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Annual Report 2013/14

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Our People

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2013/14

OFFICE BEARERS

President	Carolyne Gatward
Vice President (Ordinary Members)	Neesha Seth
Vice President (Organisations)	Bodie D'Orazio (<i>UN Youth WA</i>)
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Honorary Secretary	Ailsa Allen

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Judith Parker AM DSJ

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Harvey Davies
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Universal Great Brotherhood	Delegate:	Manita Beskow

AUDITOR

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Executive

1. Executive Reports

1.1 President's Report

During 2013/14, UNAAWA continued to renew and strengthen itself. We have seen the emergence of women's and environmental portfolios and the Young Professionals and the Executive has been invigorated by the addition of several new members. This report only touches on the many events, meetings and activities that we undertake. None of this would be possible without the invaluable contribution of our volunteers and members.

Particular thanks are due to our Executive team who generously donate so much of their energy and time to drive our organisation. Our events are receiving excellent turnouts and great feedback - its terrific to see. A huge thanks also to our office team, Curtis and Harvey, who keep things running smoothly behind the scenes. Special congratulations to Harvey for launching the new website and to Ricky for reigniting our social media channels.

Next year we will address some exciting practical challenges. We need to find new 'digs' as our lease expires in January. We will develop a new strategic plan for the organisation. We will consolidate the considerable advancements we have made in the areas of marketing, membership and event management and enhance the development of our emerging groups. These changes will make us stronger for the future.

In 2015, we will be celebrating the UN's **70th birthday**. It will also be two decades since the *Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action* was adopted at the 4th World Conference on Women. The UN Commission on the Status of Women will be reviewing the progress of the declaration next year and there will be campaigns to check the progress towards gender equality.

We have seen what a difference Australia can make at the UN through our participation on the Security Council. It has become clear that in so many ways, we can positively contribute to the global community. Thank you for your support with our endeavours! You are helping make the world a more peaceful, just and sustainable place.

Carolyn Gatward, President



1.2 Membership

The Membership Officer (MO) is responsible for managing all aspects concerning membership of the UNAAWA. There are five types of membership:

1. **Concession** - Discounted to certain members including seniors, students or as approved by the Executive.
2. **Family** - Made up of two or more individual members.
3. **Group** - Representing organisations as members of the UNAAWA.
4. **Life Members** - as decreed by the Executive, these are members who have served in exceptional ways to the UNAAWA.
5. **Ordinary** - Standard membership applicable to most members.

The MO conducts administrative functions for membership promotion, recruitment, retention and renewal of exiting members. The MO also prepares membership reports to the Executive Committee and maintains a membership and contacts database. The MO develops a close working relationship with the Treasurer to ensure all membership payments are reconciled and members notified of the outcome of their application, membership renewals, and other functions as required by the President or the Executive.

Performance 2014

Overall, financial membership of the UNAAWA has been steady for the past 3 years. In 2014 we reached a total of 94 Memberships, which equates to 110 financial members. Most of our members sign up under Ordinary Memberships (accounting for 46% of all membership types), followed by Concession Memberships (28%), and Group Memberships (11%). Family Memberships only account for 9% of Membership types. But as a contributor to member numbers this category is 3rd, with a total of 24 members in 2014.

Recruitment Initiatives

In 2014 we implemented some recruitment initiatives to increase our financial memberships. However, due to resourcing issues there has not been a concentrated effort nor a dedicated recruitment plan. This is an area requiring urgent attention that the new MO needs to develop in 2014-15.

a) Social Media - The use of social media has been the principal medium to recruiting new members. Facebook and Twitter have been the main channels for advertising and recruiting. However, these efforts do not have a measurable benefit in terms of recruitment, but are rather more effective at improving attendance to planned events.



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7 June · 🌐

#HRForum on today. Drop by #UNAAWA HQ in Subiaco. Starting from 10am.

Today we will have a presentation on Human Trafficking, talk about the UI Convention on #MigrantWorkers, and #Racism.

Become. Financial member now to enjoy these briefings and more.

www.unaa-wa.org.au/membership

b) UNAANA Website - An improved website was launched in July 2014. The simplicity and intuitive navigation have facilitated membership enquiries, online application of new and renewal memberships, attendance to public and member-only events, and access to general information on the organization.

c) Direct Recruitment - Active recruitment has also been undertaken at every event organised by the UNAANA. Attendance of members and non-members is encouraged, and there has always been a central message around becoming a member and volunteering for causes relevant to the community.

Ricardo Hernandez, Communications and Membership Officer

1.3 Communications Report

The Communications Portfolio covers the dissemination of all types of information to the greater membership base and the official marketing list of the UNAANA. The marketing list is made up of non-member organisations and community groups that have shown some degree of interest in UNAA activities without become financial members. The marketing list is a continually updated 'document-in-progress'. The current count of non-member groups is 160.

Social Media Platform

The UNAANA has over the past year adopted standard methods of connecting with interest groups using social media. The principal medium used is the official website, which was re-designed for 2014, and officially launched in June.

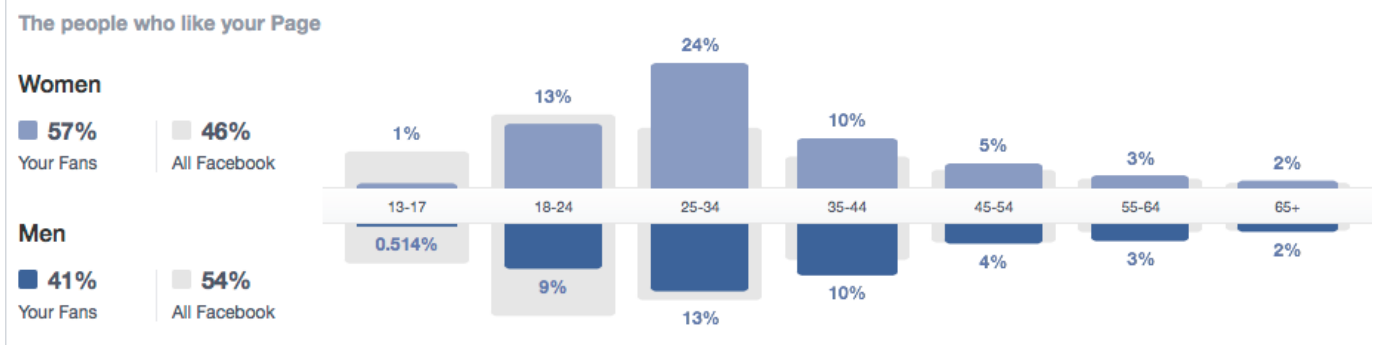
The all new website is informative and intuitive to navigate, with carefully placed markers to guide browsers to relevant information about the UNAANA. Improvements lie within the membership application process, making ad-hoc donations, access to the newsletter, events calendar and information concerning Committees, among others.

To complement the website other information is also transmitted to a wider population using **Facebook**. The presence of the UNAANA has grown from 110 to over 388 Facebook 'Likes' during the year.

Relevant and current information can be disseminated through Facebook to reach an audience far exceeding our financial memberships. Successful posts are often shared to reach networks outside the immediate thresholds of the UNAANA.

'Organic reach' refers to the natural algorithm that disseminates a given post across the Facebook audience. This is comparable to Paid Posts, which have a significantly higher reach, showing up on far more news feeds across the network. To date, the UNAANA has mostly avoided spending on Facebook marketing. The typically engaged profile of a person visiting the UNAANA Facebook site is denoted below.

UNAAWA Facebook Visitor Demographic



We have used the above information to disseminate improved messages about upcoming events and meetings. However, further work is needed to fully utilise the level of insight offered by the Facebook platform.

Information about the UNAAWA is also disseminated to a wider audience using **Twitter**. The organisation had less than 8 followers on Twitter in August 2013. Today, the UNAAWA Twitter account has more than 111 followers and recently reached the 1000 tweets milestone. Messages sent through Twitter have to be specific and precise, since the platform only allows sending a total of 140 characters per message. Messages sent out are considered successful if these create a reaction with our followers, including re-tweets, mentions, direct responses or comments and quoting the original message. Below are three examples of successful messages disseminated through Twitter:



UNAAWA @UNAAWA · Aug 1

Keep up to date with all the events organised by @UNAAWA. Visit our new official website: goo.gl/xIm68w @VisitSubiaco @WS_Weekly

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Reply Delete Favorite More



UN Women Australia @UNWomenAust · Jul 23

RT @UNAAWA: Assemble a #Tableof8 and come 2 our #QuizNight Tue 29July. Tix from tinyurl.com/o9yuke8 @VisitSubiaco @UNAA_National @Yahoo7

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Reply Retweet Favorite More



WFUNA @WFUNA · Dec 14

Congrats to @UNAAWA and @UNAA_National for launching their Young Professionals Network in Western Australia! #UNAFridays #UNYPWA

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Reply Retweet Favorite More

In summary, the social media platform used by the UNAAWA has been successful at disseminating relevant and urgent information to a cyber audience. Some of these people may already be financial members, but the majority are unaware of the works of the UNAAWA. Social media helps us easily and effectively inform the public and reach an audience that has not been previously marketed. It is recommended this portfolio be carefully managed to ensure it continues to be successful and bring about an increase on financial memberships from interested parties.

Ricardo Hernandez, Communications and Membership Officer

1.4 Office

The office of UNAAWA is currently staffed by two volunteers, Harvey Davies and myself, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:00am to 3:00pm. The office has a computer and a dedicated email address so volunteers respond to requests for information, note the contents of the email (and either file it or delete it) and very often forward the email to the appropriate member of the Executive. We receive about 8 to 12 such emails per day which include regular emails from organisations, requests for persons seeking a volunteer position with UNAAWA and emails from the Executive for distribution to members.

The office receives a regular number of weekly phone calls that come from persons seeking information about refugee status, organisations seeking to send details or a flyer about an event they wish us to distribute to our members, persons who have issues and problems with the UN (along with suggestions to improve it) - and seldom issues from our members! Please let us know what additional services we can provide for you.

The office deals with little mail through the post. Some organisations still send a hard copy of their newsletter and BankWest and the Australian Tax Office still send mail by post. Members who do not have email (15 at present) receive our monthly newsletter, UN Matters and other notifications of events and membership renewals by mail.

The office needs volunteers from our membership; it is still important for us to have a "place to call home". And the office is the place where you can learn more about the United Nations, more about the World Federation of UN Associations and more about the United Nations Association of Australia and its branches.

Curtis Clark – Office Manager

1.5 Global Representative

During the past year we have experienced as a nation and also from a global perspective, unprecedented events, in various ways impacting on our lives.

Following the national elections on 7 September 2013, we witnessed a new conservative Federal Government who changed many past policies including those relating to asylum seekers entering our shores, notwithstanding the advocacy of human rights and UNHCR core values that Australia must abide by sustaining and preserving dignity to all humans that enter our shores as refugees.

In the global arena, we continue to witness protracted human suffering in the form of civil wars and unrest. World issues of dire food and water shortages, diseases and kidnappings and global conflict are forever in the headlines in this modern day millennium, in the longer term they are life threatening.

Insofar as progress via the UN is concerned, we can successfully report Australia's representation by holding a permanent seat in the United Nations - at least we have a voice, albeit a small voice. In the UN pathway of the 8 MDG (Millennium Development Goals) which strive at key root causes to reduce poverty, progress is being made. Reduction of poverty will enhance equality of gender, education and maternal care and elevate the social and economic standards of the world's poorest nations.

Whether we are members of a State, Federal or UN body, we are all ambassadors in the advocacy of the United Nations and its core values, aims and aspirations. We are obliged to show stewardship to live in a world of equality, peace and respected multicultural shared values.

Background

The United Nations celebrates its 69th birthday in October and has successfully accomplished:

- Negotiating more than 172 peace settlements in order to prevent war;
- Helping more than 30 million refugees fleeing war, persecution or famine;
- Helping eliminate smallpox and enriching the lives of the world's children through immunisation programs;
- Promoting international cooperation on monetary issues and encouraging stable exchange rates among nations; and
- Promoting the MDGs in order to eliminate dire poverty and uplift social and human equality.

World Health Organisation (WHO)

WHO is the organisation responsible for providing the agenda and leadership on issues such as global health, preventable diseases, research and increasing awareness by education. A platform of uplifting health in developing countries is raising the threshold of poverty, as a primary mandate in the Millennium Development Goals, agreed by UN member nations.

Year of Water Co-operation

Water, a vital resource unlike any other, knows no borders. For instance, 148 countries share at least one transboundary river basin. That is why water co-operation is the key to security, poverty eradication, social equity and gender equality. In addition, water co-operation generates economic benefits, preserves water resources, protects the environment and builds peace. As rapid urbanisation, climate change and growing food needs put ever-increasing pressure on freshwater resources, the objective of the Year is to draw attention to the benefits of co-operation in water management. The celebration of this International Year coincides with the twentieth anniversary of World Water Day.

Environmental and Sustainable Development

This refers to a greater awareness to the laws of the land, sea and ocean of our planet, in promoting and preserving the territorial and ocean mammals and all things of natural habitat. For example, the banning of whale hunting in our southern ocean has been an achievement of constant endeavour.

Our corporate, social and environmental responsibilities in the world include improving our obligations and commitments to the environment to which we are custodians. From our geographical home in Perth Western Australia, our Executive is active in all aspects of social human rights. We further show much care for our environment, however seek a dedicated committee to lead this great cause. The Executive continues to expand and extend our UNAA Mission Statement to various sectors in our community and it is to be complimented on the initiative in advancing the mission ethos. As a priority our drive continues to sustain and increase UNAAWA membership.

In summary we can all do something as ambassadors by promoting open discussion, showing leadership to our young and endeavouring to make the world a better place. To do nothing is not an option. We are all here to make a difference to aspire and improve living standards for all - as evidenced in the past year, having been one of many global issues in our country.

I look forward to working with the new Executive team.

Joseph Caruso, UNAAWA Global Representative

Human Rights

2. Human Rights

2.1 Human Rights (HR) Forum

The Human Rights (HR) Forum met seven times in the last year, with an attendance between 4-11 persons and an average of eight at each meeting. Meetings are scheduled for the first Saturday of the month at our Subiaco meeting room from 10:00 to 11:30am. Members and friends are welcome to share information about events of human rights interest that they have attended and also to comment on recent UNAAWA events.

At our meetings, we focus on broad topics that have an impact on human rights and social justice such as globalisation, multiculturalism, population growth, international law and social media. During the year, we have drawn on the 'Very Short Introductions...' series by Oxford University Press on topics such as globalisation, multiculturalism, Nelson Mandela, Gandhi and racism as valuable resources. Each is written by recognised experts that give a concise approach and understanding to their selected topic. Two recently published books, "Waging Peace" by Anne Deveson, former ABC presenter, journalist and activist, and "Holy See, Holy Me" by Tim Fisher, former Deputy Prime Minister of Australia and Australian Ambassador to the Vatican, were also recommended to members.

Of particular interest to the Forum has been the problem of refugees fleeing from Syria. The Forum noted Australia's active role as Chair of the UN Security Council during September 2013 when resolutions about Syria passed by the Council drew international approval. Another more recent event that members attended was the very moving and informative talk by Justice Michael Kirby on his role as Chair of the UN "Report of the Commission of Inquiry on Human Rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea". The annual event marking the 75th Anniversary of Kristallnacht in which Justice James Edelman spoke on the topic of "Moral Relativism" in relation to the horror, inhumanity and grave injustice of the Holocaust was also attended by members and discussed by the Forum. And at two public events in WA, with the support of our Executive Committee, the Forum continues to support the initiative of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders called

“Recognise” that is seeking wide community support for a referendum to amend the Australian Constitution to recognise them as First Peoples in Australia.

In June we had a special presentation on Human Trafficking by UNAOWA member Felicity Heffernan who is also a member of ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious against Trafficking in Humans). The issue of human trafficking has been highlighted in Western Australia by Andrew and Nicole Forrest through their foundation called “Walk Free”. There is also some concern in our northern suburbs about incidences of alleged human trafficking.

The Human Rights Forum attempts to uphold the opening paragraph in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the recognition of equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family so as to provide the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world.

To this end, all members are welcome to attend and join in our discussions. Call or email the office if you would like a reminder for our monthly meetings.

Curtis Clark, Convenor, Human Rights Forum

2.2 Yolande Frank Memorial Award

This is the fifth year of the award in memory of Yolande Frank who passed away in 2009. The committee met in November and Judith Parker was elected chairperson for 2014. The treasurer reported there had been a donation of \$400 from Yolande’s family.

It was decided that the judges for 2014 would be: Diana Warnock [representing the artistic community], Curtis Clark [representing UNAOWA], Renata Sivacolundhu and a representative of the National Council of Jewish Women.

The theme for 2014 was Article 24 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights:
“Everyone has the right to rest and leisure, including reasonable limitation of working hours and periodic holidays with pay”.

It was agreed that a notation on the flyer would indicate that the award is only open to WA children. However, it was suggested that other divisions should be advised of the success of the memorial award and be encouraged to begin such programs in their divisions. The flyer was prepared in December and circulated to district offices of the WA Education Department in January. Information kits were available on the website and from the office.

The award closed on July 31 and judging took place during the first week of August. Winner will be announced at the AGM. The prize money remains the same as previous years. The winner receives \$200 and a book award. \$150 is donated to the winner's school library for the purchase of human rights topic books. The Highly Commended award is \$50. All participants will receive a participation certificate.

(Photo: 2013 winning entry by Jacques Flouzat, North Beach Primary School)



Thanks for all committee members for keeping this important project running. Thanks also to Lizzie Beth for the wonderful flyer.

Donations to the award fund are gratefully accepted. Please make your cheque out to UNAAWA and indicate that the donation is for the Yolande Frank Memorial Fund.

Judith A. Parker AM DSJ, Chair, Yolande Frank Memorial Committee

2.3 Women's Committee

This year has seen the introduction of a new Women's Committee. Although in its very early stages, the coming year will see its establishment and with the positive feedback and a keen interest shown so far, it is expected it will really take off.

The concept for the women's committee will be to create awareness surrounding particular issues regarding women's equality both internationally and on a local scale, selected at the beginning of the year by the members. We intend on creating awareness through small, grassroots type events such as movie screenings or key speakers to introduce a particular topic. Further events, announcements or participation in other organisations (if appropriate) will follow in order to seek change and provide members and other participants with the opportunity to work towards effective solutions to these topics.

The approach for the coming year will be namely positive, to acknowledge and encourage further positive changes, both locally and internationally.

Louise Richardson, Chair, Women's Committee

Education

3. Education

3.1 Education Working Group

UNAAWA established the Education Working Group (EWG) during 2013 to promote awareness of the work of the United Nations in WA education institutions. The EWG met five times during the period July 2013 to June 2014, with the following members participating: Ailsa Allen, Carolyn Gatward, Curtis Clark, Harvey Davies, Jan Ryan, Judith Parker, Kay Hallahan, Karissa Wilson and Kirsten Mander. The work of the EWG during 2013/14 focused on the following strategies:

STRATEGY	PROGRESS 2013/14
1. Providing access to information about the UN through UNAAWA website and its links to other networks.	1.1 EWG page placed on the UNAAWA website 1.2 Links established with the UNAA Academic Network 1.3 Identified the place of the UN and its work in the emerging Australian Curriculum for schools
2. Develop and promote a <i>Speaker Program</i>	2.1 Identified topics through needs analysis linked to the curriculum 2.2 Commenced preparation of Speaker Notes 2.3 Commenced negotiation of administrative procedures
3. Promoting the benefits of educators or education institutions joining UNAAWA through Individual or Organisational Membership	3.1 Finalised information on benefits of membership 3.2 Developed a marketing strategy based on approaching individual schools that have informally expressed interest or participated in UNAAWA activities 3.3 Developed concept of <i>UN Friendship School/College/Institution (in partnership with UNAAWA for use in promotional literature.</i>
4. Develop a whole organisation approach e.g. Save the Children <i>Global Peace Schools</i> program	4.1 Discussed possible <i>Global Peace Schools</i> partnership with Save the Children
5. Lead organisation of an event involving students that will promote the work of the UN in the community and schools	5.1 Commenced planning for future schools event celebrating UN Day. 5.2 Completed funding application for Chevron Employee Volunteer program focused on compilation of School UN Resource Packs.

Rees Barrett, Convenor, Education Working Group

Environment Forum

4. Environment

4.1 Environmental Forum

A specific environmental portfolio was developed early in 2014 with the newly appointed convener operating from within the Executive Committee. The structure of the forum is still evolving, however its purpose is to raise awareness in the community about the UN's programs and policies on issues of the environment and sustainability.

Interested members will advocate and facilitate activities and dialogue on the programs and positions of the UN in the context of environmental matters. This will include promoting initiatives such as the relevant UN's Millennium Development Goals e.g. MDG number 7A relating to integrating the principles of sustainable development in a country's policies and programmes and reversing the loss of environmental resources.

The main event for the environmental portfolio was the very successful Climate Change Hypothetical held on 30 May. The theme was Perth 2050 and a severe climate change scenario. The event simultaneously raised awareness of the potential impacts of climate change for WA whilst being entertaining.

Other activities to date have included publishing regular newsletter articles about environmental issues. In 2014-15, the focus of the portfolio will be consolidate our structure and to develop partnerships and networks with other organisations to strengthen awareness raising potential.

Please let the office or the convenor (me) know if you would like to be involved in the environmental forum. It offers an opportunity to work with other likeminded members on critical matters like biodiversity, environmental protection, endangered species, climate change and policy development.

Karissa Wilson, Convenor, Environmental Forum

Key Events

5. Key Events/Activities

5.1 International Day of Peace

This is the second year that UNAAWA organised a celebration to mark Peace Day together with Eva Szauster, from Brahma Kumaris. Last year we had a beautiful ceremony at the Peace Grove at East Perth. This year luckily Eva insisted on a closed venue, and we had it at the Palms Community Centre in Subiaco so we were all protected from the rain. More than 100 people gathered for the three hour program with 10 different religion groups praying, reading and singing for peace. At the end of the event, after a dance for peace, people received paper doves and coloured rocks with peace words.



Thank you so much for all the support I received from the UNAAWA team. Joan Mann said the "Acknowledgement of Country", Carolyne Gatward was excellent in her opening address and one minute of silence, referring to the many flags people had from all countries in the world.

Manita Beskow participated by reading a wonderful poem and Ricardo Hernandez got top marks for his photographic skills. Elsie & Curtis came to support us and I also took the MC position in the last minute. We also had the chairperson of Religions for Peace Australia, Professor Desmond Cahill OAM, giving us a short address.



We had meditation, dance and singing from teenagers and children and we had everyone singing together in Hebrew!!! And clapping enthusiastically! Thank you so much to everyone for your fantastic support! Shalom, Salam, Peace, Paz, Paix!!!!

*Ester Steingiesser,
UNAAWA Executive Member*

5.2 UN Day 2013

Around 60 people attended the Grace Vaughan House in Shenton Park to celebrate UN Day 2013. The speakers for the event included:

- Carolyne Gatward (President, UNAABA)
- Shane Kempton (President, Military Brotherhood Military Motorcycle Club of Perth) (photo below)
- Davina Hunter (Chair, Young UN Women Australia, Perth)
- Michael Sheldrick (Global Policy and Advocacy Manager, Global Poverty Project)
- Akram Azimi (Young Australian of the Year 2013)
- Neesha Seth (Vice-President, UNAABA).



The theme of the event was Australia's foreign aid and how it is helping to implement the UN's 2015 Millennium Development Goals.

The crowd was entertained and interested in the diverse topics that were presented and positive feedback was received.

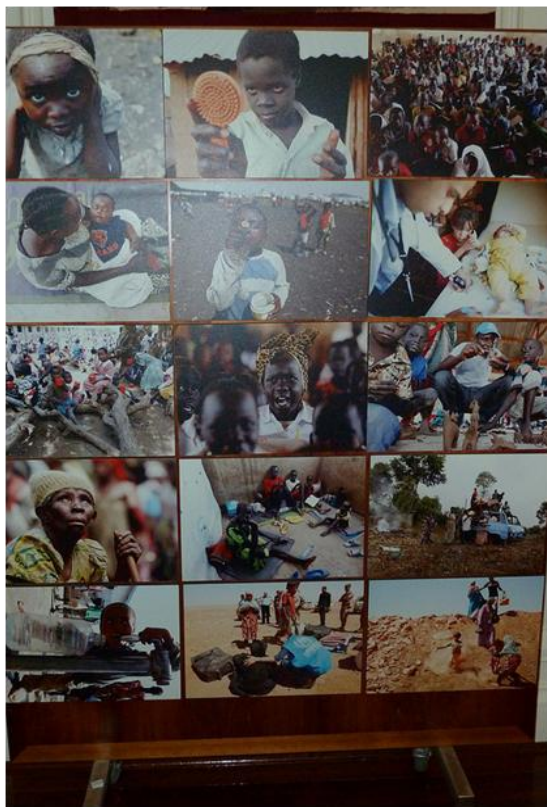
Thanks to our partner the Department of Health WA and our event sponsor, AusAID.



5.3 Australia for UNHCR/UNAA Joint Briefing

Approximately 90 people attended this joint briefing in November at the Constitution Centre, West Perth. National Director of Australia for UNHCR, Naomi Steer (pictured below), spoke about the current Syrian humanitarian crisis including her experiences during her recent visit to the Syrian border. Carolyn Gatward, President UNAANA, spoke about the importance of a people's movement behind the UN. Thomas Mukoya, an award-winning photojournalist who has worked with the Reuters News Agency since 2004, shared his experiences from his extensive work with many humanitarian organisations including Australia for UNHCR. He presented his dramatic images from many of Africa's hot spots.

This was a great opportunity to learn first-hand about some of the current humanitarian crises and the work of UNHCR and the UN to protect refugees and stateless people around the world - and how Australian donors are helping make a positive difference for refugees.



5.4 Commemoration in Memory of Victims of the Holocaust

This year's function involved a screening of 'A Story of Survival' - an interview with Mr Henk Piller. Held on 29 January 2014 at the Maccabi Community Hall in Yokine, this function marked the 5th year of the partnership between the Holocaust Institute of WA, UNAAWA, National Council of Jewish Women Australia WA (NCJWA) and the Jewish Historical and Genealogical Society WA. The MC for the event was once again Judith Parker AM DSJ, Past President UNAAWA. Joan Mann, UNAAWA Life Member, did the Acknowledgement to Country.

Sue Levy from NCJWA then introduced special guest, Henk (Isaac) Piller. Henk told us his moving story, a Jewish boy in Amsterdam during the Holocaust. His parents courageously gave up all seven of their precious children, including a six-week old baby, so that members of the Dutch Underground could find righteous gentiles to take in these children (separately) and keep them safe, at great risk to their own lives. Henk was 9 years old then and the eldest son. After the War, he found that all six of his brothers and sisters had survived; but his mother and all his extended family perished. His father had survived Auschwitz, but had been left in very poor health, and died some years later. Henk later came to Australia as a young adult, together with his foster family, the Geerlings. In 2012, the Israeli Ambassador to Australia came to Perth to give to the eldest member of this family a medal of honour from the State of Israel and the Yad Vashem Museum for having saved this boy's life at great risk. Henk Piller's family were at the function to support him .



5.5 Perth 2050 - Climate Change Hypothetical

Approximately 100 people attended this event at the Irish Club, Subiaco on 30 May 2014. The event was a hypothetical comedy debate in the style of Geoffrey Robertson's 1980's television series, which discussed social issues in a fictional context. The speakers included:

- Prof. Ray Wills - Sustainability expert and former CEO of the Sustainable Energy Association.
- Jemma Green - Curtin University Sustainability Policy Institute.
- Simon Blackwell - Planner and Urban Designer, sustainability practitioner, advisor and committee member of Future Perth.
- Peter Langlands - Co-founder of Transition Town Guilford.
- MC Elisa Williams - Strictly Hypothetical.

Our hypothetical situation placed us in Perth in the year 2050 when we have run out of oil, oceans have risen and cyclones are an annual event. The panel was composed of an exceptional group of individuals who share a common objective – to place sustainability at the centre of Perth’s development in order to create a cleaner, greener future. The event was lively, informative and fun and the hopes for the future of Perth were overwhelmingly positive.



Above (clockwise from top left): Prof Ray Wills, Jaimie Yallup Farrant, Simon Blackwell, Peter Langlands, Jemma Green.

Youth

6. UN Youth WA

UN Youth Western Australia has had its best year to date, reaching well over 1000 students, creating new events, and focusing on expansion of our volunteer base and the positions available to them.

This report is an overview of what UN Youth Western Australia has achieved this year, looking specifically at events and executive portfolios. A more detailed Organisational Report was submitted at our AGM, and our annual report will be prepared by the time of the UNAAWA AGM.

The executive for 2013-14 was as follows:

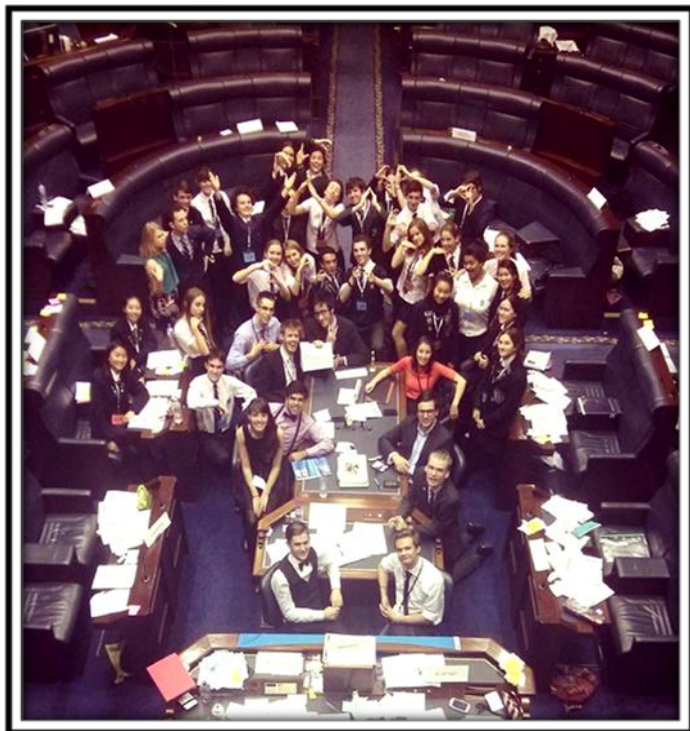
President	Bodie D'Orazio
Vice President (Administration)	Trent Macri
Vice President (Operations)	Sam Herriman
State Conference Convenor	Frances Harvey
Evatt WA Convenor	Tim Mead
Voice WA Convenor	Jordi Lockhart
Education Officer	Chris Leeson
Regional Officer	Oliver Mills
Sponsorship Officer	Katherine Swann

ADMINISTRATION

Administration was a large part of our year as we dealt with all the new obligations and legalities due to our incorporation. We worked our way through them, with a few hiccups along the way, however we now have a understanding of the processes and it won't be such a big focus in years to come. Trent did an amazing job fixing up all our budgets and ensuring we keep legal compliance, as well as professionally being the contact point for all internal UN Youth questions.

STATE CONFERENCE

The 2014 State Conference was the most successful one in many years, with Frances doing an amazing job of making sure all the delegates attending State Conference left with an open mind, new ideas, and new friendships. State conference was held at Ern Halliday Recreation Camp from 7–9 March and was themed "In the Name of Democracy." Delegates focused on democracy in Australia and abroad, and whether it is the best system for all countries, and what actions countries take to balance safety and freedom.



EVATT WA

Evatt WA saw UN Youth reaching over 350 students in our Model UN Security Council debating competition, making it our most successful competition to date. It was organised and carried out professionally and had high quality resolutions.

We had 5 metropolitan rounds (held at Curtin University and UWA), and one round in Bunbury, Geraldton, Mandurah, and for the first time, Albany. The State Final was held at Parliament House (see photo). WA will be sending out top 5 teams to the Evatt National Finals held in Adelaide this December.

VOICE

Our public speaking competition has been hugely expanded in 2013 with Jordi adding a public speaking workshop to the activity, which helped delegates really understand how to speak clearly and effectively, and give them more confidence when competing. Voice continues to grow in delegate numbers, reaching over 80 last year.

EDUCATION

Our Education portfolio continued the work built upon last year and is one of the best avenues for growth of UN Youth. We have cemented a partnership with schools who use our materials and manpower to run model UN in schools which is assessed and makes up part of the students' grade, which legitimises our effectiveness and us as a youth-for-youth educational organisation. Chris also worked on a new funding model which sees schools with lower SES categorisation paying less for our schools program, so that money isn't a barrier to students learning about what we provide.

REGIONAL

Our Regional portfolio is still in need of a lot of work. Hampered by the resignation of our Regional Officer, Oliver stepped in to finish the last few months and we had full regional rounds of Evatt. Our Northern Regional Roadtrip only reached one school, and the Southern Roadtrip didn't happen due to lack of teacher interest. Our aim to make it up to Broome again wasn't realised but is something we are still striving for. We need more contact with teachers in the regions and more funding to make sure we can cover our expenses of sending facilitators out there, both of which we are working on in 2014.

SPONSORSHIP

The Sponsorship portfolio under Katherine has exceeded all expectations. Our quiz night raised almost \$3,000 and our in-kind sponsorship of food for our events has turned from a scarily ad hoc affair to a solid relationship with our sponsors and has led to us over-catering our events with no cost to us. We also stand to make over \$500 though selling UN Youth branded water bottles, a merchandise deal Katherine struck with a sponsor. An unbelievable number of letters to politicians, businesses and corporations went out, with some success. While corporate sponsorship still eludes us, Katherine has worked on getting us in touch with the board of a mining company, which led us to speaking with the coordinator of the Rhodes scholarship program in WA, which led to us being offered sponsorship training. Sponsorship is a tough portfolio to do, and even tougher to do well at and Katherine has set the stage for the next officer to build on what we have already done to make sure we have the support and funds to keep our events going.

MEDIA

Our media presence has skyrocketed over the last year thanks to Bek Warnes. Our Facebook has reached over 800 likes and each post reaches hundreds of people. Bek also oversaw graphic design of our advertising material and ensure UN Youth brand was represented professional and stylishly.

YOUNG LEADERS FORUMS

Our Young Leaders Forums were on the themes of "LGBT rights at home and abroad" and the Global Development Summit, held simultaneously in every state and territory by UN Youth. Both were very successful and thanks has to go to the convenors, Lucy, Georgie and Anish.

Bodie D'Orazio, UN Youth Australia WA President 2013/14

Young Professionals

7. UNAA Young Professionals (WA)

The UNAA Young Professionals (YP) successfully launched in Western Australia on 10 December 2013. The launch was kindly supported by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and attracted over 100 Young Professionals. The most recent event held in WA involved YP hosting a reception for Laura John, the Australian Youth Ambassador to the UN, at Venn Bar Perth.



Since its inaugural launch in New South Wales in 2011, the UNAA YP's have made their mark in the community by hosting events that inspire, inform and involve young Australians in worldwide community affairs whilst providing an exceptional networking opportunity with their colleagues from a diverse array of industries.



Following the launch in Western Australia, a committee of ten inspiring young professionals were recruited and have commenced work on setting the strategic direction of the group in conjunction with the National UNAA YP Leadership Team, UNAA and UN Youth, to strengthen the ongoing education and awareness of the UN ideals in Australian life.

Neesha Seth, WA YP Convenor

Finance

8. Financial Reports

8.1 Audit Report

United Nations Association of Australia Western Australian Division

Audit report

Statement of significant accounting policies

The attached financial reports of the United Nations Association of Australia WA Branch (the Association) have been prepared to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the WA Associations Incorporation Act (1987) and amendments. The Association is not a reporting entity and accordingly no International Accounting Standards, urgent issues, consensus views or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

Audit Report

The accompanying financial reports of the Association show an operating surplus for the 12 months to 30 June 2014 of \$433. The net assets, mainly cash at bank, as at 30 June 2014 were \$4,654.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial statements of the Association present fairly the assets and liabilities at 30 June 2014 and the income and expenditure of the Association for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of the WA Associations Incorporations Act (1987)

I was pleased at the changeover to MYOB and congratulate the new treasurer on the on how she has handled the transition and in the neatness and accuracy of her books of account.

The members will note the treatment of the special purpose funds, mainly the Yolande Frank Memorial fund and the Model UN fund. These have been treated as liabilities in the balance sheet as traditionally the Association has recognised these amounts as held on trust for a special purpose. Therefore transactions in and out of these accounts have not been shown in the Income and Expenditure Statement as in prior years but in a separate statement.



Peter Illidge FCPA FCIS MBA
Auditor
5 August 2014

8.2 Statement of Income and Expenditure

United Nations Association of Australia (WA Division) Inc. Statement of Income and Expenditure Year Ended 30 June 2014

Note		<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
	Income		
	Membership fees	3592	2573
1.8	Grants		
	UNAA grant	1500	
	Raffle income	315	
1.8	Donations	415	65
	Events		
	Australia and UN event	0	2327
	Sausage Sizzle	743	1647
	UN Day	368	3985
	Climate Change		
	Hypothetical	2132	0
		3243	7959
	Event expenses	2440	5000
	Net event income	803	2959
	Total Income	6625	5597
	Admin Expenses		
	Marketing	146	0
	Federal levy	730	800
	Printing and copying	579	0
	Internet	145	0
	Computer expenses	114	307
1.5	IT Purchases	2194	1025
1.8	Less Grant	1876	1089
	net	318	-64
	Stationery	39	0
	Postage	169	0
	Office supplies	110	1005
1.7	Office sales	-105	-77
	Membership fees	125	50
	Other fees	94	0
	Rent	4044	4409
	Total expenses	6508	6430
	Income after admin expenses	117	-833
	Other income		
	Interest	149	227
	MYOB adj	167	106
		316	333
	Net Profit/Loss	433	-500

8.3 Balance Sheet

United Nations Association of Australia Western Australian Division Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2014

Note		2014	2013
1.9	Current assets		
1.4	Bankwest Cheque account	4171	4477
1.4	Bankwest Telenet Saver	5930	5781
1.4	Paypal account	504	0
1.4	Petty Cash Float	72	0
		10677	10258
	Less		
1.9	Current Liabilities		
1.3	GST - Debt	905	697
1.3	GST - Credit	-962	-1126
	Sub total	-57	-429
1.6	Less Special Purpose Funds		
1.6	Yolande Frank Memorial Fund	3031	3311
1.6	Model UN Fund	2900	2900
1.6	Multicultural Young Womens		
1.6	Leadership Group	149	209
	Sub total	6080	6420
	Net Assets	4654	4221
	Members Funds		
	Brought Forward 1/7/13	4221	4721
	Surplus current year	433	-500
	Carried Forward	4654	4221

Note: the Statement of Income and Expenditure and the Balance Sheet are to be read in conjunction with the accompanying Treasurer's Notes.

8.4 Treasurer's Notes

The attached financial report of the UNAAWA being the annual financial report and other information for the financial year ended 30 June 2014 are properly drawn up to present fairly the financial position of the UNAAWA at 30 June 2014 and the results of the operations for the financial year then ended in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards and comply with the provisions of the WA Associations Incorporation Act 1987 and the regulations under that Act.

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2014 are below. These notes are to be read in conjunction with the accompanying statement:

1.1. Significant Accounting Policies:

The significant accounting policies, which have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report are presented below and have been applied unless stated otherwise.

1.2. Basis of Preparation:

The financial report is a general purpose financial statement which has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (as they apply to local governments and not-for-profit entities), Australian Accounting Interpretations, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, the WA Associations Incorporation Act 1987 and accompanying regulations.

1.3. Goods and Services Tax (GST):

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognized net of the amount of GST.

1.4. Cash and Cash Equivalents:

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and cash at bank.

1.5. Fixed Assets – Capitalization Threshold:

Fixed assets are capitalized if their cost exceeds the amount of \$6,500.

1.6. Payables - Special Purpose Funds:

Previously classified as Members Funds (Equity), it has been reclassified as a Liability account based on the Australian Accounting Standards and the Auditor's suggested account called Special Purpose Funds, and any deposits held for a specific event or activity must be classified as such.

1.7. Donated assets – Available for sale:

Donated assets available for sale are non-derivative financial assets that are either not suitable to be classified into other categories of financial assets due to their nature, or they are designated as such by management.

They are subsequently measured at fair value. When the donated asset is derecognized, the gain or loss pertaining to the asset is recognized into profit or loss.

1.8. Grants and Donations:

Grants and donations are recognized as revenues when the UNAAWA obtains control over the assets comprising the contributions, except where a donation amount is related to the Special Purpose Funds.

Where contributions recognized as revenues during the reporting period were obtained on the condition that they be expended in a particular manner or used over a particular period.

1.9. Current and Non-Current Classification:

In the determination of whether an asset or liability is current or non-current, consideration is given to the time when each asset or liability is expected to be settled. The asset or liability is classified as current if it is expected to be settled within the next 12 months, being the UNAAWA’s operational cycle. Otherwise, the asset or liability is classified as non-current.

1.10. Comparatives Figures:

Where required, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation for the current financial year.

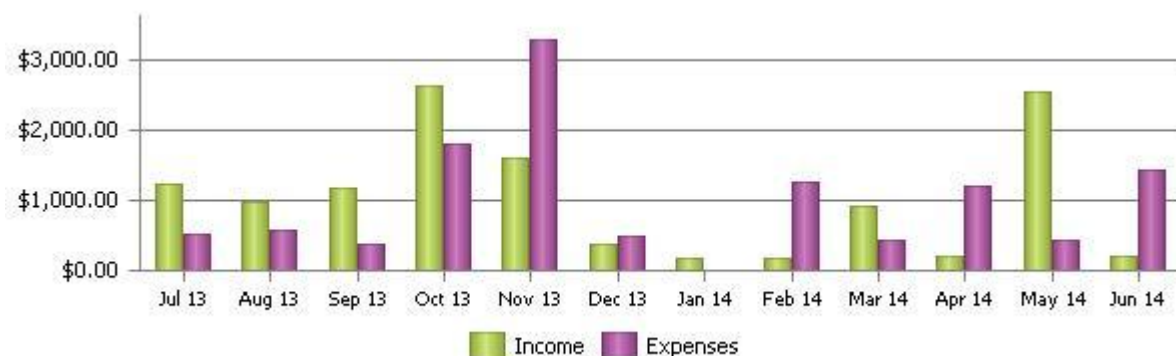
1.11. Rounding Off Figures:

All figures shown in this annual financial report are rounded to the nearest dollar.

Movements in Special Purpose Funds

Name of Special Purpose Fund	Balance 1/07/2013	Income	Payments	Net Movement	Balance 30/06/2014
Model UN	2900			0	2900
Multicultural Young Womens Leadership Group	209		60	-60	149
Yolande Frank Memorial Award	3311	517	797	-280	3031
Total	6420	517	857	-340	6080

Income and Expenses UNAAWA 2013-2014



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