucial. A second Nakba, or rather, the continuation of the Nakba, is unfolding before our eyes and being televised on screens. Public grassroots support for Palestine has never been more visible. Hundreds of thousands take to the streets in Australia, joined by millions worldwide, and slowly but surely, the narrative is shifting.

Palestinians have a right to freedom, justice and equality - from the river to the sea. A return to the status quo is not sufficient so long as Palestinian self-determination, right

to exist, right to return and full equality is not realised.

A ceasefire and humanitarian aid, and we all hope that they come soon, are not sufficient. Advocacy for Palestine must centre these Palestinian demands, now more than ever. We are proudly Palestinian-led with a majority Palestinian board, and myself serving as the first Palestinian president.

The most recent crisis in October and November of 2023 is outside the scope of this report (June 2022 - July 2023) but we felt it was essential that we addressed this situation. APAN has been amazed and deeply heartened by the support and solidarity shown for Palestine. APAN has massively geared up to address this crisis and will continue to do so until Palestine is free.



Nasser Mashni
President



ACTIVITIES

CAMPAIGNS

International Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Definition of Antisemitism

APAN worked with students, academics, student and staff unions, and parliamentarians to campaign against the IHRA definition of antisemitism being adopted by Universities and other public bodies. We wrote to a significant number of Universities as well as political decision makers about this. We also had two very positive meetings with the University of Sydney where Palestinian students were able to powerfully speak to the Vice-chancellor's office.

Mohammed El Halabi

APAN has been actively campaigning for Mohammed El Halabi, former World Vision manager in Gaza. In June an Israeli court found him guilty and in August sentenced him to 12 years in prison. APAN amplified calls for his release, including by World Vision who said that the conviction and sentence bore no resemblance to the facts presented in the case. APAN worked with Amnesty on a photo solidarity campaign for Mohammed El Halabi on his birthday in April 2023 and will continue to campaign for him.



Randwick local council

APAN was contacted by a resident of Randwick in April 2023, decrying the decision by their local Council to fly the Israeli flag. APAN reached out to other people in Randwick and a local action group was established, reaching out to the Councillors asking them to rescind the decision. Greens Councillors sought to move a rescinding motion and residents attended a council meeting in support. While the motion was not able to be put to the meeting, there was a strong show of solidarity outside the front of the local council.



ACTIVITIES

COMMUNITY ORGANISING



As a part of our growing focus on community development and movement building, APAN has led two national groundbreaking initiatives; the Palestine Solidarity Conference, and the 75th Nakba national day of action. These two events aimed to:

- Connect the movement for Palestine across the continent.
- Create a common space for groups and individuals who are keen to advocate for Palestine to get together, learn and plan joint action.
- Centre our advocacy around the Palestinian narrative.

Palestine Solidarity Conference

The inaugural Palestine Solidarity Conference was held in Melbourne (Naarm) on the 27th - 29th of January 2023. APAN worked in partnership with 25 organisations to deliver a 3 day conference for solidarity groups and organisations in Australia. The conference had 3 main objectives:

- Centering the Palestinian narrative in our advocacy.
- Connecting the movement for Palestine with other social justice movements and struggles, with specific focus on First Nations justice.
- Plan a joint action for Palestine together - a national day of action for the 75th Nakba.



COMMUNITY ORGANISING

Palestine National Day

For the first time since 2019, APAN was able to host the Palestine National Day event in person in Federation Square in November 2022. City of Melbourne funding assisted the event to grow significantly, so our stall holders were hosted in tents, we were able to use all the technology available at Federation Square, and for the first time we also had a Knafeh truck!

APAN worked with a team of 7 volunteers, all Palestinian young people, to organise the event. Palestinian poets, speakers, musicians and dancers performed at the event, as well as a Wurundjeri Welcome to Country.

Unfortunately the weather on the day was bitterly cold and raining, however the event still attracted 600 participants.



COMMUNITY ORGANISING

APAN Book Club

APAN has begun a book club that meets every 6 weeks in Melbourne, hosted by APAN volunteer library coordinator Mark Furlong. Individuals are invited to share about books that they've been reading about Palestine.

In June, the club was delighted to host visiting scholar Dr Sabbagh-Khoury to talk about her new book *Colonizing Palestine: The Zionist left and the making of the Palestinian Nakba*. Many people including members of Jewish left groups in Melbourne, as well as Palestinians and other allies were enthralled by her presentation.



Palestinian Youth Summit

In September 2022 the inaugural Palestinian Youth Summit was held. It was the first event in the country to bring Palestinian youth from all over the continent in one space to learn, connect, organise and plan initiatives together.

The summit consisted of two main components; a Public Speaking & Advocacy training fully run and delivered by APAN, and a national Palestinian youth collective retreat run by Hiram and sponsored by APAN as well as Al Hakawatieh Production. The gathering was held in Victoria and was attended by 19 participants from NSW, WA, ACT, QLD as well as Victoria.



ACTIVITIES

INTERNSHIPS

Applications for the second round of our internships were so strong, that we took on two interns. These interns are paid and given learning experiences across APAN's areas of work.

In the second half of the internship, the interns are invited to choose an area of interest. Amal chose to work in community building, focusing her energies on the IHRA definition of antisemitism. She joined a meeting with the Vice Chancellor of Sydney University and the NSW Leader of the Opposition, and worked with others to write to universities. Ammar chose to focus on political work, and was active in preparing for our lobbying trips, and participated in three online meetings, including one with a Minister. With the help of APAN staff, he also submitted an opinion piece in May 2023 telling his family's Nakba story.



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**PALESTINIAN
YOUTH
INTERNSHIP**

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Applications for the third round of our internships were tremendous. Adam, our fourth intern, chose to work in community building, focusing his energies on the IHRA definition of antisemitism and event logistics. He joined a meeting with a Senator to advocate for the recognition of Palestine and worked with others to write to universities. With the help of APAN staff, he had his first radio interview to talk about the ongoing genocide in Gaza and how it affects Australian communities, especially those with family back home.

His work continued in the advocacy sphere by working with local advocacy organisations and assisting with event logistics, such as the vigil held at Federation Square in Naarm/Melbourne. He connected with our existing members by renewing expiring memberships and updating our network regarding events happening across the continent. The youth training was another pivotal role Adam coordinated, where youth across the continent come together for workshops on how to advance the Palestinian cause in their own communities.

ACTIVITIES

DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS

APAN has continued to send a weekly 'Palnews' email to every State and Federal Parliamentarian, as well as journalists, and others who have expressed interest. This email provides a brief snapshot of key news regarding Palestine, and links providing more information. This assists elected representatives to keep abreast of current issues and Israel's continued abuse of Palestinian human rights.

APAN's reach continued to grow throughout the year, with a huge increase in October and November 2023, and our mailing list has now exceeded 70,000 supporters, which we utilise to engage people in our campaigns, and to highlight Palestinian events and activities around Australia. We regularly see an email engagement rate far above the industry standard, with feedback received indicating people rely on APAN to provide updates and context about the situation in Palestine.

APAN's social media presence has also grown this past year, reaching tens-of-thousands of followers across multiple platforms. In addition to regular posts, APAN also coordinates special content involving our community for specific occasions. Some of this content included a 75th Nakba reel, a ceasefire video campaign, and making short videos and animation videos that reach a wider audience. Many individuals rely on APAN as the main communication for upcoming events and actions.

WHY INSTITUTIONS
SHOULD NOT
ADOPT THE IHRA
DEFINITION OF
ANTISEMITISM

SWIPE NOW →



APAN continues to provide high quality communications to bring attention to Palestine, and has been able to gain media attention at key moments.

MEDIA

Throughout the past 12 months, APAN's media presence has increased, with journalists regularly including our views and positions in their reporting. This has proved particularly true during domestic political shifts, for example when Australia's Labor government revoked the decision to move the embassy to West Jerusalem. APAN sent twelve press releases in the period July 2022 - June 2023, most were picked up by major media outlets, and journalists are now regularly seeking out our views.

Here is some of the media coverage that APAN was featured in over the period July 2022 - June 2023.



**SHARED GOAL OF LIBERATED PALESTINE
UNITES FAMILIES HALF A WORLD AWAY**

4 NEW YORK | Australia Drops Recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's Capital

Nasser Mashni, vice president of the human rights group Australia Palestine Advocacy Network, thanked the government for "differentiating itself from the dangerous political posturing of the previous government."

"This reversal brings Australia back into the international consensus — Australia must not preempt the final status of Jerusalem," Mashni said in a statement.

"Israel asserts that the entire city is exclusively theirs, denying Palestinian connection to their ancient spiritual, cultural and economic capital," Mashni added.

The Executive Council of Australian Jewry, which represents Australia's Jewish community, branded the reversal a "gratuitous insult to a key economic and strategic ally."

Since the beginning of October 2023, APAN has received countless media interviews, with APAN president Nasser Mashni appearing several times on prominent news channels including the ABC panel Q&A. We have also worked with Palestinian advocates and community to platform Palestinians with lived experience and with families in Gaza and Palestine.



ACTIVITIES

POLITICAL ADVOCACY

APAN continued to build on our relationships with Federal Parliamentarians. In November 2023 parliamentarians spoke up for Palestine at the UN Day of Solidarity for the Palestinian people. The Australian policy has also seen some promising shifts. There has been a reinstatement of some Australian aid funding to Palestine; the Government reversed the decision indicating West Jerusalem belongs to Israel; and votes at the UN General Assembly have shifted markedly.

We undertook a lobbying trip in February where we had 28 meetings; and another in June with 22 meetings, and other online meetings in between. Included in these meetings have been two meetings with the new First Assistant Secretary of the Middle East Branch in DFAT; meeting with the Chief of Staff of the Foreign Minister; several meetings with members of the Executive of the Government; meeting with the Shadow Foreign Minister and the leaders of the Australian Greens.

We have also met with a further 6 new MP's elected in 2022, which means we've met with 60% of the new cohort (28/48). In this period, we've also met with other parliamentarians who haven't met with us previously, predominantly in the National Party, bringing to 131/227 of the current parliamentarians we've met with. Most of our focus in these last six months has been to seek active support from sympathetic parliamentarians.

We've hosted two events in the federal parliament with Parliamentary Friends of Palestine. The first event in March was regarding aid to Palestine, where we coordinated presentations from Australian aid agencies as well as online presentations from UNRWA in Gaza and Jordan and Palestinian partner organisations. There were about 20 people present, including parliamentarians and staffers. The event highlighted how Australian aid to Palestine has been the lowest it has been in over a decade, and the subsequent May budget boosted Aid to Palestine by over \$2million dollars.

The second event was with former Foreign Minister, The Hon Prof Gareth Evans AO KC in June, about Palestinian recognition. Gareth's standing in the parliamentary community was clear by both the number of people in the audience, but also the weight in which they held his words. He addressed 21 parliamentarians and a similar number of staff and diplomats. Prof Evans made the legal, moral and political case for why Australia must recognise Palestine. Professor Evan's piece was published in The Conversation, and widely cited in following news articles about the Labor debate about Recognition.



ACTIVITIES

POLITICAL ADVOCACY

We asked for parliamentarians to speak up for Nakba, and 23 state and federal parliamentarians did – posting on social media; posing with an image we'd provided; attending or speaking at events. We undertook a campaign to make it easy for supporters to thank parliamentarians for doing so, and hundreds did. When visiting parliamentarians in June, several said that they were swamped with gratitude after speaking up for Palestine, and others noted the things they'd learned in our weekly Palnews bulletins.

In August 2023 APAN participated in the ALP National Conference, hosting a very successful fringe event which had parliamentary and union speakers who had just returned from our study tours. We also printed hundreds of "Palestine: Its Time" badges which delegates wore with pride during the conference. We had hoped that Labor would strengthen its platform, but the party did repel attempts to weaken the policy.



STUDY TOURS

In the 2021-2 financial year APAN worked to re-launch our study tour program, which had been in abeyance since COVID. There were a couple of tours planned, which were all successfully held in July and August 2023. These included a general public study tour, which was fully subscribed. It also included a tour for Australian Unions, run in conjunction with APHEDA-Union Aid Abroad; where members of numerous unions as well as the Victorian Trades Hall Council participated.



FUNDRAISING AND EVENTS

APAN held three fundraising dinners in 2022: Sydney (May); Melbourne (July) and Canberra (September) and two fundraising dinners in 2023: Sydney (September) and Melbourne (October). Only two of these show in the financial profit and loss statements on page 14 as the others occurred outside this financial year.

There were wonderful speeches by journalist and human rights advocate Sophie McNeill in Sydney and First Nations writer and academic Tony Birch in Melbourne.

These events were a great opportunity to raise our spirits as well as funds for our work for Palestine. It was also an opportunity to engage the Palestinian and solidarity communities and network Palestinian youth.



FINANCIALS

PROFIT AND LOSS JULY 2022 - JUNE 2023

| INCOME | \$ |
|---|-------------------|
| GRANTS | |
| Broadley Trust Grant | 50,000.00 |
| Trust Franking Credits | 12,221.48 |
| Total Broadley Trust | 62,221.48 |
| Grants - Other | 11,000.00 |
| Total Grants | 73,221.48 |
| EVENTS | |
| Palestine National Day | 6574.78 |
| Palestine Solidarity Conference - sponsorship | 6,380.00 |
| Palestine Solidarity Conference - tickets | 14,225.00 |
| Total Palestine Solidarity Conference | 20,605.00 |
| Total Events | 27,179.78 |
| FUNDRAISING & DONATIONS | |
| Membership donations | 9,555.00 |
| Donations | 55,212.63 |
| Total Fundraising & Donations | 64,767.63 |
| FUNDRAISING EVENTS | |
| Canberra Dinner | |
| Auction | 1,860.00 |
| Dinner | 4,959.10 |
| Raffle | 1,030.00 |
| Total Canberra Dinner | 7,849.10 |
| JPP Event | |
| Sponsorship | 9,791.77 |
| Tickets | 15,750.00 |
| Total JPP Event | 25,541.77 |
| Melbourne Dinner | |
| Auction | 5,792 |
| Donations | 34,104.00 |
| Raffle | 2,650.00 |
| Sponsorship | 10,000.00 |
| Tickets | 13,405.00 |
| Total Melbourne Dinner | 65,951.00 |
| Total Fundraising events | 99,341.87 |
| MEMBERSHIP | |
| Individual | 45,640.00 |
| Individual Concession | 8,710.00 |
| Large Organisation | 8,000.00 |
| Small Organisation | 5,400.00 |
| Total Membership | 67,750.00 |
| OTHER INCOME | |
| Sponsorship - Interns | 2,500.00 |
| Total Other Income | 2,500.00 |
| Study Tour | |
| ALP | 22,400.00 |
| General Tour | 98,885.00 |
| Union | 50,000.00 |
| Total Study Tour | 171,285.00 |
| YOUTH PROGRAM | 5,500.00 |
| Total Income | 513,343.62 |

| EXPENSE | \$ |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| CAMPAIGN EXPENSES | |
| IT Support | 3,023.84 |
| Media | 3,498.21 |
| Printing and Reproduction | 797.80 |
| Video | 530.00 |
| Website | 900.00 |
| Total Campaign expenses | 8,749.85 |
| EVENTS | |
| Other | 891.36 |
| Palestine National Day | |
| Venue Hire | 13,117.54 |
| Palestine National Day - other | 660.00 |
| Total Palestine National Day | 13,777.54 |
| Palestine Solidarity Conference | 13,674.48 |
| Total Events | 28,343.38 |
| FUNDRAISING & EVENT COSTS | |
| Canberra Dinner | 2,550.00 |
| JPP Event | 23,402.57 |
| Melbourne Dinner | 11,164.50 |
| Sydney Dinner | 3,960.00 |
| Total Fundraising & Event costs | 41,077.07 |
| MEETING EXPENSES | 396.40 |
| OFFICE EXPENSES | |
| Bank Charges | 3,814.15 |
| Communication | 2,253.41 |
| General | 309.18 |
| Insurance | 7,378.18 |
| Miscellaneous | 1,668.98 |
| Office Rent | 1,985.45 |
| Office Supplies | 165.73 |
| Total Office expenses | 17,575.08 |
| OTHER | |
| Pay the Rent | 1,048.00 |
| Total Other | 1,048.00 |
| STAFFING | |
| Accounting & Bookkeeping | 2,880.00 |
| Intern payments | 2,501.00 |
| Payroll expenses | |
| Salaries and wages | 202,803.01 |
| Superannuation | 21,236.81 |
| Total Payroll expenses | 224,039.82 |
| Staff development | 464.72 |
| Total Staffing | 229,885.54 |
| STUDY TOURS | |
| ALP | 6,165.00 |
| General Tour | 39,055.64 |
| Union | 30,345.00 |
| Total Study Tour | 75,565.64 |
| TRAVEL | |
| Accommodation | 203.64 |
| Air Travel | 12,422.55 |
| Other Travel | 1,488.97 |
| Total Travel | 14,115.16 |
| YOUTH PROGRAM EXPENSES | 6,121.36 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 422,877.48 |
| NET INCOME | 90,466.14 |

BALANCE SHEET AS OF JUNE 30, 2023

| ASSETS | \$ |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| CURRENT ASSETS | |
| Chequing/Savings | |
| APAN Business Account | 37,704.71 |
| APAN NAB EWAY | 5,522.12 |
| APAN Saving Account | 270,483.74 |
| Total Chequing/Savings | 313,710.57 |
| Total Current Assets | 313,710.57 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 313,710.57 |
| LIABILITIES | |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES | |
| Other Current Liabilities | |
| Payroll Liabilities | |
| PAYG Tax Withheld | 8,848.00 |
| Superannuation | 4,521.90 |
| Total Payroll Liabilities | 13,369.90 |
| Tax Payable | 999.66 |
| Total Other Current Liabilities | 14,369.56 |
| Total Current Liabilities | 14,369.56 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | 14,369.56 |
| NET ASSETS | 299,341.01 |
| EQUITY | |
| Opening Bal Equity | 104,180.29 |
| Retained Earnings | 104,694.58 |
| Net Income | 90,466.14 |
| TOTAL EQUITY | 299,341.01 |

COMMITTEE'S DECLARATION

The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared.

In the opinion of the committee:

1. The financial statements and notes, present fairly the association's financial position as at 30 June 2023 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

The committee is responsible for the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the accounting records and the disclosure of all material and relevant information.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the committee and is signed for and on behalf of the committee by:



Mr Nasser Mashni
President



Mr Bruce Francis
Treasurer

AUSTRALIA PALESTINE ADVOCACY NETWORK INCORPORATED

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT

AUSTRALIA PALESTINE ADVOCACY NETWORK INCORPORATED INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT

Report on the financial report

We have reviewed the accompanying 2023 financial report of Australia Palestine Advocacy Network Incorporated (APAN), which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2023, and the Profit and Loss statement for the year ended 30 June 2023.

Committee responsibility for the 2023 financial report

The Committee of the APAN are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the 2023 financial report in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards and for such internal control as those charged with governance determine is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of the 2023 financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the 2023 financial report based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Auditing Standard on Review Engagements ASRE 2410 *Review of a Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity*, in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, anything has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial report is not presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards. As the auditor of APAN, ASRE 2410 requires that we comply with the ethical requirements relevant to the audit of the annual financial report.

A review of a 2023 financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting our review, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies.

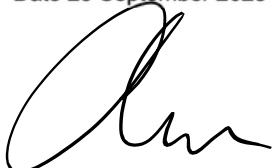
Basis for qualified conclusion

As is common for not-for-profit organisations, it is not practicable for the association to maintain an effective system of internal control over income including donations and fundraising activities until their initial entry into its financial records. Accordingly, our review on the association's income was limited to the amounts recorded in the financial records. We are therefore unable to express an opinion whether the income including donations and fundraising activities is complete.

Qualified opinion

Based on our review which is not an audit, with the exception of the matter described in the preceding paragraph, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of APAN as at 30 June 2023 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.

Date 23 September 2023



Adrian Harris CPA

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TREASURER'S REPORT

The APAN financial position remains strong with a diversity of income sources from donations, fundraising events, memberships, and grants. The 2022-3 financial year saw APAN have a surplus of \$90,466.

This surplus is due to APAN recommencing our study tours and having received income for three tours but the tours taking place after the end of the financial year in July and August 2023. Hence much of the income for these tours will be spent in the 2023-4 financial year making the surplus for the 2022-3 financial year much higher than expected. This means we will see a significant deficit on study tours appear in our 2023-4 financial report.

Income for the 2022-3 financial year was \$513,344. The main features of this were study tours (\$171,285), fundraising dinners (\$99,341), Grants (\$73,221), memberships (\$67,750) donations (\$64,768) and events (\$27,180). The spread of income sources is particularly positive as it means we are not dependent on any one source of income.

APAN was able to hold many more events because of the lifting of the COVID restrictions hence we recommenced our study tours and received higher income from our fundraising dinners and other events.

We would like to again thank the Broadley Foundation for their on-going support. Their generosity is greatly appreciated.

These funds provide us with a level of financial stability that supports our overall work and enables us to plan with confidence and purpose.

Expenses for the year were \$422,877. The main expenses were Staffing (\$229,886), Study tours (\$75,566), fundraising costs (\$41,077) event costs (\$28,343), office expenses (\$17,575), travel (\$14,115), campaign expenses (\$8,750) and youth program (\$6,121).

Expenses increased on the previous year due to increased activity with study tours, events, fundraising, and increased ease of travel.

We have been able to consolidate the employment of our third part time employee (who commenced in October 2022) so that our staff contingent while still small has grown and is sustainable. Hence, we have been able to increase the work we have been able to do over the year in all our key focus areas. This has also increased staff expenditure.

I would especially like to thank our members, donors, supporters, and volunteers who in their thousands contribute to the viability of APAN, both financially and in terms of our work output. APAN really is a grassroots organisation, and this is the key to us being a strong and sustainable organisation that continues to make a difference.



Bruce Francis
Treasurer



THANK YOU

The Australia Palestine Advocacy Network only exists due to the dedication and commitment from our members, donors, supporters and volunteers. With the support from our more than 723 individual members (an increase of 53 in the last 12 months), and 43 organisational members, we've been able to effectively advocate for Palestinian self-determination in Australia, and continually shift the political compass within this country.

This is the first AGM that Bishop George Browning has not chaired in many a year, the Board would like to acknowledge his years of distinguished leadership and stewardship of APAN. Bishop Browning stood down as President after many dedicated years in the role and he now joins Wendy Turner and Major General (retired) Ian Gordon as an APAN Patron.

A special thanks to APAN's President, Nasser Mashni. His tireless efforts throughout the years have provided crucial avenues to reach a broad spectrum of Australian society, and brought decades of wisdom and experience into outcampaigning and advocacy. We are proud to be Palestinian-led with a Palestinian President and a Palestinian-majority Executive.

There aren't enough thanks to adequately acknowledge the innumerable number of volunteers who continually commit their time and energy to showing up, and doing the hard work to ensure Palestinian justice and self-determination remain on the political radar in our communities and parliaments.

And a final thank you to the staff and Executive of APAN. Steering the organisation through some of the toughest times is nothing short of incredible. The success of the organisation is testament to the energy and expertise that each member brings and commits.



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