



United Nations
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of Australia
NSW Division



ANNUAL REPORT 2019-2020

Celebrating a Decade of Action



“So let us make the 2020s the Decade of Action and let us make 2020 the year of urgency. And, as we do so, let us spare no effort to rebuild trust.” António Guterres

– Address to Assembly General 2019

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UNAA NSW acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as Australia's First People and Traditional Custodians of the land where we operate. This land was stolen and never ceded. UNAA NSW reaffirms its commitment to reconciliation and Aboriginal justice. We pay our respects to elders past, present, and emerging.

A YEAR IN REVIEW

UNAA NSW Division is the pre-eminent institution promoting the objectives of the UN in New South Wales over the past 74 years. The UNAA (NSW) strives to inform, inspire and engage all Australians on the work, goals and values of the UN to create a safer, fairer, more sustainable world.



**UNAA NSW
SUSTAINABILITY
SCHOLARSHIP**



**UN DAY
CELEBRATIONS**



**DELOITTE
NATIONAL
IMPACT DAY
WORKSHOP**



**NEWSPACE
SUMMIT**



**HUMAN
RIGHTS DAY**



**MEMBERS AND
VOLUNTEERS
MEETUP**



**INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S
DAY
CELEBRATIONS**



**MOVEMENT
MONDAY
PROGRAM**



**CREATIVITY
FOR SDGS
CHALLENGE**



**WORLD
REFUGEE
DAY**



PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD

I am delighted to report that over the past year we have experienced significant growth. This has increased our capacity to inform, inspire, and engage all regarding the goals and values of the United Nations which I consider is particularly important as our world faces unprecedented challenges and our work has never been more necessary.

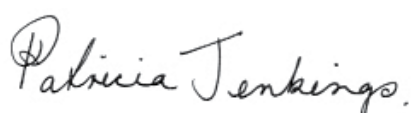
This year we faced many challenges too, emanating from the impact of the dreadful bushfires and floods to the unimaginable global health pandemic. However, our results prove that we faced our obstacles head on. Our Educational Programs, very dear to my heart, are a success and continue to expand. For the first time we have also introduced online Education Programs, Movement Monday Programs, and Monthly Meetups. We developed innovative volunteer and membership activities and held online Programs such as the Creativity for SDGs Challenge. To promote such activities, we refined our Marketing and Communication strategies and have also worked on updating our Governance and Operation procedures.

Our UN Day celebrations were again most successful. Our traditional Wreath Laying Ceremony was held at the Martin Place Cenotaph. Our Gala Dinner, which was once again booked to full capacity, was held at the Strangers Dining Room, NSW Parliament House. We were delighted that our Patron, Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC, was our Special Guest and presented our UN Day Honour to Reconciliation Australia for their ongoing dedication to a just and equitable Australia. I would especially like to thank Mr Mark Coure MP, our generous Parliamentary host, and Dr Michael Warczak OAM for their ongoing support. Our post UN Day Afternoon Tea was held in the NSW Parliament House Speaker's Garden and enjoyed by all.

Sadly, this year we said farewell to one of our own, Vice President Emeritus Kenneth Weekes Esquire, Life Member and recipient of the UNAA Peace Prize. We are forever grateful to Kenneth for his dedication who, together with his wife Mrs Valerie Weekes our current Public Officer, has helped make our Association what it is today.

I wholeheartedly thank you for your continued support. It has been a privilege and an honour to serve as President of our unique Association as well as representing the UNAA at ceremonies and events, including the new online webinars!

Last, but certainly not least, I extend my deepest appreciation to our passionate volunteers and our dedicated, united, and talented Executive Committee; Executive Manager; and Deputy Executive Manager. They are powerhouses, who go above and beyond to achieve our positive outcomes. It is indeed personally rewarding to work on a daily basis with these fellow global citizens to help 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)
Vice President
United Nations Association of Australia National



EXECUTIVE MANAGER'S REPORT

What a time we are living in. As our President mentioned to me in April of this year, “We don’t have a choice. It is our responsibility to rise to the challenges that COVID-19 brings. Our community expects it”. Under her leadership, I am immensely proud of the efforts that we as a Division have made to ensure that we did not just rise to the significant logistical and emotive complications that COVID-19 brought, we harnessed and repurposed them to further our mission.

Such unprecedented times have resulted in us catapulting our presence within New South Wales online, empowering us to undertake our fundamental mission of informing, engaging, and inspiring our community about the great work of the United Nations around the world. From our Movement Monday Initiative to the Creativity for SDGs Challenge, personalised and meaningful engagement with members of our community has never been stronger. I would like to personally thank our Deputy Executive Manager, Alexandra Stafferton, for her unwavering support in many projects.

It has been an absolute pleasure to have completed another financial year as Executive Manager. In remaining as the inaugural holder of this position, I have continued to support our diligent and professional Executive Committee in executing their various operational, promotional, and conceptual duties. This year saw Life Member and Vice President Emeritus Kenneth Weekes Esquire depart us. He will be dearly missed, and we are perpetually grateful for all the work he diligently committed to the Association.

However, our continued period of uninterrupted growth, modernisation, and work output, has seen various other duties be assigned to my portfolio. Most notably, as Course Coordinator of our United Nations Diploma, the transition from an in-person course to an online one has taken significant time and effort. Many thanks to Kel Gleeson along with the team at Williams Business College and Amelia Hughes, our Diploma Administrator, for their continued support in this, our keystone Program. Further, our newly arranged partnership with the University of Technology Sydney has seen the development of a Short Modular Course Series.

Finally, I would like to express my sincerest thanks to the ever-growing team of volunteers, including the Grant Writing Committee, Fundraising Committee, Events, Volunteer acquisition, Admin volunteers, interns, and our various partners for their industrious determination to fulfil our mandate within the NSW community.

Here's to the year ahead!

Joshua Karras MPH (UNSW) MHM MIPH BSc (UNSW) DipUN (WBC)
Executive Manager
United Nations Association of Australia (NSW)

In Memoriam

**Kenneth Francis Nicholas Weekes, Esquire,
J.P., M.A., Dip. Ed., M.A.C.E., A.M.R.Ae.S.
O.M.I.E. Aust.(Ret'd).**

15th March, 1930 – 9th December, 2019

Humanist. Historian. Intellectual. World Traveller. Aeronautical Engineer. Musician. Athlete. Educationist



Kenneth Francis Nicholas Weekes belonged to the United Nations Association (NSW) from 1971 to 2019. From an early age Kenneth keenly supported the United Nations, being deeply affected by the suffering he heard about from his father who had fought in both World Wars I and II.

Kenneth had many interests. As an athlete he won awards and also played Rugby League. At 15 years he won an award as top junior bugler in Australia and later he played the organ. Always interested in other cultures, as an aeronautical engineer he worked for 4 years in London and Canada, then as a Clerk in the New York Australian Consulate. Eventually because of his mother's health he was obliged to return to Australia. After marriage he travelled more. In 1993 there was a large function at NSW Parliament House when due to his family history the Heralds of the Royal College of Arms on behalf of the Queen bestowed on Kenneth the official heraldic title of Esquire.

Kenneth gained Bachelor of Arts in the same 1996 ceremony as Charles Perkins, first Aboriginal university graduate. Kenneth next did a Diploma of Education, teaching History from 1970 to 1989, and in 1984 he gained Master of Arts with Merit, with a thesis on education in Fascist Germany.

The United Nations Association encompassed so many of Kenneth's values, for he had compassion for those suffering around the world. He enjoyed playing an active role in many UNAA activities. In Sydney he attended meetings of the Indigenous community. Kenneth even had difficulty passing a person begging without giving money. In 1983, Kenneth and Valerie, as members of Blue Mountains Branch, received a UN Peace Messenger Award from UN Secretary-General, Javier Perez de Cuellar, "In recognition of a significant contribution to the promotion of peace as set forth by the General Assembly".

When in 1992 - 3 Kenneth organised the annual Cenotaph Ceremony in Martin Place, he arranged for the UN flag to be flown on various buildings along Martin Place and revived flying the UN flag on Sydney Harbour Bridge every year. As Vice-president, Kenneth helped in the UNAA (NSW) office and assisted at and ran functions. He helped organise moving from offices in King Street, Regent Street and Humanist House.

In 1996 at the UNAA Federal Conference Kenneth received from the National Committee of the United Nations Association a Peace Award "for outstanding contribution to the cause of world peace and the advancement of humanity". The citation mentioned some of his activities including his efforts in spreading support for UNESCO (he also wrote articles which appeared in the media), the United Nations Association stalls he ran in the forecourt of Sydney Opera House, the United Nations poster displays he set up at New South Wales State Library and at the Westpac Head Office, his heading UNAA(NSW) Speakers' Panel and the Speakers' Handbook he produced, the showing of United Nations films at King Street and at the State Library's Metcalfe Theatre, his assistance to Darren Tayler in setting up the Sydney University UN Society, the well-attended lunches and dinners Kenneth organised to celebrate different United Nations dates.

Awarded Life Membership by UNAA (NSW), on the recommendation of UNAA (NSW) President, Dr Keith Suter, Kenneth was given the life title of Vice-president Emeritus of the United Nations Association (New South Wales Division), for all he had achieved while Vice-president.

Kenneth had a strong social conscience. Throughout most of his life he strove to do what he could to spread the message of the United Nations. He was one man among so many good people who strive to support those who suffer.

Mrs Valerie Weekes

OUR PROGRAM FRAMEWORK

In 2019/2020 UNAA (NSW) has developed a Four Pillar Strategy Program which will enable us to concentrate on certain goals and objectives. Four of our Executive Committee Members have taken up the role of representing these pillars.

PROGRAM PILLARS	PEACE & SECURITY	HUMAN RIGHTS	SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT	GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP
PROGRAM PILLARS	Promote a peaceful Australian Community	Raise awareness of The Universal Declaration of Human Rights Advance respect for Human Rights, diversity and inclusivity in the Australian Community	Raise awareness of the 2030 agenda Support progress on the SDG Decade of Action Drive net zero by 2050 Climate Action	Raise awareness of core UN aims and values Support individuals and organisations to think globally and act locally to achieve the UN's aims and effect the SDGs
PROGRAM LEAD	Tim Ford, AO	Sahera Sumar	Kevin Spence	Brett Martin
ACTIVITY EXAMPLES	21 SEPT International Day of Peace	10 DEC Human Rights Day	5 JUN World Environment Day	24 OCT UN Day

OUR VOLUNTEERS

At the core of the UNAA (NSW) are its volunteers. Our volunteers include a diverse range of people with a shared purpose to inform, inspire, and engage others about creating a safer, fairer, more sustainable world.

THIS YEAR WE HAVE STRENGTHENED OUR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM BY:



Introducing the Monthly Meetups for volunteers, members, and friends to connect, learn, and network



Implementing an online group chat for our 500+ volunteers to share information, progress projects, and promote partnerships



Creating a fully online and self-paced process for volunteers across NSW to move from application to action and reporting



Producing a program logic, promo videos, and resources to better communicate the program and ensure our practice is evidence-informed



Developing a project-based process to support university placements and internships

The calibre of our volunteers is truly incredible — they bring a wide range of knowledge, skills, experience, and goodwill from NSW and all over the world! We look forward to supporting each volunteer as they discover their unique way to achieve local impact and measure their contribution to the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

A special thank you to our Volunteering Team!





OUR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

A main focus of UNAA (NSW) is its educational programs, which are key to sustainable and durable change. This year the UNAA (NSW) was proud to launch a second and third session of its UN Diploma Program in collaboration with Williams Business College in Sydney. The Diploma is one of the ways that UNAA (NSW) is achieving its goal of promoting and celebrating the work of the UN. It helps to ensure that business leaders, academic staff, other professionals and interested members of the public are better equipped with the skills necessary to effect positive change, such as achieving the aims of the Sustainable Development Goals.

In June 2020, the UNAA (NSW) inaugurated its third session online. This session, which concludes at the end of October 2020, has been a success; more than 40 students have participated in the third session.

NEXT COURSE COMMENCING 05 FEBRUARY 2021

UNAA (NSW) will be hosting its fourth session of the UN Diploma course, which 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: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- Duration: 16 weeks
- Content: Eight subjects and four competencies

The course uses Competency Based Training relating to Project Planning. Aligned with this are four assessments which will be based on the content that has been taught and assesses a student's ability to plan a project.

THE FOUR ASSESSMENTS FOCUS ON:

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

Examples of the topics covered in the course include the structure of the United Nations, the SDGs, UN peacekeeping, human rights, UN Agencies, and much more. Upon completing the course, students can become UNAA NSW Liaison Officers.

To enrol in this UN Diploma course or for more information, please visit: www.williams.edu.au/unaadiploma

OUR EVENTS

UNAA NSW SUSTAINABILITY SCHOLARSHIP

Education for sustainable development is a cornerstone of the 2030 Agenda of the United Nations and a key foundation for a sustainable future. In partnership with the University of Wollongong (UOW), in 2020, UNAA (NSW) established an inaugural undergraduate student scholarship with a special focus on the environmental SDGs.

Through generous funding from the Rotary Club of Sydney Cove, which was formally signed into action on 28 February 2020, UNAA (NSW) Sustainability Scholarship was awarded to a 3rd year student studying for a Bachelor of Conservation Biology and is committed to one or more of the United Nations SDGs.



UN DAY CELEBRATIONS

UNAA (NSW) commenced their October UN Day celebrations with their annual UN Day Wreath Laying Ceremony. Nick Kaldas A.P.M., D.Litt (honoris causa), former Deputy Police Commissioner and former Director of Internal Oversight Services in the United Nations Relief Works Agency (UNRWA), made a special address at the ceremony. The UN Day Wreath laying ceremony was a sombre reminder of the precious lives lost and sacrifices made for the protection of communities in conflict zones all over the world. Many thanks to the Event Lead, Mr Geoffrey Little, Life Member, who has assumed the position for 26 years.

UNAA (NSW) hosted their annual UN Gala Dinner, a social evening of fun and entertainment for a good cause. Organised by VP programs Ms Andrea Spencer-Cooke, the Gala Dinner was held at the NSW Parliament House with this year's Honour being awarded to Reconciliation Australia in recognition of their commitment to promoting and facilitating respect, trust, and positive relationships between the wider Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.





UNAA (NSW) DELOITTE NATIONAL IMPACT DAY WORKSHOP

On Friday 22 November 2019, UNAA (NSW) benefited greatly from its pro-bono partnership with Deloitte Australia, in working to advance and remain a leading and respected NGO in the development and humanitarian spheres.

The talented and professional team at Deloitte gave their time to help equip UNAA (NSW) representatives with best practice training in accreditation, not-for-profit governance & risk management. UNAA (NSW) is grateful for this ongoing collaboration.



UNAA (NSW) NEWSPACE SUMMIT

With the formation of the Australian Space Agency, a message was sent to the world: Australia has taken a step into the final frontier. UNAA (NSW) is proud of its NewSpace summit, held on 14 November 2019 at Lendlease, Barangaroo, and led by Gregory Hunter, to collaboratively create momentum and pursue excellence from all regions of business and academia. Key addresses from the 2019 NewSpace summit were delivered by James Larsen, Chief Legal Officer, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; and Steven Freeland, Professor of International Law, Western Sydney University. Many thanks to Lendlease for providing such a prestigious event location, and for the dedication of UNAA (NSW) volunteers.



HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

The 71st Anniversary of the signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights saw UNAA (NSW) staff and volunteers, including President Dr Patricia Jenkins, distribute Declaration Booklets in the Barangaroo Precinct. It was a wonderfully impacting time of discourse, exposure, and promotion of what is a landmark document. Many thanks to Lendlease for facilitating these events and for turning the International Towers blue in acknowledgment of this most important anniversary.



UNAA NSW MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS MEETUP

On 27 February 2020, the UNAA (NSW) inaugurated its UNAA (NSW) Volunteers meeting, which was held at the Shakespeare Hotel in Surry Hills. Since March 2020, the monthly Meetups have gone virtual in response to the global health pandemic. The Meetups have addressed the topics of UN Peacekeeping, UN Refugee Day, and UNAA (NSW)'s Four Pillar Strategy. The virtual meetups have been a success. More than 40 people have attended each session and it has acted as the platform for the announcement of the Creativity for SDGS Challenge winners!

WORLD REFUGEE DAY

On 23rd June, UNAA NSW and Affinity Intercultural Foundation hosted the webinar : A Refugee's Contribution to the Multicultural Australian Society in recognition of World Refugee Day. Keynote Speaker Dr Munjed Al Muderis, facilitator Craig Foster, and special guests Executive Director of Affinity Intercultural Foundation Ahmet Polat and UNAA NSW President Patricia Jenkins took part in this online event.





INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Held annually on 8 March, International Women's Day (IWD) is an opportunity to take stock of the contribution of many strong female social justice advocates who have paved the way for the opportunities enjoyed by many women today. Three venues across Sydney played host to the women of UNAA (NSW), including: the Western Sydney Community Forum; Waverley Council; and the Non-Resident Nepali Association.

Our President, Dr Patricia Jenkins, spoke during the Living Library Session of the Western Sydney Community Forum's Event held at Western Sydney University, and at Waverley Council's IWD event alongside some of Sydney's strongest and inspirational women: Mayor of Waverley, Paula Masselos; Director of Waverley, Emily Scott Director; and Executive Assistant to the Mayor, Jeanette Kearny. UNAA (NSW) VP Programs, Andrea Spencer-Cooke, and Director of Programs, Sahera Sumar, attended the UN Women's IWD Event alongside SBS Australia World News presenter, Janice Petersen, and social justice network 'Sisterworks' Founder and CEO, Luz Restrepo.

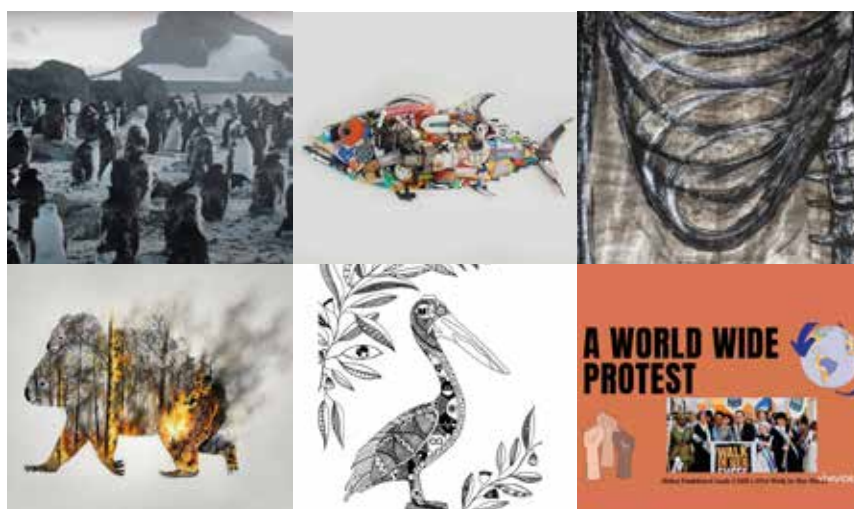
MOVEMENT MONDAY PROGRAM



The Movement Monday Program (Movement Monday) was launched in April 2020 in response to global developments concerning the COVID-19 pandemic, and the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace. Movement Monday was focused on the health benefits of participating in sporting and physical activity, during this time of uncertainty and social distancing. To inspire movement and its positive effects on wellbeing, the UNAA (NSW) hosted four weeks of #MovementMonday and shared four ways of taking care of our physical and mental health while staying at home.

CREATIVITY FOR SDGs CHALLENGE

The Creativity for SDGs Challenge wrapped up the year for the UNAA (NSW) as it called out to all artists and individuals to make a creative piece depicting a cause (and the related SDG) that they are passionate about. This could be anything from a painting, dance, song, or any other art form. The competition closed on Thursday 11 June 2020. Six winners were announced at UNAA (NSW)'s Monthly Members and Volunteers Meetup.



OUR ACTIVITIES



EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

UN Priorities

Throughout 2019-2020, UNAA (NSW) continued to support and promote the work of the UN and raise awareness of the UN Secretary-General's renewed priorities including: promoting peace and security to address growing geopolitical tensions; raising awareness of the climate crisis; and working to reduce global mistrust and tackle the downsides of technology through our planned program of events.

A highlight in 2019 was marking the International Year of Indigenous Languages by awarding the 2019 UN Day Honour to Reconciliation Australia and making Indigenous Reconciliation the central focus of our Gala Dinner, which was held on 22 October 2019 at NSW Parliament House, Sydney.

Members Meetups

Like many other community organisations, our annual pipeline of events was significantly disrupted this year by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many planned face-to-face activities, such as the Ocean Lovers Festival, had to be cancelled or postponed. Through our online monthly Members Meetup sessions, however, we were able to continue to inform, inspire, and engage stakeholders virtually on key issues including:



Climate
action



Peace and
security



Refugees



The Sustainable
Development Goals

With just ten years to go until 2030, the Decade of Action was chosen as the focus of our 2020 UN Day Honour and the achievements and contribution to sustainable development of our 2020 Honouree will be celebrated on 23 October 2020. Going forward our focus will be supporting action towards a Decade of Recovery and Building Back Better following the pandemic.

UN75

Another important focus of UN Day 2020 was commemorating the 75th anniversary of the founding of the UN, via a UN75 Exhibition detailing Australia's involvement in the UN, including in the key areas of peace and security, human rights, sustainable development and global citizenship.

New Program Framework

Peace and security, human rights, sustainable development and global citizenship are the four pillars at the heart of our Program Framework which was adopted in 2020. The framework is closely aligned with the work of the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA), and will guide our activities going forward as we aim to continue delivering a credible program of high-quality events throughout NSW.

The year ahead

In 2020-2021, following extensive UN75 engagement, 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 global goals in NSW. We welcome expressions of interest from organisations looking to partner with the UNAA (NSW).

For information on our 2020–2021 program, please contact UNAA (NSW) Executive Manager, Joshua Karras, at joshua.karras@unaa.org.au or Director of Programs, Sahera Sumar, at sahera.sumar@unaa.org.au.



OPERATIONS

The primary focus of the operations portfolio has been concerned with internal matters such as drafting partnership memoranda, mechanisms such as the refined meeting processes and interests register, and reviewing documentation such as UNAA National's legal templates and developing our own for these purposes. Strategic input has included the UNAA National Strategy & Structure Review and a range of ad-hoc matters such as our potential establishment of a separate legal entity for Centre of Education and the recent Constitution review working group and our upcoming branch strategy review.

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

For many, the latter part of FY20 has been a challenging year for organisations and their operations. UNAA (NSW) has established partnerships with the following organisations and has released a report in collaboration with RMIT University: 'SDG Measurement and Disclosure 2.0: A study of ASX150'.

The UNAA (NSW) has expanded its partnership team to deliver this report and provide more opportunities for partnership with UNAA NSW, namely the RMIT report given organisations' greater focus on Climate Change and SDGs more broadly as a result of Covid-19.

- Business Council for Sustainable Development Australia
- Williams Business College
- Communitier
- Rotary Club of Sydney Cove
- Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT)
- Commonwealth Bank
- Western Sydney University
- University of Technology Sydney
- Know My Group

PUBLIC OFFICER

Throughout 2019–2020, UNAA (NSW's) Public Officer has carried out major tasks including the organisation of the 2019 Annual General Meeting on 26th October, the annual UNAA (NSW) Afternoon Tea in the Speaker's Garden at NSW Parliament House, Sydney, administrative and Constitutional duties such as reviewing the Federal Policy issued by UNAA (National), analysing UNAA (NSW) Constitution, drawing up how the proposed changes would affect the current constitution, and finally supporting the interests of non-email members by maintaining contact with them and assisting in the management of membership.

The Public Officer is grateful to Vice-President Emeritus, Kenneth Weekes Esquire, for his assistance in a number of these activities. May he rest in peace.





MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Marketing and Communications portfolio comprises designers, digital marketers, web developers, and communication specialists focused on fully leveraging multi-platform communications to help achieve greater brand awareness among youth, the general public, partners, and stakeholders, and accelerate action in New South Wales.

Over the course of this year, the team has curated, produced, and disseminated content via web, email, and social media channels including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn in line with UNAA (NSW)'s communication plan and branding guidelines. Positioning the organisation as a leading voice in NSW on topics related to the United Nations, we continue to monitor and strategically expand our online presence. Our combined efforts have boosted engagement and interest in UNAA (NSW) products, activities, and membership.

The Director of Marketing and Communications thanks Cammy Gee, Christopher Chan, Emma Sundowski, Minna Squire, Sophie Kesteven, Ali Miller, Daniel Nour, Joshua Karras, and Alexandra Stafferton for their contagious passion and dedicated assistance. The Director extends special thanks to President, Dr Patricia Jenkins, and VP Programs, Andrea Spencer-Cooke, for their guidance and support.

MEMBERSHIPS

UNAA NSW members are central to the success of our events, programs, and activities. We listened to our members and heard they wanted to learn about the works of the United Nations, connect with like-minded people, and discover how they can have a personal impact. In response and in addition to the existing program of events we run throughout the year, we launched our monthly Meetup which is held on the fourth Thursday of each month. We have had guest speakers including various members of the Executive Committee discuss UN Peacekeeping, UN Refugees, the UN SDGs, and the local initiatives of UNAA (NSW). Each month offers a platform for our members and volunteers to provide a "passion pitch" to share with the rest of the community the humanitarian or sustainability work they are doing. Members are the first to hear about UNAA (NSW) events and activities, and have access to member-only privileges and discounted tickets. Membership applications can be completed at <https://www.unaa.org.au/about/state-teams/new-south-wales/membership-nsw/>



PEACE & SECURITY

International Peace and Security is a critical function of the United Nations, as recognised in the Foreword and Article 1 of the UN Charter which identifies that the first purpose of the United Nations is “To maintain international peace and security...”. It is therefore important that the UNAA (NSW) informs Australians about UN actions to maintain international peace and security and how Australia and its citizens can support and engage in such actions. This is why Peace and Security is one of the four pillars of our strategic plan, and has been the focus of more activities in 2020 as it will continue to be in the future.

This year, within the restraints of social distancing regulations, we have acknowledged critical international and national days linked to Peace and Security, such as: The International Day of UN Peacekeepers (29th May); Australian Peacekeepers Day (14th September); the International Day of Peace (21st September); and the 75th Anniversary of the United Nations (24th October). We have addressed schools; briefed on these topics at our UN Members Meetups (currently by Zoom); are developing a series of Peace Perspectives videos for the International Day of Peace; have included a presentation on peace operations in our UN diploma and UTS courses; and conduct a commemorative service annually at the Cenotaph in Martin Place for UN Day.

HUMAN RIGHTS & ENVIRONMENT

Over the past year, UNAA (NSW) has been involved in a number of activities and events to celebrate and raise awareness about human rights and the environment. Short online films of different nationalities sharing their experiences and insights of being a refugee in Australia, were shared and promoted across all of UNAA (NSW's) social channels. Further, the film *IN MY BLOOD IT RUNS*, directed by Maya Newell, was promoted by UNAA (NSW). It premiered on Sunday 5 July 2020 at 9:30pm on ABC and ABC iView.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Throughout 2020, the orientation of the Community Engagement Program has been to establish a suitable values and qualities base through which to progress prospects of relational endeavour in the context of a proposed statement of Universal Ethos for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

UNAA (NSW) has engaged in numerous community engagement events such as at the University of New England February in 2020 'Rethinking Peace, Conflict and Governance Conference' leading to the International Network of Museums for Peace Conference in September 2020.

The foregoing and further endeavours for the Community Engagement Project Program will proceed through its new Four Pillar Strategy, and more specifically its UN Global Citizenship Pillar, incorporating Culture and Society elements.

UN YOUTH (NSW)

UN Youth NSW has engaged and educated over one thousand students in 2019/2020 through its suite of educational programs and competitions for high school students centred on issues of national and international importance, with an emphasis on diplomacy, politics, international relations.

In August 2019, UN Youth NSW ran its still relatively new Negotiations Competition allowing 64 Years 10–12 students who were tasked with conflict resolution and consensus building in fictional diplomatic geopolitical disputes. Its September 2019 Junior Leadership Weekend residential conference for Years 7–8 students educated over 100 students on gender equality. The theme 'Putting Gender on the Agenda' had an emphasis on advocacy and becoming change-makers in our local communities. Over 200 metropolitan and regional students competed in its 'Voice' public speaking competition in October–December 2019 where they pitched innovative solutions to pressing global issues.

In early March 2020, UN Youth NSW held perhaps its biggest ever State Conference, their flagship weekend residential leadership event, for over 200 Years 9–12 students. The theme of State Conference 2020 was 'The Politics of Development'. In June 2020, they ran their 'Evatt' model United Nations Security Council debating and diplomacy competition online using Slack and Zoom and engaged over 250 students in this state-wide competition. In 2019/2020, they also conducted a number of school visits and day summits on various topics of international importance and international relations, such as the need for free and independent journalism across the globe.

BLUE MOUNTAINS

The Blue Mountains branch of UNAA (NSW) continues to maintain a practical demonstration of urban permaculture and home forest-food gardening. The goal is for increasing numbers of home yards throughout the world to emulate the example. Our aims align with the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

The garden is on a small area belonging to a three-bedroom rented flat and it displays on the front and side garden, 22 fruit and nut trees with an understory of herbs, vegetables, and medicinal plants.

Emphasis is placed on the importance of 'Sense of Humus' composting which takes place in five hygienic, aerobic, conical shaped compost bins, all made from 100% recycled plastic. Also displayed in the garden are what we call Mind-Vitamin Thought-Seeds which are laminated placards affixed to tomato stakes, all containing simple wise quotes designed to inspire, educate, and motivate.



GOVERNANCE

COMMITTEE (AS AT 30 JUNE 2020)

2019/20 UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA NEW SOUTH WALES DIVISION INC.

PATRON

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

Role	Name	Attendance
President	Dr Patricia Jenkins	100%
Vice-President (Programs)	Andrea Spencer-Cooke	100%
Vice-President Operations and Treasurer	Paul Malliate	100%
Secretary	Michael Dimarco	100%
Public Officer	Valerie Weekes	100%

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Director of Peace and Security	Tim Ford	100%
Director of Operations	Michael Jefferies	100%
Event Lead - UN Day Cenotaph Ceremony	Geoffrey Little	50%
Director of Volunteering	Brett Martin	60%
Program Lead for Community Programs	Lindsay Mell	80%
Director of Humanitarianism and Environment	Jean Santos	50%
Director of Memberships	Kevin Spence	100%
Director of Programs	Sahera Sumar	80%
Director of Marketing and Communications	Akanksha Tiwary	60%
Director of Strategic Partnerships	Ben Woltmann	70%

EXECUTIVE MANAGER: Joshua Karras

DEPUTY EXECUTIVE MANAGER: Alexandra Stafferton

BRANCH CONVENERS:

Blue Mountains: Mr Franklin Scarf
 Central Coast: Ms Audrey McDonald
 Hunter: Ms Martina Bowen

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FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

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Income and Expenditure Statement
For the Year Ended 30 June 2020

	Note	2020	2019
		\$	\$
Income			
Memberships		9,450	7,712
General donations/grants		13,000	17,850
Miscellaneous Events		6,148	4,278
Interest received		706	1,479
Surplus from UN Day		8,955	10,374
Miscellaneous income		688	241
UN Diploma Program		39,610	9,967
		<u>78,557</u>	<u>51,901</u>
Expenditure			
Venue hire		176	1,154
General administration		8,148	8,032
Fees and Federal levy		2,576	1,694
Executive Manager		61,308	18,891
Other expenses		1,919	1,430
		<u>74,127</u>	<u>31,201</u>
Current year surplus		<u>4,430</u>	<u>20,700</u>
Retained surplus at the beginning of the year		<u>70,769</u>	<u>50,069</u>
Retained surplus at the end of the year		<u><u>75,199</u></u>	<u><u>70,769</u></u>

Assets and Liabilities Statement
As At 30 June 2020

	Note	2020	2019
		\$	\$
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash at bank	2	<u>147,352</u>	<u>128,565</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>147,352</u>	<u>128,565</u>
Total Assets		<u>147,352</u>	<u>128,565</u>
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Trade Creditors	3	-	2,332
Income In Advance	4	<u>72,153</u>	<u>55,464</u>
Total Current Liabilities		<u>72,153</u>	<u>57,796</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>72,153</u>	<u>57,796</u>
Net Assets		<u><u>75,199</u></u>	<u><u>70,769</u></u>
Members Funds			
Retained surplus		<u>75,199</u>	<u>70,769</u>
Total Members Funds		<u><u>75,199</u></u>	<u><u>70,769</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 June 2020**

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.

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
<u>Note 2: Cash at bank</u>		
Cash at bank	96,848	128,565
Cash on deposit	50,504	-
	<u>147,352</u>	<u>128,565</u>
<u>Note 3: Trade Creditors</u>		
Trade Creditors	-	2,332
<u>Note 4: Income in advance</u>		
Grants	5,000	19,388
Diploma Fees	67,153	36,076
	<u>72,153</u>	<u>55,464</u>

Note 5: Contingent Liability

At balance date there are no contingent liabilities.

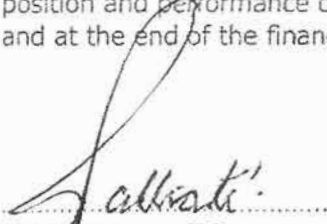
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Statement By Treasurer

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 2020.


PAUL MALLIATE
 Treasurer

Dated at Sydney this 27th day of July 2020

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (\$000)	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20
Membership Income	8.0	7.6	7.0	7.7	9.4
Donations/Grants	3.1	7.5	18.1	17.9	13.0
Surplus/(Deficit)	2.4	5.9	31.0	20.7	4.4
Cash Balance	22.5	26.0	59.6	128.6	147.3
Net Assets	25.0	19.0	50.1	70.8	75.2



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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 2020

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 2020, 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 2020 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 27th day of July 2020

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