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UNAAWA Members at the International Women's Day Event



President of UNAAWA, Dr Sandy Chong, speaking at BDO Perth's event



Joseph Caruso at the ANZAC Day Memorial

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From the President

Dear UNAABA members and fellow volunteers, the past few months have been a very busy period for our organization, and it has given me great pleasure to see so many of you at our events. It is always a great source of inspiration to meet and hear your stories, aspirations and hopes for a better world.

At the end of the day, I like to believe that we are all members of the UNAABA because we support the mission and values of the United Nations, to create a world with more peace and less poverty. In challenging times for the world and the multilateral system, it means a lot that so many of us continue to believe in the possibility of a better world.

That better world begins at home, and many of the events we have been involved with have been crafted around that ideal. This is why sustainability and equality have been the theme of the past few months, with many events organized and attended by our hard-working and dedicated volunteers. Through these efforts, our teams have promoted gender empowerment on International Women's Day, sustainability and climate action. I hope that you will be as proud as I have been to see this reflected in the pages of this newsletter

Of the many events I attended as President, a few stood out due to the high calibre of special guests who came to share their stories with us. For example, at the International Women's Day event at Hillview Intercultural Community Centre, indigenous lawyer Corina Martin was kind enough to share the tragic effect of the Stolen Generation on her family and the impact of colonialism on Indigenous communities which persist to this day.

Or at the luncheon hosted by the French-Australian Chamber of Commerce & Industry where Kylie Ashenbrenner, Hayley Panetta, and Gail Milne

made is so clear that closing gender gaps achieves more than just equality, but also grows our economies and protects both the planet at the health of the people who live on it.

On the subject of environmental sustainability, whether at the University of Western Australia Green Impact 2022 Launch Event or with industry participants at the BDO, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were front and centre of the debate on how to face the challenges of sustainable transformation for businesses and the rise of ESG financing and investment.

So even as 2022 has seen many setbacks, from the war in Ukraine through to soaring energy and food prices around the world, more people, governments, and businesses are recognising that business as usual is not longer enough and that we need an urgent shift towards more sustainable and responsible consumption and production.

All these many partnerships have shown that what we do does matter, just as how the solidarity I have seen displayed by you all is making a difference. I therefore want to thank you - all the members, volunteers, and sponsors, without which none of what we do would be possible.

We have many more events coming up where I hope to see more of you. Do follow us on our social media channels and reach out if you have any suggestions for further activities to support our mission. Feel free to contact me at wapres@unaa.org.au to see how we can continue to do more and better for our community.

Dr Sandy Chong
President of the UNAABA

Gender Equality Committee: International Women's Day

This year, in partnership with the Southern Aboriginal Corporation and Curtin University's Gender Research Network, the Gender Equality Committee hosted a panel event for International Women's Day at Hillview Intercultural Community Centre.



A resounding success with over 60 attendees and 5 expert panel members, the event exceeded our expectations. Our first speaker, Mulgyin Jaru/Kitja & Gooniyandi Woman and Lawyer Corina Martin, discussed Indigenous history and the effect of the Stolen Generation on her close relatives. She discussed the impact of colonialism on Indigenous communities, the current prejudices that are still prevalent in the education system, and her professional work as a lawyer to progress social justice initiatives. Corina hopes to see a growing respect for Indigenous connection to country and changes to address systemic bias in the justice system.

Expert Educator & Migrant Community Advocate Dr Sally Lamping and Established Language & Diversity Specialist Associate Professor Toni Dobinson

discussed the multi-faceted Critical Participatory Action Research projects they have led with migrant communities in the Cities of Canning, Wanneroo, and Gosnells. The projects worked with local governments and migrant communities to develop sustainable frameworks for transformative community initiatives. Dr Lamping expressed her belief that in order for real progress and change as a country, we must learn to listen to each other and use our privileges as a tool to represent and help vulnerable and marginalised community groups.



Teacher & Cultural Ambassador Israa Sedda spoke about her experiences as a migrant who moved to Australia from Palestine, and the gender stereotypes that still exist within her community. Israa has role modelled and empowered many young women and families from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds to understand they can achieve anything they want, describing education as liberation.

Our final panel member, President of UNAOWA and ambassador for Auspire Dr Sandy Chong, discussed the importance of taking risks to achieve effective sustainability and accountability. Dr Chong said that as

individuals, we are judged by our contributions to society and that we should endeavour to love the world and maintain a global citizenship. The event concluded with an opportunity for audience members to ask panel speakers questions in an open forum, followed by networking and light refreshments.



Speakers of the UNAAWA International Women's Day

Other Events

Our Convenor Nirri Shah was invited as Guest speaker at BHP for a STEM program with over 200 Year 10 girls. Nirri facilitated discussions over 3 days to educate, inspire and inform. This program is a ground-breaking initiative where the students team up to solve one of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. They will pitch their solution during a live showcase at the end of the year.

Our Gender Equality Events Manager, Sephy Pariente joined a panel at The University of Western Australia's

International Women's Day event, held on 8 March 2022 at the University Club. She joined fellow alumni Marit Kragt, Annie Simpson, Elizabeth Macknay and Tim Colmer. The event was a sell-out, with over 165 attendees who enjoyed a Breakfast by the Bay with the theme #BreakTheBias. The guests were a part of the conversation on how we can all embody this in our daily lives, and contribute to the overall goal of gender equality. The panellists discussed gender equality in different industries such as legal, education and resource; as well as the progress being made in women's sport; and the impact inequality can have on mental health and wellbeing. One of the key take away messages was accountability – we are all capable of Breaking the Bias!

Our Engagement Advisor, Dr Siddier Chambers spoke at a panel discussion hosted by The Universal Great Brotherhood, an NGO Organization. Dr Chambers was one of 10 women who presented on the theme: "The Potential of Women in the 21st Century". Her presentation focused on the following topics: Communication and interaction professionally and within family that promote equality and human flourishing, the impact of virtual reality on lives, the changing masculine and feminine roles, the role of spirituality; Individualism versus cooperation, and physical and emotional development.

We had a fulfilling and exceptional first few months of the year, and have barely scratched the surface of what we have in store for 2022. Keep an eye out!



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Education Committee: Yolanda Frank Art Awards

On Wednesday 4 May 2022, the United Nations Association of WA, in partnership with the WA Museum Boola Bardip, held an awards ceremony to celebrate student artwork on human rights submitted for the Yolande Frank Art Awards 2021. The event was attended by more than 60 staff, students, families, members of the jury, sponsors, and friends from Ukraine. All artworks will be displayed in the foyer at the Museum throughout the month of May 2022 until mid-June.



For more information about the work we do at the Education Committee, contact us at: Educationcommittee@unaa-wa.org.au.

Environment Committee: Clothing Swap with Murdoch University Environmental Science Association (MUEnSA)

On the 29th of April, the UNAAWA Environment Committee and Murdoch University Environmental Science Association (MUEnSA) hosted a clothing swap at the Murdoch University Environmental Technology Centre (ETC). The event aimed to support a circular economy and encourage sustainable fashion, whilst also highlighting the need for collaboration with universities in achieving the

SDG's. We wanted our guests to recognise how simple, fun and achievable sustainable solutions can be; and hoped to inspire the community to go on to host their own clothing swaps with friends and family.

The night was a great success, with 30-40 people joining us, each with a generous amount of clothing donations to

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swap. We allowed everyone 1 token per piece of clothing donated, with a 10 token-limit. The atmosphere was incredible with families, friends and volunteers browsing the clothing racks for new items to wear and love.



After the event, there were a lot of clothes left over that the attendees did not want. Of what was left, the business attire was collected and is going to be donated to Dress for Success. The rest was collected and donated to local second-hand stores.

A special thanks to those who donated clothing racks, clothes hangers, their time and support to this event. All

the clothing racks and clothes hangers were all donated - nothing was purchased for this event. All was generously donated by volunteers and the community.

Fun fact: We used old milk carton lids as currency for the event, which was both fun and sustainable. Using milk lids meant we didn't need to purchase raffle tickets, which would have gone straight into the bin after the event. These milk carton lids were borrowed from my local coffee shop which collects them and donate them to charity.



Natalie Muhl
Youth Action in Climate Change and Sustainability

Gender Empowerment & Climate Change Action

The **French-Australian Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FACCI)** hosted an International Women's Day luncheon on 30 March 2022 on the contribution of woman in the context of climate change. Dr. Sandy Chong, President of the UNAAWA, spoke at the event on closing the gender gap and achieving sustainability. Alongside speakers Kylie Ashenbrenner of Wesfarmers, Hayley Panetta of Minderoo Foundation, and Gail Milne of 100 Women, it is clear that closing gender gaps achieves more than just equality. By doing so, we achieve environmental targets, add US\$12-28 trillion to global growth, and protect the long term health of all inhabitants on this planet. Contact us at office@unaa-wa.org.au if you would like to further such dialogues with the UNAAWA in your community and industry.



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Communicating Sustainability & SDG Goals



President and members of UNAABA

The UNAABA President, Dr. Sandy Chong, had the pleasure of speaking about the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a framework for ESG at a recent BDO Australia event. As SDGs form the global agenda for the development of our societies, they will allow leading companies to demonstrate how their business helps to advance sustainable development, both by minimising negative impacts and maximising positive ones on people and the planet. Attended by interested and passionate UNAABA members and industry participants, alongside expert panelists Catherine Bell and Anthony Hasluck, our President shared challenges on sustainability transformation and insights on communicating impacts, not just output. To learn more about the SDG goals, best

practices from industry experts, and how they impact your business, follow us on United Nations Association of Australia (WA) and look out for our future SDG forums.



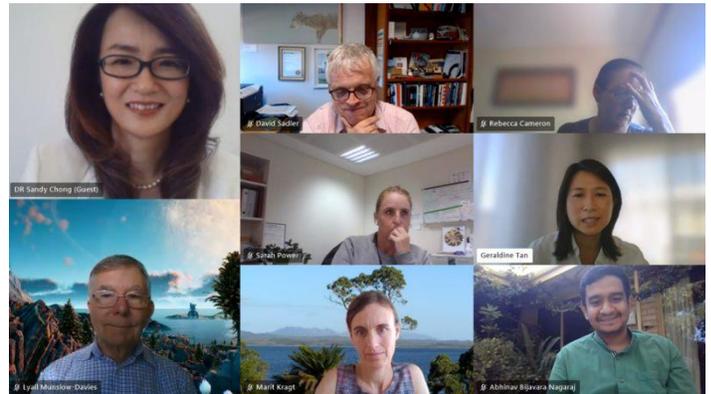
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Green Impact 2022 Launch Event

On 5th April 2022, UNAAWA President Dr. Sandy Chong delivered a keynote speech at The University of Western Australia Green Impact 2022 Launch Event. Green Impact is designed to serve as a fun and flexible voluntary program to support UWA staff and students in undertaking meaningful actions in sustainability. The launch provided information relating to the UN SDGs, development of the Sustainability Strategy, and how it engages the university community. The talk outlined the importance of the UN SDGs for our society and how can staff and students engage with the UNAAWA.

Follow [this link](#) to find out more about Green Impact.



ANZAC Day: 107th Anniversary

This year, we commemorated the 107th anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War.

The legend of the ANZACs is more than just a tradition; it is part of all Australians. It is part of our history, and our culture. It embodies the qualities we stand for and value most, including freedom, courage, bravery, determination, initiative, and mateship. The original ANZAC's were not superhuman; they were just ordinary men who stood up to a cause and embraced these qualities.



On Anzac Day we remember and commemorate the commitment and sacrifice of those who served the Commonwealth and our nation in times of war and conflict. We remember not only those who faced battles on rocky coastal peninsulas, in jungles and deserts, and in the trenches, but also those who served upon and below the seas and in the skies.

Whilst acknowledging the sacrifices of all these brave young men on the military front line, we cannot forget all those teams of men and women who assisted in various support services, including doctors and nurses, the Royal Australian Navy and Airforce, field ambulance military units, and the Red Cross.

In addition, we must also acknowledge the voiceless – those animals who had little choice in assisting in the war zone.

Here we are reminded of the legend of Simpson and his donkey; of Sandy, the only war horse to return from Gallipoli out of the more than 6,000 sent. His head is preserved in the Australian War Memorial in

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Canberra, and two of his hooves in the ANZAC National Centre in Albany.

As a token of respect on ANZAC Day, alongside the traditional red poppy, many wear a sprig of rosemary - a herbal plant that was found growing wild on the battlefields of the Gallipoli peninsular.

Rosemary, like the poppy, has therefore become widely acknowledged as a symbol of remembrance and traditionally honours the memory of fallen and departed comrades and commemorates the ANZAC tradition.

Conflicts today are sadly ever-present in a world of change and global demographics. Past wars should serve as an historical lesson of unwarranted suffering and humanitarian displacement and serve as 'a call to action' for the advancement towards peace by our world leaders and supported by each one of us.

Here our thoughts are with all those under siege in Ukraine at this present moment.

The United Nations is an international organisation, founded 77 years ago in 1945 that works every day in sustainable life development goals around the world, including on the frontlines when necessary.

It is enshrined on the UN pillars of embracing and preserving freedom, protecting human rights, promoting international peace, delivering humanitarian aid, and preventing suffering. The UN's ethos is "Peace, Dignity and Equality on a healthy Planet". More than ever, these UN values need to be acknowledged, undertaken seriously, and take

precedence at this present time. All global leaders need to make a concerted effort to advance peace in the name of humanity.

Historically, on this day, we stand in solemn reflection of that fateful morning, and in tribute to those whose names are etched on the many war memorials found both distant and at home.

We all somehow feel we are connected to each one of these national heroes, be it through family members, friends, or from history. And so to each one of these we owe a sincere and dignified promise that your ANZAC spirit and the Eternal Flame will continue to live on, and you will never be forgotten.

Lest We Forget.



Joseph Caruso
International Global Representative



Valuing Children Initiative: Every Child is Valuable

The Valuing Children Initiative (VCI) recently released a new campaign called *'Every Child is Valuable'*

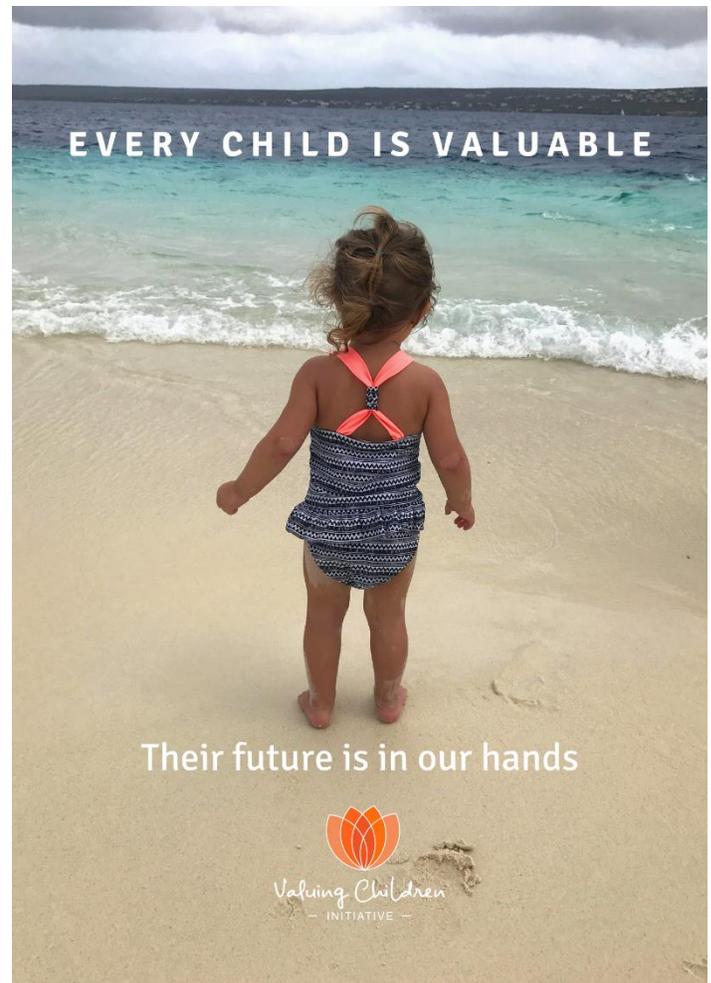
In Australia, many children are falling through the cracks. Almost 18 per cent of kids live below the poverty line. One in four is overweight and an estimated eight children are sexually assaulted by a family member every day. We also know that one in seven Australian children experience mental health issues and that 36 percent of children reach the age of 15 without basic reading or mathematics skills. There are other many concerning statistics related to children—these are just a handful. We are talking about real children who are relying on adults to find solutions.

Call to action!

Send a pre-drafted [email](#) to local and federal politicians calling for a Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy and Minister for Children's Interests in every Australian state, territory and federally.

Sign VCI's online [petition](#) advocating for mandatory and standardised Child Impact Assessments.

Share VCI's [campaign](#) with your networks.



Busselton SHS Student's Celebrate Diversity & Inclusivity Whilst Helping Flood Victims

The Student Council at Busselton SHS is committed to promoting the UN SDGs in many ways with sustainability, global citizenship and climate action initiatives taking place on an ongoing basis. For Harmony Day we wanted to do

something for the victims of the devastating floods over east which have occurred recently resulting in the loss of so many homes and businesses.

The Student Council like many young people across the world are very concerned about the current climate emergency and see the increasing severe weather events across Australia and different parts of the planet as evidence of a rapidly changing climate with damaging weather events increasing in frequency and severity.

We decided that Busselton Senior High School's Harmony Day celebrations in 2022, would not only be a celebration of diversity and inclusion in our school community, but also raise funds for Australian Red Cross Flood Relief.



The Student Council met with the principal and arranged for the day to involve a gold coin donation for free national dress or the wearing of orange. We made a short video featuring a selection of students and staff showing over 28 different ethnic and cultural backgrounds and planned a day of entertainment and celebration. Members of the

council worked tirelessly in the kitchens to prepare global food in the shape of chicken and vegetarian kebabs with home-made naan bread. The commitment and leadership of the student council to the day was incredible, around fifteen members gave up several hours to prepare, cook and serve the food at a special lunch time assembly in the canteen area. Coles donated foodstuffs and Yallingup Woodfired Bread provided us with 36kg of organic flour. The food was so popular that it ran out!

Student Captains Lucy and Toby ran the assembly with international music and a fun water challenge between staff and students which was a huge hit; some staff and students got drenched much to the amusement of the crowd but everyone had fun and laughter after a difficult term with Covid 19.



Thanks to the efforts of the student council and those who took part, we raised over \$1350 for our fellow citizens suffering the impacts of the floods and reinforced the key message that **Everyone Belongs** and our diversity is a source of strength and pride. Harmony Day is a manifestation of two of Busselton Senior High School's core values of empathy and respect, and a celebration of inclusivity.

Geoff Holt
Education for Sustainable Development Coordinator,
BSHS

Black Diamonds report underlines the importance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander engagement and retention within netball

The Black Diamonds report – a joint initiative of Glass Jar Australia (GJA) and Netball WA (NWA) – has highlighted the importance of improving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander engagement and retention across all pathways within netball.



The project is an overdue, strategic review of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander netball engagement and retention across Western Australia, across all aspects of netball engagement (athlete, umpire, coach, administrator, family support, community member). The first of its kind, the Black Diamonds project will not only review netball service delivery, but through collaboration between GJA and NWA, its Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stakeholders, and its clubs and Associations, it examined the delivery, policies, and systems of netball in Western Australia to ensure they are transformed to better facilitate the engagement and retention of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in the sport of netball.

The report champions the voice of Aboriginal women and closely examines the inequalities which hinder the creation of a more equitable environment. It puts forward solutions that drive us toward the UN Sustainable Development Goal of empowering and promoting social, economic and political inclusion for all, regardless of race and ethnicity.

Through yarning circles, a uniquely Aboriginal research methodology, four key stakeholder groups worked through what the associations are currently doing in this space, what the barriers to participation and engagement are, and what a strategic vision and list of actions to address the barriers would look like. The key stakeholder groups ranged from grassroots participants through to elite players, associations in both metro and regional locations, and support/coaching staff.

One of the key solutions outlined in the report, born from the yarning circles, was the need for development opportunities for players, coaches, and officials. The lack of opportunities, particularly in the regions, does not provide a safe space for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander players, coaches, or officials to flourish and develop. Another key solution to the issue of discrimination is transparency around selection criteria and Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander representation within selection panels.

Beyond the solutions, the suggested implementation strategy relies on the governing netball bodies to share the report and lead the way in implementing the solutions to create change.

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“The strength of yarning with people with such diverse experiences from across the state is the breadth of solutions that were presented. The research clearly shows where the gaps are – and most importantly, how netball might fix the system.”

You can read more about the Black Diamonds project, or view the full report, [here](#).

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The Research Manager for the Black Diamonds report, Dr. Rose Whitau, highlighted the importance of the research methodology used.



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The Future of WA's Food Security

In the 6 months since we got together at the UN Food Summit to discuss about securing WA's food future, we've witnessed events which further highlight the urgency of building resilience, equity and sustainability into our local food system. If floods, fires, COVID and the latest IPCC report have taught us anything; it's that we need to transform how we grow, distribute, consume, and dispose of food. Our food system is interlinked with those operating at both

the regional and global level. What we choose to do here in WA extends well beyond our borders which can help deliver progress on all 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) connected to sustainable and healthy food. To learn more about the report derived from our event in September 2021, visit here: <https://lnkd.in/gnByWC3k>. Let's continue to break bread, learn from each other and raise awareness. Contact us at: office@unaa-wa.org.au.

Are we ready for 2030?

Securing WA's Food Future



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Environment Committee Upcoming Event - Portrait of a Threatened Species: The Black Cockatoo

On the 22nd of May, meet a Baudin's Black Cockatoo, support Kaarakin Black Cockatoo Conservation Centre, and paint and sip your own Forest Red-tailed Black Cockatoo portrait led by Cabernet & Canvas.



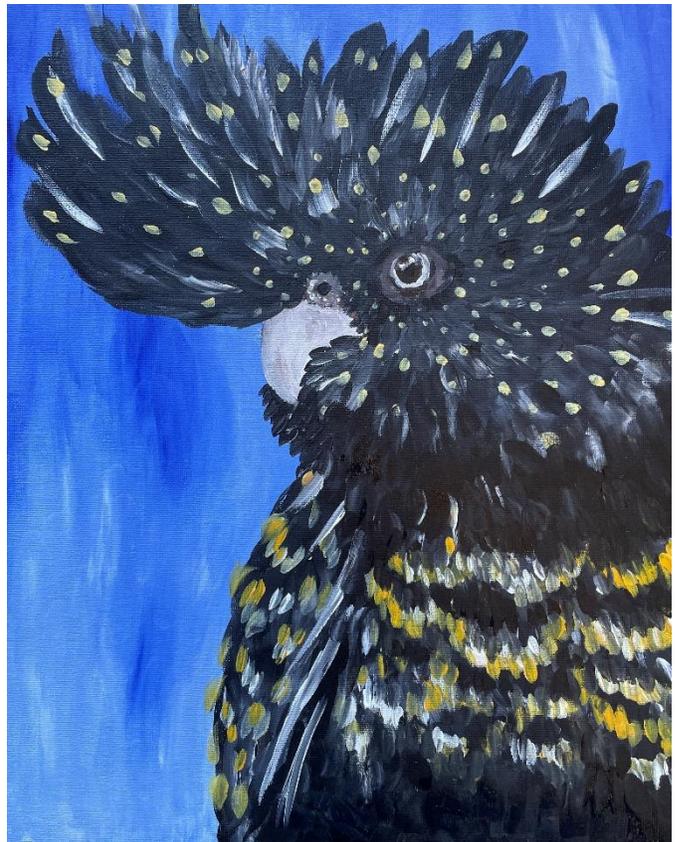
WA is home to three threatened Black Cockatoo species, the Carnaby's, Baudin's and Forest Red-tailed Black Cockatoo. These birds are endemic to southwest Australia, meaning that they are found nowhere else in the world. Join the [United Nations Association of Australia \(WA\)](http://www.unaa.org.au) Environment Committee for a special event on the [#InternationalDayofBiodiversity](https://www.un.org/en/observances/biodiversity-day/) - celebrating our Black Cockatoos. You'll get to meet Rex the Baudin's Black Cockatoo from [Kaarakin Black Cockatoo Conservation Centre](http://www.kaarakinblackcockatoo.org.au), learn about their conservation in WA and paint and sip your very own unique Forest Red-tailed Black Cockatoo portrait guided by [Cabernet & Canvas](http://www.cabernetandcanvas.com.au)!

INCLUDED IN YOUR TICKET PRICE IS:

- 2- 3 hours of fully guided art tuition by Cabernet & Canvas Arts professionals.
- Meet a Baudin's Black Cockatoo.
- Learn about Black Cockatoo conservation in WA from the hard working volunteers at Kaarakin Black Cockatoo Conservation Centre.

- Paint your own unique Black Cockatoo portrait to take home (design exclusive to this event).

Part proceeds from the event will be donated to Kaarakin Black Cockatoo Conservation Centre to support their fundamental work in WA. We will also have wine available for purchase to enjoy while you create your exclusive portrait guided by the experts at Cabernet & Canvas. So be sure to get your friends and secure your tickets for a fun, creative afternoon!



Melissa Arias
Chair of Environment Committee

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Environment Committee: Climate Lead shares his experience as a Global Voices Scholar at COP26

Hey there, my name is Alex and I'm a scholar from Curtin University. I recently had the great fortune of being awarded a Global Voices Scholarship for 2021/22. Through this scholarship, I was given the opportunity to participate in the



United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Glasgow (UNFCCC COP26) – albeit virtually. It was an incredibly insightful experience. Having now witnessed and participated in a plethora of plenary councils, stakeholder meetings, and multilateral policy discussions, I can confidently say that I have a better grasp of the complexities of climate change and climate diplomacy.

An important and often overlooked topic was brought to the forefront of COP26 – Climate Justice. We in the developed world often have the tendency to overstate the ability of developing countries to decarbonise their economies. A story that garnered a lot of attention at Glasgow, was China and India's move to amend the agreement to phase out coal. Whilst this was disappointing, it certainly did not warrant the disdain thrown their way. India, Indonesia, and China house one-third of the world's population. Hundreds of millions of their people are still plagued by poverty, and their respective governments will emerge from this pandemic financially crippled for the decade ahead. In the backdrop of a pandemic, these countries simply do not have the capacity to decarbonise

their economies by themselves. We in developed nations must understand this.

An important deal was struck at COP26 – named the 'Just Climate Transition Partnership'. A coalition of developed nations (United States, Britain, France, Germany, and the European Union) have pledged \$8.5 billion worth of grants to help South Africa transition away from coal. This is significant. A precedent has been set. Developed countries have now shown a capacity, and willingness, to accelerate decarbonisation in the developing world. As we in Australia emerge from the pandemic comparatively unscathed, I believe it likely that we'll witness similar pledges of climate finance toward Indonesia, and many of our Indo Pacific neighbours.

Climate change is an extremely complex problem. Like the many bricks that make up a house, so too is the climate crisis made up of smaller constituent parts. It is easy to oversimplify and shift blame toward a specific set of actors in the economy. But we must not forget that we have all played a part in this crisis. We must think deeper. We must empathise and embrace the notion of climate justice and equitable development. Ask instead 'what can I do, how can I help?' Whilst COP26 may be over, my work with Global Voices continues on. We are currently working to expand the use of carbon markets – a tool to facilitate climate investment and pollutions reduction - within Australia, Indonesia and the Pacific Islands. I am grateful for the opportunity Global Voices have given me, and hope that by sharing my experiences, others too will be inspired to take action.

Alexander Jayasuria
Climate Lead

UN Observances

May

- 2: World Tuna Day
- 3: World Press Freedom Day
- 5: World Portuguese Language Day
- 8: Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for Those Who Lost Their Lives During the Second World War
- 10: International Day of Argania
- 12: International Day of Plant Health
- 14: World Migratory Bird Day
- 15: International Day of Families
- 16: International Day of Living Together in Peace
- 16: International Day of Light Vesak, the Day of the Full Moon
- 17: World Telecommunication and Information Society Day
- 20: World Bee Day
- 21: International Tea Day
- 21: World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development
- 22: International Day for Biological Diversity
- 23: International Day to End Obstetric Fistula
- 25-31: Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories
- 29: International Day of UN Peacekeepers
- 31: World No-Tobacco Day

June

- 1: Global Day of Parents
- 3: World Bicycle Day
- 4: International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression
- 5: World Environment Day
- 5: International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing
- 6: Russian Language Day
- 7: World Food Safety Day
- 8: World Oceans Day
- 12: World Day Against Child Labour
- 13: International Albinism Awareness Day
- 14: World Blood Donor Day
- 15: World Elder Abuse Awareness Day
- 16: International Day of Family Remittances
- 17: World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought
- 18: International Day for Countering Hate Speech
- 18: Sustainable Gastronomy Day
- 19: International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict
- 20: World Refugee Day
- 21: International Day of Yoga
- 21: International Day of the Celebration of the Solstice
- 23: United Nations Public Service Day
- 23: International Widows' Day
- 25: Day of the Seafarer
- 26: International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking
- 26: United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture
- 27: Micro-, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Day
- 29: International Day of the Tropics
- 30: International Asteroid Day
- 30: International Day of Parliamentarism



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WA is home to three threatened Black Cockatoo species, the Carnaby's, Baudin's and Forest Red-tailed Black Cockatoo. Join us for a special event on the International Day of Biodiversity, where you'll get to meet Rex the Baudin's Black Cockatoo from Kaarakin, learn about their conservation in WA and paint and sip your very own unique Forest Red-tailed Black Cockatoo portrait!

Tickets are \$75pp with part proceeds going to Kaarakin Black Cockatoo Conservation Centre, to support their fundamental work in WA. We will also have wine available for purchase to enjoy while you create your exclusive portrait guided by the experts at Cabernet & Canvas. With only a limited number of tickets available, get them before they sell out [here](#).

For more information on Kaarakin Black Cockatoo Conservation Centre, click [here](#) and learn more about the Black-Cockatoo crisis in WA via BirdLife Australia [here](#).



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NEVER WASTE A CRISIS: REBIRTH OF THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AGENDA

Venue: EY Perth,
11 Mounts Bay Road.
Perth City

Ticket: <https://tinyurl.com/2p9f3fka>

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