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OUR MEMBER'S VALUE PROPOSITION

1. Our members make a difference....

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

2. Our members engage...

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

3. Our members are informed...

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

4. Our members get involved...

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

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

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

We make a difference!



OUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2018/2019

OFFICE BEARERS

President	Dr Stephen J Lennon
Vice President	Dr Sandy Yee Ling Chong
Vice President	Katharine Mckenzie
Treasurer	Harvey Davies
Secretary	Lisa Kazalac ¹
Secretary (from July 2019)	Thijs Roos

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Hannah Brown (from February 2019)
Joseph A. Caruso
Marianne Dahle
Camille Doucet (Assistant Treasurer from July 2019)
Teresa Garbo Lee (from July 2019)
Aleisha Godenzie³
Kay Hallahan AO
Beatrice Hamilton⁴
David Hollands
Alex Kannegiesser-Bailey
Phoebe Metcalf⁵
Neesha Seth⁶
Vicky Sofield
Jo Tighe

AUDITOR

Harry Stevenson (RSM Australia Pty Ltd)

¹ Resigned March 2019

² Resigned July 2019

³ Resigned December 2018

⁴ Resigned August 2019

⁵ Ex Officio UN Youth

⁶ Ex Officio Young Professionals



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

After three years of an amazing journey of enrichment, this is my last report as President of the UNAAWA. As such I have focused this report on the three-year term I have been privileged to serve as President of the Association. This has been a period of learning, consolidation and focus in realising our commitment to supporting the goals and aspirations of the United Nations. Political, social, technological, economic and environmental events over the last 12 months have underscored the importance of the United Nations and its inclusive and multilateral approach – even if there are those who would seek to undermine it through unilateral decision making on the global stage. Our Mission also reflects this as we inform, inspire and engage all Australians about the critical work, goals and values of the United Nations to create a safer, fairer and more sustainable world.

Three-year Term Highlights

I would like to highlight some of the major achievements which have progressed the Association over the three years of my term: -

- Our education programme, which certifies student learning based on the UNESCO model for Global Citizenship Education and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), has grown to be a force for change in the field of Global Citizenship Education. In particular it has become a WACE-endorsed program – which this year received the Global Challenge educators award at an awards event in London.
- In 2017 we introduced our inaugural UNAAWA awards aimed at recognising the achievements of Western Australians who do extraordinary things in support of our values and priorities. These awards have now become a regular feature in our annual calendar and our nominees and winners have become an inspiration and role models for all to emulate.
- Early in my term I introduced a focus on the Sustainable Development Goals as a priority for UNAAWA. This has now come to be a cross cutting feature of all that we do. At every one of our events and, in particular in our SDG forums, we showcase how all sectors and all individuals can make a contribution to putting our society, environment and planet of a path to true sustainability. Over the last 3 years I have addressed thousands of Western Australians across all sectors of our society and am proud of the shift towards the SDGs that we see happening in Western Australia. We are however not there yet and an ongoing focus on this critical area is still required.
- In 2017 we were able to build on the excellent foundation set by my predecessor, Ms Caroline Gatward, in putting a new Constitution in place for the Association as well as supporting policies, procedures, processes and manuals. This included clarity on roles and responsibilities as well as communications systems and controls which were aligned with the requirements of the National UNAA.
- The National profile of UNAAWA has been considerably reinforced over the last 3 years. This has been achieved through active participation on the National Board and my appointment as the Vice President for Divisions in 2017 and 2018. In addition, UNAAWA took on the responsibility for the National Human Rights programme. In spite of limited resources, we were able to produce common messaging for all divisions across Australia, provide briefing material on the Universal Declaration on Human Rights and draft a UNAA position paper on Human rights.
- I was privileged to experience exceptional support and guidance from two Patrons during my term. Firstly, Her Excellency the Honourable Kerry Sanderson AC was very supportive of our early work on the SDGs and presided over our inaugural awards in 2017. When her term came to an end, we



were honoured that the newly inaugurated Governor, the Honourable Kim Beazley AC, agreed to become our new Patron. From the start he has been exceptionally supportive of UNAAWA and we have been humbled by his admiration for our activities.

- I am pleased that we have been able to secure some major sponsorships in recent years. In particular, the support of LotteryWest for our 2017 and 2019 UN Day events has been a major boost to the success of our Association.
- Over the past three years the Executive Committee of the UNAAWA and its related sub committees have been consistently hard working and diligent. Even though we experience turnover, there has always been sufficient continuity to ensure that we have been able to deliver seamlessly from one year to the next.

Progress in 2018/19

The 2018/19 year has been one in which the Association excelled at delivering on its mission. Early in the year we defined ten ambitious priorities for the year ahead. These built on the goals we had set in the earlier years of my term and were as follows: -

1. Raise awareness of Indigenous Peoples and their issues and include Indigenous Peoples in event planning and activities
2. Increase reserves through key fundraising programs
3. Human Rights Position Paper to UNAA Board
4. Establish one regional/rural reference group - Dunsborough/Margaret River region
5. Promote Global Citizenship Education in WA primary and secondary schools
6. Demonstrate membership value and retain and increase members
7. Ensure good governance, sustainable finances, a collaborative culture and effective communications
8. Recognise the contributions made by members and volunteers
9. Execute at least 25 events in 2019
10. Increase number of members engaged – ie number which attend events

Our progress against these goals has been excellent and is summarised below:-

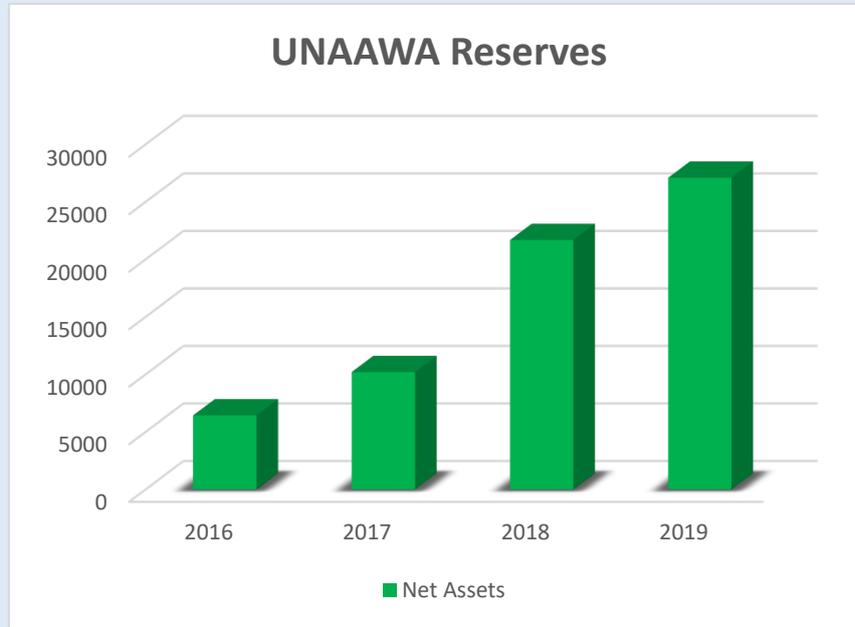
Raise awareness of Indigenous Peoples and their issues and include Indigenous Peoples in event planning and activities

Progress has been made in this critical area, although we still have a long way to go in fully realising this priority. In 2019 we were pleased to have a focus on Indigenous led tourism in one of our SDG Forums. At a national level we strongly supported the UNAA Reconciliation Action Plan formulation to the extent that the UNAA RAP will be launched in the next few months. In the coming year UNAAWA will be internalising the RAP and turning it into action on the ground. I anticipate that this will see a step change in our aspirations to make UNAAWA truly representative. In addition, we have included key Aboriginal Human Rights matters in our Human Rights Position paper and we look forward to this being adopted as a national position for UNAA.



Increase reserves through key fundraising programs

In spite of a degree of volatility in both revenue and costs, we have been able to consistently grow the reserves of the Association as indicated in the graph below: -



Human Rights Position Paper to UNAA Board

On 10 December 2018, International Human Rights Day, we launched the Draft of our Human Rights position paper to our WA membership for comment. We then tabled a revised draft to the national board of UNAA in March 2019. It is currently with UNAA for final review and we anticipate it being issued as a national paper in the coming months.

Establish one regional/rural reference group

On the back of some excellent outreach work being undertaken by our Environment committee, we have progressed our regional activities considerably. Based on this progress we anticipate being able to launch a Dunsborough/Margaret River branch of the UNAANA early in 2020.

Promote Global Citizenship Education in WA primary and secondary schools

Our Global Citizenship education programme is going from strength to strength. Based on the UNESCO model for Global Citizenship Education, each unit requires students to design and implement a community sustainability project (local to global). In the last year we have seen the participation of an additional 9 schools in this WACE endorsed programme. In addition, along with teams from Europe (4), USA (3), Asia and Africa, we succeeded in winning one of the 10 awards in the Global Challenges Foundation Educator's Challenge held in London UK.



Demonstrate membership value and retain and increase members

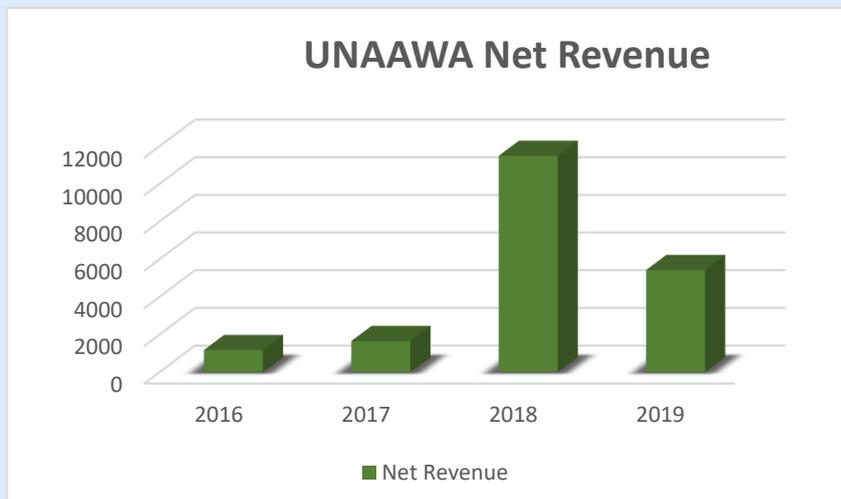
In addition to delivering on our membership value proposition, we have made excellent progress in building our membership base after the consolidation of membership categories in 2017. This has been done through better recruitment at our events, strong alignment between our events and the interests of our members, as well as some great membership networking events.

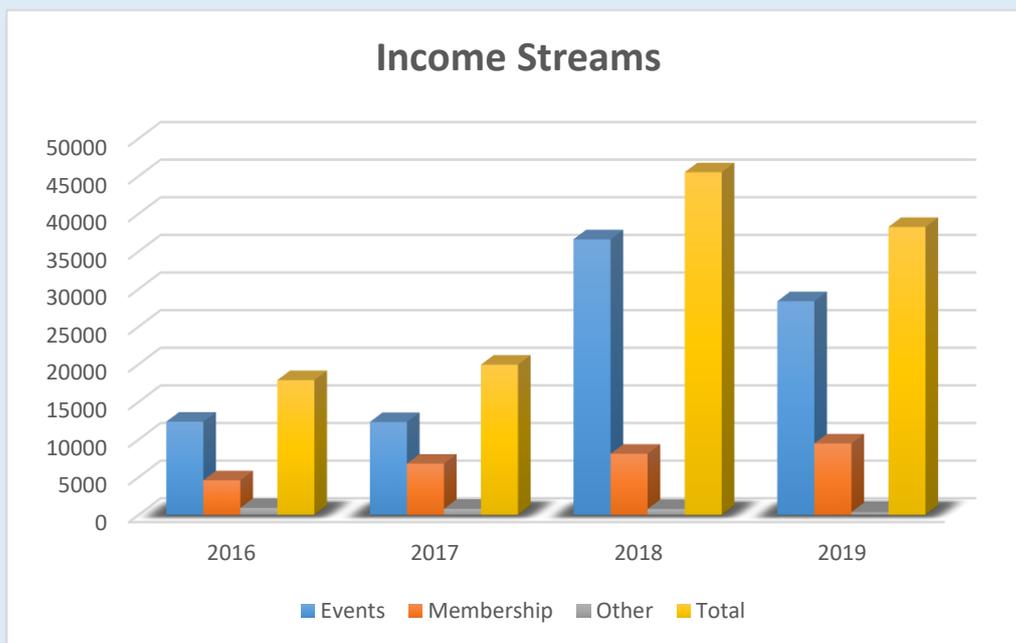


Ensure good governance, sustainable finances, a collaborative culture and effective communications

Our track record of good governance was continued into 2018/19. Attendance at executive committee meetings was excellent and we progressed well in implementing our new management guidelines. Our committee structures worked well and were the primary vehicles for leveraging the excellent contributions from volunteers and arranging a series of successful events.

Funding is always a challenge in UNAAWA; however, our finances remain sound and sustainable with the support of a loyal membership base. As is evident through our funding sources, the strengthened engagement with our stakeholders continues to show an increase in support, with the majority of the income being generated consistently through our events.





Unfortunately, we were unable to sustain the financial success of our previous year's UN Day event and incurred a substantial loss in our 2018 event. This was due to the delay in planning and hence our inability to secure adequate grant support in time. Fortunately, we were able to correct this through revenue from other events and hence avoided an overall loss. We did however experience a drop in our net revenue for the year. This has been addressed through a much earlier start in planning for UN Day 2019. I am pleased that we have once again secured the support of LotteryWest for this event and our 2019 event promises to be a great celebration of both the UN as well as the achievements of Western Australians in support of the UN's values and programmes.

We continued to develop our communications and stakeholder outreach program, with progress being made in increasing our social media footprint and revising our website.

Recognise the contributions made by members and volunteers

Our members and volunteers continue to be the lifeblood of the organisation. This year we plan on recognising the contributions of these critical individual in a special volunteer's recognition event to be held later in the year.

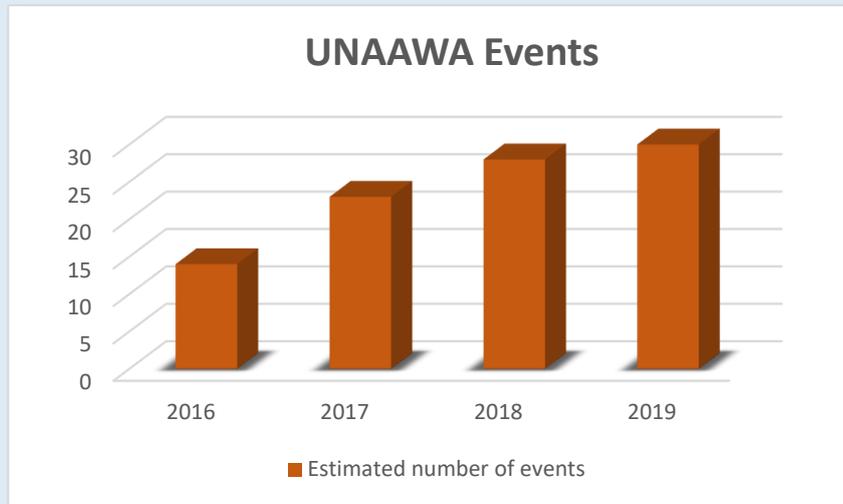
Execute at least 25 events in 2019

Since the end of August last year, we have held at least 30 events, either as UNAAWA or in partnership with other stakeholders. Our events continue to grow - not just in number, but also in terms of relevance and impact on the thinking and behaviour of our community. In particular, through our focus on the Sustainable Development Goals in all of our events, we see these critical goals increasingly being adopted in the planning and engagement forums of key stakeholders, ranging from schools through the public and private sectors.

A major highlight has been the success of our SDG forums, a series of events aimed at enhancing the integration of the SDGs into the awareness and planning processes of the public and private sectors. To date attendance has been excellent. We believe that these forums are increasingly playing an



important role in progressing the SGD's in WA, whilst integrating sustainability into governance processes in the public and private sectors.



Our UN Day celebration continues to be an annual flagship event which celebrates the coming into being of the United Nations and recognises the exceptional achievements of Western Australians towards its goals. In spite of incurring a financial loss, the 2018 event was a major success in terms of celebrating the United Nations, improving the profile of the UNAANA and recognising achievement through our awards programme.

Conclusion

It is clear that we are well underway in the execution of our plan for 2019. Our Executive committee and subcommittee structures are all fully operational and we have succeeded in retaining a core of talent which bodes well for the future of UNAANA in WA.

It must be emphasised that the UNAANA is a 100% volunteer run organisation – yet it operates with a professionalism and focus which is often absent in organisations employing full time staff. This is due to a dedicated and skilled team of volunteers who are driven by their commitment to seeing a better world and who are united in their passion for the goals and objectives of the United Nations. I would like to thank all of our volunteers, interns and members for their support over the last year.

In particular I would like to highlight the leadership team making up the executive committee which is listed earlier in this report. This is an effective team which works together in a spirit completely aligned with the values of the United Nations. I would like to thank the Executive committee as well as all the members of our reference group and sub committees for their dedication, commitment, skills and selfless giving of their time and talents.

We also sincerely appreciate the guidance and support of our Patron, the Honourable Kim Beazley AC, Governor of Western Australia.

Special thanks go to our office volunteers – those who staff our office regularly throughout the year. Harvey Davies and Curtis Clark have been remarkable in their consistent support in this role over the years and their contribution is sincerely appreciated.



A special thank you also goes to Harvey Davies for his amazing contribution as Treasurer throughout my term of office. His diligence and talent for detail and accuracy has meant that the Associations finances have been in safe hands throughout. I would also like to recognise the contributions made by long standing executive committee members who have indicated that they would not be available to continue on the Executive Committee, namely Beatrice Hamilton and Kay Hallahan. Beatrice has been an anchor in our environment committee for over two years and I sincerely appreciate her leadership in a critical time for this important committee. Kay has been a leader on the executive committee for more than 5 years. Her experience, gravitas, forthrightness and, above all, friendship, is sincerely appreciated and will be missed in the committee in coming years. I am however pleased that we will continue to benefit from her input to our Education and UN Day activities.

As always, the new year heralds leadership changes in UNAAWA. I wish the incoming President, Dr Sandy Chong and the future leadership team all of the best for the future and the continued growth of the UNAAWA in achieving a fairer, safer and more sustainable world for all.



Dr SJ Lennon
President - United Nations Association of Australia – WA Division
Vice-President – United Nations Association of Australia



COMMITTEE REPORTS

EDUCATION REFERENCE GROUP



The UNAAWA Education Reference Group oversees the development and implementation of Kindergarten to Year school programs that seek to empower students (and their carers) to become active global citizens.

School Program	Key Outcome
1. Global Citizenship Schools Network	The Network increased from 28 to 37 schools (with five inactive).
2. Education Resources Bank	Online repository of 21 digital resources maintained.
3. School Speakers	12 speaker engagements with very high level of appreciation from students and teachers.
4. Student Parliaments	75 students and 13 teachers/parents attended two Parliaments. High level of positive feedback. Student comment: "It inspired me to make an effort to improve our world and become a much better leader."
5. Global Goals Challenge	Showcasing students thinking globally/acting locally to advance the SDGs. 2018 winners: St Mark's Anglican Community School (primary); Lizzie Tweedie and Genevieve Le (Shenton College).
6. Yolande Frank Art Awards	Human rights education through the visual arts. Record number of students and schools involved. Finalists' works displayed at Peace Day with a new category (People's Choice), included in fundraising calendar and displayed at events celebrating UDHR 70 th . Winners: <i>Years 4-6</i> Ariella Schwarz (Carmel PS), <i>Years 7-9</i> Raine Loreto (Divine Mercy College), <i>Years 10-12</i> Madison Snelling (Prendiville Catholic College)
7. World Teachers' Day Awards	Showcasing teachers' advancing Global Citizenship Education. 2018 primary teacher winners: Lis Mathiasen, Westminster JPS (rights of the child) and Emidio Boto, Melville PS (integrated global programs). Secondary teacher winners: Bec McKinney and Samantha White, Shenton College (SDGs through STEM).
8. Curriculum Packages	UNAAWA recognised as a Program Provider by the WA School Curriculum and Standards Authority. Implementation of the UNAAWA <i>Global Citizenship and Sustainability</i> Program in three schools. Certificates presented and results included on WA Certificate of Education. Professional Learning session (8/11/2018) attracted 32 participants from 11 schools.
9. Partnerships for the Goals	Strategic collaboration advanced with Curtin Learning Futures, One World Centre, Fogarty Foundation EDfutures, Museum of Freedom and Tolerance, Sustainable Schools Alliance WA, Meerilinga Young Children's Foundation,



	OMEP and Young Person's Plan for the Planet. New partnerships negotiated with Sense of Place Regional Centre of Expertise, WA SDG Network, Rotary Club of Perth and Valuing Children Initiative.
10. Events	<p>Led successful event celebrating International Day of Peace (21 September) including <i>Partners in Peace Fair</i> (with 8 other organisations) and <i>Peace Ceremony</i> (with Yolande Frank Awards presentation).</p> <p>Along with teams from Europe (4), USA (3), Asia and Africa, succeeded in winning one of the 10 awards in the Global Challenges Foundation Educator's Challenge held in London UK.</p> <p>Promoted UN and SDGs through events conducted by partner organizations – Mindarie SC and Lynwood SHS Sustainability Expos, Meerilinga Family Fun Day and Thrive (Everyday Leaders).</p>

Global Challenges Foundation Educators' Awards Finals

The School Programs developed by UNAAWA received international recognition at the Global Challenges Foundation Education Awards held at the London School of Economics. The Foundation sought innovative approaches to improving the communication of global risks and the need for global governance reform. UNAAWA members Rees and Anne Barrett, presented a scalable school education template for Reshaping Global Governance Through Citizen Empowerment.



Based on the UNESCO model for Global Citizenship Education (GCEd), the template comprises seven interwoven components that support teachers in reframing and adding value to existing school curricula. The template features the recently accredited senior secondary UNAAWA school program Global Citizenship and Sustainability, in which students use the SDGs to apply learning across the curriculum and design solutions for global risks.



Winning teams of the ten Global Challenges Foundation Educators' Awards, London 2019 (UNAAWA representatives fifth/sixth from left) Photo courtesy Maria Moore for Global Challenges Foundation, Sweden.



Rees Barrett
Convener - Education Reference Group



ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE



2018 - 2019 has been an exciting year for the Environment Committee and its members. The committee Chair, Beatrice Hamilton, relocated to Sydney to proceed her career and Dr Marianne Dahle stepped in as the new Chair of the Environment Committee. Dr Mark Andrich took on the role as Vice Chair and Melissa Arias was selected as Communication Manager. Two new members were further appointed; Terry Burnage as the Committee's Agricultural Lead and Patrick Illott as the Sustainability Infrastructure Lead. We thank Beatrice Hamilton for her dedication, hard work and the outstanding contributions she made to this committee. We also warmly welcome our new members.

A key event organised by the Environment Committee this year, was our Life Below Water Art Exhibition held at City Art Space, Northbridge. With shark biologist, Amanda Morgan in the lead, the event displayed a variety of outstanding marine life art pieces, promoting the Sustainable Development Goal number 14 and the crucial importance of conserving the world's oceans. Tickets were sold out and funds were allocated to the Australian Marine Conservation Society.



Life Below Water Art Exhibition, City Art Space, Northbridge

Another successful event was the Innovative Solutions for Sustainable Energy Forum co-hosted with Synergy, which took place in July at the Flux in the CBD. A diverse, dynamic and insightful panel discussed the role of innovation in transitioning to a low carbon future and an engaged audience further raised a number of interesting questions for further consideration.



Environment Committee Chair speaking at the Innovative Solutions for Sustainable Energy Forum.



This year the Environment Committee has also had the opportunity to partner and collaborate with a number of organisations, including The Australian Biome Project and Energise WA. Members of the Committee have further represented UNAAWA at numerous forums and events throughout the year. The Committee would like to thank UNAAWA members for their continued support and look forward to another successful and fruitful year.



Dr Marianne Dahle and Beatrice Hamilton, Environment Committee Chairs

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

2018-2019 has shown a lot of changes to the UNAAWA Human Rights Committee.

We have successfully collaborated and brought together a new team of committee members who have been working hard to bring awareness to the Western Australian Community. This year has seen the introduction of 7 New Committee Members:



POSITION	MEMBER
Convenor	Alex Kannegiesser-Bailey
Vice Convenor	Laura Clarke
Secretary	Lauren Bracewell
Treasurer	Grace Muir
Communications	James Herrington
Governance and Policy	Kassem Seedat
National Human Rights Program Manager	Jo Tighe

Alongside existing members:

POSITION	MEMBER
Governance and Policy	Madison Tran
Partnerships	Keith Makuni

The Committee has also undertaken its first intern: **Campbell Shaw**, Bachelor Arts Major Politics & International Relations, University of Notre Dame Australia.



Campbell will be working closely with the Human Rights Committee, in particular the Human Rights sub-Committee for our exhibition "The Art of Storytelling" to be held at the end of 2019 at the Fremantle Shipwreck Museum. Campbell will also take part in the UN Day Gala Committee.

70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS PANEL DISCUSSION

The Committee's first event together was held on the 10th of December 2018 at the State Library of Western Australian to celebrate 70 years since the creation of the UDHR. The event had a stellar panel that drove discussions.



Panel Left to Right: Steve Lennon (UNAAWA President & mediator); **Tamkin Essa** (Youth Affairs Council WA); **Whitney Skinner** (Boston Consulting Group/ANZ Women in Energy); **Simone McGurk** (State Labour Member); **Neil Morgan** (Inspector of Custodial Services) and **Hannah McGlade** (Indigenous Human Rights expert)

HUMAN RIGHTS SHORT - FILM FESTIVAL IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MOSART

The Human Rights committee in partnership with MosArt, who run the Mosman Park Camelot Theatre and Independent Events, hosted a short film festival competition. The general public was encouraged to create and entre a film under 4 different categories (Multiculturalism; Equality; Indigenous & Environment) with all entries being judge by an independent panel consisting of: Marian Bartsch (Producer); Paloma Bartsch (Producer); Sam Fields (Director) & Ian Hale (Former State Manager Paramount & Universal Pictures).

This event seeks to encourage the public to think actively about human rights issues in their own community as well as abroad.

“THE ART OF STORYTELLING”

The main focus for the UNAAWA Human Rights Committee has been our project to be held at the Fremantle Shipwreck Museum from December 2019 – February 2020.

The aim of this exhibition is to promote, recognise and celebrate the stories of groups in our community, which are sometimes overlooked, forgotten or marginalised.



Storytelling and language each play a crucial role in our daily lives, not only as a tool for communication, education, social integration and development, but also as a repository for each person's unique identity, cultural history, traditions and memory.⁷

Different languages are vehicles of particular value systems and cultural expressions and are an essential component of the living heritage of humanity. Yet, many of them are in danger of disappearing.⁸ Because of this, the UN declared 2019 the Year of Indigenous Languages in order to raise awareness of them, not only to benefit the people who speak these languages, but also for others to appreciate the important contribution they make to our world's rich cultural diversity.⁹

Visual art is also an important medium for storytelling. It uses the power of the visual image to ignite imaginations and evoke emotions. Visual art can also function as an expression of individual identity, but also capture universal cultural truths and aspirations.

The exhibition is intended to focus on the following groups in our community:

- Traditional owners;
- Refugees;
- Violence against women

The committee is still working tirelessly to bring this exhibition to life and we look forward to sharing more information of this event to the Western Australian Community soon.



Alex Kannegiesser-Bailey – Convener Human Rights Committee

⁷ source: <https://en.iyil2019.org/>

⁸ source: http://publishing.unesco.org/details.aspx?Code_Livre=4728

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HUMAN RIGHTS NATIONAL PROGRAM



Following the resignation of Fadzi Whande, a new Program Manager was engaged from November 2018 – Jo Tighe; Jo worked as an intern for the Program from February 2018.

Securing funding for the National Human Rights Program has been the key priority in the second half of this year, to facilitate achieving all program objectives. The Program Manager has worked, and continues to work, with the corporate sector to secure sponsorship of the Program. Woodside Energy, BHP Billiton, TAMS Group and QANTAS have been approached.

Over 2018-2019 the Program Manager continued to finalise the Human Rights Position Paper. The paper was listed for public comment in the first quarter of 2019; following this it was provided to our Goodwill Ambassadors for review. The document is now ready for final approval from the National Executive Board.

In February 2019 a representative of the Human Rights Program (Lachlan Hunter, UNAA Executive Director) attended the Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade's NGO Forum on Human Rights in Canberra.

The UNAA recently finalised its Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), with approval from Reconciliation Australia granted in June 2019. Gavin Wanganeen has been commissioned to complete the artwork for the RAP, the final step prior to release of the document.

Members in Queensland were pleased to share the news of the new Human Rights Act 2019. This Act includes the renaming and empowering of the Anti-Discrimination Commission Queensland to the Human Rights Commission Queensland and will ensure that public functions are exercised in a way that is compatible with human rights. This is the first of its kind in Australia.



Jo Tighe – Programme Manager - UNAA National Human Rights Programme



PARTNERSHIP & FUNDING COMMITTEE



The past year has been a busy year in the Strategy portfolio for UNAAWA.

It has been a year of stakeholder activation, fundraising capacity building and continuous learning of technologies to better understand and engage our members.

Fundraising – We have held multiple fundraising events which have been well attended and led to increase engagement with our stakeholders despite a difficult beginning to the year. Given the challenges and experience this year, it has proved the necessity to move towards a self-funding model in order to overcome dependency on government sources. Fundraising capacity was improved by conducting a workshop to our committee members in May. Plans are in place to explore revenue generating models to secure long term funding to facilitate our operation and advocacy work in the future. Best practice for event organising is underway to ensure we continue to organise great events, reward our volunteers, and demonstrate value to our sponsors and partners.

Stakeholders Engagement & Partnerships – A total of 126 meetings were held with local stakeholders including private and public organisations, universities and civil society. The SDG forum series have been particularly successful in engaging members from the business sectors. Majority of our events have seen turnouts of above sixty attendees, comprising of members and guests. These engagements helped increase visibility and improvement of our reputation in WA. Our efforts in winning corporate sponsorships have doubled in the last two years, and community partnerships have tripled. More importantly, we have continued to expand our reach to untapped target audiences such as arts and sports supporters. We look forward to continuing our efforts of engagement to increase our footprint in the community.

Communications – We have taken an increasingly active approach through greater engagement with our members and the public via more participation in our key social media channel such as the UNAAWA Facebook, reaching the milestone of amassing 2500 followers first half of the year. We have also revitalised our divisional website and plans are put in place to digitise content for wider outreach, sharing of knowledge and increasing accessibility of our work to the community. In order to enhance our promotional capabilities and improve our brand visibility, a communications workshop was conducted for our committee members this July. The sessions have proven to be effective in team building and thus cultivate stronger organisational culture. This is also a demand for improving our data analytics capability in order to better support our membership base and be able to improve our ability to respond to changing stakeholders and community needs.

Whilst we recognise that there has been much change in a short period of time to elevate UNAAWA's advocacy efforts, I note that these changes will continue to occur over the next 6-12 months for the new Executive Committee post-AGM. Some of the items that I expect the incoming Executive Committee to endorse and execute include the:

- UNAAWA Stakeholders Engagement Strategy to 2020
- Implementation of the Communication and Marketing Activation Plans
- Development of Fundraising & Event Organising Best Practice



SDG Forums

Every few months, UNAAWA have held various forums and workshops on topical issues relating to SDGs affecting both Western Australian and International societies. These public forums collaborate with esteemed guests and companies to showcase the progress and upcoming challenges still facing industries in these areas.

From our evaluations, many of our attendees have enjoyed the fun, interactive nature of our forums (through the use of our public quiz and questions to the panel), the diverse and informative opinions from our panellists and the opportunity to network with like-minded people in an engaging environment. Below are the events UNAAWA have hosted in the past year in relation to the SDGs Series and a brief summary of what each forum involved.

INDIGENOUS & ECO-TOURISM FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA – 22nd February 2019

This special lunchtime event discussed the undersold sector of Indigenous and Eco-tourism in Western Australia. Despite 80% of tourists expressing an interest in Indigenous tourism, the high costs of labour, geographical distance and visa limitation coupled with the lack of publicity from Australia's mainstream media has limited its growth.

By collaborating with film and social media productions and improving the level of training in SMEs in the sector, the industry will generate greater awareness and as a result, start to reach its full potential.





GOOD HEALTH & WELLBEING AT THE WORKPLACE – 5th September 2018

Hosted at the Small Business Development Corporation, this valued forum emphasised the barriers limiting wellbeing management in the workplace, such as an absence of education, foundations and the stigma that comes with discussing mental health issues.

Whilst there is legislative supporting mental health, to reduce these barriers further in the workplace, there needs to be stronger leadership and a change in culture of how people can discuss their issues.

MODERN SLAVERY AND YOUR BUSINESS – 30th April 2019

Hosted in collaboration with K&L Gates, the event highlighted the astronomical number of workers being subjected to poor working condition. The number of global companies that utilises modern slavery was deeply troubling, especially considering the millions of products sold from these companies

However, it was encouraging to see the drive from industries and governments to increase the transparency of where and how our goods are manufactured.

INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR SUSTAINABLE ENERGY – 30th July 2019

Hosted with Synergy at the FLUX, this forum showcased the importance of innovation in achieving long-term benefits from renewable energy for all individuals.

Considering the abundance of natural resources in Australia, coherent government policies are needed to support the investment and innovation already prevalent in the sustainable energy sector. The demand and economic interest are there, all that is required is a clear governmental approach, policy and regulatory environment to see the industry realise its true potential.

FUTURE OF BOARD LEADERSHIP – 13th November 2018

While the positives of diversity in the board room are well-known, this forum highlighted that pre-existing relationships and confirmation bias limits the variety of board members.

Although this is a systematic problem that arises from a lack of support from key decision makers, the onus is on individuals to embrace a change and look towards an acceptance of differences in ethnicity and gender.

CHANGEMAKERS FOR WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT – 4th June 2019

Hosted at the Curtin Graduate School of Business, this forum highlighted the positive impacts women entrepreneurs have on our societies, such as reinvesting their wealth back into the community, coupled with the governmental and social barriers impeding their economic empowerment.

Whilst it was acknowledged that goals and quotas can be beneficial to see female progression in entrepreneurship, there needs to be a systematic approach, particularly at stages of family planning, to guarantee long-term success.



Dr Sandy Y L Chong - Vice-President | Chair of Partnership & Sponsorship Committee



GENDER EQUALITY COMMITTEE



The Committee's objectives for this year involved promotion of women's rights, economic empowerment and leadership and preventing gender-based violence. Members meet monthly, sharing progress and working towards the committee's strategic focuses for the 2019/2020 period: understanding key issues facing the women of WA, engaging with representatives of the broader community, understanding the ecosystem and creating foundations from which to collaborate for impact.

Empowerment Series

From August to October 2018, the UNAAWA Women's Committee presented 4 successful workshops as part of their 'Empowerment Series' in partnership with UWA Women in Business. The workshops educated the audience on the topics of investing, leadership, self-defense and personal branding.

Introducing the Gender Equality Committee

March this year saw the Women's Committee undergo some changes, including a restructure of its members and a rebrand of the committee name. The 'Women's Committee' became the 'Gender Equality Committee' and welcomed 7 new official members, 5 being new to the UNAAWA. It was hoped that the rebrand would project a message of inclusivity and inspire collective action with males and females working together to promote women's rights. The committee has seen much success, welcoming our first male member to the committee and connecting with male champions in the community. Over the past few months the committee has developed into a strong group with an undeniable passion for gender equality.

International Women's Day

On Friday the 8th March, the Gender Equality Convener spent the afternoon with employees from Westpac discussing this year's International Women's Day theme #BalanceForBetter. A panel discussion explored pertinent topics for women in the workplace, with a particular focus on raising awareness gender bias.

Gender Equality at the Forefront

The centrality of gender equality for a sustainable future has been a key message for many powerful initiatives this year. In March this year, our Vice President attended The Commission on the Status of Women to speak of the importance for Economic Empowerment of Female Entrepreneurs. In June, World Ocean's Day informed the public of the importance of gender equality – particularly for the effective conservation and sustainable use of oceans, seas and marine resources. In July, committee members attended a session facilitated by the CEO's for Gender Equity to guide actions for the WA Government's 'Women's Plan'.

Women in Business

A recent partnership between the UNAAWA and Inspiring Rare Birds was celebrated with their first event "Changemakers for Women's Economic Empowerment" in June. Members of the Gender Equality committee were in attendance to support the partnership and connect with attendees. The event resulted in considerable new interest in our committee's work, with many attendees expressing their interest in becoming UNAAWA members and contributing to the promotion of Gender Equality.

In a similar light, the Gender Equality Committee has partnered with Curtin Women in Business. Both teams have been working together throughout the year and will see the main partner event, 'The



Future of Work: Better Together' take off later this year. The event hopes to diversify our audience by inviting male decision makers to the panel discussion.

Women's Health

More than 1.1 million women in Australia live in poverty and struggle to afford sanitary products each month. At the most vulnerable are homeless women and girls. The Gender Equality Committee and the Environment Committee are pairing up with "Hope for Her", an initiative to provide women and girls with reliable, affordable and sustainable sanitary products. The initiative will achieve change through education and empowerment leading to overall stronger, more sustainable world.

Our Male Champions

Gender equality is not only a women's issue. Our committee recognises that real change requires collective action. This year saw us rebrand as the 'Gender Equality' committee to create a more inclusive platform. We have had much success with the rebrand, welcoming the first ever male member to a UNAAWA women's committee. Similarly, we have received interest and support from male champions in the community, including Arnold Wong – President of the Australian Computer Society, and Paul Faix – Honorary Consul for Slovak Republic in Western Australia.

Focus on Female Education

Our committee views education as a key component for enhancing women's rights. This year has seen us join forces with the UNAAWA Education Reference Group to promote gender equality through an education lens. Across August, September and October the committee will be taking part in a number of events including high school Expos, the Fremantle Peace Fair and Meerilinga Family Fun Day where we will be offering information and fun activities to promote gender equality in the WA community.

Collaborating for Impact: In the Community

Collaboration between community groups, through informal networks or more formal partnerships, is necessary for building a strong sustainable future. Our committee recognises the power of working together and has connected with a number of groups to create more impact in gender equality promotion, including UN Women, Hope for Her, Curtin Women in Business, The National Council of Women and The Australian Computer Society. The upcoming months will see our committee work closely with these groups to explore ways that we can best support each other to reduce gender inequalities both locally and globally.



Attendees at the 'Changemakers for Women's Economic Empowerment' event



Hannah Brown and Neesha Seth (UN YP) with attendees at the 'Future of Board Leadership' Event.

 **SDG 5: GENDER EQUALITY** 

The goal of SDG 5 is to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

WHAT?

-  **1** End discrimination against all women and girls
-  **2** Eliminate violence against all women and girls
-  **3** Eliminate all harmful practices such as child marriage
-  **4** Recognize and value unpaid care and domestic work
-  **5** Ensure women's participation and leadership in decision-making
-  **6** Ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health and rights



Hannah Brown – Convener Gender Equality Committee



UNAA YOUNG PROFESSIONALS REPORT



The UNAA Young Professionals (YPs) continue to provide education and awareness across the nation, with executive committees located in every State and Territory in Australia. In the last year, the WA executive team has focused on consolidating the governance and positioning of the UNAA YPs in WA with our national executive. This focus on establishing a strong national governance framework and guidelines, will provide an optimal and eminent process to leverage capacity across the country, that will in turn enable the YP network to be set up for success.

In WA, in the past 12 months, we have had a strong focus on recruitment, the development of a 6-part media series (to be aired on Foxtel and social media), with the aim to increase knowledge of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. In addition to this, development of key partnerships has been focussed on, to enable our communitier and mentoring programme to grow.

We welcome interest and engagement. Please view our website for future events and opportunities to engage. Please e mail me for any specific queries: Neesha.seth@unaa.org.au



Neesha Seth – President (WA)- UNAA Young Professionals



Neesha Seth and Darren Lomman, winner of the YP award at UN Day 2018



UN DAY COMMITTEE

UN DAY 2018

The Perth Town Hall was full of smiles and goodwill as over 200 people gathered to celebrate UN Day and the 70th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The event honoured Western Australians from various walks of life who have made a special contribution to our focus areas of Education, Human Rights, Gender Equality and Environment in support of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. These special Western Australians were recognised and winners were selected for each category

The evening featured addresses by our Patron, the Honourable Kim Beazley AC, Governor of Western Australia, UNAA Goodwill Ambassador against modern day slavery, Grace Forrest and UNAAWA President Dr Steve Lennon. Entertainment included a performance from Wadumbah dance Group and African drumming.

Special thanks go to the UNAAWA organising committee under the leadership of Aleisha Godenzie, and a large team of volunteers for their commitment and dedication in arranging and executing such an excellent event.

UN DAY 2019

UN Day 2019 will be celebrated on Friday 25th October at The Duxton Hotel, Perth. UNAAWA will mark the 100th anniversary of the International Labour Organisation (ILO), a UN agency bringing together government, employers and workers to promote decent work for all women and men. This is momentous for the UN, and seems fitting particularly for UNAAWA as we progress toward achieving the Sustainability Development Goals.

LotteryWest recently approved a grant for the UN Day Gala Event which offers much encouragement to the organising committee. We warmly welcome and thank LotteryWest for their generous contribution.

All other arrangements for this year's celebration are well underway under the lead of Teresa Garbo Lee with support from the Executive Committee.



Teresa Garbo Lee – Chair UN day 2019 Committee



INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

The past year has been a difficult period both in Australia and Overseas. The United Nations has never been under so much global scrutiny, the concern of sovereign global power disagreements are worrying for environmental, peace, trade and humanity rights alignments.

In Australia our Government continues to pursue challenging de-carbonizing climate legislation requiring emissions reduction and protection of the natural environment. Migration, refugees, asylum, national health, education, socio economic demographics, national security and delivering on the Sustainable Development Goals remains a constantly evolving challenge. We trust our newly elected Federal Government rises to the challenges.

The Global Arena – Our WFUNA, United Nations General Assembly, Security Council and the key member country global alliances continue to advance and pursue the course of humanity for ‘a better world’.

My International and Australian attendance at invited meetings, seminars and events continued in the cause of good will engagement with executive colleagues and peers in promoting the mission statement of the UN and the part played in the UNAANA. Importantly I have, for the past 15 Years, represented UNAANA and continue to represent UNAANA in commemorating ANZAC Day and in Remembrance Day wreath laying ceremonies.

As committed members of UNAANA, and in support of our core UN values, we are all part of the United Nations global agenda to make our voice heeded for a better world. The committed volunteering that is so evident is silently appreciated in our community.

I look forward to continuously serving UNAANA.



JOSEPH A. CARUSO



TREASURERS REPORT

United Nations Association of Australia WA Division Inc.

Treasurer's Report for the year ended 30 June 2019

I, Harvey Davies being the Treasurer of United Nations Association of Australia WA Division Inc., certify that:

The statements attached to this annual report give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of United Nations Association of Australia WA Division Inc. during and at the end of the financial year of the association ending on 30 June 2019.

As shown in the following table, \$9,501 was received from membership subscriptions and events produced a surplus of \$5,678. The main reason for the decline in revenue compared to the previous financial year was the deficit engendered by the UN Day Event of \$8,190. Most of the other events produced a surplus. The total Member Funds is now \$27,105. It was decided that the Education and Yolande Frank funds should no longer be presented under the Liabilities section but rather under the Members Funds section as it gives a truer representation of the organization's financial position.

The financial situation of the organization is healthy and adequate for its current needs.

The key performance indicators (KPIs) are summarized in the table below.

KPIs	FY2019	FY2018	FY2017
Cash Balance	22,494	9,911	17,197
Events' Income	28,401	36,629	12,350
Membership Income	9,501	8,125	6,818
Net Assets	27,105	21,692	10,212
Surplus/ (Deficits)	5,413	11,480	3,768

I wish to thank Alan Colyer for all the voluntary accounting and book-keeping work he has done over several years. I must also thank *RSM Australia Partners* for doing the FY2018 audit without charge.

I have decided it is time to step down as treasurer. I am very pleased that Camille Doucet has already begun acting in the role of treasurer and has nominated to become the new treasurer. She has already done an excellent job and I wish her all the best in this role.

RSM Australia Partners have agreed to audit the accounts of the Association for the year ended 30 June 2019. The audit was not done in time to be included in this annual report. It is planned to place the audit document in the website folder containing the annual reports.

Harvey Davies

Treasurer

13th August 13, 2019



Profit and Loss

United Nations Association of Australia WA Division Inc. For the year ended 30 June 2019

	2019	2018
Trading Income		
Diversity Event	-	33.32
Education Events	9,302.47	-
Environmental Committee Picnic	-	1,023.96
Environmental Film Joint Venture Event	-	3,661.82
Future of board Leadership Event	1,239.91	-
Good Health & Wellbeing at Workplace Event	663.43	-
Governance of Business in the Public Sector Event	259.09	822.73
Human Rights Day Event	625.75	-
Indigenous & Eco Tourism Event	124.21	-
Life Below Water Art Event	663.24	-
Miscellaneous Events	709.05	-
Other Event Income	-	4,090.92
Paid Presentations	50.01	200.00
Peace and Humanitarian Day Event	-	1,363.64
Sustainable Climate & Responsible Investments Event	1,341.91	-
Sustainable Communities Event	702.76	-
UN Day Event	9,951.54	20,158.20
Yolande Frank Events	2,617.23	-
Young Womens Leadership Event	-	5,454.55
Total Trading Income	28,450.62	36,829.16
Cost of Sales		
Diversity Event Expenses	-	201.22
Education Event Costs	288.88	-
Environmental Committee Picnic Expense	-	866.61
Environmental Film Joint Venture Expense	-	2,960.59
Film Competition Event Expenses	95.09	-
Future of Board Leadership Expense	824.33	-
Good Health & Wellbeing at Workplace Event Expense	383.80	-
Governance of Business in the Public Sector Expense	-	768.16
Guide to U.N Expenses	181.82	-
Human Rights Day Expenses	351.02	-
IDAHOBIT Event expenses	-	604.55
Membership Event Expense	659.55	-
National Human Rights Program Launch	-	1,053.42
Other Event Expense	95.46	-
Peace & Humanitarian Day Expenses	-	1,174.09
Peace Day Expenses	42.80	-
Sustainable Climate & Responsible Investments Event Expense	619.40	-
Sustainable Communities Event Expense	88.80	-
UN Day Expense	18,141.47	12,083.41



Profit and Loss

	2019	2018
Yolande Frank Events Expenses	950.66	-
Young Womens Leadership Event Expense	-	5,341.25
Total Cost of Sales	22,723.08	25,053.30
Gross Profit	5,727.54	11,775.86
Other Income		
Donations	148.02	96.20
Interest	88.42	60.91
Sale of Promotional Items	22.73	-
Subscriptions	9,500.54	8,124.86
Sundry Income	57.55	420.00
Total Other Income	9,817.26	8,709.97
Operating Expenses		
Audit Fees	(1,000.00)	1,000.00
Bad Debts	50.01	-
Bank Charges	9.09	90.71
Internet Expenses	733.56	733.56
Members Amenities	427.54	235.30
Membership Expense	1,030.45	81.82
Office Supplies & Equipment	400.42	610.90
Pay Pal Fees	-	61.04
Postage	18.18	32.73
Printing & Stationery	387.92	601.10
Promotional Material	2,244.00	-
Rent	4,295.32	4,295.34
Sundry Expense	128.64	145.00
Telephone	606.29	502.80
Tidy HQ Charges	425.45	242.96
Trybooking Fees	-	372.59
Xero Accounting Fees	374.99	-
Total Operating Expenses	10,131.86	9,005.85
Net Profit	5,412.94	11,479.98



Balance Sheet

United Nations Association of Australia WA Division Inc.
As at 30 June 2019

	30 JUN 2019	30 JUN 2018
Assets		
Bank		
Cheque account	22,494.25	9,910.96
PayPal	638.70	47.38
Telenet Saver	3,405.86	16,317.44
Total Bank	26,538.81	26,275.78
Current Assets		
Accounts Receivable	308.00	937.00
Accrued Income	-	129.77
Petty Cash	8.24	100.00
Prepayments	-	1,000.00
Total Current Assets	316.24	2,166.77
Total Assets	26,855.05	28,442.55
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Education fund	-	3,018.08
Expense Accruals	34.10	1,538.25
GST	(283.98)	1,006.75
Unearned Income	-	317.11
Yolande Frank Art Award Fund	-	870.37
Total Current Liabilities	(249.88)	6,750.56
Total Liabilities	(249.88)	6,750.56
Net Assets	27,104.93	21,691.99
Equity		
Current Year Earnings	5,412.94	11,479.98
Retained Earnings	21,691.99	10,212.01
Total Equity	27,104.93	21,691.99