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WA Division

## UN Matters

May June 2018

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

We are well underway in the execution of our plan for 2018. To date we have held seven successful events and are in the process of planning for the full and ambitious programme for the rest of the year. Our Executive committee and subcommittee structures are all fully operational and we have succeeded in retaining a core of talent which bodes well for the future of UNAA in WA.

Our Patron the Governor of WA, Her Excellency the Honourable Kerry Sanderson AC, has come to the end of her term. We sincerely appreciate Her Excellency's guidance and support for UNAAWA over the term of her Patronage and have thanked her accordingly. I am pleased to advise that we have applied to the newly inaugurated Governor, the Honourable Kim Beasley, to become our new patron.

#### **Women's Programme**

We have had a successful event on women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics co-hosted with Edith Cowan University and recently completed an inspirational schoolgirl leadership programme in partnership with the City of Joondalup. We are looking into replicating this event in other shires with a view to it becoming a standard offering from UNAAWA in future.

#### **Environment Programme**

The environment team has an exciting programme for the year. Two successful beach clean-up projects were held in April and a sustainable building event is planned for July. We will also be supporting a plastic free July initiative.

#### **Education Programme**

Our education programme is progressing well and continues to recruit more schools in our global citizenship programme. We are yet to finalise an



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agreement on a Model United Nations Conference partnership with UN Youth and the Young Professionals. In June we have two school leadership summits planned which will be held at State parliament.

### **National Human Rights Programme and WA Human Rights Committee**

Our National Human Rights programme is progressing well. We have a draft UNAA Reconciliation Action Plan which has been submitted to Reconciliation Australia for consideration. In addition we have agreed on the outline and are currently drafting our Human Rights position paper. Our WA Human Rights committee has a full programme of events and activities aligned with the National Programme and in support of the 70th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. In this regard we have participated in Holocaust Remembrance Day and a Harmony Day festival and participated in an International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersexism and Transphobia event this month.

### **Business and Sustainability**

We have made excellent progress in setting up a series of events which are aimed at enhancing the integration of the SDGs into the awareness and planning processes of the business sector. The first of these business and sustainability Forums, with a focus on local governments, was held on 23 May. Attendance was excellent, and we anticipate these forums will play an important role in progressing the SDGs in WA. Planning for a further three forums is well in hand.

### **Our members**

We would love to hear from you! We invite members to tell us how we can better engage with our membership whilst furthering the goals, values and programmes of the United Nations. All members with suggestions are encouraged to drop me a note at [wapres@unaa.org.au](mailto:wapres@unaa.org.au).

*Dr Steve Lennon, UNAAWA President*

## **Land Cleared of Mines by UNMAS Handed Back to Community**



The United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS) cleared more than 24,000 landmines from a land area of more than 37 hectares (93 acres) around a health facility and primary school in Lobonok Payam, then handed the land back over to the local community. UNMAS has been operating in the area since 2008, carrying out Mine Risk Education, Stockpile Clearance, Explosive Remnants of War Spot Tasks, Battle Area and Minefield Clearance.

An UNMAS de-miner stands in an area that's been cleared.  
Juba, South Sudan. 26 March 2018  
Credit: UNPhoto # 756419

**IDAHOBIT DAY** is aimed at raising awareness and ending discrimination of the LGBTQTI community. IDAHOBIT day is celebrated each year on the 17<sup>th</sup> of May, and marks the day in 1990 when the World Health Organisation declassified Homosexuality as a mental illness. Celebrations are now held in more than 130 countries, including 37 where same-sex acts are illegal. These mobilisations unite millions of people in support of the recognition of human rights for all, irrespective of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression.

This year the UNAAWA teamed up with PRIDE WA to raise awareness about transphobia, biphobia, intersexism and homophobia in the corporate community. Hosted at Engineers Australia the event had an array of key political and LGBTQI figures, who gave their experiences on what has been achieved in this area, but also the work we still have ahead to eliminate discrimination and reduce inequality.

- ◆ On average LGBTQI people are more than 3 times likely to experience some sort of abuse and/or depression compared to the general population.
- ◆ 75% of Australia's LGBTQI community experience discrimination at some points within their lives.

Source: <https://www.idahobit.org.au/index.php/get-active/the-stats>

## What do these Words Mean?

### Homophobia

Verbal homophobia is the most common form. Things like name-calling, rumours and abusive words ('fag' or 'dyke'). Phrases like "that's so gay" which compare sexuality to words like 'crap' can have a negative impact. Homophobia also include abusive threats or actual physical violence, sexual harassment and deliberately excluding someone because of their sexuality.

### Biphobia

Biphobia is abuse towards someone who is attracted to more than one gender, and even includes when that person's identity is erased. This can be in the form of telling someone that their sexuality is "just a phase", or even telling them to "pick a side."

### Intersexism

Intersexism is discrimination or violence against people who do not have strictly male or female sex organs. Intersex people are born with genitalia that do not conform to typical binary notions of male or female bodies, or have a combination of both. Discrimination includes the belief that intersex people are sex offenders due to the perceived combination of certain male and female personality characteristics, and can be especially stigmatised in sport.

### Transphobia

Describes negative feelings or actions towards someone who's trans or gender diverse. You may have heard transphobic language like 'tranny', or seen restrictions on the way that people are allowed to express their gender. Things like which uniform you're allowed to wear or toilets you can use. Transphobia can also include abusive threats or actual physical violence, sexual harassment and deliberately excluding someone because of their gender.

*Tom and Grace, UNAAWA Human Rights Committee*

Source: <https://www.idahobit.org.au/>

10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



L to R: John Carey Member for Perth, Senator Louise Pratt, Alison Xamon MLC, Andrew Barker President Pride WA and Tanya Finnie UNAAWA Chair Human Rights Committee. Credit: UNAAWA



## UN PEACEKEEPING

May 29<sup>th</sup> is International UN Peace keepers Day, supporting and recognising the service of peacekeepers over the past 70 years. In May 1948, the UN security Council authorised a small number of UN personal to oversee the Armistice Agreement between Israel and neighbouring states. Since then, over 1 million people have served in over 70 peacekeeping operations.

Today there remain 110,000 peacekeepers all over the world supporting struggling countries to maintain and restore order in extremely difficult and dangerous environments.

May 29<sup>th</sup> is an important day to celebrate the success of UN peacekeeper, but also remember the sacrifices peacekeepers make for the cause of peace.



Source: [www. peacekeeping.un.or](http://www.peacekeeping.un.or)

## ISRAEL AND PALESTINE

### What you need to know

Of late there has been lots of media coverage concerning recent events in Israel and Palestine. Much of this information can be hard to process and difficult to digest. This brief historical overview will provide you with the basics of the conflict.

After World War II the Jewish people were given a large area within Palestine, which the Jewish people considered to be their tradition homeland. However the Arabs who were already living there and in the countries bordering did not agree with the creation of the state of Israel and believed it was unfair on their own tradition/history/sovereignty.

In 1947 a partition plan was rejected by Palestine that sought to divide Palestine into three areas- 55% to a Jewish Israel, 45% to Arabs and Jerusalem as an international city.

The rejection of this plan led to a war in 1948, where Israel gained control of 78% of the land, Jordan controlled the West Bank, and Egypt controlled Gaza strip. After a second War in 1967, Israel gained control of the West Bank, Gaza strip and parts of Egypt and Syria.

It was not until 2005, that Israel left Gaza, however, soon after a group called Hama won elections and took control of the area. Since Hamas has controlled Gaza, Israel has help Gaza under a blockade, controlling its borders, seas, movement, electricity and aid. As it stands today there is approximately 4.6 million Palestine refugees.

Over the last month Palestinians have been protesting on the Gaza Israel border on the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Nakba (15<sup>th</sup> May 1948, when the state of Israel was created) and their “right to return home”. These protests also come as the US has officially moved the US embassy from Tel Aviv to the disrupted city of Jerusalem.

Demonstrations reached a tipping point on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May, when Israeli soldiers shot and killed just fewer than 60 protestors. This has sparked heated debate with protesting taking place around the world in solidarity of the Palestinian cause.

More info: <https://www.vox.com/cards/israel-palestine>

*Tom and Grace, UNAAWA Human Rights Committee*

## Global Goals Youth Forum

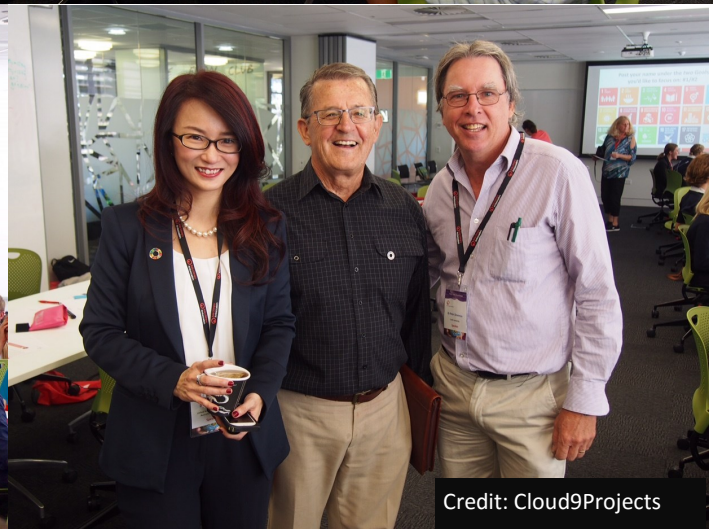
The Global Goals Youth Forum is a full-day program designed to deepen high school students' understanding of global issues and develop their global competencies.

The forum brought together around 70 Year 9-11 students from schools around Perth to discuss the United Nations Global Goals for Sustainable Development and propose innovative solutions to achieve positive change.

Throughout the day, students worked in teams to design their 'Big Idea' to help realise one of the 17 goals.

Dr Sandy Chong, UNAOWA Vice President was invited long to share her insights into some of the challenges and opportunities facing the international community in implementing the sustainable development agenda.

Dr Chong gave particular emphasis to youth entrepreneurship and economic empowerment, youth leadership and social impact and shared examples from her work.



Credit: Cloud9Projects

# UN OBSERVANCES



## June

- 4 June – International Day of innocent Children Victims of aggression
- 5 June – World Environment Day (UNEP)
- 8 June – World Oceans Day
- 12 June – World Day Against Child Labour (ILO)
- 14 June – World Blood Donor Day (WHO)
- 17 June – World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought
- 20 June – World Refugee Day
- 23 June – United Nations Public Service Day
- 23 June – International Widow's Day
- 25 June – Day of the Seafarer (IMO)
- 26 June – International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking
- 26 June – United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture

## July

- First Saturday in July – International Day of Cooperatives
- 11 July – World Population Day
- 18 July – Nelson Mandela International Day
- 28 July – World Hepatitis Day
- 30 July – International Day of Friendship



### **Flooding in Belet Weyne, Somalia**

Young boys of Hawa-taako walk through a section of the flooded residential area in Belet Weyne, Somalia. The city is currently experiencing its worst flooding ever with over 150,000 people displaced.

30 April 2018 Credit: UN Photo # 760780

### **Deputy Police Commissioner of UNMISS on Patrol**

Unaisi Lutu Vumi Waga, Deputy Police Commissioner of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS), talks to a young girl during a patrol of the streets of Juba.

02 May 2018, Juba, South Sudan Credit: UN Photo # 761253



### **Flooding in Belet Weyne, Somalia**

A mother with her children sits in front of a makeshift house at Eel Jaale camp on the outskirts of Belet Weyne, Somalia. The city is currently experiencing its worst flooding ever with over 150,000 people displaced.

30 April 2018 Credit: UN Photo # 760782

### **Start of Rainy Season Floods Bor, South Sudan**

The town of Bor in South Sudan flooded at the start of the rainy season and destroyed the homes of over 2000 Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in the Protection of Civilians site. The local community turned to United Nations Mission in the Republic of South Sudan (UNMISS) for assistance. The Head of the Field Office, together with engineers from the Republic of Korea and Bor officials, visited the affected areas and devised a plan to help the population.

13 May 2018 Credit UN Photo # 762421



## 2018 Western Australian of the Year Awards COMMUNITY AWARD FINALIST



Photo: Fadzi Whande Credit: CelebrateWA

Congratulations to Fadzi Whande, UNAA National Human Rights Program Manager and finalist for the 2018 Western Australian of the Year Community Award.

The Award is presented in celebration of excellence in commitment to, and

contribution towards, improving the quality of lives in the Western Australian community, at a state, national or international level. More info: [www.celebratewa.com.au/2018-finalists/community-award-finalists/](http://www.celebratewa.com.au/2018-finalists/community-award-finalists/)



### Thank you Lara Silbert!

The UNAAWA Women's Committee would like to thank project manager and immediate-past convener Lara Silbert for her excellent work managing several very successful projects in 2017-2018.

Lara took charge of designing, organising and marketing two panel events (Women in Higher Education: Impact and Challenges at Curtin Graduate Business School and Advancing Women in STEMM at ECU Joondalup), as well as the inaugural #GirlsCanLead leadership development workshop for young women. These projects attracted almost 200 attendees in total, gaining attention in local media, and empowering women to discover and achieve their potential.

*I want to set a positive role model for other women, so that my daughter and her generation can know that they can do anything*

Lara has been a valued member of the UNAAWA since 2016, and has also served on the Executive Committee, and the Organisational Committee for the Business and Sustainability Forums. She is passionate about contributing to better awareness of the Sustainable Development Goals and the work of the UN in WA and beyond.



Credit/Photo: Lara Silbert

She balances her volunteer activities with her work as a communications consultant while studying for an MBA, and is the mother of 4-year old Natasha. "I want to set a positive role model for other women, so that my daughter and her generation can know that they can do anything," Lara says. "I've seen so much progress in my life, but there's still so far to go, and it's an honour to be part of that change. I also love my studies and my work, and I feel very lucky to be surrounded by amazing people who inspire me every day."

Thank you very much, Lara, and we're looking forward to seeing what you will be doing next with the UNAAWA!



### Global Challenges New Shape Prize

Last September, UNAAWA submitted an entry to the *Global Challenges Foundation New Shape Prize* – a competition seeking to generate innovative ideas for improved governance of global catastrophic risks.

There were 2702 entries from 122 countries. Although our entry wasn't selected as one of the 14 finalists we are still part of the exciting 'global conversation'.

Congratulations to Will Steffen, the only person from Australia included in the mix.

More info: <https://globalchallenges.org/our-work/the-new-shape-prize/finalists>





# Harmony Week Movie Night with City of Melville

On Friday 16th March hundreds of people gathered at Bob Gordon Reserve in Melville for a movie screening of *Moana* during Harmony Week to celebrate multiculturalism in the WA community.

The UNAAWA partnered with the City of Melville to deliver this free all-ages event, which also featured food trucks, multicultural youth performances and fun games.



Photo/Credit: UNAAWA

The UNAAWA Human Rights Committee was there in full swing with a stall to share the work of the committee and broader aims of the UN with members of the local community. It was a lovely evening during which differences were put aside as the community came together to have a bite to eat and enjoy the entertainment.



*Grace and Tom  
UNAAWA Human  
Rights Committee*



## Release of Former Child Soldiers in South Sudan

210 child soldiers were released through a Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration program in the town of Pibor, South Sudan. The United Nations Mission in South Sudan, UNICEF and the South Sudan National DDR Committee partnered together to achieve the release. 17 May 2018 Pibor, South Sudan  
Credit: UN Photo # 762355



## MINUSMA Investigates Human Rights Violations in Menaka Region

A delegation led by Human Rights Officers travelled to the Menaka region in northern Mali to investigate recent armed attacks in the settlements of Aklaz and Awakassa, in which at least 47 people were killed. A peacekeeper from the Nigerien Contingent serving with the UN Multi-dimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA) provides security outside the Mayor's Office as Human Rights personnel meet with community leaders, other notable persons and displaced witnesses in Anderamboukane, 90 kilometres east of Menaka. 08 May 2018 Anderamboukane, Mali  
Credit: UN Photo # 762277

## 2018 Business & Sustainability Forum Series



### Governance for Business in the Public Sector

23 May



Dozens of transparency and governance aficionados recently gathered at City of Perth Library for the first in a series of Business and Sustainability Forums. Hosted by UNAAWA, the series seeks to engage local business leaders with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Moderated by UNAAWA Vice-President Dr. Sandy Chong, an award-winning businesswoman whose work spans the private, public and non-profit sectors, the first event "Governance of Business in the Public Sector" attracted a diverse range of stakeholders from local, regional, state governments, business and local NGOs.

The speakers on the evening were two CEOs of local and regional government, Andrea Selvey (Shire of Dowerin) and Dr Shayne Silcox (City of Melville), as well as Michelle Andrews, Deputy Director of General Policy and Reform at the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

The forum presented an excellent opportunity for the cross-pollination of expertise and ideas. As the first speaker, Ms Andrews explained key variables for good governance - culture, leadership, and looking outwards to understand who the Department is working for. She shared her experiences in leading the process of restructure and reform of the WA Public Service.

Andrea Selvey spoke of the unique challenges she faced in her role as the recently-appointed CEO of

#### Upcoming Events

- ◆ Sustainable Climate & Responsible Investment (25 July, Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade)
- ◆ Good Health & Well-being in Workforce (5 September, Small Business & Development Centre)
- ◆ The Future of Board Leadership (13 November, Australian Institute of Company Directors)

Early bird tickets for the second forum "Sustainable Climate & Responsible Investment" are now on sale. Secure your tickets at: <https://www.trybooking.com/VWUA>

the Shire of Dowerin, having replaced the former CEO after a major corruption scandal. She also shared the strengths of her close-knit community, as well as the importance of trust-building and wise governance across diverse areas such as hospitals, housing, and community services.

Dr Shayne Silcox offered insight into the workings of the City of Melville, a large and complex LGA offering over 200 products and services, while also being bound to 477 acts for compliance, and managing \$1.3 billion in assets requiring multiple business lines with various levels of governance. He discussed the relative lack of trust and flexibility which can occur in governance as well as risk-adversity. He spoke of the need for an agile, diverse strategic approach which the City is addressing through measures such as participatory budgeting in order to build community engagement and trust.





A particularly important topic addressed during the panel discussion was the difficulties of changemaking when operating in separate “silos” which are part-and-parcel of the Westminster System, and exist within and between government agencies at all levels – national, state and local. The panel also discussed how social media has changed the governance environment, the value of visionary leadership and data-driven target-setting, the barriers presented by current socio-political culture and how these could be addressed.

UNAANA Schools Program Coordinator Rees Barrett, whose role involves raising awareness of the Sustainable Development Goals among children and youth, states that “the panelists were superb in the way they analysed and illustrated what it takes to achieve good governance. It was a stimulating experience with authentic and highly relevant examples. I came away convinced, more than ever, that the SDGs provide a meaningful way forward for addressing challenges undermining good governance in our public sector. But we will have to work hard and smart to help achieve that outcome.”

The next Business and Sustainability Forum will be held at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade WA State Office, and is themed on “Sustainable Climate and Responsible Investment”.

For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/SC-RE> or contact Dr Sandy Chong at [sandy.chong@unaa.org.au](mailto:sandy.chong@unaa.org.au)

*Dr Sandy Chong, UNAANA Vice President*

**United Nations Association of Australia WA Division**

**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS:**

**BUILDING SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS FOR OUR FUTURE**

A SERIES OF INTERACTIVE FORUMS THAT HIGHLIGHT SIGNIFICANCE AND RELEVANCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS FOR WA BUSINESSES. FIND OUT THE ROLES YOU COULD PLAY IN TRANSFORMING VISION TO REALITY.

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# Iftar Dinner Celebrates Diversity

*On 25th May, Perth Arabic Association hosted an auspicious event designed to share knowledge, religion and culture.*



*Over 200 people attended bringing more than 50 dishes of food to share.*

*Iftar is one of the religious observances of Ramadan and is often done as a community, with people gathering to break their fast together.*

*Iftar is taken just before Maghrib time, which is around sunset.*



*Dr Sandy Chong, UNAAWA Vice President joins distinguished guests at the event. Photo credit: Cloud9Projects*

*More info: <https://www.perth-arabic.asn.au/dar-alarqam-iftar-9th-may-2018/>*

18 May




Dr Steve Lennon, UNAAWA President presented to the Rotary Club Perth on how Australia fares in its approach to meeting the UN Sustainable Development Goals.



**SDG 14 TARGETS:**

**14 LIFE BELOW WATER**



**14.1** By 2025, prevent and significantly reduce marine pollution of all kinds

**14.2** By 2020, sustainably manage and protect marine and coastal ecosystems to avoid significant adverse impacts

**14.3** Minimize and address the impacts of ocean acidification, including through enhanced scientific cooperation at all levels

**14.4:** By 2020, effectively regulate harvesting and end overfishing, illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing and destructive fishing practices

**14.5:** By 2020, conserve at least 10 per cent of coastal and marine areas

**14.6** By 2020, prohibit certain forms of fisheries subsidies which contribute to overcapacity and overfishing, eliminate subsidies that contribute to illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing

**14.7** By 2030, increase the economic benefits to Small Island developing States and least developed countries from the sustainable use of marine resources

**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS** **NEREUS PROGRAM**

## Cleanup helps protect our precious marine life

Plastic is one of the largest threats to marine life on the planet with more than 8 million tonnes of it being dumped into the ocean every year. To help combat this problem, UNAAWA's Environment Committee hosted successful beach clean-ups in Fremantle on the 1st and 8th April. Volunteers worked hard to collect rubbish and then relaxed with a BBQ, networking with others with a passion for our environment. You can get involved by contacting [environment@unaa-wa.org.au](mailto:environment@unaa-wa.org.au)

## STUDENTS PLAN GLOBAL GOALS MISSIONS

### How do we build sustainable futures that meet the triple bottom line – Planet, People and Prosperity?

Ninety-one students from fifteen Perth schools embraced that challenge at Student Parliaments on 5th and 8th June at the WA Parliament House. Their task – apply lessons on effective leadership to plan Global Goals Missions for their schools.

The eleven Education Department and four independent schools are all founding members of the United Nations Association of Australia (UNAA) Global Citizenship Schools network. Students, ranging from years 5 to year 11, are identified by their schools as potential leaders.

According to Student Parliament organiser Rees Barrett, "the mix of schools and student ages has proven to be a real strength. Regardless of age, the students find the opportunity positive and empowering and relish the opportunity to share their ideas".

Preparation for the Parliaments involved each student researching the politician whose seat they were sharing, qualities of effective leaders and realistic school projects that will contribute towards at least one of the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals for 2030.

Inspire Panels provided insights on leading for a sustainable world. Energy engineer, Dr Steve Lennon explained the ways in which all citizens may contribute to Australia's achievement of the Global Goals. Digital education leader, Paul Moro, provided examples of how waste plastic may be moulded into prosthetics through 3-D printers.

*"I learned different ways that I can make a difference on this planet and make my ideas a reality"*

*Student*



Students Emma Slodecki, Kainat Latif, Nath Barnard and Aaron Kendall  
Credit: Southern River College

Students were shown how to strive for gender equality by strategy consultant Dr Sandy Chong. Sustainability educator, Dr Caroline Marsh revealed how systems thinking may be used to inspire sustainable development solutions.

Undisputed panel stars each day were the 2018 Global Goals Ambassadors – students from the winning schools in the 2017 UNAOWA Challenge. On 5th June, Ava O'Rourke and Madeline Foot of Coolbinia Primary School told how their school's Lightening the Load project involved all Year 3 to 6 students in activities linked to 11 of the Global Goals. All are integrated with Goal 13: Climate Action by calculating impact in reducing the school's carbon footprint. At school assemblies, the community celebrates milestones towards the target of reducing the footprint by 100 tonnes.

Alyssa Wong and Lily Purser of Shenton College demonstrated on the 8th June panel how they applied the Design Process in their STEM Education for Sustainability class to create their multi-award winning Conneativity website. The website now helps to deliver more than 75 loaves of bread, which would otherwise have been wasted, every week to disadvantaged members of the Fremantle community.

After using a Stanford University Design Process to plan their school projects, school representatives

pitched their team's Global Goals Mission to the Student Parliaments. Each demonstrated the adage of Acting Locally and Thinking Globally through community service. Regardless of their background or age, students showed how each responsible action in the local community has a positive global impact.

The Student Parliament program is one of several offered by UNAANA for members of its Global Citizenship Schools network. All of the programs contribute to global competence, which will be included along with reading, mathematics and science literacy in the 2018 Program for International Student Assessment (PISA). All are based on the UNESCO model for global citizenship education.

"Teaching our youngsters to think globally in an ethical, culturally sensitive and creative way is the best preparation we can give them for thriving in a complex world," contends Rees Barrett.

"Our programs complement the WA Curriculum from Kindergarten to Year 12. They add value by promoting action learning through sustainability projects and challenges." Members of the community who want to learn more should email Rees at [gcs@unaa-wa.org.au](mailto:gcs@unaa-wa.org.au)

**Rees Barrett, UNAANA Education Reference Group**



*It was absolutely wonderful and the students enjoyed the experience and benefited from it immensely!*

Shiarne Coole, Southern River College

*I'm adding this event to my list of unforgettable, inspiring life experiences - and feel so privileged to have been part of it.*

Caroline Marsh, One World Centre



Student Parliament Participants. Credit: UNAANA



Kay Hallahan AO, UNAANA Executive Member talks with students. Credit: UNAANA

# PROGRESS OF GOAL 11

In recent decades, the world has experienced unprecedented urban growth. In 2015, close to 4 billion people — 54 per cent of the world’s population — lived in cities and that number is projected to increase to about 5 billion people by 2030. Rapid urbanization has brought enormous challenges, including growing numbers of slum dwellers, increased air pollution, inadequate basic services and infrastructure, and unplanned urban sprawl, which also make cities more vulnerable to disasters. Better urban planning and management are needed to make the world’s urban spaces more inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable. As of May 2017, 149 countries were developing national-level urban policies.

- The proportion of the urban population that lives in developing country slums fell from 39 per cent in 2000 to 30 per cent in 2014. Despite some gains, the absolute number of urban residents who live in slums continued to grow, owing in part to accelerating urbanization, population growth and lack of appropriate land and housing policies. In 2014, an estimated 880 million urban residents lived in slum conditions, compared to 792 million urban residents in 2000.
- As more and more people move to urban areas, cities typically expand their geographic boundaries to accommodate new inhabitants. From 2000 to 2015, in all regions of the world, the expansion of urban land outpaced the growth of urban populations. As a result, cities are becoming less dense as they grow, with unplanned urban sprawl challenging more sustainable patterns of urban development.
- The safe removal and management of solid waste represents one of the most vital urban environmental services. Uncollected solid waste blocks drains, causes flooding and may lead to the spread of water-borne diseases. On the basis of data from cities in 101 countries from 2009 to 2013, 65 per cent of the urban population was served by municipal waste collection.
- Air pollution is a major environmental health risk. In 2014, 9 of 10 people who live in cities were breathing air that did not comply with the safety standard set by WHO.

Source: Report of the Secretary-General, "Progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals"

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**18TH JULY 2018**  
**5.30 – 7.30PM**  
**CITY WEST LOTTERIES HOUSE**

1.0 INFORMAL CPD POINT AIA & GBCA

social impact festival 2018

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**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES





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# SUSTAINABLE CLIMATE AND RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT

As greenhouse gas emissions continue to rise and with the looming threat of climate change affecting our climate and ecosystems, how do we ensure our businesses and its practices are contributing towards a sustainable future? How do we encourage businesses to responsibly invest in emerging technologies that build resilience to the impact of climate change?

Join us in our second forum as part of the Business & Sustainability series and be part of the dialogue. Discover and exchange ideas on how WA businesses are approaching the changing climate and how better business practices are enabling better use of our scarce resources.

**MORE INFORMATION:** [sandy.chong@unaa.org.au](mailto:sandy.chong@unaa.org.au)



**25TH  
JULY 2018**

**6 – 8.00 PM**

**DEPARTMENT OF  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
& TRADE (DFAT)**

**TICKETS are available:**  
<https://www.trybooking.com/VWUA>



Australian Government  
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade



Sustainable Development Goal #6

## Clean Water and Sanitation

More people have a **mobile phone** than have a **toilet**.

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