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# ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19

## “Trust is at a breaking point.

Trust in national institutions. Trust among states... We need commitment to a rules-based order, with the United Nations at its centre and with the different institutions and treaties that bring the Charter to life... In the face of massive, existential threats to people and planet -- but equally at a time of compelling opportunities for shared prosperity -- there is no way forward but collective, common-sense action for the common good.”

– António Guterres 2018



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*The UNAA acknowledges the traditional owners of country across Australia and pay our respect to them, their culture and Elders past, present and emerging.*



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# OVERVIEW OF THE UNAA

## ABOUT US

United Nations Association of Australia (UNAA) is the peak body for promoting the United Nations (UN) in Australia. The UNAA is a proud member of the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA), a global not-for-profit which coordinates the work of national United Nations Associations in over 100 countries.

As of 30 June 2019, the UNAA consists of over 200 titled volunteers nationwide and a small backbone staff. Our teams throughout Australia mobilise this strong network of volunteers to organise events and activities in support of the UN.

Cross-sector collaboration is central to our mission. We work closely with government, affiliate UN organisations and businesses to help educate Australian citizens and leaders about the UN's vital work and encourage them to become involved in promoting the UN.

We are affiliated with UN Youth Australia, a national youth-led organisation that educates and empowers young Australians on matters concerning the UN and international affairs. We are also an affiliate of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID), a national association of non-government organisations working to promote international development and aid.

With the support of these organisations alongside our core partner, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and our National Patron, the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC, the UNAA has helped contribute to a more informed, peaceful, prosperous, liveable, resilient and multicultural Australian society.

Now, more than ever, Australia needs the UN and the UN needs Australia.

## OUR MISSION

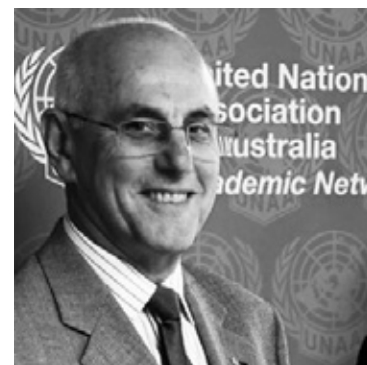
*'informing, inspiring and engaging Australians on the work, goals and values of the United Nations to create a safer, fairer and more sustainable world'*

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# NATIONAL PRESIDENT REPORT



At the World Economic Forum in January 2019 UN Secretary-General António Guterres emphasised that “... we are in a world in which global challenges are more and more integrated, and the responses are more and more fragmented, and if this is not reversed, it’s a recipe for disaster.” As National President of the UNAA I am firmly convinced that a multilateral approach to the global challenges we face is needed more than ever. And yet many countries are retreating to dangerous nationalistic practices similar to those that precipitated the carnage of World War II and which, in its wake, heralded the need to establish the United Nations. We must do more than ‘hope’ that history is not being repeated.

At its greatest time of need, the United Nations is struggling to gain the necessary support from its 193 Member States. The United Nations is at the epicentre of the rules-based international order, but it cannot properly undertake its responsibilities without adequate support from its Membership. The United Nations has set the markers to better maintain peace and security, to manage climate change, to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), to better cope with increasing migrant and refugee flows, and to improve the human rights of millions. Despite the Secretary-General’s ambitious reform program, the UN is struggling to achieve the laudable goals agreed by its Members.

Through its domestic programs and as a member of the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA) the UNAA helps educate Australians about the important global role of the United Nations, and the UN’s relevance to Australia as a democratic middle power. The UNAA recognises and applauds the Australian Government’s continuing support to the United Nations, but we also believe that now is the time for Australia to do more! Australia’s contribution to the UN’s critical peace and security pillar - particularly to conflict prevention, preventive diplomacy and peacekeeping operations - is low and should be increased. As a relatively rich country Australia will need to work harder to achieve the SDGs, having dropped from 15th to 38th place in independent global ranking. Australia’s lack of a coherent climate change policy, our failure in recognising and providing equal opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Peoples, and our offshore detention of those claiming refugee status or asylum, are all areas that require improvement. Addressing these issues will require stronger leadership and commitment from our Federal and state governments.

This is my last Annual Report before stepping down as National President. It has been an honour and a privilege to represent the UNAA and to meet and work with so many committed volunteers who willingly give their time to promote the values and goals of the United Nations. I thank my fellow Board Directors with whom I have worked over the past three years, and I again acknowledge our growing band of Goodwill Ambassadors who willingly share their expertise and time to promote the UN’s vital work, thereby enhancing the UNAA’s reputation and relevance.

I encourage all in the UNAA to continue to think globally, plan nationally, and act locally.

**Major General (Ret’d) Michael G Smith AO**  
UNAA National President

# NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT



In 2018-19 the United Nations Association of Australia (UNAA) set out to grow awareness and understanding of the United Nations (UN) and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

With our teams across Australia running National programs, events and activities over the past year, we have made considerable progress towards achieving the UNAA 2018-2023 Strategic Plan. Powered by our dedicated teams of volunteers and employees, the past year has been a busy mix of events, conferences, and partnerships all aimed at continuing to achieve the UNAA's mandate to inform, engage and inspire Australians in the work of the United Nations and the Sustainable Development Goals.

In October 2018, I attended the 42<sup>nd</sup> WFUNA Plenary Assembly in the Dominican Republic. 16 resolutions were passed by nearly 40 participating United Nations Associations from across the world. The UNAA's resolution on the protection of refugees and internally displaced peoples was unanimously endorsed and we also sponsored important resolutions on the safeguarding of multilateralism and improving global governance. In a turbulent year for international relations, the UNAA reaffirms the importance of international cooperation and understanding in achieving a more peaceful and prosperous world for all.

In August 2018, the UNAA presented at the Senate Enquiry into the SDGs, where we advocated strongly for a national implementation of the SDGs and a broad-ranging public awareness campaign. When the Senate report was released in February 2019, we were pleased to see that our views were reflected among the recommendations with the inclusion of a national implementation and reporting scheme as well as support for a public awareness campaign. Increasing public awareness of the SDGs and their benefits remains an important priority, and we are hopeful that with increased government attention, their implementation into mainstream Australian society will be successful and beneficial for everyone.

Looking to the future, the UNAA is excited to be launching its United Nations Alumni Network. The Network is the first of its kind in Australia and will link Australian United Nations staff - past and present - to events and special opportunities. The UNAA would like to thank the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade for its support in creating the Alumni Network and its continued support of the UNAA and its mission.

Our major event of the next year will be the UN and Australia Sustainable Partnerships Forum to be held in Melbourne at the MCG in April 2020. The Forum will bring together sustainability and SDG leaders from the UN and across the globe, as well as in Australian business, civil society, governments, academia and the community.

This year has delivered both considerable challenges and opportunities to the UNAA in achieving its mission, and there will be more challenges and opportunities to come. Through the hard work and dedication of our paid staff, volunteers, Goodwill Ambassadors and the Board, I am confident the UNAA will continue to improve its engagement with Australia and Australians on the issues affecting them and the important role the UN plays in maintenance of the rules-based international order.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lachlan Hunter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

**Lachlan Hunter**  
National Executive Director



# OUR WORK



## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS PROGRAM

**PROGRAM MANAGER:** Lachlan Hunter

The 17 global goals constitute an ambitious shared framework of development priorities to 2030. They aim to bring an end to extreme poverty, hunger, and inequality; act on climate change and environmental sustainability; improve access to quality health and education; promote prosperity and well-being for all people; whilst also encouraging good governance, peace, and security.

Achieving the SDGs is one of the UN's highest priorities. As such, the UNAA is deeply committed to the education, inspiration, and engagement of Australians around the SDGs and has a clear mandate to increase the Australian support needed to help create a safer, fairer and more sustainable world.

## HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAM

**PROGRAM MANAGER:** Jo Tighe

On 16 October 2017, the United Nations General Assembly in New York elected Australia to serve on the Human Rights Council, the UN body responsible for the promotion and protection of human rights globally.

Australia has a proud record of adopting and supporting international human rights law. In 1948 the UN adopted the Universal Declaration on Human Rights. Australia played an active role in its development and the international human rights treaties that followed. This commitment reflects national values that are deeply embedded in Australian society and our respect for democracy and the rule of law.

The UNAA's Human Rights Program is particularly focused on improving gender equality, good governance, freedom of expression and the rights of Indigenous Peoples.



UN Photo/Kim Haughton



## CLIMATE PROGRAM

**PROGRAM MANAGER:** Graham Hunter

In response to the UN's 2015 Paris Climate Agreement, the United Nations Association of Australia is promoting the development of a national, inclusive climate management framework.

The Paris Agreement requires states to progressively “mobilise stronger and more ambitious action by all stakeholders, including civil society, the private sector, cities and subnational authorities, local governments and indigenous peoples”.

The UNAA proposes the target of achieving net-zero emissions of greenhouse gases by 2050 be adopted throughout Australia and a plan to achieve this across public and private sectors be developed as soon as possible.

## PEACE AND SECURITY PROGRAM

**PROGRAM MANAGERS:** Annette Brownlie and Rebecca Buttenshaw

Peace and security are the cornerstone of the UN's existence. Australia has a long and proud history in promoting global peace and security and was influential in helping shape the United Nations Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The Australian Government has served as a non-permanent member of the Security Council on five occasions and is serving for the first time on the Human Rights Council. Australia has played a prominent role in promoting arms control treaties and conflict prevention mechanisms and contributed to UN Peacekeeping since 1947.

In line with the UNAA's mission and Strategic Plan 2018-2023, the UNAA Peace & Security Program is intended to inform and engage Australians on the UN's critical role, initiatives and challenges in upholding global peace and security. The program is also focused on building stronger connections with WFUNA and the Australian Government, promoting Australia's contribution to UN peacekeeping, advancing the important role of women as peacekeepers, and supporting initiatives to promote reconciliation and the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

By staying abreast of the UN's key contemporary initiatives and challenges, the UNAA will be able to promote the importance of the United Nations. It will also be able to better advise the Australian Government and WFUNA on key initiatives that help promote UN reform and effectiveness in its critical peace and security pillar.





# UNAA DIPLOMA



**Team:** New South Wales Division

**Date:** From June 2019

**Location:** Sydney

UNAA NSW has recently launched a UN Diploma. The 16-week-course trains individuals in 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. The course uses Competency Based Training, the key competency being Project Planning. This can be utilised for the planning of UNAA (NSW) functions. Aligned with this are four assessments based upon what 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 Sustainable Development Goals, UN Peacekeeping, Human Rights and UN Agencies.



Kel Gleeson and Dr Patricia Jenkins at the Diploma Launch



# UN STUDY TOURS



**Team:** Victorian Division

**Date(s):** October 2018 & June 2019

**Location(s):** New York (2018) & Geneva (2019)

Each year, the UNAA arranges for a small group of interested Australians to tour the UN headquarters in New York and Geneva where they spend a week immersed in meetings, briefings and tours.

In 2018/2019, our groups met with UN officials and representatives of such agencies as UNICEF, the World Trade Organisation, World Health Organisation and organisations linked to the UN such as the International Peace Institute and the Association for the Prevention of Torture. These tours increase participants' awareness of the positive role the UN plays in the international community and its contribution to the foreign policy of member States.



UNAA Tour Group members visit the UN Office in Geneva





# ▶ UNAA ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS







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 all Australians regarding the work, goals and values of the UN  
 to create a safer, fairer and more sustainable world.



# > PUBLIC EVENTS

Over the year the UNAA delivered over 150 events to inform, inspire and engage all Australians regarding the work, goals and values of the UN to create a safer, fairer and more sustainable world. These are a cross section of examples.



## HR70: CELEBRATION OF THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

**ALL SDGS**

**TEAM:** Queensland Division

**DATE:** December 2018

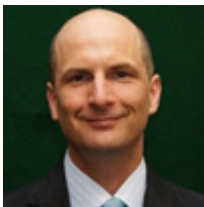
**LOCATION:** Brisbane

International Human Rights Day (HR70) was celebrated on 10 December with the musical performance 'Dames and Daredevils for Democracy', an update by Susan Harris-Rimmer on international actions and Parliamentary Inquiry outcomes, and award acceptance speeches. The 5Ps (People, Planet, Prosperity, Peace and Partnership) of the SDGs were acknowledged with awards presented to those pictured below. These individuals and groups from Queensland have made a difference to our quality of life, working tirelessly towards the UN's goals.

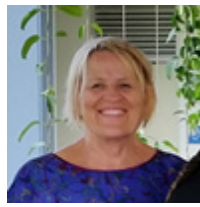
HR70 @ UQ (Asia Pacific Responsibility to Protect) was held in the afternoon and evening. Many distinguished speakers elaborated on our national and global progress towards a fairer future. The George Georges Award for Human Rights was presented to Sophie Ryan.



**Mary Graham**  
People



**Dr Chris McGrath**  
Prosperity



**Vikki Henry**  
Peace



**Dr Michelle Maloney**  
Planet



**QCA Rev Devitt Kennedy**  
Partnerships



## GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP SCHOOLS PROGRAM

**ALL SDGS**

**TEAM:** Queensland Division

**DATE:** February 2019

**LOCATION:** Brisbane

The aim of the UNAA QLD Global Citizenship Schools Program is to engage and inspire primary and secondary students across Queensland to become active Global Citizens. This year, 100 students from a range of schools planned their personal journeys for SDG implementation in their own schools with teachers: Louise Erbacher and Jane Botham (led by Clem Campbell).





## PEACEKEEPERS CEREMONY AND PEOPLES MARCH

**SDG 16 – PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS**

**TEAM:** Queensland Division

**DATE:** May 2019

**LOCATION:** Brisbane

On Saturday 25 May, the UNAA QLD held their annual Peacekeepers People's March and Ceremony to commemorate the sacrifices of past Australian peacekeepers and recognise ongoing peacekeeping efforts. This year is the 72nd anniversary of Australia's involvement in international peacekeeping missions, beginning in the Dutch East Indies in 1947, resulting in Australian personnel undertaking UN operations in 63 different missions across the globe.

The colourful People's March was followed by a service in ANZAC Square with Lucy Wong's reflection on Rwanda and morning tea provided by the Queensland Country Women's Association.

During the week of 29 May, Beenleigh held an evening celebration, along with Redlands Council and the Aboriginal Peacekeepers Special Service. It was particularly enlightening witnessing the diversity of participating students at Bulimba with MP Terri Butler.



## YOUTH VOICES FOR DISARMAMENT

**SDG 16 – PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS**

**TEAM:** Queensland Division

**DATE:** August 2018

**LOCATION:** Brisbane

On 16 August 2018 Student Ambassadors gathered with fellow high-school students to learn, debate and express their opinions on the topic of nuclear-disarmament. Joel Lindsey, President of UNAA Young Professionals QLD addressed the threat of nuclear weapons and outlined the argument that nuclear-armed states and the strategic security alliance provided security for Australia.

Dr. Sue Wareham, one of the founding members of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (an organisation which won the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize) spoke on the importance of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, which was concluded at the United Nations in 2017. She spoke of how the treaty is a tool to exert pressure on countries with nuclear weapons, their supporters, and countries looking to acquire these weapons. Dr. Wareham emphasised the value and power of individual and collective action.

The session was followed by a workshop where experts offered students creative means to raise their voices through one of six workshops: dance and theatre, game development, street art, video editing, words and rhythm, and special effects. The event concluded with pitches from each workshop with messages of 'we are stronger together' and 'collective advocacy for nuclear disarmament'.



## BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER SPEAKING ON GENDER EQUALITY

**SDG 5 – GENDER EQUALITY**

**TEAM:** ACT Division

**DATE:** August 2018

**LOCATION:** Canberra

Women and girls everywhere must have equal rights and opportunity and be able to live free of violence and discrimination. Women's equality and empowerment are integral to all dimensions of inclusive and sustainable development. This event explored how far Australia has come to attaining the SDG 5 target and what still needs to be done.



## AID, POPULISM AND FOREIGN POLICY LECTURE

**SDG 16 – PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS**

**TEAM:** ACT Division

**DATE:** May 2019

**LOCATION:** Canberra

Earlier this year, UNAA ACT invited Marc Purcell (CEO of the Australian Council for International Development) to discuss the ramifications of populism on foreign aid. This event was held in the context of 30% cuts to aid which have reduced Australia's contribution to its lowest level ever. Key issues discussed included the role of aid in Australia's relationships, what major parties intend to do with the state's development assistance program, and where the Australian public sits on aid.



## WORLD WATER DAY PANEL

**SDG 1 – NO POVERTY**

**SDG 3 – GOOD HEALTH AND WELLBEING**

**TEAM:** ACT Division

**DATE:** March 2019

**LOCATION:** Canberra

Water is fundamental to all life on Earth and its sustainable management is critical to the well-being of human societies. This UNAA ACT expert panel explored Australia's water management issues, the global priorities for addressing water security threats and the strategies to address these crises.





## DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC LECTURE – BRINGING ORDER TO THE FINAL FRONTIER: SPACE AND THE RULES BASED ORDER

**SDG 16 – PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS**

**SDG 9 – INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

**TEAM:** ACT Division

**DATE:** October 2018

**LOCATION:** Canberra

This lecture was given by Frances Adamson, Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, who discussed the need to extend the rules-based international order to space. The Australian Government's 2017 Foreign Policy White Paper predicts that Australia's economic and security interests in space will increase considerably in coming decades. This will create exciting opportunities, but also present risks. As the White Paper warns, 'potential adversaries' might exploit space to 'threaten our defence networks' and 'obtain sensitive information about our security'. Following Ms Adamson's presentation, Professor Anna Moore (Director of the ANU Institute for Space) and Professor Sally Wheeler (Dean of the ANU College of Law) reflected on the regulatory challenges posed by increased access to space.



## SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PANEL

**SDG 11 – SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES**

**TEAM:** Western Australia Division

**DATE:** July 2018

**LOCATION:** Perth

UNAA WA hosted a networking and panel event dedicated to promoting healthy, secure, equitable and sociable living as part of the UNAA's push to develop sustainable cities and nations. The panel consisted of Nadja Kampfenkel (Sustainability Manager WA Communities at Lendlease Alkimos), Eugenie Stockmann (Founder of Green Fabric) and Joanne Fotakis (Board Member and Activation Army Chief at Activate Perth). Our guests speakers discussed what it takes to develop sustainable communities, how they thrive and what challenges we face in urban areas.



## SDG FORUM SERIES

**ALL SDGS**

**TEAM:** Western Australia Division

**DATE:** 2019

**LOCATION:** Perth

Over the past year, UNAA WA have organised SDG forums for a range of goals such as SDGs 1 (No poverty), 5 (Gender equality), 8 (Decent work and economic growth) and 15 (Life on land). Forum topics included: 'Sustainable Climate & Responsible Investment', 'Good Health & Wellbeing in Workplace', 'The Future of Board Leadership', 'Indigenous & Eco-Tourism for WA' and 'Modern Slavery and your Business'. At each forum, attendees heard from keynote speakers and expert panellists on the contemporary issues facing Australia and what action is needed to ensure that Australia reaches its SDG targets.







## LIFE BELOW WATER ART EXHIBITION

**SDG 14 – LIFE BELOW WATER**

**TEAM:** Western Australia Division

**DATE:** May 2019

**LOCATION:** Perth

This event brought together local and international artists to celebrate the marine environment through art whilst promoting SDG 5 (Life Below Water). The exhibition showcased the way modern-day artists interpret and convey the marine world through a variety of art forms.

The evening also included guest speakers, cocktail food and a chance to meet and mingle with some incredible local artists, including Vince Austin whose shark sculpture - made out of repurposed material (including venetian blinds, steel rods, wine barrels, aluminium, header blades and a stainless steel bench top) - was featured in Sculptures by the Sea.



## EMPOWERMENT SERIES

**SDG 5 – GENDER EQUALITY**

**TEAM:** Western Australia Division

**DATE:** August 2018

**LOCATION:** Perth

In collaboration with UNAA Women in Business, UNAA WA held four events focused on female empowerment. They aimed to enhance participants proficiency in investing, self-defence and mindfulness, leadership and personal branding.



## SPACE DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT

**SDG 9 – INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

**TEAM:** New South Wales Division

**DATE:** November 2018

**LOCATION:** Sydney

The inaugural UNAA Space Development Summit connected industry leaders and members of the Australian scientific community with leaders of contemporary space efforts on an international and domestic level.

The summit served as a nexus between industry, government, scientists and advocates, providing an opportunity for groups to meet and discuss the latest advancements in space technology, science, policy, commerce, exploration and settlement.





Winning teams of the ten Global Challenges Foundation Educators' Awards, London 2019 (UNAA WA representatives fifth/sixth from left). Photo courtesy of Maria Moore for Global Challenges Foundation, Sweden.



## GLOBAL CHALLENGES FOUNDATION EDUCATORS' AWARDS FINALS

**SGD 4 – QUALITY EDUCATION**

**TEAM:** Western Australia Division

**DATE:** June 2019

**LOCATION:** Perth

The School Programs developed by UNAA WA received international recognition at the Global Challenges Foundation Education Awards, held at the London School of Economics. The Foundation sought innovative approaches to improving the communication of global risks and need for global governance reform. UNAA WA members Rees and Anne Barrett, presented a scalable school education template for Reshaping Global Governance Through Citizen Empowerment.

Based on the UNESCO model for Global Citizenship Education (GCEd), the template comprises seven interwoven components that support teachers in reframing and adding value to existing school curricula. The template features the recently accredited senior secondary UNAA WA school program Global Citizenship and Sustainability, in which students use the SDGs to apply learning across the curriculum and design solutions for global risks.



## 2018 KARI NAIDOC LUNCH

**SDG 11 – SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES**

**TEAM:** New South Wales Division

**DATE:** July 2018

**LOCATION:** Sydney

Mid-last year, the UNAA was invited to join the panel for the KARI Foundation's NAIDOC Corporate Lunch. The Kari Foundation showcases Indigenous excellence, culture and community achievement by establishing and nurturing the connection between government, business and Indigenous Australians. Panellists spoke to the 2018 theme of NAIDOC week: 'Because of Her, We Can!' which emphasised the impact of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women. The lunch was followed by a celebration of Indigenous culture through music and dance.





## WORLD OCEANS DAY FILM SCREENING

**SDG 13 – CLIMATE ACTION**

**SDG 14 – LIFE BELOW WATER**

**TEAM:** New South Wales Division

**DATE:** June 2019

**LOCATION:** Sydney

In honour of World Oceans Day, UNAA NSW held a free screening of BLUE, a feature documentary charting the drastic decline in ocean health. The film sets out contemporary challenges, including the increasing industrialisation of the oceans and rapid decline in marine life. The event emphasised the importance of immediate action in ensuring that our oceans survive the trials of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.



## UN DAY MEDIA AWARDS

**ALL SDGS**

**TEAM:** Victorian Division

**DATE:** 26 October 2018

**LOCATION:** Melbourne

In 2018, the UNAA celebrated UN Day (24 October) by acknowledging Australian journalists and media organisations who have excelled in their promotion of human rights and issues.

Winners of the 2018 UNAA Media Awards were announced on Friday 26 October, with a presentation given by SBS Journalist Sarah Abo.

Guest Speaker Simon Balderstone AM updated the audience on the work of the Australian Himalayan Foundation and presented the Outstanding Contribution to Humanitarian Journalism Award to the family of the late journalist Michael Gordon.



UN Global Compact Network Australia Executive Director, Kylie Porter, presents ABC journalist Sarah Dingle with a UN Day Media Award



## GLOBAL CLIMATE ACTION - COP 24 AND THE YEAR AHEAD

**SDG 13 – CLIMATE ACTION**

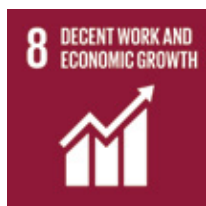
**TEAM:** Victorian Division

**DATE:** February 2019

**LOCATION:** Melbourne

UNAA Climate Change Program Coordinator Graham Hunter convened this important panel discussion about what had been achieved at the 2018 UN Climate Change Conference (COP 24) and what might be achieved at the UN Climate Summit in September 2019. Expert speakers – many of whom had attended COP 24, discussed the potential impact of both events on Australia and Australian Government policy.

Megan Brayne (Director, Comhar Group), moderated the discussion which included: Patrick Suckling (Australian Government Ambassador for the Environment), Kate Dooley (Researcher, Australian-German Climate and Energy College, University of Melbourne), Brett Bryan (Professor of Global Change, Environment and Society, Deakin University) and Brad Kerin (General Manager, Carbon Market Institute).



## INTERNATIONAL CAREERS INFORMATION EVENTS

**SDG 8 – DECENT WORK & ECONOMIC GROWTH**

**TEAM:** Victorian Division

**DATE:** March 2019

**LOCATION:** Melbourne

In collaboration with DFAT's Victorian State Office and the Australian Institute of International Affairs Victoria, UNAA Victoria organised two information sessions for people interested in a career in international relations, diplomacy or the UN. These events focused on how attendees could give themselves an edge in enhancing their professional development.



## CASH IS BEST – HUMANITARIAN AID PANEL DISCUSSION

**SDG 1- NO POVERTY**

**SDG 2 – ZERO HUNGER**

**TEAM:** Victorian Division

**DATE:** April 2019

**LOCATION:** Melbourne

High heels, woollen clothing and skis were donated to Vanuatu after Tropical Cyclone Pam in 2015. While having good intentions, generosity after an emergency can cause more harm than good. This panel discussed the work done by the humanitarian aid sector to try and educate governments and communities on the benefits of cash donations when trying to help disaster recovery efforts.



## A NEW AUSTRALIAN REFUGEE POLICY – DOES THE UN GLOBAL COMPACT PROVIDE A WAY FORWARD?

**SDG 10 – REDUCED INEQUALITIES**

**SDG 16 – PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS**

**TEAM:** Victorian Division

**DATE:** March 2019

**LOCATION:** Melbourne

Some 90 people took part in this panel discussion led by Erika Feller (Former Assistant High Commissioner of the UNHCR and UNAA Goodwill Ambassador for Refugees and Asylum Seekers). Panellists outlined how Australia's refugee policy could be changed to align with the UN Global Compact on Refugees.





## MODEL UNITED NATIONS

**SDG 4 – QUALITY EDUCATION**

**SDG 16 – PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS**

**TEAM:** Victorian Division

**DATE:** 2019

**LOCATION:** Victoria

UNAA Victoria runs Model UNs in schools, universities and workplaces to actively train people in advocacy, debating and global thinking. The UNAA Victoria Model UN is a full-day simulation of the UN General Assembly during which delegates step into the shoes of ambassadors from around the world and discuss contentious global issues. The aim is to find the best possible solution through dialogue, negotiation and multilateral diplomacy.

On 10 December, UNAA Victoria ran its first Model UN for the general community. Held on the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UN Declaration of Human Rights, some 60 people debated whether the Declaration needs changing to meet today's world.



## WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

**SDG 12 – RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION**

**TEAM:** South Australia Division

**DATE:** November 2018

**LOCATION:** Adelaide

UNAA SA in partnership with Foodbank celebrated International World Environment Day at the Adelaide Central Market. Chef Camillo Crugnale used rescued food which would otherwise have been sent landfill to create an array of delicious foods. The event highlighted the need to avoid food waste and the great work by Foodbank to support those in need in our Community by both rescuing and distributing goods.

MC Jane Reilly was fantastic in adding an element of fun to this worthwhile event and we thank Cabana Productions for the wonderful photos!



## UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL DAY OF JAZZ: HENLEY SQUARE FLASH MOB

**SDG 11 – SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES**

**DIVISION:** South Australia Division

**DATE:** March 2019

**LOCATION:** Adelaide

A highly successful event celebrating the UN's International Day of Jazz was held in Henley Square in the form of a Musical Flash Mob. This was a result of the collaboration between UNAA SA, Artist Andrew Baines, the Elder Conservatorium Jazz Group, the UNESCO City of Music and with support from the City of Charles Sturt.

The young members of the Jazz group delighted people with a wonderful repertoire. The UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization created the International Day of Jazz "to highlight jazz and its diplomatic role of uniting people in all corners of the globe." This aligns with SDG Target 11.4 which stresses the need to protect and safeguard the world's cultural and natural heritage.



## UN DAY LUNCH

**SDG 2 – ZERO HUNGER**

**TEAM:** South Australia Division

**DATE:** 4 November 2018

**LOCATION:** Adelaide

Guests travelled to Our Place at Willunga Hill on the Fleurieu Peninsula to celebrate UN Day against a stunning hill backdrop. Guests were treated to a special performance by the Rosalie Cocchiari Flamenco Dance Troupe.

UN Day was officially welcomed by Christopher Woodthorpe, Director of the UN Information Centre in Canberra. Chris reminded us that it is intolerable that 'in this world of plenty, one person in nine doesn't have enough to eat'. Christopher highlighted that as part of the UN's commitment to end world hunger (SDG 1) it is our duty to care for this planet for future generations and 'provide equality and justice for all human beings'.

Andy Clappis and his team at Our Place provided guests with a traditional Italian long table lunch. Our keynote speaker, Maggie Beer, delivered the 'first cut' of the lamb and spoke about striving for good, fresh food 'where every mouthful counts' to provide flavour and nutrients. Maggie left us with her mantra, 'flavour, pleasure and nutrition in every bite'. Lidia Moretti, the UNAA SA President, warmly thanked guests and the many people who helped organise this special day. Andy, his family and all the team were thanked for hosting a wonderful afternoon which left everyone satisfied after a hearty celebration of UN Day.





## INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAY MULTIFAITH CELEBRATION

**SDG 16 – PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS**

**TEAM:** Northern Territory Division

**DATE:** 21 September 2018

**LOCATION:** Darwin

An uplifting event where various speakers from various faiths including Christian, Islam and Bahai spoke about what peace means to them. They were supported by the Vox Crox Choir including some very special children. The event ended with supper. Around 100 people participated in this event.



## UN DAY FLAG RAISING

**SDG 17 – PARTNERSHIP FOR THE GOALS**

**TEAM:** Northern Territory Division

**DATE:** 24 October 2018

**LOCATION:** Darwin

Our Patron Her Honour the Administrator of the Northern Territory, Mrs Vicki O'Halloran AO, hosted a Flag Raising and morning tea at Government House.



## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY MARCH

**SDG 5 – GENDER EQUALITY**

**SDG 17 – PARTNERSHIP FOR THE GOALS**

**TEAM:** Northern Territory Division

**DATE:** March 2019

**LOCATION:** Darwin

Over 600 people came out to enjoy a march through the city, and a community expo in the park to recognise International Women's Day. The event was organised in conjunction with the City of Darwin and the Northern Territory Government.



# > YOUNG PROFESSIONALS



## SOUTH AUSTRALIAN YOUNG PROFESSIONALS LAUNCH

**ALL SDGS**

**TEAM:** Young Professionals Adelaide

**DATE:** September 2018

**LOCATION:** Adelaide

The launch of the UNAA SA Division Young Professionals was held at the Adelaide Town Hall on September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The new UNAA SA Young Professionals Network will help younger members transition from the United Nations SA Youth Divisions.

The keynote speaker for the night was Paul Vasileff. Paul was the 2017 Australian of the Year and is the founding designer of Paolo Sebastian, an internationally renowned atelier based in South Australia. Other special guests included Chief Justice Chris Kourakis, Member of Parliament Nat Cook, Lady Mayoress Genevieve Theseira-Haese and UNAA Ambassador Robyn Layton.



## IN CONVERSATION WITH PETER GRESTE

**SDG 16 – PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS**

**TEAM:** Young Professionals Queensland

**DATE:** December 2018

**LOCATION:** Brisbane

In Conversation with Peter Greste provided a unique chance to discuss the state of the media and the future of journalism with one of Australia's leading human rights defenders. The insight shared by Peter, whose global career has spanned across being a foreign correspondent, freedom advocate and a Peabody and Walkley award winning journalist, made this a truly inspirational evening.

We discussed Peter's career reporting from some of the world's most dangerous locations - including in the Middle East where he was imprisoned by the Egyptian Government on charges of terrorism - and his predictions and concerns about the state of journalism globally. Discussion ranged from the assassination of journalist Jhamal Khashoggi, to the state of the media under the Trump administration, and funding cuts to public broadcasting.

The sold-out event informed and inspired all in attendance and was an excellent conclusion to the year that was, as well as an introduction to what comes next. At the event, Ingrid Valladares was presented the inaugural Outstanding Achievement Award for her stellar service to the United Nations Young Professionals.





## WORLD REFUGEE DAY 2019

**SDG 16 – PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS**

**TEAM:** Young Professionals Queensland

**DATE:** May 2019

**LOCATION:** Brisbane

To celebrate World Refugee Day 2019, UNAA Young Professionals QLD brought together community leaders, NGOs, and refugee advocates to discuss the current state of refugee and asylum seeker affairs and how we can work to improve it. We celebrated successes, analysed what has changed in the past year and engaged the issues we still face in improving the justice of the current system.

It had been 12 months since our 2018 iteration of World Refugee Day, and it was incredible to see such a growth and continued passion for this issue from across the Brisbane community. The panel consisted of the personal stories of Kagi Kowa, a self-taught artist and human rights advocate, and Faisal Magan, a student in community health working with the Queensland Refugee Health Department.



Kumi Milliken (UNYP QLD), Faisal Magan

We also highlighted the need for advocacy, with Rebecca Buttenshaw from Amnesty International, and Rebecca Lim, who has spent a lifetime fighting for the rights and just treatment of refugees and asylum seekers across the globe. Finally, we spoke to community action, with Beata Ostapiej-Piatkowski from the Romero Multicultural Hub, which provides refugees and people seeking asylum with individualised care. The event was truly inspiring, and we look forward to World Refugee Day 2020!



## WOMEN IN SCIENCE

**SDG 5 – GENDER EQUALITY**

**TEAM:** Young Professionals Queensland

**DATE:** February 2019

**LOCATION:** Brisbane

Women in Science brought together a panel of inspirational leaders from the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) careers. The expert panel included Linda J. Richards (Professor of Neuroscience and Deputy Director of the Queensland Brain Institute at The University of Queensland), Dr Kelly Trinh (Data Scientist at CSIRO's Data61), Jessica Atherton (Research Analyst at Data61) and Cecile Godde (Food Systems Research Scientist at The University of Queensland and 2018 winner of the Queensland Women in Stem award).

The engaging panel discussion ranged from the future of women in science to practical skills needed for a career in STEM, as well as the barriers currently facing women globally. Along with supporting SDG 5 'Gender Equality', the event highlighted the role of science in advancing all SDGs, including SDG 3 Good Health and Well-Being. The key takeaway? 'Learn coding'!





## GOOD HEALTH FOR ALL

SDG 3 – GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

TEAM: Young Professionals QLD

DATE: April 2019

LOCATION: Brisbane



Liz Hatzigeorgiou (Committee),  
Tatiana Kontsedaylo (QLD  
Secretary), Joel Lindsay  
(QLD President)

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

To celebrate World Health Day, UNAA Young Professionals QLD engaged a panel of experts and a full house of community members to discuss health as a fundamental human right. From driving policy change and community education in Queensland, providing better local health care access to socially disadvantaged groups, and delivering basic services to our neighbours in PNG, the panel presentations and Q&A session centred on thinking globally and acting locally to improve access to health care.

The panel included Sophie Dwyer PSM (Executive Director of the Health Protection Branch of Queensland Health), Marina Chand (Director of World Wellness Group) and Shona Hubsher (Primary Health Care Clinic Leader with YWAM Medical Ships). As a special bonus we were also able to hear from the Founder and President of the PNG Health Project, Eve Golma.



## 2019 INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF INDIGENOUS LANGUAGE: HOBART LANGUAGE DAY

SDG 11 – SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

TEAM: Young Professionals Tasmania

DATE: March 2019

LOCATION: Hobart

UNAA Young Professionals Tasmania committee had a great opportunity to be part of the Hobart Language Day event and talk about the influence of indigenous language and celebrate Australia multilingualism. Languages play a crucial role in the daily lives of people, not only as a tool for communication, education, social integration and development, but also as a repository for each person's unique identity, cultural history, traditions and memory. But despite their immense value, languages around the world continue to disappear at an alarming rate.



## SPEED MENTORING

SDG 17 – PARTNERSHIP FOR THE GOALS

SDG 8 – DECENT WORK & ECONOMIC GROWTH

TEAM: Young Professionals VIC

DATE: May 2019

LOCATION: Melbourne

Over 50 participants took part in the annual UNAA Young Professionals VIC speed mentoring event at Deakin Downtown on Tuesday 14 May 2019. In support of SDGs 8 and 17, this event connected young people with a desire to tackle global issues with experts and leaders who are working globally. Mentees moved around tables to meet with three or more mentors and then had the chance to speak informally to them over drinks. Nine mentors from across the international spectrum, in government, the private sector and not-for-profits, generously provided advice and ideas:

- **UN and Diplomatic Careers:** Susan Coles, Sally Richardson and Ian Howie
- **Corporate Careers:** Fariha Sarawat, Deloitte Consulting
- **Entrepreneurs/Passion Projects:** Ali Fowler, World Partner Projects
- **Volunteering:** Billi McCarthy-Price, Global Voices
- **Consulate Careers:** Laura Hughes
- **Networking/Internships:** Alastair Roff and Ingrid Valladares, Australian Institute of International Affairs (Victoria)

Mentor Sally Richardson wrote: "It was a pleasure to participate in the event and engage with such motivated young people."



# > UNAA SUBMISSIONS & PUBLICATIONS

The UNAA has published several important policy positions and discussion papers in the last financial year on important topics:

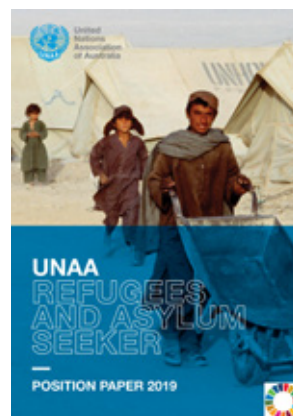
## UNAA SUBMISSIONS AND PUBLICATIONS



UNAA Sustainable Development Goals Position Paper 2019



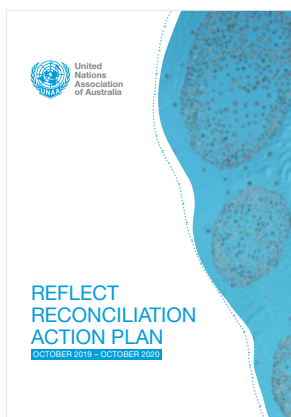
UNAA Climate Change Position Paper 2019



UNAA Refugees and Asylum Seeker Position Paper 2019



UNAA Gender Equality Position Paper 2019



UNAA Reconciliation Action Plan

These papers can be found on our website at [unaa.org.au](http://unaa.org.au)

The UNAA is part of a global network of United Nations Associations that constitute the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA). WFUNA is the largest global network of people supporting and engaging with the United Nations.

As a global not-for-profit NGO, WFUNA represents and coordinates membership of over 100 national United Nations Associations (UNAs) and their thousands of constituents. Guided by the vision of a United Nations that is a powerful force in meeting common global challenges and opportunities, WFUNA works to strengthen and improve the United Nations. WFUNA achieves this through the engagement of global citizens – people who share a global mindset and support international cooperation.

WFUNA has adopted five strategic directions that guide its work:



Focusing on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals.



Focusing on the role of Peace in the 2030 Agenda, the nexus between conflict prevention and peace building, the emerging role of UN Peacekeeping, and the role of the UN Security Council in the 21st Century.



Focusing on awareness raising, education, and capacity building of United Nations Associations, civil society organisations and youth.



Focusing on educational outreach efforts that promote research, information and awareness of the goals of the work and Charter of the United Nations.



Focusing on the importance of fostering global citizenship and engaging youth with the work of the UN.

The first three strategic directions represent the three main pillars of the UN, while directions four and five reflect the emerging strategic pillars of WFUNA. These directions seek to strengthen WFUNA's institutional, representational and coordination capacities, while at the same time stimulating the growth and abilities of national UNAs and their constituents. This approach includes the following three priorities:

Education, awareness raising and capacity building

Policy development and advocacy

Multilateral cooperation and development programs



The principle aims of the strategy is to solidify partnerships and establish long-term strategic alliances, establish quantifiable goals within the strategy's timeframe, establish a system for monitoring and evaluating WFUNA and UNA capacity and impact, and setting ambitious yet realistic fundraising targets. In pursuit of these objectives WFUNA runs a number of global projects, such as:

## SDG 16+ FORUM

WFUNA has created and runs an SDG 16+ Forum from its headquarters in New York City. The 16+ forum is a platform committed to SDG 16+ and to showcasing what it means to advance peaceful, just and inclusive societies at all levels of policy and practice for a wide community of stakeholders. These stakeholders include the UN, governments, civil society, regional and international organisations, academia, the private sector and media. The 2018 Forum Showcase was presented in Freetown, Sierra Leone, and the next showcase will take place in Dili, Timor-Leste, in November.

As the core of the 2030 Agenda's Peace and Security pillar, SDG 16+ offers an opportunity to fully realise the 2030 Agenda as an integrated and mutually reinforcing whole, focused on advancing government accountability, building trust, creating and maintaining peace.

Through its events and publications, the 16+ Forum has facilitated dialogue and exchange whilst convening a variety of stakeholders to advance meaningful and universal implementation of SDG 16+ and our continuing collective efforts to ensure that no one is left behind.

## CSO DIALOGUES WITH THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENTS

WFUNA hosts monthly dialogues for Presidents of the UN Security Council (UNSC) and Civil Society to allow for greater access to the work of the Security Council and to promote openness and transparency within the UN system.

Now in its 3rd year of operation, WFUNA held its 14th and 15th dialogue in this series with the Dominican Republic's Special Envoy to the UNSC in January and the Permanent Representative of Equatorial Guinea in February. In March, WFUNA then hosted the first-ever joint UNSC Presidencies-Civil Society Dialogue with the Permanent Representatives of France and Germany, presidents of the UNSC for March and April, respectively. Finally, in May, WFUNA held its 17th dialogue with the Permanent Representative of Indonesia.

These debates are designed to open up the UNSC to the larger UN Community, while providing a platform by which elected Member States are then held accountable to stated priorities during their terms on the Council. WFUNA's initiative to increase transparency during the election of new temporary members of the UNSC began in 2016 through a series of election debates between nations seeking to represent their region on the UNSC.

With the sustained support of our global constituents; WFUNA seeks to continue its important work on the global stage in 2019 and in years to come.

### Jay Jethwa

Australian Representative and Executive Committee Member  
World Federation of the United Nations Associations  
New York

## 42ND WFUNA PLENARY ASSEMBLY

17-21 OCTOBER 2018

In October 2018, National Executive Director of the UNAA, Lachlan Hunter, attended the 42nd session of the WFUNA Plenary Assembly in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic.

The Plenary Assembly was attended by nearly 40 United Nations Associations from around the world. The Plenary Assembly represents an excellent opportunity for UNAs to gather and discuss the most pressing issues facing global society.

The overarching outcome of the Plenary Assembly was to produce a series of resolutions for submission to the Secretary-General of WFUNA. The UNAA's resolution calling for the protection of refugees and internally displaced people was the only resolution to be unanimously adopted without amendment.

This year, the UNAA took advantage of the assembly and organised the first regional meeting of UNAs based in the Asia-Pacific Region, including China, Malaysia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh. Discussions about regional issues, exploring the possibility of reopening UNAs in Indonesia and Thailand and how to assist Small Island Developing States in the Pacific in starting UNAs were the main topics.

One thing that stood out from this year's Plenary Assembly is that global perceptions of the United Nations system have changed. The Assembly identified that criticism of the UN creates a climate where it is difficult to engage the public in the work of the UN. UNAs are at the forefront of the public perception of the UN and must work to support the effective work of the organisation.

The WFUNA Plenary Assembly provides an invaluable opportunity to swap ideas and discuss important issues with other global UNAs. The UNAA looks forward to attending further Assemblies in the future.





# OUR PEOPLE

The UNAA's staff, Board and volunteers are listed as follows – current as at 30 June 2019 and for those who held roles on the Board in the 2018/19 financial year.

## NATIONAL BOARD

**Major General (Ret'd) Michael G Smith AO**  
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**Justin Howden**  
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**Danielle Santos**  
UN Youth Australia President

**Laura John**  
Young Professionals President

## NATIONAL PATRON

His Excellency General (Ret'd) the Honourable  
**Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC**  
Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia

## NATIONAL OFFICE

**Lachlan Hunter**  
National Executive Director

**Candice Woods**  
National Communications Manager

**Jay Jethwa**  
UNAA Advisor and Vice-Chair of WFUNA

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Advisor

**Madeleine Gordon**  
National Intern

**Kate Butler**  
National Intern

**Harriet Kesby**  
National Intern

**Antoine Boman**  
National Intern

## NATIONAL LEADS

**Graham Hunter**  
Climate Change Program Manager

**Jo Tighe**  
Human Rights Program Manager

**Lachlan Hunter**  
Sustainable Development Goals Program Manager

**Dr Jeremy Farrall**  
Convenor UNAA Academic Network

**Annette Brownlie & Rebecca Buttenshaw**  
National Peace and Security Program Managers

## FRIENDS OF UN FEDERAL PARLIAMENTARY GROUP

**Andrew Lamming MP**  
Co-Chair (Federal Member for Bowman)

**Sharon Claydon MP**  
Co-Chair (Federal Member for Newcastle)

# NATIONAL BOARD MEETING ATTENDANCE

	SEP-18	NOV-18	MAR-19	JUN-19
<b>Michael Smith</b> National President	Y	N	Y	Y
<b>Steve Lennon</b> Vice President (and WA President)	Y	N	Y	Y
<b>Janelle Saffin</b> Vice President / Independent Director	N	Y	-	-
<b>Tony Dobson</b> National Treasurer	Y	Y	Y	-
<b>Louisa Minney</b> National Secretary	Y	Y	Y	Y
<b>Lachlan Hunter</b> National Executive Director	Y	Y	Y	Y
<b>Fiona Stewart</b> Independent Director	N	Y	-	-
<b>Brian Gleeson</b> ACT Division President	Y	Y	Y	Y
<b>Michael Henry</b> VIC Division Representative	Y	Y	Y	Y
<b>Patricia Jenkins</b> NSW Division President	Y	Y	Y	Y
<b>Donnell Davis</b> QLD Division President	Y	Y	Y	Y
<b>Lidia Moretti</b> SA Division President	N	Y	Y	<u>Y</u>
<b>Katrina Fong Lim</b> NT Division President	N	Y	Y	N
<b>Laura John</b> Young Professionals President	Y	Y	Y	Y
<b>Jessica Herne / Danielle Santos</b> UN Youth Australia President	Y	Y	Y	<u>Y</u>
<b>Richard Gruppetta</b> Independent Director	-	-	Y	Y
<b>Melissa King</b> Independent Director	-	-	-	Y
<b>Justin Howden</b> Independent Director	-	-	-	Y



# > GOODWILL AMBASSADORS

The UNAA Goodwill Ambassadors are eminent people in their field and represent the UNAA at events and media activities. This includes building partnerships with other organisations, promoting the work of the UN through social media and attracting donor support.



## PROFESSOR RAMESH THAKUR NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION AND DISARMAMENT

Professor Ramesh Thakur is Director of the Centre for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament (CNND) in the Crawford School, The Australian National University and co-Convenor of the Asia-Pacific Leadership Network for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament (APLN). He was formerly Senior Vice-Rector of the United Nations University and UN Assistant Secretary-General. Professor Thakur was a Commissioner and a principal author of *The Responsibility to Protect*, and has written over 50 books, including *The United Nations, Peace and Security: From Collective Security to the Responsibility to Protect*.



## HON. DR. LYNN ARNOLD AO THE SDGS

Dr. Lynn Arnold AO is former Premier of South Australia and former CEO of World Vision Australia. Prior to his appointment as Premier in 1992, Dr. Arnold worked in Labor government for 11 years. He has extensive experience working with World Vision, having also served as Senior Director for World Vision International and World Vision's Regional Vice-President for Asia and the Pacific. A long-time member of the UNAA SA, Dr. Arnold has held the positions of State President in South Australia and National Vice-President. Dr. Arnold is also former CEO of Anglicare SA, which works in the areas of aged care, families, vulnerable people, housing and economic participation. He was awarded the Order of Australia in 2004 for his services to Australia through the South Australian Parliament and internationally through development and humanitarian aid assistance. In 2013, he was ordained Deacon in the Anglican Church and since 2014 has been serving as a Priest in Adelaide.



## HON. DR. ROBYN LAYTON AO QC

### HUMAN RIGHTS

The Hon. Dr. Layton has been a champion of social justice and rights for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, refugees, women and children. She is a former Judge of the Supreme Court of South Australia and was the first Australian to be appointed as a member of International Labour Organization (ILO) Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations, and its first female Chair. This Committee of international jurists monitors government practices on international labour standards world-wide. Dr. Layton also worked on the landmark Child Protection Review into South Australia and is an expert in judicial education on labour standards and issues concerning children in court. In 2012, she was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) for services to the law and judiciary, as an advocate for Indigenous, refugee and children's rights. In the same year, she was named 'South Australian of the Year' for her social justice advocacy. Dr. Layton is a Consultant for the Asian Development Bank and is currently working on a project on Legal Literacy for Women in Pakistan.



## ERIKA FELLER

### REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS

From 2005 to 2013, Ms. Feller held the post of Assistant High Commissioner (Protection), one of the four top management positions of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, carrying the United Nations grade of Assistant Secretary-General. Her professional career has included 14 years and three international postings with the Australian diplomatic service, followed by 26 years with UNHCR, both in Geneva and the field. As the High Commissioner's Representative in Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei, she concurrently served as UNHCR's Regional Coordinator for Status Determination for the Indo-Chinese refugee outflow. Ms. Feller was also Director of the Department of International Protection. She is currently serving as a Professorial Fellow with the University of Melbourne's School of Government. Her recent work is on regional refugee protection and the reduction of statelessness.



## GRACE FORREST

### ANTI-SLAVERY

Grace is a Founding Director of the Walk Free Foundation, an international human rights group with an objective to end modern slavery. Underpinned by research, the Walk Free Foundation uses direct engagement with business, government, faiths, and grassroots intervention to drive systems to change from the top down and ground up. Grace has spent extensive time working in South East Asia and the Middle East, using photography and storytelling to share the stories of survivors of modern slavery, with a current focus on refugee communities. She is also a Director of the Minderoo Foundation, recently joined the Board of the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue and previously worked at the Legatum Institute as a research analyst on global people movement.



## MR. DAVID MACINTOSH AM

### OCEANS AND SDG14

David Macintosh has been involved with the ocean and marine life for the past 50 years through Surf Life Saving, conservation and Outrigger Canoe paddling throughout Australia and the Pacific. David was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia for services to Business, Medical, Philanthropy and Surf Life Saving in 2011, and the National Medal for Surf Life Saving in 2014. David has a long history working in senior management and director roles in the Transport Industry in Australia and in Europe, and in the Construction and Property Industry in Australia. He is currently the Vice President of the Australian Respiratory Council.



## MS. LEANNE SMITH

### SDG 16: PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

Leanne Smith is an international human rights lawyer by training. She has worked for the Australian Human Rights Commission, in the international NGO sector and as an Australian diplomat with DFAT. She has worked on UN Peacekeeping Operations in South East Asia, Africa, the Balkans and Afghanistan, and most recently as Chief of Policy and Best Practices for UN Peacekeeping Operations. As a consequence, she has more than 20 years' experience in policy development and international peace and security. She is currently Director of the Whitlam Institute.



## TANYA HOSCH

### RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

Tanya Hosch is the General Manager of Inclusion and Social Policy at the AFL, making her the first ever Indigenous person and second woman in the AFL's Executive. Ms Hosch has a long and distinguished history in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander policy, advocacy, governance and fundraising. At the AFL Tanya's portfolios include: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues, Gender equality, Sexuality and Gender Diversity. Tanya is tasked with the implementation of the AFL's enhanced Indigenous strategy, advising the AFL Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Council, maintenance of the Respect and Responsibility Policy, 2017, the AFL's Gender Action Plan and the Gender Diversity Policy.



## PROFESSOR BARBARA NORMAN

### SDG 11: SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

Professor Barbara Norman is the Foundation Chair of Urban and Regional Planning and Director of Canberra Urban and Regional Futures (CURF) at the University of Canberra. Professor Norman is Chair of the ACT Climate Change Council, an Honorary Professor at the University of Warwick UK and a Visiting Fellow at the Australian National University. She also has a substantial professional background having worked at all levels of government and run her own practice. Her current research and teaching interests include sustainable cities and regions, coastal planning, climate change adaptation and urban governance. Barbara was awarded an Australian Centenary Medal for her contribution to the community through urban and regional planning.





# YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

The UNAA Young Professionals Network involves and inspires young professionals mainly between the ages of 25 to 35 years in international affairs and the work of the UN, through awareness-raising, professional skills development and advocacy campaigns. Since its inception in 2011, the YP Network has brought together a diverse mix of young professionals from business, law, government, the arts and philanthropy.

The UNAA would like to acknowledge the work of our Young Professional leads for coordinating these events:

## NATIONAL PRESIDENT

**Laura John**

## STATE AND TERRITORY PRESIDENTS

**Neesha Seth**  
WA President

**Jessica Wave**  
NSW President

**Joel Lindsay**  
QLD President

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**Emma Ndenzako / Veronika Komarenko**  
Finance

**Ben Woltmann**  
Partnerships

# THE ACADEMIC NETWORK

## CONVENOR

Dr. Jeremy Farrall

The UNAA Academic Network is a group of over 100 thought leaders on the UN, international policy and relations across universities all over Australia. The Network holds events and activities on the importance of the UN and the rules-based international order to provide an Australian perspective on emerging issues in international law, human rights, sustainable development, and peace and security.

## THE PURPOSE OF THE ACADEMIC NETWORK IS TO:



Strengthen interest, teaching, and research on the UN at Australian universities



Facilitate improved communication between academics and scholars



Stimulate activities to strengthen the Network by harnessing individual areas of expertise and working in unison to broaden the scope and reach of UN studies



Contribute to multi-disciplinary engagement on policy development relevant to the UN

Your participation in the Network will be beneficial to other scholars with similar or diverse expertise, in addition to broadening the debate on the UN and the issues with which it deals.

If you are an Australian academic or researcher with a focus or interest in United Nations matters, please join this network for free by contacting:

Executive Director, Lachlan Hunter, at [admin@unaa.org.au](mailto:admin@unaa.org.au).

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The UNAA presently has a federation NGO structure. These financials only cover UNAA Incorporated (National) which operates as a registered Australian charity. Principal income for this entity to allow basic operations was from the generous encumbered support of the Australian Government's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. The reporting year of the UNAA is 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019.



## > STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2019

	FY2019	FY2018
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash At Bank	\$246,497.18	\$288,484
Accounts Receivable	\$5,409.06	\$3,199
Prepaid Expenses	\$2,007.21	\$0
Accrued Revenue	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$253,913.45</b>	<b>\$291,683</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	<b>\$1,209.02</b>	<b>\$1,521</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$255,122.47</b>	<b>\$293,204</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Trade Payables	\$2,249.03	\$4,095
Tax Liabilities	\$3,760.01	\$5,167
Leave Provisions	\$12,223.93	\$5,598
Accrued Expenses	\$20,132	\$20,132
Deferred Revenue	\$0	\$95,000
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$38,364.97</b>	<b>\$129,992</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$216,757.50</b>	<b>\$163,212</b>
Current Year Surplus/(Deficit)	\$53,546.87	\$26,287
Retained Funds	\$163,212.32	\$136,925
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS FUNDS</b>	<b>\$216,759.19</b>	<b>\$163,212</b>

## > STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2019

	Fy2019	Fy2018
<b>INCOME</b>		
Grants Received	\$234,000	\$361,000
Program Income Received	\$103,007.52	\$152,727
Other Income Received	\$7,476.91	\$17,520
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$344,484.43</b>	<b>\$531,247</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Program & Activity Expenditure	\$94,666.44	\$231,276
Employment Expenses	\$155,687.42	\$221,900
Administration Expenses	\$40,271.39	\$69,472
Depreciation Expenses	\$312	\$312
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>\$290,937.25</b>	<b>\$504,960</b>
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$53,547.18</b>	<b>\$26,287</b>

## > AUDITOR REPORT



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### **Independent Audit Report to The Members Of United Nations Association of Australia Incorporated**

We have audited the financial statements of United Nations Association of Australia Incorporated for the year ended 30 June, 2019. The association's directors are responsible for the financial statements. We have conducted an independent audit of these financial statements in order to express an opinion on them to the members of the association.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with Accounting Standards and other Mandatory professional reporting requirements and statutory requirements so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the association's financial position, the results of its operations and its cash flows.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

#### **Qualification**

It is not practical to establish control over cash receipts until their initial entry into the accounting records. Our audit was therefore restricted to the amounts received.

#### **Audit Opinion**

Subject to the foregoing reservations, in our opinion, the financial statements of United Nations Association of Australia Incorporated are properly drawn up:

- I. so as to give a true and fair view of:
  - A. the association's financial position as at 30 June 2019, and income and expenditure for the year ended 30 June, 2019;
- II. to satisfy the requirements of subsection 72(2) of the Associations Incorporation Act to be dealt with in financial statements.
- III. is compliant with Division 60 of the act.

#### **Les Ellis & Associates Pty**

Les Ellis FIPA

# OUR VOLUNTEERS

In addition to the revenues and expenditures recorded, we also benefited from the volunteer contributions of over 300 people across Australia, who contribute almost 3000 volunteer hours a year.

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## UNAA PARTNERSHIPS AND DONATIONS

Our objective is to increase public awareness of and engagement in the United Nations. This includes the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), promoting the importance of the rules-based international order, and running events or programs on key issues affecting Australia and Australians. To progress this work, the UNAA is looking to expand our growing group of corporate and philanthropic partners.

### **PARTNER WITH US TO HELP CREATE A SAFER, FAIRER AND MORE SUSTAINABLE WORLD**

We offer a unique opportunity to partner with a renowned global brand. Your people, partners, investors and customers will benefit by your engagement and alignment with the UNAA to achieve specific mutually beneficial goals.

We look forward to discussing opportunities to work together with you and are open to developing creative ways to achieve our mutual goals.



## PARTNERSHIPS FORUM

### UNAA UN and Australia 2020 Sustainable Partnerships Forum (15-16 April 2020, Melbourne Cricket Ground)

Held in Melbourne in April 2020, this Forum will bring together an international line up of expert speaker including UN sustainability leaders, business leaders, government and civil society to facilitate workshops designed to build partnerships and progress Australia's efforts on the SDGs.

The program outline includes:

- Plenary statements by senior Australian and UN officials outlining goals for a sustainable UN-Australia partnership
- Showcasing of Australian SDGs initiatives and programs
- Partnership workshops across SDG themes like Sustainable Cities and Communities, Future of Work, Climate, Health and Gender

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**14-16 APRIL 2020**  
MELBOURNE CRICKET GROUND (MCG)

United Nations Association of Australia

2020 UN & Australia SUSTAINABLE PARTNERSHIPS forum

From 14-16 April 2020, the UN Association of Australia will bring together UN agencies and Australian governments, business and civil society to explore the sustainable partnerships needed to progress the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

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**BE PART OF THE SHOWCASE OR PARTNER WITH US TO DELIVER THE FORUM**  
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To partner with us at the 2020 Sustainable Partnerships Forum, visit the Forum website: <https://unaspf2020.unaavictoria.org.au/> or contact [office@unaavictoria.org.au](mailto:office@unaavictoria.org.au)

## ALUMNI NETWORK

The UNAA, in partnership with the Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, is launching a UN Alumni Network. This network is the first of its kind in Australia and will connect members to events, job opportunities and other Australians who are working, or have worked, in the UN system. We are currently seeking to build our partnerships to grow the Alumni Network and connect with UN leaders and expertise.

To get involved or find out more about the UNAA Alumni Network, please contact [alumni@unaa.org.au](mailto:alumni@unaa.org.au).

## RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

Support the launch of the UNAA's first Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) and expansion of work to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. Our RAP will provide a framework to facilitate culturally appropriate practices and events across the UNAA to support First Nations Peoples, as well as promoting a more progressive culture within our organisation.

To get involved or find out more about the UNAA's RAP, please contact [reconciliation@unaa.org.au](mailto:reconciliation@unaa.org.au).

## DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

Help enhance the UNAA's communications and digital ecosystem. To better connect with the Australian public and promote the UN, we are looking to better understand our community and refresh our digital ecosystem, putting members at the centre of our transformation. This will assist in growing membership, mobilising our existing base, connecting our partners and maximising opportunities to increase awareness on the UN, SDGs and issues affecting Australia.

**To get involved or find out more about the UNAA's Digital Transformation progress, please contact [admin@unaa.org.au](mailto:admin@unaa.org.au).**

## EDUCATION PROGRAMS

### STUDY TOURS

The UNAA runs study tours to the UN in New York and Geneva. The tours provide young leaders and NGO leaders with an opportunity to visit the UN and experience their operations first-hand. We are looking to expand these tours to new locations and to provide sponsored places to women and girls and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and those who otherwise would not be able to attend the tours.

**To get involved or find out more about the UNAA study tours, please contact [vic@unaa.org.au](mailto:vic@unaa.org.au).**

### EXPANSION MODEL UN CONFERENCE PROGRAMS

UNAA Model UN Conferences teach students the skills of international negotiation through crises simulation. Our goal is to expand nationally by 2020. In addition, we are focusing attention on securing support for increased participation of women and girls and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in programs modelled on the Permanent Forum on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Committee on the Status of Women.

**To get involved or find out more about the UNAA Model UN Conference Programs, please contact [admin@unaa.org.au](mailto:admin@unaa.org.au).**

## SUPPORT AND DONATE

The UNAA is a not-for-profit charity and relies on donations to support our programs, events, and activities. All donations will go toward continuing our work to promote the work, goals, and values of the United Nations. All donations over \$2,500 are tax deductible.

To donate, please visit <https://www.unaa.org.au/donate/>.

If you have further questions, please contact us at [admin@unaa.org.au](mailto:admin@unaa.org.au).



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**17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD**

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*The UNAA acknowledges the traditional owners of country across Australia and pay our respect to them, their culture and Elders past, present and emerging.*