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Annual Report 2015/16

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2015/16

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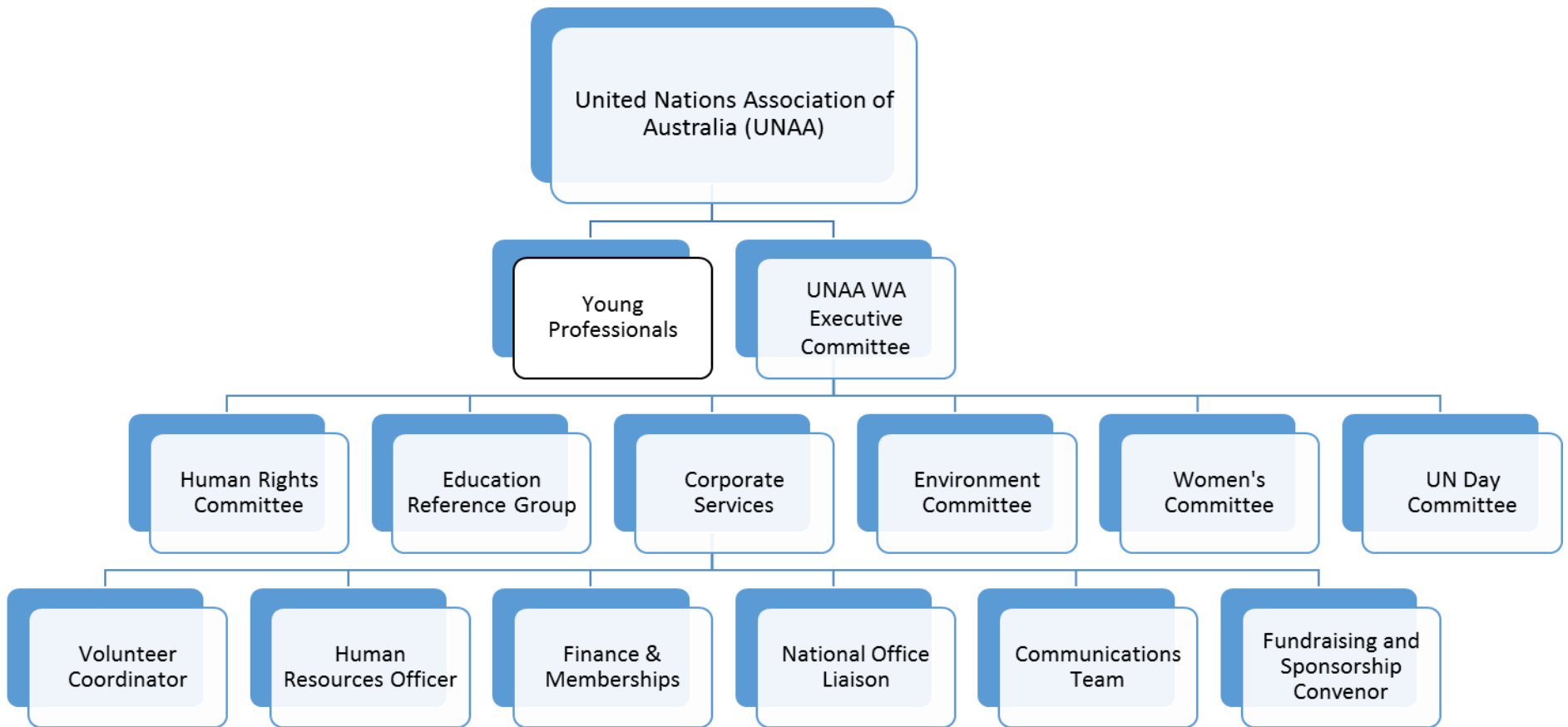
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[Photo: Women's Committee participating in Swan River Run as a Run for Refugees]



UNAAWA Structural Chart

Executive

1. Executive Reports

1.1 President's Report

As the United Nations prepares for the arrival of its new Secretary General, Antonio Guterres, we need to show our support more than ever for the UN's work and achievements. One such achievement is the Paris Agreement on climate change, which as a treaty will enter into force in November 2016. I still recall people adamantly claiming that no global agreement was possible...

This 2015/16 Annual Report shows the amazing amount that the Association achieves on a shoestring budget with a group of dedicated volunteers. It has been another excellent year for our Association, with continued strong membership growth, new committees forming for human rights and the environment, the successful launch of our Global Citizenship Schools program and an array of activities and events being provided for our members and the community. It is great to see our events are regularly attracting strong crowds and in a number of cases this year, have sold out.

It has been an honour and privilege to serve as your President over the past five years and as National Vice President during the past year. I am pleased and proud of the strong growth and new initiatives in our WA Division, the friendly and harmonious Executive team and support shown by our members for our work and for the United Nations.

Please accept my personal thanks and gratitude for the contribution our many volunteers have made. I give special thanks to Neesha Seth and Ricky Hernandez for their loyal contribution as Vice Presidents. I also acknowledge the invaluable support of Harvey Davies during my term of leadership.



[Governor Sanderson (Patron) & President Carolyne Gatward]

I have very much enjoyed my time as President and, as Immediate Past President, I look forward to continuing to support the new President and the Executive. Our future looks exciting and we are at an important point in our development. The Association is blossoming in many ways and so finally, I recognise and thank all of our members for your involvement in our evolving transformation.

Carolyne Gatward

1.2 Office

During the year, the office has been regularly staffed on three days of the week: Monday (Curtis Clark), Thursday (Harvey Davies) and Friday (Lindsay Dorman). Other office volunteers have included Ping McDowall, Meroe Mozakka and Parisa Jalali. We are always keen to have more office volunteers.

Fern Teo has kindly developed draft instructions for office procedures and Parisa Jalali is currently refining the draft to suit our purposes. Emily Oliveira, Human Resources Officer, has developed a procedure for the use of office equipment at external events. Committee Convenors should be aware that equipment needs to be 'checked out' and then returned to the office as soon as possible.

Curtis Clark represents the Association on the Claisebrook Lotteries House (CLH) Management Committee. The return to CLH has been very successful and we enjoy very cordial relations with all other tenant organisations. While initially we shared shelf space with another tenant, we now have adequate space which allows us to store our files in a more accessible manner. Our emails are allocated to various categories, thus can be easily located for responding to as required. This applies, for example, to the Office and Volunteer Coordinator emails. Incoming phone calls are not as common these days, with people preferring to use email, however the phone and message bank still remain very important in the daily office procedures. It is suggested that both the computer and printer should be replaced soon. The printer, in particular, has started struggling to meet the required standard.

Visitors to the office are principally those with appointments, for example new volunteers seeking advice on where they are best suited in the Association. Having the front door opened only by remote control from the office allows the office volunteer total discretion as to who enters the building. CLH has provided each tenant with security instructions in an emergency. These instructions, as well as those for any health emergency, are posted in the office for easy reference.

The office provides UNAAWA with a place where you can learn more about the Association and the United Nations. You are always welcome to call or email us with any queries.

Lindsay Dorman, Volunteer Coordinator

1.3 Global Representative

2015/16 Snapshot

The past year has seen the UN under its greatest unprecedented obligation and testing in facing terrorism, humanitarian atrocities, climate change, refugees, illegal border crossings and mass migration, to highlight just a few major headline issues as prominence to its global positioning, core values and agenda in finding solutions. Harmonious living, companionship in human rights, corporate, social responsibility, peace and distribution of wealth appear as distant as never before in bridging geographical and common mind sets. Unfortunately, we are subject to a world among other things, in conflict with itself, with issues never previously contemplated. Our core

UN values are integral in advancing the message of the UN to assist in delivering a better, peaceful world is needed as never before – we all have our role to play.

Multiculturalism

From my engineering profession, I am able to report early multiculturalism in Australia from my association in engineering engagements in power, water and energy disciplines. In fact, as a result of meetings associated with this historical project ranking as an apex landmark in conservation of water and creating energy, I refer to Australia's largest civil engineering project the Snowy Mountains Hydro-Electric Scheme of the 1950's. This scheme attracted several thousand migrant nationalities from post WWII devastated European countries. Each individual brought a rich culture, including art, craftsmanship construction labour and other special unique ethnic heritage qualities to Australia, which in itself was also recovering from the wounds of war six years earlier. Each individual had to assimilate with his or her working colleagues, a difficult barrier of language. Historically we can proudly write and record the event was a success story in early Australian social multicultural history which triggered a wave of European chain migration to our shores and post-war nation building.

At home I have attended or met with the following:

- Meeting with WA Governor Sanderson, our UNAAWA Patron;
- Meeting with UK and Italian consuls;
- ANZAC Day dawn and march Commemorative Service;
- RSL Remembrance Day Commemorative wreath laying;
- RSLWA Centenary Congress;
- Carbon Capture and sequestration;
- CSIRO Water for drying climate;
- Uranium and radioactive post mine remediation environmental management, storage of nuclear waste and final land use;
- WA DOW Water for Food and sustainable agriculture production;
- Australian - African Development Association;
- UWA Energy and Minerals Institute;
- Cape York sustainable bauxite mining and rehabilitation, Indigenous recognition;
- Water for central Australia Alice Springs from Artesian basins, cultivation and food in desert environments;
- Gas exploration and production of gas impacts on environment and private lands;
- WA Multicultural Association;
- UWA Professor, Anthropology and Sociology Loretta Baldassar;
- Curtin University – History of Migration Director, Dr Nonja Peters R.O.N.

My travel abroad has included:

- Miracles - The Charity, London;
- UNA UK, London;

- PNG community engagement;
- Southern Africa, Johannesburg, Cape Town, Durban - working with local empowerment;
- UN world health Africa;
- Sub-Sahara central Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe (SADC);
- UAE Dubai. Regional Middle East development.

My journey is a continuous learning mantle. I meet many individuals of diverse academic, professional, social and economic cultures; heritage linguistic capacity from all walks of life. From this experience, I appreciate the true worth of humanities in the global family and precisely apprehend the core principle framed values of which the UN is moulded. I see devastation of environments and witness a new wave of educated corporate responsibility in environmental management and water conservation for human consumption. I understand this because its in my daily career work agenda. I do my part to educate and rectify with social corporate responsibility. With these “hands on experiences” I can report through the window of the UN my existing and learned experiences.

In Summary – A Year of Progress

I have over the years dedicated much interest and have previously reported the agenda and subject of the 8 MDGs which have real life survival meaning as I travel the dirt back roads and through cities of developing nations. Abject poverty, health, water, sanitation, human rights and education thresholds, not to mention gender equality, are real daily struggles in life which pull at every sinew, core and emotion in your body.

The progress of the 8 MDGs to alleviate the root cause of global poverty amongst other things has progressed favourably. Much has advanced and there is now a greater awareness from the wealthy countries to share the equilibria of wealth with poorer nations - however much more needs to be done.

The Paris Climate agreement was hailed an important milestone in planning the reduction of global warming and emissions. UNEP laws that advocate the protection of humanity for future generations, natural land systems, oceans, air, terrestrial mammals and endangered species are now receiving high priority from most western world governments.

A recognition to a greater world peace in today’s complex religious and ideology conflicts the desire of each individual to live their lives in harmony, peace and free from persecution no matter colour, creed or religion as proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which states ‘Dignity and Justice for all of us’.

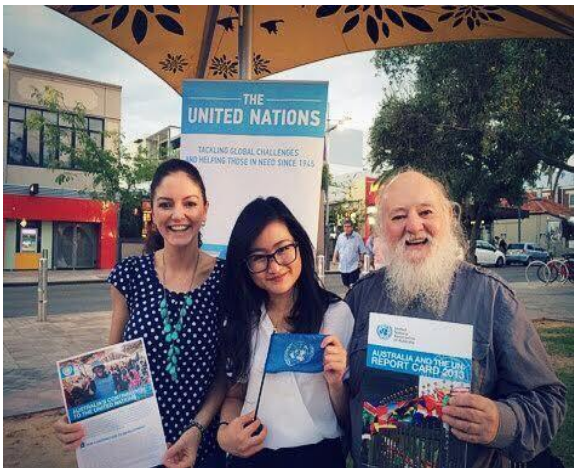
Our dedicated voluntary work effort from our UNAANA Executives and Members in enshrining the core values of UN has been noble, uplifting and widely respected. The continued good will and ethos displays a rare commitment to sustain the organisation’s future. From my personal experience in my UNAANA, corporate, and private charitable committed engagements, I see a beacon bestowing to the enshrined values of UN allowing the uplifting social importance to those less fortunate. Australia has always been responsive to natural or declared disaster events. From our side of the globe, we are doing our small part. It’s the small steps in our journey that take us to the destination.

Joseph Caruso, UNAANA Global Representative

1.4 Volunteer Coordinator

I was honoured to be appointed as the Volunteer Coordinator in March this year. In 2016, I've had the pleasure to be involved with three volunteer information evenings (the 'Discover UNAA' sessions). These sessions started on a trial basis primarily to answer queries from people considering whether to volunteer their time with the Association. As these sessions are proving popular, they are currently being held bi-monthly and include a presentation about the Association. These presentations are designed to give an overview of the organisation, its relationship to the UN and civil society and they also paint a picture of how our members/volunteers can become involved within the UNAA.

In May, ten very proficient, energetic and enthusiastic young people, some who were already members were provided with an informative overview about the Association by President Carolyne Gatward. A formal Q&A session was followed by light refreshments. In July, 29 people snugly squeezed into our office meeting room to hear Emily Oliveira, our Human Resources Officer, deliver a comprehensive presentation on the UNAA. In September, 18 people attended and again Emily Oliveira was our presenter. A Q&A session was followed by light refreshments and informal talks took place between attendees and Emily, Chief Communications Officer Saskia Tjahja and myself.



As a result of the Volunteer Information evenings, I have been able to place new member/volunteers into the various committee roles that best suited their individual interests.

Throughout the year, I have taken the opportunity to use social medium LinkedIn to spread the UNAA name and message to a very wide and professional WA network. It has proven to be a most effective tool to invite people to look at our website and consider becoming involved with us. As a result of this, a greater number of people know about us who hitherto did not. New members have joined due to this campaign.

Over the year, I have attended a countless number of international relations based presentations and on each occasion made the UNAA's role and activities known. It is difficult to precisely quantify what effect this overall campaign has had on the increase of our membership, however there is no doubt that our Association's public profile is expanding.

Lindsay Dorman, Volunteer Coordinator

[Photo: Lindsay with Executive Members Saskia and Katryna at the Night Market, Northbridge]

2. Committee Reports

Human Rights

2.1 Human Rights Committee

During 2015, the Human Rights Forum led by Sara Alemi continued to offer regular discussions on matters of human rights, refugees, freedom, justice and peace. Topics included 'Gandhi on Religious Conflict' and the Hazaras asylum seekers in Australia. A viewing by members of the movie 'He Named Me Malala' about the Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Malala Yousafzai, replaced the November forum meeting. After Sara resigned as the convenor in late 2015, it was decided to restructure the forum to become a more formal, new subcommittee of the Executive in 2016. Nicholas Prindiville took on the role of Committee Chair in April 2016 until he relocated to Canberra. Fadzi Whande was subsequently appointed as the new Chair.

The UNAAWA Human Rights Committee meets monthly to discuss human rights issues of local and international interest. Attendees have the chance to listen to guest speakers from a variety of backgrounds, network with other interested individuals and participate in the organisation of UNAAWA events such as the Insiders Guide to the UN, the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples and World Peace Day. The Committee's first two main events, the Insiders Guide to the UN and World Peace Day, have been very successful and well attended. Plans are underway for Human Rights Day and for participating in the International Day of Tolerance. All members are welcome to attend the committee meetings. To find out more, email human.rights@unaa-wa.org.au or check the website for upcoming meeting dates.

Gender Equality

2.2 Women's Committee

The UNAAWA Women's Committee has continued to create a platform for discussion, organising events and expanding the understanding of gender equality throughout Perth,

Western Australia. This work has been aligned to the values and activities of the United Nations and the events have been well attended and received. Audience representation has been diverse; embracing different age groups, cultures and active male participation. Larger events sold out at 110 people; demonstrating success in expanding community reach.

The Women's Committee experienced rapid growth, with nine passionate women currently in voting committee roles, backed by a strong pool of supportive volunteers. The success of the Women's Committee is owed to the dedication, knowledge and passion of these individuals - both current and past members alike.

Over 2016, the Women's Committee engaged with the local community in building friendships and partnerships. Importantly, we were listening to the voices in the community to understand where the Committee should focus efforts. These insights will be applied in the Women's Committee strategic planning for 2017 and beyond.

Women's Committee Mailing List membership growth: (Sign up [here](#))



Activities

November 2015 - Elimination of Violence Against Women

The UNAAWA Women's Committee held an event for the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. The sold-out event aimed to raise awareness and provide factual information to educate members of the community and support prevention of this serious issue. Speakers included: 1) Dr Katie Attwell, a political science academic with the Sir Walter Murdoch School of Public Policy and International Affairs 2) Mr Kim Massam, A/Superintendent for the Central Metropolitan Police district which covers the Perth region to Midland and 3) Ms Kim Smith, the founder of Standing Strong Total Wellness Club for Girls.



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February 2016 - International Day of Women & Girls in Science

On Thursday 11 February **2016**, the UNAAWA Women's Committee brought together four successful women of science: Professor Lyn Beazley, Pia Turcinov, Dr Lindy Fitzgerald & Monique Mattos to share their stories and to encourage women to consider choosing a career in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. The free event was proudly sponsored by UWA and Visagio.

May 2016 - Breaking Barriers through Sport

Sporting leaders Dr Richard Charlesworth ('Australia's best coach'), Bella Ndayikeze and the Young Woman Boxing Project's Stacey Ward and Lisa Longman joined forces to inspire and encourage the audience to get active, support their community and help promote the message that together, through sport, we can break down barriers and advance equality. We also discussed how sport can provide key leadership skills which can later be leveraged for career advancement. Before networking, the Young Woman Boxing Project surprised the audience with a live boxing



demonstration! Door prizes were kindly donated by Pilates Fitness Institute of Australia.



May 2016 - Mother's Day Classic

The Mother's Day Classic raises much needed funds for breast cancer research. It is a national fun run (and walk) that is held annually on Mother's Day. The Women's Committee was excited to be involved in this event and we thank all of the team members that shared the morning with us and encouraged people to get involved.

June 2016 – Refugee Welcome Dinner and International Day of Yoga

On Monday 20 June, the UNAAWA Women's Committee partnered with Amnesty International (WA), First Home Project and Students for Refugees to support their community dinner aimed at bringing members of the community, particularly women and children, together to enjoy shared food and fun activities. Later in June, the Women's Convener also represented the UNAAWA by opening an event with Yoga Australia, to celebrate the United Nations International Day of Yoga.



July 2016 - Run for Refugees with Team UNHCR

The Women's Committee joined forces with Team UNHCR to Run for Refugees at the Swan River Run on Sunday, July 24th. By wearing matching "Australia for UNHCR" singlets, the competitors sought to promote tolerance and diversity, and sent the message that together, we can all stand with refugees.

August 2016 - A Celebration of Aboriginal Women – Their Art, Music & Culture

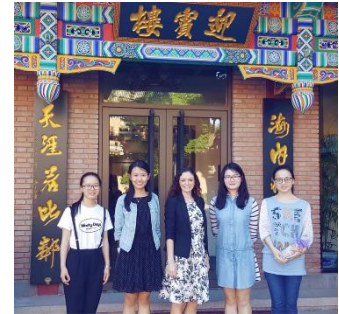
On Wednesday 10 August, 2016, an inspirational group of Indigenous community leaders came together at Perth City Farm (wonderful event sponsors!) in East Perth for a sold out event to honour the important work being done by Indigenous Australian women. Rishelle Hume and Dorinda Cox shared stories of their family and culture, Koondarm and Madjitil Moorna Choirs sang both English and traditional language songs, and artist J.D. Penangke lead everyone in



creating a beautiful canvas painting using Aboriginal techniques. The interaction and sharing between guests and speakers alike was most memorable and the event was a true highlight.

August - Convener visits UNA China

The Women's Committee Convener was privileged to meet with UNA China Programme Officer Li Xueyao, whilst on a recent visit to Beijing with Curtin University. She learnt about UNA China's focus on peace and security, their trilateral agreement with Japan and South Korea, as well as their strong engagement with the Chinese government and universities.



Future Plans

The Women's Committee will soon host their second event for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. This year's event will focus on prevention; community action, education and media. Details will be announced soon and we are delighted to have Dominique Pratt on board as our official event MC.

Lastly, as the Women's Committee moves into 2017, we will dedicate collective effort towards strategic planning, a review of the Sustainable Development Goals, and strengthening organisational capability. This will support long term growth plans, enabling increased engagement in the local community for many years to come.

We look forward to continuing this journey with the wider UNAAWA members, our partners, supporters and volunteers.

Katryna Douglas, Women's Committee Convener

Education

2.3 Education Reference Group

Between July and December 2015, the Education Reference Group (ERG) was formed to merge the functions of both the Education Working Group and the Yolande Frank Art Awards Committee. The ERG met twice during the period February 2015 to June 2016, with the following UNAAWA members participating: Carolyn Gatward, Harvey Davies, Jan Ryan, Kay Hallahan, Elsie Tester, Elaine Lewis (Coolbinia Primary School), Ronell Vermeulen (Kingsway Christian College) and Rees Barrett. These meetings focused on arrangements for promoting and implementing the following:

- Yolande Frank Art Awards
- Global Citizenship Schools program

- UNAAWA Education Resources Bank
- UNAAWA School Speaker Program
- Children's Week Family Friendly Day Stall
- Collaborative partnerships.

Yolande Frank Art Awards

Meerilinga conducted the 2015 Awards as part of the Children's Week Awards, under a Memorandum of Understanding negotiated with UNAAWA. Entries were received from 11 schools and 8 individuals. The winner of the 2015 Yolande Frank Art Award was Anika Vrzovski. *[Photo right is Anika's winning entry].*



In March 2016, Meerilinga terminated the MoU due to a lack of funding, thereby requiring UNAAWA to conduct the Awards. A flyer, outlining the following details, was negotiated and distributed to schools and individuals through email and the website. The 2016 Award details are as follows:

- Single category - Middle and Upper Primary School (Years 4 to 6);
- Theme - Article 31 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child – The Right to Play (in line with the 2016 Children's Week theme);
- Schools will select their leading entries (to a maximum of four) for submission by mail, delivery or online through the UNAAWA office, with a declaration from the Principal that it is the Year 4 to 6 student's own work and has been selected by the school;



- Entries may use any visual art media and may be completed by individuals or groups of students;
- Entries must be submitted by 5pm Friday 26 August 2016;
- Prizes: Individual – Winner \$150 each for the school and the student, Highly Commended \$50 each for the school and the student, Group - \$100 for the school;
- Certificates to be presented to all prizewinners.

[Photo: Anika displaying her 2015 Award certificate]

Global Citizenship Schools (GCS) program

Thirteen schools joined the program (one junior primary school K-3; two primary schools K-6; six K-12 colleges; three secondary schools 7-12; one senior college). A UNAAWA Membership Kit was presented to the contact person in each school. Several emails were sent to members each school term advising about latest news or developments relating to the schools program and selected UN Observances. UNAA (Queensland) has implemented the program and paid an annual licence fee (\$50) for five schools. A survey on the effectiveness of this and related programs was emailed to each WA school in early June 2016 (see evaluation section).

UNAAWA Education Resources Bank

All of the 24 resources linking the work and ideals of the UN with relevant parts of the WA school curriculum developed in 2014/15 were reviewed; 12 were amended or updated. All information included in these resources is either based on or drawn directly from UN publications. Five of the items are Word documents providing advice to teachers. Eighteen of the items are PowerPoint student resources that:

1. Provide a UN perspective on contemporary global issues
2. Simplify complex information drawn from dense and multi-layered text (e.g. UN website) that requires time consuming navigation
3. Conceptualise information in a logical flow of ideas aligned with the WA (Australian) Curriculum
4. Present complex concepts and information in a way that is accessible to school students
5. Provide a 'stand-alone' package of information and ideas that is readily used by teachers.

Teacher Support documents linking key aspects of global citizenship and human rights education to the WA curriculum are being drafted.



UNAAWA School Speaker Program

The UNAAWA School Speaker Program policy and procedures were drafted and endorsed. These were distributed to all UNAAWA members through the newsletter, with GCS members receiving additional advice by email. Implementation will commence in 2016/17.

[Photo: President Carlyne Gatward with student leaders, Oliver Price and Lara Cox from North Beach Primary School, the first GCS member].

Children's Week Family Friendly Day Stall

The ERG assumed responsibility for leading the development and implementation of the UNAAWA stall at the Family Fun Day on Sunday 25 October 2015. The stall was a success with five members supervising. Sixty-two children participated in the *Colour Your World* activity. Only six older children completed the quiz activity. Each activity provided a

means of giving a simple message about the UN. Many parents chatted with us on the day. Advertising of our education programs (Global Citizenship Schools and Yolande Frank Art Award) was strategically placed but didn't attract much attention, although we may have recruited another school. We identified ways to make it even more successful next year, particularly in catering for younger children.

Student Leadership Program

The ERG also commenced development of a Student Leadership Program. Based on the model developed in Queensland, this full-day education program in Parliament House is for selected students from UNAA Global Citizenship Schools. The program focuses on citizenship – local to global, as well as leadership and project management skills related to the work and ideals of the UN.

Collaborative Partnerships

Priority was given to establishing mutually beneficial collaborative partnerships with common interest groups – UNAA Queensland, Political and Legal Educators' Association of WA (PLEAWA), One World Centre (OWC), World Organisation for Early Childhood Education (OMEP), UN Youth, Borderless Gandhi and the Hewlett Packard Education program. Meetings were held with representatives of each group. Two GCS members also representing the OWC and PLEAWA accepted an invitation to join the ERG.

UNAANA collaborated with OWC and OMEP to conduct a seminar on 1 March about teaching for human rights targeting early childhood educators (21 attended, including 11 teachers from five schools).

Evaluation

Four GCS members (31% response rate) completed the evaluation survey distributed at the beginning of June 2016. Overall, responses were positive, particularly as this is the first year of implementation of our school programs. Most heartening is the decision by all respondents to continue membership. Expansion of membership and school programs is given high priority by some respondents. It is intended that over a number of years, surveys will be conducted to enable trends to be identified.

2016/17 Priorities

- Maintain existing programs and involve members in promoting them in their local schools;
- Achieve a target of 10 schools participating in the Yolande Frank Art Awards in 2016;
- Evaluate feasibility of expanding the Yolande Frank Awards to include K to 3 and 7 to 10 categories;
- Achieve a target of 40 member schools in the Global Citizenship Schools program;
- Develop and maintain the education resources and school speaker programs;
- Implement a student leadership seminar in November 2016; and
- Evaluate the feasibility of a World Teachers Day event in October 2017.

Rees Barrett, UNAANA School Programs Coordinator

Environment

2.4 Environment Committee

In the first quarter of 2016, the Environment Committee was formed with the purpose of raising the awareness and engagement of the local Perth community with the UN Programs, policies and Sustainable Development Goals relating to the environment. The focus of the Committee has been aligned to several of these goals, including Goal 6: Clean Water and Sanitation, Goal 13: Climate Action, Goal 14: Life Below Water and Goal 15: Life on Land. The structure of the Committee reflects this, with a portfolio lead to be appointed to each of these goals in 2016-17.

The main activity of the Environment Committee in 2015-16 was the planning and delivery of the 'Water: It's Importance Locally and Abroad' event which was held on Wednesday 29 June 2016 at Claisebrook Lotteries House, East Perth. Two speakers were invited to present on their professional and personal experiences in the water sector - Professor Anas Gadouani, University of Western Australia and Director of the Cooperative Research Centre for Water Sensitive Cities and Katrina Bukauskas, Engineer, Water Corporation and Engineer Without Borders. The event gave attendees the opportunity to engage in open dialog with the speakers to understand the difference in water challenges between Australia and developing countries, how we consume water in our daily lives and what we can actively do to reduce our consumption of water.



In 2016-17, the focus of the Committee (including members above) will be to increase awareness about the Environment Committee and its purpose of engaging the local

community with the relevancy of UN Programs and policies. This will be achieved through holding an event on a quarterly basis, contributing to UNAAWA communication channels and developing partnerships and networks with other organisations.

Please contact Siobhán Jennings, Environment Chair, know if you would like to be involved in the Environment Committee. It offers a constructive opportunity to work with likeminded members on critical environmental matters.

Siobhan Jennings, Environment Chair

Key Events

3. Key Events/Activities

3.1 World Humanitarian Day 2015

World Humanitarian Day acknowledges and celebrates the hundreds of thousands of people committed to providing aid and assistance to save lives, alleviate suffering and maintain and protect human dignity. Designated by the General Assembly to coincide with the anniversary of the 2003 bombing of the United Nations headquarters in Baghdad, Iraq, the day recognizes those facing danger and adversity in order to help others affected by natural and man-made crises and disasters.

The Perth event, held at the College of Law on 19 August 2015, featured inspiring accounts of humanitarian work both locally and globally. UNAAWA partnered with Red Cross, the College of Law and the Curtin International Affairs Association for the event which was sponsored by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT).



They keynote address was provided by Claire Elias, Assistant Director of the UN and Commonwealth Section, DFAT. Claire provided insight into the scale of humanitarian issues and the challenges in tackling them. She identified the opportunity for better engagement with the private sector to meet the gap in the provision of aid and the role of prevention.

Alenka Jeram, State Manager for the Red Cross Migration Support Program assists refugees, asylum seekers and immigration detainees. Alenka reiterated the value in sharing personal stories to help dispel myths associated with the migration of people made vulnerable through conflict, war and disaster. Agnes Beaton presented a moving account of her work as an international humanitarian healthcare worker. A former International Committee of the Red Cross delegate, Agnes has considerable experience in crises situations. Liza Beinart, Save the Children Australia spoke passionately about their work to settle newly arrived migrant and refugee children in Perth.

Paddy Cullen, Campaigns Coordinator (WA), Oxfam Australia noted that as the humanitarian system is under so much strain, Australians need to show strong support for the provision of humanitarian aid. He urged everyone to become involved and add their voice to this message to Government.

Melanie Chatfield

3.2 International Day of Peace

The International Day of Peace was established in 1981 by the United Nations General Assembly. Our 2015 International Day of Peace was marked at St George's Cathedral, an iconic place in the centre of Perth, just in front of Government House. We commenced the event with the music of didgeridoos. It was a beautiful ceremony, with leaders from six religions talking to us about peace. This was intercalated by choral music that together with the Cathedral atmosphere enhanced the impact on the messages of friendship and respect.



[Photo: Ester with Neesha Seth]

The Dean of Perth gave the “Acknowledgement of Country” and Neesha Seth, UNAABA Vice President, read UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon’s message for the special day.

UNAABA thanks Father Graeme for hosting the 2015 UNAABA International Peace Day event. Thanks also to Eva Szauter, from Brahma Kumaris, for her participation in organising the program.

Ester Steingjesser

3.3 UN Day 2015

UNAABA celebrated UN Day 2015 at Government House Ballroom, with our partners the Australian Institute of International Affairs (AIIA) and the Western Australian Multicultural Association (WAMA) and an audience of over 150 people.



Our sponsors included the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Department of Culture and the Arts. Government House Ballroom was a lovely and very fitting venue for such a special occasion. The UN works tirelessly for peace, security, human rights and our environment and the evening was a celebration for the work of the UN and the Charter that was created 70 years ago.



Vice President Neesha Seth was the MC and kept the evening flowing with wonderful commentary about the speakers and the entertainment. Neesha’s opening and acknowledgement of VIPs was followed by a moving Welcome to Country by Marie Taylor.

The Hon Kerry Sanderson AO, Governor of Western Australia gave the opening address and highlighted some of the 70 ways the UN makes a difference in the world. Some of this list included promoting gender equality, improving literacy, regulating the use of oceans, resolving international disputes, preserving historic sites, clearing landmines, assisting refugees, helping disaster victims, developing global trade treaties, supporting democratic elections, creating civil aviation standards, fighting hunger and achieving the eradication of smallpox. In closing she emphasised the importance of the role and responsibility we all have to sustain the strength and unity of the UN.

Carolyn Gatward, President of UNAABA gave the UN Day address and cheekily passed on an apology from Ban Ki Moon that he could not be with us on this special occasion! But on a more serious note she reminded us how the UN Association of Australia was founded in 1946 around the idea of building a people’s movement around the UN giving

support and advocating its purpose and she then followed with UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon's UN Day Message.

The UN Day address was followed by the keynote address from Andrea Gleason, Director WA State Office, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Andrea spoke of the importance of the UN, its complexity and its achievements.

Between our speakers we had terrific entertainment with a truly multicultural theme which included tangos, Russian folk dancing, Teresa Tan playing the Guzheng (a Chinese plucked zither), opera from Magda Lisek and Matthew Manahan from the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts, a jazz performance and an amazing performance from Anastasios Karamintzas, who played the Bouzouki. Anastasios was a winner of the Multicultural Youth Talent Quest (Instrumental).



One could not help feeling a truly warm sense of belonging and resolve to support the UN to continue working toward world peace to provide that sense of belonging for all. Thank you to the organizers for a truly lovely and memorable evening.

Ailsa Allen

3.4 Commemoration in Memory of Victims of the Holocaust

On 27 January 2016, a large crowd packed the Holocaust Institute Hall to commemorate victims of the Holocaust. This was organised by UNAAWA, the Holocaust Institute of WA, the WA Section of National Council of Jewish Women of Australia and the Jewish Historical and Genealogical Society of WA.

Kay Hallahan AO, representing the UNAAWA, welcomed everyone, including representatives of all the organisations involved, as well as Ian Britza, State Member for

Morley, Rabbi Adi Cohen (Temple David), David Denver (JCC President) and Marion Ward (National Council of Women President, WA).

The United Nations theme for 2016 was human dignity. Kay read a message from the UN Secretary-General, Ban Ki-moon: *“The survivors remind us what happens when we allow inhumanity to prevail. They are living testaments of the human spirit and the inherent dignity and worth of every person.”*

Shirley Atlas, a teacher at Carmel School, then spoke about the March of the Living, which is an annual educational programme bringing students from all over the world to Poland, in order to study the history of the Holocaust. Since the first March of the Living was held in 1988, 240,000 participants from 35 countries have marched silently down the same 3-kilometre path leading from Auschwitz to Birkenau. The participants in the programme spend a week in Poland, during which they also visit cities where Jewish life in Poland once thrived.

Holocaust education is now compulsory in Poland. After the sadness of Poland, the programme participants travel to Israel in time for the Day of Remembrance of Fallen Israeli Soldiers, another sad day, followed the very next day by the joy of Israeli Independence Day, full of celebration. Everyone goes through a multitude of emotions during those life-changing two weeks. The students come home more conscious of their family history, and more committed to humanitarian causes.



Three of the teenage students who went last year, spoke beautifully and movingly about their thoughts and feelings, after going on this incredible journey from the past, in Poland, to the present, in Israel, and to the future, when they will share the legacy of those who cannot.

Ester Steingiesser, State President of NCJWA (WA Section), thanked the wonderful speakers, Kay Hallahan AO, Rena Hesselson, Michelle Urban OAM and all that came to mark this special day.

[Photo: Kay Hallahan AO with Ester Steingiesser]

Ester Steingiesser

UN Youth

4. UN Youth WA



Overview of 2016

2016 has had a fair share of ups and downs for our Division. Our first event of the year, the State Conference, was our most successful conference yet. The convener, Katherine Swann, endeavoured to improve accessibility for regional and low SES students through the provision of equity scholarships, paid for via sponsorship from the Sydney Myer Fund, and we were very pleased with the uptake.

Another huge success has been our school visits. We've conducted a number of them throughout the year, with more in planning for the remainder of the year and into 2017. They not only allow us to educate students who wouldn't ordinarily engage with our organisation, but also have helped us establish school contacts in areas we'd otherwise struggle to reach out to. All our school visits have been overseen superbly by our education officer, Cormac Power.



Unfortunately, other events have been less successful. Our Evatt Mock Security Council Competition saw a fall in registrations from last year, and we continued to have issues communicating with teachers and participants. We've had to cancel a few of our planned summits throughout the year due to limited interest from teachers and registrations from students. However, our Voice competition which is set to commence in October looks to slightly exceed last year's registration count.

As many of these issues surfaced last year, we have clear priorities to tackle heading into 2017. That being said, despite having only taken on the role of Acting President a couple of months ago, I've been consistently impressed with the organisation's Executive, both in my role as President and as Vice-President. Special mention has to go to Frances Harvey, who resigned as President in September. She has done an incredible amount for our organisation, and has been the heart and soul of UN Youth WA for as long as I can remember.

Strategic Objectives

Goal	What our Division is doing to advance this
1. Providing high quality education content to students	This year, education has been a major success of our organisation. This has occurred by way of a dual effort of our Division's education sub-committee and the national education program, and our in-house content is increasingly recognised as the national standard.
2. Expanding our programs	As mentioned earlier, our efforts to increase student engagement by way of our major programs has been mixed, although we have seen a few successes. The change in State Conference venue last year has continued to pay dividends in terms of student capacity, and school visits are increasingly becoming a mainstay of our educational offerings. Further expansion of our lagging programs will be necessary in the coming years, with particular focus on how we communicate events to students and teachers.

<p>3. Broadening the range of students we engage with</p>	<p>Accessibility has been another big success of UN Youth WA in 2016. The aforementioned equity scholarships were taken up by 15 students, far more than we had anticipated. Similar subsidies have been extended in other programs towards regional students, which have also proved successful. We have continued to keep events at as low a cost as possible. I can proudly say that no student has been priced out of a UN Youth WA event.</p>
<p>4. Expanding and retaining our facilitator base</p>	<p>At the start of the year, we culled nearly fifty per cent of our facilitation roster by inviting inactive facilitators to join our 'UN Youth Alumni' group. Whilst this means we've seen our total membership decline quite dramatically, the number of active members has increased substantially. Whilst an issue this year was a deficit of experienced volunteers, this problem should be addressed next year as this year's first time facilitators continue to develop within the organisation.</p>

Conclusion

We have much to be proud of this year, but there is definitely work to be done. The increasing costs of operation, a communication deficit with teachers, and the gradual decline in prestige of some of our central programs, must be considered carefully and addressed. We are, as ever, appreciative of our close partnership with the UNAA, and will keep you informed on developments within our Division as they arise.

Hugh Hutchison, President of UN Youth WA

Young Professionals

5. UNAA Young Professionals (WA)



The UNAA Young Professionals (YP) network involves and inspires young professionals throughout Australia in international affairs and the work of the United Nations around the world, through fundraising, awareness-raising and advocacy campaigns.

The YP brings together a diverse mix of young professionals from business, law, government, the arts and philanthropy that are mainly between the ages of 25 to 35 years. Meet the current Western Australian team here: <http://www.unaa.org.au/unaa-wa-yp-team/>

In the past year, the WA team has successfully re-launched in July 2015, at QV1 Perth. Deputy Lord Mayor Robert Butler opened the event to over 150 people.



During 2015-16, the Young Professionals in Western Australia have developed their strategy and structure, formed strong allegiances with like-minded associations and worked closely with all the YP divisions in Australia to raise awareness of our key focus areas and leverage our collegiate strength for the greater good of our nation's future. For more coverage, see: <http://www.uspa24.com/bericht-4653/united-nations-association-of-australia-targets-youth.html>.

The YP provides an exciting opportunity to interact with like-minded people and gives young professionals from all walks of life a unique forum in which to learn more about current international issues, the United Nations and the work of the UN Association in Australia.

Young people have access to exclusive events featuring high-level speakers from the United Nations, expert practitioners from the government sector, academics and influential members of the business community. The YP also presents an opportunity to take on leadership positions to make a positive impact on a global scale as well as offering valuable networking opportunities amongst like-minded peers and influential individuals across the business and professional world in Australia. The YP was officially launched in Darling Harbour, Sydney to a sell-out crowd on UN Day on 24 October 2011.

If you're interested in joining the next generation of leaders that will stand for the poorest and most vulnerable, and positively shape the future of the world that we will live in, please reach out to us.

For more information about joining us, please visit: unaa.org.au or contact us on waypconvenor@unaa.org.au

Neesha Seth, State Convenor – WA, UNAA Young Professionals

Finance

6. Financial Reports

6.1 Audit Report 2015/16

United Nations Association of Australia Western Australian Division

Audit report

Statement of significant accounting policies

The attached financial reports of the United Nations Association of Australia WA Division

(The Association) have been prepared to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the WA Associations Incorporation Bill 2014. The Association is not a reporting entity and accordingly no International Accounting Standards, urgent issues, consensus views or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

Audit Report

The accompanying financial reports of the Association show an operating surplus for the 12 months to 30 June 2016 of \$1,168. The net assets mainly cash at bank \$12,285 less special purpose funds of \$6,029 shown as Current Liabilities as at 30 June 2016 were \$6,443.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial statements of the Association present fairly the assets and liabilities at 30 June 2016 and the income and expenditure of the Association for the year then ended.



Peter Illidge FCPA FGIA MBA
Auditor UNAWA
8 October 2016

6.2 Statement of Profit and Loss

United Nations Association of Australia (WA Division) Inc 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016

	30 Jun 16	30 Jun 15
Income		
Donations / Gifts		
Donations Income	302	130
Total Donations / Gifts	302	130
Fundraising Events		
Australia on the HRC Event	-	992
Children's Week	-	100
Holocaust Remembrance Day	-	20
Quiz Night	-	1,491
Quiz Night Raffle	-	190
Sausage Sizzle Fees	-	490
UN Day Event Fees	7,605	71
UNAAWA Womens Committee Event Income	2,496	1,148
World Humanitarian Income	1,381	-
Total Fundraising Events	11,482	4,503
Grants		
The Climate Talks Event	909	786
Total Grants	909	786
Memberships		
Concession	981	636
Family	162	273
Ordinary	2,537	2,409
Organisation	918	382
Total Memberships	4,599	3,700
Other		
Interest	84	142
Other Income	541	-
Total Other	624	142
Total Income	17,916	9,260
Less Cost of Sales		
UN Day Expenses	4,664	400
UNAAWA Womens Committee Event Expenses	2,330	-
World Humanitarian Expenses	909	-
Events		
Australia on the Human Right C	-	718
Children's Week Event	-	27
Climate Change Event (Hypoth)	-	260
Holocaust Remembrance Day Event	-	100
Other Events	-	29
Peace Day Event	-	100
Quiz Night Event	-	273

	30 Jun 16	30 Jun 15
The Climate Talks Events	-	623
Total Events	-	2,131
Total Cost of Sales	7,902	2,531
Gross Profit	10,014	6,730
Less Operating Expenses		
Advertising and Marketing	-	145
Bank Charges	4	-
Computer Expenses	-	106
Federal Levy	610	355
Internet	1,292	326
Memberships	45	-
Office Equipment and Supplies	1,874	457
Paypal fees	44	76
Postage & Freight	64	214
Printing and Stationary	277	148
Rent	4,318	3,622
Staff Amenities	-	91
Stripe Fees	8	-
Subscriptions	45	145
Sundry Expenses	152	100
Telephone	64	-
Trybooking fees	50	123
Administration		
Donations	-	200
Total Administration	-	200
Total Operating Expenses	8,846	6,107
Net Profit	1,168	622

6.3 Balance Sheet

United Nations Association of Australia (WA Division) Inc As at 30 June 2016

30 Jun 2016 30 Jun 2015

Assets

	30 Jun 2016	30 Jun 2015
Bank		
Cheque Account	6,131	3,607
Telenet Saver	6,154	6,071
Total Bank	12,285	9,678
Current Assets		
PayPal	-	745
Petty Cash	100	100
Prepayments	-	1,215
Total Current Assets	100	2,060
Total Assets	12,385	11,738

Liabilities

	30 Jun 2016	30 Jun 2015
Current Liabilities		
Creditors	52	-
Global Citizen Schools Fund	3,835	849
GST	(139)	(180)
Model UN Fund	-	2,900
UNAAWA Women's Committee Fund	-	200
Yolande Frank Art Award	2,194	2,694
Total Current Liabilities	5,941	6,463
Total Liabilities	5,941	6,463
Net Assets	6,443	5,276

Equity

Accumulated funds	5,276	-
Current Year Earnings	1,168	622
Members Funds	-	4,654
Total Equity	6,443	5,276

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