



UNAA National Conference 2011

"Goals for Life"

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Welcome to Perth

Next week the conference is presented. The committee have assembled an excellent series of speakers and I am sure there will be stimulating discussion. Funding has been received to bring 4 delegates from Pacific countries. UNAAWA has received funding to bring 10 delegates from rural and remote regions of WA. Through the support of sponsors the registration fee has been kept as low as possible, in fact, attendees have only been charged for the catering. I am sure delegates will be inspired to contribute in their own way to the achievement of the goals.

I look forward to meeting you all next week.

Judith A. Parker AM DSJ Committee Chair.

Conference dates and Times:

Thursday 4th August: Session commences: 2pm
Status of Women and Academic Network meetings.
Status of Women Meeting to be opened by Hon. Robyn McSweeney MLC ,
Minister for Women's Interests. Minister McSweeney has been a prominent
activist for women's rights in both her professional and political career.
She is the upper house member for the South West.

Friday 5th August: Registration: 8.15am Opening session commences: 9am

Opening Ceremony chaired by Judith Parker, Key note speakers addressing the Millennium Development goals and the presentation of 2011 Yolande Frank Memorial Award.

Saturday 6th August: Registration: 8.30am Session commences: 9am

Panel - Important International Years chaired by UNAAWA Global Representative, Joseph Caruso. Speakers discussing the important International Years: International Year of Chemistry, International year of youth and the International Year of Forests. Reverend Tim Costello: Elimination of Poverty. Interactive workshops on the 8 MDG's - Each workshop will be led by a community leader and a recorder will note positive actions to be implemented following the discussions. We expect a number of year 10 & year 12 students to take part in these workshops. In the future these young people will be the inspired movers and shakers who will ensure the continued achievement of the goals. Be sure you are there to share your knowledge and ideas. All the hard work will be followed by the Gala Dinner on Saturday evening which will follow a WA theme.

Sunday 7th August: Session commences at Subiaco office of UNAAWA: 8.30am

National Meeting of UNAA to be attended by delegates from all divisions.

Panel member Profiles:

Joseph Caruso - Panel Chairperson:

Joseph Caruso is a UNAABA Global Representative. He is a mining engineer, travelling extensively in his working career. He has held a number of positions in UNAABA including Vice President and committee member. He is an active member of the environment committee

Benson Saulo - Panel member (International Year of Youth):

Benson Saulo is Australia's Youth Representative to the United Nations. Aged 23, Benson grew up in Tamworth NSW and now lives in Melbourne. He is determined to promote positive messages about indigenous Australia. He began work for ANZ aged 15 as part of the indigenous traineeship program. He studied at University of Technology Sydney and has worked in Business banking as an assistant manager. Presently he is pursuing volunteer work with UN Youth. He is the first indigenous person to become Australia's Youth Representative.

Claire Patterson – Panel Member (International Year of Chemistry):

Claire Patterson is the Science Projects Orchestrator at Scitech Perth. She is a member of the planning and partnership team. One of her current roles is project manager of the WA Chemistry Consortium, coordinating activities to mark the International Year of Chemistry 2011. Claire is also coordinator of National Science week 2011 for WA.

Her International Year of Chemistry interests include:

Increasing public appreciation and understanding of chemistry;
Encouraging the interest of young people in Chemistry;
Generating enthusiasm for the creative future of chemistry; and
Celebrating the role of women in chemistry.

Cliff Morris – Panel Member (International Year of Forests):

Cliff is the Chief Executive Officer of 'Men of the Trees' in Western Australia. He has held pioneering roles as an environmental scientist within the forestry, mining and energy industry sectors across Australia. These roles have posed many challenges and initiated some very creative ideas. Between 1996 and 2003, Cliff coordinated the Western Power Greening Challenge in a Wheatbelt catchment, planting 4.2 million native seedlings over 6,000 hectares, involving 200 local farming families and 5,000 volunteers recruited largely from urban areas. This successful model is being applied to Men of the Trees' own *Putting it back together* program, undertaking large scale revegetation in Western Australia's Wheatbelt region.

The panel commences at 9.10 am Saturday 6th. Do not miss this exciting and informative event.

For further information on the UN's eight Millennium Development Goals, please visit: <http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/>.

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