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NSW Division



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ANNUAL REPORT 2021



“2020 marks the 75th anniversary of the United Nations. I draw tremendous strength from all that we represent and all that we have achieved together. Yet anniversaries are not about celebrating the past; they are about looking ahead. We must cast our eyes to the future with hope. But we must also do so without illusion.”

UN Secretary-General's remarks to the General Assembly 2020



UN Photo, Secretary-General Speaks at Lahore University of Management Sciences

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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 never ceded. UNAA (NSW) reaffirms its commitment to reconciliation and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander justice. We pay our respects to the elders past, present, and emerging.

A YEAR IN REVIEW

The United Nations Association of Australia NSW Division (UNAA NSW) is the pre-eminent institution promoting the objectives of the United Nations (UN) in New South Wales (NSW) over the past 75 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, and more sustainable world.

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volunteer hours

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Audience numbers
reached through
events and
programs

150+
UNAA (NSW)
UN Diploma
Graduates

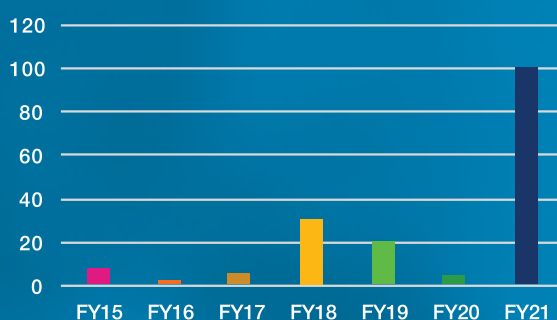
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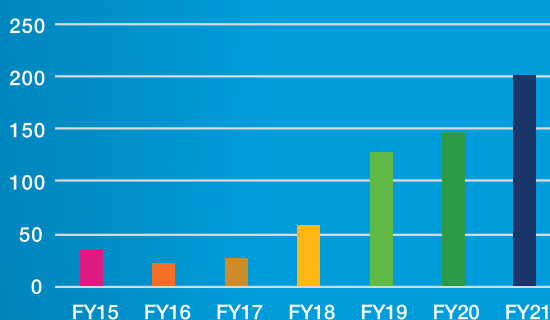
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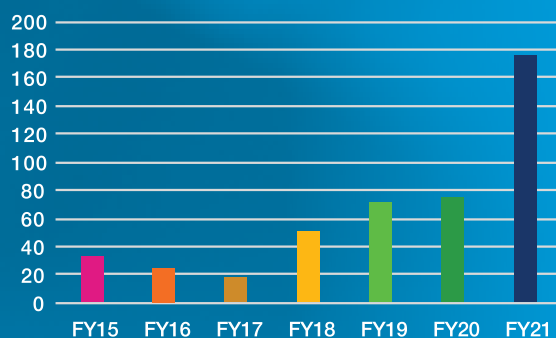
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PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD

Sincerest thanks to my fellow global citizens for your enduring support during the past unpredictable year. I also express my deepest gratitude to our dedicated UNAA (NSW) Board of Directors, UNAA (NSW) Advisory Board, Executive Manager, and Associates who have given their all and achieved beyond expectation. Upon reading this Annual Report, I hope you will agree that we have diligently continued our onward and upward journey to help create a safer, fairer, and more sustainable world. You can rest assured we will continue to do so at this critical time.

UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres recently drew attention to our challenging world environment: "We are truly at a crossroads, with consequential choices before us...We are writing our own history with the choices we make right now. It can go either way: breakdown and perpetual crisis or breakthrough and prospect of a greener, safer and better future for all." The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted our vulnerability and interconnectivity. As we work towards building a road to recovery, it should not be forgotten that while our fates are increasingly entwined, our work has never been more important in linking local activism with international collaboration.

Furthermore, in the post pandemic world, the UN has the opportunity to initiate transformative global reform in line with UN value driven philosophy including achieving the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. This Agenda is humanity's blueprint for a better future and represents a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure that all people enjoy peace, prosperity, and equality by 2030. This is most important to us as our initiatives are aligned with the UN Charter and Universal Declaration of Human Rights, as well as the SDGs.

It has been a privilege and honour to again serve as your President and I am respectful of your loyalty. I look forward to continuing to work together while thinking globally and acting locally and never losing sight of our shared goals in helping create a better world for all in the wonderful spirit of humanitarian mateship, the embodiment of UN ideals.

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



EXECUTIVE MANAGER'S REPORT

This past year has categorically proven a number of organisational truths. It has demonstrated the resilient nature of our association, the enduring passion of our volunteers to commit themselves to acts of sustainable development and social justice, and the loyal goodwill of our friends and members to support us during such problematic times. It has truly been an incredible journey.

This year has continued the trend of propulsive growth in various sectors, with the solidification of our Four Pillars model. Our work output has proven to be more tailored, purposeful, and impactful.

As Executive Manager, I continue to coordinating our keystone UNAA (NSW) UN Diploma program, with two more cohorts successfully completing and passing all relevant competencies. As COVID-19 immunisation of the state population increases, I look forward to working with our graduates who wish to pursue the role of Liaison Officer, where the skills gained in the qualification are translated into real word action from within our organisation. Adding to our ever-growing education portfolio, UTS and UNAA (NSW) also completed its inaugural round of UN Modular Courses and Short Courses. Finally, our organisation has recently commenced an Industry and Community Project Unit with the University of Sydney, solidifying our increasing presence in the education space.

From an events perspective, it was a pleasure to experience all online and hybrid events as we fluctuated through the varied regulations and health orders. In particular, the success of our UN Day celebrations, including the Annual Wreath Laying Commemorative Ceremony, our online event as well as the launch of our UN75 Online Art Exhibition in collaboration with Google Arts and Culture were inspiring to be a part of, and was a testament to the determination of the Executive Committee and active volunteers. In addition, the UNAA (NSW) held many other commemorative events, all of which aimed to fulfil the mandate of informing, inspiring, and engaging all people about the work and mission of the UN.

I am privileged to work alongside talented, philanthropic, and selfless individuals, who give generously of their time and efforts to further our cause. I would sincerely like to express my many thanks to all involved who know that when the day is done, it must be known that we the people ferociously strived to be better to ourselves, to each other, and to our world.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joshua Karras', written over a horizontal line.

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

OUR PURPOSE

Our purpose is to inform, inspire, and engage Australians to create a safer, fairer, more sustainable world. During 2020/21, the UNAA (NSW) reviewed and refreshed the purpose statement of our association. Our updated purpose reflects the reason UNAA (NSW) was founded and underscores our ongoing relevance today.

OUR MISSION

To deliver on our purpose, our mission is to empower people, to think globally, and act locally through events, advocacy, and education. As an independent division of the United Nations Association of Australia, which is in turn a member of the World Federation of United Nations Associations (the largest global network of people supporting and engaging with the United Nations), our strategic focus is on four core pillars that underpin the UN:

**PEACE
& SECURITY**

**HUMAN
RIGHTS**

**SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT**

**GLOBAL
CITIZENSHIP**

OUR PROGRAM FRAMEWORK

To fulfil our mission, the UNAA (NSW) works with a range of partners to organise events, advocate for positive change, and offer educational opportunities. In all of these initiatives we are guided by the United Nations Charter, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and the Sustainable Development Goals, along with other relevant UN frameworks and International Days.

OUR FOUR-PILLAR PROGRAM FRAMEWORK IS DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE THE FOLLOWING AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:



Details of key activities and outcomes achieved under each pillar in 2020/21 are described on pages 12-16.

We would like to thank Andrea Spencer-Cooke, our Vice President of Programs for leading our purpose and program framework. We would also like to acknowledge our Director of Peace & Security, Tim Ford AO, Director of Human Rights, Sahera Sumar, Director of Sustainable Development, Kevin Spence, and our Director of Global Citizenship Brett Martin for their dedication in leading our work under the four pillars throughout the year.



OUR VOLUNTEERS

The UNAA (NSW) has continued to attract significant interest in volunteering over the past year. Our platform has more than doubled over the last 12 months to over 1200 registered supporters who expressed interest in volunteering with us. This is attributed to implementing a fully online and self-paced volunteer process and shifting our approach from being event-driven and Sydney-centric to focus on projects that meet each volunteer's skills, interests, availability, and location across NSW.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS INCLUDE:

- Supporting our internal structure and teams, such as our four Pillars, Marketing, and primary projects
- Delivering projects for International Women's Day, International Day of Education, NAIDOC Week, International Youth Day, World Social Work Day, and International Day of Yoga
- Establishing partnerships with SingularityU Australia, Dress for Success, The Women's Resilience Centre, Heartfulness Institute Australia, The Executive Centre, and Edu-fy
- Developing a process to support interns to complete remote and project-based placements, including from Australian Catholic University, University of Sydney, University of Western Sydney, and Caringbah High School
- Developing a Volunteer Data Dashboard to better manage our volunteers
- Raising funds by walking 608km for UNICEF Australia's Water Walk Challenge
- Participating in the Refugee Walk by UNHCR and OneStep
- Being requested to coordinate volunteers for the large-scale Ocean Lovers Festival in November at Bondi Beach
- Developing processes and resources to better support volunteers.

Our plans for 2021/2022 include developing a strategy to better align our members and volunteers, strengthening our Internship Program across the Four Pillars, and developing a guide to using the UNAA (NSW) logo on social media.



OUR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Education about the United Nations and its activities empowers learners of all ages with the knowledge, skills, values and attitudes to address the interconnected global challenges we are facing, including climate change, environmental degradation, loss of biodiversity, poverty, and inequality.

The UNAA (NSW) is committed to preparing students and learners of all ages across Australia to find solutions for the challenges of today and the future. Education should be transformative and allow us to make informed decisions and take individual and collective action to change our societies and care for the planet.

THE UNITED NATIONS CENTRE FOR EDUCATION

During 2020/2021 the UNAA (NSW) established its United Nations Centre for Education (UNCE), as a part of its goal to help Australia achieve Sustainable Development Goal 4: Quality Education, and it is considered a driver for the achievements of all 17 SDGs.

The UNAA (NSW) UNCE is a platform aimed to provide the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and values necessary to address sustainable development challenges across Australia and beyond.

THE UNAA (NSW) UN Diploma

As part of our overall Education Program, our very highly successful UNAA (NSW) UN Diploma, in collaboration with Williams Business College. This course 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 SDGs.

Over the course of 2020/2021, the UNAA (NSW) held 2 online sessions. To date we have inspired and engaged over 150 individuals across Australia, giving them the opportunity to become UNAA (NSW) Liaison Officers.

NEXT COURSE COMMENCING IN FEBRUARY 2022 UNAA (NSW) To enrol in this UNAA (NSW) UN Diploma course or for more information, please visit: www.williams.edu.au/unaadiploma

THE UNAA MODULAR SERIES WITH UTS

The UNAA (NSW) collaborated with the University of Technology of Sydney (UTS) in the course of 2020 to create their inaugural online education program, the UN Modular Series, an in-depth online short course over five weeks on the key aspects and elements of the United Nations. The outcome of this course enabled students and working professionals to understand the structure of the United Nations, its operations, and its impact on the world.

THE UNAA (NSW) SCHOOL PROGRAM

The UNAA (NSW) has built its inaugural 'United Nations Day ~ Peace People Planet' initiative to promote awareness in schools of the work of the United Nations and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to gain their support for the UN mission. To date, 20 schools in NSW are participating in this program.

Educational institutions can get involved on multiple levels by incorporating various events and activities such as wearing blue to raise awareness on United Nations Day, running 'Creativity for the Sustainable Development Goals' art competitions, holding a United Nations Day section in assembly, and by integrating some of our UN resources into the classroom.

To enrol in the UNAA (NSW) School Program or for more information, please visit: <https://www.unaa.org.au/about/state-teams/new-south-wales/un-day-school-program/>

THE UNAA (NSW) LIFE EDUCATION PROGRAM

The UNAA (NSW) Human Rights team has established a partnership with Life Education and the Department of Education to conduct a 'Schools Competition'. This inaugural program focuses on primary schools in NSW, where students are to submit art and written expressions on the topic of "the Rights of the Child".

UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY INDUSTRY AND COMMUNITY PROJECT

Over four weeks in June and July 2021, UNAA (NSW) partnered with the University of Sydney as part of their interdisciplinary Industry and Community Project program. A total of 44 University of Sydney students from Arts, Business, Science, Conservatorium of Music, Architecture Design and Planning, and Law came together to work on the project topic "Quality Education for All". Students worked in interdisciplinary groups to come up with recommendations and solutions for how to design a program that advanced SDG 4: Quality Education in Australia.

A number of fantastic presentations were made to UNAA (NSW) that explored different aspects of SDG 4 and drew on key development priorities in Australia, including parity in mathematics education, lifelong learning, parity in education, and education for sustainable development. UNAA (NSW) was pleased to collaborate with the University of Sydney and engage young Australians in the Sustainable Development Goals.

UN Diploma class in action at Williams Business College, Sydney





OUR EVENTS

PEACE & SECURITY

The focus of the Peace and Security Pillar is to raise awareness of the UN's crucial role in maintaining peace and security around the world and to enable a safe and peaceful Australian community. It supports the objective of SDG 16 "to promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development," which is a key foundation for achieving other goals.

The team has been active throughout the year on a community level, stressing the role that the United Nations undertakes to maintain peace and security around the world and emphasising the important role of all Australians to contribute to a safe and peaceful Australia.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

To commemorate the International Day of Peace, UNAA (NSW) representatives attended the Australian Peacekeepers Day commemoration at the Australian Peacekeeping Memorial in Canberra on 14th September and also participated in the development of the International Day of Peace 'Peace Perspective Videos' to showcase the contribution of Australia's most important promoters of peace and celebrate Australia's unique perspectives on Peace. This project was a collaboration with the Rotary Club of Sydney Peacebuilding Group and Know My Group.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF LIVING TOGETHER IN PEACE

On 16th May the UNAA (NSW) Vice President (Ops) and former Military Adviser of UN Peacekeeping Tim Ford AO, connected with the citizens of Wagga Wagga to commemorate the International Day of Living Together in Peace by joining with the Multicultural Council of Wagga Wagga and key individuals of the region to conduct a very successful panel discussion.

Stakeholders include: Geraldine Rurenga, incoming Rotary District Governor for some 90 clubs in the region; Yapa Bandara, Chair of the Multicultural Council of Wagga Wagga; and Jan Roberts, women's rights activist and a founder of the Wagga Women's Health Centre.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF UN PEACEKEEPERS

The International Day of UN Peacekeepers is commemorated yearly on 29th May to honour the memory of UN peacekeepers who have lost their lives and pay tribute to those who serve in peacekeeping operations. This year, the UNAA (NSW) conducted an art competition to highlight this day.

The concept was to create a piece of art that demonstrated support for the role and actions of UN peacekeepers around the world. Top entries included poems, drawings, paintings, photographic portraits, videos, and songs.

The winning entry was a drawing by Yasmine Yakushova, which tells the story of UN peacekeepers interacting with the local community in their mission area.

UNITED NATIONS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

2020 marked a significant milestone—the 75th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations. Our special UN75 celebrations commenced on Friday 23rd October 2020 with our traditional UN Day Commemorative Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Cenotaph in Martin Place, Sydney.

Held under very different social distancing procedures and restrictions due to the COVID 19 pandemic, the service was once again successfully coordinated by Event Lead and Life Member, Mr Geoffrey Little, who has been the organiser for 27 years. Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AO QC, Patron of UNAA (NSW) and Governor of New South Wales, gave a special address. Other notable guests included Mr Warren Mundine AO and Senator Major General Andrew James Molan, AO, DSC. This Ceremony appropriately recognised those who have laid down their lives in the service of peace and for the protection of communities in conflict zones all over the world.

Australia's 75 years of involvement in the UN was also celebrated through a hybrid live/online UN Day event held in partnership with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade NSW (DFAT NSW) and Multicultural NSW. Master of Ceremonies and SBS presenter, Janice Petersen, facilitated a high-level panel discussion featuring eminent guest speakers, including the CEO of Multicultural NSW, Joseph LaPosta, Elizabeth Evatt AC, Adam McCarthy, the Assistant Secretary International Organisations Branch of DFAT, and David Hirsch, Chair of Rotary Club of Sydney Peacebuilding Group.

During the broadcast, the UNAA (NSW) 2020 UN Day Honour recipient Sam Mostyn AO also delivered her keynote acceptance speech. The award recognises her efforts to advance the principles of sustainable development, as defined by the UN, and leadership in the area of diversity and inclusion in Australia.



UN Day 2020 also marked the launch of the UNAA (NSW) virtual UN75 Exhibition staged in collaboration with Google Arts and Culture, DFAT (NSW) and Multicultural NSW. This engaging ongoing online exhibition showcases the untold story of Australia's involvement in the United Nations since 1945. Featuring five story themes and over 85 striking images from our partners and UN Photo, all Australians can now discover how Australia has actively shaped the United Nations and many of the universal international standards applied throughout the world today.

Credit UN Photo



WE THE PEOPLES: HOW AUSTRALIA HELPED SHAPE THE UNITED NATIONS

As a founding member of the UN, Australia has had a significant impact on the organisation, its aims and objectives.

Credit UN Photo



KEEPING THE PEACE: AUSTRALIA'S LEADING ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY

The UN was established to maintain global peace and security. Since 1945 Australia has been a key player in making this happen.

Credit UN Photo



NO PEACE WITHOUT JUSTICE: AUSTRALIA'S FUNDAMENTAL CONTRIBUTION TO HUMAN RIGHTS

75 years ago, respect and fulfilment of human rights was adopted as a core foundation of the UN and Australia played a key role in making this happen.

Credit UN Photo



LEAVE NO-ONE BEHIND: AUSTRALIA AND THE 2030 AGENDA

Since 1972, the human environment and the shift to more sustainable patterns of development have been a growing focus for the UN. Australia can help to lead the way.



THINK GLOBAL, ACT LOCAL: AUSTRALIA AS A GLOBAL CITIZEN

As well as building national unity through cultural diversity, take a look at how Australia seeks to be a good neighbour and responsible global citizen.

To visit the exhibition click here: [https:// artsandculture.google.com/partner/united-nationsassociation-of-australia](https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/united-nationsassociation-of-australia)

UN 75 CALL TO ACTION

In January 2020, the United Nations launched a global consultation to mark the 75th anniversary of the United Nations. This initiative is the world's largest conversation about current global challenges and the future we are headed towards. Through surveys and dialogues, people from all walks of life were asked about their hopes and fears for the future, their priorities for international cooperation and for the United Nations in particular. Since then, over one million respondents from all UN Member States and Observer States have taken part in the consultations, with the following results:

KEY PRIORITIES for POST-COVID recovery:

HEALTH ACCESS TO BASIC SERVICES. Improving access to basic services: healthcare, safe water and sanitation, and education

GLOBAL SOLIDARITY. Greater international solidarity and increased support to the places hardest hit by the pandemic. This includes tackling poverty, inequalities and boosting employment.

INCLUSIVE ECONOMY: the need for greater inclusion of civil society, women, youth, vulnerable groups, cities and local authorities, businesses, regional organisations and other international organisations.

LONGER-TERM PRIORITIES:

CLIMATE CHANGE. The future impact of climate change. Our inability to stem the climate crisis and the destruction of the natural environment is viewed by respondents as the most overwhelming medium and long-term concern

POVERTY. Ensuring access to education and women's rights will improve

GOVERNMENT CORRUPTION. Ensuring greater respect for human rights, settling conflicts, tackling poverty and reducing corruption

CONFLICT/ VIOLENCE. International cooperation is vital to deal with today's challenges. The majority of respondents believe the COVID-19 crisis has made international cooperation even more urgent.

If you would like to read more about the final results of the UN75 Global Listening Exercise, you can read the concluding report here: https://www.un.org/sites/un2.un.org/files/un75_final_report_shapingourfuturetogether.pdf



HUMAN RIGHTS

The Human Rights Pillar aims to uphold the UN's core objective of protecting and respecting human rights. It does this by raising awareness of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in Australia, and reinforcing the importance of a diverse, inclusive, more equitable Australian community.

The team has been focusing on establishing a partnership with Life Education and the Department of Education to conduct a 'Schools Competition'. This inaugural program focuses on primary schools in NSW, where students are to submit art and written expressions on the topic of 'the Rights of the Child'. They have also organised numerous events such as the International Day of Refugees and Harmony Day.



Visit to the Sydney Jewish Museum, Human Rights Day 2020

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

The 72nd Anniversary of the signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights saw the UNAA (NSW) staff and volunteers participate in a visit to the Sydney Jewish Museum which documents the Holocaust, the history of the Jewish people in Australia, and explores human rights issues in Australia. Volunteers also distributed Declaration Booklets around local councils to promote what is a landmark document.

Once again, many thanks to Lendlease for turning the International Towers blue in acknowledgment of this most important anniversary.

Walking Together: Australian Indigenous Women's perspectives and insights in their journey of leadership

<p>Lissa McMillan Program Facilitator Former ABC & SBS Journalist, Windsurfing NSW Association President</p>	<p>June Oscar AO Keynote Address Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner</p>	<p>Dr Patricia Jenkins Introductory Remarks President, UNAA NSW Vice President, UNAA</p>
<p>Phillipa McDermott Panel Speaker Head Indigenous Employment, ABC</p>	<p>Brianna Briscoe Panel Speaker Able Seaman Aircraft Technician, Royal Australian Navy</p>	<p>Taylah Gray Panel Speaker Sessional Academic, University of Newcastle</p>

AU 10:00 – 11:30am AEDT on 17/03 **YouTube Live** **US 7:00-8:30pm EDT on 16/03**

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

The UNAA (NSW) proudly partnered with Dress for Success Sydney to celebrate International Women's Day 2021. Together, we set a target of raising funds by donating 1 hour pay to Dress For Success' Empower Hour fundraiser. By achieving this target, this project will transform a woman's future with six months of one-on-one career coaching, resources for a job interview, and of course a killer outfit from head to toe.

The UNAA (NSW), its members, and volunteers, also showed their support by participating in the online campaign #WomenInLeadership by posting photos of members and volunteers online with the #SDG5 and #GenderEquality hashtags and expressing what changes they would like to see for an equal future.

Finally, the UNAA (NSW) in partnership with Affinity Intercultural Foundation and the Journalists and Writers Foundation, hosted an online event to discuss 'Walking Together: Australian Indigenous Women's Perspectives and Insights in their Journey of Leadership' in honour of International Women's Day with the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in New York (NGO CSW/ NY).

The aim of this forum was to share the unique challenges, resilience, and vision experienced by indigenous female leaders shaped by their community, culture, and history.

HARMONY DAY

To celebrate Harmony Day which coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, the UNAA (NSW) hosted a dedicated online UNAA Members and Volunteer's Meetup event. This day celebrates Australian multiculturalism, based on the successful integration of migrants into our community. It is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values.

Guest speakers included Chin Tan, Race Discrimination Commissioner of the Australian Human Rights Commission and Mariam Veiszadeh, Members & Advisory Director of the Diversity Council of Australia.

March Meetup
Celebrating Harmony Day and the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

<p>Mariam Veiszadeh Members & Advisory Director, Diversity Council of Australia</p>	<p>Chin Tan Race Discrimination Commissioner, Australian Human Rights Commission</p>
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Thursday 25th March 6pm AEDT on Zoom

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The focus of the Sustainable Development Pillar is to promote a sustainable and resilient future for people and planet, where the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. Its focus is to raise awareness of the 2030 Agenda and support the Australian community to take climate action and transition to net zero carbon emissions by 2050.

The UNAA (NSW) has a team of passionate and dedicated individuals who are focused on the SDGs to have a measurable impact in Australia. We are adopting the Collective Impact framework to act as a backbone organisation for Corporates, Government agencies, and Non-profits to work together to advance the SDGs.

World Oceans Day, Take 3 Leadership Youth Summit at Taronga Zoo



WORLD OCEANS DAY

Celebrating World Oceans Day, the UNAA (NSW) represented by Thomas Home and Jean Santos, presented at the Take 3 Leadership Youth Summit held at Taronga Zoo. The summit comprised of 200 students and leaders from up to 500 schools around NSW and the Pacific Islands, to learn from industry experts and youth leaders. Through awareness and education about environmental protection and the wise use of our resources, together we can drive this change and support the youth of today and tomorrow.

My Health Through the Years
A focus on prevalent concerns within each of the developmental stages of life

United Nations Association of Australia NSW Division

Professor Julie Leask
Social Scientist

Joe Carello
PhD Candidate

Professor Valsamma Eapen
Adolescent Psychiatry

Dr Sonu Bhaskar
Director of Ngin from Civil Work

Dr Patricia Jenkins
UNAA NSW President

Joshua Kinnas
UNAA NSW Executive Manager

Wednesday 7th April 2021
6.00pm - 7.30pm

facebook LIVESTREAM

WORLD HEALTH DAY

To celebrate World Health Day, 7th April 2021, the UNAA (NSW) hosted an online 'My Health Through the Years' event. The event focused on prevalent concerns within each of the developmental stages of life: children, adolescents, adults, and seniors. We hosted a panel discussion from experts in the field on Facebook Live. Many thanks to our special guests: Professor Julie Leask; Professor Valsamma Eapen; Joe Carello; Dr Sonu Bhaskar; and Dr Patricia Jenkins for taking part in this very special event.



GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

The Global Citizenship Pillar works to build broader support for the core values and commitments underpinning the UN. It does this by encouraging the Australian community to think globally and act locally to achieve UN aims and goals, via events and volunteering opportunities aligned with the global goals.

GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP GATHERING

The Global Citizenship team launched its inaugural UNAA (NSW) Annual Global Citizenship Gathering, which saw more than 60 volunteers, members, and teams gather at the Sailor's Home, The Rocks, Sydney. The gathering is an opportunity for the UNAA (NSW) to recognise and celebrate its volunteers for the vital role they play in their communities and their achievements. The event will be held each year in May to recognise our volunteers and coincide with National Volunteer Week.

UNAA (NSW) MEMBERS MEETUP

At the very heart of the UNAA (NSW)'s Global Citizenship Pillar lays its very successful monthly Members and Volunteer's Meetups program, which has continued throughout the year online and in person. From celebrating the International Day of Education, International Women's Day Women's Day, International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, to World Refugee Day and many more, it has has been a platform for like-minded individuals to connect and foster sustainable and durable change.

If you would like to join future member meetups, register here: <https://www.meetup.com/en-AU/United-Nations-Association-Australia-NSW-Meetup-Group>

At the heart of the UNAA (NSW)'s Global Citizenship Pillar lies its very successful monthly Members and Volunteers Meetup program, which continued throughout the year online and in person. This initiative has become a platform for like-minded individuals to connect and foster change across a range of relevant themes:

July 2020:

Introduction to the Four Pillar Strategy. VP Programs Andrea Spencer-Cooke and Pillar Leads, Tim Ford AO, Sahera Sumar, Kevin Spence, and Brett Martin spoke about how Members and Volunteers can get involved and make a difference in our four focus areas

August 2020:

The work of UNICEF. James Nichols and Lauren Cheshire from UNICEF spoke about local and international activities and how Covid-19 has impacted operations

September 2020:

International Day of Peace. Collaborators Rotary Club of Sydney Peacebuilding Group, World Made Good, and the UNAA (NSW) Peace & Security team presented short Peace Perspectives Videos about how we can contribute to shaping peace together

October 2020:

Global Citizenship. Sarah Meredith, Australian Country Director for Global Citizen, addressed how to act as part of a global community committed to lasting change

November 2020:

Sustainable Development Goals. Leanne Smith from the Whitlam Institute and Nava Subramaniam from RMIT presented highlights from their recent reports addressing why Australia signed up to the SDGs, where we need to improve, what we can do about it and how Australian businesses are aligning to and reporting on the goals

January 2021:

International Day of Education and SDG#4. Jennifer McFarland from Caylus and Duncan Farquhar from Eco connect spoke about Australia's progress on SDG 4: Quality Education and how you can make the world safer, fairer, and more sustainable

February 2021:

International Women's Day. Simone Allen from the Women's Resilience Centre spoke about gender equality

March 2021:

Harmony Day. Chin Tan, Race Discrimination Commissioner of the Australian Human Rights Commission and Mariam Veiszadeh, Members & Advisory Director, Diversity Council of Australia, commemorated the UN International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

April 2021:

World Health Day. Joshua Karras, UNAA (NSW) Executive Manager, spoke about environmental and technological factors in health and the rise of vaccination hesitancy

May 2021:

UN Peacekeeping. UNAA (NSW) VP Operations and Director of Peace & Security Tim Ford AO addressed the International Day of UN Peacekeepers and the International Day of living together in peace

June 2021:

World Refugee Day. Naomi Steer, National Director, Australia for UNHCR and Ian Darbyshire, CEO, Foundation for National Parks and Wildlife presented in person at Sydney Knowledge Hub, The University of Sydney.



OUR ACTIVITIES

First UNAA (NSW) Advisory board meeting



ADVISORY BOARD

The UNAA (NSW) is very pleased to announce the creation of its new Advisory Board, which held its first meeting on 24th March. The Board brings to the Association extensive experience and will provide invaluable strategic advice on how the UNAA (NSW) can best inform, inspire, and engage the NSW community about the United Nations.

THE ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS ARE:

- David Jacobs (Chair) - Former Regional Chairman, Baker McKenzie
- Joseph La Posta - CEO, Multicultural NSW
- Barbara Ward - CEO, Impact One
- Thierry Lotrian - Partner, Deloitte
- Lucy Stronach - Australian Youth Representative to the United Nations

"We are delighted that the Board reflects such a broad diversity of views/experience, and that we all share a very strong commitment to helping build a safer, fairer, and more sustainable world" - David Jacobs (Advisory Board Chair)

HISTORY PROJECT

The UNAA (NSW) is celebrating its history. A volunteer project team has commenced to gather information about our UNAA (NSW) activities and personalities over the last 75 years, with the aim to compile a comprehensive history of our organisation. The UNAA (NSW) is researching NSW archives at the State and regional libraries, Newspapers including the Sydney Morning Herald, and interviewing UNAA (NSW) life members, previous Presidents, and other personalities. As well as digitising our records, we plan to develop a comprehensive file that can be condensed into a readable format that will be available to all members in 2022.

LIFE MEMBERS

The Life Members reunion takes place annually in June to ensure the UNAA (NSW) maintains close contact with all those who have contributed so much to its success over the years and have been granted UNAA (NSW) Life Membership. It is a great opportunity to share and learn from the vast experiences of our Life Members and their contribution to the amazing history of the UNAA (NSW).



PUBLIC OFFICER

Throughout the year, the Public Officer, Valerie Weekes, has carried out some major legal responsibilities on behalf of the UNAA (NSW). Other important tasks included actively participating in the history team, maintaining contact with Life Members as well as a few non-email members, and co-organising and attending key events such as the 2020 Annual General Meeting, the November Parliamentary Afternoon Tea, the Life Members Luncheon, and the International Day of Living Together in Peace.

International Day of Living Together in Peace at Wagga Wagga



REGIONAL STRATEGY

We wish to achieve our mission throughout NSW and offer the opportunity for individuals and communities throughout NSW to be involved in this process. A key example of our regional outreach is commemorating the *International Day of Living Together in Peace* by joining with the Multicultural Council of Wagga Wagga and key individuals of the region to conduct a very successful panel discussion.

The UNAA (NSW) plans to expand its regional exposure over the next 18 months. We are currently identifying local groups interested to support our purpose to plan events and projects that align with our focus on peace and security, human rights, global citizenship, and the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

The start of 2021 marked a wonderful occasion in welcoming a fresh, talented group of people to the Marketing and Communications team. Marketing and Communications is critical to the UNAA (NSW) purpose; to inform, inspire, and engage Australians to create a safer, fairer, more sustainable world.

The team has focussed on:

- Creating more regular, engaging content (such as our Motivation Monday and Feel Good Friday posts)
- Launching a new UNAA (NSW) website
- Heavily promoting the UNAA (NSW) UN Diploma
- Educating our followers about UN and national days (such as NAIDOC Week and World Environment Day)
- Supporting the various events and campaigns that UNAA (NSW) runs (including our World Health Day event, the Global Citizenship Annual Gathering, meetups, and more).

Facebook continues to be the platform with the most engagement. From 1st November 2020 to 30th June 2021, we welcomed 388 new Facebook page likes (now a total of 2,879 likes) and increased our Facebook Page Reach by 42%. LinkedIn is becoming a more responsive platform, due to our increase in engaging content. We now have 6,471 followers. From 1st January to 30th June 2021 reactions increased by 67%, comments increased by 54%, and shares increased by 200%.

GOVERNANCE

COMMITTEE (AS AT 30 JUNE 2021)

2020/21 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 & Director of Peace & Security	Tim Ford AO	100%
Treasurer	Paul Malliate	100%
Secretary	Michael Dimarco	80%
Public Officer	Valerie Weekes	80%

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

ROLE	NAME	ATTENDANCE
Director of Operations	Michael Jefferies	70%
Director of Volunteering & Global Citizenship	Brett Martin	90%
Director of Memberships & Sustainable Development	Kevin Spence	100%
Director of Human Rights	Sahera Sumar	90%
Director of Humanitarianism and Environment	Jean Santos	60%
Event Lead - UN Day Cenotaph Ceremony	Geoffrey Little	80%
Program Lead for Community Programs	Lindsay Mell	80%
Director of Marketing & Communications	Naomi Kroll	100%

EXECUTIVE MANAGER: Joshua Karras

DEPUTY EXECUTIVE MANAGER: Alexandra Stafferton

PERSONAL ASSISTANT TO THE EXECUTIVE MANAGER: Fergus Ewington

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FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

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Income and Expenditure Statement
For the Year Ended 30 June 2021

	Note	2021	2020
		\$	\$
Income			
Memberships		12,478	9,450
General donations/grants	2	50,582	13,000
Miscellaneous Events		(861)	6,148
Interest received		985	706
Surplus from UN Day		3,695	8,955
Miscellaneous income		3,405	688
UN Diploma Program		102,664	39,610
		<u>172,948</u>	<u>78,557</u>
Expenditure			
Venue hire		1,330	176
General administration		11,038	8,148
Fees and Federal levy		2,356	2,576
Executive Manager		57,168	61,308
Other expenses		962	1,919
		<u>72,854</u>	<u>74,127</u>
Current year surplus		<u>100,094</u>	<u>4,430</u>
Retained surplus at the beginning of the year		75,199	70,769
Retained surplus at the end of the year		<u>175,293</u>	<u>75,199</u>

Assets and Liabilities Statement
As At 30 June 2021

	Note	2021	2020
		\$	\$
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash at bank	3	<u>202,459</u>	<u>147,352</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>202,459</u>	<u>147,352</u>
Total Assets		<u>202,459</u>	<u>147,352</u>
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	4	3,603	-
Income In Advance	5	21,937	72,153
Provision for Annual Leave		<u>1,626</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Current Liabilities		<u>27,166</u>	<u>72,153</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>27,166</u>	<u>72,153</u>
Net Assets		<u>175,293</u>	<u>75,199</u>
Members Funds			
Retained surplus		<u>175,293</u>	<u>75,199</u>
Total Members Funds		<u>175,293</u>	<u>75,199</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 June 2021**

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.

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
<u>Note 2: General Donations/Grants</u>		
Jobkeeper Subsidy	27,900	6,000
Cash Flow Boost	7,333	-
Donations	10,349	-
Grants	5,000	7,000
	<u>50,582</u>	<u>13,000</u>
<u>Note 3: Cash at bank</u>		
Cash at bank	151,308	96,848
Cash on deposit	51,151	50,504
	<u>202,459</u>	<u>147,352</u>

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	2021	2020
	\$	\$
<u>Note 4: Trade and Other Payables</u>		
PAYG Withheld	2,691	-
Superannuation Payable	<u>912</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u><u>3,603</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>
<u>Note 5: Income in advance</u>		
Grants	-	5,000
Diploma Fees	<u>21,937</u>	<u>67,153</u>
	<u><u>21,937</u></u>	<u><u>72,153</u></u>

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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 2021.



PAUL MALLIATE
Treasurer

Dated at Sydney this 22nd day of July 2021

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (\$000)	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21
Membership Income	7.6	7.0	7.7	9.4	12.5
Donations/Grants	7.5	18.1	17.9	13.0	50.6
Surplus/(Deficit)	5.9	31.0	20.7	4.4	100.1
Cash Balance	26.0	59.6	128.6	147.3	202.5
Net Assets	19.0	50.1	70.8	75.2	175.3



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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 2021**

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 2021 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. Spratt

A. J. SPRATT
Director

Dated at Sydney this *26th* day of July 2021



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