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NSW Division



ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019

CELEBRATING 70 YEARS OF HUMAN RIGHTS

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“We share a common destiny. We can master it only if we face it together. And that, my friends, is why we have the United Nations”. Our future rests on solidarity. We must repair broken trust. We must reinvigorate our multilateral project. And we must uphold dignity for one and for all.

António Guterres - Address to Assembly General 2018

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PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD

It was a good year! One made possible by your generous support, energetic volunteers and the dedication of our Executive. It was one of diversification and ambitious expansion which saw the establishment of new working relationships and the implementation of new initiatives. We also improved our financial position, enabling us to employ our dedicated Executive Manager. With our sea of change came many challenges. However, in addressing these, I have learned that a sense of purpose, courage, solid team play and integrity are an unbeatable combination!

We are delighted that Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AO QC, 39th Governor of New South Wales, has granted us Vice-Regal Patronage. We are most grateful to our former Patron, His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC, DSC (Ret'd) and Mrs Hurley for their generous support. We also extend our best wishes to His Excellency General following his appointment as 27th Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia.

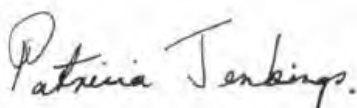
UNAA NSW also received a generous bequest of \$10,000 from the Estate of the late Dianne Sackelariou OAM. Dianne was a Life Member and good friend who is not forgotten. We are most fortunate that Dianne made this bequest and appreciated that we largely rely on donations to make an enduring difference.

Throughout the year we conducted a wide range of activities that primarily related to promoting the United Nations and its purpose, principles and values. To name a few, we celebrated World Humanitarian Day, International Women's Day, Vesak Day, World Health Day, Refugee Week as well as World Oceans Day. To my delight, we also supported activities held at Bondi Beach.

Our first UNAA NSW Diploma Course was successfully launched and we held our first Space Summit. A NSW Parliament Friends of the United Nations is in the process of being established. A personal highlight was celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, a document adopted by the United Nations General Assembly as a common standard of achievement for all. Amongst the celebrations, we held our first *'We the Peoples...2018 Human Rights Lecture'* with Guest Speaker The Honourable John Dowd AO QC.

Throughout the year it was an honour to participate in significant commemorations and wreath laying ceremonies. Such commemorations included our annual UN Day Cenotaph Ceremony and thereafter our inaugural UN Day Multicultural Festival held in Martin Place, officially opened by our former Patron and his wife Mrs Hurley. It was also a pleasure to share with many of you our most successful UN Day Gala Dinner yet. Held at NSW Parliament House, the Honourable Michael Kirby AC CMG was our Distinguished Guest and was awarded the United Nations Day Honour. For the first time, the Sydney Town Hall was also turned blue in acknowledgement of United Nations Day.

It has been a privilege and honour to serve as President of our unique Association. It has been personally rewarding and inspiring to engage with many of you - to learn from your ideas and personal stories as we unite to build a safer, fairer and more sustainable world together and, as I like to put it, to help create a better world for all in the wonderful spirit of humanitarian mateship. Thank You.



Dr Patricia Jenkins BA (Hons) PhD (USYD)
President
United Nations Association of Australia (NSW)
United Nations Association of Australia National Board Member



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WORLD**

EXECUTIVE MANAGER'S REPORT

This year has proven notably significant for UNAA NSW. We have witnessed a substantial increase in organisational growth, community outreach and societal impact. Such dynamic times have allowed for a greater presence within New South Wales, empowering us to undergo our fundamental mission of informing, engaging and inspiring our community about the great works of the United Nations around the world.

As the inaugural holder of this position, I have had the unceasing honour and privilege of providing direct, full time and collaborative support to our Executive Committee members in the discharge of their functional responsibilities, with a particular emphasis on Operations, Event Management, Partnerships, Membership and Marketing/Fundraising. Working closely with our President, we have endeavoured to plan and execute various events and program-based initiatives which align with both the international days of commemoration as well as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Upon commencement of my employment, I was initially charged with the responsibility of establishing our office in Glebe. Many thanks to all the volunteers who assisted in the assembly of the space, which now hosts various meetings and holds all UNAA NSW equipment and merchandise.

A key initiative organised by UNAA NSW this year included the launch of the UNAA NSW UN Diploma, offered to individuals wishing to upskill themselves in the field of International Diplomacy as well as the more general skills of negotiation, emotional intelligence and problem solving. As the first cohort of students approach the end of their studies, I reflect on the pleasure it has been to observe and participate in an environment where individuals are able to passionately learn about and discuss the various facets of the UN.

Finally, improving the Operations portfolio has also been a priority since my commencement in the role. As part of UNAA NSW transformative period of modernisation, the construction of an online Data and Storage Repository is now finished, thanks to the hard work of Jesse Park and Alexandra Stafferton.

I wish to express my sincerest thanks to the Association for entrusting me with the duty of managing their overall affairs, and keenly anticipate our continued growth this coming year. In the words of our venerable President, onwards and upwards!



Joshua Karras
Executive Manager
UNAA NSW

2018/19

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(AS AT 30 JUNE 2019)

UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA NEW SOUTH WALES DIVISION INC.

> PATRON:

Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beasley, AO, QC, the 39th and current Governor of New South Wales, serving since 2nd May 2019.

> COMMITTEE:

Role	Name	Attendance
President	Dr Patricia Jenkins	100%
Vice-President (Programs)	Andrea Spencer-Cooke	100%
Vice-President Emeritus	Kenneth Weekes Esquire	70%
Secretary	Jesse Park	80%
Treasurer	Paul Malliate	100%
Public Officer	Valerie Weekes	80%
Committee Members		
Director of Volunteering	Brett Martin	60%
Event Lead - UN Day Cenotaph Ceremony	Geoffrey Little	20%
Program Lead for Community Programs	Lindsay Mell	50%
Director of Innovation, Event Lead - Space Summit	Gregory Hunter	90%
Director of Humanitarianism and Environment	Jean Santos	50%
Director of Institutional Relationships UN Day Planning Advisor	Alexander Weilsman	60%
Director of Strategic Partnerships	Ben Woltmann	70%

> EXECUTIVE MANAGER:

Joshua Karras

> BRANCH CONVENERS:

Blue Mountains: Mr Franklin Scarf

Central Coast: Ms Audrey McDonald

Hunter: Ms Martina Bowen

SDG PROGRESS REPORT

The 17 SDGs of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development came into force globally on 1st January 2016. The Goals aim to mobilise efforts to end all forms of poverty, fight inequalities and tackle climate change while ensuring that no one is left behind. Unanimously adopted by the UN's 193 Member States (UN General Assembly Resolution A/RES/70/1), the SDGs apply to all countries and recognise that social, economic and environmental factors, as well as peace, justice and effective institutions, are interconnected and vital for sustainable development.

IS AUSTRALIA ON TRACK TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS?

Unfortunately, the SDGs have had little traction in Australia since their commencement in 2015.

In 2018, the Australian Government held a Senate Inquiry into these SDGs.

IT WAS FOUND THAT:

- > There is a lack of community awareness, active leadership and domestic response
- > There are minimal national targets, indicators in use or M&E frameworks in place
- > There is currently no official reporting or evaluation of progress towards the completion of the SDGs
- > There is increasing interest from businesses, international development and research communities

As it stands, current trends suggest that as a whole, Australia will fall well short of most SDGs in 2030.

However, it has been shown that altering the course, and prioritising rapid progression towards the completion of SDGs is feasible and will not result in the overburdening of our economy. In fact, research suggests that it would lead to higher per capita incomes, greater equality, reduced poverty and lower GHG emissions.

WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

As a nation, we must focus on more rapid decarbonisation in our industry, energy, transport and land use. In addition, the decoupling of resource consumption from economic development should be replaced with new sustainable and inclusive business models, lifestyle choices and individual behaviours.

Many thanks to Dr Cameron Allan for this assistance in the production of this Article.



A YEAR IN REVIEW

In 2018/19, UNAA NSW successfully organised and executed numerous events and commemorations which aligned with both the SDGs as well as the United Nations calendar.



**NAIDOC
DAY**



**WORLD
HUMANITARIAN
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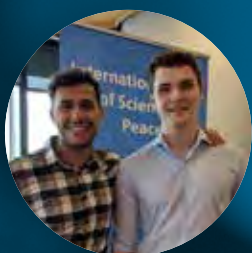
**MULTI-
CULTURAL
FESTIVAL**



**UNITED
NATIONS
DAY WREATH
LAYING
CEREMONY**



**UNITED
NATIONS
DAY GALA
DINNER**



**SPACE
SUMMIT**



**WORLD
HEALTH DAY**



**REFUGEE
WEEK**



**INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S
DAY**



**WORLD
OCEANS DAY**

UNAA DIPLOMA



NEXT INTAKE 25 OCTOBER 2019

UNAA NSW has recently launched a UN Diploma course. The course educates individuals about the history, structure and operations of the United Nations. It imparts students with recognisable skills that can be used in either UN work or related careers.

COURSE STRUCTURE

The structure of the UN Diploma course is as follows:

- > Friday night lectures: 6 - 8pm
- > Duration: 16 weeks
- > Covering: Eight subjects and four competencies

The course uses Competency Based Training, the key competency being Project Planning. Aligned with this are four assessments based on the content that has been taught and the student's ability to plan a project.

Examples of topics covered in the Diploma include the Structure of the United Nations, the SDGs, UN Peacekeeping, Human Rights, UN Agencies and much more.

After a popular first intake, extra places have been created to cater for demand. The next intake commences studies on 25th October 2019.

For enrolment in this unique course and for more information, please visit the website at: williams.edu.au/unaadiploma

THE FOUR ASSESSMENTS WILL FOCUS ON:

- a. Knowledge of the United Nations
- b. Planning a UN function or event
- c. The student's ability to:
 - > Manage a conflict
 - > Develop and use emotional intelligence
 - > Develop a project
 - > Make a presentation



EVENTS



NAIDOC

8-14 JULY 2018

Representatives of UNAA NSW were delighted to partake in a NAIDOC week (8-14th July) celebration with the KARI Foundation during a corporate lunch held at NSW Parliament House. With over 160 guests in attendance, the event provided a showcase of the excellence of Indigenous women at KARI. As this year's NAIDOC theme is 'Because of her, we can', there was a spotlight on the robust women of KARI who were described as "the foundation of their success."

Dr Patricia Jenkins, President of UNAA NSW provided insight into the holistic approach that is offered for Indigenous youth throughout Australia. She also elaborated on the United Nations' goals for Indigenous youth and how the UN Australia chapter strives to promote healthy and positive mental and physical wellbeing.



UN HUMANITARIAN DAY

16 AUGUST 2018

UNAA NSW hosted a Twilight Keynote Function to celebrate UN World Humanitarian Day, a day which aims to highlight the work of humanitarian aid organisations and workers all across the globe. The event took place at International Tower One, Barangaroo on 16th August 2018. Attendees heard from Ms Caitlin Barrett, Founding CEO of Love Mercy Foundation and Reverend Bill Crews AM, Founder of the Exodus Foundation. Many thanks to Baker McKenzie for their support in providing the venue.



UNITED NATIONS DAY WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

24 OCTOBER 2018

'The sacrifices of the past and hope for the future.' This was the defining message of UNAA NSW annual Wreath-Laying Ceremony in Martin Place, held on UN Day, with Mr Geoffrey Little, the Master of Ceremonies. Once again, the ceremony took place in the presence of the distinguished Guest of Honour, His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd) and Mrs Linda Hurley. The ceremony was well attended by some 190 members of the Diplomatic Corps, Senior Service Officers, Representatives of a range of Community Organisations and the general public.





UNITED NATIONS DAY MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

24 OCTOBER 2018

Following the Wreath-Laying Ceremony was UNAA NSW vibrant inaugural Multicultural Gala Festival, held at Martin Place.

A range of performers from various cultural backgrounds such as the Australian Egyptian Forum Council and the Chinese community took to the stage to perform traditional dances and cultural displays, as a reminder that the UN is 'of and for all peoples'. A special thanks to Ms Trisha Shastri for acting as the Event Lead and MC of what was a wonderful commemoration of multiculturalism and unity.



INAUGURAL UN SPACE SUMMIT "REACHING FOR THE STARS"

9 NOVEMBER 2018

Led by Mr Gregory Hunter, UNAA NSW hosted the inaugural United Nations Space Summit. Held in October, the summit attracted 120 industry leaders and fostered discussion on the ways that space exploration could provide opportunities for economic and civic collaboration. During the event, attendees heard from Richard Milford, Senior Director of System Engineering of the Virgin Orbit corporation, who spoke of the exciting possibilities which publicly accessible space travel could bring to Australians.

Similarly, Alex Seneta, Executive Director of Regulation and International Obligations with the Australian Space Agency, explored the meaning of Australian space surveillance for our nation's security. The Space Summit is just one of the exciting ways in which UNAA NSW reaches out to foster innovation and community cohesion in new fields.





UNITED NATIONS DAY 2018 INAUGURAL GALA DINNER

24 OCTOBER 2018

As our flagship event, the UN Day Gala Dinner marks the anniversary of the entry into force of the UN Charter in 1945.

The Gala Dinner was held at the NSW Parliament House with this year's Honour being awarded to the Honourable Justice Michael Kirby AO QC in recognition of his long-standing support for the United Nations humanitarian system and commitment to the advancement of human rights. Dr Patricia Jenkins said, "Mr Kirby has consistently lived out those values – locally, nationally and internationally – as enshrined in the United Nations Charter's preamble."

The inaugural event, organised by Paul Malliate and Ms Fay Teh, was attended by members of civil society institutions, including corporations, national governments, media and industry as well as community members. We would like to thank Dr Michael Warczak OAM, the Sydney Philharmonic Choirs, the Macquarie Bank Choir, Sofitel Wentworth Hotels, Glitz & Glamour Photography and Mr Mark Couré MP for their attendance and generous donation of raffle prizes and auction items.

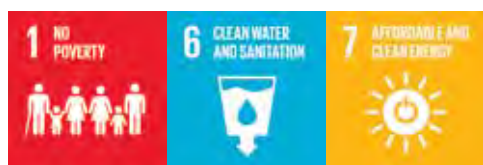




DELOITTE VOLUNTEER IMPACT DAY

16 NOVEMBER 2018

On 16th of November 2018, Deloitte held an all-day workshop with UNAA NSW as part of their Volunteer Impact Day. The purpose of the workshop was for UNAA NSW to receive professional input and assistance on eight specific projects. Many forward-thinking and insightful ideas regarding the growth, development and modernisation of UNAA NSW were gained on the day. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Thierry Lotrian, who acted as our host partner.



CREATING OUR FUTURE EXHIBITION

16 NOVEMBER 2018

The Creating Our Future exhibition, a collaboration between Founder Naomi Kroll and UNAA NSW, showcased innovative ways of achieving the 17 SDGs.

Through a curated exhibition of visual and interactive art and business entrepreneurship like Pass it On Clothing and Co, the event fostered a space for real collaboration and progress on goals like No Poverty, Clean Water & Sanitation, and Affordable & Clean Energy. The profit from the sale of the artworks went towards UNICEF Australia, with over \$600 raised in total.





THE TRANSITIONS FILM FESTIVAL

4 APRIL 2019

Film can be a powerful medium for social justice. On Thursday April 4th, UNAA NSW was privileged to partner with the Transitions Film Festival to feature a film called 'Youth Unstoppable,' which showcased the lived experience of millions living on the front lines of climate change. The screening was followed by a panel discussion with young climate justice advocates including Joshua Karras, the Executive Manager of UNAA NSW, Aref Taleb, State Leader of the Australian Youth Climate Coalition NSW and Tom Dawkins, CEO of StartSomeGood.com and Convenor of the Think Act Change social enterprise.

The film, directed by young American climate justice advocate Slater Jewell-Kemker, tells the compelling story of her encounter with an array of international young leaders who are working for policy change to enshrine reduced carbon emissions in their respective nations' laws.



WORLD HEALTH DAY

7 APRIL 2019

On April 7th, UNAA NSW celebrated World Health Day at Berala Primary School by conducting fun, informative sessions focused on SDG 3: Good Health and Wellbeing.

Through interactive activities, 200 students in years 5 and 6 were introduced to the work, goals, and values of the United Nations. Moreover, using neon-green slime, these bright young minds were informed about techniques aimed at preventing the spread of communicable diseases. Additionally, through acting demonstrations, they were taught about their human rights, mental health, and the impact of bullying on wellbeing.

A heartfelt thanks to event partners Jamitha Karthigeyan (Lifeline Crisis Support Supervisor), Multicultural NSW, and the entire team of volunteers and photographers who helped make the day a wonderful success.





INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

6 MARCH 2019

UNAA NSW and White Ribbon Australia partnered to host a panel discussion to celebrate International Women's Day in March. The event featured high-profile local men and women who are leaders, role models and mentors to address this year's theme "More Powerful Together."

PANELISTS INCLUDED:

- > Lisa Annese, Chief Executive Officer, Diversity Council Australia Ltd
- > Michael West, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Diversity & Inclusion Consultancy Guwaali
- > Sue Advani, White Ribbon Advocate and Indian Community Leader
- > Lisa George, Global Head of Macquarie Group Foundation
- > Danny Mikati, White Ribbon Ambassador and Director of AusRelief
- > Denise Beckwith, International Disability Consultant and Advocate
- > Emma Walsh, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Parents at Work
- > Nick Tebbey, National Executive Officer, Relationships Australia
- > Ida Walker, National Director of Public Discourse, Australian Baha'i Community

Dr Patricia Jenkins, President of UNAA NSW, gave a welcome address at the event, which was held at Barangaroo, Sydney. She discussed the domestic violence prevention work of organisations like White Ribbon Australia and the wide-ranging advocacy work on gender equality and women's empowerment performed by the United Nations and its agencies.

UNAA NSW will continue to work to raise the visibility of marginalised women at home and globally.



VARIETY DAY EVENT

27-28 JUNE 2019

Holy Innocents Primary School participated in the two-day workshop “Just Like You” sponsored by UNAA NSW and led by Variety Australia on 27th and 28th June 2019. “Just Like You” is a disability awareness program designed to build understanding, acceptance and inclusion. Joshua Karras, the Executive Manager of UNAA NSW, talked to the children about the United Nations, human rights, and the SDGs.

Thanks to their combined work, the event was a great success.



VESAK DAY: THE BIRTH OF THE BUDDHA

4 MAY 2019

On 4th May 2019, UNAA NSW marked Vesak Day, a widely celebrated Buddhist Festival held to commemorate the birth, enlightenment and passing of Shakyamuni Gautam Buddha.

The holy day was celebrated with a formal Parliamentary function where Dr Patricia Jenkins, President of UNAA NSW, spoke alongside Henry Dang, J.P.S.D Honourable Secretary-General of the Buddhist Federation of Australia, the Honourable Victor Dominello MP, Miss Tania Mihailuk MP and other distinguished guests. Leaders of both major State and Federal parties were also present at the event.

Vesak Day was also marked with a festive community stall at Belmore Park in Sydney CBD, where members of UNAA NSW team were in attendance.

During this auspicious season, UNAA NSW wished peace and wellbeing upon the Buddhist community of NSW and Australia.





WORLD OCEANS DAY FILM SCREENING

4 JUNE 2019

To celebrate World Oceans Day, UNAA NSW held a screening of the film BLUE, hosted by Lendlease and organised by Jean Santos, UNAA NSW Director for Humanitarianism & Environment. Present at the screening was the Director of BLUE, Karina Holden, Head of Factual at Northern Pictures. The documentary film was first premiered at the United Nations before its global cinema release. Recognising the critical issues facing our oceans, the United Nations put in place the SDGs as a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity. SDG13 and SDG14 are an urgent call for action for a sustainable future for our oceans and our planet.



REFUGEE WEEK CELEBRATIONS

20 JUNE 2019

UNAA NSW kicked-off Refugee Week 2019 celebrations with its event “Share a Meal Share a Story”, which took place on Thursday 20th June 2019 at TAFE NSW Bankstown College, in partnership with Canterbury-Bankstown and Metro Assist.

Catered by former refugees who now have thriving businesses in Australia, the event showcased the contributions of refugees in Australia. Refugees took to the stage to talk about themselves and presented poems, art, and slide shows. President Dr Patricia Jenkins of UNAA NSW made a speech reminding us of the importance of celebrating refugees and helping them worldwide.

Refugee week this year is of particular significance as 2019 forms part of an era of unprecedented numbers of refugees and internally displaced persons globally. A resolution for this global problem has emerged as a high priority, especially given that mass displacement effects national and international security and erodes economic growth and prosperity.





THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS TURNS 70!

On 10th December 2018, we celebrated the 70 year anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations. This celebration provided us with an opportunity to reflect on its significance, and to be reminded of the need to continue to raise awareness about the Declaration. In recognition of this significant milestone, UNAA NSW led and participated in a range of events to ensure its commemoration. It resulted in maximum engagement, information and inspiration towards Human Rights.

The Declaration sets out the basic rights and freedoms that apply for all humanity and supports equality, justice and human dignity. It has become a foundation document that has inspired many legally binding international human rights laws and has been translated into over 500 languages. The Declaration does not impose a single model of right conduct but rather, provides “a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations...”. Article 1 affirms: “All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights.”

The 70th anniversary, however, has been sorely tested by unprecedented global unrest, the rise of the nationalistic forces and challenges to global unity. United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres has expressed his concerns to the General Assembly. “Challenges are growing

outward”, he said, “while many people are turning inward. Today, world order is increasingly chaotic... Universal values are being eroded. Democratic principles are under siege and the rule of law is being undermined...”

We should therefore be vigilant and forthright about the values of the Declaration and remind governments and policy makers of our priorities. We must take seriously the need to learn about the Declaration, as it is a most significant influencer for positive change. We also need to heed the words of distinguished Australian Dr Herbert V Evatt, President of the United Nations General Assembly from 1948 to 1949, who presided over the Assembly that adopted this landmark document.

Ms Eleanor Roosevelt, a driving force in creating the UDHR, stated that the document, which expresses ideals, “carry no weight unless the people know them, unless the people understand them, unless the people demand that they be lived.” Ms Roosevelt also said that human rights begin in the small places close to home - so close and so small that they cannot be seen on any map of the world. “Unless these rights have meaning there,” she said, “they have little meaning anywhere.” This message is so relevant in today’s world, as it is sometimes easy to forget in the rush to be more efficient and effective that real reform starts at the basic needs

level. From there it will ripple out, not just materially but by measures of newfound hope, confidence and freedom.

The world has become a global village and is now populated with global citizens. As we move through the 21st century, the world becomes more interdependent and interconnected. Global corporations, institutions, the political elite and the rising economic powers of East Asia, provide a new mix of political and economic relationships on the world stage.

Certainly there are differences between what is possible

and impossible and a gap between expectations and reality. For the betterment of humanity, however, we all have a shared responsibility and with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as an inspiration, together we can create a better world for all in the wonderful spirit of humanitarian mateship!

Dr Patricia Jenkins BA (Hons) PhD (USYD)
President United Nations Association of Australia NSW

UNAA Human Rights National Program - NSW Lead
UNAA National Board Member

UNAA NSW supported a suite of events held by the Evatt Foundation to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This included a Dramatic Performance, a Public Forum and a Public Lecture with a keynote address by Professor Gillian Triggs, President of the Human Rights Commission 2012-2017, introduced by The Hon Elizabeth Evatt, AC, and with vote of thanks delivered by The Hon Tanya Plibersek, MP.

> INAUGURAL HUMAN RIGHTS LECTURE: 'WE THE PEOPLE...'

UNAA NSW hosted its annual Human Rights Lecture at the State Library of New South Wales in December 2018. Inspired by Article 1 of the UN Declaration of Human Rights which states that "all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights", speakers Dominic Wy Kanak (Chairman of the Eastern Region Local Government Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Forum), the Honourable John Dowd AO QC, Dr Patricia Jenkins (President of UNAA NSW), and Ms Victoria Sharp (International Ambassador for the World Peace Flame) took to the stage.



> DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS SOLEMN MASS

To commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the signing of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, UNAA NSW staff, Committee Members and volunteers attended a Solemn Mass held at Sydney's beautiful St Mary's Cathedral. Rev Don Richardson, Dean of St Mary's Cathedral, spoke about creating profound and lasting world peace, justice, and strong institutions.



OVERVIEW

PORTFOLIO ACTIVITIES

2018/19

> EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

As well as supporting the UN Secretary-General's 2019 priorities of diplomacy for peace, climate action, SDGs, governance of new technologies and strengthening UN values, this year saw UNAA NSW intensify its strategic support for the UN agenda in 5 key areas across our program of events: SDG awareness, gender equality, climate action, refugees, and Indigenous Reconciliation.

For example:

SDG awareness—In addition to aligning all the International Days we celebrate and events we hold with the SDGs, a special 2030 Agenda *Creating Our Future* exhibition was held in February 2019, where artists exhibited work inspired by the SDGs.

Gender equality—In March, a joint *International Women's Day* event was held with White Ribbon Australia.

Climate action—In April and June, two public film screenings were held to spark awareness of climate change: *Youth Unstoppable* with the Transitions Film Festival, and *Blue* to mark World Oceans Day.

Refugees—In collaboration with MetroAssist, *Share a Meal, Share a Story* took place in June to encourage intercultural tolerance and understanding.

Indigenous Reconciliation—UNAA NSW made this important issue the central focus of its 2019 UN Day Honours and Gala Dinner held on 22 October.

Furthermore, UNAA NSW has actively addressed subjects such as emerging new technologies through new initiatives. For instance, we were involved in the Macquarie Orbital Space Law Symposium and the NewSpace Summit in October 2019. UNAA NSW also continued to demonstrate strong support for UN Values through celebration of *World Humanitarian Day* and our annual *UN Day Wreath-Laying* at the Cenotaph on 24th October.

The year ahead

In 2019-2020, following publication of the UN Global Sustainable Development Review (GDSR), we will be stepping up our activities and strategic partnerships in support of the 2030 Agenda to raise greater awareness and accelerate action on the SDGs in NSW.

We welcome expressions of interest from organisations looking to partner with UNAA NSW on the goals. Please contact UNAA Executive Manager Joshua Karras at joshua.karras@unaa.org.au or VP Programs Andrea Spencer-Cooke at andrea.spencer-cooke@unaa.org.au for information on our 2019-2020 program.

> STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

The Strategic Partnerships portfolio has continued to focus on improving the value proposition of UNAA NSW and connecting with various organisations and businesses to expand the activities and profile of our organisation. By utilising the SDGs as a framework for developing long-term strategic partnerships, UNAA NSW has endeavoured to demonstrate to corporations the inherent value for their organisations in aligning more closely with specific SDGs. The continued work of our President, Directors, members and volunteers has been amazing and will continue to provide UNAA NSW and its partners with valuable and significant benefits.

> PUBLIC OFFICER

The Public Officer organised the Annual General Meeting, held on 11th August 2018. During the year, the Public Officer participated in the revision of the UNAA NSW Constitution. After canvassing members as to what changes should occur and after reading the Constitutions of other UNAA Divisions, the Public Officer marked in the old Constitution what changes they thought appropriate. There were also external lawyers involved who spent much time discussing these changes and suggesting further alterations. On 19th June 2019, a General Meeting was held and the new Constitution was passed. The Public Officer would like to extend thanks to Vice-President Emeritus Kenneth Weekes, Esquire for his assistance throughout the year.

> MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION

The Marketing and Communications portfolio has successfully continued to promote UNAA NSW events over the past year through beautifully-designed flyers, the UNAA NSW website, newsletters to members and posts on social media such as Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and Instagram. The portfolio has grown through enlisting the support of a number of talented Marketing and Communications Coordinators. We thank Akanksha Tiway, and Sophie Kesteven for their dedicated assistance.

> VOLUNTEERING

Volunteers have and continue to play a critical role in the development of UNAA NSW. It is through volunteers that we inform, inspire and engage people about the goals of the United Nations to create a safer, fairer and more sustainable world. We have volunteers because we believe in the volunteer ethos and because they bring expertise, experience and a perspective which is unique. Furthermore, they help raise awareness of the UN Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Our volunteer model is based on all staff being motivated to join because of a strong personal commitment to the work and cause of the United Nations. This year we have strengthened our volunteer program by developing:

- > a **Volunteer Information Pack** to align with the National Standards for Volunteer Involvement, and continuously improve how we support each volunteer
- > a **Volunteer Strategy** to partner with public, private and community organisations to provide more volunteering opportunities, and measure volunteer contributions against the SDGs
- > a monthly **Volunteer Update** to keep volunteers and friends informed about opportunities and news
- > creating two new positions to provide better structure and support. We deeply appreciate having **Luna Manandhar** as Manager of Recruitment & Induction, and **Ana Ouriques** as Manager of Training & Support

Our volunteers are amazing - they have a vast range of knowledge, skills and experience, and a shared commitment to change the world!

> COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Over the course of this year, our Community Project Program focus may be broadly stated as a wholehearted quest to propose a cohesive, consistent, and cogent Universal Ethos for the SDGs.

Elements of our distinctive Meaning à Significance à Relevance à Resonance à thence to adequate Appreciation trajectory were blended with legendary theoretical perspectives, particularly those of Henri-Louis Bergson, Alfred North Whitehead, and Jacques Maritain, to substantiate this endeavour. Meanwhile, most rewarding success was achieved through our August 2019 Volunteering Taiwan HAKKA Youth/ UNAA (NSW) Cultural Conference convened through the auspices of Volunteering NSW and Sydney Mechanics School of Arts as a truly bountiful late-year highlight for us!

Special Thanks to Debbie Huang, 'Legend' Margaret Bell AM, Rumbi Mabambe, Yvette Caroly, Victor Lee, Sandy Yang, together with our ever astute President, Dr 'Trish' Jenkins, diligent Executive Manager, Joshua Karras, and finally Kel Gleeson for his support for this fabulous event.

Finally, UNAA NSW participated in the impressive 'We Can Make a Difference' event earlier this year, convened by Wollongong University Emeritus Professor, Stephen Hill OAM and Director of the Humanistic Buddhism Centre, Jue Wei Shi, convened at the Nan Tien Temple at Berkeley, near Wollongong.

> INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

The Institutional Relationships portfolio recognises the need for UNAA NSW to identify, develop and maintain relationships with civil society, including governments, parliaments, institutions and corporations. The Director of Institutional Relationships collaborates, promotes and improves UNAA NSW reputation and achieves the outcomes of the United Nations. The portfolio continued to provide protocol expertise and liaison between UNAA NSW and the NSW Governor as UNAA NSW Vice-Regal Patron.

> MEMBERSHIP

UNAA NSW members are central to the success of our events, programs and activities. The organisation has increased its outreach by over 3000 this past year. Members are the first to hear about UNAA NSW events and activities, and have access to member-only privileges and discounted tickets. The organisation continues to expand its programs, events and activities to improve the value of membership and increase its impact in the community. Membership application can be completed at https://unaansw.tidyhq.com/public/membership_levels.

> INTERNSHIPS

Interns have continued to assist the Executive Committee in their accomplishment of tasks and in the organisation of events, including marketing, communications and the organisation of 2019 United Nations Day. Notably, the Marketing and Communications portfolio has recruited interns to assist its operations throughout the year. Fay Teh has once again worked under the Vice-President to organise United Nations Day 2019. In addition, Michael Dimarco and Michael Jeffries have directly assisted the Executive Committee through leading specialised projects and initiatives and we thank them for bringing valuable skills and experience to serve UNAA NSW. Finally, the Executive Manager has recruited Alexandra Stafferton as his Assistant to facilitate and provide support for the various Administrative and Operational Duties required of him.

> UN YOUTH

In 2018-19 UN Youth NSW has engaged hundreds of high school students in educational programs and competitions framed around issues of diplomacy, politics and international relations. In October 2018, 26 teams of students competed in our Negotiations Competition. They role-played as diplomatic representatives from countries embroiled in simulated political, environmental and military crises. UN Youth also ran its highly successful public speaking competition "Voice", which engaged over 200 students in pitching solutions to global issues, and our Model United Nations debating competition "Evatt", which reached nearly 300 students across metropolitan and regional NSW.

The flagship leadership event, State Conference, was held in March 2019 and themed 'States of Conflict'. It involved discussions around global security and conflict between key global actors. Our Junior Leadership Weekend, for students in years 7 and 8, was held in November 2018 and was themed 'The Right to Refuge.' It explored issues relating to refugee and asylum seeker rights. Finally, UN Youth NSW has run a number of day summits on international intelligence, climate change and ASEAN.

> BLUE MOUNTAINS REGIONAL REPORT

The Blue Mountains branch participated in the second Blue Mountains Permaculture Edible Garden Trail which was yet another great success.

The world's first Global Earth Repair Conference (GERC) was held at the beginning of May 2019 in Washington State, USA. This conference was based on the Earth Repair Charter and Vision 2020 campaign which were created under the auspices of UNAA NSW over the past three decades. These two documents were and still are on the GERC website and are helping the Global Earth Repair Movement to grow.

From that conference, pledges were made for GERC's to be held in Central and South America, Mexico, Africa and India over the next few years. There are actions being taken to hold a similar conference here in Australia during the year 2020.

OUR FIVE STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Over the next five years and within available resources the UNAA will strive to implement the following five priorities:



1

Deliver high quality national programs and events

2

Develop and implement a credible international program as a member of the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA)

3

Conduct education and undertake research to inform Australians about the United Nations and to provide timely policy advice to the Australian Government and WFUNA

4

Sustainably grow the UNAA's reach and resources through strong partnerships, a network of valued and committed volunteers and interns, and dedicated professional staff

5

Ensure good governance, a collaborative culture, effective communications, and streamlined administration across the UNAA

GOAL ONE

DELIVER HIGH QUALITY NATIONAL PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

To deliver high quality national programs

Develop and provide niche training

Develop a 'UN speakers series' throughout Australia

To increase our existing national presence and content quality to inform and attract public interest and support

GOAL TWO

DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A CREDIBLE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM AS A MEMBER OF THE WORLD FEDERATION OF UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATIONS (WFUNA)

To be a highly regarded member of the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA)

To participate and contribute to UN international forums and events

To strengthen relations with countries through participation in mutually beneficial UN activities

To partner with countries to establish and/or strengthen UN Associations and progress important issues with the UN

GOAL THREE

CONDUCT EDUCATION AND UNDERTAKE RESEARCH TO INFORM AUSTRALIANS ABOUT THE UNITED NATIONS AND TO PROVIDE TIMELY POLICY ADVICE TO THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT AND WFUNA

To provide quality education about the UN

To be the 'go to' organisation in Australia on matters concerning the UN, and Australia's UN involvement

To be agile and able to respond quickly to opportunities

To record the history and achievements of the UNAA

GOAL FOUR

SUSTAINABLY GROW THE UNAA'S REACH AND RESOURCES THROUGH STRONG PARTNERSHIPS, A NETWORK OF VALUED AND COMMITTED VOLUNTEERS AND INTERNS, AND DEDICATED PROFESSIONAL STAFF

To strengthen our partnerships, membership and supporter base

To attract, nurture and recognise our volunteers and interns

To help develop our professional staff, directors and volunteers

To raise sufficient funds, sponsorship and in-kind support to achieve our priorities

To maintain and increase funding grants from government (Federal, State/Territory and Local) and foundations

GOAL FIVE

ENSURE GOOD GOVERNANCE, A COLLABORATIVE CULTURE, EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, AND STREAMLINED ADMINISTRATION ACROSS THE UNAA

To ensure National Board members fully understand their responsibilities and are able to make decisions that promote and protect the UNAA's reputation

To ensure the UNAA is properly resourced in priority areas that support impact and is properly structured to fulfil its mission

To ensure that National Board members fulfil their fiduciary responsibilities and are compliant with legislative requirements

To evaluate our performance and progress

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FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

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Income and Expenditure Statement
For the Year Ended 30 June 2019

	Note	2019	2018
		\$	\$
Income			
Memberships		7,712	6,967
General donations/grants		17,850	18,100
Miscellaneous Events		4,278	6,800
Interest received		1,479	410
Surplus from UN Day		10,374	3,115
Miscellaneous income		241	3,109
UN Diploma Program		9,967	-
		<u>51,901</u>	<u>38,501</u>
Expenditure			
Venue hire		1,154	631
General administration		8,032	606
Fees and Federal levy		1,694	2,611
Executive Manager		18,891	-
Other expenses		1,430	3,613
		<u>31,201</u>	<u>7,461</u>
Current year surplus/(deficit)		<u>20,700</u>	<u>31,040</u>
Retained surplus at the beginning of the year		50,069	19,029
Retained surplus at the end of the year		<u>70,769</u>	<u>50,069</u>

Assets and Liabilities Statement
As At 30 June 2019

	Note	2019	2018
		\$	\$
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash at bank	2	<u>128,565</u>	<u>59,569</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>128,565</u>	<u>59,569</u>
Total Assets		<u>128,565</u>	<u>59,569</u>
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Trade Creditors	3	2,332	2,500
Income In Advance	4	<u>55,464</u>	<u>7,000</u>
Total Current Liabilities		<u>57,796</u>	<u>9,500</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>57,796</u>	<u>9,500</u>
Net Assets		<u>70,769</u>	<u>50,069</u>
Members Funds			
Retained surplus		70,769	50,069
Total Members Funds		<u>70,769</u>	<u>50,069</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 June 2019

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis and are based on historical costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where stated specifically, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following significant accounting policies have been adopted in the preparation of these financial statements.

a) Revenue and Other Income

Interest revenue is recognised using effective interest method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

Grant and donation income is recognised when the association obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.

If conditions are attached to the grant that must be satisfied before the association is eligible to receive the contribution, recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

b) Accounts Payable and Other Payables

Accounts payables and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting year for goods and services received by the association during the reporting year that remain unpaid. The balances are recognised as a current liability and the amounts are normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
<u>Note 2: Cash at bank</u>		
Cash at bank – # 2734 28122520	128,565	59,569
<u>Note 3: Trade Creditors</u>		
Trade Creditors	2,332	2,500
<u>Note 4: Income in advance</u>		
Income received in advance	55,464	7,000
<u>Note 5: Contingent Liability</u>		
At balance date there are no contingent liabilities.		

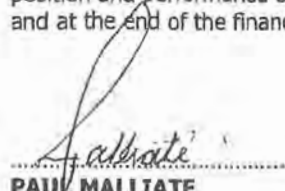
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Statement By Treasurer

Annual Statements Give True and Fair View of Financial Position and Performance

I, Paul Malliate being the Treasurer of United Nations Association of Australia (NSW) Inc, certify that-

The statements attached to this certificate give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of United Nations Association of Australia (NSW) Inc during and at the end of the financial year of the association ending on 30 June 2019.



PAUL MALLIATE
Treasurer

Dated at Sydney this 13th day of July 2019

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (\$000)	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19
Membership Income	8.0	7.6	7.0	7.7
Donations/Grants	3.1	7.5	18.1	17.9
Surplus/(Deficit)	2.4	5.9	31.0	20.7
Cash Balance	22.5	26.0	59.6	128.6
Net Assets	25.0	19.0	50.1	70.8



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Independent Auditor's Report to the members of United Nations Association of Australia (NSW) Inc.
For the Year Ended 30 June 2019

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report
Opinion

We have audited the financial report of United Nations Association of Australia (NSW Division) Inc., which comprises, the assets and liabilities statement as at 30 June 2019, the income and expenditure statement for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the certification by the treasurer on the annual financial statements giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Association.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report gives a true and fair view of the financial position United Nations Association of Australia (NSW Division) Inc. as at 30 June 2019 and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, and the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and Associations Incorporation Regulation 2016.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110: Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter- Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist the association to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (2009) and Associations Incorporation Regulation 2016. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this paragraph.

Responsibilities of the Board for the Financial Report

The Board is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (2009) and Associations Incorporation Regulation 2016, and for such internal control as the Board determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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In preparing the financial report, the Board is responsible for assessing the association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board either intends to liquidate the association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material, if individually or in the aggregate, they could be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risk of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Board.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Board's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw

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attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the association to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the board regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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A. J. SPRATT
Director

Dated at Sydney this *18th* day of July 2019.

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