



to remember all the
casualties of war
and to promote peace

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• About the white poppy

The white poppy is an international symbol of remembrance for all the casualties of war, civilians and armed forces personnel, and of peace. Some people wear it as an alternative to the red poppy, others see it as complementary; some choose to wear both poppies, some one or the other, and some no poppy at all. A brief history of the white poppy is on the next page. White poppies are available for a donation to the White Poppy Peace Scholarships.

• About the White Poppy Peace Scholarships

The White Poppy Peace Scholarships comprise two grants that are awarded each year to assist with research into: the impacts of militarism, militarisation and warfare; alternatives to militarism, militarisation and warfare; or collective non-violent responses to state violence. The Peace Scholarships are for students studying at any tertiary education institution in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Each grant is a minimum of \$1,000 - one is for a Maori or Moriori student, and the other is open to any student with New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency.

The White Poppy Peace Scholarships were launched in October 2009, and applications for research during the 2010 academic year opened in November 2009. Guidelines for applicants and the application form are available at <http://www.peacescholar.org.nz>

• How you can support the Peace Scholarships

The White Poppy Peace Scholarships are entirely funded by the White Poppy Annual Appeal, as well as other donations for poppies and donations given directly for the Peace Scholarships. The amount of the grants awarded annually is determined by the amount raised during that year.

There are two ways you can support the Peace Scholarships - by making a donation, or by helping to collect donations for white poppies. Your generosity will help to promote peace by directly supporting research into militarism, militarisation and war.

To make a donation by cheque, please use the form available at www.converge.org.nz/pma/poppiesform.pdf; if you would prefer to make a donation by direct credit or internet banking, please contact us and we will provide the details for you. A tax credit receipt is sent for all donations.

● Where you can get white poppies

White poppies are available at any time during the year for a donation to the Peace Scholarships, or you can order poppies for your peace event then send us the donations collected afterwards. You can get them by email from whitepoppies@ymail.com or by post, please use the form online at www.converge.org.nz/pma/poppiesform.pdf or attached. During the Annual Appeal, white poppies are available from authorised collectors.

● White Poppy Annual Appeal

The White Poppy Appeal is held annually from 17 to 24 April. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the 2009 Annual Appeal which was very well supported - poppies and collection boxes were available from Dunedin to Hokianga, and there was a street collection in Wellington on Thursday, 23 April.

If you would like to help with the 2010 Annual Appeal, please use the form available online at <http://www.converge.org.nz/pma/poppiesform.pdf>

● A brief history of the white poppy

So far as is known, white poppies were first produced by the Co-operative Women's Guild in Britain in 1933, and later the Peace Pledge Union undertook their annual distribution. In subsequent years, white poppies spread to other countries around the globe, and the white poppy became an international symbol of remembrance and peace.

How and when white poppies first came to Aotearoa New Zealand is unknown, but certainly they have been worn around ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day in the past. In recent years, the annual white poppy appeal was run as a fundraiser for the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament around the time of Hiroshima Day in August.

Responsibility for organising the annual appeal was transferred to Peace Movement Aotearoa, as part of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament's closing down process in 2008, on the understanding that:

- it would revert from August to April, around the time of ANZAC Day. This was in response to requests from Peace Movement Aotearoa members and member organisations over the years to change the time of the appeal to be more in keeping with the original (and ongoing) message of white poppies; and
- it would be a national appeal from 2009 with the proceeds going to the new White Poppy Peace Scholarships.

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