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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Carolyne Gatward

Welcome to this blockbuster special edition of UN Matters, which retrospectively covers the main activities of the Association from late-2015 to mid-2016.

We have heard your pleas and have invested new life into the newsletter.

A Chief Editor (Melanie Chatfield) and Deputy Chief Editor (Miriam Fisher) have been appointed. UN Matters is looking for more contributors if you are interested (see notice inside).

This special edition includes comprehensive coverage of our UN Day event, along with other functions such as the International Day of Peace and International Day for Remembrance of Victims of the Holocaust.

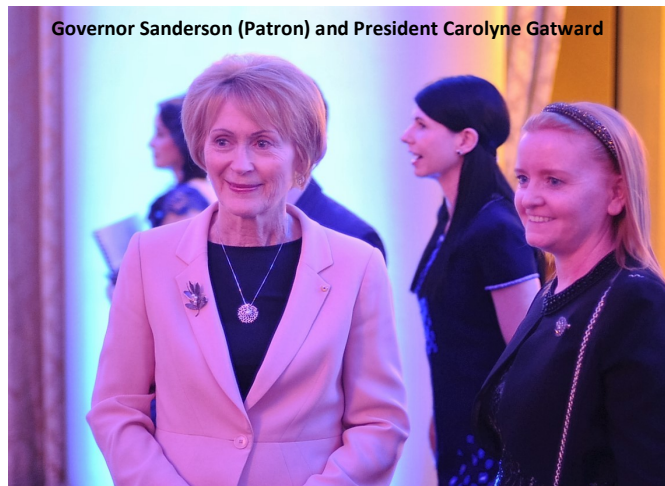
We have also provided updates about our Yolande Frank Art Award and the UNAA Global Citizenship Schools (GCS) program.

Speakers are being sought for the GCS program (see inside for more information).

This edition showcases the depth and variety of activities the Association is undertaking.

None of this would be possible without the dedication of our energetic team of volunteers.

We hope you enjoy this edition and please let our editors know if you have any ideas on topics for stories.



Governor Sanderson (Patron) and President Carolyne Gatward



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NEW COMMITTEE CHAIR HAS A PASSION FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Siobhan Jennings was recently appointed Chair of the Environment Committee. She has a passion for sustainability and integrated water management. “Water isn’t just a resource. It enhances our livelihood through recreational, educational, environment, social and economical values,” she said.

“Our management of water affects climate change, sanitation, agriculture, house prices, heat island effect and equality. These issues generally can’t be addressed through engineering and require integrated solutions, involving individuals, government, community, and the private sector,” Ms Jennings said.

Over the next 12 months the Environment Committee will be focused on how the UN Development Goals relate to the Western Australian community, with a particular focus on water, climate change, forests and agriculture.

Outside of her role at UNAAWA, Ms Jennings is employed as the Western Australian State Manager at the Australian Water Association, a not-for-profit organisation which is the peak industry body for water professionals across Australia. She holds a double degree (with Honours) in Environmental Engineering and Arts from Murdoch University, Western Australia, and a Master of Business Administration (Finance).



Environment Committee Chair Siobhan Jennings

FORESIGHT PLANNING FOR A MORE SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

Dr Anita Sykes-Kelleher is a futurist and strategist with a passion for the development of individuals, organisations and communities. Previously a UNAAWA Executive and Environment Committee member, she is the current chair of the Australasian Node of the Millennium Project.

In late 2015, Dr Sykes-Kelleher spoke with the UNAAWA Executive Committee on foresight planning for sustainability. “I work with government, local authorities, businesses, NGOs and communities to build their capability and capacity to not only meet current challenges but position themselves to manage future development and change,” she said.

The futurist approach emerged in the 1960s, and considers plausible and preferable futures based on quantitative and qualitative research and forecasting methods. It develops a systemic and strategic picture based on insights from a range of disciplines and analysis of past and present trends, challenging assumptions and identifying possibilities for the future.

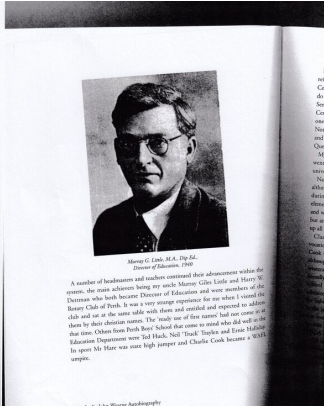
“Foresight takes a long-term view and draws from a range of sectors, including science, culture, technology, social and political. Most business planning looks 5-10 years ahead, but, depending on the topic, forecasting plans for 20-50 years out or longer,” Dr Sykes-Kelleher explained. “I was part of the global UNESCO team tasked with considering the human issues embedded in water systems in order to make recommendations to ensure sustainable water supply.”

A key focus of futurists is innovation and partnerships to engage, activate and empower communities. Dr Sykes-Kelleher has been working on a number of projects in South-East Asia, including the development of community learning centres. “We seek to co-create with communities. They identify the topic and we help design and facilitate the discussion. Our thinking takes a multitude of directions in trying to anticipate the future,” she said. “I have seen a real rise in interest and participation which leads to positive change.”

Dr Sykes-Keller believes to be successful, a practical and socially inclusive approach is essential. “We want everyone to be involved as active participants in shaping a shared vision and encourage anyone with a stake in the future,” she said. A key outcome of this work is intergenerational equality. “I am actively focused on organisations that work with children because they are the generation who will inherit this world. We need to do what we can to build their skills and empower them.”

Melanie Chatfield

SILVER SALVER SERVES UP HISTORY LESSON FOR UNAAWA



Murray Giles Little 1940

On 10 December, 2015, Mr Leslie Wearne presented President Carolyn Gatward with an engraved silver salver.

The salver had originally been presented to his uncle Mr Murray Giles Little, who had retired as the Executive Officer¹ of the UNAAWA on 17 March, 1964.

The inscribed salver read: "Presented to Mr Murray Little, MA in recognition of his long, able and devoted service to the United Nations Association, Western Australian Branch. J Huelin, BA, LLB, President."

Records indicate the princely sum of £15 (\$30) was set aside for the engraved salver, together with a non-recorded gift to Mrs Minnie Little at a luncheon.²

Mr Little was the first fully WA-educated Director of Education³ from 1940 to 1950, whereupon he retired from the Department.

Prior to his appointment, Mr Little had been Inspector of Education in the Goldfields⁴. In July 1948, Mr Little, representing all State Directors of Education, attended a UNESCO conference in Beirut, Lebanon. From there he travelled to Britain and America to study their methods of education for handicapped children.⁵

Mr Wearne recalled an amusing visit with his uncle at the UNAAWA office, then located in the YMCA Building. Apparently Mr Murray only possessed one tie, so his two female colleagues decided to buy him another.⁶ There is no record of him wearing it. However, given his retiring style, it is likely he did so in appreciation of the gift.

It is interesting to understand why people join the UNAA. The reason Mr Little joined is unrecorded. However, a key may lie in an address he gave to the Subiaco Parents and Citizens Association in 1943: "They were doing a splendid job with their various activities to help the war effort: why not turn their war committees into social groups after the war to work for others. The more people worked for others the happier they were. Only the useful could be happy."⁷

Lindsay Dorman

Since receipt of the salver, Executive Member Lindsay Dorman has spent hours scouring records and speaking with family to uncover Mr Little's history. The research has proven so interesting Mr Dorman is now working on a biography.

1. Due the destruction of UNAA records as a result of office flooding, no records are available to determine the role of Executive Officer nor the length of time Mr Little held the position. From a private conversation with Mr Wearne on 22 February, 2016, he thinks it was similar to the role of Secretary. He had visited his uncle's UNAAWA office as a young man.

2. UNAA Minutes April, 1964.

3. Department of Education Annual Report, 1940, p.5.

4. "Education directorship", Sunday Times, 27 March, 1938, p.7.

5. Department of Education Annual Report, 1948, p.5.

6. Private conversation with Mr Wearne, 11 April, 2016.

7. "Child influences", The West Australian 3 April, 1943, p.3.

UN MATTERS WELCOMES ITS NEW CHIEF EDITOR

Melanie Chatfield is a keen writer with a background in public policy and health promotion.

Her career includes working with government and the not-for-profit sector to improve health and wellbeing outcomes for vulnerable and disadvantaged groups.

She has a passion for people and stories and is excited by the opportunity to engage with our many members and volunteers.



Melanie Chatfield

BREAKING BARRIERS THROUGH SPORT

10 MAY, 2016

On 10 May, 2016, Breaking Barriers Through Sport brought together three sporting leaders to share their stories and to encourage and inspire others to get active, support their community and help promote the message that together, through sport, we can break down barriers and advance equality.

Our first speaker of the night was former Australian hockey captain and World Cup winning hockey coach Dr Richard Charlesworth. After starting with a sneaky plug for his book *The Coach*, Dr Charlesworth shot down the stereotype female athletes were more difficult to deal with than males. He stated women were much better team players, a trait that flows through to the professional world with many of his former players now high-profile, successful business women. Dr Charlesworth also highlighted that “being exceptional and outstanding can be an uncomfortable space for women”, which explains why women are often reluctant to put themselves out there for fear of criticism, both on the sporting arena and in the boardroom.

Next up was Bella Ndayikeze. Ms Ndayikeze is part of the leadership group at the Edmund Rice Centre, plays and coaches community football, and won AFL SportsReady’s 2015 WA Trainee of the Year Award. Ms Ndayikeze came to Australia as a refugee from Burundi, Africa, when she was seven years of age.

Her early years were marked by disadvantage and cultural barriers until she discovered the Edmund Rice Centre, a not-for-profit organisation that provides community development programs for migrants and other at-risk youths. Through the Centre Ms Ndayikeze developed a passion for Australian Rules football, becoming the youngest African female to coach a team. It was also through the Centre’s leadership program Ms Ndayikeze discovered her gift for mentoring and encouraging others to overcome adversity.

To close the event, Stacey, Lisa and Breanna from the Young Boxing Woman Project got the audience up on their feet with some visualisation techniques to “reclaim our space” and learn to not be afraid to show our confidence, whether in a sporting space or in the workplace.

The core idea of the Young Boxing Woman Project is to create a network of strong, confident women that are not afraid to challenge stereotypes and the status quo. This is done not only through boxing, but also by teaching self-worth and leadership skills. To finish on a high, the audience was then treated to a live boxing demonstration by Stacey and Breanna, who showed off the amazing strength and skills that only comes from getting involved in sport.

Memories of the night were taken by Anni Maria Photography and can be found on our Facebook event page. The night concluded with drinks and networking, with one lucky attendee also walking away with a great prize from Pilates Fitness Institute.

Susan Manwaring



NORTHBRIDGE NIGHT MARKET FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

18 MARCH, 2016

On 18 March, 2016 the UNAAWA had a stall at the Human Rights Night Market in the Northbridge Piazza from 5.00pm to 8.00pm. Our stall, managed by Saskia Tjahja and Lindsay Dorman, was one of about 10 not-for-profit organisation stalls invited by Sophie Hartley at Amnesty International to “fly their flag” and attract interest.

The weather was fine, despite a regular breeze that made keeping leaflets and flyers on the table a challenge. The UN 70th Anniversary banner was tied to a nearby pole for both security and to prevent it from falling over in the breeze. Three paper weights were needed to keep our literature under control.

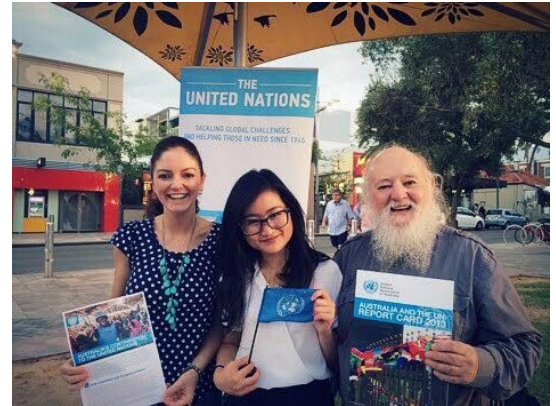
We attracted great interest in our display of merchandise, including postcards, colourful membership forms, Women’s Committee flyers and other material. Naturally, we were asked what the UNAAWA did and what it stood for. The usual questions.

We were located near stalls for the Centre for Asylum Seekers Refugees and Detainees and Curtin University Centre for Human Rights Education, whose representatives came to enquire about the UNAAWA. Two senior Executive members of the Curtin International Affairs Society also made their presence known. This interest presents an opportunity for future contact and potential collaboration between our organisations.

As a result, UNAAWA may gain new members. In any event, it was good to be there and we should make every effort to attend similar events. Sophie Hartley and her colleagues were generous with their support and thanked us for having our stall there.

Many thanks to Sandy and Katryna for their assistance with the stall, as well as to Tim for visiting us. Special thanks to Harvey for transporting our equipment and to Carolyne for supplying the furniture. Without their generous support we would not have been able to have the stall.

Lindsay Dorman



Sandy, Saskia and Lindsay

UN INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

21 SEPTEMBER, 2015

The International Day of Peace was established in 1981 by the United Nations General Assembly. Our 2015 International Day of Peace was marked at St George’s Cathedral, an iconic place in the Centre of Perth, just in front of Government House. It was a beautiful ceremony, with leaders from six religions talking to us about peace. This was complemented by choral music that together with the cathedral atmosphere enhanced the impact on the messages of friendship and respect. We started the event with the music of didgeridoos.

The Dean of Perth gave the “Acknowledgement of Country” and UNAAWA Vice President Neesha Seth read UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon’s message.

Thank you to Father Graeme for hosting this year’s UNAAWA International Peace Day. Thanks to Eva Szauter, from Brahma Kumaris, for her participation in organising the program.

Ester Steingresser



AUSTRALIA REPRESENTED AT GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE



UNAA Executive Director Matthew Kronborg

In December 2015, the world's leaders converged on Paris for the 21st session of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference of the Parties.

The event has resulted in adoption of the first-ever global action plan to reduce emissions. To date, 175 countries have signed up to the long-term goal of limiting global temperature rise to below 2°C, and to strive for 1.5°C.

Joining the discussion was United Nations Association of Australia Executive Director Matthew Kronborg and Graham Hunter (UNAA Victoria). The pair attended COP21 as UNFCCC official accredited observers, helping to monitor the integrity of discussions and ensure Australia's voice was represented.

"Climate change is one of the most significant global issues that risks our environment, our economy and our society over this coming century," Mr Kronborg said. "The Paris Agreement is another important step towards solving the wicked problem of climate change."

As part of the climate deal, governments of developed nations are expected to help build the capacity of developing countries to respond to climate change. Only some elements of the Paris Agreement are legally binding, and thus countries such as Australia have a responsibility to remain focused, show leadership and encourage continued commitment from the international community.

Prior to leaving for Paris, Mr Kronborg spoke to the UNAA Media Awards and emphasised the importance of our continued involvement.

"A decarbonised future is inevitable for the alternative is very bleak indeed. As a country we need to consider this long-term mega trend and look towards the innovative competitive opportunities for our industry and smart society," he said.

"Blessed by sunburnt country, jewel seas and vast renewable energy resources, these advantages position us very well in this positive future. We all need to work to reframe the narrative to realise that not only is action cheaper than inaction, but it also presents one of the greatest wealth-generating opportunities of our time. If we push for it, we are on the brink of a green and gold future for Australia."

Melanie Chatfield

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YOLANDE FRANK ART AWARD

28 OCTOBER, 2015

The Yolande Frank Art Award was included in the WA Children's Week Awards in 2015. The winner was Anika Vrзовski from Perth College and the highly-commended entry came from Chani White at Carmel School. The entries of all the winners of the WA Children's Week Awards were on display at the State Library of WA in Perth until the end of November.

Anika Vrзовski (pictured) was presented with \$250 at the Children's Week Presentation Event held on 28 October, 2015, where students from across WA were given their awards in a diverse range of creative categories.



There was an increase in the number of schools submitting entries for the Yolande Frank Art Award in 2015 which was very gratifying given the Award was established in Yolande Frank's memory and her magnificent commitment to raising awareness and knowledge about Human Rights.

The focus of the WA Children's Week Awards was Article 13 on the Rights of the Child.

The Yolande Frank Art Award winner was featured in the Education section of the West Australian newspaper on Wednesday, 25 November, 2015.

The Yolande Frank Art Award has been run by the Association since 2010.

The award program honours Yolande Frank, an outstanding UNAABA member who died in 2009.

A Holocaust survivor, Yolande held a passion to ensure that children understood about human rights.

The 2016 Award theme is the Right to Play. It is based on article 31 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Enabling children to engage in play and cultural and recreational activities is fundamental to supporting their physical, intellectual and emotional development.

The Award is open to students in years 4 to 6. Students are invited to use any visual art media to convey the importance of the child's right to play. For more information, see our website [here](#).

Entries close at 5pm on Friday, 26 August, 2016.



Anika Vrsovski's winning entry

Kay Hallihan, AO

UNAA GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP SCHOOLS—SPEAKERS SOUGHT

The UNAA Global Citizenship Schools is a program overseen by the UNAABA Education Reference Group.

Why belong? Belonging to the network increases awareness of the latest global developments and the role of the United Nations. Member schools belong to the World Federation of United Nations Associations - a worldwide network of like-minded people focused on global citizenship and the UN.

Who belongs? Primary and secondary school members of the network are committed to educating future global citizens who understand the ideals of the UN and support its work. Global citizenship education through UNAABA enhances students' understanding of social justice, environmental and community development issues, and their roles in building local, national and international cohesion.

The School Speaker Program is offered as part of the GCS initiative. The program aims to present information on the work and ideals of the UN in a manner that is engaging for students and relevant to school curriculum requirements. Members of UNAABA are invited to apply to be included on the list of available speakers.

To see more information and to read about the requirements, please see our website [here](#).

SYMPOSIUM SUPPORTS GENDER-DIVERSE STUDENTS

16 May, 2016

More than 200 people attended the recent Young and Well CRC Murdoch University and partnerships symposium to discuss human rights for people of diverse genders and sexualities in educational institutions.

Associate Professor Wendy Cumming-Potvin, symposium convenor, commented: "In an inspiring keynote address, the Honourable Michael Kirby identified the crucial role of educators to support LGBTQI self-identifying students who may be at risk of discrimination and bullying."

With a panel of five local experts and the audience, the Honourable Michael Kirby debated strategies and challenges for creating inclusive and safe educational communities in Western Australia.

Developing appropriate teacher resources was a feature in discussions about promoting social change for human rights.

Forthcoming this year is a Young and Well CRC publication: Supporting gender and sexual diversity in high schools: Building conversations for human rights.

This symposium highlights rich collaboration between Murdoch University's School of Education, Equity and Social Inclusion, particularly the Ally Program.

The event has also developed valuable partnerships between Murdoch University and key stakeholders, such as Curtin University's Centre for Human Rights Education, The University of Western Australia, Curtin University, RMIT University, Equal Opportunity Commission, Safe Schools Coalition, Freedom Centre and State School Teachers' Union of WA.

Associate Professor Wendy Cumming-Potvin



The Honourable Michael Kirby AC CMG AUSTRALIA, Associate Professor Wendy Cumming-Potvin, Chief Investigator Young and Well CRC, School of Education, Murdoch University; Professor Baden Offord: Director of the Centre for Human Rights Education, Dr Haruhisa Chair of Human Rights Education, Curtin University; Dani Wright Tousseint, Project Manager Young and Well CRC, Freedom Centre Coordinator; Olivia Knowles, Senior Project Officer, Safe Schools Coalition WA; William Knox: ALLY training facilitator, Student Advisor, Murdoch University; MC Victoria Laurie, Journalist; Dr Michelle Blanchard, Head of Projects and Partnerships Young and Well CRC.
Picture: Robert Fyfe © W.Cumming - Potvin, Murdoch University.

INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY 2016

27 January, 2016

On 27 January, 2016, a large crowd packed the Holocaust Institute Hall to commemorate victims of the Holocaust.

This was organised by the WA Division of the United Nations Association, Holocaust Institute of WA, WA Section of National Council of Jewish Women of Australia, and the Jewish Historical and Genealogical Society of WA.

Kay Hallahan AO, representing the UNAAWA, welcomed everyone, including representatives of all the organisations involved, as well as State Member for Morley Ian Britza, Temple David's Rabbi Adi Cohen, JCC President David Denver and National Council of Women President Marion Ward.



Ester Steingiesser and Kay Hallahan, AO

Ms Hallahan read a message from Secretary-General of the UN Ban Ki-moon: "The survivors remind us what happens when we allow inhumanity to prevail. They are living testaments of the human spirit and the inherent dignity and worth of every person."

The United Nations' theme for this year is human dignity.

Shirley Atlas, a teacher at Carmel School, then spoke about the March of the Living, which is an annual educational program bringing students from all over the world to Poland in order to study the history of the Holocaust.

Since the first March of the Living was held in 1988, 240,000 participants from 35 countries have marched silently down the same three-kilometre path leading from Auschwitz to Birkenau.

The participants in the program spend a week in Poland, during which they also visit cities where Jewish life in Poland once thrived.

Holocaust education is now compulsory in Poland. After the sadness of Poland, the program participants go to Israel in time for the Day of Remembrance of Fallen Israeli Soldiers, another sad day, followed the very next day by the joy of Israeli Independence Day, full of happy celebrations.

Participants experience a multitude of emotions during those life-changing two weeks.

The students return home more conscious of their family history, and are more committed to humanitarian causes.

Three of the teenage students who went last year spoke beautifully and movingly about their thoughts and feelings after going on this incredible journey from the past, in Poland, to the present, in Israel, and to the future, when they will share the legacy of those who cannot.

State President of NCJWA Ester Steingiesser thanked the wonderful speakers, Kay Hallahan AO, Rena Hesselson, Michelle Urban OAM and all who came to mark the special day.

Ester Steingiesser



Shirley Atlas

UNITED NATIONS DAY 2015 – CELEBRATING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UN

23 OCTOBER, 2015

UN Day 2015 was celebrated in Perth in our Government House Ballroom which is a lovely and very fitting venue for such a special occasion. The UN works tirelessly for peace, security, human rights and our environment and this evening was a celebration of its work and its Charter that was created 70 years ago.

Neesha Seth was the MC and kept the evening flowing with wonderful commentary about the speakers and the entertainment. Ms Seth's opening and acknowledgement of VIPs was followed by a lovely Welcome to Country by Marie Taylor.

The Honourable Kerry Sanderson AO, Governor of Western Australia gave the opening address and highlighted some of the 70 ways the UN makes a difference in the world.

Some of this list included: promoting gender equality, improving literacy, regulating the use of oceans, resolving international disputes, preserving historic sites, clearing landmines, assisting refugees, helping disaster victims, developing global trade treaties, supporting democratic elections, creating civil aviation standards, fighting hunger and achieving the eradication of smallpox. In closing she emphasised the importance of the role and responsibility we all have to sustain the strength and unity of the UN.

President of UNAABA Carolyn Gatward gave the UN Day address and cheekily passed on an apology from UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon that he could not be with us on this special occasion.

On a more serious note she reminded us how the UN Association of Australia was founded in 1946 around the idea of building a people's movement around the UN giving support and advocating its purpose. She followed with Ban Ki-moon's UN Day Message:

National flags are a mark of pride and patriotism in every country around the world. But there is only one flag that belongs to all of us. That blue flag of the United Nations was a banner of hope for me growing up in war-time Korea.

Seven decades after its founding, the United Nations remains a beacon for all humanity. Every day, the United Nations feeds the hungry and shelters those driven from their homes. The United Nations vaccinates children who would otherwise die from preventable diseases.

The United Nations defends human rights for all, regardless of race, religion, nationality, gender or sexual orientation. Our peacekeepers are on the frontlines of conflict; our mediators bring warriors to the peace table; our relief workers brave treacherous environments to deliver life-saving assistance.



Neesha Seth





The United Nations works for the entire human family of seven-billion people, and cares for the Earth, our one and only home. And it is the diverse and talented staff of the United Nations who help bring the Charter to life.

The 70th anniversary is a moment to recognise their dedication – and to honour the many who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. The world faces many crises, and the limits of collective international action are painfully clear.

Yet no single country or organisation can address today’s challenges alone. The timeless values of the UN Charter must remain our guide. Our shared duty is to “unite our strength” to serve “we the peoples”.

To mark this anniversary, monuments and buildings across the world are being illuminated in UN blue. As we shine a light on this milestone anniversary, let us reaffirm our commitment to a better and brighter future for all.

The UN Day address was followed by the keynote address from Andrea Gleason, Director WA State Office, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Ms Gleason spoke of the importance of the UN, its complexity and its achievements.

Between speakers we had wonderful entertainment with a truly multicultural theme which included tangos, Russian folk dancing, a wonderful performance from Teresa Tan who played the Guzheng (a Chinese plucked zither), opera from Magda Lisek and Matthew Manahan from the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts, a jazz performance and an amazing performance from Anastasios Karamintzas, who played the bouzouki. Mr Karamintzas has been a winner of the Multicultural Youth Talent Quest (Instrumental).



In closing, one could not help feeling a truly warm sense of belonging and resolve to support the UN to continue working toward world peace to provide that sense of belonging for all. Thank you to the organisers for a lovely evening.

Ailsa Allen







ANZAC DAY 100TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

25 APRIL, 2016

Anzac Day marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during World War One. President Carolyne Gatward and Global Representative Joseph Caruso both attended commemorative dawn services on 25 April on behalf of the UNAAWA.

Ms Gatward laid a wreath at the ceremony at Fremantle War Memorial, Monument Hill. Fremantle has played a significant role in Australia's wartime history and the event continues to pay respect to local servicemen and sailors.

Mr Caruso braved the cold and rain to take part in the service at King's Park, the parade and the Returned Service League address at Langley Park.



Fremantle War Memorial



State War Memorial, King's Park

"I have been attending Anzac and Remembrance Day services for many years out of respect and duty to the cause," Mr Caruso said. "It is heartening to witness the increase in attendance each year, particularly the number of younger and middle-aged people."

Although a century has passed since the landing at Gallipoli, the hearts and minds of Australians continue to reflect on and pay tribute to the sacrifices of war on Anzac Day. Many also take the time to acknowledge the Australian defence men and women who remain in battles today. "I feel sad and reflective that the world is still at conflict and that we have not progressed to avert it in this modern day and age," Mr Caruso said.

Melanie Chatfield

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Got ideas for topics?**

UN Matters is looking for contributors

Are you (or is someone you know) interested in writing for the newsletter?
Do you attend events and keen to report on them?

Simply send an expression of interest email to the Editor with your contact details, availability, areas of interest and a summary of any relevant writing experience.

Have an idea for a story? Know about an upcoming event?
We are always on the lookout for relevant topics and would love to hear from you.



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