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## KEY HIGHLIGHTS

2017/2018 has been an exciting time for UNAANA as we have actively engaged with the communities in WA and the volunteers of the United Nations Association of Australia, Western Australia (UNAANA).

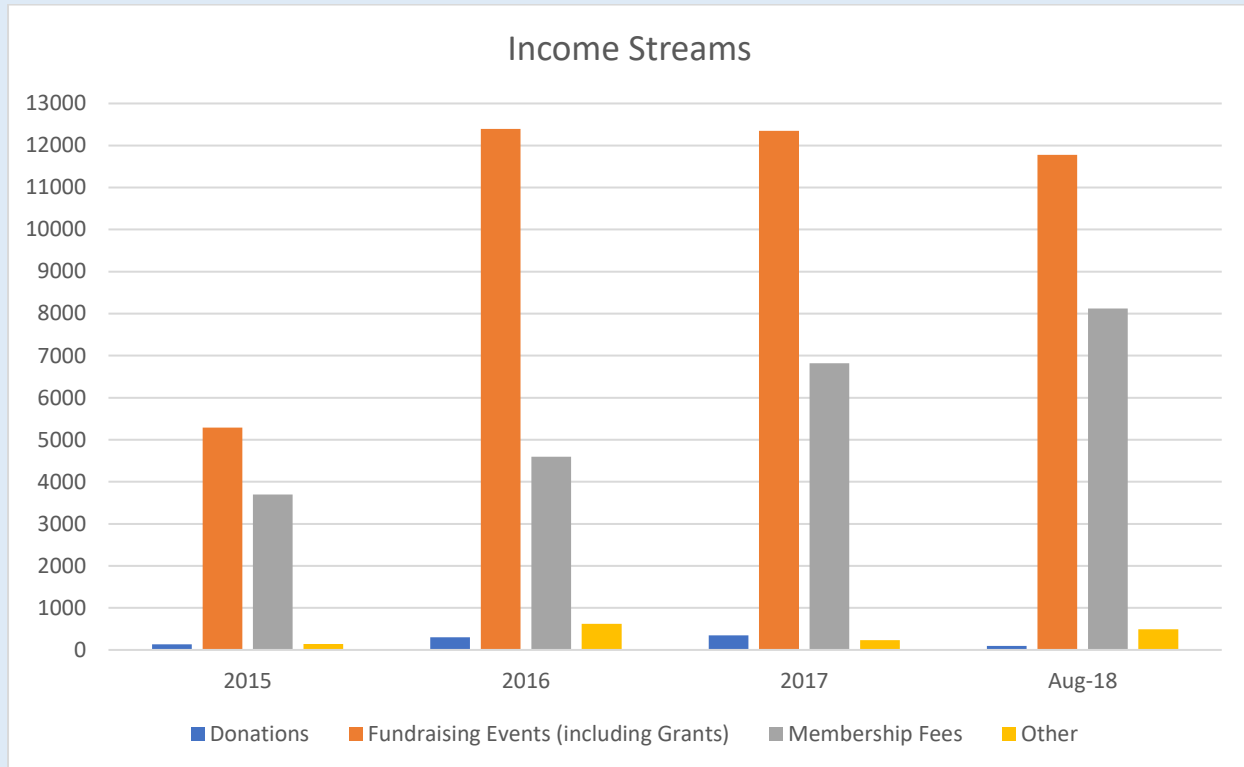
This year, there has been a strong focus on increasing our outreach in both the public and private sectors and fostering wider partnerships and increasing participation from stakeholders in WA.

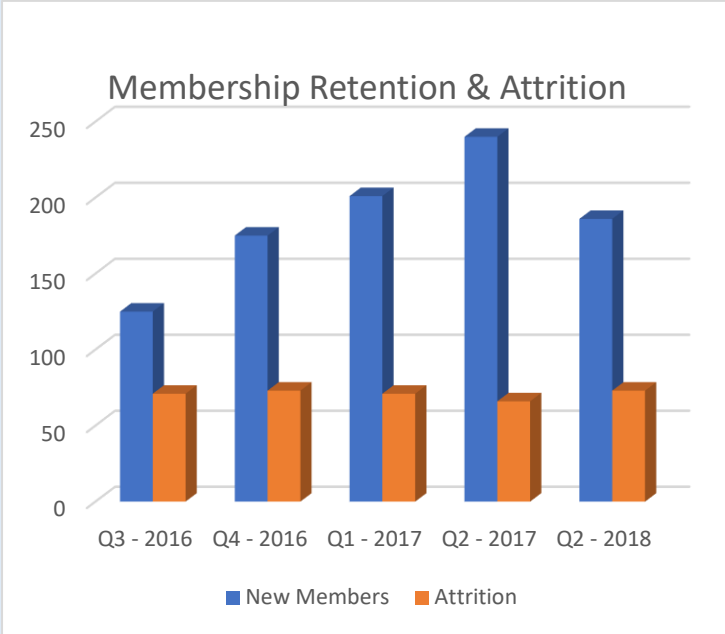
A key element of this outreach has been a series of exciting and innovative events which extend the reach of the UNAANA in the achievement of its mission of connecting Western Australians with the UN in order to promote justice, peace, security and sustainable development for present and future generations. These included: -

- A major development in the impact and reach of our Global Citizenship education programme, with the team achieving approval of our Global Citizenship Education by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority as a WACE Endorsed Program. This is a first for UNAA and a major milestone in our goal of reaching increasing numbers of scholars across WA.
- A highly successful UN day 2017, introduced by our Patron Her excellency the Honourable Kerry Sanderson AC and featuring our inaugural UNAANA awards.
- Key leadership sessions aimed at highlighting inspirational role models to young women leaders and providing mentorship and development tools to school girls.
- Sector focussed Sustainable Development Forums aimed at internalising the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into the strategic plans of key sectors in the WA economy.
- Ongoing presentations to a variety of stakeholders including the education, infrastructure and young leadership sectors, all aimed at promoting awareness of the role of these sectors in furthering the SDGs and promoting the aspirations of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
- 2018 sees the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Throughout the year we have been highlighting this watershed agreement which has laid the foundation for Human Rights policy, legislation and progress at home and Abroad. We are particularly honoured that Ms Grace Forrest agreed to take on the role of UNAA Goodwill ambassador for Modern Day slavery.



Funding is always a challenge in UNA AWA, however our finances remain sound and sustainable with the support of a loyal membership base. As is evident through our funding sources, the strengthened engagement with our stakeholders continues to show an increase in support, with the majority of the income being generated consistently through our advocacy events.

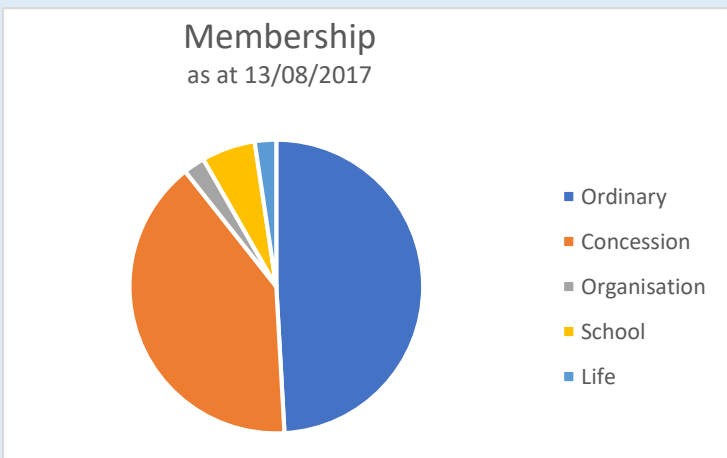
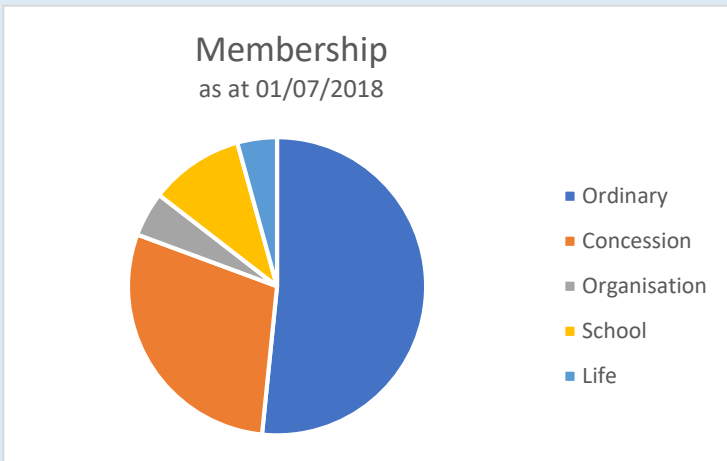




This year we experienced a slight decline in membership, attributed to slightly fewer opportunities to recruit new members and our limited follow up on membership renewals.

As we see the ongoing demographic change in our community, we continue to expand our membership base with a focus on acquiring new members, as well as retaining our existing and valuable partners. The increase in schools members is particularly gratifying and reflective of the huge successes we have realised in our Education programme.

We continue to see an increase in our membership rates, which has been driven by an increase in ordinary members as opposed to the concession members of previous years. This has also enabled us to increase our income from membership fees to a new record (See Table: Income Stream).





Governance processes in UNA AWA continue to be strong. Operating for the first year under our new Constitution, we progressed well in implementing our new management guidelines. Our committee structures worked well and were the primary vehicles for leveraging the excellent contributions from Volunteers and arranging a series of successful events.

### Future Development for 2018/2019

The balance of 2018 will see us focusing on hosting another successful UN Day event on 26 October and celebrating Human Rights Day on 10 December, in a joint event with the WA State Library. During the last quarter of 2018 we will set the priorities for 2019. A particular focus will be in growing our membership base and ensuring that the value proposition for our members is delivered on as follows:-

**1. Our members make a difference....**

- Through participating in our numerous and varied events
- Through visible and felt commitment on issues critical to a just, peaceful, secure and sustainable future
- Through contributions to our position papers and programmes
- Through offering skills and time to our leadership, events and activities
- Through membership funding our activities

**2. Our members engage...**

- Through membership networking events
- Through participating in discussion at our events
- Through input to our policy positions

**3. Our members are informed...**

- Through our regular newsletter
- Through access to our national and global network of information
- Through exposure to local and international experts at our events
- Through our education programme and study tours

**4. Our members get involved...**

- Through Volunteering to contribute to our diverse and exciting portfolio of activities
- Through volunteering to be elected to the executive and playing a leading role in UNA AWA
- Through becoming a role model in living the UN Values

**5. Our members become part of a greater local and global network....**

- Through becoming part of UNAA with Australia wide Division, events and networks.
- Through our affiliation to the World Federation of UN Associations (WFUNA)
- Through our academic network.

**We make a difference!**



## OUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2017/2018

### OFFICE BEARERS

President	Dr Stephen J Lennon
Vice President	Dr Sandy Yee Ling Chong
Vice President	David Hollands
Treasurer	Harvey Davies
Secretary	Joanna Arbel

### ORDINARY MEMBERS

Alanna Murphy (resigned May 2018)  
Aleisha Godenzie  
Beatrice Hamilton  
Fadzi Whande  
Joseph Caruso  
Kay Hallahan AO  
Manita Beskow  
Maria Bunn  
Neesha Seth (ex officio - Young Professionals)  
Rees Barrett  
Tennille Kroemer  
Tanya Finnie

### AUDITOR

David Wall MBA, CISA, CISM, CGEIT, CIC



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In my report last year, I emphasised the importance of the UNAAWA continuing to profile the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as the core to the future of humankind through integration with our portfolio of activities. I also referred to Australia assuming its seat on the United Nations Human Rights Council as an important driver behind our national Human Rights Program. I am pleased to report that we have made significant progress in addressing both of these matters.

The last year has also been one of learning, consolidation and focus in realising our commitment to supporting the goals and aspirations of the UN. Political, social, technological, economic and environmental events over the last 12 months have underscored the importance of the United Nations and its inclusive and multilateral approach – even if there are those who would seek to undermine it through unilateral decision making on the global stage. Our Mission also reflects this as we inform, inspire and engage all Australians about the critical work, goals and values of the United Nations to create a safer, fairer and more sustainable world.

Early in the year we defined ten ambitious priorities to deliver on in the year ahead. These were as follows: -

1. Effective Communications and stakeholder outreach.
2. Increased and retained membership through an effective Membership care programme.
3. Sustainable Finances, good Governance and compliance with code of conduct.
4. Motivated, engaged and effective Volunteer network.
5. An impactful National Human Rights Programme which is fully implemented in WA.
6. Progress in women empowerment through awareness, equality and leadership.
7. Improved environmental awareness in the areas of Climate Change, Water, forests, food and sustainable buildings.
8. Informed Global Citizens through an expanded Schools Education Programme and a Sustainable Model UN Programme
9. Sustainable skills and leadership pipeline through Youth and Young Professionals.
10. Celebration of the United Nations - especially the 70th Anniversary of the UDHR through a flagship UN Day event.





As an important contribution to ensuring alignment with the Australia wide strategy adopted by UNAA, we made sure that these were aligned with the core priorities of that strategy. Progress against our priorities is provided below: -

#### **Effective Communications and stakeholder outreach.**

We continued to develop our communications and stakeholder outreach program under the leadership of Dr Sandy Chong. The base established last year was solidified and we made excellent progress in partnering with local universities such as Curtin, UWA and Edith Cowan. There is still a lot we need to do to reach even more Western Australians in presenting the key messages so necessary in realising our Mission. A major highlight has been the success of our SDG forums, a series of events aimed at enhancing the integration of the SDGs into the awareness and planning processes of the public and private sectors. To date attendance has been excellent. We anticipate these forums will play an important role in progressing the SDG's in WA, whilst integrating sustainability into governance processes in the public and private sectors.

#### **Increased and retained membership through an effective Membership care program.**

Membership care continued to be a priority under the leadership of Vice President David Hollands. In the last year our membership numbers declined slightly. We attribute this partly to difficult times, but at the same time we recognise our membership care programme was lacking. In this regard we were unable to deliver adequate members networking sessions but have agreed to reinvigorate this into the future. Good progress was made in developing the members value proposition which is included in this report. I look forward to positive developments in the coming year.

#### **Sustainable finances, good governance and compliance with code of conduct.**

We retain our good track record of effective management of funds and governance. The Executive Committee meet monthly with high attendance levels and excellent direction is given to numerous and complex initiatives. Our excellent Treasurer, Harvey Davies, continues to keep a tight rein on our finances with positive oversight from the Executive Committee.

#### **Motivated, engaged and effective Volunteer network.**

Our volunteers continue to be the lifeblood of UNAAWA and once again we are privileged to have a group of committed and skilled volunteers to assist us in achieving our goals. We continue to receive wonderful support from Curtin University and the University of Western Australia in the provision of student volunteers and interns. Without this selfless contribution we would be hard pressed to deliver on our program of activities.



### **An impactful National Human Rights Programme which is fully implemented in WA.**

Our management of the UNAA national Human Rights programme is gaining momentum under the leadership of Fadzi Whande. We held a successful National launch on Human Rights Day on 10 December 2017. Since then we have been pleased to welcome Grace Forrest as our Goodwill Ambassador on Modern Day slavery and have made excellent progress in compiling a position paper on Australia and Human rights – due to be released in late 2018. Our WA Human Rights committee, under the leadership of Tanya Finnie, has successfully aligned with the National programme and has hosted several partnership events through the year.

### **Progress in women’s empowerment through awareness, equality and leadership.**

Our Women’s committee has been restructured with an injection of new blood and leadership with Aleisha Godenzi taking the lead. We have had a successful event on women in STEM co-hosted with Edith Cowan University and 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. A Series of events with a focus on Women Empowerment has just been launched with a view to covering the full spectrum of opportunities to progress the goal of gender equality.

### **Improved environmental awareness in the areas of Climate Change, Water, forests, food and sustainable buildings.**

Our environmental committee, under the leadership of Beatrice Hamilton, built on its successes of 2017, hosting events on oceans, climate change, sustainable buildings, forests and food amongst other exciting initiatives.

### **Informed Global Citizens through an expanded Schools Education Programme and a Sustainable Model UN Programme.**

Our schools programme, under the committed leadership of Rees Barrett, has grown in scope, credibility and reach, as we further expand our focus on global citizenship and the sustainable development goals. A major achievement was the approval of the Global Citizenship and Sustainability senior secondary program as a WACE Endorsed Program. Based on the UNESCO model for Global Citizenship Education each unit requires students to design and implement a community sustainability project (local to global).

### **Sustainable skills and leadership pipeline through Youth and Young Professionals.**

Our young professionals, under the leadership of Neesha Seth, continue to share their leadership, skills and enthusiasm in a portfolio which is integrated with the focus areas of UNAAWA.



### Celebration of the United Nations through a flagship UN Day event.

Last year's UN day event, organised under the leadership of Vanida Lennon, was a major success. In particular, our inaugural awards recognised the amazing achievements of Western Australians in the areas of Human Rights, Education, Women Empowerment, Environment, Young professionals and Volunteering. Our 2018 event promises to be bigger and better. We will be building its theme around the 70th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human rights.

It is clear that we are well underway in the execution of our plan for 2018. 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.

The UNAAWA is a 100% volunteer run organisation – yet it operates with a professionalism and focus which is often absent in organisations employing full time staff. This is due to a dedicated and skilled team of volunteers who are driven by their commitment to seeing a better world and who are united in their passion for the goals and objectives of the United Nations. I would like to thank all of our volunteers, interns and members for their support over the last year.

In particular I would like to highlight the leadership team making up the extended executive committee which is listed earlier in this report. This is an effective team which works together in a spirit completely aligned with the values of the United Nations. Several members of the Executive committee have indicated they will not be continuing in their roles in 2018/19. I would sincerely like to thank Jo Arbel for her ground-breaking work on our Communications strategy in 2017 and her committed work as Secretary over the last year, Alanna Murphey for her support in membership engagement and legal advice, Tanya Finnie for her able leadership of our Human Rights Committee, Tennille Kroemer for her support in Human Rights, Communications and Women Empowerment and Maria Bunn for her longstanding support as a Vice President and for her contribution in bringing multicultural awareness and events into UNAAWA.

I am also particularly proud of the committed team which arranged our UN Day gala evening in 2017. For the first time we combined the celebration of UN Day with the recognition of Western Australians who have made outstanding contributions to the realisation of the goals and values of the United Nations. In presenting these awards we believe that the excellent work done by so many in our State needs to be highlighted and replicated by others. If we all take a small inspiration from these awards and do something different and better as a result, then I am convinced we will be able to “crowd source” the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals by their target date of 2030.



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 sincerely thank her for her kind and informed support over the years. I am pleased to advise that the newly inaugurated Governor, the Honourable Kim Beazley AC, has agreed to become our new patron. I sincerely thank him for this generous support.

Special thanks go to our office volunteers – those who staff our office regularly throughout the year. Harvey Davies and Curtis Clark have been remarkable in their consistent support in this role over the years and their contribution is sincerely appreciated.

Finally, thanks go to our sponsors – The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), The Parmelia Hilton Hotel, Curtin University and all our partners who have helped to make 2018 such a successful year.



Dr SJ Lennon - President



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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### EDUCATION REFERENCE GROUP



2017/2018 has been busy and exciting year for the Education Reference Group (ERG) and one in which the committee has continued to expand programs, partnerships and memberships and held many diverse, targeted and effective events and initiatives.

Establishing committee sustainability was a key priority and was achieved through distributed leadership in portfolios including Manita Beskow (Peace Education), Caroline Marsh (Education for Sustainability), Anne Barrett (Human Rights Education), Paul Moro (Entrepreneurship Education), Rachel Sheffield (Teacher Education), Kay Hallahan (Student Parliament), David Hollands (Industry Links). Associate members included Professor David Gibson (Curtin University), Rebecca McKinney and Samantha White (Shenton College), Rebecca Loftus (Fogarty Foundation), Finn Maling (UN Youth) and Alexandra Welch (PLEAWA).



Contributing to a more cross-collaborative approach within UNAAWA by working with the other committees was another ERG priority. This was achieved through the inaugural UNAAWA Awards process sharing resources and providing advice to other committees. The *UNAAWA 2017 Awards Booklet* (a publication effectively led by UN Day 2017 Committee Chair Vanida Lennon) has proven to be an invaluable resource, featuring significantly in the ERG's ongoing promotion of our work and recognising contributions to Australia's achievement of *SDG 4 Quality Education* (Target 4.7 learners acquiring knowledge and skills to promote sustainable development and global citizenship).

ERG members also appreciated the opportunity to assist the UN Women's Committee initiative *Girls Can Lead* for Year 9 and 10 school students.

The SDGs provide a relevant and engaging focus for students Kindergarten to Year 12. The tag - *Planet, People and Prosperity* through *Peace* and *Partnerships* scaffolds the 17 goals, their 169 targets and many indicators for students. There is growing school interest in using the Goals and Targets to provide an authentic, futures-oriented focus for student agency and innovation.

Following are some of the ERG's activities this year.



2017 Student Parliament

**Student feedback that inspires UNAAWA Student Parliament organisers:**

*"The speakers motivated me and I realised I could actually make a difference."*

*"Inspired to make a difference and help to achieve the Global Goals by 2030."*

**Teacher feedback that inspires UNAAWA Student Parliament organisers:**

*"This was such a fantastic day my students certainly gained a greater understanding of what makes effective leaders. Furthermore, the opportunity to sit in the Legislative Council and meet the wonderful guest speakers was an absolute honour."*

**Industry feedback that inspires UNAAWA Student Parliament organisers:**

*"I was attending an event yesterday and had some amazing unsolicited feedback from students who spotted me there. They all spoke about the inspiration the Student Parliament gave them and how it has changed their view on themselves as leaders and making a difference. Really cool."*

**Second Student Parliament held at WA Parliament House**

Development of student project management and leadership skills. Continued positive responses from the 47 students and 10 teachers/parents from 10 schools who participated. Strengthened alignment with the UNAAWA Global Goals Challenge.

**2017 Yolande Frank Art Awards**

Maintained the Awards conducted by UNAAWA since 2010. For the first time extended to lower secondary (Years 7 to 9). Only 5 schools involved, however, failing to achieve our target of extending reach to 10 schools. Video prepared and displayed in Alexander Library throughout month of September.

**2017 Sustainability Challenge**

Inaugural awards launched through *Global Citizenship Schools (GCS) Network* and *2017 Student Parliament*. Focused on recognising student-led initiatives, contributing to Australia's achievement of one or more of the SDG's. Entries from six schools.

**2017 World Teachers' Day**

Inaugural awards launched through *GCS Network* and *2017 Student Parliament*. Focused on promoting the work of teachers in Global Citizenship Education (directly contributing to SDG 4, Target 4.7 and promoting all of the SDG's through awareness raising and student-led projects).

**Mindarie Sustainability Expo | Meerilinga Children's Week Family Fun Day**

The *Sustainability Expo* extended reach of GCS network to northern suburbs of Perth. Over 250 students from three schools participated. Focused on information and need to design more interactive and engaging approach for 2018. *Family Fun Day Global Goals Walk* and rocket launch engaged an estimated 250 younger children and their families.



### **UNA A Global Citizenship I Sustainability WACE-endorsed program - certification of student learning based on the UNESCO model for Global Citizenship Education and the SDG's.**

In June 2018, WA School Curriculum and Standards Authority approved UNA AWA four-unit programs to be counted towards Years 10 - 12 students' achievement of requirements of the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE). Prior recognition through the Curtin University Learning Futures program was a significant factor in this approval. Pilot of Unit 1 at Shenton College established validity and worth of the program.

### **School Speakers I Education Resources Bank programs**

Members registered through the UNA AWA School Speakers Program, completed 24 assignments in schools, Student Parliaments and teacher professional learning forums. Positive feedback in all cases. No new development in Education Resources Bank.

### **Third and Fourth Student Parliaments held at WA Parliament House**

Development of student and project management leadership skills. Continued positive responses from the 90 students and 18 teachers/parents from 15 schools that participated. Strengthened alignment with the Global Goals Challenge and introduced Design Thinking process - entrepreneurship.

### **2018 Yolande Frank Art Awards I Global Goals Challenge I World Teachers' Day Awards**

Led negotiation of Awards process and timeline and coordination of implementation for UN Day Planning Committee. Widened distribution of posters and supporting information through partner networks. Developed proposal for inviting other Divisions to participate in the Yolande Frank Art Awards, supported by National Executive; however, timing may prove challenging for 2018 implementation.

### **Partnerships – Memorandum of Understanding signed with Curtin University (Learning Futures) I Fogarty Foundation EDfutures I Drafted for Museum of Freedom and Tolerance WA I Young Person's Plan for the Planet (ANU)**

### **Continued cross-promotion and collaboration with One World Centre I WA SDG Network I Sustainable Schools Alliance WA I Political and Legal Educators' Association of WA I Geographical Association of WA I AISWA HASS Conference**

The school partnerships (*GCS Network*) grew from 18 to 28 during the period (five inactive). Includes government and non-government primary and secondary schools. Support from Curtin Learning Futures strategically significant – recognition of student involvement in any of the UNA AWA school programs as part of portfolio entry and for eligibility in SHAPE scholarships (from Year 6 to Year 12).



Teachers from Coolbinia PS (Dr Elaine Lewis) and Westminster JPS (Lis Mathiasen) developed teacher support materials for Upper and Junior Primary respectively. Partnership with *Young Person's Plan for the Planet* significant in pilot of the *UNAA Global Citizenship and Sustainability WACE-endorsed units* and applying a business approach to SDG implementation.

### 2018 Peace Day Event

Currently planning for the event in September 2018. Event designed around two phases – *Partners for Peace Fair* (involving Mayors for Peace, Psychologists for Peace, Medical Association for Prevention of War, Universal Great Brotherhood (Science for Living), Alternatives to Violence, Peace Crane Project, Indigenous Perspectives on Peace and ICAN (Nobel Peace Prize 2017); Right to Peace Ceremony highlighting interrelationships of human rights, SDG's and peace.

### Global Challenges Foundation New Shape Prize

The UNAAWA entries were Mindarie Sustainability Expo and Meerilinga Children's Week Family Fun Day competition seeking to generate innovative ideas for improved governance of global catastrophic risks. One of 2702 entries from 122 countries, focused on the need to strengthen the role of business and civil society alongside government, and although our entry was not selected as one of the 14 finalists, UNAAWA contributed to the exciting 'global conversation'. Also prepared an entry in the *Global Challenges Foundation Educators' Prize* (submitted June 2018) featuring the design of Citizenship Education, SDGs and WA Curriculum.



Rees Barrett - Education Reference Group Convener





# ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE



2017 - 2018 has been a successful year for the Environment Committee. The Committee hosted/co-hosted a number of events across all four of the Committee's core focus areas, Oceans, Forestry, Climate Change, Built Communities and Agriculture. This year, the Committee has also established two new core focus area - Mining and Energy and Environmental Economics. The committee is currently restructuring portfolios to align more closely with the Sustainable Development Goals. We look forward to working under the new structure.

The Environment Committee has hosted a number of events the year including: -

## Sustainable Communities Events | Seminars Series

Two events were held over the last year. The first held in September 2017 focused on the different level of city design and the challenges of planning and managing chess in driving sustainable development. Speakers included: Prof. Joseli Macedo (Curtin University), Martin Spencer (City of Melville) and Dr Josh Byrne (Josh Byrne & Associates).

The second held in July 2018, promoted healthy, secure, equitable and sociable living forming part of sustainable cities and nations. sandy event. Speakers included Nadja Kampfenkel (Sustainability Manager WA Communities at Lendlease *Alkimos*), Eugenie Stockmann (Founder of Green Fabric) and Joanne Fotakis (Board Member and Activation Army Chief at Activate Perth). The seminars were led by Built Environment Portfolio Leads Valentna Petrone and Madlen Jannaschk.

## Beach Cleans

Two community Beach Cleans were held in Fremantle led by Amanda Elizabeth (Oceans Lead)

## Picnic in the Park

Buy Local Eat local vintage inspired picnic held in the Scented Gardens at the South Perth Foreshore and was very well attended attracting a diverse and new audience.

## Partnering in the Plastic Free July Initiative Launch held in Fremantle

This year the Committee has also had the opportunity to partner and collaborate with a number of organisations clung The Conservation Council Australia, Social impact Festival and Plastic Free July.



There were a number of resignations from the Committee during 2017/2018. Terry Visser (Vice Chair), Valentina Petrone (Vice Chair, Portfolio Lead Built Communities), Madlen Jannaschk (Built Communities), Isaac Lorca (Portfolio Lead Forests) and Georgia Braund (Communications). We would like to thank Terry, Valentina, Madlen, Isaac, George and Lucy for their dedication, hard work and the outstanding contributions they made to this committee and the UNAAWA.

A number of new appointments to the committee have also been made. Marianne Dahle has recently been appointed as Vice Chair to the Committee as of July of 2018. Amanda Elizabeth was appointed as Portfolio Lead in Oceans. Grant Oldfield was appointed as Portfolio Lead in Built Constructions. Mark Andrich will be taking on the role of Portfolio Lead in Environmental Economics. Cristina Silva will be commencing as Portfolio Lead in Mining and Energy. Melissa Arias has joined the committee as part of our Marketing Team, we are very glad to have her on board. We warmly welcome Marianne, Amanda, Grant, Mark, Cristina and Melissa.

The Committee has also undergone a number of structural changes which include the appointment of two Communications managers, Georgia Braund and Lucy Clark.

The Committee would like to thank UNAAWA members for their continued support and look forward to another successful and fruitful year.



**Beatrice Hamilton – Environment Committee Convener**



# HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE



The Human Rights Committee has been busy this year, particularly working cross collaboratively with both the Education Reference Group Committee and the Women’s Committee.

## IDAHOBIT (International Day against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersexism and Transphobia)

IDAHOBIT Day is the single most important date for LGBTIQ communities to mobilise on a worldwide scale anus to stand together against discrimination as no one should feel less equal because of their sexual orientation. Now celebrated in more than 130 countries, including 37 where same-sex acts are illegal, with 1600 events reported from 1280 organisations in 2014.



John Carey MLA, Senator Louis Pratt, Hon. Alison Xamon MLC, Jeremey Wray – President Pride WA, Tanya Finnie – Human Rights Chair

The Human Rights Committee ran a corporate event, hosted by Engineers WA and supported by the local Oil and Gas and Engineering industry, selecting May 17th as the event date, in commemoration of the World Health Organization’s decision in 1990 to declassify homosexuality as a mental disorder.

## AUSTRALIAN STATS

75%

Of LGBTIQ youth experience some form of discrimination.

61%

Of LGBTIQ youth experience verbal abuse.

19%

Of LGBTIQ youth experience physical bullying.

24.4%

Of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual people experience depression

36.2%

Of Trans Australians experience depression

COMPARED TO

6.8%

Of the general population who experience depression



The focus of IDAHOBIT was to raise awareness, form new partnerships with mining and oil and gas and to importantly show support for LBTGQI community and share impact of stories in the workplace.

Special thanks must be given to Engineers WA who hosted IDAHOBIT and to our VIP's who supported and attended the event; Senator Louise Pratt, Shadow Assistant Minister for Families and Communities, John Carey MLA, Member for Perth & Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier, Hon. Alison Xamon, MLC, Member for North Metropolitan Region and Jeremy Wray on behalf of GE and Pride WA

### Harmony Week

The Human Rights Committee partnered with local government, working with the City of Melville to promote and raising local awareness of SDG's by hosting a movie night together in Bull Creek, a south west metro suburb.



Human Rights Committee members Keith Makumi, Madison Tran, Tanya Finnie (Committee Convener) and Tennille Kroemer.



## HUMAN RIGHTS NATIONAL PROGRAM



2017/2018 has been a year of exciting and at time challenging progress in terms of the national human rights program, with some key achievements.

The UN Association Australia nationally has now developed a Draft Reconciliation Action Plan which was achieved by working with Reconciliation Australia. A National Human Rights Program & Prospectus was launched and celebrated at the 10 December - Human Rights Day with the theme of *Think Globally, Plan Nationally and Act Globally*.

### DFAT-NGO Forum on Human Rights

The Minister for Foreign Affairs, The Hon. Julie Bishop MP hosted a reception to celebrate Australia's membership on the United Nations Human Rights Council together with the Ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia who are the current chairs of the council.

### Position Paper

As part of the 2018 Human Rights National Programme, the UNAA will prepare a position paper on Human Rights, Australia and the United Nations. This will include inward and external aspects. Firstly, the position paper will comprise a positive and constructive support position for Australian input to the UN Human Rights Council. Recommendations for global focus activities under each of the pillars will be developed. We extremely fortunate is securing the services of Jo Tighe to coordinate the compilation of the position paper. Jo is a McCusker Centre for Citizenship Intern and we anticipate finalising the document in time for release on Human Rights Day 2018.

### Goodwill Ambassador

I am pleased that we were able to finalise the appointment of Grace Forrest, of the WalkFree Foundation as a National Goodwill Ambassador on modern day slavery. Grace already has a full programme of commitments with UNAA and I thank her most sincerely for her ongoing commitment to improving human Rights locally and abroad.



**Fadzi Whande - Convener Human Rights Committee**



## PARTNERSHIP & FUNDING COMMITTEE

In 2018 we reaffirm our commitment to advocating support for the United Nations (UN) in the WA community and demonstrated with internal and external stakeholders why the UN matters to people everywhere.

To raise awareness of the UN goals and promote effectively through the work of the UNAAWA, this year's efforts have been actively pursuing connections and opportunities, affirming relationships with partners, both pre-existing and new, while ensuring our fundraising efforts live up to the values of the UN.

To achieve these goals, the UNAAWA have undertaken the following:

- Launched the inaugural SDGs forums under the “Business & Sustainability Series” to engage both public and private sectors in the advocacy and support of the SDGs in WA;
- Pursued and won partnerships/sponsorships from the business sector in WA on in-kind contribution and cash in support of promoting SDGs.
- Built on formal process and supporting documentation with which to reach out to potential partners, enabling the scalability of our work, increase the reach and visibility of the UNAAWA and therefore attracting stakeholders necessary to generate future interests to our causes;
- Consolidated, streamlined and coordinated cross-committee partnership and fundraising efforts for the UNAAWA.
- Engaged representatives from all sub-committees to share ideas and exchange fundraising plans across the organisation. Committees' progress are tracked towards planned/agreed activities and results. Engagement efforts were followed up and updated against milestones for support and resources required for the next step.
- Uploaded all final and working documents to a shared online resource depository (i.e. Google Drive) which can be accessed by the standing Committees of the UNAAWA when drafting their outreach and stakeholder's engagement plans.



## 2018 Business and Sustainability Forums

72% of attendees at the 2018 Business and Sustainability Forum stated that it had increased their knowledge about the SDGs.

83% of attendees at the 2018 Business and Sustainability Forum stated that the SDGs will have a 'high' or 'very high' impact on their industry.

Attendees at the 2018 Business and Sustainability Forum listed Goals 6, 4 and 5 (in that order) as the most important to them personally, but Goals 8, 7 and 6 as the most important for their organisations.

The most mentioned feedback about the forums are that the panels were 'high quality' and have 'excellent mix of backgrounds'; speakers demonstrated 'high calibre of expertise', and the attendees 'very much enjoyed the economic focus on delivering sustainable results'..

In both forums, over 40% of attendees are members and 60% are non-members demonstrating a balance in retaining interests of our base and exploring new segments of audience in WA for the UNAAWA.

The first two forums (of four each year) brought together leaders of business, the public sector and domain experts to talk about the SDGs and their impact on the private sector in Western Australia.



Robust exchanges took place with actionable examples for businesses to follow in integrating the SDGs into their business practices, which greatly increased the knowledge of the SDGs for two thirds of attendees.

Nearly 100 representatives from key stakeholders' groups attended the first two forums. They ranged from business executives, practitioners, academics, students, government representatives and civil society. The UNAAWA was able to reach and educate a diverse range of target audiences driving awareness, buy-in and implementation of the SDGs. Relationships were developed and synergies achieved across government, business, academia and civil society.





Increased engagement was also seen for existing members as well as attracting new members to the organisation. The forums have recruited at least 10 new members to date.

Further benefits saw the establishment of 16 new partnerships and four sponsorships for the forum since April 2018 including DFAT, Small Business Development Corporation, Curtin University of Technology, City of Perth Library, WA Super, Beyond Blue, Centre of Social Impact (UWA), Australian Institute of Company Directors and various local small businesses and non-profit organisations.

Increased visibility of the organisation in private sector, increased network value for our

members, as well as enhanced organisational reputation in the industry and community. Forming new connections and increasing funding and sponsorship opportunities in domain areas for the respective committees.



**Dr Sandy Y L Chong - Vice-President | Chair of Partnership & Sponsorship Committee**





## WOMEN'S COMMITTEE



The Committee's objectives for this year involved promotion of women's economic empowerment and leadership and preventing gender-based violence. Members meet monthly, sharing progress and working towards the committee's strategic focuses for the 2016/2017 period: understanding key issues facing the women of WA, engaging with representatives of the broader community, understanding the ecosystem and creating foundations from which to collaborate for impact.

### Foreign Aid

On 20 February 2018 Dr Helen Szoke (CEO, Oxfam Australia), Senator Linda Reynolds CSC (Senator for Western Australia), Madeleine King MP (Federal Member for Brand) and Dr Anne Aly (Federal Member for Cowan) constituted a panel on the effects of changes to Australia's foreign aid to global community. The UNAAWA attended and discussed the important issue with local and federal politicians, including the issue of voter apathy in this area, and the disconnect between linking Australian foreign aid and international peace and security.

### Taxing Women's Health

Personal hygiene products such as tampons are still subject to GST in Australia. This means around \$30 million a year in revenue for the Federal Government, paid for by women across the country. Research undertaken by the UNAAWA uncovered a trend, especially in lower socio-economic suburbs, of theft from supermarkets of personal care items. It is extremely concerning that women may be forced into criminal behaviour to meet their personal needs. UNAAWA developed factsheets and consulted with businesses to raise awareness of this issue.

### Tomorrow's Leaders Today

Whilst all that we do seeks to meet this goal, our work to create strong, confident and capable leaders for tomorrow is best highlighted in our workshop series for young female leaders. Held in April 2018 the fully funded workshops spanned 2 weeks and involved high school aged participants taking part in leadership development and hearing from local female leaders (including a former Attorney General and current members of state parliament and local council). We hope to run similar programs in regional WA in the coming year.

### Top down Change

The Women's committee launched an initiative with the Perth based CEOs for Gender Equity organisation. We are working together to map their strategic priorities with the 17 Sustainability Development Goals, with a focus on goal number 5, Gender Equality. Whilst everything we do reflects goal number 5, we are especially excited about this 'top-down' work as we can work with some of



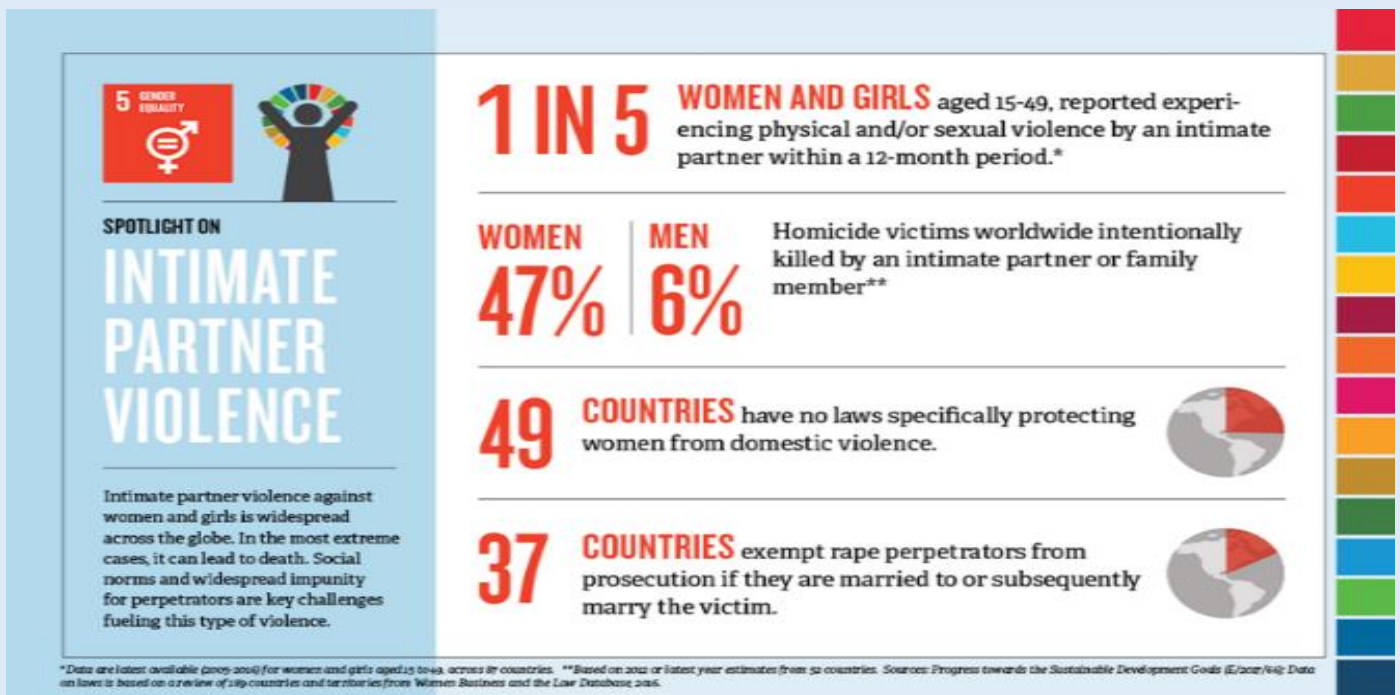
Western Australia, and our Nation’s largest decision makers. With CEOs from RAC, Westfarmers and other national names, we are excited about the huge difference this work can do.

### SCREW Week

An important aspect of sanitation is the maintenance of hygienic conditions, particularly regarding human waste products and fluids. The UNAAWA Women’s Committee considered how local women may be affected in the area of sexual health and partnered with the University of Western Australia’s Guild to participate in the ‘Sex, Consent, Respect, Education and Wellbeing’ week during which safe personal products and information were provided to the students and general public.

### International Women’s Day

The international women’s day breakfast is coordinated by the National UN Women organisation. Each year functions are held around the country, with much needed funds going to initiatives such as the purchasing of cheap and portable solar lights for women in the wake of natural disasters. UNAAWA assisted in fundraising, volunteering and promotion of the WA IWD for 2018 and assisted in raising essential funds for UN Women to continue to work on the ground when crisis strikes to deliver solutions that empower women





80 people attended STEMM

15 The age of the young woman that created the 'girl empowerment project'

25 Girls empowered to be the leaders of tomorrow with through the #GirlsCanLead program

8 the number of women on the women's committee that lead it all!



- Lara Silbert Facebook

Women's committee members all got on board with the 2017 online campaign to end violence against women

### Partnering with private industry

The Women's Committee partnered with McKinsey and the University of Western Australia to provide four workshops for women in industry and seeking to enter industry to both further their skills and networks. The series covered investment, leadership, self-care and personal branding. Creating more opportunities for women to enter industry, be competitive for promotion and develop networks for success, is a vital part of the Women's Committees work.

### Strategic partnerships

In July 2018 the Women's Committee partnered with the museum of freedom and tolerance in their Breaking Barriers innovation competition. Breaking Barriers was designed to further the museums' endeavour to co-create spaces for the discussion of racial and religious diversity in our community. It aims to inspire people to unite in their difference according to the universal values of freedom, tolerance, respect, fairness and their common humanity. The event was a huge success with the winner contacting Google for support to launch their idea.

### Strategic partnerships

The Women's Committee was invited to participate in the City of Perth's Planning and Sustainability Forums in 2017. The forums were held at the council chambers across two days and covered planning for the City's future, with sustainability and development the key focus. The United Nations Association of Western Australia advocated for the integration of the Sustainability Development Goals in the City's plans and assisted with practical suggestions on how to make this a reality. The City has since launched its initiative with great success

### Change starts at home

Aware of the amount of paper being used in the UNAAWA for meeting agendas, distribution of information and reporting, the

Woman's Committee, under the guidance of the Executive, implemented a new online storage platform for documents. The new platform enables paperless transition and access to documents for all members of UNAAWA committees and reduces the need to print or email documents when



needing to collaborate. We know that change starts at home and are excited to reduce consumption in our own processes.

### Partnership for Action

Perth Projects is a local organisation working to raise awareness of environmental and humanitarian issues in Western Australia. In 2018 the women's committee met with Perth Projects to strategize how the agency could work within the 17 Sustainability Development Goals, and also work with the UNAAWA's Environment Committee. The Chair of the Environment Committee and Perth Projects have since created a partnership and are continuing to work toward a better world.

### Women on the Water

In 2017 the Women's Committee joined a local sailing club and Perth City Council for a women's networking event that centred on the Swan river. The river runs through the heart of the CBD and is a popular sporting and recreation resource for Perth's locals and tourists. The day also had a strong focus on women in business, networking, self-care and teamwork. Participants were provided the opportunity to assist with sailing the yachts, and some proved more skilled than others!

### Strengthening Universities

in Edith Cowan and the University of Western Australia partnered with UNAAWA in 2017-18 to provide events focused on gender equity. We work with universities, and other institutions because strengthening them and empowering them to contribute to the 17 Goals in a public and informed manner, strengthens the wider community. Our February 2018 event at ECU saw nearly 100 people engage in a panel discussion on the barriers to women entering and excelling in STEMM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics).

### Strategic partnerships

In engagements with Women in Technology (High reach and established local organisation focused on reducing the barriers women face in the tech industry) we sought to partner in events and reach WiTWA's networks to promote UNAAWA UN Day Awards and values. We are working with CEO's for Gender Equity to map their strategic goals against the SDG's (They are a WA based agency with CEO's from WA and across Australia working top-down to reach gender equity in private industry)..



**Aleisha Godenzie - Women's Committee Convener**



## UNAA YOUNG PROFESSIONALS REPORT

Over the past twelve months the United Nations Association of West Australian Young Professional committee has grown in numbers and expanded their knowledge to pave the way for a promising future here in Western Australia. The committee remains dedicated to educating young professionals about global issues and providing forums for the community to engage and develop proactive ways to make a difference from a grass roots level through to a global setting.



Since their establishment in 2011, the WA YP committee have hosted a number of successful events to mark key UN commemorative days and in more recent times, have focussed heavily of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. A number of events have attracted in excess of one hundred young professionals. The major events held in the past financial year including; *Conversations in the Community (think global, act local on migration* in partnership with the Red Cross and *The Art of Social Change*.

### Conversations in the Community

Conversations in the community was an interactive group discussion led by the Red Cross with a focus on refugees. We ran it as a part of the Social Impact Festival. It was an interesting night where everyone learnt more about the plight of the refugees. We had role-playing activities, Q&A sessions, a short movie and an inspiring opening night speech from the UNAA WA President. The idea was to challenge our way of thinking in regard to migration. One objective was for young professionals to gain a better understanding of the local and global movement of people.

### The Art of Social Change

The UNAA WA Young Professionals hosted an art exhibition in November 2017. Featured artists in our exhibition were required to represent or interpret one or more of the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as an artwork. This was a great opportunity to show case WA artists' work while highlighting the SDGs, reach new audiences and network. The artists also had the opportunity to sell their work at our art exhibition.



We received over 20 Expressions of Interest for this event. Exhibiting local artists produced artwork that brought the Sustainable Development Goals to life.

The success of the events directly correlates with the increased number of members, the establishment of new stakeholder relationships and the enhanced positivity of the organisation itself.



Moving forward, there will be a continued focus on increasing partnerships in the community, rolling out a national YP mentoring program, the continued facilitation of a Foxtel UNAA YP nationally aired segment and most importantly, the engagement of young professionals to ensure the legacy of YP grows. The YP's carefully considered recruitment process has seen the executive team grow from 5 to nine members with the provision to ascertain three more directors in the coming months to manage our legal, events and membership portfolios.

The continued success of the WA YP organisation is a reflection of the hardworking committee and their efforts in promoting the vision and pursuits of the United Nations. The committee will continue to mobilise resources in attempt to learn more about current international issues. We have a dedicated plan to hold future events that encourage interaction, networking and action-planning to combat universal issues such as poverty, disease and war.

The WA YP committee are proud to have formed strong relationships and created much needed awareness among young professionals who are tomorrow's future leaders. We are equally as proud to be nurturing a strong relationship with the state UNAA WA board. We look forward to building on our success and extending our reach across the country.



**Neesha Seth - WA Lead – Young Professionals (WA)**



## UN DAY COMMITTEE



### UN DAY 2017

Government House Ballroom was full of smiles and goodwill as over 100 people gathered to celebrate UN Day. In 2017, UNAAWA held its inaugural UNAAWA awards which seek to honour Western Australians from various walks of life who have made a special contribution to our focus areas of Education, Human Rights, Women, Environment and Volunteering in support of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. These special Western Australians were recognised and winners were selected for each category

The evening featured addresses by our 2017/2018 Patron, Her Excellency the Honourable Kerry Sanderson AC, ex-Governor of Western Australia, the Hon Roger Cook MLA, Minister for Health and Mental Health and UNAAWA President Dr Steve Lennon. The program was given a special welcome to country by Dr. Richard Walley OAM and complemented by live performances from various local artists.

Special thanks go to the UNAAWA organising committee under the able leadership UNAAWA member, Vanida Lennon and a large team of volunteers for their commitment and dedication in arranging and executing such an excellent event. Thank you also for the generous support of Lotterywest, DFAT, Government House, Le Cordon Bleu and Brightsidelive Audio Visual Event.

### UN DAY 2018

The arrangements for UN Day 2018, are well underway under the lead of the Aleisha Godenzi and the Women's Committee, and with support from the Executive Committee.

This year UNNAWA will also mark the 70 year anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights, a milestone for the UN, and seems fitting particularly for UNAAWA which now leads the national Human Rights Program. The event will be held Perth Town Hall on 26 October 2018.



## TREASURERS REPORT

In the 2017/2018 UNAAWA has made a profit of \$8,075 from its flagship UN Day event and \$3,701 from other events. \$8,125 was received for subscriptions with other income received at \$585. The Association paid \$4,295 for rent and incurred \$3,711 for other operating expenses. These all combined to give a net profit of \$12,480.

Total equity is now \$22,692, with another \$3,888 in the Education and Yolande Frank funds.

In the past the Association has paid an annual levy (typically \$5 per member) to our national body UNAA, however no levy was requested in the 2017-2018 year and in fact, UNAA was able to subsidise some UNAAWA events and other expenses.

In 2017/2018 the online banking facility was upgraded to allow payments by direct bank transfer. A merchant facility is now also available to allow receipt of payments by credit card if the Association goes ahead with obtaining a suitable terminal to facilitate credit card payments.

*RSM Australia Partners* have recently agreed to be auditor for UNAAWA. Our annual Audit is currently underway, and the final outcome will be included in the website folder containing the annual reports.

The current financial situation at the closing of the 2017/2018 financial year is healthy and adequate for the Associations current needs.





## Profit & Loss

### United Nations Association of Australia WA Division Inc. 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018

	30 Jun 18
<b>Income</b>	
Diversity Event	33
Environmental Committee Picnic	1,024
Environmental Film Joint Venture Event	3,682
Governance of Business in the Private Sector Event	823
Other Event Income	4,091
Paid Presentations	200
Peace and Humanitarian Day Event	1,364
UN Day Event	20,158
Young Womens Leadership Event	5,455
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>36,829</b>
<b>Less Cost of Sales</b>	
Diversity Event Expenses	201
Environmental Committee Picnic Expense	867
Environmental Film Joint Venture Expense	2,961
Governance of Business in the Private Sector Expense	768
IDAHOBIT Event expenses	605
National Human Rights Program Launch	1,053
Peace & Humanitarian Day Expenses	1,174
UN Day Expense	12,083
Young Womens Leadership Event Expense	5,341
<b>Total Cost of Sales</b>	<b>25,053</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>11,776</b>
<b>Plus Other Income</b>	
Donations	96
Interest	69
Subscriptions	8,125
Sundry Income	420
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>8,710</b>
<b>Less Operating Expenses</b>	
Bank Charges	91
Internet Expenses	734
Members Amenities	235
Membership Expense	82
Office Supplies & Equipment	611
Pay Pal Fees	61
Postage	33
Printing & Stationery	601
Rent	4,295
Sundry Expense	145
Telephone	503
Tidy HQ Charges	243



# Balance Sheet

## United Nations Association of Australia WA Division Inc. As at 30 June 2018

30 Jun 2018

### Assets

<b>Bank</b>	
Cheque account	9,911
PayPal	47
Telenet Saver	16,317
<b>Total Bank</b>	<b>26,276</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Accounts Receivable	937
Accrued Income	130
Petty Cash	100
Prepayments	1,000
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>2,167</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>28,443</b>

### Liabilities

<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Education fund	3,018
Expense Accruals	538
GST	1,007
Unearned Income	317
Yolande Frank Art Award Fund	870
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>5,751</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>5,751</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>22,692</b>

### Equity

Current Year Earnings	12,480
Retained Earnings	10,212
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>22,692</b>