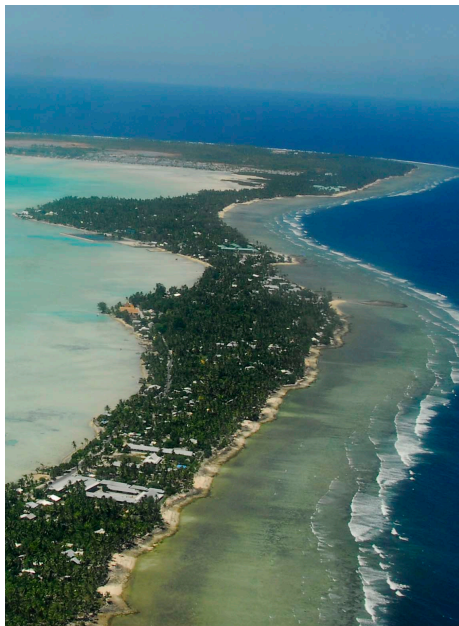




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THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF Human Rights

Article 1 All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood.

Article 2 Everyone has the right to recognition as a person before the law.

Article 3 Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person.

Article 4 No one shall be held in slavery or servitude; slavery or the trade in slaves and servitude is prohibited in all its forms.

Article 5 No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

Article 6 Everyone has the right to recognition as a person before the law.

Article 7 All are equal before the law and are entitled without any discrimination to equal protection of the law. All are entitled to equal treatment before the law.

Article 8 Everyone has the right to an effective remedy by the competent national authorities for the violations of his fundamental rights recognised by constitutional or law.

Article 9 No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile.

Article 10 Everyone has the right to a fair and public hearing by an independent and impartial tribunal in the determination of his rights and obligations.

Article 11 Everyone has the right to a fair trial.

Article 12 No one shall be subjected to arbitrary interference with his privacy, family, home or correspondence, nor to attacks upon his honour and reputation. Everyone has the right to the protection of the law against such interference or attacks.

Article 13 Everyone has the right to freedom of movement and residence within the frontiers of each State.

Article 14 Everyone has the right to leave any country, including his own, and to return to his country.

Article 15 Everyone has the right to nationality.

Article 16 Everyone has the right to marry and to found a family, which is the basis of the larger society.

Article 17 Everyone has the right to own property alone as well as in association with others.

Article 18 Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief.

Article 19 Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers.

Article 20 Everyone has the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association.

Article 21 Everyone has the right to take part in the government of his country, directly or through freely chosen representatives.

Article 22 Everyone has the right to social security.

Article 23 Everyone has the right to work, to free choice of employment, to just and favourable conditions of work and to protection against unemployment.

Article 24 Everyone has the right to rest and leisure, including reasonable limitation of working hours and periodic holidays with pay.

Article 25 Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family, including food, clothing, housing and medical care, and to social security.

Article 26 Everyone has the right to education.

Article 27 Everyone has the right to the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health.

Article 28 Everyone has the right to the enjoyment of the cultural and spiritual values of the human community.

Article 29 Everyone has duties to the community in which alone the free and full development of his personality is possible.

Article 30 Nothing shall be invoked to limit the rights and freedoms hereinafter set forth.

Credit (L to R): Government of Kiribati (page 5), Joseph Caruso (page 3), UN Photo # 63484 (page 4)

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Chief Editor: Caleb Gorton

From the President

As we approach the end of the year I am becoming increasingly aware of how important it is for us to do our best to play an even increasing role in emphasising to Western Australians 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 Australians about the critical work, goals and values of the United Nations to create a safer, fairer and more sustainable world.

A major initiative of 2017 was Western Australia taking the lead nationally on the UNAA National Human Rights Programme. As we celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the coming into being of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), it is inspiring to see the events being hoisted by UNAA across Australia in celebrating this major milestone. Our Human Rights Programme has made great progress in assisting our colleagues across Australia with messaging and material, the initiation of a Reconciliation Action Plan for UNAA and the drafting of a Human Rights Position paper which will be released for discussion in the near future. On 10th December, International Human Rights Day, we jointly host an event celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the UDHR with the WA State Library. The Honourable Simone McGurk MLA, Dr Hannah McGlade, Whitney Skinner and others will join us as we engage on Australia, Human Rights and the United Nations. You can join us by registering via our website.

In the last quarter we have also seen another very successful and inspiring celebration of United Nations Day at our event in Perth Town Hall on 26th October. Thanks go to all who volunteered their time and effort and funds to make this a memorable event. Congratulations also to all of our award winners who inspire us with their largely unsung contributions to a fairer, safer and more sustainable world.

We have also seen the annual family fun day in Whiteman Park, where our Education Team show how much fun learning about the Sustainable Development Goals can be – and starting the ownership of these important goals with young children – our sustainability champions of the future. It is exciting to see how the SDGs are starting to inform strategic decision making in Western Australia. While I believe we have a long way to go in putting our state on the path to true sustainability, we have nodes of excellence in academia, local government, professions, infrastructure and the business sector which act as wonderful role models for others to emulate. We continue to strengthen our communications around the SDGs with a view to institutions and individuals owning them as part of the new normal for modern society. Our SDG forums and one-on-one interactions with stakeholder groupings are ensuring that traction is increasing. In the coming year we look forward to further building this momentum with a view to assisting in the full achievement of the Goals by 2030.

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 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. This is an effective team that works together in a sprint completely aligned with the values of the United Nations.

Planning for 2019 is well in hand and very early in the new year we will release our calendar for the year. Members can look forward to an exciting year of events and activities aimed at progressing our focus areas of Human Rights, women's empowerment, environment, education and the SDGs. We welcome new members and would appreciate it if all members could assist us in our membership drive by recruiting friends and family in support of this deserving Association. We are only as effective as our outreach and our membership is a critical foundation of that outreach – so please help us to reach more Australians by increasing our membership base. Thank you all for your wonderful support in 2018. We look forward to engaging with you in the year ahead.

Dr Steve Lennon
UNAAWA President

<http://www.unaa.org.au/divisions/western-australia/>

Remembrance Day Centenary Commemoration

I attended my hometown Bunbury RSL Veteran's Armistice Centenary Commemoration service recognising the end of World War I, respectively to place the wreath of remembrance at the war memorial on behalf of UNAANA. By RSL invitation, I have been attending ANZAC and Remembrance Day wreath laying ceremonies on behalf on UNAANA for many years.



UNAANA International Representative Joseph Caruso lays the wreath at Bunbury RSL Veteran's Armistice Centenary Commemoration service. Source: Joseph Caruso

Turning the clock back 100 years, we endeavour to reconcile the tragic loss of life and conflict that persisted for four brutal years on bloodstained war fields in the European Western Fronts at Fromelles, Pozieres, Bullecourt, Polygon, Passchendaele, Villers-Bretonneux, Le Hamel and other theatres of war, just as the ANZAC's at Gallipoli are always solemnly remembered where our Australian soldiers served with valour.

Never were so many lives lost in the name of duty to king and country on hostile soils, once peaceful fields, and in the distant harsh deserts of Beersheba and El Alamein in North Africa where the Australian light horse charge proved victorious. All now lay silently sleeping in lands distant from their Australian homeland.

This war witnessed 62,000 Australian soldiers losing their lives in the treacherous battles of North Africa, Gallipoli and the European Western Front.

From history, we recall the disaster of 1915 at Gallipoli in which ANZAC loss of life is solemnly remembered. The post-war wounds, illness, physical impairment and physiological mental trauma still carry the human scars into the present day. Western Australian historian Geoffrey Bolton writes "Recruitment for soldiers began in 1914 to enlist 1,400 recruits, in fact three times that number came forward on the first day, re-enlistments Western Australia recruitment was higher than the rest of Australia, due to more single men from severe drought. Young farmers leaving the land were almost 10 per cent of WA's population. 32,321 in all were to enlist in WWI".

In closing with respectful honour, dignity and humane reflections, we must never elevate war and conflict to pedestals of just a historical calendar event scribed in the faded journals of history. Rather, we commemorate the supreme sacrifices of the names etched into the epitaphs of all war memorials and those unmarked in silent graves, living in our hearts forever and invigorating a mission of peace.

As ambassadors for peace, there has never been a more challenging moment to continue the United Nations' march for harmony in a world engulfed with conflict and to pursue a peaceful and harmonious world in which we all have a role to promote peace.

Finally, lest we forget our warfront battle heroes in the North African deserts, in which 130,000 horses tragically perished as recorded in Banjo Patterson's 'The Last Parade'. Lest we forget our nurses and doctors, who provided the medical life support that is not often recognised.

Joseph Caruso
UNAANA International Representative

The value of Human Rights in the 21st century

In the course of my research in the life and career of former UNAAWA Executive Officer [Secretary], Murray Giles Little, I came across an interesting newspaper report in the Northam Advertiser dated 12th December 1952.

The writer, Georges Fradier, a French writer and translator put up the proposition that “some intellectuals have some serious doubts about the practical value of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Its principles are all very fine, they say, but what effect can it have in a world where the man in the street doesn’t even know what it says?”

He went on to say that the trouble with such people is that they don’t put enough trust in the men and women in the street and that the ordinary folk are constantly meeting the basic and most difficult problems of freedom, rights and justice in their everyday lives. They may not have any idea of any human rights precedents that may be established.



Mrs Eleanor Roosevelt holding a Declaration of Human Rights poster, exact date unknown. Credit: UN Photo # 1292

Which raises the question as to whether the same point may be made today, some nearly seventy years later? If asked in a street survey or in some other form, could anyone be able to name or even quote any of the principles of the Declaration of Human Rights? The answer I suspect would be in the negative.

If I’m correct, this raises the question, are the principles taught as part of our education system

and if not, why not? If they are, do they just vanish from the minds of students as they grow into adulthood?

Do we, in the modern west, regard human rights or the protection of them to only apply to those people in nation-states that are governed by either dictators or some other form of authoritarian governments?

Do we put faith and trust in our governments to the extent that we think “it’s alright mate”, or are just lazy?

In a country that has become more multicultural, which I must say is for the better, an increasing growing number of new citizens come from countries where human rights are regarded in a cavalier attitude at best or dismissed all together at worst. Therefore, I think that it is vital that the principles of the declaration be placed front and centre in our everyday lives.

The authors of the Declaration of Human Rights were not selective as to whom it was to serve. We should not remain ignorant of what it says and how it remains as relevant today as it did at the time of its conception.

Lindsay Dorman
UNAAWA Member



Mrs Eleanor Roosevelt, Chairman of Human Rights Commission, and Dr Charles Malik, Chairman of the General Assembly’s Third Committee, during press conference after the completion of the Declaration of Human Rights in December 1948. Credit: UN Photo # 113910

“We are running out of time”: United Nations issues dire warning on global warming

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change’s (IPCC) landmark ‘Global Warming at 1.5°C’ report confirms the serious pressure climate change will continue to place on achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. Released on 8th October, the study paints a picture of the world at 1.5°C warming above pre-industrial levels, illustrating the major consequences of further global warming.

At the current rate, IPCC is highly certain that global warming will reach the 1.5°C level between 2030 and 2052. After the report launch, UN Secretary-General António Guterres tweeted that it was not impossible to limit global warming to its current prediction. “But it will require urgent, unprecedented and collective climate action in all areas,” he said. “There is no time to waste.”

Global warming will cause average temperatures in most land and sea regions to rise, which will drive up the number of hot days in land regions, especially in the tropics. The probability of poor rainfall and drought will increase in some regions – in the Mediterranean, a drying trend is already observed. The drought in this region from 2007 to 2010 was the longest and most intense in 900 years.

Those disproportionately at risk to the adverse consequences of climate change are generally the groups that have done the least to contribute to it. Disadvantaged and vulnerable populations, indigenous peoples, and local communities dependent on agriculture and coastal resources for their livelihoods are most at risk, according to the report.

Global warming puts simultaneous overlapping pressures on vulnerable populations. People may experience worsening drought or ecological change at the same time as climate-related water, food and energy insecurity. Poverty exacerbates these consequences. Global economic growth is also at risk, especially in the tropics and Southern Hemisphere subtropics. Achieving the SDGs becomes a more serious challenge in the future due to global warming.

Sea levels will continue to rise past the 21st century,

with serious implications for Australia’s neighbours in the Pacific. Small developing island states face disproportionately higher risks such as flooding, saltwater intrusion, infrastructure damage, or worse – the shrinking or complete submergence of land area. Speaking in Kiribati in 2011, the then UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon described the island state as being at the “front of the frontlines” on climate change. The number of extreme water-level events is expected to double by 2050 in these countries.



Low-lying island states such as Kiribati are at the “front of the frontlines” of climate change. Source: UN Photo # 483350

Coastal resources such as fisheries will also be adversely impacted. The health of coral reefs, according to the report, is at serious risk – reefs are predicted to decline by 70 to 90 per cent between 2030 and 2052. Coral reefs face potential extinction at higher levels of warming – an alarming reality for Australia’s Great Barrier Reef.

Limiting global warming is possible, but requires rapid action. Global carbon dioxide emissions will need to be reduced by 45 per cent from 2010 levels by 2030 and reach ‘net zero’ at the midpoint of the 21st century.

The IPCC report, according to Mr Guterres, “is an ear-splitting wake-up call to the world. It confirms that climate change is running faster than we are – and we are running out of time.”

Caleb Gorton
UN Matters Chief Editor

School Programs

UNAAWA Accredited School Program

Shenton College STEMINISTS Samantha White (Maths) and Bec McKinney (Science) recently hosted a workshop for teachers interested in delivering the UNAAWA Accredited School Program. We were delighted to welcome 29 teachers representing 13 schools at this milestone event.

Samantha and Bec piloted the course developed through the Education Reference Group and accredited by the WA School Curriculum and Standards Authority. Senior secondary students completing one to four units of the program have their achievement recorded by the Authority and count towards their Western Australian Certificate of Education.

The program design is based on the UNESCO model for Global Citizenship Education and enables students to integrate and apply their learning across the curriculum to make a difference for one or more of the 2030 SDGs. They use a design process to develop a social, business or technological enterprise benefitting their community. Each of the four units is differentiated through the scale of application – local to national to Indo-Pacific regional to global.

"This is the kind of learning needed for the future," says UNESCO Professor David Gibson of Curtin University. "We encourage students to include records of their design process in their portfolios for possible



2018 Global Goals Ambassadors Samantha White and Bec McKinney. Source: Rees Barrett

use in gaining entry to university and eligibility for Curtin SHAPE scholarships."

Bec and Samantha's contribution in inspiring, piloting and leading the implementation of the program has been recognised through the UNAAWA World Teachers' Day Awards for 2018.

Rees Barrett
UNAAWA School Programs Director



Global Goals at Meerilinga Family Fun Day

It's Sunday 21st October and our intrepid band of UNAAWA educators is hammering tent pegs into laminated SDG icons. In between showers, nearly 300 children take the SDG Walk for their reward – a chance to send the Global Goals Rocket soaring! They then use a token 'Bean' to vote for their most important Global Goal.

All goals gain a vote but the clear winner is SDG 14 *Life Below Water*. Maybe this reflects the impact of TV campaigns on plastic in the oceans. The children's comments reflect their strong emotional engagement with sea creatures. These youngsters also affect the views of family and friends who accompany them. "Never heard of the Global Goals," say all but two of them.

The UNAAWA stand at Family Fun Day, Whiteman Park is part of the opening event of Meerilinga Children's Week - focused on promotion of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.



Words & Photo: Rees Barrett

School Programs

Every Drop is Precious!

Young Re-Inventors of the Year Award Winner



Year 5 students from Coolbinia Primary School have been involved in a STEAM Inquiry Learning project on 'water' in 2018. The project arose from a group of students who attended the Youth Leadership Conference at Parliament House earlier in the year. The conference was organised by one of the school's community partners, the UNAAWA Global Citizenship Schools program, and the project focused on the Sustainable Development Goal 6 *Clean Water and Sanitation*.

The students investigated ways to clean dirty water so that it was suitable for drinking. As part of this inquiry project the children made a water filter using different layers of rock, sand and fabric during a Technologies lesson with young UWA engineers from Engineers Without Borders. Students also investigated different coverings - black plastic, paint and fabrics - on plastic bottles to determine which bottle of water reached the highest temperature when placed in the sun. Another

part of this project involved creating a 3D water filter on our 3D printer during another Technologies lesson. The water filter was inserted into a recycled plastic bottle containing dirty water, along with activated charcoal previously prepared by the students. Clean water dripped out!

This project was entered into Switch Your Thinking Young Re-Inventors of the Year competition. The students' project was awarded equal first place in the competition! Year 5 students will select prizes worth \$333 for our school. Many congratulations to the students and staff involved in the *Every Drop is Precious!* inquiry project and to UNAAWA for organising the 2018 Student Parliaments.

Dr Elaine Lewis
Coolbinia Primary School
Cross Curriculum Leader
UNAAWA Member

Do you want to be a School Speaker?



As soon as she joined UNAAWA, Josephine Zimama applied to represent the Association through volunteering to speak in schools. An emerging leader in the African community, Josephine applied to join the program to talk with students about her experience as a refugee forced to leave her homeland to live in Australia.



Josephine Zimama speaks with Year 3 students at Coolbinia Primary School in November 2018. Photo: Elaine Lewis

For the second year running, Josephine was invited to talk with students at Coolbinia Primary School. She engaged students in a way that enhanced their learning environment and expanded their understanding of the UN and its ideals. In their feedback the organizing teachers commented: "Many thanks UNAAWA for your guest speaker program. It greatly enhances student empathy when they see and hear a person tell their story."

UNAAWA members can be part of our School Speakers Program like Josephine Zimama. If you think you have the time and skills to engage youngsters on the work and values of the UN check out the procedures and application form at:

<https://www.unaa.org.au/divisions/western-australia/wa-programs-for-schools/wa-school-speakers-program/>

Rees Barrett
UNAAWA School Programs Director

School Programs

Uplifting Human Rights Education Conference in Sydney



The 9th International Conference on Human Rights Education was held in Sydney, Australia, on 26-29th November 2018. The 9th ICHRE leads an annual international dialogue on human rights education as a means of promoting democracy, the rule of law, justice, and intercultural and social harmony. UNAAWA member and 2018 World Teachers' Day Award recipient Lis Mathiasen presented a paper on the impact of a human rights classroom on student well-being and achievement.

Entitled *Unleashing the Full Potential of Civil Society*, the conference celebrated the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the 25th anniversary of the education-oriented Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action. With over 300 delegates from around the world, it was Australia's largest celebration of these two landmark declarations.

The conference program featured an exciting range of papers, and included workshops focused on the practical learning of human rights education. Some of the keynote speakers included:

- ❖ The Hon. Michael Kirby AC CMG, former Judge of the High Court of Australia
- ❖ Xanana Gusmão, first President and former Prime Minister of Timor-Leste
- ❖ Dr Mmantsetsa Marope, director of UNESCO International Bureau of Education

We plan to prepare a summary of the papers and workshops and make it available to interested members through the UNAAWA Education Resources Bank.

Anne & Rees Barrett
UNAAWA Education Reference Group



(L to R): Marie Louise Johannessen, Matias Penhos, Cecilia Decara, Loukinikini Vili, Leanne Smith and Lis Mathiasen. Photo: Elaine Lewis

Organisations fostering peace & conflict prevention



Yes, peace is possible. A number of community, national and global organisations are, in their diverse ways, working towards this goal.

The UN and several of its organs actively contribute to various aspects of peace, although the UN Security Council has not yet been a success. On the bright side, the 17 SDGs will go a long way towards achieving peace, and it is pleasing to note how they are compatible with the six areas of focus of **Rotary International**, as illustrated by the image on the right:



Source: Dr Steve Lennon

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Organisations fostering peace & conflict prevention

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Rotary International initiated the very successful ongoing Peace Centres at six universities around the world and the associated Peace Fellows that Rotary has been funding for over 10 years, producing over 1,000 graduates who are employed around the world on a variety of projects working to create the climate for peace. Another long established program, the Rotary International Youth Exchange program, enables a large number of high school students to live and attend their final year of school in another country, typically living with four different host families for three months each. Thus they are totally embedded in another culture and language, establishing friendships and gaining a deep understanding of, and respect for, people different in many ways from those with whom they have grown up.

The **Institute for Economics and Peace** was founded in Australia. It promotes 'positive peace', being much more than just the absence of violence. The organisation's eight 'pillars' are a conceptual framework on which positive peace can be built, and bring focus on measuring the extent to which countries can be classified as peaceful. It has also developed a new methodology to identify countries at risk of falling into instability and violence.

The WA based **Museum of Freedom and Tolerance** aims to dismantle prejudice, discrimination and intolerance across Australia and promote the kind of cohesive and plural society where everyone has the freedom to live peacefully alongside each other, free from racial and religious prejudice and discrimination. One of its activities is creation of a virtual platform called 'In Visible Ink' to make visible many stories otherwise hidden.

The **Rotary Club of Perth**, partnered by other Rotary Clubs in WA, proposes to play a role in the increasing efforts to foster peace and conflict prevention and resolution, by creating a 'Rotary Path to Peace'. The aim is to provide information that will challenge readers to consider what they personally will do to foster peace. While there will be a physical path in a place conducive to quiet contemplation - desirably Kings Park - and 24 plaques spread along the desirably circular path, a QR Code on each plaque and the reader's mobile phone will readily take them to the

information leading to the challenge. The object is to bring about behaviour change through individuals actually taking action within their capacity towards eliminating violence and producing positive peace.

The scope is all-inclusive in promoting behaviour change away from all types of violence, ranging from domestic violence, criminal violence, local community violence, inter-tribal, inter-racial, or any other group violence, and war between nations.

It is not yet a certainty that the physical path with its plaques will be located in Kings Park or be circular, as discussion with the Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority is at a very preliminary stage. Rotary Club of Perth is also at an early stage in locating people to take the proposed content from a simple list of 24 topics to persuasive language and to recommend the best technology to enable simple access to the information via mobile phones.

Importantly, Rotary Club of Perth is also informing a wider audience of the project and seeking letters of support. We are delighted to be in harmony with the UNAOWA on this and to have participated in the UNAOWA 2018 International Day of Peace Celebration on 23rd September.

Phillip Skelton
Past President of Rotary Club of Perth
Past Rotary District Governor
Path to Peace Project Leader



Fostering Peace. (L to R): Wesley Sim, Rotary Club of Perth President; Renu Pantula, Rotary Club of Perth member; Jurgen Baumhoff, UNAOWA & Rotary Club of Perth member. Source: Jurgen Baumhoff

Cross-cultural communication for peace & trade



We live in a world where products and ideas can more easily cross borders than at any other time in human history. At the same time, international trade has raised millions out of poverty and given rise to complex global supply chains that are woven into the fabric of modern business. International trade is therefore considered by the United Nations to be a catalyst for positive change, sustainable development and the fight against discrimination.

On 21st November 2018, this topic was explored and presented by UNAAWA Vice-President Dr Sandy Chong at the Lunch event of the Hong Kong Australia Business Association WA (HKABA). Dr Chong began the session by speaking about cross-cultural communication and its impact on the promotion of peace and trade between Australia and Asia, the West and the East. With 60 per cent of the world population in the same time zone as Perth and Asia representing a \$28 trillion economy to trade with, Asia represents not just the future but also the present of Australia's economic interaction with the world.



Dr Sandy Chong, Vice President of UNAAWA, speaking about fostering peace and trade. Photo: Cloud9Projects

In 2017, close to a quarter of Australia's two-way trade was with China and three of Australia's top five trade partners are in Asia. China, Japan and South Korea make up 73% of this trade, with Singapore close behind. Understanding the merits of

both Eastern and Western cultures are vital to keeping this relationship strong. However, in order to establish effective agreements between Easterners and Westerners, one must begin by identifying and defining the fundamentally different perspectives with which both cultures view situations, and how this shapes their communications during negotiations. According to Dr Chong, "overcoming our unconscious bias is the first step to effectively engage between cultures."



Attendees of the Forum event. Photo: Cloud9Projects

For example, in Western cultures 'peace' elicits the notion of justice and fairness, while in the East it means harmony and saving face. Therefore, despite two parties wanting to achieve a 'peaceful' negotiation there might well be different perceptions of what this entails.

This divergent meaning of words is not the only difference between cultures. Bodies of studies have posited that Western cultures tend to be more individualistic whereas Eastern cultures comprise more collectivist societies. As such, in Asia there exists a figurative circle that acts as a barrier to entry. This circle includes friends, family, co-workers and community, and anyone outside of this circle has very little access or ability to enter into constructive agreements.

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Cross-cultural communication for peace & trade



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This intangible framework is representative of a Confucian philosophy that is still embedded deeply in Asian cultures – which is to serve your community and nation first. The only way to enter this circle is through deliberation that cultivates relationships and trust as opposed to contractual or task-oriented ones.

Although people from Western and Eastern societies have a great deal to gain from one another, it

remains crucial to acknowledge the nuances between the different cultures in order to communicate effectively. For us, in a Western country, this means nurturing and safeguarding our ties and relationships as closely as is done in Asia. Dr Chong concluded that “elevating our cultural intelligence for the Asian Century is essential in order to achieve peace and economic growth in the region.”

2018 Business & Sustainability Forum Series

Future of Board Leadership



At a sold-out event on 13th November, moderated by UNAAWA Vice-President Dr Sandy Chong on the future of board leadership, over 80 attendees enjoyed insights on diversity and inclusion for board leadership from a fantastic range of speakers: John Carey MLA, Member for Perth; Tony Chong, WA Chinese Chamber of Commerce VP; Nicole Jenkins, Chair of disability organisation Intelife Group; Fadzi Whande, diversity and inclusion advocate; and Chris

West, WA Super fund manager.

John Carey MLA introduced the forum and its goals, addressing the relevance of diversity in politics and parliament as a key aspiration. John Carey MLA highlighted that the members of parliament should reflect the diversity of the community and that diversity of membership creates better policy and better outcomes.

The Chair of the Business & Sustainability Forum Series, Dr Sandy Chong, emphasised the importance of the SDGs in the business sector, and introduced the panel members describing their work and relevance to diversity in board membership.

The panel discussed critical subjects around board diversity, its importance and the challenges being faced, highlighting that cognitive diversity avoids bias, group thinking and herding behaviour in decision-making, and that currently there is a tendency for existing board members to select based on pre-existing relationships, confirmation bias and ‘othering’.

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Future of Board Leadership panellists (L to R): Tony Chong, Nicolle Jenkins, Fadzi Whande, Dr Sandy Chong & Chris West. Photo: Cloud9Projects

2018 Business & Sustainability Forum Series

Future of Board Leadership



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The panel also discussed the research confirming the benefits to society flowing from diversity, how systematic challenges can be overcome, and the importance of changing the status quo to drive change.



Forum attendees. Photo: Cloud9Projects

Opening up to the floor for questions, the panel discussed skills needed to become part of a board, fostering environments where members of CALD (culturally and linguistically diverse) communities feel respected and welcomed, and ensuring that young people can also share their voices in tech or innovation space.

Most attendees responded with passion and enthusiasm with the event. Samantha Bowen, Board Member for the National Institute for Dementia Research, who works with both youth and aged population thought that it was a great panel. "Loved the insights everyone shared. The panel showed how the dominant stereotypes or groups can be a strong advocate for system change. Well done!"

Local architect Anna Omerhodzic shared that the

panel discussion was a real eye-opener for her. "From now on I will be viewing the ideas of diversity and inclusion quite differently at work and within the committees which I am on," she said.

Rachel Krynski, a member of the UNAAWA, and director of local small business Rethink Plastic Australia & Supplier Connections Pty Ltd, expressed interest in wanting to know more about how to implement the SDGs and how to demonstrate the measures and impacts of inclusion to clients and workforce.

A live-stream of the panel is available on the United Nations Association of Australia (WA) Facebook page www.facebook.com/UNAAWAInc.

For more information regarding the series in 2019, please visit www.unaa.org.au/divisions/western-australia/business-sustainability-forum or contact Dr Sandy Chong at sandy.chong@unaa.org.au.



Happy volunteers for the Business & Sustainability Forum. Photo: Cloud9Projects

<http://www.unaa.org.au/divisions/western-australia/>

Member's Corner: Jurgen Baumhoff

Engaging, involving & creating partnerships



Over the past five years I have been fortunate to work with some amazing people leading a multicultural team at the InterContinental in Geneva, Switzerland between 2012 and 2017. The Hotel is set deep in the heart of International Geneva, surrounded by Permanent Missions and within walking distance of the *Palais des Nations*, the United Nations office of Geneva.

Since the opening of the Hotel in 1964 it has been known as the unofficial guesthouse for the UN. For over half a century, the InterContinental Geneva has boosted an intimate relationship with the city's international organisations. Guest over the years - from Che Guevara and Fidel Castro, to Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev, to Martin Luther King Jr. and Yasser Arafat, just to name a few - make up a veritable who's who of the 20th and 21st century of international affairs.

My five years in Geneva has given me the opportunity to fully understand and value the great work the UN and its many international agencies are doing, including the development and implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.



Jurgen Baumhoff at the UNAIDS Gala 2015 with Barbara Baumhoff, UNAIDS Executive Director Michel Sidibé, Ndaba Mandela & representatives of Cartier and UNAIDS.

In order to involve my team and to embrace corporate social responsibility, we embarked on establishing the first Public Private Partnership between a Hotel and UNAIDS Organisation being headquartered in Geneva. The Partnership was focused on raising funds and

awareness with all Hotel clients to make an AIDS-free generation possible. The funds raised were earmarked for HIV infected mothers in Africa to have access to life saving medicines and for all children living with HIV to lead healthy lives. Each year, the Hotel and UNAIDS held a major fundraising gala under the patronage of the luxury brand Cartier and with the support of the two grandsons of Nelson Mandela.

During my last year in Geneva I had the opportunity to lead a team to Zimbabwe and conduct a field visit together with members of the UNAIDS office in Harare to an AIDS Hospital in Hwedza and Marondera in the Mashonaland district, where some of our funds were invested.



Barbara Baumhoff with doctors and UNAIDS representatives at an AIDS Hospital in Zimbabwe. Photos: Jurgen Baumhoff

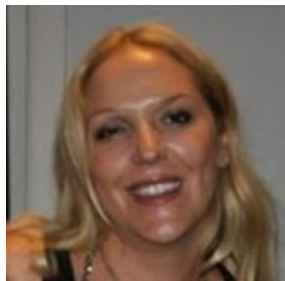
Before retiring from my position in Geneva and returning permanently to Perth, I had the opportunity to set up a Swiss Hospitality Education Group with two Swiss partners with the aim to bring Swiss vocational training in hospitality to Africa and to find suitable partners to help to set up schools. I have visited several African countries in the past couple of months including Kenya and Zimbabwe, and we have been able to sign several new potential partnerships in Botswana, Nigeria and Zimbabwe, which will help the young and unemployed enter the hospitality industry in Africa and make a career.

Jurgen Baumhoff
UNAANA Executive Committee Member

UNAAWA New Environmental Committee

The Environment Committee is pleased to announce that we have undergone a restructure in 2018. While previously the committee has four main focus areas, which included Climate Change, Forrest, Oceans/Water and Agriculture, the committee has structured itself under the Sustainable Development Goals expanding our focus areas.

We are also pleased to welcome a number of new members to our committee:



Dr Marianne Dahle has joined the committee as Vice Chair. Dr Dahle is a highly qualified corporate sustainability and climate change professional with extensive experience gained through a variety of senior roles across industries including mining, energy, financial services, management consulting and academia.



Terry Burnage is our new lead on Agriculture. Terry has over 30 years of professional experience gained primarily in agribusiness, aquaculture, food and related industries. Terry has held a number of senior roles in WA government departments and has worked as an advisor for FAO, UNDP, AusAid and British ODA.



Dr Mark Andrich has joined the committee with a focus on sustainable investments. Mark is a former Pearcey Western Australian Entrepreneur of the Year. Mark created Sustainable Platform, the world's largest database of 15,000 companies measured for their contribution to sustainable development.



Abigail Jones joined the committee in late 2018 and has a focus area on sustainable hospitality. Abigail is committed to widespread community education resulting in change, on all issues that will make the world a better place to live.



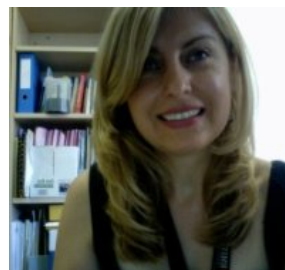
Dr Cristina Perbelini Silva has brought to the committee a wealth of experience and knowledge in sustainability in the mining and energy sector. Cristina, who moved from Brazil to Australia after graduating in Engineering, completed a PhD at the University of Western Australia in decision support systems for water resources management.



Lucy Mulcahy also joined the committee in late 2018 with a focus of forestry and biodiversity. Lucy has a strong background in natural resources and sustainable forestry as well as experience in the state government and current work with the WA timber industry peak body.



Dr Grant Oldfield is the director of Northstar Development, a development management company that focuses on elevating the importance of people and the environment when developing property and building. He is also the WA state manager for a new and innovative home nursing company Home Nurse Services.



Sonja Kuzich is a lecturer at the School of Education at Curtin University. She is currently the Vice President of the Professional Teaching Council of Western Australia, executive member of the Western Australian Institute of Educational Research and a member of the Australian Association for Environmental Education, the Children and Nature Network, and Nature Pedagogy International Association Australia.

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UN DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS CELEBRATE 70 YEARS

The **UN Association of Australia (WA Division)** and the **State Library of WA** invite you to join us in celebrating the 70th anniversary of the signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This milestone document details the basic rights and fundamental freedoms to which all human beings are entitled. But 70 years on from its signing, do all individuals enjoy these rights and freedoms equally? Various speakers will address the history and importance of human rights, before a panel discussion will explore human rights concerns facing Australia today. *Refreshments will be provided.*

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14.6%

is the current full-time gender pay gap in Australia

> DETAILS:

DATE: Monday, 10 December 2018
TIME: 6.00pm - 8.30pm
VENUE: WA State Library Theatre, 25 Francis St, Perth WA 6000
BOOKINGS: <https://www.trybooking.com/ZBNO>

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- > **Margaret Allen (Speaker):** State Librarian and CEO
- > **Hon Simone Frances McGurk MLA (Speaker):** Minister for Child Protection; Women's Interests; Prevention of Family & Domestic Violence; Community Services
- > **Dr Hannah McGlade (Panelist):** Senior Indigenous Research Fellow, Faculty of Humanities, Curtin University
- > **Whitney Skinner (Panelist):** Principal at The Boston Consulting Group (BCG)
- > **Other panelists to be confirmed**



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UN Observances

December

1. World AIDS Day
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3. International Day of Persons with Disabilities
5. International Volunteer Day
5. World Soil Day
7. International Civil Aviation Day
9. International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime
9. International Anti-Corruption Day
10. Human Rights Day
11. International Mountain Day

December *continued*

12. International Universal Health Coverage Day
18. International Migrants Day
18. Arabic Language Day
20. International Human Solidarity Day

January

24. International Day of Education
27. International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust

UNAAWA wishes you a safe & enjoyable festive season. Happy holidays!



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