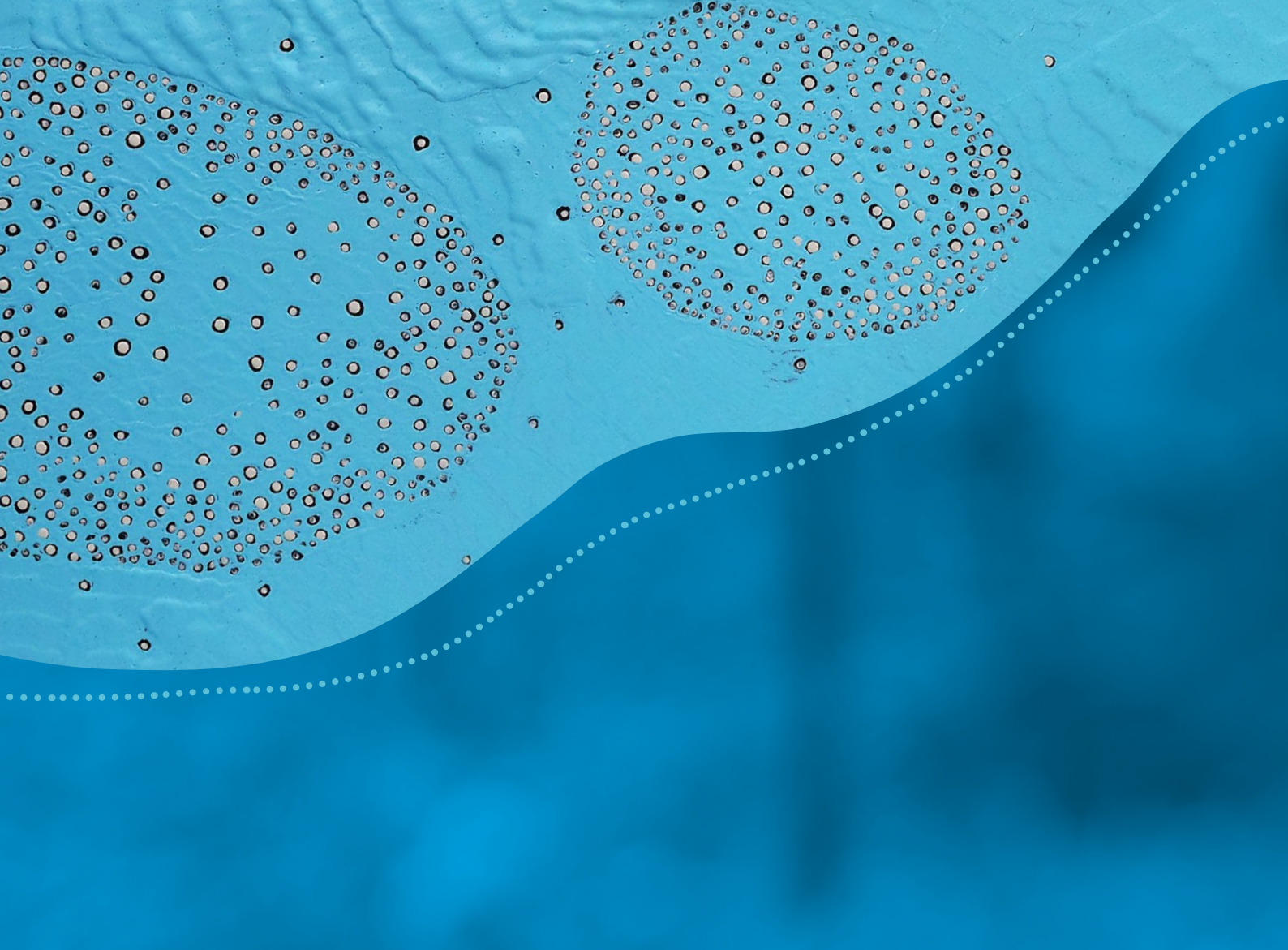




UNAA Strategy 2030



United
Nations
Association
of Australia



Acknowledgement of Country

The United Nations Association of Australia (UNAA) acknowledge and pay our respects to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples as the First Peoples of Australia, on whose ancestral lands and waters we live, work and meet.

The offices of the UNAA are located on the traditional lands of the Kaurna Peoples in Adelaide, the Turrbul and Jagera Peoples in Brisbane, the Ngunnawal Peoples in Canberra, the Larrakia Peoples of Darwin, the Muwinina Peoples in Hobart, the Wurundjeri and Boon Wurrung Peoples of the Kulin nation in Melbourne, the Whadjuk Peoples of the Noongar Nation in Perth, and the Gadigal Peoples of the Eora nation in Sydney.

We acknowledge the traditional owners of Country all across Australia. We pay our respects to them, their culture and to Elders past and present. We celebrate the history, language and culture of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and respect their continuing connection to land, sea and community for over 70,000 years as the world's oldest living culture.

We acknowledge the important contributions and celebrate the achievements of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

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UNAA Strategy 2030

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President's introduction

We built our Strategy 2030 in the context of pressing international issues. These issues stretch our faith in the vision for world peace and security embedded in the United Nations (UN) Charter, underpinned by human rights, environmental stewardship and ethical economy. We took strength from the preparation and outcomes of the Summit of the Future held in September 2024, and the recognition that member states continue to work together to ensure the UN evolves and is fit for purpose.

We recommit to our vision, mission and the UN values through this Strategy. Furthermore, we commit to continue our role in the international movement of peoples in support of the UN and its charter, working for collective impact internationally with our World Federation colleagues, nationally with members and partners, and locally through our divisions and their members.

Vision

...a future where the United Nations is more effective because more Australians are engaged global citizens, dedicated to achieving the purpose of the UN Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Mission

We inform, inspire and engage all Australians about the critical work, goals and values of the United Nations to create a safer, fairer and more sustainable world.

UN Values

Professionalism,
Integrity,
Respect
for diversity

We are working for impact defined by our mission.

- ✓ Our members, networks and partners are engaged to create a safer, fairer and more sustainable world
- ✓ The Australian community has access to clear, timely and accurate information about global issues and the role the UN plays to bring member nations together to solve problems
- ✓ Members of Australian Governments and leaders in all sectors are inspired to support the UN, its vital work and to implement the Sustainable Development Goals
- ✓ Young Australians are inspired by the work of Australia's UN Alumni to aspire to and achieve a career in the UN system and to take up leadership roles in all systems
- ✓ The role of Australians contributing to and in the UN system is recognised and celebrated.

We intend Strategy 2030 to be a platform for our organisation to deliver national and local partnerships focused on the world we want, the UN we need and the role we play.

Our Strategy 2030 is grounded in:

- ✓ our custodianship of the UN emblem and name
- ✓ our mandate from the World Federation of United Nations Associations
- ✓ our purpose from our Constitution, cascaded to the Constitutions of our members
- ✓ our members who collaborated to shape our strategy, and will cooperate and collaborate to execute within their programs and relationships showcasing our one UNAA family
- ✓ our networks and partners who provide insight and capacity to execute nationally.

We recognise and celebrate the strengths of our organisation.

These strengths are visible in the programs of:

- ✓ our member divisions, Australian Capital Territory, New South Wales, Northern Territory, Queensland, South Australia, Victoria, Western Australia, Young Professionals Network, and UN Youth
- ✓ our Public Policy Committee and our relationships with Australian Parliamentarians
- ✓ our networks - Status of Women Network, UN Alumni, Academics Network, Climate Change Collaboration Network and the Networks of Global Citizenship Schools convened by UNAA Divisions
- ✓ our local and national partners who share our vision and extend our reach and impact.



Our Strategy 2030 is guided by our members, networks, partners and stakeholders. Through meetings, workshops and surveys we sought insights into the pressing issues of today, the role that UNAA, our members and networks might play, and continued development of partnerships to achieve our purpose.

Insights from our members provided feedback on our previous strategy, established priorities and generated ideas for our future work. Our members prioritised:

- ✓ good governance
- ✓ partnerships across our members and with allied organisations for greater collective impact to achieve our purpose
- ✓ delivery of high quality national programs and events
- ✓ financial sustainability
- ✓ policy, advocacy & research
- ✓ building on division success through coordination and collaboration
- ✓ building National Office resources.

Insights from our external stakeholders allowed us to highlight the urgent need for high quality national programs and events focused on:

- ✓ strengthening the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as 2030 rapidly approaches, particularly in accelerating responses to climate change
- ✓ working with our neighbours in pursuit of our purpose, in partnership with the UN Information Centre, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the World Federation of United Nations Association
- ✓ strengthening the United Nations and the value of the UN in a divisive world and restoring trust in multilateralism, by ensuring all Australians know the UN belongs to them
- ✓ being a credible source of information and responding to misinformation
- ✓ strengthening Australia's leadership in the UN system
- ✓ supporting the leadership and convening power of young people.

These insights were shared by James Larson, Australian Ambassador to the UN, New York; Damian Cardona-Onses, Director, UN Information Centre; Jay Jethwa our representative to, and Vice President of, the World Federation of United Nations associations, (WFUNA), Angelica-Ojinnaka Psillatis, Oceania representative to WFUNA Youth Advisory Council; representatives of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and advisors to the Minister for Foreign Affairs Minister Hon Penny Wong and Hon Pat Conroy, Minister for International Development and the Pacific.

As Directors, the Board then considered the governance, capacity and capability of our national organisation and members to resource the partnership delivery of our national strategy. Priorities here are strengthening our governance, documenting models of partnership with our members and raising resources, funds and skills to meet our partnership and strategy objectives. In this context we also considered the Inner Development Goals – skills and qualities that help us sustain our passion, courage and collaboration in pursuit of a safer, fairer, more sustainable world. We agreed to incorporate information, inspiration and engagement around these goals in our work.

UNAA Strategy 2030 is designed to fortify the strengths of our organisation to increase our collective impact. We recognise that our United Nations Association of Australia is custodian of the UN emblem and name. Our brand and purpose attract valued members, volunteers, partners and allies, and patrons, including our national patron, Her Excellency the Honourable Ms Sam Mostyn, AC. As a largely volunteer organisation, we offer pathways for every Australian to contribute to our purpose – through our members at state level or in local and business settings, or directly through national governance, networks and programs - where passion meets capacity.

We extend our appreciation to you, our members, partners and stakeholders for your insight and contribution to Strategy 2030. We want you to feel ownership of this Strategy, and we invite you to partner with us in implementation. We the peoples.



**Dr Donnell Davis,
President**



UNAA Strategy 2030

UNAA is for Australians who want a better world and want to work collaboratively to deliver the Sustainable Development Goals, strengthen the United Nations and encourage the Australian Government to continue proactive membership.
Like the UN, our values are integrity, professionalism and respect for diversity.

OUR ROLE

ENGAGE

an open invitation to all Australians

INFORM

with accessible, relevant, timely and true information, evidence based policy positions and alumni informed program advice

INSPIRE

through stories of global citizens, citizenship and collaboration

THE THEMES OF OUR WORK



The world we want

is described through the Sustainable Development Goals, the Declaration of Human Rights, and UN treaties



The UN we need

the foundations of the UN are described in the UN Charter, these are updated in the Pact for the Future, and the Digital Compact and Declaration for Future Generations which aim to address the constraints the UN operates under and make it better fit for purpose



The role we play

refers the Australian Government fulfilling its leadership role as a proactive member nation, influential Australians within the UN system, engaged, informed and inspired Australian citizens and a capable, connected and inclusive UNAA

THE IMPACT WE AIM FOR

1

Our **Members, Networks and Partners** are **engaged** to create a safer, fairer and more sustainable world

2

The **Australian community** has access to clear, timely and accurate information about global issues and the role the UN plays to bring member nations together to **solve problems**

3

Members of **Australian Governments** and **leaders** in all sectors are inspired to support the UN, its vital work and ongoing reform

4

Young Australians are **inspired** by the work of Australia's UN Alumni to aspire to and achieve a career in the UN system and to take up **leadership** roles in all systems

5

The role of Australians in the UN system is **recognised and celebrated**.

WE FOSTER THE INNER DEVELOPMENT GOALS SO WE ARE ABLE TO COLLABORATE TO BUILD SUSTAINABLE FUTURES

BEING

relationship with self

THINKING

cognitive skills

RELATING

caring for others and the world

COLLABORATING

social skills

ACTING

enabling change

The UNAA origin story



A people's movement for international peace and security, underpinned by human rights

Australia is one of 51 founding members of the United Nations (UN). The UN was created in 1945 to maintain international peace and security, uphold international law, and promote universal respect for and observance of human rights. This universal respect for human rights included fundamental freedoms for all without distinction. Supporting this purpose was delivery of humanitarian aid, addressing economic, social and health related problems and promoting the economic and social advancement of all peoples. The number of members is now 193 sovereign states in 2024.

The UN Charter is written for us – it begins, ‘we the peoples of the United Nations’.



The United Nations was build by the world, for the world.

Antonio Guterres, United Nations Secretary General

24 October, 2024

The UN founded the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA) in 1946, the first non-government organisation the UN created. United Nations Associations (UNAs) were incorporated in member nation states across the globe, to engage, inform and inspire citizens in support of the UN Charter. UNAs hold a privileged position in the UN System, are actively consulted as part of the UN engagement with civil society, and have special access to the use of the UN name and emblem under the WFUNA umbrella. UNA Australia is one of 22 founding members of WFUNA.

The founders of the UN, and its leaders over time, have placed increasing value on the role of citizens in every member nation to support and shape their work in pursuit of international peace and security. This value is demonstrated through our ECOSOC Accreditation. This is emphasised again in the Pact for the Future agreed at the Summit of the Future in September 2024.



We need to renew our commitment to the multilateral spirit of peace through diplomacy

Antonio Guterres, United Nations Secretary General,

22 July, 2025



WE THE PEOPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS

determined

to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrow to mankind, and

to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small, and

to establish conditions under which justice and respect for the obligations arising from treaties and other sources of international law can be maintained, and

to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,

and for these ends

to practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbors, and

to unite our strength to maintain international peace and security, and

to ensure, by the acceptance of principles and the institution of methods, that armed force shall not be used, save in the common interest, and

to employ international machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples,

have resolved to combine our efforts to accomplish these aims.

accordingly, our respective Governments, through representatives assembled in the city of San Francisco, who have exhibited their full powers found to be in good and due form, have agreed to the present Charter of the United Nations and do hereby establish an international organization to be known as the United Nations.

U N I T E D N A T I O N S

PREAMBLE TO THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS

ISSUED BY U. N. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INFORMATION

Our mandate, purpose and role

How we achieve impact

Our Strategy 2030 is grounded in our mandate and purpose



**our
custodianship** of
the UN name and
emblem for the
UN Association
in Australia



our mandate
from the World
Federation of
United Nations
Associations



our purpose
from our
Constitution,
cascaded to the
Constitutions of
our members



our members
who collaborated
to shape our
strategy, and will
cooperate and
collaborate to
execute within
their programs
and relationships



our networks
and partners who
provide insight
and capacity
to execute
nationally.

We are custodians of a specially designated UN name and emblem

The United Nations Association brand is provided to UNAA through WFUNA, and is to be managed within brand guidelines, and to be promoted in partnerships with organisations who are committed to the role, treaties and values of the United Nations.

Our name and emblem is delegated to our members who carry this same responsibility with cascaded policy settings.

Our mandate comes from the World Federation of United Nations Associations.

We are members of a peoples' movement for the United Nations. As a member we set out to build the movement, cooperate with others to support the United Nations, to inclusively promote tolerance, understanding, solidarity and cooperation, to work for justice, security, disarmament and peaceful coexistence, to promote human rights, fundamental freedoms and related responsibilities, to promote economic development, social progress and better standards of life, and promote research, information and education about the goals of the Charter of the United Nations and the work of the UN system.

We work actively within WFUNA by electing a representative to the Plenary Assembly, contributing to the Assembly and WFUNA policy and program design, collaborating to share practice and programs with other members, particularly those in the Asia Pacific Region. UNAA is represented on the WFUNA Executive and the WFUNA Youth Advisory Council.

Our purpose is codified in our Constitution, and cascades through the Constitutions of our members.

Our purpose is to conduct programs that support achieving the United Nations' policies for a safer, fairer and more sustainable world in fulfilment of the United Nations Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights with the following goals:



people
protecting human rights, alleviating poverty and suffering



prosperity
working to reduce inequalities and support equal access to services



the planet
protecting the environment, the oceans, and combating climate change



peace
actively promoting peaceful and inclusive societies, justice for all and strong institutions



partnerships
building and supporting partnerships with organisations of similar purpose.

We activate our purpose through our national role, and by cascade, the role of our members, and how we work with networks and partners.

Our response to our global context



The Pact for the Future documents the consensus of member states of the United Nations. It aims to turbocharge Agenda 2030 and strengthen the UN to be fit for purpose to meet contemporary and future global challenges.

The Pact is the culmination of a years-long process to adapt international cooperation to the realities of today and the challenges of tomorrow.

It recognises and attempts to address the constraints in structures and frameworks that reduce the UN's effectiveness in achieving its mandate. Agreement amongst member nations ensures that international institutions can deliver in the face of a world that has changed dramatically since the UN was created. This agreement is a strong statement of member nations' commitment to the United Nations and its Charter, the international system and international law. Of the 363 sub-actions in the Pact, 291 are the primary responsibility of Member States. Accountability for UN and member states activities will be programmed through a high-level review of the Global Digital Compact in 2027, a high-level plenary meeting on Future Generations in 2028, and a Heads of State and Government meeting in 2028 for a comprehensive review of the Pact for the Future. Implementation will take place in a wide variety of intergovernmental events and processes starting immediately.

***The first four strategies address the world we want.
The fifth strategy addresses the UN we need.***

1

Sustainable development and financing for development

2

International peace and security

3

Science, technology, innovation and digital cooperation including the Global Digital Compact

4

Youth and future generations including the Declaration on Future Generations

5

Global Governance reform to be fit for today and the future



Sustainable development and financing for development

Actions to close the SDG financing gap, prevent illicit financial flows, and improve international tax cooperation, ensure multilateral trade contributes to sustainable development, and realise the transition away from fossil fuels to achieve net zero by 2050. The Pact recommits to respect, protect and fulfil human rights and fundamental freedoms.

UNAA will continue to promote Agenda 2030 through our national policy and advocacy role, and the events and programs of our members



International peace and security

Actions to intensify diplomacy to settle conflicts and disputes, build national capacity for peace efforts, ensure military spending does not compromise sustainable development, strengthen UN peace operations, with steps to avoid the militarisation of space and the use of lethal autonomous weapon systems and to extend the laws of war to all technologies. The Pact makes a clear commitment to nuclear disarmament to eliminate nuclear weapons. The Pact recommits to protect civilians in armed conflict, and to strengthen accountability under international law.

UNAA will continue to promote international peace and security through our national policy and advocacy role, engagement with the Federal Government and Parliament, support for Australia to play a proactive role in the leadership and reform of the UN, and through the events and programs of our members.



Science, technology, innovation and digital cooperation including the Global Digital Compact

Actions to reduce global disparities in science, technology and innovation, to increase use of science in policy making, and to strengthen UN capability in science, technology and innovation. The Global Digital Compact aims to close digital divides, expand inclusion in and benefits from the digital economy, foster an inclusive, open, safe and secure digital space that protects human rights, advance data governance and enhance international governance of artificial intelligence addressed by safe and secure digital space.

UNAA will seek opportunities and partnerships to promote science, technology and innovation through our own approach to policy and advocacy, through national and member programs and to recognise the role Australia is playing in cyber safety.



Youth and future generations including the Declaration on Future Generations

Actions to strengthen youth participation in global and decision-making, including investment in children and young people so they can reach their full potential. The Declaration on Future Generations contains concrete steps to take account of future generations in our decision-making, including the appointment of a special envoy for future generations. This means embedding the needs and interests of future generations and long-term thinking in policymaking – fostering cooperation and facilitating greater use of anticipatory planning and foresight, based on science, data and statistics, raising awareness of and advising on likely intergenerational impacts of policies and programs.

UNAA actively promotes the leadership of young people and young professionals throughout our organisation, and through our support for UN Youth and UNAA Young Professionals which are led by and for those groups, and whose leaders contribute to our governance.

UNAA will promote the Declaration for Future Generations in all the work we do.

5

Transforming global governance

Actions to improve the effectiveness and representativeness of the Security Council and the International Financial architecture, actions to capture planetary wellbeing and sustainability within measures of human progress, strengthen UN Human Rights accountability mechanisms and increase accountability for human rights, peace and security and environmental stewardship. Steps to make the multilateral system more inclusive, and agreement to begin work on frameworks for space traffic, debris and resources.

UNAA will actively promote the role of Australians and the role of the Australian Government is strengthening the UN through structural and cultural reforms that build a more inclusive and accountable UN system.



Our themes

UNAA has a unique mandate and capacity for impact – our first theme is to make the most of our mandate and purpose to enable Australians to collaborate to build the world we want, the UN we need and to increase and celebrate the role we play.

Our platform for impact

addresses our governance, capacity and capability – and describes how our members and partners can collaborate for impact. UNAA and our members will work together to achieve

- ✓ *stronger governance benchmarked to the ACNC governance principles*
- ✓ *increased capacity at the national level, and through cooperation with our members and networks, across our organisation*
- ✓ *introducing and promoting the Inner Development Goals*



The world we want

is described in the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals, the UN Declaration of Human Rights and UN Treaties. UNAA and our members will work together to achieve

- ✓ *a refreshed drive to shift the dial on SDG targets and measures in Australia in National, State and Local Governments, the private sector and civil society*
- ✓ *support for implementation of UN Treaties within Australia including the Declaration of Human Rights and the Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*
- ✓ *pathways for Australians to support achievement of SDG targets and measures in the Asia Pacific*
- ✓ *continued collaboration to achieve the Paris Climate Agreement.*



The UN we need

is described in the outcomes of the Summit for the Future, the Pact for the Future, the Digital Compact and the Declaration for Future Generations. UNAA and our members will work together to achieve

- ✓ *provision and amplification of factual information about the role and successes of the UN*
- ✓ *increased awareness of and support for the outcomes of the Summit for the Future*
- ✓ *support for Australia taking a proactive role in the reform and strengthening of the UN.*



The role we play

gives scope to our role as UNAA: engaging, informing and inspiring

- 1 Australians on the role of Australia as a member of the UN
- 2 Australians' understanding and support for that role, and
- 3 pathways for Australians to work for the UN.

UNAA and our members will work together to achieve

- ✓ recognition and engagement of Australia's UN Alumni, past and present, amplifying the role we play in the UN system
- ✓ professional development for people aspiring to begin or progress careers within the UN system
- ✓ an authoritative channel for UN information, alumni experience and academic research, trusted by Australian parliamentarians, policy makers and Government ministers, and Australians working in other countries
- ✓ engagement with the Federal Parliament to increase support for our leadership in the UN system.



How we work

Our national role

At the national level we

- ✓ lead our national policy and advocacy role and related programs, events, communications and relationships engaging our members, networks, partners and stakeholders
- ✓ facilitate coordination and collaboration with and among our members, building a national platform, practice and audience for member programs, sharing practices and services for increased impact
- ✓ govern an effective organisation able to execute our strategy, manage risk and compliance, build and protect our name, emblem and reputation, and provide a platform for national communication strategy, tools and reporting.

The role of our members

Our members lead membership experience exemplifying how to engage, inform and inspire in creative and purposeful ways. Members design their own strategy and programs within our shared purpose and are encouraged to reflect Strategy 2030 in that work.

- ✓ Individuals and local organisations join UNAA through our member associations, have access to their programs, and opportunities to lead programs and participate in governance
- ✓ Our members deliver events that engage, inform and inspire, and offer programs where members can work together to learn about, promote and raise funds for the UN and its programs
- ✓ Members lead local and domain/cohort relationships and contribute to our national policy and advocacy role through agreed national frameworks
- ✓ Members encourage recognition of good global citizenship across all sectors and avoid promotion of companies whose actions do not align with the Sustainable Development Goals, and ethical stewardship set out by the UN Global Compact

- ✓ Members are supported through the national board to coordinate and collaborate on programs under the UNAA Strategy 2030
- ✓ State level members and leaders of UN Youth and UNAA Young Professionals are encouraged to replicate national collaboration at state level.

We recognise and celebrate the strengths of our organisation. These strengths are visible in the programs of our Divisions, UN Youth and Young Professionals Network, our Public Policy Committee and our relationships with parliamentarians, Status of Women Network, UN Alumni and our Academics Network.

- ✓ **Our divisions** engage members in the ACT, NSW, NT, QLD, SA, VIC and WA. Our annual report each year gives a taste of the breadth, quality and impact of their programs which promote the SDGs and the role of the UN, celebrate International Days, and offer education, UN Study tours, and connection to national networks, programs and events for Australians of all ages.
- ✓ **Young Professionals** run programs by and for young professionals, building career skills and pathways for young professionals to champion the SDGs and UN treaties in their daily work.
- ✓ **UN Youth** who run programs by and for young people, building public speaking and debating skills, with knowledge of the UN system, key documents, and agencies. Through UN Youth young people learn leadership skills working across worldviews to solve world problems
- ✓ **UNAA Public Policy Committee**, the platform for members and networks to advise the Board on policy positions in response to Board requests, national inquiries and member initiatives. All UNAA policy position statements are approved by our Board.
- ✓ **Status of Women Network** convenes women's organisations and organisations promoting gender equality to shape Australia's contribution to UN Commission for the Status of Women, CSW and evaluation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, CEDAW, Beijing Platform for Action and other international and national policy development initiatives and forums.
- ✓ **Peace and Security networks** provide a safe space for open discussion, sharing facts, tracking policy changes and implementation, and exploring new ideas using diverse perspectives and real-life experiences.
- ✓ **Climate Change Collaboration Network** enables collaboration across individuals keen to exchange practice, and represents UNAA at the Climate Ready Australia Initiative of Beacon University. This initiative partners with professional and civil associations to *prepare Australia for the future*.
- ✓ **UN Alumni Network** convenes Australians who have or are currently working in the UN system to build relationships, share experience and practice, be involved in UNAA events, inform UNAA policy positions and encourage Australians throughout a career in the UN system.
- ✓ **Academics Network** creates channels of communication between UNAA and academics pursuing work associated with the UN, systems and efficacy of multilateralism, and themes of *peace and security, environment and climate, equality, prosperity, transparency*
- ✓ **Parliamentary Friends of the UN** is a non-partisan network of parliamentarians that engages, informs and inspires elected federal representatives in the role of the UN and Australia's role within it.

How we work together to deliver this Strategy

Our member associations send delegates to our national board, and collectively form our general meeting.

- ✓ Through the general meeting our members receive our annual and financial reports, elect our office bearers and independent directors, and as needed, adjust our Constitution
- ✓ Through member delegates to our national board, member's members work in the board collective to set our strategy and budget, propose office bearers and independent directors, direct our public policy committee, determine our public and internal policies and cascade these to members, coordinate member collaboration and delegate management of our organisation to our executive.

UNAA has a number of models of partnership with members designed to deliver national strategy. These models encourage collaboration, provide role clarity, and increase efficiency. They were recently tested with and prioritised by member survey.

| Program | Partnership Model | Description |
|--|--|---|
| 1 International UN days and the Sustainable Development Goals | Annual campaign program - create communication toolkits and program design nationally that can be implemented by divisions | Members lead celebrations at the local level and collaborate nationally to design messages, tools and programs that share resources and increase visibility, reach and impact |
| 2 Public policy and advocacy across our themes | Policy collaboration initiatives - Partner with divisions to design and deliver national policy and advocacy | Member representatives participate in the design and delivery of national policy positions, and promote those positions within their membership and with local Federal representatives and partners |
| 3 National networks and events across our themes | Open alliances - Engage members and member's members in networks and events that implement the national strategic plan | Member's members have a pathway to volunteer on and participate in national initiatives |
| 4 UNAA Strategy 2030 | Strategy alignment - Cascade national strategy to division strategic plans where division members determine how they will implement the strategies relevant to them | Members adopt the National Strategy framework of the World we want, the UN we need and the Role we play to shape their programs, and align their impact measurement |
| 5 UN study tours, UN Diploma and other member initiatives | Delegations - Delegate national program leadership to divisions who propose programs and lead coordination on behalf of UNAA with active member participation fellow members | Members put forward proposals to run national programs, engage other members and report on progress and outcomes |



UNAA National Office

The National Office is the engine room of the United Nations Association of Australia (UNAA). Our volunteers work to implement programs approved by our Board. This is where passion meets purpose, and where ideas are transformed into action.

The work is diverse – all aspects of running a national organisation through national initiatives, collaborating with our divisions and partners, supporting our networks and the Public Policy Committee, amplifying our impact and the impact and collaboration of our Divisions, supporting our Board, and embodying the UN Values of professionalism, integrity and respect for diversity.

Volunteers are not just contributors, they are leaders, professionals, innovators, and changemakers. The National Office provides the structure, support, and inspiration that enables our volunteers to thrive and our association to have a national impact.

The National Office leads with expertise and growth through learning mindsets and passion for the common purpose. Our approach includes:



Understanding the past:

we review what was achieved and what caused delays.



Engaging people:

we connect with team members and clarify roles.



Refining the vision for initiatives:

we ensure our initiatives remain relevant and impactful.



Checking resources:

we evaluate what we have and what we need to move forward.



Setting the plan:

we create realistic timelines and clear milestones.



Planning for risks:

we identify challenges and prepare solutions.



Staying connected:

We establish strong communication and regular check-ins.



Taking action:

We work through our tasks.

This structured yet flexible approach ensures that no project is left behind and that every volunteer feels empowered to contribute meaningfully.

The National Office ensures that every initiative is aligned with our UN values and UNAA strategic direction. Together we make a space where volunteers build skills, grow networks, and make a real difference, locally and globally.

Join our team by responding to roles advertised on our website, or by sharing your interest and cv with admin@unaa.org.au



Building our capability for collaboration

The Inner Development Goals (IDGs) foster inner development for sustainable futures. This initiative is a non-profit, open-source, international project not affiliated with the UN that researches and communicates science-based skills and qualities to help us work together more effectively to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. The UNAA Board has adopted the IDGs as a basis for building our self awareness, empathy and collaborative leaderships. We build these skills to strengthen collaboration across our organisation to increase our impact. Our approach includes promoting awareness, sharing training and resources, and highlighting the IDGs within our programs, and partnerships. We encourage our volunteers, members and partners to explore the practical actions embedded within each goal on your pathway to systemic change.

Being

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Join us through one of our members to make a difference today.

Our members are vital to the work we do. Support the UNAA today by becoming a member of your state or territory division, UN Youth or UNAA Young Professionals.

UNAA offers unique opportunities such as

- ✓ Access and discounted tickets to UNAA events across Australia
- ✓ Invitations to member only meetings, events and activities
- ✓ UNITY, the UNAA newsletter for members and subscribers
- ✓ Voting rights at General Meetings of the member division
- ✓ Pathways to join collaborative working parties that deliver policy, advocacy, events, programs and communications at state and national levels
- ✓ Opportunities to nominate for Board and advisory roles
- ✓ Connections with people committed to the values of the UN and creating a safer, fairer, more sustainable world.





Ode to Mother

*Look after the land - she is our mother
Honour each person as sister and brother
Honour the Elders, share with each other
and rain will come the land to cover.*

*The UNAA Anthem, gifted to our members
by Aunty Ruby Sims, and sung by the
Rachel Hoare Choir.*



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**SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD