



# United Nations Association of Australia WA Division



## UN Matters September – October 2021



*UNAAWA members at the Annual General Meeting*



*UNAAWA members at the 76th Anniversary UN Day Gala*



*Joseph Caruso, Remembrance Day*

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# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

# From the President

Dear UNAAWA members, fellow volunteers and friends, the year is slowly but surely coming to an end after a flurry of activities both in Perth and around the world which have reaffirmed the importance of the United Nations and the need for solidarity in facing global challenges.

From the COP26 in Glasgow through to our very own United Nations Day Event, it has given me a great deal of hope to see people of so many backgrounds and cultures coming together to celebrate what is best in humanity. Yes, we may have our differences and finding solutions to pressing global needs is not easy, but when we at our best there is nothing that we cannot achieve or overcome.

I would therefore like to begin by thanking each and every one of you who attended our UN Day celebration at the WA Museum of Culture, and especially all those without whom such a successful evening would not have been possible. It is only thanks to the many volunteers who give up time they could otherwise have spent with their families or friends to help us that we were able to greet over 250 guests, including the highest number of consuls general and cultural representatives in the history of UNAAWA.

The many speeches we heard, from Sandy Anghie, the former Deputy Lord Mayor for City of Perth, and Parris Laurie, West Coast Eagles AFLW Best Club Person 2020, truly inspired me and I hope that they spoke to all of you as deeply as they did to me.

At the same time, the virtual address sent by Guy Ryder, Director-General of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) in Geneva helped to reaffirm my belief in the work that we do, especially when he said that *“Your programs to promote the SDGs in schools, with the business community and local government, they matter. So too do your efforts to promote gender*

*equality and non-discrimination, and we thank you for that.”*

As you will see from the rest of this newsletter, the past few months have been extremely busy and our UNAAWA has been active in many ways with schools and the business community, raising awareness on issues as varied as gender equality, STEM education and fighting food insecurity. If any of you would like to be involved in any of these activities going forward, please do not hesitate to get in touch as there is always more that we can do for one another.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our newest members as I can assure you that you have a role to play in advocating on behalf of the United Nations, and for a better world which leaves no one behind. As for all the volunteers and sponsors without which none of our events would have been possible this year, thank you all once again for the amazing support. Our organization is only as effective as your commitment, and I am always grateful for your kindness, passion and dedication.

Finally, I hope that as we look towards the end of the year and the beginning of next, we will all remember the importance of supporting one another and standing up to those who seek to divide us. I am sure that if we face the future with the same community spirit witnessed within the UNAAWA, we can achieve great things. For there is so much more that unites us and with much of the world still reeling from the pandemic and facing even greater impacts from climate change and the other challenges. It is going to take all of us working together to make 2022 the beginning of something better.

Happy festive season to you and your loved ones and I look forward to seeing you in 2022.

**Dr Sandy Chong**  
**President of the UNAAWA**

# Save the Date: Yolande Frank Art Award

In 2021, The United Nations Association of WA would like to showcase the winners of the [Yolande Frank Art Awards](#) on Human Rights Day, 10 December 2021.

The Yolande Frank Art Awards is an art competition for WA primary (Years 4 to 6) and secondary students (Years 7 to 10). Students are invited to use any visual art media to communicate a message that speaks to the first article of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: "All human beings are born free and equal in

dignity and rights". The UNAAWA has conducted these awards annually since 2010 in memory of Yolande Frank, a Holocaust survivor and outstanding member committed to ensuring that children understand the importance of universal human rights.

For further information, email us at [gcs@unaa-wa.org.au](mailto:gcs@unaa-wa.org.au) or visit our website at <https://education-committee-unaawa.square.site/>

# Annual General Meeting 2021

The United Nations Associations of Australia Western Australia's Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on 1 October at the Claisebrook Lotteries House Association. The AGM was attended by the members of the UNAAWA.



President of UNAAWA Dr. Sandy Chong chaired the meeting, covering the challenges that were faced by the UNAAWA during the past year and the steps that the UNAAWA has taken to overcome them. She covered the ways that existing structures within the association had to change to accommodate shifts in

the way that the UNAAWA operated as a result of Covid-19, as well as challenges to engagement levels and the retention of volunteers even when face-to-face meetings have been changed to online mediums. She touched on ways in which the UNAAWA has taken advantage of opportunities presented by the situation, such as by inviting guest speakers from other countries to speak through digital platforms.

**Amorith Tan**

**UNAAWA Chief Editor**



# 76<sup>th</sup> Anniversary United Nations Day



On the 24th of October 2021, United Nations Associations of Australia Western Australia (UNAAWA) celebrated their 76th Anniversary United Nations Day Gala at the Boola Bardip, WA Museum of Culture, Perth. The evening also celebrated the winners and finalists of UN Day awards.

Over 250 distinguished guests attended with the highest number of consuls general and cultural representation turnout in the history of UNAAWA. Leaders of WA's business, cultural communities, public and education sectors, members of the public, and volunteers from at least 50 cultural backgrounds attended the celebration. Consuls General representing Germany, Greece, Indonesia, Italy, India, Malaysia, United States of America, and Vietnam were there to give their warm support. Sarah Hooper, State Director of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), Dr Judith Edwards, Former Minister of Environment and Heritage (2001-2006), Christine Tonkins, Member of Churchlands and former UN Staffs also attended to demonstrate solidarity in the support for multilateralism and global cooperation.

The Welcome to Country was warmly delivered by Auntie Kerry-Ann Winmar, Elder of the Noongar First Nation Peoples and a member of the WA Indigenous Tourism

Council (WAITOC), which is also one of the sponsors for this event.

President of UNAAWA, Dr Sandy Chong, gave opening remarks for the evening where she congratulated the United Nations (UN) across the world for successfully entering its 76th year, emphasizing the need to progress human rights, gender equality, environment and social impact. She said, "It is not good enough that poverty still exists in our abundant world where children are starving, and the young are not receiving an education in different parts of the world. How can we, all make it better? We need to ensure that people of all ages are safe and that all children receive equal access to education, career development and equality in the post-pandemic world. Employers have to be responsible and conscious in our business decisions, to provide healthy and equitable opportunities in order to build a sustainable future for all."

This was followed by a keynote address from Sandy Anghie, former Deputy Lord Mayor for City of Perth. She shared her own personal experiences and professional joy in the work she does to build a sustainable city for the community. She emphasised that multiculturalism, integrity, peace and harmony were integral values for a better world. The VIP

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speech was given by Parris Laurie, West Coast Eagles AFLW Best Club Person 2021 who highlighted the importance of community collaboration and support to reduce inequality and achieve gender parity by 2030.

A virtual address was given by Guy Ryder, Director-General of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) from Geneva – highlighting the continuing quest for a kinder and generous world to eradicate hunger, inequality and safety for the young. He concluded by thanking the UNAAWA for their continuing support and active participation.

The formal proceedings ended with sumptuous canapes and engaging exchange between our members, sponsors and volunteers about the importance of international peace, multiculturalism, and community solidarity for a strong recovery ahead. We look forward to celebrating this significant milestone next year.

**Anshu Pande**  
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# Remembrance Day

On behalf of the UNAAWA I attended the 103rd anniversary of Remembrance Day at Kings Park War Memorial to commemorate the end of WW1.



History records that guns grew silent and the war ended at 11am on 11 November 1918, but the human suffering continues to this very day.

Between 1914 and 1918, 60,000 men died on the foreign soils of the Western European front. The 11<sup>th</sup> of November is recognised and serves as a memory of those soldiers, dead and wounded, who performed their duty unquestioningly to their country during this conflict.

At that time, Australia's population was less than five million; of the 460,000 men who enlisted, 156,000 were

wounded and 60,000 killed. The trauma, both physical and mental, continued into the post-war years. For our veterans, the transition into normal life became a nightmare. We owe much respect to them and gratitude for their service in defending standing rights for humanity and the principles of freedom.

We affirm our respectful contemplation with one minute of silence precisely at 11am on this sacred day.

The symbol of red poppies represent nature's first new growth on Flanders Fields on the blood-stained battlefields of Belgium and France, and through this symbol we associate our Australian connection to these horrific events.



In contemplation, I have had the solemn privilege of silent reflection in past years at the Australian-French war memorial at Villers-Bretonneux and to walk the battlefields of these former conflicts.

As ambassadors of the United Nations we must do all we can to prevent conflict.

**Joseph A Caruso**  
**UNAAWA Global Representative**

# Catholic Education: STEM Showcase in Katanning

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics proficiencies (STEM) are skills that will be in high demand for the workforce of the future. In accordance with the United Nations' (UN) Sustainable Development Goals, children of both genders are encouraged to explore their aptitudes and prospects in STEM fields for future sustainability, to create equal opportunities for future employment, for quality education and gender equality.

In compliance with Government and UN commitments to meet STEM targets, Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA) and the Bunbury Diocese have collaborated to present a STEM Showcase to CEWA schools and beyond, to be held at St Patrick's School in Katanning WA on 10 November, 2021.

This engaging and informative exhibition, captures the Design Process Model of Empathise, Define, Ideate, Prototype and Test which the students underwent to create their projects.

Catholic Education Numeracy Consultant, Benjamin Saulsman, outlined the many benefits of following the design process model. "In addition to the development of innovative thinking and creative problem-solving skills, the model requires students to view an issue from multiple viewpoints. This encourages them to appreciate others' points of view and empathise with the required skills to positively influence, as Christians, the rapidly changing world", he said.

Students from St Joseph Albany, St Bernard's Kojonup, St Patrick's Katanning, and St Matthew's Narrogin collaborated for the STEM Showcase, contributing their critical thinking skills for academic and personal

growth in a range of areas, including sustainability; community engagement; wellbeing; religion; creativity and innovation; entrepreneurship; and technology.



As host of the Showcase event, Principal at St Patrick's Katanning, Brett Wilkie, commented on the value of participation, "It (STEM Showcase) has provided the students with an opportunity to analyse and consider

local and societal needs, while promoting the idea that the students are active citizens who can make a difference in their community.... It has exposed them to important skills that will be invaluable to their future as well as engaging with their peers from other schools, and significant members of their community”, he said.

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## Busselton SHS: Tenderfeet Walk

150 students from BSHS, Geographe and West Busselton PS took part in a walk from Eagle Bay to Pullman Bunker Bay on Friday 24th where they were joined by a host of community supporters for a morning tea reception.

School Captain, Damien Farrell, welcomed everyone to Country and spoke of the cultural significance of the area to the Wadandi custodians. Emily Armstrong then delivered an inspiring speech calling for all girls across the world to be educated by 2030. Over 132m girls miss out due to poverty, cultural practices and a host of other factors. Emily spoke of the Student Council’s support for the UN Sustainable Development Goals and for the girls at Tenderfeet our sister school in Kibera. The BSHS student council have raised in excess of \$26,000 up until this year. “We are confident that we will exceed \$30,000 by the end of today.” She later commented.

This year students from West Busselton Primary and Geographe Primary joined the walk and enjoyed a glorious morning capped off with a sumptuous morning tea on the terrace courtesy of Pullman Bunker Bay also a supporter of the UN SDGs.

Libby Mettam MP and Mayor Grant Henley made speeches congratulating the students for their remarkable efforts whilst expressing the pride of the whole community for their leadership and ongoing

commitment to humanity and the goal of educating girls.

Emily’s speech was the centrepiece of the event with her impressive inclusion of a message directly to the Tenderfeet students delivered in near perfect Swahili. “Many of the audience found Emily’s speech quite moving in its sincerity and as an expression of the heartfelt empathy of our fabulous young leaders.” Commented event organizer and Global Schools Advocate, Geoff Holt.



*Year 6 students from Geographe and West Busselton Primary School alongside BSHS leaders Damien Farrell and Emily Armstrong, with Libby Mettam MP and Barry House former MLA*

“Those of us here today could not be more proud of Emily and Damien and all of those who took part in this the seventh Walk for Tenderfeet. It has galvanized community support and we would like to say an

enormous thank you to all of our corporate and community supporters.”

Last year Geoff and the Tenderfeet program at BSHS received recognition from the UN (WA) for Excellence in Global Citizenship Education. “It’s great to see that Education for Sustainable Development is now taking hold in more local schools and garnering support from the wider community. It is also informing many other initiatives at school level such as climate action, conservation, waste recovery, recycling and other programs alongside Tenderfeet. All of these are directly aligned to the 17 UN SDGs.”

After the event students gathered for a sausage sizzle back at school and were treated to some Brazilian drumming and a quiz based on the UN SDGs. “What a great way to end the term. We were so happy to be involved and to raise money for such a good cause,” commented Y6 Sophie Smith of West Busselton Primary.

**Geoffrey Holt**  
**Head of Year 9 and 10**  
**Sustainability Coordinator**  
**Busselton Senior High School**



## World Teachers’ Day Awards

On 22 October 2021, more than 50 teachers who had built awareness and support for the **UN Sustainable Development Goals** in WA were recognised by the **United Nations Association of WA (UNAWAA)** at the **World Teachers' Day Awards** at the WA Museum of Culture.

The achievements of the following schools and school networks were celebrated across **four award categories**:

- **Collective Impact Award:** All Staff at Coolbinia Primary School
- **Primary Teacher Award:** Nikki Fairhurst, Oakwood Primary School

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- **Secondary Teacher Award:** Jacqui Edwards, Woodvale Secondary College
- **Special Mention Award:** 22 teachers from 11 schools in the Association of Independent Schools of WA (AISWA) network who completed the “Purposeful Pedagogies: Global Competencies in Action” program and publication.
- **Special Mention Award:** Kathleen Booth, Kent Street Senior High School

College), **Chrisna LeVaillant** (John Wollaston Anglican Community School), **Jessica Beazley** (Santa Maria College), **Kylie Kingdon** (Emmanuel Catholic College) and **Kim Flintoff** (Peter Carnley Anglican Community School).

For more information about the award visit our website: <https://education-committee-unaawa.square.site/>



**Jury members** Hannah von Ahlefeld, Dr Rachel Sheffield, Caitlin Collins, MLA, Dr Sonia Guerriero, Dr Sonja Kuzich, and Samantha Schofield congratulated all schools for their leadership to help Australia to meet the **UN 2030 Sustainable Development Goals**,

“These inspiring educators form part of a growing Community of Practice in WA and beyond on global citizenship and sustainability education, which is helping to empower students, staff and communities to find solutions to pressing global challenges like climate change.”

The UNA AWA also wishes to congratulate the following Finalists: **Omer Demirbas** (Fountain

## Sustainable Innovation Festival

First of its kind in the world, the Sustainable Innovation Festival is an incredible opportunity to see the world from a whole new perspective. Inspired from 44 such expeditions created in the Himalayas with over 1500 findings of incredible innovation and over 400 registered trademarks of remarkable innovation in the agricultural, environment, food and beverage sectors is already changing many industries across India for the better. This is a great way to give a platform to innovation and ethical industrialisation. The event will be held over the due course of 6 days, mapping southwest of WA.

The aim of the event is to teach innovation, find sustainable projects, run masterclasses for the explorers for optimum health and more. Masterclasses will be focused on wellness, finding the gap in the market, having the right mindset to recognise the opportunity and scale it into a futuristic business. Planting native plants, carbon offset activities and create bio diverse spaces during the event.

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## Who can participate?

- 1) Individual explorers - Passionate individuals wanting thriving health and looking for ethical opportunities
- 2) Students - Students of sustainability and beyond who would like hands on experience
- 3) Businesses with corporate social responsibility
- 4) Independent businesses with a futuristic vision

Click [here](#) to register for our free upcoming pre-information event in Nov 2021, or contact us by phone or email at [teaphoria@teaphoria.com.au](mailto:teaphoria@teaphoria.com.au).

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## Foodbank Australia: West Australians Facing Food Insecurity is Growing

Foodbank Australia released its annual Hunger Report in October. The insights are very sobering about what is happening in Australia and on our street.

- 1 in 6 adults in Australia haven't had enough to eat last year.
- 1.2 million children have gone hungry.
- 1 in 3 people are new to the situation.

In WA we have faced a very different environment to the rest of the nation however there are more West Australians living with food insecurity, than before the pandemic. Our WA community is not prosperous for all. In WA, we are seeing:

- 270,000 West Australians live below the poverty line
- 94,000+ children are living in poverty
- We provide 490,000 meals and help 8,000 card holders monthly

- 30% of these West Australians are newly food-insecure individuals
- People needing assistance don't ask for help because they believe that others are needier, they can't get to our services, or are too embarrassed to do so.



In our largest branch where before the COVID-19 pandemic, would normally see approximately 80 people a day. Our October 2021 average is 160 people per day.



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The compounding variables leading to this situation are many and complex, but food supply is so vital.

Dr Roslyn Giglia of Foodbank WA explained, “The part of the budget that gets squeezed is food as it’s the most variable. Households can’t ignore the utilities bills, petrol, rent or mortgage. Too often, cheaper food is seen as fast or packaged food, rather than whole foods.”

Dr Giglia continued, “It’s not just buying food, it’s planning, preparation and recipes. People just need a bit guidance to get the best bang for spend and the

most nutritious option, to ensure their long-term wellbeing. Research shows that diet directly impacts your mental health and wellbeing. Eating well keeps people on top of stresses. What this means for today and tomorrow, is concerning.”

Without doubt, more households are in need. Know that in every suburb, there are families making tough decisions about a very basic need – food. Find out more about how you can help at [www.foodbank.org.au](http://www.foodbank.org.au).



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# Game Changer Awards: STEM4Innovation



Dr. Sandy Chong, UNAABA President and Ambassador of the Game Changer Awards, supported the Game Changer Awards on 7 November 2021 at Curtin University Stadium. She spoke about the importance of STEM education in achieving the UN SDG Goals and handed out awards to the young and brilliant minds of WA with the most ingenious ideas that solve problems using STEM.

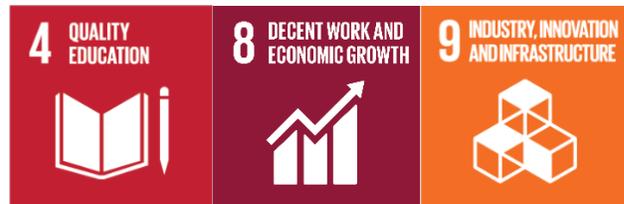
"Watching their eyes beam with joy reminded me of the wonder and fun science can bring to a curious mind which knows no limit," said Dr Chong. "STEM wasn't just about getting good grades and ending up with fascinating jobs. For me, it helped develop my critical thinking, creativity, patience, and persistence during my formative years."

For some, STEM education doesn't just inspire hope or open doors. It changes my lives for the better. Thanks to Paul Moro, one of the organizers of the Game Changer Awards, who is also the UNAABA

Education Convener. "We look forward to supporting more of such initiatives that give young girls, minorities, and underrepresented peoples the opportunities to thrive, to create a better future for our world, so that no one is left behind," said Dr. Chong.

Our UNAABA member, Kim Flintoff, goes into more details of the Game Changer Awards in the article below.

**Dr Sandy Chong**  
UNAABA President



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STEM4Innovation responds to community initiated problems by linking students to the needs of our industry professionals and other community experts.

Working directly with Professor Fiona Wood and the WA Innovation Hub on our pilot collaboration in 2020 more than 700 students from over 20 schools developed concept solutions to a range of challenges relating to impacts of COVID -19 in our hospitals.

As a result of the success of the pilot, a team of surgeons from St. John of God Hospital (Murdoch) reached out to collaborate on a project that deals with urgent mental and physical health issues.

With disturbing increases in health conditions and risks such as obesity, alcohol consumption, dietary behaviours, mental health, and coronary heart disease we need to engage more with our students to authenticate our

curriculum and build in our adolescents the capacity to make more informed decisions.

STEM4Innovation is an umbrella project for engagement across the entire WA community – linking schools and students more productively and relevantly to broader opportunities and real-world challenges.

Presenting our students with contextual design problems and complex real-world challenges builds the resilience they need to develop independent learning styles. It also allows them to become invested in the learning process becoming valued members of collaborative teams. Our students are the clients and need to be directly involved in their own education.

Schools and teachers from any sector are welcome to join us in this growing collaboration of future-focussed educators and the Learning Futures Network. Contact cofounders, Tim Rowberry and Kim Flintoff, via the website - <http://stem4innovation.org>.

Organisations with challenges are also essential collaborators.

The student projects generated by STEM4Innovation dovetail seamlessly with the showcase and recognition opportunities offered by Game Changer Awards.

**Kim Flintoff**  
Learning Area Coordinator – Tides

**STEM4INNOVATION PROGRAM TRACKS**

- **Health and Well-being** (medical, health and wellness related challenges)
- **Technology and Exploration** (relating to Space Science, Oceans, Land, Mining, Resources, etc)
- **Food security, Primary Production, Agriculture** (relating to food, textiles and related industries)
- **Life on Earth** (Living things and ecosystems)
- **Education, Culture, Community, Peace and Harmony**
- **Industry, Infrastructure, Smart Cities, and the World of Work** (including responsible and sustainable priorities around energy, production and consumption)

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## A catalyst for change. A unified Australia. A new normal.

The largest humanitarian event in the world, the Special Olympics World Games is quite simply, the world at its best. Founded in 1968 by the late Eunice Kennedy Shriver, sister to US President John F Kennedy, the World Games have been leading a global movement for inclusion, using sports as a catalyst to change society's perceptions and treatment of people with intellectual disabilities (ID) and providing people with ID greater acceptance and opportunities.

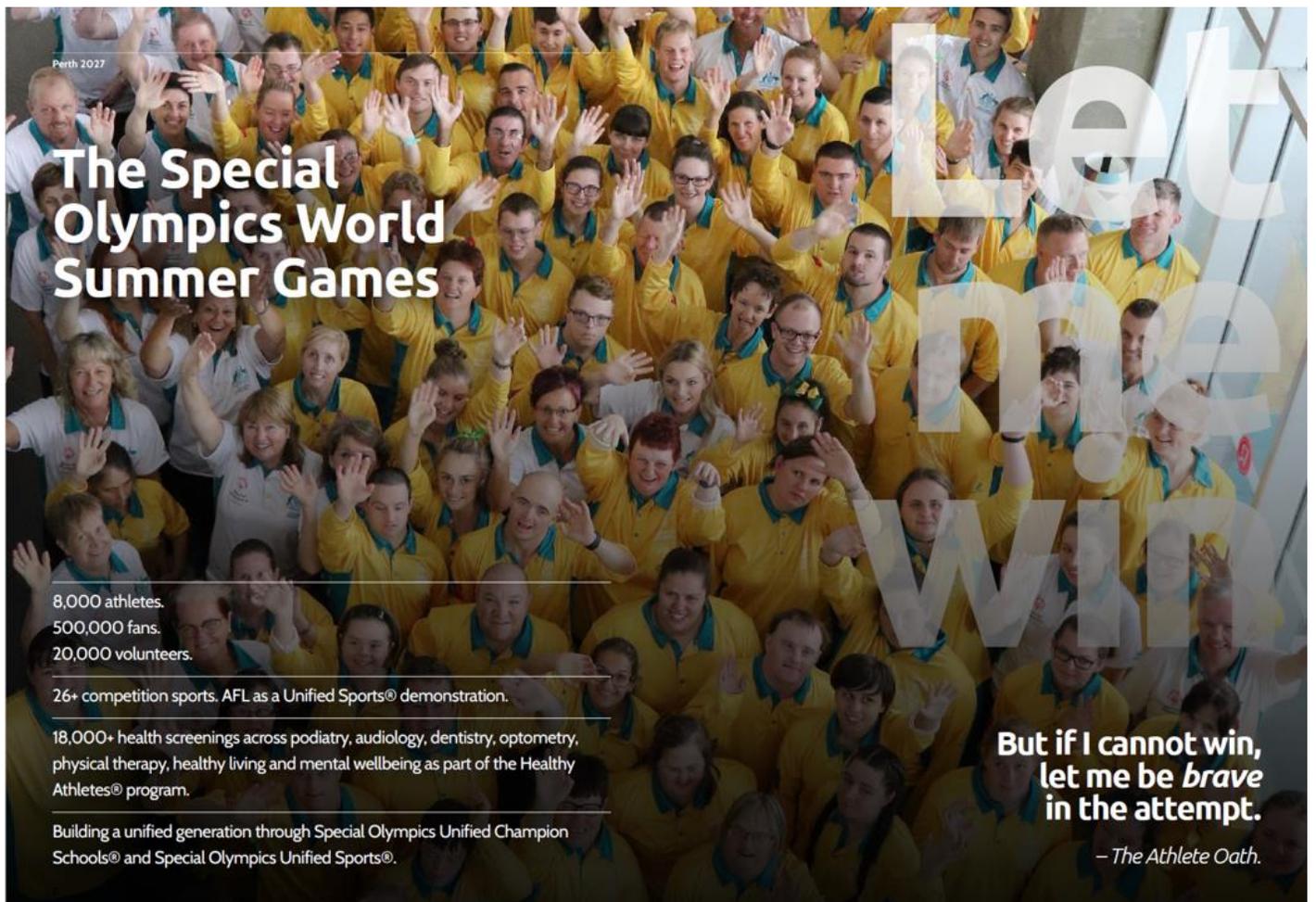
Through a single catalytic event, Perth and Australia can become the most inclusive and accessible nation in the

world, removing unconscious bias from sport, education and everyday human connection.

Support Perth as host city for the largest humanitarian event in the world, the Special Olympics World Games in 2027.

Inclusion has a clear path forward.

Show your support for Perth to be the host city in 2027 here: [Perth2027.org](http://Perth2027.org)



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# The Special Olympics World Summer Games

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26+ competition sports. AFL as a Unified Sports® demonstration.

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Building a unified generation through Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools® and Special Olympics Unified Sports®.

**But if I cannot win,  
let me be *brave*  
in the attempt.**

– The Athlete Oath.

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# Beryl Boardman Remembrance

I thought that UNAA (WA) members who remember longtime member Beryl Boardman of Scarborough and then Osborne Park would like to know she passed away peacefully on 29 September 2021 at 96 years of age.

Beryl's funeral was held on Thursday 14 October 2021 at 10.30am at Pinnaroo Valley Memorial Park, Whitfords Ave, Padbury (between the Mitchell Freeway and Gibson Ave) in East Chapel.

Beryl was active in the conservation and environment movement, especially the Friends of Trigg Bushland; the Scarborough District & Progress Association, where she was Secretary for many years; and a number of local community groups. As well she was a great supporter of peace movements and the United Nations Association.

Beryl was a nurse in her younger years and the mother of three sons. Along with her husband Jack, they were active parents in local schools especially Scarborough High School where Beryl volunteered for many years after her sons graduated. Beryl was very involved with the campaign to save Scarborough High School from closure by the Barnett Coalition Government.

Beryl and Jack had connections with the Noongar people and many of the older people would remember them. She and Jack invited Noongar people into their home in Scarborough. Jack was a taxi driver who often gave free rides to people who

couldn't afford to pay. She and Jack were generous and genuine people who were much loved by their friends and local community.

There is a lot more to say about Beryl and Jack and their intellectual and community pursuits and volunteer work.

Jack Boardman died in the mid-1990s when he was hit by a car while crossing Beaufort St. on his way to a community meeting. Stories of his good work and kindness are remembered by many in our local community.

Beryl continued her many involvements in the community and enjoyed discussing politics and current events. She was an avid reader and watched and listened to every news broadcast available. Beryl loved to keep up with world events and believed in, and worked her whole life for, social justice and equality.

**Jann McFarlane**  
**UNAANA Member**



## Allan Sim: Making Humble Progress towards SDGs

I was first introduced to the UNAA in late 2018 when I was starting my full-time PhD in Chemical Engineering at Curtin University. I joined the UNAAWA as SDG Business Forum organizing committee. I was inspired by the 17 SDGs and the vision and mission of UNAAWA. I am also a volunteer for ASEAN Business Alliance. Continuous learning from and contributing to the event organization, fundraising, community engagement, and social media editor allow me to broaden my horizon and shape my journey toward the SDGs. I am sharing my journey as follows.

SDG Goal 7 & 13: Affordable & Clean Energy, Climate Action. My PhD research focuses on carbon capture in natural gas processing using activated carbon. I perform molecular simulation studies to investigate microscopic mechanisms for the carbon capture process. These studies can provide important insights for improving the carbon capture technology.

SDG Goal 1 & 2: No Poverty & Zero Hunger. I find meaningful as a volunteer at OzHarvest WA, Australia's leading food rescue organisation, to support local communities, charities, and agencies. I helped out the programs such as Telethon Family Fun Day, Cooking for a Cause, Hampers for Hope, and Scarborough Sunset markets –by making hundreds of meals, and hundreds more Hampers going directly to those who need it most, especially during the pandemic where so many people are doing it tough.

SDG Goal 14 & 15: Life below water, life on land. I believe stop killing and learning to harmoniously living with them are the sustainable way. I am responsible to make a better decision and choice as the killing and exploitation stops with me e.g., be conscious of the cause and effect are harmful to the living things, use reef safe sunscreen, being a vegetarian, do not deliberately step/hurt insects while walking, and practise recycling, reuse, reduce, and some more.



SDG Goal 4 & 16: Quality Education; Peace, Justice & Strong Institutions. I have moved between academia and industry in the past. I find my passion in academia because I want to be a leader in teaching. I am positive role model in academia as I can inspire youth to live with integrity, optimism, hope, determination, and compassion. I believe academia is the bridge to by which I can be a positive role model through lively teaching, interaction, and engagement. I am also President of Curtin Good Deeds Society club, seek to promote peaceful and inclusive societies with good deeds and like-minded people. If you want to learn more and know about how to volunteer, feel free to email me at [sim.allan.hh@gmail.com](mailto:sim.allan.hh@gmail.com). Thank you.

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## Dr. Zaung Nau: Passionate Advocate for Equality

My name is Dr S Zaung Nau and I would like to nominate myself as a member of the executive committee (UNAAWA). I am currently a Lecturer in the School of Management, Curtin University. My research interests are sustainable transportation in Perth, Western Australia and also the geospatial analysis on socio-economic, public health and sustainability developments. I have been an international guest speaker on these topics.

I am passionate about "Education for Equality and Equity" which is part of the Sustainability Development Goals. I have been advocating for equitable education in Myanmar, liaising and advising the community based educational projects in Myanmar. I am currently running the Homework Help program to provide education support for children from the Myanmar community and Kachin Language School in Western Australia.

I have been also advocating for the settlement needs of humanitarian migrants, liaising the job readiness training for migrant women and also assisting them to set up small businesses in WA. I also have been organising and fundraising (including grant applications) for the Myanmar cultural events in Australia to enrich the connection of diversity in a multicultural community and to enhance the sense of belongings. Due to my community works, I have been appointed as Cultural Ambassador by the City of Canning.



## Dr. Siddier Chambers

Dr Siddier Chambers is an international social researcher and public sector expert specialising in public policy, community development, gender equality, female empowerment and regional development.



She completed her PhD in Public Policy in 2018 at Curtin University. Her PhD thesis included an evaluation of the World Bank's Rural Economic Development Initiative Project (REDI) in Jamaica, focusing on its impact on

rural women's material, physical, social and psychological development. After completing her PhD, Dr Chambers presented the findings to a World Bank Mission and government officials in Jamaica to influence phase two of the REDI project. She also held leadership positions in the Government of Jamaica before returning to Australia.

Siddier's work and research in Australia, Egypt, and Jamaica have contributed to over 10 years of experience designing, implementing, and evaluating social and economic development policies, programs, and projects.

Her research areas include public policy formulation; implementation and evaluation; family and domestic

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violence; women's development; poverty and vulnerable community; regional and rural development; and qualitative research methods and design.

Siddier embraces the value of generosity and practises it as a volunteer. She serves as a member of the Executive Committee of the United Nations

Association of Australia, WA Division. Siddier also gives back to the community as a member of the Perth Caribbean Association and mentor for women from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Dr Chambers now works at Creating Communities Australia (CCA) as a Senior Consultant, Research and Strategy.

## Bhavna Kapur: To be able to make a difference

I have passion and affinity for UN sustainable goals, and I have joined UNAA WA, hoping to make a difference. I have recently led two projects one on building gender parity at the C-suite level and the other on diversity and inclusion. Although, my primary focus is on SDG 5, I believe my work will impact SDG 8, SDG 9, and SDG 10.

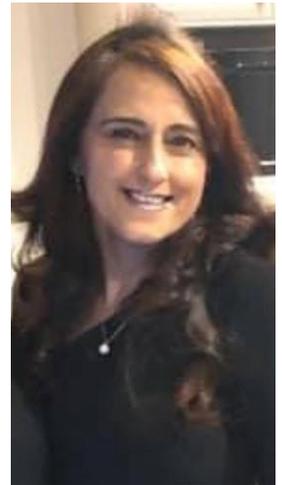
Gender equality at the C-suite level remains an elusive goal for United Nations and corporations around the world. Although the footprint of the UN efforts can be traced back to over seven decades, I am a real-life example of why this gender gap exists.

A management professional, my career has spanned over two decades with disparate industries in domestic and international markets, interspersed with gap years. Internationally, I have lived and worked in Gulf countries, which had restrictive policies on female employment. Migrating to Perth, over a decade ago, I have progressively worked on becoming a valuable member of the business and social ecosystem. In the last few years, I have accomplished

an MBA from Curtin University in 2015 and an Executive Masters in Leadership, Strategy and Innovation from Murdoch, in 2021.

I am the Founder-CEO of the "Responsible C-suite", hoping to assist blue-chip organisations, with my innovative be-spoke solution. This human centric solution leverages a deep understanding of innate archetypes to enable gender parity at the executive level and addresses the leadership pipeline issues.

On a personal level, I hope to inspire young women that need to step away from the corporate world, by defining their own meaning to life and understanding their happiness quotient attached to family. "Wisdom tells me I am nothing, love tells me I am everything and between the two my life flows".



## UN Observances

### November

- 2: International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists
- 5: World Tsunami Awareness Day
- 6: International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict
- 9-15: International Week of Science and Peace
- 10: World Science Day for Peace and Development
- 13-19: World Antibiotic Awareness Week
- 14: World Diabetes Day
- 16: International Day for Tolerance
- 18: World Philosophy Day
- 19: World Toilet Day
- 20: Africa Industrialization Day
- 20: World Children's Day
- 21: World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims
- 21: World Television Day
- 25: International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women
- 29: International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People
- 30: Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare

### December

- 1: World AIDS Day
- 2: International Day for the Abolition of Slavery
- 3: International Day of Persons with Disabilities
- 4: International Day of Banks
- 5: International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development
- 5: World Soil Day
- 7: International Civil Aviation Day
- 9: International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime
- 9: International Anti-Corruption Day
- 10: Human Rights Day
- 11: International Mountain Day
- 12: International Day of Neutrality
- 12: International Universal Health Coverage Day
- 18: International Migrants Day
- 18: Arabic Language Day
- 20: International Human Solidarity Day
- 27: International Day of Epidemic Preparedness



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## Upcoming Events



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# HUMAN RIGHTS DAY 2021 THE IMPORTANCE OF NON-VIOLENCE

An event organised by the UN Association of Australia (WA) and hosted by Borderless Gandhi, an organisation to promote the teachings, values and philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi

Explore the links between Non-Violence and Human Rights. Hear from and interact with a panel of speakers with personal experiences of war, trauma and refugee issues, on the importance of Non-Violence for healing and growth in people and societies, and its effect on Human Rights.

*Refreshments will be provided: vegetarian food, non-alcoholic drinks*

Tickets available at: <https://tinyurl.com/24sf92ry>

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## UN Regional Centres of Expertise (UNRCE) on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) Western Australia

You are invited to the Launch of the UNRCE in Perth on 9 December 2021

With



**Professor David Sadler**  
DVCE  
UWA

**Dr Sandy Chong**  
President  
UNAAWA

**Professor Anas Ghadouani**  
UWA School of Engineering

**Professor Christophe Gaudin**  
UWA Oceans Graduate School

**Dr Wiebke Ebeling**  
Wave Energy Research  
Center

**Venue:** The University Club of Western Australia Seminar Room 2

**Date:** 9 December 2021

**Time:** 3:00 PM To 5:00 PM

**Ticket booking essential through Eventbrite**



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