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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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SECRETARY-GENERAL'S REMARKS AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY CEREMONY MARKING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

The ideals of the United Nations – peace, justice, equality and dignity — are beacons to a better world. But the Organization we celebrate today emerged only after immense suffering.

It took two world wars, millions of deaths and the horrors of the Holocaust for world leaders to commit to international cooperation and the rule of law. That commitment produced results. A Third World War – which so many had feared — has been avoided. Never in modern history have we gone so many years without a military confrontation between the major powers. This is a major achievement of which Member States can be proud – and which we must all strive to preserve.

DOWN THE DECADES, THERE HAVE BEEN OTHER HISTORIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS, INCLUDING:

- Peace treaties and peacekeeping
- Decolonization
- Human rights standards – and mechanisms to uphold them
- The triumph over apartheid
- Life-saving humanitarian aid for millions of victims of conflict and disaster
- The eradication of diseases
- The steady reduction of hunger
- The progressive development of international law
- Landmark agreements to protect the environment and our planet

Most recently, unanimous agreement on the Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change provide an inspiring vision for the 21st century. Yet there is still so much to be done.

Of the 850 delegates to the San Francisco Conference, just 8 were women. Twenty-five years since the Beijing Platform for Action, gender inequality remains the greatest single challenge to human rights around the world. Climate calamity looms. Biodiversity is collapsing. Poverty is again rising. Hatred is spreading. Geopolitical tensions are escalating. Nuclear weapons remain on hair-trigger alert. Transformative technologies have opened up new opportunities but also exposed new threats. The COVID-19 pandemic has laid bare the world's fragilities. We can only address them together.

Today we have a surplus of multilateral challenges and a deficit of multilateral solutions. I welcome the General Assembly's 75th anniversary declaration and commitment to reinvigorate multilateralism. You have invited me to assess how to advance our common agenda, and I will report back with analysis and recommendations. This will be an important and inclusive process of profound reflection. Already we know that we need more — and more effective — multilateralism, with vision, ambition and impact.

National sovereignty — a pillar of the United Nations — goes hand-in-hand with enhanced international cooperation based on common values and shared responsibilities in pursuit of progress for all. No one wants a world government — but we must work together to improve world governance.

In an interconnected world, we need a networked multilateralism, in which the United Nations family, international financial institutions, regional organizations, trading blocs and others work together more closely and more effectively. We also need as the President said, an inclusive multilateralism, drawing on civil society, cities, businesses, local authorities and more and more on young people.

The Secretariat marked this anniversary with a global conversation that reached more than a million people around the world, with a special focus on the voices of youth. They shared their fears and hopes for the future. They said international cooperation is vital to deal with today's challenges. They highlighted that Covid-19 has made such solidarity more urgent. And they stressed that the world needs health systems and basic services for all.

People are fearful about the climate crisis, poverty, inequality, corruption and systemic racial and gender discrimination.



“They see the United Nations as a vehicle to make the world a better place. And they count on us to meet today’s tests. That responsibility lies above all with Member States.”

Member States established the United Nations and have a duty to embrace it, nourish it and provide it with the tools to make a difference. We owe this to “we the peoples”. We owe it to the peacekeepers, diplomats, humanitarian personnel, and others who sacrificed their lives advancing common values.

I salute all staff, past and present, for their dedication in bringing the ideals of the United Nation to life. Our Organization's founders began their work during the heat of conflict. Now it falls to us to chart our way out of danger.

In the words of our Charter, let us “combine our efforts to achieve these aims” as United Nations.
Thank you.



OVERVIEW OF THE UNAA

ABOUT US

United Nations Association of Australia (UNAA) is the peak body for promoting the United Nations (UN) in Australia. Since its establishment in 1946, the organisation has served as a proud member of the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA). WFUNA is a global not-for-profit which coordinates the work of national United Nations Associations in over 100 countries.

The UNAA consists of over 200 volunteers across Australia and a small team of 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. We continue to work closely with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, while we look forward to further growing our relationship with state governments.

With the support of these organisations and our Patrons, Their Excellencies the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd) and Lady Elizabeth Hurley, the UNAA continues to work to create a safer, fairer, more sustainable world.

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

OUR MISSION

'to inform, inspire and engage 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



It has been an interesting year to say the least but out of adversity comes hope and a platform for change. We believe our role to support the work of the UN is more important than ever and as a very first item, I would like to thank our dedicated teams, volunteers and staff working across Australia. It is always humbling to see the passion, the commitment and vision of so many people from all ages and walks of life committed to making the world a better place. Congratulations to each and everyone of you for a job well done in what we can all describe as very challenging times.

As with most other entities, the UNAA has moved its meetings and events online. With people at home, events have been shared nationally with more opportunity for people to join from across Australia and further abroad. In some areas where restrictions have been lifted and it has been safe to do so, we have been able to host scaled back face to face events, with the social engagement aspect of our events and meetings being so important to our people, members and the community. In areas where lockdown or restrictions remain in place, we have moved to doing things differently and engaging with members through online member meet ups, mailouts and educational webinars.

The UNAA delivered two significant firsts for the organisation this year, launching both its first Reconciliation Action Plan and the UN Alumni Network. We hope to build our activities in these two areas together in the future, with a major aim being to support increasing the voice of and opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in the UN.

We had planned to have a National Partnership Forum in 2020. The National Partnership Forum was to bring together an international line up of expert speakers 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. Whilst disappointingly we had to defer our National Partnership Forum (which had been fully subscribed and was set to be a major milestone for change and influence of the UNAA) we do look forward to holding a revised National Partnership Forum in April 2021. It is at events such as these that we can all come together and plan and develop a realistic and practical way forward to deal with some of the Australia's most challenging sustainability issues. I would hope to see many of you there, in person or online.

I am also very pleased that the Australian Government has reaffirmed its support and commitment to a rules-based international order, strong United Nations and the importance of multilateralism. We look forward to working closer with the Australian Government to help deliver on the UN's vision and policies.

Once again, I would like to express my gratitude for all the support that the UNAA has received over the last 12 months. As we look forward to 2021 I hope we are able to continue to build our events, programs and activities across Australia in support of the work, goals and values of the UN in a world that needs the UN now more than ever.

Mario D'Elia
National President

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT



This past year has certainly been a very different one and for many, very difficult, as will continue to be the case for years to come. With a global pandemic, unprecedented bushfires across Australia and continued increase in the numbers of displaced peoples, now more than ever the world needs a strong United Nations. In the 75th year of the UN, the role of the UN has perhaps never been more important, in working to support member states in multilateralism and toward global, regional and country solutions to increasingly complex challenges and inequalities.

The UNAA has continued a busy program of events, though since early 2020, moving to online and engaging with our members and the community in different ways. I would like to sincerely thank the UNAA's dedicated volunteers and committed members for your significant contribution and in particular at this difficult time. You make our work possible. Thank you also to our partners, without which the UNAA would not be able to deliver its quality programs, events and activities across Australia.

In October 2019, UNAA launched our Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). Reconciliation and the rights of Indigenous peoples is an integral value of the UN making the launch of the RAP an important step towards supporting Indigenous peoples in Australia for the UNAA. Under the RAP, we welcomed a new paid staff member, Malachi Murljagic in partnership with the ACT Government and Career Trackers. We will be working to increase the representation and contributions of Indigenous peoples in the UNAA and United Nations more broadly. The UNAA believes in providing a platform for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and is planning more events, round tables and activities to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voices and leadership.

October 2019 also saw the launch of the UNAA's United Nations Alumni Network. The Network is the first of its kind in Australia and with over 300 members, it links past and present Australian UN staff with events and opportunities to promote the importance of the UN. The UNAA would like to thank the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade for its support in creating the Network. We look forward to supporting growing the number of Australians in the UN, in particular in leadership and for women, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and underrepresented groups.

With the onset of COVID-19, our major event 'the UN and Australia Sustainable Partnerships Forum' has been postponed to April 2021. Postponing the Forum comes with the opportunity to reframe the discussions on the importance of the UN and its roles in supporting member states, in particular in the road to recovery following COVID-19. We thank partners for their ongoing support and look forward to seeing you at the Forum, with sustainability and SDG leaders from the UN, across the globe, and in Australian business, civil society, governments, academia and the community.

In the 75th year of the United Nations, now more than ever, it is vital Australia continues in support of the UN toward a safer, fairer, more sustainable world.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lachlan Hunter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Lachlan Hunter
National Executive Director

OUR WORK PROGRAMS



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS PROGRAM

PROGRAM MANAGER: Lachlan Hunter

The UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are 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. The UNAA is committed to the education, inspiration, and engagement of Australians around the SDGs and applies an SDGs focus to its over 150 events each year through our passionate teams and volunteers all across Australia.

This year the UNAA promoted the SDGs at several major events. Highlights included keynote addresses at the [National Community Engagement for Infrastructure Forum](#), the [Canberra Urban Regional Futures](#) Annual Forum; SDG panel discussions at [Local Communities Services Association](#) Annual Conference in Wollongong and the [CQ University Festival of Change](#) SDGs Panel Discussion in Rockhampton; and with a booth at the [World Engineers Convention](#) held in Melbourne.



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”.

In its [Managing Climate Change in Australia Position Paper](#), 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. The UNAA held its annual Post COP Forum, in March 2020, including presentations by the EU Ambassador to Australia and the Australian Ambassador for the Environment who was the Australian Government's chief negotiator at the COP. Each forum was hosted in the offices of the consulting firm, EY.



UN DIPLOMA

PROGRAM MANAGER: Joshua Karras

In collaboration with Williams Business College, UNAA NSW launched its second and third session of the UN Diploma. This course equips its students with the skills needed to effect positive change and help achieve the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. The work of the UN can be utilised by members of the public, business leaders, academic staff and professionals.

The course trains people in the history, structure and operations of the United Nations. Inclusive in this are several competency-based subjects that give the student recognisable skills that can be used in either UN-related initiatives or in the enhancement of their own career development. For more information and to enrol in our upcoming semester, visit <https://williams.edu.au/unaadiploma>



UN STUDY TOURS

PROGRAM MANAGER: Sophie Arnold

Each year, the UNAA arranges for a small group of interested Australians to tour UN headquarters in New York and Geneva where they spend a week immersed in meetings, briefings and tours. In October 2019, our group met with senior UN officials and representatives of such agencies as UNICEF, UNDP, UNHCR and UN Women. The group also met newly appointed Australian Ambassador to the UN Mitch Fifield immediately after he had presented his credentials to the UN. 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.



UN ALUMNI NETWORK

In October 2019, The United Nations Association of Australia, supported by the Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade has launched the United Nations Alumni Network.

The Network is the first of its kind in Australia and works to increase awareness of the UN in Australia and to increase the representation of Australians in the UN, in particular in leadership roles. A key focus is on supporting opportunities for women, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and people from groups which are underrepresented in the UN. The Network connects members to events, job opportunities, and other Australians currently serving or who have served in the UN system.

Membership is open to all Australians who are currently serving or who have served with the United Nations. Contact alumni@unaa.org.au to find out more.

In May, the UNAA partnered with Monash University for a guest lecture webinar with former UN Under-Secretary-General for Safety and Security, Peter Drennan.

Peter shared his knowledge and experience in the UN and working to the Secretary-General, in particular in the area of crisis response. The event gave the over 280 students who attended practical insights into working in the UN, the important role the UN plays and why this is so crucial in global and regional responses, in particular in response to COVID-19.





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2021 SUSTAINABLE PARTNERSHIPS FORUM

Prior to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, UNAA had arranged a two-day Forum to bring together civil society, governments, business and UN leaders under the theme of building sustainable partnerships to progress the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Unfortunately, this significant event had to be postponed because of restrictions on large gatherings.

With the ongoing support of all our partners, the event has now been redesigned to take place over three days in April and May next year.

On **20 and 21 April** next year, the fully digital UN & Australia Sustainable Partnerships Forum will enable UNAA to bring global speakers and audiences together with current and future Australian SDG leaders. Plenary sessions, interactive breakout discussions and networking opportunities will promote dialogue, connections and ongoing collaboration.

On **4 May**, we will build on the digital Forum by bringing prospective partners together in small group facilitated workshops designed to assess aligned interests and build the foundation for partnerships to promote Australia's contribution to progressing the SDGs.

To be added to the mailing list, keep up to date with Forum details and for your chance to be part of these small group activation workshops, please contact office@unaavictoria.org.au. UNAA members will access discounted registrations.

UNAA acknowledges the valued support of our partners in delivering the 2021 UN & Australia Sustainable Partnerships Forum: Monash University, PwC Australia, University of Melbourne, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Melbourne Water, RMIT, Yarra Valley Water, SDGx, Wendy Brooks and Partners, Comacon and ISCA.

20 & 21 APRIL 2021

MELBOURNE CRICKET GROUND (MCG)

www.partnershipsforum.unaa.org.au



▶ UNAA ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS





Each year the UNAA delivers over 150 events across Australia 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.



> PUBLIC EVENTS

ACT

2020 UN SECURITY - HOW TO DELIVER LIFE SAVING PROGRAMS IN AN INCREASINGLY HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT



As conflict and natural disasters persist across the globe the demands on the United Nations to find political solutions, deliver life-saving humanitarian aid, protect human rights and drive sustainable development continue to grow. Peter Drennan, former Under-Secretary-General of the UN Department of Safety and Security is the highest ranked Australian to ever work in the UN. Speaking in Canberra Peter highlighted that the security environment across the world is not changing, some conflicts have been resolved but too many continue, the impact of crime, corruption and extremism is significant, food insecurity is growing and economic and social disparity drives insecurity, mass migration and nationalism. The challenge for the United Nations, agencies, funds, programs and departments is to 'stay and deliver' but to also keep United Nations personnel safe and secure.



NEW SOUTH WALES

SDG SCHOLARSHIP SIGNING



In partnership with the University of Wollongong (UOW), the NSW Division of the UNAA launched an inaugural undergraduate student scholarship through the generous support of Rotary Club of Sydney Cove. UNAA NSW's Sustainability Scholarship empowers one student with the skills and tools they need to pursue and advocate for sustainability nationally and globally. The Agreement was signed in the presence of visiting Australia's Ambassador to UN Gillian Bird and Australia's Ambassador to ASEAN Jane Martin.



THE MOVEMENT MONDAY PROGRAM



The Movement Monday Program was created in response to global developments concerning the COVID-19 pandemic. This 4 week online initiative focused on the health benefits of participating in sporting and physical activity, especially in this time of uncertainty and social distancing. Over a series on Mondays, UNAA NSW shared four ways to over 1500 viewers per video of taking care of their physical and mental health through activities.



UNAA NSW MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS MEETUP



UNAA NSW members are central to the success of our events, programs and activities. UNAA NSW listened to its members and heard they wanted to learn more about the works of the United Nations, connect with like-minded people and discover how they can have a personal impact. In response, we launched our monthly Meetup which is held on the fourth Thursday of each month. We have had guest speakers including various members of our Board talking about UN Peacekeeping, UN Refugees, UN SDGs as well as the local initiatives of the UNAA (NSW). Membership application can be completed at <https://www.unaa.org.au/about/state-teams/new-south-wales/membership-nsw/>



Hosted online, Thursday 25 June - 6pm - 8pm, UNAA NSW is excited to invite you to our Members and Volunteers Meetup!

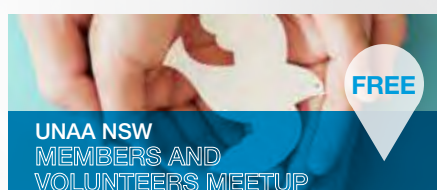
This is an opportunity for our Members, Volunteers and the General public to connect, share and learn more about the United Nations (UN) and how to make a personal impact in New South Wales. To commemorate the UN International Day of Refugees on 20th June, join us for a Members and Volunteers Meetup special UN Refugees Edition with Guest Speaker Louise Azim from UNHCR.

- WHAT WE'LL DO**
- Introduction, agenda and event hosted by UNAA NSW Director of Memberships Kevin Spence
 - Guest Speaker discussion of monthly hot topic Next week is World Refugee Day
 - Passion Pitches from NSW individuals about their SDG and Humanitarian aligned work
 - UN Themed Quiz
 - Volunteer updates with UNAA NSW Director of Volunteering Brett Martin
 - Announcement of the winners of UNAA NSW Creativity for SDGs Challenge

> DETAILS

TIME: Thursday 25 June - 6pm - 8pm AEST
VENUE: <https://www.unaa.org.au/about/state-teams/new-south-wales/>

JOIN US



Hosted online, Thursday 24th September - 6pm - 7:30pm, UNAA NSW is excited to invite you to our Members and Volunteers Meetup!

This is an opportunity for our Members, Volunteers and the General public to connect, share and learn more about the United Nations (UN) and how to make a personal impact in New South Wales.

This month we will be focusing on Peace Day celebrations featuring three short Peace Perspectives Videos with a group discussion after each about how we all can contribute to shaping peace together.

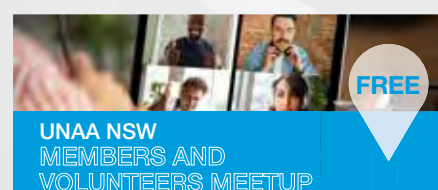
WHAT WE'LL DO

- Introduction, agenda and event hosted by UNAA NSW Director of Memberships Kevin Spence
- Peace Perspectives Videos and group discussion
- Passion Pitches from NSW individuals about their SDG and Humanitarian aligned work
- UN themed Quiz
- Volunteer updates with UNAA NSW Director of Volunteering Brett Martin

> DETAILS

TIME: Thursday 24th September - 6pm - 7:30pm AEST
VENUE: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83533075191pwd=b0U3KzdhR2k4SnByZU5jcEpRa0VOT09>
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JOIN US



Hosted online, Thursday 27th August - 6pm - 7:30pm, UNAA NSW is excited to invite you to our Members and Volunteers Meetup!

This is an opportunity for our Members, Volunteers and the General public to connect, share and learn more about the United Nations (UN) and how to make a personal impact in New South Wales.

This month we will be focusing on UNICEF with guest speaker James Nichols, Associate Director of Communications at UNICEF Australia. He will be discussing their work locally and abroad and in particular how the COVID-19 has affected how they operate.

WHAT WE'LL DO

- Introduction, agenda and event hosted by UNAA NSW Director of Memberships Kevin Spence
- Guest speaker from UNICEF
- Passion Pitches from NSW individuals about their SDG and Humanitarian aligned work
- UN themed Quiz
- Volunteer updates with UNAA NSW Director of Volunteering Brett Martin

> DETAILS

TIME: Thursday 27th August 6pm - 7:30pm AEST
VENUE: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84481171963?pwd=SzRQcEtk3KyZWEhMmZnBqS0h0VUxUT09>
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UNAA NSW UN DAY CELEBRATIONS



The Annual Gala Dinner was held in the Strangers Dining Room of NSW Parliament House. The celebrations commenced with our prestigious annual ceremonial Wreath Laying Ceremony which honours serving Australian uniformed personnel and veterans who have served the United Nations and other multilateral organisations. The Special Guest of Honour was Mr Nick Kaldas APM, former Deputy Police Commissioner and former Director of Internal Oversight Services in the United Nations Relief Works Agency. Following the Welcome address by UNAA NSW President Dr Patricia Jenkins, UNAA NSW Patron Her Excellency, the Honourable Margaret Beasley AO QC presented the 2019 UN Day's Honour's Award to Reconciliation Australia which was received by Ms Karen Mundine, CEO Reconciliation Australia.



HUMAN RIGHTS DAY: THE 71ST ANNIVERSARY SIGNING OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

The 71st Anniversary of the signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights saw UNAA NSW Executives including President Dr Patricia Jenkins, Jean Santos, Executive Manager Joshua Karras and volunteers, distributing Declaration Booklets in the Barangaroo Precinct. It was a wonderfully impacting time of discourse, exposure and promotion of this landmark document and well received. Many thanks to Lendlease for helping make this happen and for turning the Barangaroo Buildings blue in acknowledgment of this special day.



NORTHERN TERRITORY

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2020

8 MARCH 2020 - DARWIN

United Nations Association of Australia NT and Multicultural Council of the NT jointly participated in the International Women's Day 2020 walk and had a combined stall.



WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2020 CELEBRATION

The movie, *The Peanut Butter Falcon*, was shown at Deckchair Cinema on 7 June as a fundraiser for United Nations Association Australia NT & Environment Centre NT!



INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY

21 JUNE 2020

A wonderful event International Day of Yoga held at NT Parliament Hall. This idea was +first proposed by the current Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi during his speech at the UN General Assembly 9UNGA) on 27 Sep 2014.



QUEENSLAND

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE



Schools, partners and civil society could participate during the 5 hours at St Johns Cathedral in Brisbane. Most Reverend Peter Catt (Chair of the Peace Council for Australia) opened the event. Leanne Smith introduced the IDP Annual Lecture and set the scene for why we pause for a ceasefire amid wars to reflect on the background for the Day of Peace. The formal lecture was delivered by Sophie McNeill (former war correspondent) focussing on the rights of the children. **Rotary** announced two worthy **Peace Award** recipients. **UNAAQ Global Citizenship school** students participated while a **UNAAQ Youth Voices for Peace** representative presented slam poetry from our workshop on Peace and Climate Change. Climate migration and children were key themes.



UN DAY CELEBRATIONS

27 OCTOBER 2019

The Inaugural Doug (Doc) Everingham Lecture was convened by the Peace and Security Program during UN Day-Week. That week comprised many events including a legacy of the G20 in Brisbane, called Integrity 20 with Justice Pillay. On the last day of celebrations, former UNAA President, Major General (Ret'd) Michael G Smith AO gave the Inaugural Lecture *"Australia and the UN in a Changing World Order"*



MOTHER EARTH DAY

22 APRIL

The 14th annual UNAAQ Community Awards ceremony showcased the achievements of 5 outstanding SDG champions Luke Geary, Kerry McGovern, Jason McLeod, Stella Miria-Robinson and the Wangan and Jagalingou Family Council. Each represented a suite of goals, under the **5P analysis of the Sustainable Development Goals**. This is the third time UNAAQ recognised efforts for local implementation.



SDG champion
People
Luke Geary



SDG champion(s)
Planet - Wangan and
Jagalingou Family
Council
(Murrawah Johnson)



SDG Champion
Prosperity
Ms Kerry McGovern



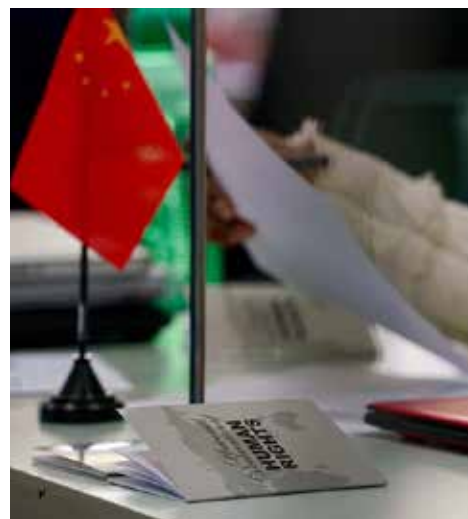
SDG Champion
Peace
Dr Jason McLeod



SDG Champion
Partnerships
Stella Miria-Robinson

MODEL UNITED NATIONS

UNAA Victoria runs Model UNs (MUNs) 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. UNAA Victoria ran 19 MUNs for 1630 participants in first half of the reporting period. In January, UNAA Victoria ran a Model UN as part of the *Actions for Earth - Global Youth Summit*. First held in Singapore in 2014, this event brought students from across Asia to Melbourne.



SDGS AND STUDENTS: MAKING SURE THE FUTURE IS IN GOOD HANDS

16 JULY 2019

Matthew Brennan, Transurban's Head of Sustainability, Biheng Zhang, Pollinate Energy Director of Philanthropy and Di Fleming, Executive Director, Ducere Foundation, led this event for tertiary students interested in finding out more about how the SDGs are being integrated into not-for-profit, international and corporate organisations. The event was kicked off with a presentation about Deakin University's on-campus SDG activities by students Olivia D'Souza and Christine Coxhill. 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.



SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES MODEL UN

19 AUGUST 2019

For the second year in a row, UNAA Victoria ran a Model UN for the planning sector. Some 100 planners, consultants, tertiary students and government representatives joined in the full-day simulation of a General Assembly debate around Sustainable Cities and Communities. Participants worked in teams to represent UN Member States. The Model UN was overseen by UNAA Victoria Board Member and former UN Ambassador, Carlisle Richardson, as Acting Secretary-General.



UN DAY BREAKFAST

OCTOBER 24

The rights, traditions and creativity of Indigenous Peoples were the focus of UNAA Victoria's UN Day celebration. Some 100 people enjoyed breakfast at PwC Australia's Southbank headquarters while listening to Amber Roberts outline PWC Indigenous Consulting's work to assess corporate organisations against the UN Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and Dr Megan Kelly speak about the work Deakin University is doing to implement Indigenous Design Charters in Australia and internationally.



GLOBAL CLIMATE ACTION PANEL DISCUSSION

12 MARCH 2020

For the fourth year in a row, UNAA Victoria brought climate experts together to discuss the current state of international cooperation for climate management and action. Australian Ambassador for the Environment, Jamie Isbister, led the conversation which also included Emily Gerrard, Director, Comhar Group, Fiona Armstrong, Executive Director, Climate and Health Alliance and Professor Mark Howden, Director, ANU Climate Change Institute.



SOUTH AUSTRALIA

THE UNAA SA UNITED NATIONS DAY DINNER AND LAUNCH OF UNAA RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN



OCTOBER 13 2019

The **UNAA SA United Nations Day Dinner** celebrated the formation, goals and achievement of the United Nations through a lovely celebration with the UNAA SA community, partners and donors. This Dinner was not only an **important fundraising event** for the UNAA SA but is also the occasion where the **UNAA Reconciliation Plan** was launched.

To support this milestone for the UNAA, **Gavin Wanganeen** was in attendance as a guest speaker. Gavin is an Australian Football League (AFL) legend, acclaimed contemporary Aboriginal artist and passionate supporter of Indigenous empowerment. On 10 December, UNAA Victoria ran its first Model UN for the general community. Held on the 70th anniversary of the UN Declaration of Human Rights, some 60 people debated whether the Declaration needs changing to meet today's world.



AUSTRALIA DAY PARADE REPORT

26 JANUARY 2020

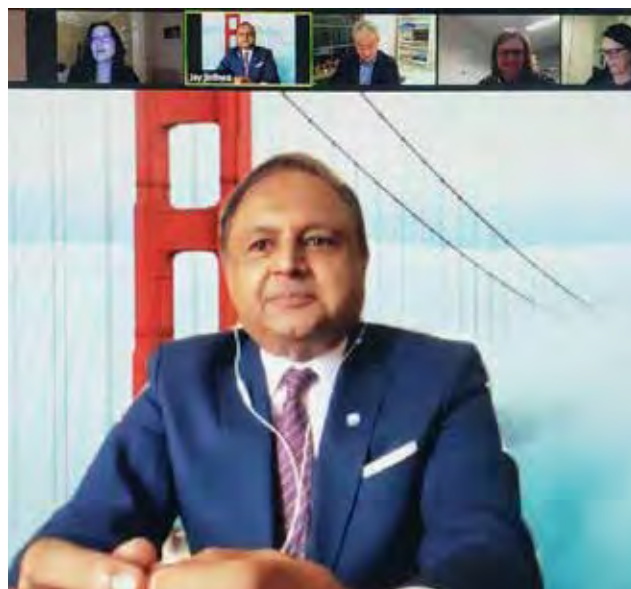
On the 26th of January 2020, the United Nations Association of Australia - South Australia Division participated in the Annual South Australian, Australia Day parade. More than 100 floats, and 200 multicultural communities and societies were involved showcasing traditional music, costumes and dance. Our members carried the UN flags proudly in support of the UNAASA and had a wonderful time engaging with the large crowds along the way. When the parade was finished all those who attended had the opportunity to enjoy a concert by Aboriginal Australian Band 'Electric Fields' and fireworks along the banks of the Torrens River. It was a moving, positive event; one which allowed us all to proudly celebrate Australia's Indigenous People as well as the many other various cultures and communities that now proudly call Australia their home. It was an experience we look forward to repeating next year.



'IN CONVERSATION WITH DELEGATES OF UNFCCC PARIS CLIMATE CONFERENCE' WEBINAR

JUNE 4 2020

This webinar was held with delegates of the 21st meeting of the Conference of Parties (CoP) in Paris under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The delegates included those from South Australia and the Pacific Islands, former Lord Mayor of Adelaide, Martin Haese and current CEO of Business SA and Chair of the SA Premiers Climate Change Council. The panel session was moderated by UNAA-SA Vice President Annie Ngo (former adviser to SA Government) who also attended the Paris climate conference as a delegate. The event was held in collaboration with UN Youth, in partnership with the United Nations Information Centre as our event partner and with special guests Jay Jethwa from the World Federation of the United Nations Associations (WFUNA) and Nai Jit Lam from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).



WESTERN AUSTRALIA



THE ART OF STORYTELLING' EXHIBITION



DECEMBER 22 2019

The UNAAWA Human Rights Committee and the Western Australian Shipwrecks Museum were thrilled to open 'The Art of Storytelling' Exhibition. The collaboration, celebrating the United Nations Year of Indigenous Languages, presents artwork from Fremantle's Japingka Art Gallery, WAIWe Are project, Tashiface, and materials that illustrate the importance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Australia's diverse Indigenous language culture. The full house turnout included Western Australian Museum CEO Alec Cole, Japnkgiga and WAIWe Are representatives, and family, friends and fellow UNAAWA members. The exhibition attracted both local and international visitors during the Museum's peak summer period. The exhibition was open and free to the public.

SDG FORUM SERIES: 'BUSINESS TRANSFORMATION IN ACHIEVING THE SDGS'



FEBRUARY 26 2020

UNAAWA held its first SDG Business Forum Series for 2020 titled 'Achieving SDGs and Impact on Business Transformation', at Ernst & Young Perth.

The event discussed the improvements and areas of concern that surfaced after the implementation of the SDGs. UNAAWA President Dr Sandy Chong led the panel discussion, which include NexStep Founder Michele Villa, MLA of Swan Hills Jessica Shaw and EY Perth Partner Adam Carrel as speakers. The speakers talked about the necessity of bringing changes into the current ways of doing business and the challenges that they need to overcome. Despite the advanced technology, the speakers pointed out that businesses need more innovative ideas, strong leadership, and enduring risk-taking ability. Businesses could also set great corporate citizenship example by standing up against norms that do more harm than good for the communities and environment one operates in.



FEMALE FINANCIAL DIALOGUE #FINIMIZED, WEWORK PERTH

MARCH 11 2020

The Female Financial Dialogue #Finimized, Perth convened a panel forum in recognition of Women's History Month. The event promoted female financial literacy and gender equality. It was organised in partnership with the UNAOWA Gender Equality Committee and hosted at WeWork.

The panel discussion was facilitated by Finimize community leader Ati Aziz, and panellists included economist Professor Alison Preston, the Deputy Dean of the University of Western Australia, Associate Professor Dr Nigar Sultana of Curtin University of Technology, Dr Sandy Chong, UNAOWA President, and Angelina Yao, CEO and founder of Heels & Yield.

Women retire with almost 50% less than men on average. This is a result of independent choices and a calculated gender pay disparity. It is imperative for women to become educated financially for self-sustainability. The panel also encouraged the idea of championing women both at home and at workplace, calling for them to speak up for change and fight for their own worth.



BLACK LIVES MATTER INTERVIEW WITH INDIGENOUS ELDER, UNCLE BEN TAYLOR

JUNE 28 2020

Two days before the Black Lives Matter rally in Perth, it was an honour to interview Ben Cuimermara Taylor AM, a Noongar Elder and Co-Chair of WA Deaths in Custody Watch Committee, about the plights of indigenous peoples in Australia. A well-known indigenous activist from Western Australia, Uncle Ben, an 81 year old man who spoke passionately as he recounted the story of his life and his struggles to overcome the deep-rooted discrimination he has experienced. He shared his sense of hope and optimism that the protests seen around the world might open the eyes of all those in Australia who too often choose to look away from the racism and discrimination which still exists today.

The screening of the interview was extremely well-received hitting the record high of over 9000 viewers and 2500% increase in engagement on our Facebook page in less than a week. This interview is available for viewing on: <https://www.facebook.com/UNAOWAInc/videos/699257730915972/>



> YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

2019 UNAA YOUNG PROFESSIONALS WA EXCELLENCE AWARD



WESTERN AUSTRALIA YPS

The 2019 UNAA Young Professionals (WA) Award is dedicated to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), that aim to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all. They address the global challenges that we face, including those related to poverty, inequality, climate, environmental degradation, prosperity, peace and justice. The finalists displayed significant dedication to the SDGs and were as follows; Nkandu Beltz, Jahna Cedar and Giri Sitham. The winner of the Young Professionals WA Excellence Award was Ms Nkandu Beltz.



SPEED MENTORING EVENT



ACT YPS – 27 AUGUST 2019

In August 2019, the UNAA Young Professionals in the ACT held a speed mentoring night focusing on supporting women in leadership. This included ensuring at least 60 per cent of mentors were women and who all had actively worked to promote gender equality and that at least 60 per cent of mentees were women. Our mentors were across a range of collaboration with the private, public and NGO sphere, presented an event to lead social change through a speed mentoring night. Aimed towards promoting awareness of Sustainable Development Goal 5: Gender equality while supporting professional development opportunities, the participants were provided access to mentors across a range of professional fields.

Mentors and participants engaged in important topics such as access to equal pay and opportunities in the workplace and opportunities to increase participation in flexible work. We thank King & Wood Mallesons for their generous support of the event, the UNAA and work toward gender equality.



PANEL DISCUSSION: ARE WE LIVING IN A CULTURE THAT IS TOLERANT TOWARDS VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN?

VICTORIA YPS – 24 SEPTEMBER 2019

UNAA Victoria's Young Professionals Network hosted this important and challenging panel discussion, hosted by Queen Victoria Women's Centre CEO Jo Porter. Panel members included Dr Lata Satyen, Senior Lecturer and Psychologist, Deakin University; Joanna Brislane, Our Watch Manager, Practice Systems and Jessica Maxwell, Counsellor/Advocate and Primary Prevention Worker, CASA House.



CLIMATE CHANGE FILM PREMIERE AND PANEL DISCUSSION

VICTORIA YPS – 25 FEBRUARY 2020

UNAA Victoria Young Professionals hosted the Australian premiere of the film, *Global Thermostat*, prior to a panel discussion involving climate experts, as part of the 2020 Transitions Film Festival. *Global Thermostat* explores cutting-edge, grand-scale proposals to combat global warming through radical interference with the Earth's climate. Panellists included Graham Hunter, National Coordinator, UNAA Climate Change program; activist and writer, Deborah Hart; Luke Taylor, Director of the Sustainable Living Foundation and Peter Christoff, Associate Professor, Environmental Studies, University of Melbourne.



WORLD CAFÉ SERIES



WESTERN AUSTRALIA YPS – 9 JUNE 2020

UNAA WA YP President, Neesha Seth moderated this panel discussion. The panellists were a diverse group of business and community leaders from across the world including Michael Sheldrick, Chief Policy Officer at Global Citizen. The panel discussion explored a number of issues covering the personal, community, and business impacts of the global COVID-19 pandemic. Following the panel discussion was an audience discussion surrounding the SDGs and their relevance to COVID-19. Feedback from the event was largely positive with attendees interested in attending more events of a similar nature.



SOLVING THE CLIMATE CRISIS, OCTOBER 2019

QUEENSLAND YPS



On 31 October 2019, the United Nations Young Professionals Queensland partnered with Aurecon at their stunning King St Brisbane home to ‘Solve the Climate Crisis’. The important discussion linked real world climate crises to real world solutions, and discussed the role of business courage, the power of narrative, youth activism and mobilisation, and the role of SDG 13 ‘Climate Action’. The panel featured Wendy Flannery, Friends of the Earth Climate Frontlines, Mary Harm, 350 Pacific, A/Professor Matt McDonald, University of Queensland, and Paul Gleeson, Managing Director of Energy, Resources & Water at Aurecon. The night’s discussion was engaging, the ideas were exciting, and the catering (Paella) was perfect, enjoyed by nearly 130 people at the sold-out event.





MODERN SLAVERY

QUEENSLAND YPS

In our first major event for 2020, United Nations Young Professionals Queensland discussed the sheer scale of the global modern slavery issue, and shone a light on how vulnerable people are being exploited here in Australia. Supported by Griffith University, we explored how modern slavery and human trafficking are still ruining lives in 2020, and what is being done to stop it. The incredible and insightful panel included Luke Geary, Partner - Mills Oakley, Not-For-Profit & Social Enterprise Team, Jade Goodburn, Team Leader - A-Team Gold Coast, A21, Sally Irwin, Founder/MD of The Freedom Hub, and Dr. Donnell Davis, President, UNAA Queensland.



THE FUTURE WE WANT SERIES

QUEENSLAND YPS

As Covid-19 took hold in early 2020 and events as we know it came to a halt, the United Nations Young Professionals Queensland moved their engagement online with 'The Future we Want', a series of six online events held across 2020. The first two were delivered in the first half of 2020, with the rest following after June.



CONVERSATIONS WITH YOUNG INDIGENOUS LEADERS

The first event in the series, 'Conversations with Young Indigenous Leaders' took place during National Reconciliation Week 2020. Together, we were informed, inspired, and engaged by young community leaders as we discussed a way forward for indigenous peoples. By supporting the discussion on Indigenous health, community activism, and climate futures, we became stronger allies in working towards a better future for all Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and through that, a better future for everyone.

The incredible panel was MC'd by Taylor Clarke, community activist, campaigner and educator and featured Tamika Sadler, Brisbane SEED Youth Indigenous Climate Network (SEED) Coordinator; Robati Harrison, Brisbane Coordinator for Pacific Climate Warriors (PCW), and Ami Diop, a young professional working in the Indigenous health sector.



WORLD REFUGEE DAY 2020

QUEENSLAND YPS

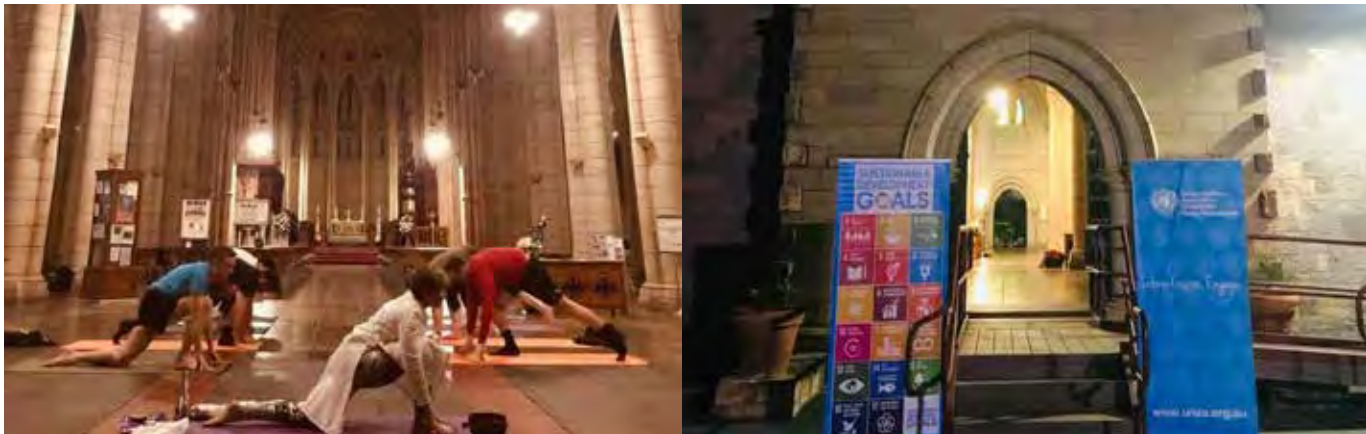
The second event in the ‘Future we Want’ series was World Refugee Day 2020. This webinar unpacked key issues surrounding refugees and asylum seekers, and celebrated the work of refugee advocates and community leaders here in Brisbane. In UNYPQ’s third annual World Refugee Day Event, our panel engaged the issues of refugee and asylum seeker rights, the current Australian political and legal landscape, the morality of detention centres and community action. The experienced and passionate panel included Bill Gamack: CEO of Multicultural Australia; Wei Shih: A/President of Refugee Tutoring Queensland; Sanam Ahmadzada, a Research Officer within the Policy and Epidemiology Group, the Queensland Centre for Mental Health Research; councillor Ogy Simic, Advocacy Manager of the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre, and Jonathan Sri, Councillor for the Gabba, Brisbane.



YOGA FOR PEACE SERIES, JULY 2019

QUEENSLAND YPS

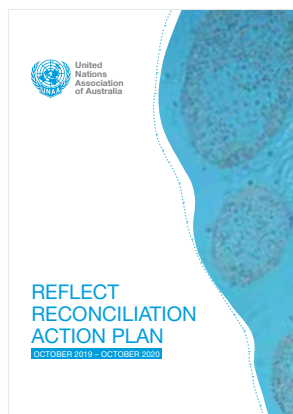
The United Nations Young Professionals Queensland were proud to partner with the stunning St John’s Cathedral to present ‘Yoga for Peace’, raising funds for the Romero Centre, a refugee and asylum support centre. We gathered to celebrate unity in diversity and peace, to promote good physical and mental health, and raise money for a worthy cause over 6 weeks. The sessions were led by the incredibly Yasmeen, and we will be partnering again in 2020!



> UNAA SUBMISSIONS & PUBLICATIONS

The UNAA has published several recent policy positions and discussion papers on important topics:

UNAA SUBMISSIONS AND PUBLICATIONS



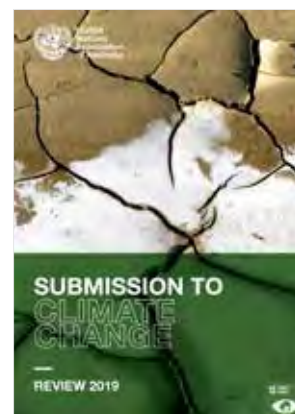
UNAA Reconciliation Action Plan



UNAA-RMIT Sustainable Development Goals ASX 150 Report



UNAA Managing Climate Change in Australia Position Paper 2019



Submission to Climate Change Authority Review 2019

POSITION STATEMENTS



Rights of Indigenous Peoples



Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



Climate Change



Gender Equality



Refugees and Asylum Seekers

These papers can be found on our website at unaa.org.au

UN YOUTH

UN Youth Australia is a national youth-led organisation that aims to educate and empower young Australians on global issues by providing them with the knowledge and support they need to create change. UN Youth Australia is committed to acting with urgency and purpose to support the community of young people across the nation during COVID-19 by making information, resources and support accessible. This support will bring confidence to young people across Australia and allow them to play a role in helping the nation recover from COVID-19.

EVATT NATIONAL FINALS

UN Youth's National Evatt Competition is Australia's largest debating and diplomacy competition. The Evatt Competition gives students hands-on insight into the operation of the most powerful international organisation in the history of the interstate system and exposure to some of the most important questions facing the international community. Throughout 2019, Evatt Competition rounds were held across the country in every Division of UN Youth. Almost 2000 students participated, tackling some of the most pressing issues of our times. Evatt National Finals were held in Brisbane from 25th November to 1st December 2019. The winners were Liv and Yannee from Victoria.



INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

MIDDLE EAST EXPERIENCE

Internationally, UN Youth Australia coordinates a variety of educational tours designed to foster ideas and innovation – giving young people the inspiration and support they need to create change. In January 2020 UN Youth took 16 inquisitive students to the Middle East to explore themes of nationalism, religion and statehood in Israel and Jordan. The experience is designed to provide students with both the access to learn a huge amount from people living in this region of the world, whilst also enabling them to ask difficult questions and formulate their own opinions on some of the biggest political crises in both modern and historical times.



YOUNG DIPLOMATS TOUR

In January 2022, UN Youth will take 16 young leaders from around Australia on a four-week tour of Europe to explore the complex realities of diplomacy in the 21st Century. Over four weeks and seven countries, delegates meet and engage with the key players in international diplomacy – from UN representatives, European politicians, diplomats, embassies, leading thinkers, to NGOs and grassroots organisations whilst exploring breathtaking historical sites across Europe.



AMERICAN POLITICAL TOUR

In January 2020, UN Youth took 16 young leaders from across Australia on a four-week tour of the United States of America to explore the current state of American politics. Delegates unpacked the intricacies of American politics through briefly looking into history and exploring the places, people, and forces that have shaped America as we know it. In each state, delegates visited monuments, museums, and memorials to better understand how notable events in American history have led us to where we are now.

VOICE NATIONAL FINALS

Voice is a public speaking and problem solving competition, where students in years 7-10 are given a problem, and tasked with solving it. They then present that solution in a short pitch to the judges. Rounds are held in most states and territories, with the winners advancing to the national finals. Voice National Finals took place on the 15th and 16th of April 2020, and became UN Youth Australia's first fully online event. The winners were Tara (Junior Division) and Siena (Senior Division), both from Queensland.



YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE

In February, Australia's youth representative to the United Nations, Kareem El-Ansary, released the 2019 UN Youth Report detailing consultation with 7,000 young people across the country, asking: What will our future look like if young people are heard today? The foremost priority for young people engaged by Kareem's Listening Tour was the issue of education and its relevance to the lives of young people today, not only in its capacity to skill and prepare young people to find meaningful employment in a changing economy, but also to navigate the increasing complexity of 21st century living. UN Youth Australia announced that Lucy Stronach is the Australian Youth Representative to the United Nations for 2021. The Youth Representative program is run by UN Youth Australia in partnership with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Lucy will be consulting with young people in every State and Territory across Australia gathering data on what issues young people care most about. During the Listening Tour, Lucy will be asking young Australians 'What would Australia look like if young people were the key drivers of decision making?' In 2021, Lucy will take these ideas to the United Nations where she will advocate on behalf of Australia's young Australians to have their voices heard.

WFUNA

2020 continues to be a year like no other. The combination of health, economic, environmental and social factors continues to provide personal and professional challenges for us all – including when it comes to forecasting the major outcomes under many, if not all of the programs and projects of the United Nations.

In response to the Covid-19 crisis, WFUNA issued the following statement on 23 April 2020:

*The World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA) convened a meeting of our global civil society organization to gather country information from the over 100 national members shared promising practices and lessons learned in this global COVID-19 health pandemic. The Members, therefore, issued a **CALL**:*

For countries to reinvest in the United Nations at a time when national borders are closing more tightly:

For a post-COVID-19 world where the UN is at the centre building a “new normal” of reduced inequities - in access to resources, medical care, decent housing and care - in short, where the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) inform each country’s renewal plans:

For additional focus on the economic and social support to the most vulnerable (women, children, people with disabilities, etc.) and the most vulnerable territories during and post pandemic interventions;

For global investments in climate financing and de-nuclearization - two other existential threats; and

For UN Peacebuilding to integrate the securitisation of global health and the risks of future global health pandemics into decision frameworks.

The Members of WFUNA RECOGNIZE countries which have invested through the World Health Organization (WHO) and other UN bodies at a time many are looking inward, and acknowledge the responsibilities of highly developed countries to invest in the least developed countries, including through social infrastructure (like UNAs) and physical infrastructure to liberate full participation in global prosperity.

Although the adjustment to COVID-19 has been a challenge, WFUNA remains strong in its mission to support the goals of the United Nations, and make the world a better place. As part of the UN75 celebrations, WFUNA issued the following Proclamation on the principle theme of “2020 and Beyond: Shaping Our Future Together”:

During January and February 2020, I spent 3 weeks in New York City and took part in the following WFUNA programs and events focusing on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals.



1

On 3 February 2020, I took part in the Civil Society Dialogue with the President of the United Nations Security Council for the month of February, the Permanent Representative of Belgium H.E. Mr Marc Pecsteen de Buytsverve held at the UNHQ. I had the opportunity to ask the President about the safety of the UN Briefers and what is being done to protect such briefers in undertaking their work. This event was web-cast by UNTV.

2

On 4 February 2020, I took part in the outgoing UN Security Council Members Exit Interviews held in the EcoSoc Council Chambers at the UN HQ. Five outgoing non-permanent members of the Security Council gave their experiences whilst they were members of the council, and what lessons we could learn from their experiences. I had the opportunity to put a question to each of the five members. This event was web-cast on UNTV.

3

I was on the panel of organisers and special guests to inaugurate the 2020 WFUNA's International Model United Nations (WIMUN) in New York. This year, WIMUN had in excess of 800 students taking part from more than 35 countries. It was one of the most successful events held under WIMUN.

4

I was invited to present the work of WFUNA to about 75 youth from Jamaica taking part in the 2020 WIMUN held in New York's Grand Hyatt Hotel on 1 February.

5

I took part in the WFUNA Regional UNA Meeting – Asia-Pacific on Friday 3 July 2020 (together with Mario D'Elia and Lachlan Hunter.

6

I visited our WFUNA secretariat offices in New York and witness the great work the staff and volunteers are doing to promote the work of the United Nations. I had numerous meetings with our senior staff and the Sec-Gen of WFUNA.

In May 2020, WFUNA hosted two virtual United Nations Security Council Elections Debates with candidates from regional groups competing for non-permanent seats for the 2021-2022 term. The African Group Debate was held on May 27, and featured candidates from Djibouti and Kenya. The candidate countries were represented by the Permanent Representatives of both Missions to the UN, H.E. Mr. Mohamed Siad Doualeh of Djibouti and H.E. Mr. Lazarus Ombai Amayo of Kenya.

The Western European and Others Group Debate was held on May 29th and featured candidates from Canada, Ireland, and Norway. The candidate countries were represented by the Permanent Representatives of all three Missions to the UN, H.E. Mr. Marc-André Blanchard of Canada, H.E. Ms. Geraldine Byrne Nason of Ireland, and H.E. Ms. Mona Juul of Norway.

2020 has turned out to be a challenging year, however WFUNA is working hard for alternative measures to ensure continuity in its goal of trust and transparency in government and institutions. It is shifting many of its programs to virtual meetings and webinars, ensuring everyone's ability to attend and participate. These debates are growing with some 800 participants for the two debates, including some 150 member states despite the fact that it was held online for the first time.

Jay Jethwa

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



NATIONAL

BOARD

The UNAA National Board is the peak decision-making body of the UNAA. The Board consists of members from the National Office, each state team, the Young Professionals Network and UN Youth Australia.

	MEETINGS ATTENDED	MEETINGS HELD
Mario D’Elia National President	6	6
Dr. Patricia Jenkins Vice President, Divisions and NSW President	6	6
Justin Howden Vice President, Independents	6	6
Louisa Minney National Secretary	6	6
Liesel Meinecke National Treasurer	5	6
Brian Gleeson ACT President	6	6
Katrina Fong Lim AM / Rama Jayaraj NT President	3	5
Dr Donnell Davis / Claire Moore QLD President	5	6
Lidia Moretti SA President	6	6
Michael Henry AM / Andrew Hewett Vic Representative	6	6
Sandy Chong WA President	4	6
Richard Gruppetta Independent Director	5	6
Melissa King Independent Director	6	6
Laura John Young Professionals President	5	5
Lachlan Hunter Executive Director	6	6
Danielle Santos / Cassady Swinbourne UN Youth President	6	6

> OUR PEOPLE

NATIONAL PATRON

Their Excellencies the Governor-General, the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd) and Lady Elizabeth Hurley

NATIONAL OFFICE

Lachlan Hunter National Executive Director

Jay Jethwa UNAA WFUNA Representative

Lauren Ball Academic Network Lead

Ali Miller Graphic Designer

Maya Cina Bookkeeper

Dave Norton Webhost and support

Sarah Mareuil Advisor

Simon Crowell Advisor

Gabriel Steger Advisor

Tim Martin Advisor

Rachel Stone Advisor

Jennah McCann Advisor

Arielle Levy National Intern

Kayla Slade National Intern

Natalie Seeto National Intern

Lucy Bei National Intern

Malachi Murljadic National Intern

Bridget Donovan National Intern

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Co-Chair (Federal Member for Bowman)

Sharon Claydon MP

Co-Chair (Federal Member for Newcastle)

The UNAA would also like to thank King & Wood Mallesons, the ACT Government, AtticusNow, ThinkPlace, Synergy Group, Infrabuild, Verv Creations and AgileWorx for their generous support and work with the UNAA this financial year.

> GOODWILL AMBASSADORS

The UNAA Goodwill Ambassadors are eminent persons 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.



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.



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.



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 2nd 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. Tanya is the 2021 South Australian Australian of the Year.

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 EXECUTIVE

Laura John / Grace Cliffe

Young Professionals National President

Shalysse Romer

Young Professionals National Operations

Vanessa Mazzei

Young Professionals National Vice-President

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Young Professionals VIC President

Joel Lindsay

Young Professionals QLD President

Ryan King

Young Professionals NT President

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

These financials cover the United Nations Association of Australia Incorporated (UNAA Inc) only and for the reporting year of 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020. The UNAA Inc is the National body of the Federated UNAA group. The UNAA Inc operates as a registered Australian charity promoting the work of the United Nations in Australia. The UNAA does not receive financial support and operates independently from the United Nations and the Australian Government.

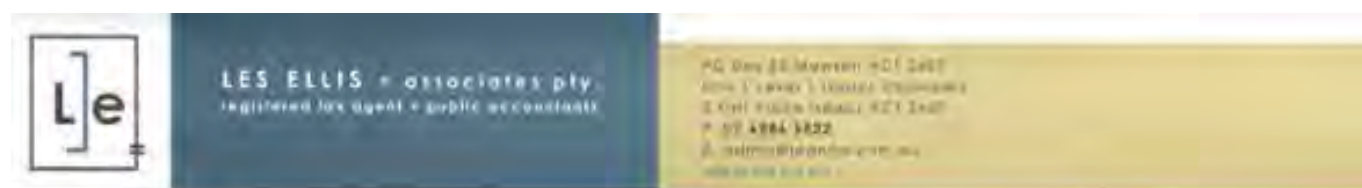
> STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2020

	FY2019	FY2020
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash At Bank	\$246,497.18	\$142,111.41
Accounts Receivable	\$5,409.06	\$2,792.40
Prepaid Expenses	\$2,007.21	\$1748.02
Accrued Revenue	\$0	\$0
Total Current Assets	\$253,913.45	\$146,651.83
Fixed Assets	\$1,209.02	\$897.02
Total Assets	\$255,122.47	\$147,548.83
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade Payables	\$2,249.03	\$472.56
Tax Liabilities	\$3,760.01	\$3578.01
Leave Provisions	\$12,223.93	\$10,265.43
Accrued Expenses	\$20,132	\$0
Deferred Revenue	\$0	\$0
Total Liabilities	\$38,364.97	\$14,316
NET ASSETS	\$216,757.50	\$133,232.85
Current Year Surplus/(Deficit)	\$53,546.87	(\$83,524.25)
Retained Funds	\$163,212.32	\$216,757.10
TOTAL MEMBERS FUNDS	\$216,759.19	\$133,232.85

> STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2020

	Fy2019	Fy2018
INCOME		
Grants Received	\$234,000	\$12,500
Program Income Received	\$103,007.52	\$27,667
Other Income Received	\$7,476.91	\$37,647
Total Income	\$344,484.43	\$77,814
EXPENDITURE		
Program & Activity Expenditure	\$94,666.44	\$15,435
Employment Expenses	\$155,687.42	\$128,295.55
Administration Expenses	\$40,271.39	\$17,295.55
Depreciation Expenses	\$312	\$312
Total Expenditure	\$290,937.25	\$161,338.43
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	\$53,547.18	(\$83,524.43)

> AUDITOR REPORT



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, 2020. 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 2020, and income and expenditure for the year ended 30 June, 2020;
- 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
Thursday, September 3, 2020

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