

Annual Report 2021



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VALUE PROPOSITIONS TO OUR MEMBERS

1. Our members make a difference....

- Through participating in our numerous and varied events
- Through visible and felt commitment on issues critical to a just, peaceful, secure and sustainable future
- Through contributions to our position papers and programmes
- Through offering skills and time to our leadership, events and activities
- Through membership funding our activities

2. Our members engage...

- Through membership networking events
- Through participating in discussion at our events
- Through input to our policy positions

3. Our members are informed...

- Through our regular newsletter
- Through access to our national and global network of information
- Through exposure to local and international experts at our events
- Through our education programme and study tours

4. Our members get involved...

- Through Volunteering to contribute to our diverse and exciting portfolio of activities
- Through volunteering to be elected to the executive and playing a leading role in UNAAWA
- Through becoming a role model in living the UN Values

5. Our members become part of a greater local and global network....

- Through becoming part of UNAA with Australia wide Division, events and networks.
- Through our affiliation to the World Federation of UN Associations (WFUNA)
- Through our academic network.



We make a difference!





OUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2020 - 2021

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear members, friends and family,

The past twelve months have once again been tumultuous and unprecedented. Fires continued to raze the land, protests and racism continued to blight the news, and the COVID-19 pandemic and the lockdowns to control it continued here in Australia and around the world. And yet, here in WA it is very easy to forget how lucky we are compared to billions around the world who have faced many more challenges.

In his recent report to the General Assembly, UN Secretary-General António Guterres stated that "we are at an inflection point in history." He calls the many problems we face the biggest shared test since the Second World War, with humanity facing a stark choice between a breakdown or a breakthrough.

So at times like these, although it might be easy to lose confidence, it seems to us at the UNAAWA that hope is more important than ever. While things have not been easy, and I am sure we all know people who have struggled with lost jobs and livelihoods, or have friends and family overseas who've fallen sick, I promise you that there are still reasons to be hopeful. There is light at the end of the tunnel these past 18 months have seemed like.

To begin with, it has been both my pleasure and honour to lead the UNAAWA during the second year of my mandate. I have seen how each and every volunteer has given the best of themselves to this organisation and to our mission. Whether it is our team at the Executive Committee, our members far and wide, or our sponsors, partners and many supporters, your positivity and enthusiasm have renewed my sense of optimism. You have time and time again reminded me that through solidarity and kindness we can achieve great things, and I thank you all for that.

So here is the good news. Even though we have not been able to arrange as many events as we have before the pandemic, each gathering of the UNAAWA this year has been a true success. Never have so many people from all walks of life been more aware of the United Nations and our Association, and in my many discussions here in WA, whether with leaders from the public or private sector, the importance and relevance of the Sustainable Development Goals keeps being mentioned.

What a change that has been. When we first began our SDG Forum series three years ago it was a tough sell to convince people that this was an issue of relevance to businesses and local governments. Slowly but surely the business community has embraced the importance of leaving no one behind and taking an active role in creating a sustainable future for all on this planet.

From networking sessions, workshops to fundraising events, our many committees have been hard at work this year and it has been a relief to see many of them healthy and well. The many events they have organised have done us proud and I hope that every one of you enjoyed and learned as much from these events as I did.

I am also sure that this year's Gala will be an equal or greater success and I hope that all you will join us in the celebration. It is a truly unique opportunity to come together and commemorate the founding of the UN at a time when it needs all the help and support it can get. I therefore invite you to join us on the 22nd of October at the WA Museum of Culture for the 76th Anniversary of the UN.





I am also pleased to inform that earlier this year, I had the honour of receiving a Certificate of Recognition on behalf of the UNAAWA from the Hon. Minister Paul Papalia of the Office of Multicultural Interests (OMI) for the community work we do in WA. While the pandemic has disrupted lives, as Western Australians, we have been fortunate to be able to give back actively to those who have less. This recognition is dedicated to our volunteers who have been most selfless and committed to building an inclusive and resilient society in WA.



In addition, I am proud to announce another milestone; a partnership between the UNAAWA and the West Coast Eagles, an AFL organisation here in WA. The first of its kind in Australia, our partnership for the Goals will expand our outreach to new heights, reaching the lives of countless more Australians which might otherwise not be aware of the SDGs and our mission. This will not only help raise awareness of crucial issues such as sustainability, good health and wellbeing, equality and inclusion, but also do so at a time when achieving the SDGs has taken on a greater significance than ever before.



Announcement of the Partnership between UNAAWA & West Coast Eagles, with the support of Minister of Sports, the Hon. Dr Toni Buti, Chairman of West Coast Eagles, Russell Gibbs, & members of UNAAWA

Such partnership will create many new opportunities for our organisations in advocacy, volunteering and fundraising, and therefore enable us to expand our mission and impact on humanitarian causes, peace advocacy and spreading kindness, which is needed more than ever in the recovery of a global pandemic.



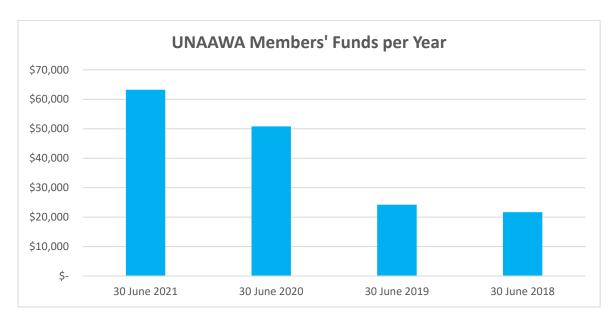
Working in close collaboration with our partners in promoting children's rights (Valuing Children Initiatives), fundraising and indigenous rights (Rotary Club of Perth), peace and harmony (Universal Great Brotherhood)



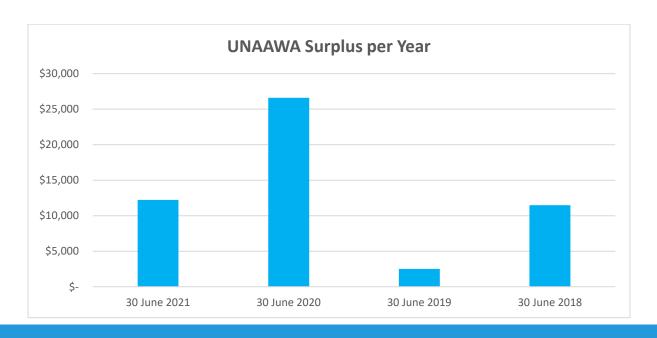


FINANCIAL OUTLOOK

The past year has left the UNAAWA facing many financial hardships, prompting us to adapt and change many of our previous fundraising efforts. Despite the decline in our reserves, I am proud to inform that the UNAAWA has continued to stay financially solvent, and that we have managed to grow our fundraising efforts through the careful stewardship of our volunteers. The work has been hard, but I wish to commend our Treasurer and all those who contributed for ensuring the financial health of our organisation.



The Member's Funds (or assets less liabilities) continue to grow year on year, with a 25% increase in the 2021 financial year, in comparison with the previous period. This increase was partly attributable to the Association's relentless members engagement programs, as well as cost containment measures implemented in the previous financial year. We expect that the effects of these measures will continue to have long lasting benefits for the Association over the foreseeable future.







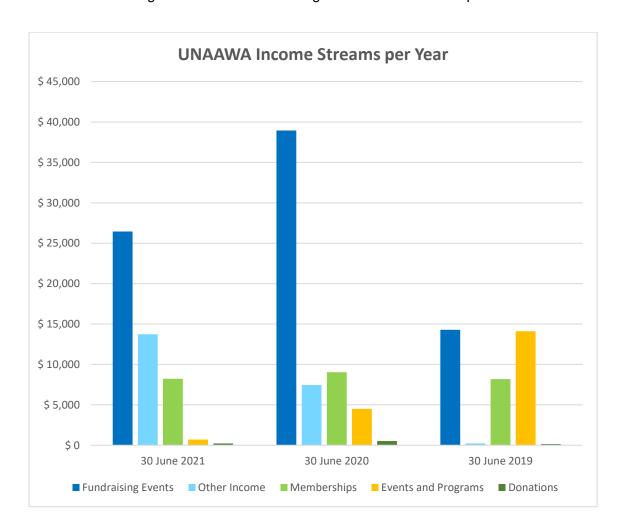
The Association's annual surplus (or income less expenses) has decreased by 54% between the 2021 and 2020 financial years. This decline is partly due to the COVID-19 grant income of \$7.4k being recognised in the 2020 financial year, which contributed to 12% of the total surplus in 2020.

Another contributing factor for this decline is the reduction of surplus generated from fundraising events, declining by 30% in 2021 compared with the year before.

Our annual fundraising event, the UN Day Gala, also experienced a decline in surplus in the 2021 financial year (held in October 2020) compared to the event held the year before (October 2019). With Western Australia still recovering from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, we anticipated that this year's UN Day would be duly impacted by it. Despite these challenges, the event's outreach and positive impact on the community is paramount, and the funds raised over the last 18 months allow us to pursue our advocacy work and promote the importance of Education, Human Rights, Environment, Gender Equality, and the Sustainable Development Goals.

The Lotterywest COVID-19 grant supported our Association in 2020/2021, and it allowed us to operate during this period of uncertainty by covering our overhead costs.

Despite experiencing less in-person activities in 2020 and early 2021 due to a number of lock downs, UNAAWA usual activities have resumed, with the SDG Business Forums and Environment committees holding successful events during the second and third quarters of 2021.





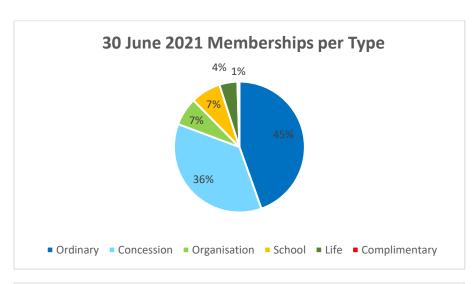


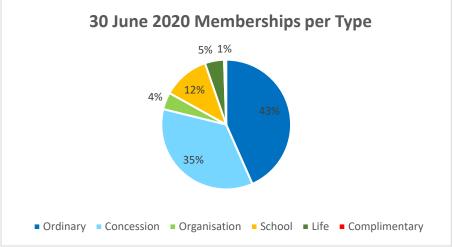
The most important source of income for 2021 was generated by the Association's fundraising events, including the UN Day Gala, the SDG Business Forums and the Members networking events.

The Other Income category increased by 84% this year was mainly due to in-kind contribution worth \$12.6k. This includes support given at the UN Day event for venue hiring services (value of \$10.1k), wine sponsorship (value of \$1.3k), donation of "Isolation" painting (value of \$600) and Welcome to Country sponsorship (value of \$600).

The Events and Programs category includes all activities organised by the Education, Environment, Gender Equality and Human Rights committees. This category experienced a significant decrease during 2021 impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Despite the difficult conditions that the pandemic has presented us, the income stream coming from the membership fees has remained relatively stable in the 2021 financial year, experiencing a decrease of 9% compared with the year before. Donations have decreased by 58% this year which contributed to a \$300 decrease in income reduction.



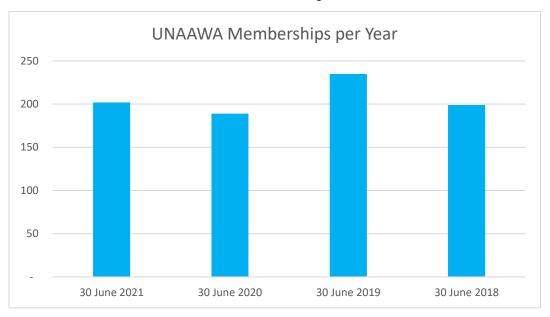


The distribution of memberships remains consistent with the previous financial year, with the most popular membership category remaining the Ordinary type (45%), followed by the Concession type (36%). The Organisational membership includes corporates, governments and universities.





In March 2021, a 3-year membership period option was introduced for all membership types, in an effort to attract new members and retain existing ones.



The number of memberships has remained relatively consistent over the years, with an increase of 7% 2021 compared to 2020.

In summary, despite the Covid-19 pandemic, I am pleased to inform that we have once again grow our membership base, and our financial health is stable than before the pandemic. We are able to maintain a strong membership base by providing members with value through our educational, advocacy and cause promotion work in-person and digitally. We've also maintained close ties with members and partners by engaging and co-hosting panels sessions, updating through newsletters and conducting educational interviews that are current and relevant to the public's interest

This past year has also led to many changes in the running of the UNAAWA. Several team leaders have understandably moved on to study commitments and job opportunities, but we have also seen an extraordinary influx of new talents joining us and contributing to our mission with exciting ideas. Our Executive Committee, for example, is now the most diverse one in the history of our association.

I would like to acknowledge that none of the above would have been possible without the tireless work of our amazing volunteers, sponsors and partners. The UNAAWA is an entirely volunteer-run organization, which nonetheless operates with a degree of professionalism and dedication that makes me proud.

I would therefore like to thank all members of the leadership team in the Executive Committee. Special thanks are extended to **Thijs Roos** for his dedication and ingenuity in supporting us through a challenging year of transition; **Camille Doucet** for her wonderful diligence and meticulous work ethic in keeping us solvent; a warm appreciation to **Katharine McKenzie** and **Hannah Brown** for their enthusiasm and passion in making meaningful connections with our members and stakeholders; **Manita Beskow** and **Joseph Caruso** for both their long-serving contribution to this organisation, and their guidance and invaluable wisdom during this difficult time; **Teresa Garbo Lee** for doing an amazing job in the past years in bringing us and the community the UN Day event alongside with **Jurgen Baumhoff** and **Henry Thai**; and finally, **Harvey Davies**, who have just passed away recently, for his outstanding contribution and integrity in serving the UNAAWA as our Treasurer for over a decade. His candour and passion shall be missed.





As you will see in the rest of this report, the work of the many sub-committees is exemplary and the result of a truly outstanding level of dedication, commitment and hard work. The values with which everyone at the UNAAWA works with are the very ones the United Nations was set up to encourage, and it has been my honour to serve as your President throughout this year.

We also sincerely appreciate the support of our Parton, the Honourable Kim Beazley AC, Governor of Western Australia for his guidance and continued belief in our organisation.

I would like to end with one key message. As we all know, the pandemic is still ravaging parts of our beautiful country, so I urge you all to continue look after yourselves and each other, to stay safe and be kind. There are still many challenging days ahead of us, so now more than ever we need to show compassion and solidarity with our neighbours, with our communities and with all our fellow Australians. For in the words of António Guterres, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, "none of us will be safe until all of us are safe."

It is my hope that as we look ahead into 2022, we will be able to build upon the momentum, continue the hard work we have been making, establish more meaningful relationships with our members and community as the pandemic finally begins to recede.

Let's build back better.

Dr Sandy Y L Chong

President - United Nations Association of Australia – WA Division







VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT - MEMBERSHIP & VOLUNTEERS

Over the past year we have navigated through the challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic has thrown our way and supported our members and community through a great series of events and fundraising activities

Our Networking for Change events have provided members and newcomers with opportunities to grow their networks of passionate people that are engaged on the matters they care about and keen to make a collective difference. Many new connections have been made, ideas have been shared and collaborations are starting to take off.

Our September 2020 Network for Change sundowner raised more than one thousand dollars for Lifeline to help provide crisis support and suicide prevention services to the WA community. The August 2021 session saw over 30 current and new members enjoying the sundowner and connecting over light refreshment and hospitality provided by the Public House.



We also hosted a workshop in conjunction with Women in Energy on '5 Steps to Move Your Career Forward' to support our members through career transition and advancement. The workshop helped our members identify their goals, understand what was holding them back and outlined strategies to achieve their aspirations. Most recently, we hosted an exclusive member-only Tour and Taste of Parliament, which included a special guided tour of WA Parliament House and a three-course meal in the private members dining room. This was a fun and educational value-add for our members.

Our dedicated volunteers have made invaluable contributions over the past year in delivering educational, thought-provoking and inspiring events and programs. We are so grateful for their contributions and continued service.

I am particularly grateful to Pauline Zerolo for her efforts as Volunteer Coordinator. Unfortunately, Pauline had to leave us to return to her home country Mauritius, but we are in the process of recruiting a new Volunteer Coordinator. We wish Pauline all the very best for the future.

Over the coming year, we will be holding more regular welcome sessions for new members and volunteers, and workshops to empower our members to drive the change they want to see in our community.

Katharine McKenzie – Vice President Membership & Volunteers





VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – STRATEGY & OPERATIONS

We ended 2020 by reviewing and reflecting on the hard work of our executives and volunteer and we assessed the impact our advocacy has on the community. The Planning Day workshop gave us insights on how we can better engage our stakeholders, but more importantly, taking care of our volunteers given the highly stressful year for all.

Before the end of June 2021, we hosted a workshop on how to improve our fundraising capabilities as well as organising events that would connect best with our members, both individuals and organisations. Attended by our conveners and volunteers, the workshop helped attendees identify their goals, put ideas into actions, and outlined strategies for achieving fundraising targets.

Throughout the year, I have supported the committees in various roles – reviewing of our current stakeholder engagement strategies and governance process, development of event concepts that would educate young girls in their leadership skills, supporting the Members Network for Change event and the UN Day organising committee in the awards nomination process, and providing guidance to new committee members.



Hannah Brown – Vice President Strategy & Operations







COMMITTEE REPORTS

EDUCATION COMMITTEE



2020/2021 UNAAWA Education Committee Annual Report

During 2020, the Education Committed endured the same level of impact and uncertainty as many other organisational support committees have done during the onset of the COVID outbreak which rocked the very essences of humankind, and the communities we support. The sheer scale of the impact was unforeseen and impacted on all of us.

The volunteers of this group, both past and present have stood strong in supporting the cause of the UN, and in particular the attainment of a better world through achievable targeting building awareness of the world's shared plan to end extreme poverty, reduce inequality, and protect the planet through the Sustainable Development Goal's.

Education Committee Members

In 2021, a new Education Committee was formed following the retirement of former Convenors, Rees and Anne Barrett in late 2020. The Education Committee would like to acknowledge their inspirational contribution to the Association over the last decade.

The work of the Committee is now guided by three co-convenors with a strong background in education research, teacher education and educational leadership:

Dr Rachel Sheffield is a tertiary educator who is preparing science education students for their roles in primary and secondary schools.

Dr Sonja Kuzich is a senior lecturer working at Curtin University whose PhD focussed on sustainability in schools.

Paul Moro is a secondary educator at Wanneroo Secondary College.

In addition, in August 2021, the Committee appointed Amy Harris as Executive Officer. Other members of the 2021 Committee are:

- Hannah von Ahlefeld, former OECD Education Policy Analyst
- Catherine Donnelly, Senior School Science Teacher, All Saints College
- Jacqui Edwards, Learning Services Coordinator, Woodvale Secondary College
- Leonie McIvenny, Head of I-Centre, Iona Presentation College
- Maddie McLeod, Development Executive, The Valuing Children Initiative
- Tracey Toovey, Coordinator of Enrichment, Learning Service, and Global Citizenship, St Mark's Anglican Community School.





Digitising Content & Access – Education Resource Bank

In 2021, the Committee reviewed its on-line resources and platforms.

- **a.** We have made available an online repository of 21 digital resources for educators to access.
- **b.** A new Education Committee website (https://education-committee-unaawa.square.site) has been developed.
- **c.** Relevant and timely communication has been established with educators in schools and program partners through our new Facebook page. https://www.facebook.com/groups/469314911148271

School Engagement

2020:

- 9 March 2020 Trinity College: The Committee met with two student teams representing the College at the Student Parliaments. Both teams lead the extracurricular Sustainability Program in the school.
- 10 March 2020 Carine SHS Sustainability Expo: Committee adapted to presentation of the documentary film 2040. Approximately 70 parents and children attended and participated in UNAAWA stand activities. UNAAWA represented on Panel Discussion following the film.
- 14 March 2020 HASS Council Professional Learning: UNAAWA Stand featuring Global Citizenship & Sustainability WACE-endorsed program. 45 teachers participated in a Speed Dating format.

2021:

- 12 August: Committee attended the Mindarie Senior College Sustainability Expo.
- 8 September: Committee attended the Lynwood SHS Sustainability Expo

Education Outreach

2020:

- 11 March: Committee attended WA SDG Network Meeting at Murdoch University
- 26 June: Committee met with Dr Rupa Vuthaluru, Dr Simon Kerrigan, Prof. David Gibson (Curtin Curriculum Transformation) to consider prototype for development of *Global Citizen Skills Passport interactive*, online learning modules on Curtin Challenge platform
- 15 June: Committee met with reps of WA and Victorian chapters re school program. PMI Victoria has developed a workshop for Year 9 teachers and students called PM4L (Project Management For Life) which will be relevant to the development of the UNAAWA lower secondary curriculum package, Global Goals Project-based Learning and Global Citizen Skills Passport.

2021:

- 25 May: The Committee presented the work of the UNAAWA at a joint event between West Australian Council of State School Organisations (WACSSO) electorates of Perth South and Perth North
- July: Committee met with Jennifer Pearson, National President of Australian Association of Environmental Education (AAEE) to develop a partnership.
- August: Committee met with Catholic Education Office of WA (CEWA) to promote UNAAWA Education Programs.





Student Parliaments Leadership Program and Global Goals Challenge

- a) 2020: Positive responses from schools. Primary Student Parliament organised for 6 April (7 schools, 40 students) and Secondary Student Parliament organised for 8 April (8 schools 48 students). The Parliaments were postponed until later in the year in response to COVID-19 pandemic.
- b) 2021: Both Student Parliament Visits and The Global Goals Challenge have been temporarily postponed and following a review, they will be reinstated in 2022.

Yolande Frank Art Awards

2020: Submissions were received across three age categories (Years 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12) in three different themes relating to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UN CRC) and Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). The 2020 winners were:

2021: This year, an online form was created for ease of submission, judging, and showcasing finalists and winners. Submissions were requested across three age categories (Years 4-6, 7-8 and 9-10), so excluding upper secondary students, on Article 1 of the UDHR. Submissions will close on Monday 4 October 2021. For more information about the awards, visit: https://education-committee-unaawa.square.site/volanda-frank-art-award

UN World Teachers' Day Awards

In 2021, 10 submissions were received (2 Primary, 7 Secondary and 1 Primary and Secondary), which is higher than in previous years: **2020**: 3 Primary and 4 Secondary; **2019**: 1 Primary and 3 secondary; **2018**: 2 Primary and 1 Secondary; **2017**: 2 Primary and 3 Secondary.



Yr 4-6 'Children Have a Right to a Good Quality and

Healthy Environment' by Mia Warner from Carmel Primary School



Yr 7-9 'People Have a Right to Freely Participate in The Cultural Like in the Community' by Maria Shakhina from Young Southern River College



Yr 10-12 'Changing the World - 75 Years of the UN' by Kobi Philbin from Southern River College





2020 Primary Education Finalists:

Year 6 Teachers, Margaret River Primary



Winner: Rachael Roberts, Hillcrest Primary School



2020 Secondary Education Finalists:



Lynette Hillier, Manea Senior College



Michele Watson, Manea Senior College



Winner: Geoff Holt, Busselton Senior High School





2021: An online submission form was developed for ease of submission and judging. Submissions closed on 3 September 2021, and a jury composed of members of the Education Committee and others is currently reviewing submissions. Winners will be announced at the UN Day on Friday 22nd October 2021 at the WA Museum Boola Bardip, Perth Cultural Centre.

Curriculum Packages (Education for Sustainability and Global Citizenship - ESD+GC)

2021: A Moderation Day was conducted on 2nd September at Curtin University with online and face-to-face participants, where samples of student work were reviewed.



(From L to R) Caroline Crosbie, Duncraig SHS, Dr Sonja Kuzich, Dr Rachel Sheffield, Hannah von Ahlefeld (UNAAWA) and Jacqueline Edwards, Woodvale Secondary College.

2021: 125 students are enrolled in the WACE Endorsed program, including

- 13 students from All Saints College
- 82 students from Duncraig Senior High School
- 15 students from Manea Senior College
- 31 students from Woodvale Secondary College

Events Report

United Nations International Day of Peace Tree Planting Event was held on Monday 21 September 2020 in Yandi Park Cockburn Central West at 2pm and attended by local school students. Two Gingko Biloba trees were planted by Cockburn mayor Logan Howlett and local school children. Attendants included notable dignitaries Melissa Parke (ICAN Ambassador and member of UN Group of Eminent Experts on Yemen) MP Josh Wilson (Federal Member for Fremantle), and Fremantle Mayor Brad Pettitt.





Mayors for Peace Elizabeth Po and Adrian Glamorgan and Cockburn Mayor Logan Howlett.
Photo Credit: Perth Now, Sister Cities Australia.

Paul Moro – Convener Education Committee







ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE













This year marks the beginning of a critical decade of environmental action globally, encouraging our team to revisit our underlying vision and commitment within our WA communities. Our annual priorities included developing a shared strategy to live the missions of the United Nations Environment Program and further environmental action aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals. Criterion for the 2021 Environmental Action Award is a direct reflection of this vision. We have undertaken a number of structural changes within the past year and are pleased to have welcomed a number of new passionate volunteers to our team of environmental advocates. On behalf of us all we are thankful for the continued support of our UNAAWA members in participating in our events and initiatives.

Our Committee Members

The Committee inducted **Jonathan Oon** as the Convener for 6 months before **Melissa Arias** stepped up to the role in August 2021. We have attracted passionate volunteers who are keen to advocate and educate the public of our work in Climate Actions. We are constantly collaborating across other committees such as the Human Rights, Education, Gender Equality and the SDG Business Forum Organising team to highlight environmental issues across various sectors of the community. Currently our members take on various portfolios that are of interest to the Environment Committee namely:

- Amanda Elizabeth Ocean Lead
- Patrick Ilot Sustainability Lead
- Natalie Muhl Youth Representative
- Ella Wylynko Youth Representative

Events Report

World Oceans Day: A Special Documentary Screening

The Environment Committee celebrated World Oceans Day (June 8) with a special screening of "Racing Extinction", a captivating documentary film that draws attention to humanity's devastating role in the endangerment and threat to marine species around the world. While there were many sobering messages, threads of hope throughout the film inspired all in attendance. The film highlights the capacity of people from all professions and backgrounds to contribute towards a better future, from lawyers and policymakers, to artists and creative, and most importantly, the everyday consumer. Organised by our Oceans Lead Amanda Elizabeth, the event also included a networking opportunity for all attendees before and after the screening.





Our Ocean Lead, Amanda Elizabeth, addressing audience at World Oceans Day Screening Event

Intersectional Action on Climate Change Panel Event

In August, the Hon. Robert French, Dorinda Cox, Johnny Doan, Van Du and Environment Committee member Ella Wylynko sat down to discuss 'intersectional action on climate change'. This panel covered a range of topics (as intersectionality tends to do) such as personality identity, professions, change in systems, creating change as an individual, and the importance of collective action. The panellists all had various perspectives on intersectionality and different ways in which their career or self was approaching the issues of climate change.

The panel was supported by Venture, the Student Innovation Centre at the University of Western Australia (UWA) and the UWA Environment Department, as part of Ella Wylynko's initiative called the 'Sustainable Development Awards'. This initiative aims to educate and inspire young people about how they can take action on climate change, whilst also engaging members of the general public.



Panellists discussing "Intersectional Action on Climate Change" at UWA





Curtin Consulting Group Project - Investigating the Environmental State of WA

Across the first half of 2021, the Environment Committee have been working closely with and mentoring a select group of University Students across Engineering, Business and Social Sciences from the Curtin Consulting Group. These students were selected to work closely with our Committee and industry mentors from prestigious consulting firms to develop a report on the state of environmental action and innovation in WA. They have been tasked with identifying key pathways to innovation and sustainable development, understanding critical policies and selecting a short list of relevant and easy-to-understand metrics against six of the Sustainable Development Goals. The students had their first internal pitch-night in May with industry mentors, attendees of the Environment Committee and their university peers and teachers. They were met with resounding success and praise from the judging panel and guests.



Curtin Consulting Group Project - Investigating the Environmental State of WA

Melissa Arias – Convener Environment Committee







HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE





The Human Rights Committee with its present members commenced its work as of August 2020. The newly formed committee are made up of passionate individuals from Indigenous, Nigerian, Malaysian Indian, Singaporean Chinese, Filipino/Czech and French backgrounds.

Our Committee Members

The Committee welcomed a new member in 2021, Aritri Dhar and 2 volunteers, Claudette Rizzi and Justine Rolfe. We continue to receive expressions of interest from persons seeking to join or contribute towards the Committee and its activities. Expressions of interest often received after our inperson or digital events and we expect to see more members joining our growing team to promote the importance of human rights. Our committee members include:

- Dharshana Sivapatham
- Adrian Lebelle
- Cosmas Onaneye
- Charlotte Solomon
- Kaisha Champion
- · Claudette Rizzi
- Justine Rolfe
- Aritri Dhar

New Directions

Beginning from 2021, the Human Rights committee took a new approach in its efforts to highlight human rights work done in Western Australia, by conducting interviews with selected organisations or persons. The interviews will be on video and will be placed on UNAAWA websites and social media to reach a wider audience.

One interview has been conducted with Law Access, and another has been scheduled with the Curtin Law Clinic. Planning is underway for more interviews that educates our members and the public of their rights to justice in court and legal advice – which are basic human rights.

These interviews represent the new approach taken by the Human Rights Committee to present to a audience that is changing. Long articles are less likely to be read in today's context, and instead, much more information can be presented within a short time on video. This will enable to Human Rights Committee to reach a captive audience within a short time, in a manner that is more accessible and engaging.

UNAAWA Human Rights Award 2021

For the Human Rights Award at the 2021 UN Day event, our committee had received nominations from outstanding individuals in the domain of human rights and a winner has been selected by the judging panel. The award will be presented at thee UN Day Gala on 22 October 2021.

The Human Rights Committee expresses its appreciation and gratitude to the 3 judges who have volunteered their time and effort for the selection process: Mark Anderson from the Foundation for Indigenous Sustainable Health (FISH), Diane Wilcox from the Magic Coat and Danica Scott from the Palmerston Association.





Events Report UN Human Rights Day - 10 December





In commemoration of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights Day on the 10th December 2020, we were extremely honored to feature a line-up of inspiring speakers: Rosalind Croucher, President of the Australian Human Rights Commission, Grace Forrest, our UNAA Goodwill Ambassador & 2020 Young Western Australian of the Year, Rabia Saddique, International Humanitarian Lawyer, David Gainer, US Consul General for Western Australia, and Shaheen Hughes, CEO of Museum of Freedom & Tolerance to give a short digital addresses on the importance of Human Rights and what it means to them.

For 2021, planning is underway for an in-person event this year, with further details to be announced closer to the event date.

Support for other Committees and Community Partners

The Human Rights Committee has shown its support by attending events organised by our Community Partner - the Rotary Club of Perth. This includes the National Reconciliation Week event, Special Olympics World Games bid introduction, and the most recent Sustainability Festival at the Hillary's Harbour.

The Human Rights Committee supported other UNAAWA Committee events, including the "Sports & Achieving the SDGs" event with the West Coast Eagles in August 2021, which featured an on-screen appearance by Nic Natanui.



Human Rights Committee members in partnership with the Rotary Club of Perth for the National Reconciliation Week event





Participating at the Rotary Club of Perth and ECU's Sustainability Festival, Hillary's Boat Harbour; Albert Jacob JP, Mayor of the City of Joondalup; and community partner of the UNAAWA, Mark Anderson, Director Foundation for Indigenous Sustainable Health (FISH).

Look Ahead: 2020/2021

Planning is underway for Human Rights events in November 2021, February and March 2022. These events will be with selected organisations which may include panel discussion and public forum. Further details to be confirmed and announced closer to the event date.

The Human Rights Committee will continue its growth in activities and scope and will continue to support support for UNAAWA Community Partners and look forward to collaborating cross-committee to amplify our advocacy work in the wider community throughout 2021-22.

Randhir Amoganthan – Convener Human Rights Committee







GENDER EQUALITY COMMITTEE





UNAAWA Gender Equality Committee Annual Report 2020-2021

The past year has been an exciting time for the Gender Equality Committee, with plenty of change and a continued focus on operationalising Sustainable Development Goal 5: to achieve improved outcomes to achieve improved outcomes for girls and women locally, nationally, and globally. We have been working both internally and out in the community to advocate for this mission. Committee members met monthly to share progress and develop strategies to build and maintain those connections to communities.

Events Report

International Women's Day 2021 with Moore Australia

This year's International Women's Day focused on conscious decision making and decisive actions taken to challenge systemic inequalities we face in the realm of gender justice and parity. Our Gender Equality Committee Convener partnered with Moore Australia to deliver a thought-provoking discussion that celebrated the efforts of women and girls in shaping a more equal future, and the position that corporate businesses can take to support achieving Sustainable Development Goals. Each attendee was encouraged to reflect on their own progress and position in our ever-evolving world of gender equality.



Hannah Brown speaking at Moore Australia on International Women's Day

The Gender Equality Virtual Leadership Series

In August 2020, the Gender Equality Committee hosted a three-part virtual series with a distinguished panel of guests. The panel members shared their knowledge, observations and experiences surrounding gender inequalities, developing young women in leadership positions, and general information about representation and positions of power. This recorded series represents one of many that the team will deliver to facilitate community access to engaging discussions on gender equality.





Young Women's Leadership Development Program

The first few months of 2021 were spent developing an in-depth proposal for an exciting pilot program. And finally on July 31st and August 7th 2021, the committee saw this come to life. We facilitated our inaugural two-day Young Women's Leadership Development Program for Western Australian high school students. The program brought the participants together with a range of inspiring mentors to develop new skills through a series of workshops. We created an environment where the participants were surrounded with experiences to unlock their own potential and



built their capabilities to become our next generation "young leaders" and "changemakers".

The feedback from participants demonstrated that the program was a resounding success, and on the positive impact made to their lives. The Gender Equality Committee is excited about future opportunities and intends to scale the program offering in 2022 and beyond. We hope to partner with the UNAAWA Education Reference Committee to access a range of schools and participants that are most in need of these opportunities. We will also look to apply for relevant grants and sponsorships to enable a wider range of activities and resources for the participants.



For a full rundown of the program, as well as information on all of the fantastic facilitators, mentors, and volunteers, see the September issue of UN Matters. For a glimpse into the Young Women's Leadership Development Program, you can watch the short videos of Day One and Day Two on Facebook.

Our Committee Members

The first few months of 2021 were spent not only arranging the Young Women's Leadership Development Program, but also preparing for the departure of our hardworking Convener, **Hannah Brown**. Hannah had been the Convener of the Gender Equality Committee since 2018, and went above and beyond to ensure the committee was set up for success and made an impact in our sector. Hannah moved into the role of the Vice President for Strategy within the UNAAWA Executive team, and we are certain she will continue to do great things there. Hannah passed the Convener baton to **Nirri Shah**. Nirri has already proven her leadership skills during the Young Women in Leadership Development Program, taking the reins of the project early on in the planning stages and ensuring it was delivered to the highest standard.

Among other departures was Aritri Dhar, the Project Officer of our team. Aritri has been with us since 2018 and has been instrumental in the execution of many of our projects since then. Aritri will be taking up a new position within the UNAAWA Human Rights Committee. We wish her the best of luck there.

Also joining us alongside Nirri is Isabella Bynevelt as Secretary. Bella is a new graduate of Law and a passionate advocate for gender justice. Our final new addition is Dr Siddier Chambers, as our new Programs and Engagement Advisor. Siddier is a lifelong advocate for gender justice, and an all-around changemaker.





We bid a warm farewell to our departing members, and an enthusiastic greeting to our new team. We are lucky to be blessed with such incredible new assets who are already working hard in our ongoing fight against gender inequality, and we are looking forward to seeing what our new configuration of changemakers can do together.

Our committee members include:

- Tahlia Hudson-Campbell, Communications Officer
- Dr Siddier Chambers, Programs & Engagement
- Isabelle Bynevelt, Secretary
- · Sephy Pariente, Events Manager



UNAAWA Gender Equality Committee and Executive Committee Members at the Young Women's Leadership Workshops

Look Ahead: 2020/2021

In the immediate future the Committee has been busy preparing for the upcoming UN Day Gala to recognise local champions advocating and advancing Gender Equality within our WA community. We have had 14 nominations for the Gender Equality Award and are hosting an Expert Judging Panel with four distinguished Judges to finalise the winners. In conjunction, we are developing a longer-term strategic plan to continue to operationalise Sustainable Development Goal 5. There will be an increased focus on building partnerships and engaging with the Community to maximise the collective impact for addressing inequalities. Some of the activities for the year include:

- Expanding the scope and reach of the pilot Young Women's Leadership Development program
- Building partnerships with organisations to maximise the collective impact for addressing gender inequalities
- A seminar series in collaboration with government, private sector or academia on violence against women and girls (IDEVAW and 16 Days of Activism)

Nirri Shah - Convener Gender Equality Committee







SDG BUSINESS FORUM SERIES COMMITTEE





The UNAAWA held three SDG Business Forums for the year 2021 on 4 June, 22 August. One was titled "A New Globalism & Its Role in Achieving the SDGs", sponsored and hosted at Ernst & Young Perth; "Sports & Achieving the SDGs" sponsored by BHP and hosted at the West Coast Eagles' Mineral Resource Park; and "Securing WA's Food Future: Are we Ready for 2030?" held at Murdoch CBD Spacecubed. All events were well-attended by members, professionals and stakeholders in the business and public sectors. Due to the state lockdown, the first event was postponed from April to June.

While proceeds of the last forum are donated to the Aboriginal Biodiversity Conservation Foundation. the first two events attracted over 90 and 120 attendees respectively and raised over \$6000 in funds, making it one of our highest fundraising events excluding the annual UN Day anniversary.

The first two forums' panel discussions were led by Founding Chair of the forum series and President of UNAAWA, Dr Sandy Chong. Speakers for the first forum included: Professor Peter Newman AO (Curtin University of Technology), Professor Anu Rammohan (University of Western Australia), Ky Cao (Former Founder of Perth Energy) and Adam Carrel (Partner of EY Perth). The second forum was opened by Minister Tony Buti and Chairman of West Coast Eagles, Russell Gibbs, with panellists: Nic Naitanui and Michelle Cowan (West Coast Eagles), Professor Sophia Numphius (Edith Cowan University), and Dr. Alec O'Connell (Scotch College).



The SDG Business Forum on "New Globalism & Its Role in Achieving the SDGs" at our series sponsor, EY Perth.

At these forums, the speakers talked about the necessity of bringing changes into the current ways of doing business and the challenges that they need to overcome to achieve sustainability. On an international level, there needs to be a worldwide consensus of support for rule-based architecture such as the SDGs. The importance of globalism is one that is of shared humanity, not one that is about pushing power upward toward a central ideology/doctrine. The responsibility of achieving the SDGs should not only lie on the shoulders of one or two countries; it is incumbent on all member states to work in synergy towards the goals.





On a grassroot level, there is a need for the kind of leadership that nurtures empathy and provides opportunity for economic empowerment for individuals and the community. One that connects across various sectors from sports, business, community to education which provides a sense of belonging to people of diverse backgrounds Businesses could also set great corporate citizenship example by standing up against norms that do more harm than good for the communities and environment one operates in.



The SDG Business Forum on "Sports & Achieving the SDGs" at West Coast Eagles' Mineral Resource Park.

The third event, chaired by Lily Jovic, the UNAAWA extends our sincere thanks to speakers and panellists for sharing insights on the future of our food security: Alan Beattie, Stephen van Leeuwen, Marissa Verma, Meena Srinivasan, and Jeff Pow. Discussion groups were gathered around the four pillars of food security – availability, accessibility, utilisation, stability. These multi-stakeholder groups were made up of 10 people from all corners of the local food system. A full report will be released in the coming weeks, detailing they key outcomes from these facilitated discussions.



WA's only Independent Summit Dialogue for the 2021 UN Food System Summit, "Securing WA's Food Future:

Are We Ready for 2030?" in partnership with Sustain: The Australian Food Network

While the Covid-19 has had a severe impact globally, there have been positive impacts that the panellists observed and shared with the community. As one speaker pointed out, the power of people has been very positive and essential to organisational transformation. Most importantly, the key message that we took from all forums is the need to transform and embrace innovative solutions to overcome the ongoing setbacks in the business environment and how it can bring about change to accelerate the adoption of SDGs for most industries.





The SDG Business Forum Organising Committee Members

Thanks to Our Sponsors:







Lily Jovic - Chair SDG Business Forum







UN DAY COMMITTEE

UN DAY 2020

UN DAY 75th Anniversary of the Founding of United Nations

On the 23rd of October 2020, the UNAAWA celebrated the 75th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations. 'The future we want, the UN we need' was the motto of the year.

Chaired by **Teresa Garbo Lee**, the event was attended by over 170 guests including the members UNAAWA, dignitaries from the Italian, Vietnamese, Indonesian, British and Slovakian consulates, representatives of federal and state ministries, members of the WA Indigenous Tourism Council (WAITOC), members of the Rotary Club of Perth, Presidents of the Chung Wah Association, the Royal Aeronautical Society, and Zonta, and our sponsors from both public and private sectors.

The event gave recognition of the UN Day Award winners, art auction and introduction to Indigenous bush food canapes showcased by last year's winner of the UN Day Gender Equality Award – Marissa Verma of the Bindi Bindi Dreaming.

The welcome to country was graciously performed by Walter McGuire. This was followed by opening remarks which were given by the President of UNAAWA, Dr. Sandy Chong, who highlighted the importance of health, family, and community in her reflection of the COVID crisis during the past months.



The Hon. Peter Tinley AM MLA and Grace Forrest giving keynotes that acknowledged the contribution UNAAWA make in advocating for peace, human rights and security.

A virtual address was given Michael Møller, the 12th Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG). He highlighted the impact of Covid19 on countries and emphasized how that effects the everyday life of people and community. He cautioned that unless we step up our efforts in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the aftermath of the crisis will leave more people behind.

Grace Forrest, the Ambassador of United Nations Association of Australia, spoke about the eradication of bonded slavery. Presenting the latest reports on Modern Slavery by the Walk Free Foundation, she said, "we found that one in every 130 women and girls on earth are living in bonded slavery. It is without a doubt concerning and needs to be taken in account. Especially during the pandemic, serious attention should be given to the vulnerable population around the world."

The Chung Wah Association Chinese Orchestra performed a beautiful mix of traditional and Australian music, showcasing the diversity and integration between East and West cultures in this occasion. This was followed by the congratulating the UN Day winners in the Human Rights, Gender Equality, Environmental Action, Young Professionals, and the World Teachers' Day Awards.





UN DAY 2021

UN DAY 76th Anniversary of the Founding of United Nations

UN Day 2021 will be celebrated on Friday 22nd October at the Western Australia Museum of Culture, Perth. We are looking forward to a wonderful performance by the John Curtin College of the Arts.

The organising committee are currently waiting on feedback from the Lotterywest Grant and a new addition of the Harmony Week 2022 grant. The grant is offered by the Department of Local government, Sport and Cultural Industries to support community led diversity and inclusion activities celebrating Harmony Week in 2022.

All other arrangements for this year's celebration are well underway under the lead of **Ashinka Weeratunge** with support from the Executive Committee and some very passionate volunteers.



Passionate volunteers of the UN Day Organising Committee

Ashinka Weeratunge – Chair United Nations Day Organising Committee







GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

From our UNAAWA Global Representative

At no other time have we faced such unprecedented events, including the current lifethreatening pandemic disease, in our daily life challenges both Nationally Globally and in Australian states as we are currently experiencing.

The Global news editorials and media constantly deliver first hand and sometimes 'breaking news' headlines reaching 60% of planet earth citizens admits reporting old dated Humanity events which once again becoming 'today's news headlines', impacting on humble innocent citizens lives at every distant corner of the earth, where importantly in some cases, these are events that modern day Governments have failed to address.

The outbreak of Covid19 in 2019 and its dire health consequences to all humans across the entire Globe has been devasting in terms of human wellbeing and social economic standing, where the attempt by all nations to combat the spread of the fatal virus with vaccination and social separation and distancing continues.

Among many Geopolitical sovereign narratives both complex and yet seemingly simplistic we continue to read saddening news TV broadcasts headlining and reporting " news from the window of the world " referencing Covid pandemic, nuclear arsenal threat from rogue nations, Climate change, slavery, poverty, Humanitarian, Refugees, Migration, Discrimination and Third World crisis potable water and sanitation. In addition to Illiteracy, gender equality, conflict, devastating acts of God and wars that seemingly have no end - as recently as in Afghanistan, involving almost two decades of American, English and Australian special combat forces withdrawing with nothing achieved - except heart break and leaving a nation of war torn displaced humans.

The anniversary events of 9/11, in 2001, two decades on also portray horrific events of terror cast on individuals in New York that most of us can recall our exact location, place and time. An entire generation born after 9/11 will never understand the horror off that day we pray that history will never repeat itself to such acts.

As potential leaders to carry forward the pillars of global leadership of tomorrow and peace makers. The agony of unabated terror and conflicts resulting with no beneficial human outcomes must raise serious questions in today's world of peace being ever reached.

Closer to home, the wars in Vietnam with similar results to recent Afghanistan American troops withdrawal questions analysis resulting nothing was achieved save for political Government agenda those that came home traumatized and forgotten with many humble lives ruined.

The world is changing rapidly and the Covid pandemic has, over the last 1.5 years, changed the way we live, travel, communicate and work indefinitely.

In Australia we need to learn the Covid way of living, with at times rapid isolation and national boarder shutdowns as everyday practised principles. While we all pray for some normality and agreement to be reached from our leaders to allowing greater freedom of individuals in our Australian National pandemic having caused much medical, social and work related havoc in disruptions to our lives along with dire financial drain and an uncertain future of economy and social freedom fabric which we in Australia cherish.





The impact to Tertiary Education attendance in the Australian Universities are at all time low and all financially struggling due to limited overseas students' fees, the Global learning institutions like wise, constrained Govt funding has led to teacher redundancies. Not to mention the huge impact it is having on our health care system and a lack of nursing and medical staff.

The Climate Change new world order of 'clean transitioning energy' in replacing carbon fossil fuel, coal, liquid petroleum and gas transformation has gained global momentum into renewable-non carbon and battery energization agenda. Early in 2021 United Nations Sec General, Antonio Gutress, stated that, "Coal must be phased from producing electricity and meet 1.5 C global warming goal". The Western World agrees it's a mega transformation wave from the Industrial energy revolution of the last centuries - to a revolutionary process of re placing carbon combustion energy dynamics where the progress will be visited in Glasgow, Scotland on October 31. The summit is intended to speed action on the Paris 2015 framework on climate change.

As individuals and concerned Govt leadership we navigate as best we can our path to life barriers of Covid19 lockdowns, Human Rights, Climate Change, work and education challenges amongst many other of life's daily issues and challenges. Somehow the strong temperament of 'life survival' continues.

From the platform of humble recognition UNAAWA has matured into a professional, committed community organization under strong committed executive leadership and executive management to upholding the core and mission values of United Nations in our far WA corner of the World. Our elected structured key disciplined volunteer committees continue to focus on delivering engaged humanitarian social outcomes in our complex society prefaced to the guiding United Nations SDG road map pathways in providing benchmarks that we follow in our journey as Ambassadors.

In my capacity I continue to write report and attend Global -Australian humanities important events engage with International country consuls ,business affiliated organisations and remain in contact with other UNA overseas offices. In Australia I continue to represent UNAAWA at Anzac and Remembrance Day commemorative wreath laying services and other community. Civic Charitable Foundation consular invitations. In London UK, as a former Miracles the charity Trustee Board Director now currently the Trustees Australian Patron of the Miracles Charity Trust - which amongst its wider charitable platform of children's benevolence - operates clinics in Bosnia-Herzegovina for installing prosthetic limbs to children without limbs.

Events from Global perspective impact Australian lives the year although difficult has been challenging and rewarding.

Joseph A. Caruso – UNAAWA Global Representative







TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2021

I, Camille Doucet, being the Treasurer of the United Nations Association of Australia (W.A. Division) Inc., certify that:

The statements attached to this annual report give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the United Nations Association of Australia (W.A. Division) Inc. during and at the end of the financial year of the Association ending 30 June 2021.

The current financial situation at the closing of the 30 June 2021 financial year is healthy and adequate for the Association's current needs.

CA-accredited Scott Clark from Silverback Management has agreed to perform a review of the Association's 30 June 2021 financial statements, on a pro-bono basis. The review is currently underway and will be made available on the Association's website once completed.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the passing of the Association's past Treasurer, **Harvey Davies**. Harvey has been instrumental in ensuring a seamless transition into my role as Treasurer a few years ago, and his contribution to the Association as a whole shall always be remembered.

I wish to thank all of the Association's Executive Committee members, volunteers, sponsors and partners for your invaluable commitment and your contribution to making our world a better place for all. A special mention to RSM Australia Partners for conducting the FY2018, FY2019 and FY2020 financial statements audits on a pro-bono basis. A very special thank you to Assistant Treasurer **Yuko Roos**, who has been indispensable over the years with providing bookkeeping and reporting assistance.

It is my time to step down as Treasurer, and I am very pleased that **Manisha Bhudia** has nominated to fulfil the position. Manisha has already started to make a positive contribution within the Association, and I wish her the very best in this role.

Camille Doucet, Treasurer

18th September 2021







Profit and Loss

United Nations Association of Australia WA Division Inc. For the 12 months ended 30 June 2021

	Jun-21	Jun-20
Income		
Events/ Programs Income	27,171	43,436
In-kind income for events	12,594	
Total Income	39,765	43,436
Less Cost of Sales		
Events/ Programs Expenses	18,253	26,567
In-kind income for events corresponding expense	12,594	
Total Cost of Sales	30,847	26,567
Gross Profit	8,918	16,869
Plus Other Income		
Donations	218	521
Grant income - Covid-19	0.402	7,450
Interest	2	13
Memberships	8,231	9,038
Paid Presentations	909	
Sale of Promotional Items	231	
Sundry Income	29	
Total Other Income	9,620	17,022
Less Operating Expenses		
Annual General Meeting Expenses	341	727
Bad Debts	91	-
Depreciation	25	
Insurance	348	
Internal training	27	
Internet	472	809
National Levy	930	1,070
Office supplies		467
Other Subscriptions	382	(95)
Pay Pal Fees		11
Printing & Stationery		234
Rent		2,443
Sundry Expense		136
Telephone	73	530
Tidy HQ Subscription	535	535
Video conferencing	770	
Volunteers Expenses	-	26
Website	1,896	
Xero Subscription	411	408
Total Operating Expenses	6,300	7,301
Net Profit	12.237	26,590

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Balance Sheet

United Nations Association of Australia WA Division Inc. As at 30 June 2021

	30 Jun 2021	30 Jun 2020
Assets		
Bank		
Cheque account	61,279	50,468
PayPal	81	
Stripe AUD	58	
Telenet Saver	3,421	3,419
Total Bank	64,839	53,887
Current Assets		
Accounts Receivable	123	125
Petty Cash	8	8
Total Current Assets	131	133
Fixed Assets		
IT equipment	1,522	
IT equipment - Accumulated depreciation	(25)	
Total Fixed Assets	1,497	
Total Assets	66,467	54,020
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		427
GST	1,337	2,409
Unearned Income	1,880	396
Total Current Liabilities	3,216	3,232
Total Liabilities	3,216	3,232
Net Assets	63,251	50,788
Equity		
Current Year Earnings	12,237	26,590
Retained Earnings	51,013	24,198
Total Equity	63,251	50,788





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