

Recognition of community initiatives based on United Nations principles and reflecting peace, human rights and social justice



# UNAA Queensland Community Awards

## United Nations Association of Australia Qld

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UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and Mary Robinson participating in OXFAM End Poverty

*'In communities around Australia and in particular in Queensland —from the suburbs to regional and rural areas and to the inner cities — many of us are often struck by the extraordinary efforts made by individuals and organizations to support and assist Australians.*

*The UNAA Queensland Community Awards have been set up so these people may be recognised for their selfless and often uncelebrated efforts and commitment in their day-to-day lives relating to issues of peace, human*

*rights, social justice and equality — efforts that serve to better the society we live in."* **Virginia Balmain, Qld Treasurer**

### AWARD CATEGORIES

There are four United Nations Association Queensland Community Award categories:

1. **UN AA Q Community Award:** recognising young people aged between 15-25 years, awarded to an individual or group.
2. **UNAA Q Community Award:** recognising people aged 25 years and over, awarded to an individual or group.
3. **UNAA Q Community Award Organisations:** recognising a non-government or community-based organisation or individual.
4. **UNAA Q Community Award Government:** recognising a local or state government initiative by a department, team, organisation or an individual. And

**UNAA Q Community Meritorious Award** to recognise an individual or group who has achieved at an exceptionally high level through their project.

Application forms available from the UNAA Office

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### SELECTION CRITERIA

The project or activity should reflect one or more of the following selection criteria and have been undertaken over a substantial period of time within a five year period from 2009.

1. Local, state, national or international capacity-building activity.
2. Impact in terms of increased community awareness.
3. Approximate amount of time and resources devoted to the activity.
4. How cooperation, harmony and growth in community understanding have been fostered.
5. How initiative and innovative practices, including working with others, have been demonstrated.
6. Contribution to the advancement of the United Nations' purposes or United Nations related projects such as poverty, Millennium Development Goals, UNIFEM, UNICEF or UN Volunteering, International Days, Weeks or Years or addressing, for example, sustainability, water issues or climate change.
7. Promotion, advancement and understanding of a special activity based on peace, human rights and/or community service.



Inaugural UNAA Community Award winner *Foundation for Development Cooperation* received by Carly Stephan (R) Senior Project Officer, FDC.

### UNITED NATIONS CHARTER

Purposes, Article 1\* as follows: *The purposes of the United Nations are*

To maintain international peace and security, to that end:

1. Take effective collective measures for the prevention and removal of threats to peace, and for the suppression of acts of aggression or other breaches of the peace, and to bring about by peaceful means, and in conformity with the principles of justice and international law adjustment or settlement of international disputes or situations which might lead to a breach of the peace.
2. Develop friendly relations among nations based on respect for the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples, and to take other appropriate measures to strengthen universal peace.
3. Achieve international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural, or humanitarian character and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion.
4. Be a centre for harmonising the actions of nations in the attainment of these common ends. \*short extract from the United Nations Charter.

**UNAA Queensland Community Awards recognise outstanding contribution to or development of programs, projects or activities which advance the United Nations' purposes and which address the selection criteria. 1/1/12**