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From the President

We are well underway in the execution of our plan for 2019. To date we have held 10 successful events, which included two SDG forums, our student parliament leadership series, and the inspirational 'Life Below Water' art exhibition. Our Executive committee and subcommittee structures are all fully operational and are in the process of planning another 40 events in what is an exceptionally ambitious programme for 2019. Watch this newsletter and our website for announcements as we finalise arrangements.

Some initiatives that may be of interest to you include:

- ❖ A Human Rights short film showcase on 22 June
- ❖ Changemakers for Women Economic Empowerment on 4 June
- ❖ An SGD Forum on sustainable energy on 30 July
- ❖ An arts exhibit to be held in Fremantle around 10 December to mark International Human Rights Day
- ❖ Our Annual UN Day celebration – scheduled this year for 25 October

And many more...

Also watch out for an interesting series of book discussions, which will be announced in the coming months, as well as our next members networking event, which will be announced shortly.

I am very pleased that we have built a close relationship with WA UN Youth. This team of dedicated youngsters has developed an incredibly exciting programme for 2019 and we will be including their events on our events list in future.

None of this would be possible without the incredibly dedicated team of volunteers that make up the leadership, committees and events teams of the Association. Their selfless offering of their time, skills and energy constantly inspires me as we progress our mission of bringing the UN into the lives of Western Australians.

I believe this commitment is reflected in the encouraging growth that we see in our membership numbers. At the same time, we do need to make sure that our priorities and events reflect the needs of our members. As such I would love to hear from members as what we need to do to better engage with our membership whilst furthering the goals, values and programmes of the United Nations. Any members with suggestions please feel free to drop me a note at wapres@unaa.org.au.

Dr Steve Lennon
UNAANA President

ANZAC Day 2019

Somehow I did manage to attend the ANZAC Day service in my convalescence period away from hospital. It is a privileged honour to continue representing UNAANA at the ANZAC Day services. I was honoured to have RSL lunch alongside Mr Richard Norman Eaton, a 99-year-old war veteran. Norman, affectionately known as Normie, recalled enlisting in November 1993 and re-told the horrific experiences of infantry combat. It is these true Australian legends that we honour.

On various occasions I have visited and reported on my sombre experiences at the European Western Front war fields, most noteworthy being my visit to the Villers-Bretonneux and Somme battlefields, where Australian and French infantry fought gallantry to trigger the turning point of the First World War, with so many lives lost on 24 and 25 April 1918.

We should all take a solemn moment to reflect on the supreme sacrifices made by our ANZACs for the lives and freedom that we are privileged to live today.

Joseph Caruso
UNAANA International Global Representative



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Women's empowerment and equality "essential for global progress", Guterres says on International Women's Day

Women's empowerment and gender equality "are essential to global progress", UN Secretary-General António Guterres said in the UN's 2019 International Women's Day message on March 8.

Mr Guterres highlighted the achievement of gender parity in UN leadership positions globally, noting "we are working to achieve parity across the whole UN system within a decade."

International Women's Day first emerged from labour movements in North America and Europe in the early 20th century and has been celebrated by the UN since 1975.

UN General Assembly President María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés confessed she approached the day with mixed feelings, praising the gains towards gender equality but emphasising "we are still not even close to equal."

"We need more women leaders participating in public life and taking decisions," she said. "Let's step it up for gender equality and make sure that no woman or girl is left behind."

This year's theme was 'Think Equal, Build Smart, Innovate for Change'.

UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth Jayathma

Wickramanayake stressed that millions of young girls do not get the opportunity to realise their goals and dreams.

"Let's invest in girls' education and skills so they become the leaders and innovators that they were born to be," she said.

UN Deputy Secretary-General Amina Mohammed highlighted that women's equal participation in the labour force would unlock trillions of dollars for global development.

"We cannot build the future we want and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals without the full participation of all women," she said.



113 million people experienced acute food insecurity in 2018

More than 113 million people in 53 countries experienced acute food insecurity last year, according to a joint UN and European Union report released in early April.

Acute food insecurity occurs when there is a lack of secure access to sufficient amounts of safe and nutritious food at a level of severity that threatens lives or livelihoods.

UN Secretary-General António Guterres said armed conflict was the number one driver of hunger and food security. Climate-induced disasters and economic crises were also major factors.

For 74 million people in 21 countries and territories experiencing high levels of food insecurity, conflict and insecurity was the primary cause.

According to the report, two-thirds of the people facing high levels of food insecurity were in just eight countries: Yemen, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Syria, Sudan, South Sudan and north Nigeria.

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These countries are expected to remain among the world's most severe food crises in 2019.

"It is clear from the Global Report that despite a slight drop in 2018 in the number of people experiencing acute food insecurity – the most extreme form of hunger – the figure is still far too high," FAO Director-General José Graziano da Silva said.

World Food Programme Executive Director David Beasley said while humanitarian assistance was critical to saving lives and alleviating human suffering, it did not address the root causes of food crises.

"Boys and girls need to be well-nourished and educated, women need to be truly empowered, rural infrastructure must be strengthened in order to meet that Zero Hunger goal," he said.

"And one thing we need world leaders to do as well: step up to the plate and help solve these conflicts, right now."

Caleb Gorton
UN Matters Chief Editor

Women's rights & empowerment at the forefront of the 63rd Commission on the Status of Women



Each year in March, representatives of governments and civil society organisations from around the world gather at the United Nations Headquarters in New York to focus on the rights and empowerment of all women

and girls.

This year's Commission on the Status of Women, the 63rd since its establishment in 1946, was focused on the role of social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure for achieving gender equality. It comes at a time of increasingly polarised politics, with a backlash against women's rights evident even in some of the most developed nations.

As the Global Ambassador of the Inspiring Rarebirds, an Australian enterprise that promotes female entrepreneurship, I was invited to speak at an NGO track-event organised by TCF Global and Business & Professional Women International on 'Economic Empowerment of Women Entrepreneurs Through the Sustainable Development Goals', held on 4 March. It was a privilege to contribute at the forum amongst passionate entrepreneurs and changemakers from Silicon Valley, fashion conglomerate and the non-profit sector.



However, there is still so much to be done. The Australian representatives to CSW held its own side-event in collaboration with the Australian Human Rights Commission on 'Sexual harassment in the Workplace: A Global Perspective'. Kate Jenkins, Australia's Sex Discrimination Commissioner since 2016, highlighted the findings of an in-depth report conducted in Australia on the issue of sexual

harassment in the workplace, and the long-term impacts to the mental and economic wellbeing of its victims.

Participants at the event highlighted the role of the #MeToo movement in generating public interest on the issue, but little has yet to be seen in translating this into new legislation. At the same time, the most at-risk communities - LGBTI, migrant workers, individuals with disabilities, or short-term/temporary workers - face increased challenges with little public attention.



(L to R): UNAAWA Vice-President Dr Sandy Chong, National Council of Women Australia President Robyn Nolan, Australian Workplace Gender Equality Agency Director Libby Lyons.

Ending sexual harassment in the workplace will involve a cultural shift, as it is strongly related to gender inequality, and only a coordinated response to the issue is likely to have a lasting impact.

On the issue of 'Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking: Effective responses for women and girls', a panel was organised by the Government of Lichtenstein to draw attention to the Liechtenstein Initiative, a public-private partnership between the Governments of Liechtenstein, Australia and the Netherlands, along with the United Nations University and a consortium of banks and civil society organisations. It aims to put the financial sector at the heart of global efforts to end modern slavery and human trafficking.

Today, trafficking in persons is a \$150 billion-dollar industry, and with 72% of the victims of human trafficking being women and girls - including 83% of those trafficked for sexual purposes - this is a pressing gender issue which is in dire need of more resources and political will to end it.

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The gender pay gap was one of the central issues of this year's CSW, and no one was more eloquent than UN Women Executive Director Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, whom at an event organised by the International Labour Organization (ILO) called it "the biggest blatant robbery which nobody takes responsibility for".

During a panel highlighting EPIC, the Equal Pay International Coalition lead by ILO, UN Women and the OECD, the Iceland Prime Minister Katrín Jakobsdóttir echoed what we see daily in the private sector when she stated "gender equality is a equality issue. It's not just about doing good; it's actually good for business".



The Australian delegation team with the Hon. Kelly O'Dwyer, Australian Ambassador to the United Nations HE Gillian Bird, and former Australian Sex Discrimination Commissioner Elizabeth Broderick. All photo credit: Dr Sandy Chong

Panellists from Israel, the UK, Switzerland and other EPIC members added their voice to the need to make concrete and coordinated progress towards this reducing the gender pay gap at the global, regional and national levels. This will involve not only deep-seated social and cultural changes, such as tackling unconscious bias and ending gender stereotypes, but will also involve changing the way in which children are being brought up.

However, at an event organised by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) in collaboration with UN Women on the role of parliaments in ensuring social protection, public services and infrastructure which can deliver for women and girls, it was revealed just how sexism, harassment and violence against women

is endemic even at the highest levels of leadership.

Only 9% of Member States have a female Head of State or Government and only 24% of parliamentarians are women, while 85.2% of surveyed female Members of Parliaments in Europe suffered psychological violence in their term of office. Even among the 2018 'Fortune 500' rankings of leading US businesses, only 24 have women CEOs and 12 companies have no women at all on their board.

Those and many other moving testimonies heard during the panel highlighted some uncomfortable truths; that many of the services which play a crucial role in whether women entrepreneurs can succeed in business, or whether girls can safely complete their education, such as access to social protection, quality health-care services, safe and affordable public transport, are still entirely out of their control as rarely are women consulted in infrastructure plans.

There is still a long way to go before we achieve gender equality and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, but there is cause for optimism. Despite the pressure to dilute the rights which we have fought so long for, CSW63 proved that when women come together and stand united in all our diversity, our voice can be heard, and we can prevail.

That said, gender equality isn't achieved in a conference room; it happens on the streets, in our homes and our workplaces. We need to continue to demand that governments and companies respect and protect our human rights. Yet we also need to remember that no matter how important the Commission on the Status of Women may be for setting global standards on women's rights, it's up to us to make it a reality.

Dr Sandy Chong
UNAAWA Vice-President

What is the Commission on the Status of Women?

The United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) is held in New York annually. CSW is the largest gathering of the 193 UN Member States and other stakeholders focused on the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women. It's where leaders, campaigners, policymakers and researchers come together to take stock of progress made, and the work still required to achieve gender equality. For two weeks, governments and non-government organisations of the world come together to share ideas and strategies about how to improve the lives of women and girls, through formal governmental commitments to gender equality.

WWF Earth Hour 2019: #Connect2Earth

At the airport newsstand in Alice Springs in central Australia, Time Magazine highlights a worldwide event that reaches out to most of the human civilisation: Earth Hour at 8.30pm on 30 March.



What is #Connect2Earth?

“From the national treasure of the Great Barrier Reef, to our iconic koala in the forest, to the much-loved penguins of Antarctica – our unique biodiversity, meaning the wildlife and natural places we love, face a perilous future if we don’t step up to protect our planet (and our home!) from the impacts of climate change,” the World Wide Fund for Nature stated for this year’s Earth Hour.

This Earth Hour, Australians showed they cared by switching off to #Connect2Earth and amplify the national conversation on climate change. The Earth Hour #Connect2Earth artwork features images of the unique wildlife and beautiful places that are at the forefront of climate change.

The Impact of Earth Hour

This year, millions of people lived without the

convenience of electricity for an hour. Earth Hour is a worldwide WWF event aimed to promote a greater awareness of global climate change and the impacts humans are having on the environment.

“We think it’s the largest grassroots environmental event in history,” WWF Climate and Energy director Josh Laughren told Global News. “And it’s expanding all around the world. Our estimate was we reached a billion people [in 2018].”

So what is the measurable impact of Earth Hour? According to Hydro One, last year’s event resulted in power saving of 202 megawatts just in the Canadian province of Ontario - that’s enough to power the 55,000 population city of Belleville, Ontario for a year. As a consequence, just over 140 metric tonnes was not released into our atmosphere from just one province’s efforts.

“Earth Hour helps to remind electricity consumers that small conservation acts can lead to large benefits,” Hydro One Strategy and Conservation Officer director Giuliana Rossini said.

“We need to make sure people understand it’s not about trying to generate energy savings in just one hour,” Laughren said. “It is a symbolic event that allows people concerned with climate change to connect around the world.”



[Above]: Uluru. [Left] Poster credit: WWF

WWF is on a mission to support the UN Convention for Biological Diversity (CBD): to raise awareness about biodiversity and reverse its loss. This starts by spending time and connecting to nature. By appreciating the wonders of Australia and the world’s natural environment, we learn to value and protect our home for future generations.

Joseph Caruso
UNAAWA International Global Representative

SDG Business Forum: UNAAWA holds panel discussion on the new Modern Slavery laws in partnership with AmCham and K&L Gates

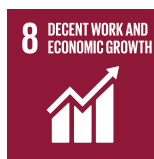
The United Nations Association of Australia WA Division (UNAAWA) in partnership with the American Chamber of Commerce in Australia (AmCham) and K&L Gates, hosted an informative session discussing Australia's new Modern Slavery reporting laws and the practical steps needed to prepare for its reporting on 30th April at Hyatt Regency, Perth.

The panel discussion on Modern Slavery gave AmCham Members and their guests the opportunity to learn about how they could be impacted by the new legislation and the best ways to combat any issues related to it.

During the panel discussion, the speakers discussed the practical application of the Slavery Law, its significance and the positive changes that can take place when included at a business and organisational level.

The participants who attended the event were provided with practical take-aways such as identifying the risks to one's business or organisation and tools to help obtain supply chain clarity.

The Slavery Act creates a reporting requirement for large businesses and other entities carrying on business in Australia with a minimum annual consolidated revenue of \$100 million to report publicly on the actions they have taken to address modern slavery risks in their operations and supply chains. The key objective of this act is to



create a public reporting system which assists the business community in Australia to take proactive and effective action to address modern slavery.

The panel speakers for the event included: Dr Mark Andrich, Vice-Chair of the UNAAWA Environment Committee, Jenn Morris, CEO of Walk Free Foundation, and Fiona Lawrie, Sustainability Manager of Wesfarmers.

Want to know if your organisation is modern-slavery proof? Click on the link below to access the K&L Gates' Survey and Logic Tool – "Are you caught by Modern Slavery Laws?":

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6SMSVKT>

Don't get caught out. Assessment tool by event partner, K&L Gates. www.klgates.com

Written by Alka Katwal Rai & Dr Sandy Chong

Photo [below] (L to R): Amcham Chairman Bill Townsend, K&L Gates Partner Michael Hain, Wesfarmers Manager Fiona Lawrie, Walkfree Foundation CEO Jenn Morris, Sustainable Platform Vice-Convenor Dr Mark Andrich, AmCham GM Penelope Williamson, UNAAWA Vice-President Dr Sandy Chong.



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UNAAWA holds its first networking event in 2019



The United Nations Association of Australia WA Division’s first ‘Networking for Change’ sundowner in 2019 provided members and the public an opportunity to meet people

from various aspects of life with similar passion and interests.

The UNAAWA’s networking event, which took place on 9 April at Duxton Hotel, was aimed to bring together individuals with similar interest in international relations, human rights, equality and diversity, climate change and related issues.

Students from Curtin University and UWA attended the event, as well as UNAAWA President Dr Steve Lennon and UNAAWA Vice-Presidents Dr Sandy Chong and Katharine McKenzie.



(L to R): Dr Steve Lennon, Dr Sandy Chong, Katharine McKenzie, UNAAWA member Jurgen Baumhoff, and representatives of the Rotary Club of Perth

“I always thought events like these were very hard to get access to and one had to usually work with the UN or similar organisations to be a part of it, turns out it is not,” Bhawana, a student volunteer said.

Bhawana found out about the event from social media and immediately booked a ticket. Similarly, Fareshta Osmani, a law student from Afghanistan always wanted to attend such event, however she was intimidated with the very thought of it, which she said changed after this event.

Besides providing a networking platform, the

event also gave individuals a chance to learn more about the UNAAWA and to personally meet with executive members and volunteers of the organisation.



New members meet up at the event

For more information regarding future networking events, follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/UNAAWAInc> or email us at: office@unaa-wa.org.au



UNAAWA Vice President for Membership Katharine McKenzie, who organised the event, is a commercial and regulatory lawyer with extensive experience in the energy sector. Katharine was named ‘Young Energy Professional of the Year’ at the 2017 Western Australian Energy Awards and was also

named in the 2016 Doyle’s Guide National Energy & Resources Rising Stars Ranking. A Director of the Australian Institute of Energy and Founder and Chair of Women in Energy, a successful network that connects and supports women in the sector. Her passion in helping disadvantaged women has led her to participate in UN Women’s Trek for Rights in Fiji and its annual fundraising event, International Women’s Day Breakfast, since 2014 to raise funds for women in the Pacific region.

Member's Corner: Lara Silbert

Advocate for gender equity and social justice

Lara Silbert has been a member of UNAAWA since 2016 and is a former Convener of the UNAAWA Women's Committee. Her passions include social justice, gender equity and non-profit strategy. In particular, her interest in women's economic empowerment led her to work with the ECU School of Business and Law on projects relating to gender and entrepreneurship.

During her time with the Women's Committee, she was involved in organising panel events on Women in academia and Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), and was the primary project lead for a two-day workshop for young women to explore their leadership potential. She was also part of the organising committee for Business & Sustainability Series.



Lara is a single mother, and her daughter Natasha has been a regular sight at UNAAWA events since the tender age of two. Lara hopes to contribute to better outcomes for the girls of her daughter's generation and the women they will become. Lara is excited

about the extraordinary things that can happen when like-minded people meet with the goal of sparking change, and her work with the UNAAWA has given her the opportunity to do just that by bringing hundreds of people together to have conversations that matter, build relationships and empower each other.

Lara returned to university when her daughter was one year old, gaining an MA in Strategic Communications. She is currently completing an MBA. Her professional career has spanned the private, public and non-profit sectors, with a focus on community development, strategic communications and storytelling for impact. She currently works as a grants specialist for strategic



consultancy Axito, where she helps organisations to discover and apply for grant funding opportunities to maximise their impact.

Lara intends to complete a PhD in the future. Her research interests include gender, parenthood, work, entrepreneurship and organisational behaviour. Research suggests that Australian 'mumpreneurs' are predominantly pushed into entrepreneurship by work-family conflict (Foley, 2015: "Mothers in Company"), which also leads them to limit venture growth. She hopes that through her research, she will be able to contribute to better outcomes for women both in the traditional labour market and entrepreneurship, providing guidance to industry and policy makers.

She is particularly passionate about better socioeconomic outcomes for single mothers, especially in the context of programs such as ParentsNext, which continue despite significant criticism from social sector organisations such as WACOSS and the National Council of Single Mothers and their Children. The support of her family has been indispensable in her ability to pursue both her career and her advocacy work, and she feels very lucky to have had those opportunities where many others struggle to find time to have their voices heard.

With both the financial and time poverty facing single mothers making it difficult for many to advocate for themselves, she feels that it is particularly important that these inequalities are addressed by wider society.

Lara is keen to connect and support people who are passionate about making a difference in the community, mentor young people to grow their careers in the non-profit and innovation sectors, and get involved in women's leadership initiatives. To get in touch, please email Lara at larasilbert@gmail.com.

Photo Credit: Lara Silbert

Member's Corner: Rachel Krynski

Entrepreneur for promoting the SDGs

I was born to be an entrepreneur. I believe I can make a difference, we all can.

I believe in supporting community, spreading kindness and working towards a bigger cause. I believe if we speak loud enough, someone will hear. I believe we all have a purpose and life is meant to be shared.

They say the people who are crazy enough to think they can change the world, are the ones who do. These people are the ones with courage and determination, these people dare to begin. In 2014 I took the leap and formed my first company Bargain Buys for Mums, shortly after I started Supplier Connections, a wholesale company to offer sustainable solutions in Perth, Western Australia.



Rachel Krynski with her business partner Mitul Zinuwadiya. Credit: Rachel Krynski

I was on a quest to combat global climate change, and nothing was going to stop me.

My research led me to SDG 17: Partnership for the Goals. I wanted to help promote these goals of common-sense.

I then started a third company, Rethink Plastic, alongside my business partner Mitul Zinuwadiya who is originally from Ahmedabad, India. The highlight of our journey was when Mitul invited my husband and I to his wedding in Ahmedabad. I took the opportunity to connect with some

community schools, providing a platform for information exchange, which I enjoy tremendously.

Rethink Plastic still in its early stages, and is a purpose-driven fundraiser that delivers key messages into community schools, organisations and clubs. The program provides up-to-date information for teachers, parents, students and citizens on the SDGs. The program offers sustainable products such as reusable coffee cups, trolley bags, produce bags and other sustainable alternatives with a cash rebate as an incentive. This combination provides a practical solution to reversing plastic pollution.

We work with customers and suppliers highlighting responsible retailers who are doing their part. It is amazing that many people are unaware of their individual contributions to the concerning plastic problem.

Life is meant to be shared, as are the teachings of the SDGs. Climate change is a global problem and I intend to create a cyclical information exchange.

Rethink Plastic is a proud supporter of the following SDGs:



For those interested in collaborating with us in educating communities, as well as providing sustainable product alternatives, visit us at www.rethinkplastic.com.au

Member's Corner: Madison Tran

A true believer in Human Rights



I am currently the Governance and Policy Officer of the Human Rights Committee for the UNAAWA, a role that I have held for the past 2 years. By profession, I am a commercial and

intellectual property lawyer for Gold Corporation, operator of The Perth Mint.

I chose to pursue a career in law because I believe that the law can be used to create a fair and balanced society. Admittedly the legal system is complex and it may be construed as imperfect by some, but it is an essential structure in maintaining a free, democratic and inclusive society.

The preamble to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states, "Whereas it is essential, if man is not to be compelled to have recourse, as a last resort, to rebellion against tyranny and oppression, that human rights should be protected by the rule of law". Article 1 of this Declaration explicitly asserts, "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights."

My work with UNAAWA, the Vietnamese Community in Australia Inc (WA Chapter), and Justice Connect, serves to protect human rights across many facets. These include the pursuit of immediate safety for victims of abuse or violence, advocate for change in the law for people facing homelessness, assist community groups with their constitution, access and provide referrals to social resources to celebrate human rights achievements, and create awareness of human rights issues at a grassroots level.

My contribution to these organisations ensures that the people of these community groups have support when attempting to access or navigate the legal system, as well as have their rights protected, and are given fair opportunity to grow and thrive.

I also find my contribution leads to personal growth, and I have learnt some invaluable lessons. My main takeaway to date is that the world is full of inequity, yet it doesn't have to be.

In the words of Sheryl Sandberg, Facebook Chief Operating Officer, "We don't always see the hard truths, and once we see them, we don't always have the courage to speak out."



Photo Credit: Madison Tran

In my personal and professional pursuits, I am working on doing just that.

Human rights issues are prevalent and impact each and every one of us. We all have the power to speak out about something we truly believe in. When it comes from a place of compassion and altruism, each of us can make a meaningful contribution to society and create a life of purpose.

I encourage you to speak out and have that conversation in your daily life, no matter who you are or what you do.

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Member's Corner: Paul Moro

Achieving the SDGs through education

Paul Moro has been supporting the UNAA WA Division through his membership of the Education Reference Group since 2017. His responsibility is to develop an awareness of and support for world issues through active promotion of the SDGs in schools. This involves working closely with member and prospective member schools to present opportunities and develop education programs to support schools in this endeavour.

The value that Paul brings to UNAA is in his deep understanding and extensive networks within education sector and associated industries. This has also served as a great benefit in his current role, leading a small not-for-profit organisation whose core business is to support low socio-economic schools build digital capability and develop learning programs that improve learning opportunities for the students. Targeting and driving sponsorship negotiations, provisioning and delivery of professional learning to staff, and providing support to leadership teams in schools are what Paul does best.



Photo Credit: Paul Moro

Having previously worked with a commercial technology provider, Paul has successfully secured partnerships for and developed solutions to deliver education projects across Australia. One such project delivered professional learning to over 480 primary schools during 2017/18 to support teachers in Digital Technologies. This was a significant reform and highly impactful to the learning of primary students in WA. This proven capability was developed over Paul's 27-year history in education, and most recently through his past 12 years developing curriculum materials and



professional learning programs for teachers targeted at the transition to better curriculum engagement and delivery in schools.

During that time Paul has had the opportunity to present about *Transformational Technology in Schools* at seven national and over 20 local conferences, from iPad use in Kindergarten to using Ai VR and 3D printing processes. This has been a great way for Paul to align with University programs to research the benefits of technologies in education. For example, in 2017 Paul travel to Laos with a charity organisation to upskill local educators in the use of 3D printing to address the SDG goals 3, 4, 6, 11 and 12. During this trip Paul empowered the local community to build components for healthy living and clean water, delivered learning resources to the villages along the Mekong and assisted with the building of a new classroom.

In the past Paul has also worked within a project-based not-for-profit consultancy that built innovative solutions (SDG 9) for the disabled. Focused on bring leisure activities such as fishing and water sports, Paul helped undergraduate engineering students design and construct these aids, whilst developing and implementing training programs for upskilling these engineers in workshop methodologies.

In the school environment Paul's responsibilities included the management of staffing, resource procurement, infrastructure changes, curriculum development and delivery of Technology and Enterprise programs. Paul's experience has seen him develop new curriculum materials both at the enterprise level and across all sector (state) levels for the Technologies area in schools. He has facilitated the developed of new facilities for the Technology and Enterprise learning areas in three schools and is actively involved in the supervision of the building design and development programs including a study tour of STEM centric centres across Australia.

Paul has a keen interest in project-centric learning environments and the development of each child to become the leaders of tomorrow. His focus is on the growth mindset, design-thinking methodology and to learn by inquiry and self-managed exploration, and believes the future state of our ability to address the world issues and implementation of the SDGs is through innovative practices and entrepreneurship.

Rotary Path to Peace Project Update: An inspiration to strive for peace, having reflected on the victims of all types of violence

A pathway in Kings Park is being considered as a "Rotary Path To Peace" where everyone, including those who have suffered from the ravages of any of the many forms of violence, can find a place for quiet contemplation and be motivated to consider how they can foster peace among all people.

This is not a memorial. There are thousands of excellent war memorials throughout the world recognising the sacrifices made by members of armed forces. There are very few memorials that acknowledge the larger number of civilians killed, not only in war but also through other forms of deliberate violence, but this is not a proposal for one. This proposal is for a public place specifically devoted to fostering peace.

Under the proposal put forward by the Rotary Club of Perth, the pathway would be established at a location chosen by the Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority and would feature a series of 24 plaques and some park benches where visitors could sit quietly to reflect on the information provided about organisations that are working to create peace and to personally commit to fostering peace.

Objective

To create in Perth a place conducive to contemplation where all members of the community can be reminded of all people killed in all forms of deliberate violence, leading them to reflect on the necessity to strive for peace everywhere in the world, and offering information to stimulate ideas on how that could be achieved. The intended outcome is that visitors to the site will consider what they personally can do to contribute to peace, as well as encouraging others to visit the site.

Scope

The concept is all-inclusive. It is intended to appeal to people of all ages and backgrounds, including those not touched by war. There is a particular emphasis on being attractive to and educative for young people, to imbue in them a desire for peace even though they may not have experienced the horrors of violence.

It is also all-inclusive in promoting behaviour change away from all types of violence from domestic violence, criminal violence, local community violence, inter-tribal, inter-racial, or any other group violence,

including war between nations. Additionally, that peace is not just the absence of violence. The goal is positive peace, so the Rotary Path to Peace concept promotes behaviour that respects the dignity and worth of all people and works towards an environment for human potential to flourish.

Design

The proposed design is a path, based on existing tracks, through the natural bushland in Kings Park, at a location to be chosen by the Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority, and featuring a series of 24 - the same number as cogs in the Rotary wheel - high quality plaques, spread at equal distances along the path. Park benches, at intervals along the path, would provide places for quiet contemplation as well as rest.

High quality coloured round (suggesting our round earth) metal plaques at a comfortable viewing level will have a topic heading and just a few explanatory words, plus instruction on how to immediately access the relevant information via their smart phone, for example by a QR code or downloading the Geotourist or similar app.

As described above it is a simple concept, but requiring careful thought in preparation of both information content and physical implementation.

Next Steps

Identifying and recruiting people with the passion and skill to:

- Develop the content for the plaques and the smart-phone-accessed information
- Investigate possible technologies and recommend the most suitable



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Location

A location within the bushland of Kings Park meets the following criteria:

- Conducive to creating a quiet, contemplative ambience
- A beautiful and peaceful place attractive to all members of the community
- Ease of access by public transport and has nearby existing car and bus parking
- On or near the routes of tour buses
- Not close to major noise sources such as highways or industries
- Not require major site preparation earthworks or other significant infrastructure
- Not susceptible to prevailing winds
- Not require significant effort to connect mains or solar and battery electricity (and other utilities if required by the final design)
- Already has nearby services such as a cafés, children's playground and toilets
- Not a source of problems to people living in nearby streets
- Existing paths can be adapted thus eliminating any need to remove trees or other vegetation.

Suitable signage to locate the beginning of the path and direction to follow is essential. Additionally, it may be possible to place a sign near the existing Rotary wishing well, or even commence the path in its vicinity.

Naturally the path will need to have a firm surface for safe use of walking aids, wheelchairs, prams and for walkers of all abilities. It should also be as vandal-proof as possible.

Consultation and Support

The project has been discussed with a variety of individuals and organisations. It has evoked strong support and helpful suggestions but no opposition.

It is expected that letters of support will be forthcoming from organisations such as the RSL WA Branch, Honouring Indigenous War Graves, representatives of various immigrant groups (e.g. the Sikh Association of WA, and other such groups in our multicultural society), Healing Hearts Foundation (a partner in the Place of Reflection in Kings Park), Mediators Beyond Borders International (with whom Rotary International is one of several Partners), the United Nations Association Australia WA Branch, the UN (which Rotary was instrumental in creating), UNESCO and UNHCR, the



Museum of Freedom and Tolerance, the Institute for Economics and Peace, The Salvation Army (Womens' Refuges), The International Committee of the Red cross, and the public.

Another example is Act for Peace founded in 1948 and is the aid agency of the Australian Council of the World Council of Churches and whose vision is "a peaceful world where all people share a safe, just and dignified life". "Act for Peace supports partners to respond to emergencies and implement long-term humanitarian and development program and advocacy initiatives responding to the needs of communities in protracted conflicts or disaster-affected regions."

It is desirable that the information accessible via the plaques includes as extensive a list as possible of the Australian organisations and Australian branches of global organisations actively engaged in working to achieve peace. Consultation with them will be necessary to obtain approval to mention them, include their website in Plaque 24, and to obtain a letter of support.

Funding

A grant will be sought from LotteryWest. Additional funding is intended to be raised by the Rotary Club of Perth, partner Rotary Clubs, from individual Rotarians, philanthropists, businesses, community organisations and the public and held in Rotary of Perth's tax deductible Sir Norman Brearley Trust until called for by BGPA.

Governance

The Rotary Club of Perth Inc has adopted this project, initially brought to it by Past President Phillip Skelton on behalf of the originator of the earlier concept, Allen Stenhouse, a WWII veteran. During that war Allen found an orphan whose parents had just been killed in that war and for the rest of his life carried in his wallet a photo of the young child.

It is anticipated that a joint working group will be established with membership from the BGPA and Rotary of Perth, and a Memorandum of Understanding setting out the responsibilities of each party will be drafted.

Rotary Club of Perth Project leader for this project is Phillip Skelton.

Wesley Sim
President
Rotary Club of Perth

Introducing the Gender Equality Committee



It gives me great pleasure to announce not only our new members, but also our rejuvenated credo. Renewed as the **Gender Equality Committee**, we understand that gender equality is not binary and not coded to fall only to women to fight. Our previous incarnation, the Women's Committee, paved the way for a more inclusive, diverse, and unifying future. With the UNAOWA's proverb to educate, align and inspire, the Gender Equality Committee plans to work with and for the people to improve upon all aspects of that credo in our community.

The Gender Equality Committee is founded upon Sustainable Development Goal 5: Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment. It is a nexus from which we will work to achieve a more balanced society by addressing the inequities that prevent equal opportunities for women and men. Our committee is a representative for gender justice, acknowledging that our world can only be educated, aligned and inspired by the participation and recognition of all.

Facing all of our ambitions and plans for the upcoming year within the Gender Equality Committee, we have a team ready and willing to carry them out. Firstly, our Convener, **Hannah Brown**. Hannah is a provisionally registered psychologist, Master of Industrial and Organisational Psychology Candidate and leadership development consultant. Hannah's passion for female empowerment, gender equality and social justice led to her involvement with the UNAOWA and her subsequent role as Convener of the Gender Equality Committee.

Amelia Price is our Secretary. Amelia is an engineering professional, having graduated from Curtin University with a Bachelor of Applied Science with a specialisation in mechanical engineering. Amelia has been a member of the UNAOWA since mid-2018 and believes that gender equality is a key element to economic development, social justice and a sustainable future.

May Carter is our Treasurer. May has academic qualifications in recreation and leisure studies, social

science and environmental management. May has interests and connections within the health promotion, outdoor recreation and tourism, community planning and community engagement sectors.

Tahlia Hudson-Campbell is our Communications Officer. Tahlia is a recent Bachelor of Arts graduate from Curtin University, a passionate writer and a lifelong activist for justice and equality. Tahlia is enthusiastic about gender discourse in particular and wants to build a world in which equality is at the forefront of every conversation.

Aiding us in our work within the community are several general members, whose participation ensures the solid backbone of the Gender Equality Committee. These members include, but are certainly not limited to, **Helen Grzyb**, **Tim Perkins** and **Ilsé Strauss**.

Helen has been a Federal and State government employee and is a seasoned academic, holding a Doctorate of Philosophy and a Masters in Commerce. Helen is passionate about UNAOWA's strategic purposes and joined the Gender Equality Committee to make a contribution and difference to people in WA.

Tim has a background in geography and sustainable built environments, having graduated from the University of Aberdeen. Tim is committed to the ideals of the UNAOWA and has worked tirelessly to embed the principles of sustainability and gender equality wherever he has worked. He hopes to see a world where gender discrimination is ended and all genders are treated with equal respect.

Likewise, Ilsé is the Founder and CEO of PurposeSYNC, which is Australasia's only recognised human behavioral based leadership program. Ilsé is an avid supporter of the UNAOWA and is committed to promoting gender equality for the youth and leaders of our society.

For now, this is us. The 2019 Gender Equality Committee. We look forward to changing the world with you, step by step.

Tahlia Hudson-Campbell
Gender Equality Committee Communications Officer

IMPORTANT DATES



United Nations
Association
of Australia
WA Division



Curtin University

CHANGEMAKERS FOR WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

Meet some of the key players who are working to improve equal opportunities for women in Australia and globally

An inspiring and informative evening of women's empowerment, with keynote speech followed by a panel discussion and networking drinks.

Speaker and moderator:

Dr Sandy Chong

Rare Birds Ambassador
Vice President-elect, United Nations Assoc. Australia (WA)

Fresh from her trip to the Commission on the Status of Women that took place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York recently, Sandy shares her insights from the conference and what is being done to step up for gender equality.

Panellists include:

Jo Burston

CEO and Founder, Inspiring Rare Birds

Inspiring Rare Birds is a social impact business established in 2014 to inspire, educate and support women entrepreneurs and leaders, promoting gender equality in business. It is now a global community that reaches more than 60,000 women entrepreneurs and their supporters.

Winnie Lai Hadad

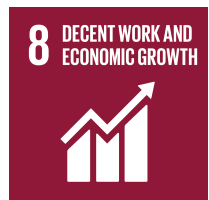
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Vice President, Hong Kong Australia Business Association

WHERE: CGSB Curtin Graduate School Of Business, 78 Murray Street Perth

WHEN: June 4, 5.30pm-8.00pm

TICKETS: Students, UNAAWA Members \$25, General Admission \$39

TICKETS: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/changemakers-for-womens-economic-empowerment-tickets-61276360243>



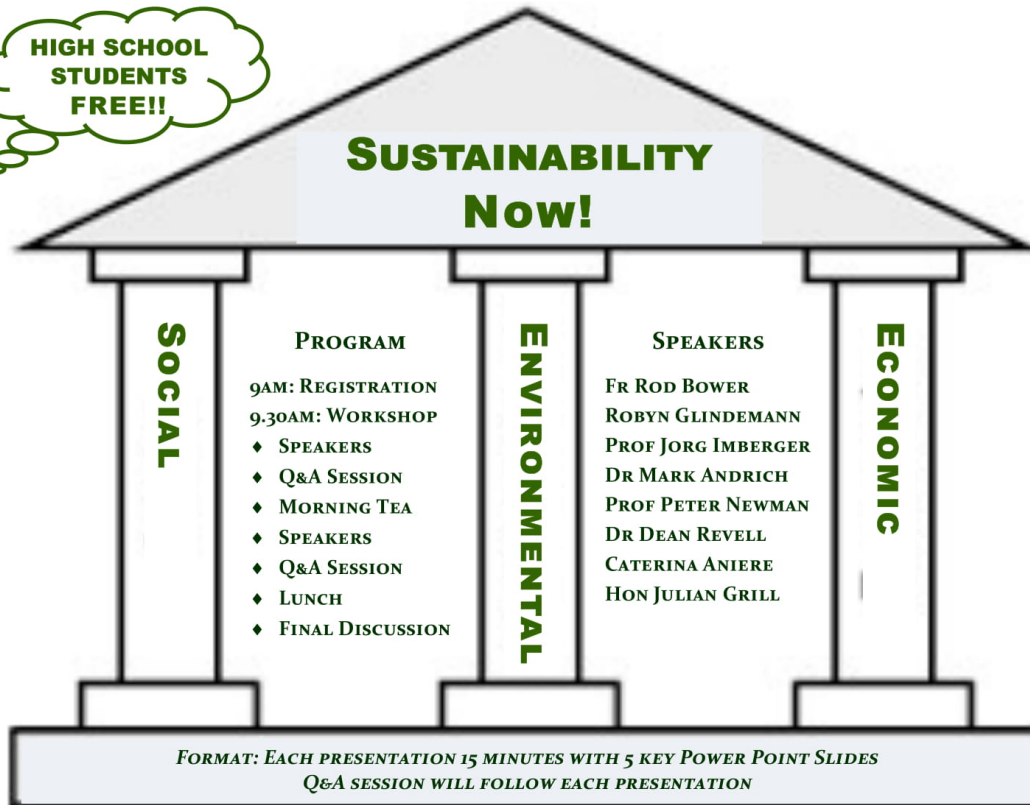
<http://www.unaa.org.au/divisions/western-australia/>

IMPORTANT DATES



SUSTAINABILITY WORKSHOP
9.00AM TO 4.00PM SATURDAY 8 JUNE 2019
AT ALL SAINTS FLOREAT UNITING CHURCH
50 Berkeley Crescent Floreat

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FREE!!



SPEAKER TOPICS

- FR ROD BOWER:** *Sustainability: The challenge from which religion was born*
ROBYN GLINDEMANN: *"Natures Trust" and Environmental Law*
PROF JORG IMBERGER: *My Beautiful Western Australia*
DR MARK ANDRICH: *Selecting Sustainable Investments*
PROF. PETER NEWMAN: *Theology of Sustainable Practice: How Cities create Hope*
DR DEAN REVELL: *It's our ABC: Agriculture Building Carbon*
CATERINA ANIERE: *Revisiting the three Tenets- a Youthful approach*
HON. JULIAN GRILL: *Politics of Sustainability*

CHAIRPERSONS: KAREN SLOAN AND MARIE YUNCKEN

COST: \$35.00 (STUDENTS \$20.00) INCLUDES COFFEE & LUNCH

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UNAAWA HUMAN RIGHTS SHORT FILM SHOWCASE

The UNAAWA Human Rights Committee in partnership with MosArt are hosting a short film showcase. This event will allow members of the public to be involved in raising awareness of continued human rights abuses through an artistic form that will be viewed by other members of the community.

HOW TO ENTER:

1. **CREATE** a film

Create a 5-10 minute film that focuses on any of the following themes:

- Multiculturalism
- Indigenous culture
- Equality
- Environment

2. **SUBMIT** your film

Films are to be submitted no less than 2 weeks before the viewing evening. Please upload your film via <https://woobox.com/aroeid> and complete and send application form to alex.kbailev16@gmail.com

3. **VIEW** your film

One production from each category will be selected by an external panel & screened at Camelot theatre on **22nd June @6pm**. Opening keynote speech to be presented by **Jane Lydon (UWA)**.

> DETAILS

SCREENING EVENING: 22nd of June 2019

TIME: 6pm – 8pm

VENUE: Camelot Theatre, Mosman Park

TICKETS: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=488368&>

SUBMISSIONS DUE: 8th June 2019

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> SHOWCASE OUTLINE

- > **Application form:** Entrants to complete application form & submit film via <https://woobox.com/aroeid> to be considered by selection panel
- > **Selection Panel:** Is made up of filmmakers/producers/authors/academics
- > **Evening format:** Food & drinks will be on offer at Camelot alongside a human rights exhibition in the foyer with a keynote address given by Jane Lydon before screenings.
- > **Event INFORMATION:** Please follow our event page → <https://www.facebook.com/events/396295324283035/>



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UN Observances

May

- 3. World Press Freedom Day
- 8-9. Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for Those Who Lost Their Lives During the Second World War
- 11. World Migratory Bird Day
- 15. International Day of Families
- 16. International Day of Living Together in Peace
- 16. International Day of Light
- 17. World Telecommunication and Information Society Day
- 20. World Bee Day
- 21. World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development
- 22. International Day for Biological Diversity
- 29. International Day of UN Peacekeepers
- 31. World No-Tobacco Day

June

- 1. Global Day of Parents
- 3. World Bicycle Day
- 4. International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression
- 5. World Environment Day
- 7. World Food Safety Day
- 8. World Oceans Day
- 12. World Day Against Child Labour
- 13. International Albinism Awareness Day
- 14. World Blood Donor Day
- 15. World Elder Abuse Awareness Day
- 17. World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought
- 19. International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict
- 20. World Refugee Day
- 21. International Day of Yoga
- 23. United Nations Public Service Day
- 23. International Widows' Day
- 26. International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking
- 26. UN International Day in Support of Victims of Torture
- 29. International Day of the Tropics
- 30. International Asteroid Day
- 30. International Day of Parliamentarism



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