



# United Nations Association of Australia WA Division



## UN Matters

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*Elsie Blay and Dr Sandy Chong on a visit of Harmony Refuge*



*President of UNAANA and Gender Equality Convener at the Web3 Conference*



*President of the UNAANA Randhir Amoganathan, US Consul General in Perth Siriana Nair, and Vietnam veteran Graham Edwards AM at the ANZAC Day Service*

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# From the President

On 25 April, I attended the ANZAC Day dawn service at King's Park to represent the UNAAWA and honour the duty and service of Australians servicemen and women. I was particularly struck by the address given by Graham Edwards AM. When he started his speech, he welcomed and thanked the people in attendance, the Governor of WA, Ministers, mayors, city councillors, dignitaries, representatives of foreign governments, representatives of organisations, veterans and he then emphasised "... most importantly, boys and girls".

The relevance of this emphasis is clear: we must always act not just for ourselves and our times, but also for those who will inherit our world in the future. This theme of working to leave the world a better place aligns with UNAAWA values and actions, and the events that it holds.

To engage a younger demographic to raise awareness of the various issues that affect us in relation to sustainable development, gender equality, human rights, environment, the UNAAWA is proud to have formally started its Young Professionals Committee. The Convenor, Charlotte Moss, has continued to organise and arrange upcoming events, with its launch event scheduled for 28 June 2023. The Committee continued to grow and made new appointments. We proud to announce Ashton Warrick has been appointed Deputy Young Professionals Convenor, and Hayden Forsyth as the Public Relations Manager. Besides leadership and strategy, their appointments increase our values of inclusion and diversity, with greater stakeholder and community engagement.

The UNAAWA and UN Youth have recently begun to explore opportunities to work together to raise the profile of the UN and its mission amongst youth in Western Australia, for the mutual benefit of our members. Dylan Storer, the UN Youth President for WA has expressed interest in furthering these arrangements, and we look forward to be able to work together.

Besides Young Professionals, the SDG, Environment, Gender Equality and Human Rights committees continue with their activities. The Environment Committee, in partnership with Curtin University, held a Collaboration for Climate event on 1 March 2023. The SDG Committee supported the recent Waweb3 Conference at the UWA while the Human Rights Committee made a submission in relation to the Inquiry into Australia's Human Rights Framework conducted by the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights. Also, our community partner, the City of Melville commissioned 2 new murals to help stimulate important conversations about mental health, in which over 50 young people were involved in a series of workshops before helping to paint the murals.

The UNAAWA continues its theme to assist in its way to help make this world a better place, and for the young people who will inherit it.

I give heartfelt thanks to all the Committees for their hard work, and our volunteers and sponsors. Thank you once again for all your support, kindness, hard work and dedication.

**Randhir Amoganathan**  
**President of the UNAAWA**

# Experts unite for Climate Action: Key Takeaways from the Environment Committee's Collaborative Event



The UNAAWA, in partnership with Curtin University, held a thought-provoking **Collaboration for Climate** event on 1 March 2023.

The event brought together representatives across government, industry, academia and community to explore public, private, civil, and academic approaches to combating climate change.

Attendees were inspired by the informative and thoughtful Welcome to Country delivered by Robyn Whadjuk Ballardong Yorga Collard, highlighting the enduring connectedness of nature and humankind and our collective responsibility to respect and care for our Country.

The Master of Ceremonies, Prof. Harlene Hayne (Vice Chancellor, Curtin University) welcomed guests at the event on the opportunities for climate action and cross-sector collaboration in Western Australia. The UNAAWA's President Randhir Amoganathan delivered the President's Address, followed by an open address by the Hon. Reece Whitby MLA (Minister for Climate

Action; Environment) who reiterated the need for leaders, industry and researchers to work together for rapid climate action.

Harry Bidewell, student at Curtin University, delivered an inspiring call for action to all Curtin University students. Harry emphasized how rapid collaboration is essential and highlighted the value of working with students as partners in order to engage and inspire students and the business community to action.

Led by the very own Founding Chair of the UNAAWA SDG Forum, Dr Sandy Chong, the panel hosted three climate experts comprising Prof. Peter Newman AO (Professor of Sustainability, Curtin University), Samantha Langley (Principal Business Planning Climate Change, BHP) and Anthony Sutton (Executive Director Hydrogen & New Energies, Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science & Innovation).



Matters discussed by the panel included key areas needed for collaboration in Western Australia to deliver progressive climate action to achieve net zero

by 2050, key barriers to collaboration and how to overcome them, good examples (international or domestic) of cross-sector cooperation and reasons for their success, and how in our everyday lives and workplaces we can all drive greater collaboration for climate action.

Attended by over 140 passionate individuals, the audience left inspired to identify and pursue opportunities for cross-sectoral collaboration.

Thanks to the event sponsor Carbon Neutral, this event was 100% carbon neutral.

**Elodie Castagna**  
**Environment Committee Communications Lead**



## UWA Web3 Conference for Sustainability



The UNAAWA is glad to support the recent Web3 Conference at the UWA.

The event featured international speakers from various backgrounds highlighting ideas and opportunities that would help achieve the UN SDG Goals in an open, transparent, decentralized, and scalable way.

Co-organised by our very own UNAAWA SDG Forum Chair, [Dr. Sandy Chong](#), the panel sessions revealed that in order for Web3 to fulfill its promises, an intentional goal of inclusivity must be considered to represent all sectors, peoples and communities.

A First Nations speaker noted that inequities in Web3 will impact less advantage communities if the progress does

not translate into equal access and education for all due to biasness built into the system from inception.

Various examples were also shared on bridging knowledge gaps, crowdfunding to support environmental and social causes, and improving financial empowerment for those in developing countries.

To ensure that no one gets left behind, the [UNDP](#) and its partners are currently playing an important role to build capabilities and skills, and support innovation ecosystems worldwide.

For more information visit: <https://lnkd.in/dWDxdFvG>.



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# Building a Better Future for Vulnerable Women and Children

Ruah Community Services recently invited Dr Sandy Chong, Immediate Past President of the UNAAWA, to visit one of their women and children's refuges, Harmony Place, followed by a site visit to their 'under construction' Ruah Centre for Women & Children.



## Family and domestic violence in WA

“Typically, we see rates of one woman dying every 10 days in Australia which is already unacceptable. However, this year, one woman has died every 5 days. It’s horrific” says Elsie Blay, Executive Manager of Services for Ruah.

“Many women at our refuges arrive with nothing more than a hastily packed bag of clothes after escaping violence. They have often lost connection with their community networks and supports. With the housing crisis as it is - securing housing for these women is a real challenge” she said.

“Our family services teams provide important supports in the form of counselling, case management, child specialised supports and connecting women to essential services such as health and legal” she said.

“Many women who are on temporary visas are unable to access Centrelink, Medicare or housing, and have no means of support beyond the refuge. For these women and others unable to access safe housing, they are forced to choose between homelessness and returning to the perpetrator” she said.

Elsie also discussed Kamarang Place, another of Ruah’s refuges, led by an Aboriginal Elder group and set up to cater to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women with safe, culturally appropriate, refuge and support.



*Elsie Blay and Dr Sandy Chong on a visit of Harmony Refuge*

“Our family services teams are incredible, but they are operating in challenging conditions such as retrofitted buildings and within funding shortfalls. There’s an obvious gap in what is needed and closing this gap is the motivation behind the Ruah Centre for Women and Children” said Elsie.

## The Ruah Centre for Women & Children

The Centre is a seven story, state of the art, purpose-built building, where complete support for women and children experiencing family domestic violence

will be delivered. It is due to open its doors in early to mid 2024.



Dr Sandy Chong with Elsie Blay & Melinda Cahill of Ruah Community Services, at a site visit of the under-construction Ruah Centre for Women & Children

### Addressing the SDG Goals

“The Centre is aligned with many of the Sustainable Development Goals including gender equality, good health and wellbeing, education, economic empowerment, health, justice and reduced

## UN Youth WA

Kaya! UN Youth WA has had a busy start to the year and has an even more active agenda for the coming months.

Our mission at UN Youth WA is to foster a community of empowered young citizens across WA. We do this through in-school and out-of-school programs aimed at filling the gaps in the educational curriculum. We focus on peer-to-peer learning and teaching high school students about global issues.

Traditionally, the first school term is quiet for us, but this year we have already reached over 230 young

inequalities, all in our own backyard” said Debra Zanella, CEO of Ruah Community Services, “it will provide an environment where women and children can have their entire needs met with support to achieve a better life. As far as we know, it is the first of its kind in the world”.

Dr Sandy Chong says "there is evidence that suggests that violence against women and children impedes in at least 14 of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Investing in, and prioritising support for those experiencing domestic violence is critical for achieving positive social, economic and political impacts for all. Ruah is doing important work to provide sanctuary and safe haven for women who need to rebuild their lives."

### Want to get involved?

Sign up for updates on the Ruah Centre for Women & Children at <https://www.ruah.org.au/rcwc-signup> or if you'd like to offer your support, email [rcwc@ruah.org.au](mailto:rcwc@ruah.org.au).

### Melinda Cahill

**General Manager – Marketing and Engagement  
RUAH Community Services**

people in five schools across Perth and the South West.

We also ran a highly successful State Conference for the first time since the hard border came down, which saw 70 students from across metropolitan and regional WA meet at Woodman Point Recreation Camp for a weekend residential event full of workshops, crisis problem-solving simulations, Model UN and speakers sessions including with the U.S. Consul General Siriana Nair and the WA Minister for Youth Hon. Simone McGurk MLA.

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For the rest of 2022, we have a busy schedule. We plan to run the Evatt Model UN Security Council competition again, which last year saw almost 400 students from across WA participate. We will also run our public speaking and policy pitching competition, Voice, which last year saw over 100 students participate.

We have plans for a number of day events and summits, including our next Crisis Point, an interactive problem-solving summit on maritime law being held next month in partnership with the WA Maritime Museum.

On top of that, we've also got plans for many more school visits and a number of regional engagement trips to all corners of Western Australia. We're also hosting the UN Youth Australia National Conference and National Council in Perth in July which will bring together hundreds of students and volunteers from across Australia.

UN Youth WA can only do this work because of our dedicated Executive, convenors and volunteer base. We're solely run by people under the age of 25 - for youth, by youth. This year, we're particularly excited by the prospect of growing our partnerships and I'd love to hear from you about any ideas you may have on that front.

If you'd like to keep up to date with what we're doing, feel free to like our Facebook page or follow our Instagram account - UN Youth Western Australia. If you'd like to reach out to me, including with ideas or partnership proposals, please send me an email at [wapres@unyouth.org.au](mailto:wapres@unyouth.org.au). I'm looking forward to hearing from you.

**Dylan Storer**  
**President of UN Youth WA**



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# ANZAC Day Service



On 25 April 2023, the ANZAC Day dawn service was held at King's Park. 2023 significantly marks the 50th and 70th anniversaries of the end of Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War and in the Korean War respectively.

King's Park was very crowded, with many older people, veterans, to families with young children attended the solemn event. The Governor of West Australia, His Excellency the Honourable Christopher Dawson AC APM attended, along with other dignitaries and representatives of other nations and organisations.

Various organisations went forward in an orderly manner to present wreaths, including the UNAANA.

After the wreath laying ceremony, a Vietnam veteran, the Honorable Graham Edwards AM delivered the ANZAC Day address. He described how of 61,000 Australian troops who served in Vietnam, 3000 were wounded and 521 were killed. He lost his legs but said he was lucky as his wounds were visible. He spoke of the invisible psychological wounds that many veterans

suffered which led many to suicide. After his speech, the Ode was recited and the national anthems of Australia and New Zealand were sung.

The UNAANA laid a wreath during the event to commemorate the duty and selfless service of all those who served and continue to serve. The purpose is not to glorify war but to remember the toll war inflicts, and to heighten efforts to avoid war, for which the UN was founded to do so. *Lest We Forget*.

**Randhir Amoganathan**  
President of the UNAANA



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# City of Melville: Murals from young people shine a light for mental health

- Two new murals in the City of Melville are helping to stimulate important conversations about mental health.
- More than 50 young people were involved in a series of workshops before helping to paint the murals at the Swan River Rowing Club in Mount Pleasant and the Melville City Hockey Club in Kardinya.

Young people have joined professional artists to paint two murals in the City of Melville to help stimulate important conversations about mental health.

Mental health counsellor Orion Read met with young people during a series of workshops to talk about depression, suicide, resilience and overcoming adversity before artists Shavaurn Hanson and Olivia Robinson then incorporated the ideas from 54 young people into two mural designs, which were painted by young attendees over the weekends in late 2022.

The murals aim to remove stigma and encourage people to seek help when they are struggling.

According to the [Australian Institute of Health and Welfare's suicide and self-harm monitoring](#), suicide is the leading cause of death for young people aged 15 to 24. About 75% of common mental health issues emerge before the age of 25.

Informed by voices of young people as outlined in the *Directions from Young People Strategy*, the City is exploring more opportunities like this to help young people express themselves and understand how to cope.

The project was funded by a grant from the WA Primary Health Alliance under the Perth South National Suicide Prevention Trial.

An important outcome of the project funding is the ability to provide 200 members of the community free access to Suicide Prevention in Everyday Life training.

The City is encouraging parents of teens to take up this training developed by the [Black Dog Institute](#).

The online training will help someone have a difficult conversation with a family member, friend or work colleague who hasn't been themselves lately and respond appropriately.

### **Comments attributed to City of Melville Mayor the Hon. George Gear JP:**

"The City recognises the important role we play in supporting the mental health of young people and we were proud to be involved in this project.

"By providing opportunities like this, young people can express themselves creatively, make friends and reinforce the importance of self-care and seeking help."

### **Comments attributed to mental health counsellor Orion Read:**

"I was really surprised about the willingness of the young people to talk about such heavy topics during the workshops.

"It's often considered a taboo in society. I think once the wider community learns what the murals are about it will help to have those open and earnest

conversations, we all need. If we can talk more about mental health, we can start to find solutions for those issues.”

**Comments attributed to Healthy Melville Coordinator Janet Armarego:**

“Mental health is just as important as physical health. Finding effective and engaging ways to help young people understand the importance of self-care and seeking help will support them throughout their lives.”

**Know someone who may be struggling?**

If you’re a parent and would like to learn more about having difficult conversations with your teen, or anyone else, we’re providing free online Suicide Prevention in Everyday Life training.

The online training will help someone have a difficult conversation with a family member, friend or work

colleague who hasn’t been themselves lately and respond appropriately.

The training is available to 200 people. [Register to receive your access code.](#)

The training has been developed by the Black Dog Institute.

Help is available – Lifeline Australia 13 11 14

BeyondBlue: [www.beyondblue.org.au/get-support](http://www.beyondblue.org.au/get-support)

View the murals and see what else people had to say via our [video wrap-up](#).

*Image: Young community members paint the mural at the Swan River Rowing Club.*

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*Young community members paint the mural at the Swan River Rowing Club*

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## Climate Trauma: New national study reveals mental health impacts from climate change disasters

A ground-breaking national study from the Climate Council, supported by Beyond Blue, is drawing attention to the lesser-known impacts of the climate crisis on our mental health. The Climate Council's landing page for the report features a series of heart-wrenching personal accounts of extreme weather events and their impacts on the mental health of those affected. The stories reveal a collective trauma – post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), depression, and other mental health impacts, alongside a lingering fear for what is to come.

City Councillor and Director of Resilient Lismore, Elly Bird, puts it succinctly: “That inability to move forward, compounded by a heightened sense of risk on top of collective PTSD, means that here in my community we are living with very real impacts of deteriorating mental health every single day”. The report, *Climate Trauma: The Growing Toll of Climate Change on the Mental Health of Australians*, puts data to the seemingly obvious – that those impacted by extreme weather events are suffering terribly, and as climate impacts worsen, more of us will be impacted. What is less obvious but equally well demonstrated is the gap in mental health services, financial support, and preparedness: “Australia continues to spend far more on disaster recovery than on resilience building

efforts, despite evidence that every dollar spent on disaster preparedness saves many dollars through reducing future losses”.

While the study is focused on the experiences of those who have lived through these extreme events, it hints at a broader undercurrent of anxiety and other mental health damages flowing through our society: “Worries about climate change, particularly among young people, are amplified by inadequate government action to reduce emissions and move beyond fossil fuels”. A more expansive follow-up study could expose a far more pervasive tremor through our communities.

The findings from the report can be accessed [here](#).



**Emilia Lawonski**  
UNAAWA Environment Committee Member

## A plan for Australia's human rights act

Following three years of consultations, the Australian Human Rights Commission released a position paper in early March which proposes a model for legislating

human rights in Australia by establishing a national Human Rights Act (the Act).

Despite being a signatory to numerous international human rights treaties, Australia is one for the very few Western democracies and the only liberal democracy without a comprehensive human rights legal framework. For many of us, this might come as a surprise given Australia's determination in promoting human rights nationally, regionally, and internationally.

In its position paper, the Commission proposes that having a Human Rights Act would further strengthen Australia's legislative model which incorporates dialogue. The Act would mean that the executive, legislative and judiciary branches of government would share a responsibility for incorporating and protecting human rights in Australia. This will bring Australia in line with its international obligations set out under the *International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights*, the *International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights* and critical duties from the *Convention on the Rights of the Child*, *Convention on the Rights of Peoples with Disabilities*, and the *UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*.

The Australian Constitution and the common law provide protection for some human rights indirectly however, there have been major human rights violations throughout our history particularly in relation to Australia's First Nations Peoples. Other human rights violations include indefinite detention of refugees and asylum seekers and exclusion of people with disability. A comprehensive Human rights Act is a powerful tool to rectify these legal shortcomings and help build a more rights-minded and equitable society.

A human rights legislation is missing not only from our federal but also from West Australia's legal systems. As of today, only the Australian Capital Territory,

Queensland and Victoria have Human Rights Acts which means Australians living in other states do not have equal access to such protections. Incorporating a national Human Rights Act into our legal systems will consolidate the gaps currently present in our state laws and ensure all Austrians can access the protection it will provide. It will provide a clear avenue for Australians to raise concerns or any breaches of their human rights and seek redress.

The most important benefit of the Act would be the protection it can provide to marginalised communities and those who often experience human rights abuses. Establishing the Act would ensure all rights are respected in our legal and decision-making systems and effective relief is provided if they are breached.

The Act would set a clear process for transparency and accountability for institutions including the federal government. It would require institutions to integrate and comply with human rights standards in all its functions and report on their compliance. A key benefit of this would also be that individuals or groups that face human rights abuse can have a way to hold government and other institutions accountable for any breaches of those rights.

A Human Rights Act is critical in balancing power between institutions and people and will help prevent abuse of power and ensure Australia maintains the highest standards in protecting and promoting human rights.

An ***Inquiry into Australia's Human Rights Framework*** is being conducted by the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights. The committee is inviting submission by 1 July 2023.

**Sara Shengeb**  
**Convener, Human Rights Committee**

## UNAAWA Environment Committee: Jennifer Dickson



Jennifer (she/her) is a sustainability professional with over a decade of experience in environmental management, sustainability and social value within the resource sector in Australia and globally. Originally from Newcastle UK,

Jen holds a Bachelor of Zoology from the University of

Aberdeen and moved to Perth 11 years ago to further a career in industry.

Jen is a passionate advocate for the UN Sustainable Development Goals. In her work and volunteering, she is focused on collaboration and thought leadership to drive economic, environmental, and social development goals. She is excited to bring her passion and experience to the Environment Committee and further discussion of environmental issues relevant to her adopted home of Western Australia.

Outside work, Jen's desire to contribute positively to a holistic approach to circular economy, human rights, and climate change influenced her decision to become an amateur dressmaker, creating sustainable pieces at home.

## UNAAWA Environment Committee: Carla Topino

Carla's background includes over 15 years as a corporate governance expert working with a global proxy advisory firm. During those years, she assisted institutional investors in fulfilling their stewardship responsibilities through the analysis of governance issues while engaging with a broad range of stakeholders.

Carla moved to Australia six years ago having previously lived in Italy, the USA, and Switzerland. She is eager to further expand her knowledge of sustainability-related topics. In this regard, Carla is particularly interested in the current developments to establish transparent reporting standards to allow capital to flow towards organisations that can make a positive impact on the environment, as well as on the economy and society.

At a moment where urgent action is needed to secure a sustainable future for all, Carla is excited to join the Environment Committee and support its efforts to spread awareness of environmental issues and to accelerate progress on the SDGs.



# UNAA WA Young Professionals Welcomes Deputy Young Professionals Convenor and Public Relations Manager!

## Ashton Warrick - Deputy Young Professionals Convenor

Ashton is an Organisational Psychologist with a Master of Applied Psychology (Organizational) and a Director at ORGsight, a Perth-based consultancy specialising in organisational behaviour, development, and custom assessments.

With extensive consulting experience across various industries, including mining, health, education, and legal sectors, Ashton brings expertise in culture, leadership, strategy, inclusion and diversity, and stakeholder and community engagement.

At ORGsight, Ashton leads the development and facilitation of inclusion and diversity initiatives and enjoys helping organisations develop and implement best practice inclusion programs, bettering the lived experiences of their LGBTQ+ employees.

Ashton is also a Director of Pride Professionals, an organisation that facilitates an annual LGBTQ+ Mentoring Program in Perth and launching in Brisbane in 2023. The program supports LGBTQ+ identifying mentees through career guidance and direction, by sharing mentor/mentee experiences, developing goals and forging exceptional mentoring relationships. When not working, Ashton devotes her time to volunteer board and committee roles and spending quality time with her nieces and nephews.



## Hayden Forsyth – Public Relations Manager

Meet Hayden, a mining professional with over 5 years of experience at Rio Tinto. As a seasoned strategy and business improvement leader, Hayden has a track record of



success in driving positive change within the company. In addition to his technical expertise in the mining industry, he is a skilled communicator and problem-solver, able to

effectively collaborate with cross-functional teams to achieve results.

Hayden is also a proud member of the LGBTQ+ community and has been influential in shaping LGBTQ+ inclusion in the mining sector. He has participated in external programs such as Pride Professionals as a mentor and is passionate about using his platform to promote inclusivity and diversity in the industry. He is dedicated to making a positive impact on those around him, and is committed to creating a more inclusive and welcoming environment for all. With his combination of mining experience, leadership skills, and dedication to the community, Hayden is a valuable asset to the Young Professionals Committee.

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## UN Observances

### May

- 2: World Tuna Day
- 3: World Press Freedom Day
- 5: Vesak, the Day of the Full Moon
- 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
- 17: World Telecommunication and Information Society Day
- 17-23: UN Global Road Safety Week
- 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
- 24: International Day of Women in Diplomacy
- 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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## Upcoming Events

# World Oceans Day Event: What does the UN Ocean Decade mean for you?

**Date:** Tuesday, 13th June 2023, 5:30pm – 8pm

**Venue:** Old Courthouse Fremantle



**2021**  
**2030** United Nations Decade  
of Ocean Science  
for Sustainable Development

Come and join us at the Old Courthouse Fremantle to hear from an expert panel discuss the UN Ocean Decade and what it means for Western Australia. Network with like-minded ocean enthusiasts from diverse backgrounds and find out steps you can take to help protect our oceans during this critical time.

Get your tickets at Eventbrite:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/unaawa-world-oceans-day-tickets-60561211127>

For all event-related enquiries, please email [environment@unaa-wa.org.au](mailto:environment@unaa-wa.org.au)



# Young Professionals Launch!

### Join us to celebrate the launch of the Young Professionals Committee!

We are thrilled to invite you to the launch of the United Nations Association of Australia (WA Division) Young Professionals on **6<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm**.

This event will bring together young professionals from various industries to discuss the importance of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals and how we can work together as Young Professionals to create a more sustainable future for all.

We are excited to announce that our guest speakers for the evening are Dr. Sandy Chong Yee-Ling, Dr. Katherine Iscoe, and Ron Gibson. They are all experts in their respective fields and will share their insights on how we can contribute to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

You will leave this event:

- ✓ With a better understanding of the United Nations goals;
- ✓ Inspired to make positive changes, and
- ✓ Feeling connected with like-minded professionals.

### What is the Young Professionals Committee?

The Young professional's mission is to connect, empower and build the skills of young professionals to achieve the United Nations Association of Australia's mission of creating a safer, fairer, and more sustainable world. Run by young professionals for young professionals! We aim to promote professional development opportunities and build awareness to turn your global thinking into local action. The YP Committee has a number of events in the pipeline for 2023 that cover a diverse range of important topics, including homelessness in WA, Leadership and Business, mental health, and space travel!

Join us on our Mission!

Do you want to:

- ✓ Connect and network with young leaders and likeminded professionals;
- ✓ Get involved in important and engaging discussions;
- ✓ Support your local community, and
- ✓ Network with other young professionals?
- ✓

Join us as YP Member Now! Email: [young.professionals@unaa-wa.org.au](mailto:young.professionals@unaa-wa.org.au)



# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



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