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[Photo: VP Ricardo Hernandez, Exec Member Kombe Musonda & US Consul General (Perth), Cynthia Griffin.]

Executive

1. Executive Reports

1.1 President's Report

During 2014/15, UNAAWA experienced an exciting period of growth and development. A wide range of events were held, including special functions such as the Climate Talks and the forum on Australia and the Human Rights Council. The Young Professionals continued to expand and attract new members, while the launch of the Women's Committee led by Kristy Tyrie achieved a "sold out" audience well in advance of the event.

The rapid growth has created challenges in terms of resourcing and infrastructure. The period from February to June was particularly demanding. When our office lease in Subiaco ended, we had difficulties finding suitable accommodation. Thankfully, we were given the use of a office on a short term basis by Graduate Women WA. We are very pleased to have resettled in Claisebrook Lotteries House in East Perth.

New developments include the partnership between Meerilinga and UNAAWA for the 2015 Yolande Frank Art Award as part of the WA Children's Week Awards. We have also launched the UNAA Global Citizenship Schools program. Under the program, schools that join UNAAWA as a member will receive many benefits, including electronic teaching resources, advice on UN related projects and competitions and access to our speaker program.

As always, I give a huge thanks to our incredibly dedicated volunteers. In particular, I acknowledge my Executive team, including two very supportive Vice Presidents, Neesha and Ricky and also Harvey, who assists with the office, website and events. I congratulate Rees and the Education Working Group for the great work on the Global Schools launch and Kay and the YF Committee for carefully managing the Yolande Frank Art Award transition.

In relation to significant issues on the UN stage, we continue to follow key matters such as the progress of global climate management and the forthcoming UN Conference on Climate Change in Paris in December. After Australia's positive and productive experience on the UN Security Council, we are also looking forward to Australia's bid for a seat on the Human Rights Council. In the meantime, thank you for your support. Join us in celebrating the UN's 70th birthday on 23 October at Government House.



Carolyn Gatward, President

1.2 Communications Report

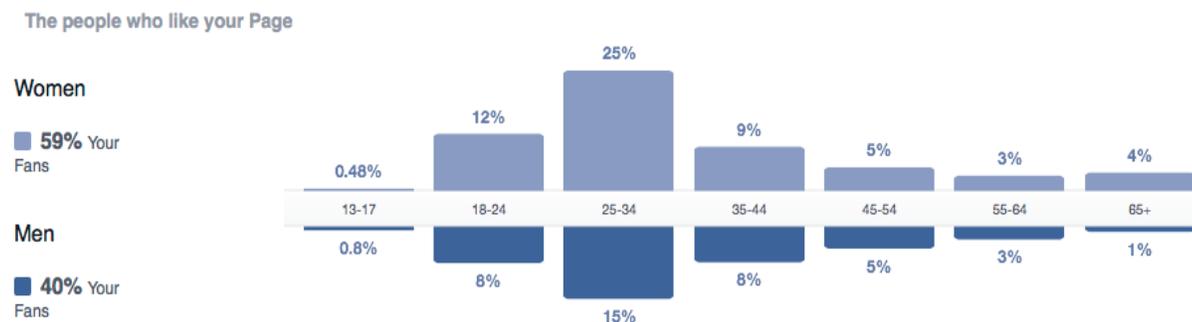
The Communication portfolio is instrumental in disseminating news about the Association to members and non-members. As part of an internal restructuring phase, the UNAAWA filled a number of strategic vacancies including the Communications Officer (CO) role with a view to building on the achievements we reached in 2013-2014. The portfolio involves supplying regular event information, maintaining marketing lists, designing campaigns to promote the Association and educate the community on the works and ideals of the United Nations. The CO also assists with the development of print media (posters, brochures, leaflets, etc.) for Executive approval.

Social Media

The efforts made in 2013-2014 to grow the Association's footprint across social media were outstanding. In 2013, we started with no communications strategy and approximately 105 followers on our Facebook page. By the same time in 2014, we reached 390, and today our audience is in the order of 630 organically grown followers. This is a significant achievement because the organic growth (non-paid advertising) reflects the interests of an ever-changing community which actively engages in cyber dialogue with the UNAAWA.

Proof of the success in gathering followers can be seen in increased event attendance. By focusing our marketing and advertising efforts to UNAAWA organised or partner events using social media, this has resulted on more people attending these events. Since the majority of online followers are non-financial members, the footprint of our messages through public events is widespread throughout the community. Thinking beyond 2015, our Communications Officer will continue to implement social media strategies across our three platforms: Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn; each of which requires specifically-crafted messages to promoting the activities of the UNAAWA.

UNAAWA Facebook Visitor Demographic 2015



UNAAWA Facebook Posts - Example

United Nations Association of Australia WA Inc
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70 years ago this week the United Nations Charter Preamble was signed at the San Francisco Conference #UN70
WATCH: ow.ly/OK3kC

WE THE PEOPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS
determined

to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrow to mankind, and

to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women, and in the large and growing common interest of all peoples of the world;

to establish conditions under which justice and respect for the obligations arising from treaties and other sources of international law can be maintained, and

to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom.

Celebrating the UN's 70th Anniversary in San Francisco
WEBTV.UN.ORG

244 people reached **Boost Post**

The UAAWA Twitter account behaves quite differently to our main Facebook page. This is because in Twitter, people have conversations through instant messaging. Our Twitter account lights up whenever we have an event in-progress. Tweeting live and providing updates on proceedings has been a successful way to capture global audiences to our WA events.

UNAAWA Twitter Profile 2015

UNAAWA
@UNAAWA

TWEETS	FOLLOWING	FOLLOWERS
1,156	55	165

One of the objectives for 2016 is to develop an inclusive social media strategy. This will include regular posts of topical issues and event information across all three social media platforms. Managing this workload can be a full time job, so the Association will be looking at ways to automate some of our communications activities.

Ricardo Hernandez, Vice President

1.3 Office & Website

In February 2015, the office moved from Subiaco to Crawley after our lease expired. While the location was lovely and central, the arrangement was temporary and we had no phone and limited facilities. In June 2015, we moved back to Claisebrook Lottery House (CLH) in East Perth.

CLH has excellent meeting rooms and facilities which we share with other not-for-profit organisations. As the front door is locked, visitors request access using an intercom which connects to the office phone. Australia Post delivers mail direct to CLH, so our Post Office box address is no longer needed and its use is discouraged. However, it will be retained until the end of 2015.

The office email address is office@unaa-wa.org.au. Office volunteers respond to requests for information, note the contents of emails and take appropriate action. For example, we receive regular emails from organisations, requests from people seeking volunteer positions and emails from the Executive for distribution to members.

Other email addresses are provided for formal positions (e.g. President), different roles (e.g. webmaster), committees (e.g. human rights) and administrative areas (e.g. membership). Details are provided on our web page under 'Our Contact Details'. Most communication with members is by email. We cater for the dozen or so members without email facilities by using Australia Post to send our newsletter *UN Matters*, notifications of events, membership renewal reminders, etc.

The website is maintained by Harvey Davies. About two years ago, the site was recreated as the WA part of the national UNAA site running under the MODX content management platform. The WA Division maintains control over its part of the site in terms of content and updating material. Some difficulties have arisen with the MODX system and we are looking to engage in a new arrangement soon.

The office is currently staffed from 10:00am to 3:00pm by Curtis Clark on Mondays and Harvey Davies on Thursdays. We are in the process of recruiting volunteers to staff the office on other days. The Executive has selected Curtis to be the UNAAWA representative on the Claisebrook Lotteries House Association Inc.

The office is working on updating and streamlining its policies and procedures to coincide with the national office and the Constitution. The Office recently held a volunteer information wine and cheese night. This was a success and it is planned to hold these quarterly.

The office provides UNAAWA with a *place to call home* and a place where you can learn more about the United Nations, the World Federation of UN Associations and the UNAA and its branches.

Kerrie Lugton (Office Manager) & Harvey Davies (Website Administrator)

1.4 'UN Matters' Newsletter

It has been a successful year for the development of the newsletter, UN Matters, specifically in relation to its scope, consistency and support. In terms of its scope, the newsletter team has endeavoured to include a wider range of stories. The aim this year was to provide the UNAAWA members/readership with stories on local, national and global issues related to our Association, Australia and the UN. Our series on the Sustainable Development Goals has conveyed to our members some of the key points relating to the UN's most recent development goals, effectively informing our members of broader UN initiatives. With overviews of relevant debates/stories focusing on the relationship between Australia and the United Nations, we have also successfully fulfilled our goal to inform our members of Australia's role on the UN Security Council and the contentions surrounding Australia's bid for a seat on the Human Rights Council. Focussing on local issues, the newsletter has added an interview series on prominent member of our Association.

The newsletter has consistently engaged with local, national and global issues within every edition. It has been prepared every one to two months, providing our members with regular contact and engagement from the UNAAWA.

The UN Matters Newsletter team was established in early 2015. With four writers (in addition to the Editor-in-Chief), the newsletter has been able to provide UNAAWA members with substantial stories on a range of issues related to the UNAAWA, Australia and the United Nations.

Colleen Harmer, UN Matters Editor-in-Chief

1.5 Global Representative

2014/15 Snapshot

During the past year we have experienced unprecedented events from a global perspective. We continue to witness protracted human suffering in the form of civil wars and unrest in Syrian and Middle Eastern regions.

In the UN pathway of the 8 MDG (Millennium Development Goals) which strive at the key root to reduce poverty, progress is being made. Reduction of poverty will enhance equality of gender, education, material care and elevate social and economic standards to the world's poorest nations.

The United Nations in its 70 year history has successfully accomplished:

- Negotiating more than 200 peace settlements, preventing war;
- Helping more than 30 million refugees fleeing war, persecution or famine;
- Helping eliminate smallpox and enriching the lives of the world's children through immunisation programs;
- Promoting international cooperation on monetary issues and encouraging stable exchange rates among nations;
- Promoting the MDGs to alleviate dire poverty and uplift social and human equality;

- Endorsement to tackle food security, malnutrition and agriculture;
- Continuing peacekeeping operations;
- the UN Security Council proposed lifting of sanctions in Iran;
- Promoting global consensus on climate change;
- the UNCHR response to asylum seekers.

Entrenched poverty lingers, harms societies

At least 700 million people between 1990 and 2010 were lifted out of poverty, but 1.2 billion people still live on less than \$1.25 per day, said Ban Ki-moon, United Nations Secretary-General. About \$66 billion each year would be needed to lift all people up to the \$1.25 per day income level.

UN urges western countries to welcome asylum seekers

The number of people seeking asylum in industrialised countries rose to 866,000 in 2014, which represents at 45% increase from 2013, according to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Most of the asylum requests came from Iraqis and Syrians. While the number hasn't reached the Bosnian war's record level, the world's response to those seeking asylum *"has to be just as generous now as it was then"*, says Antonio Guterres, the UNHCR chief.

Human Rights Council approves special rapporteur for digital privacy

The United Nations Human Rights Council approved a resolution by Brazil and Germany to establish a special rapporteur for monitoring digital privacy. The rapporteur will report on alleged online privacy violations and raise awareness about privacy issues.

AT HOME IN AUSTRALIA

At home the year has been busy with our UNAAWA organisation, amongst other things, reviewing our Rules of Conduct and Constitution, and building gateway bridges with other like-minded organisations, thus increasing awareness in human rights, social equality and streamlining UNAAWA into the new millennium.

My time has been extremely committed to my professional work at home and overseas wherever and when I am available I advocate the work of the UN. I have made special time to attend at:

- Anzac Day Services
- Remembrance Day Services
- Commemorative Services at the European Western Front (100 year) e.g. Somme, Belgium and French battlefields
- UN Overseas functions
- Various presentations on the UN's role in today's world.
- Local community parish functions
- Regional and remote community presentations



- Various key charity presentations, including for the child victims of landmines
- Water for food seminars (WA Government initiative for sustainable food production).

In Australia there is a greater public awareness developing as to the protective environmental laws of the land, sea and ocean of our planet, in promoting and preserving the territorial and ocean mammals and all things of natural habitat. For example, the banning of whale hunting in our southern ocean has been an achievement of constant endeavour, and a national initiative protecting our Great Barrier Reef has been achieved. The issue of asylum seekers seeking permanency in Australia continues on the political agenda.

Our private, corporate, social and environmental responsibilities in the corporate world are making improvements to obligations to the environment in which we are custodians.

From our geographical home in Perth, Western Australia, our Executive is committed and active in all aspects of social human rights. We further show much care for our environment, however seek a dedicated committee to lead this great cause. The executive continues to expand and extend our UNAA mission statement to various sectors in our community and it is to be complimented on the initiative in advancing the mission ethos. Our drive continues to sustain and increase UNAAWA membership.

In summary we can all do something as ambassadors by promoting open discussion, show measured rational leadership to our young UNAA members, and endeavour to make the world a better place. We are obligated to show stewardship to live in a world of equality, peace and respected multicultural shared values. To do nothing is not an option.

My time in this organisation has been privileged, rewarding and challenging I look forward to working with the new executive team.

Joseph Caruso, UNAAWA Global Representative

Human Rights

2. Human Rights

2.1 Human Rights (HR) Forum

During 2014/15, the Human Rights Forum continued to offer regular discussions on matters of human rights, freedom, justice and peace. Topics included the UN Convention on Migrant Workers, Australia's bid for a seat on the Human Rights Council, combatting racism, the debate on refugees and the problem of homelessness.

The Forum's guest speakers included Daphne Simoens, who gave a presentation on her volunteer work in Nepal. In March, Katherine Iliopoulos, a lawyer specialising in public international law, spoke on her experiences working for the International Criminal Tribunal. In May, Terry Buckingham discussed his work for UN agencies, including with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the UN Office for Project Services (UNOPS) and the UN Office of Internal Oversight Services.

After years of dedicated service convening the forum, Curtis Clark resigned from the position. A new HR Forum Convenor Sara Alemi was recently appointed. Sara has a background in community services and is currently working with the International Organisation for Migration (IOM). Sara has previously worked with the Australian Red Cross for Migration Support program department. She has experienced working with asylum seekers and refugees, having undertaken deployments in Nauru, Manus (PNG), Christmas Island and Curtin Detention Centres. She speaks several languages, including English, Persian, Hazaregi, French and Arabic. In June, Sara gave a presentation regarding "Refugees & Asylum seekers".



In July, we heard a comprehensive presentation (photo above) at Claisebrook Lotteries House on "Gandhi on Religious Conflict" by Dr Raj Ramanathapillai, a native of Sri Lanka who served as an Associate Professor of Philosophy and Peace and Justice and the coordinator of the Peace and Justice Studies program at Gettysburg College, Pennsylvania. The presentation was focused on Gandhi's progressions on the notion of religion.

The Human Rights Forum is organising "World Humanitarian Day" event on 19th August 2015 at the College of Law, Perth. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

Sara Alemi, Convenor, Human Rights Forum

2.2 Yolande Frank Art Award

Yolande Frank was a Holocaust survivor. She had extraordinary energy and exuded such a love of life and optimism that most people had no idea of the hard times she had lived through. Yolande Frank was passionate about human rights and was always ready to raise

her voice for equality and respect for all. She was an active and valued member of UNAOWA for many years and had a passion to ensure that children understood the importance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

In 2014 Article 14 was selected from the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* for students to create a work of art conveying the meaning of this Article:

Everyone has the right to rest and leisure, including reasonable limitation of working hours and periodic holidays with pay.

The Award attracted entries from four primary schools in 2014. The First Prize Winner was Olivia Bubb from North Beach Primary School, and the two Highly Commended Prize Winners were Bridget Hartree of Methodist Ladies College and Trinity Haisma of Frankland River Primary School. The Judges' Prize Winner was Hannah Musikanth of Carmel Primary School.

It was a great loss to the Committee when Judith Parker's health meant that she could no longer continue as Chair, however Ester Steingieser continued the important leadership role with Committee Members.

The challenging task of judging the very creative works of art was undertaken by Diana Warnock, Curtis Clark & Jill Green (pictured below, with the winning entry). The Committee was very grateful for their time and expertise in selecting the winning entries for 2014.



Early in 2015, negotiations progressed with Meerilinga Young Children's Foundation Inc to include the Yolande Frank Art Award in the WA Children's Week Awards. This arrangement should ensure that the Yolande Frank Art Award continues strongly into the future and that it will be brought to the attention of a much greater number of schools, teachers, children and parents.

Yolande Frank's outstanding commitment to human rights and their application in our daily lives, and in the lives of others, will continue through the selection each year of an Article from the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Kay Hallahan AO, Chair - Yolande Frank Art Award Committee

2.3 Women's Committee

From November 2015, Kristy Tyrie took over the establishment of the UNAOWA Women's Committee. Soon afterwards she recruited three women to assist in the planning and preparations for the launch event and the initial start up documents. The Women's

Committee saw its official launch on 16th April 2015 and it was a great success. The committee has since grown to seven passionate women. Kristy Tyrie stepped down from the position of Convener in July 2015 and Katryna Douglas has been appointed into the role.

The Committee meets once a month to discuss their future focus and at this early stage have spoken a lot on how the committee should be run. They have been devising plans to reach the women in Western Australia and find out firsthand what issues they would like to see the committee focus on.

In a broad sense, the UNAAWA Women's Committee will focus around UN campaigns, issues and programs on women's rights, gender equality issues and the empowerment of women and girls. We aim to create a platform for discussion, organise events and expand the understanding of gender equality throughout WA.

Launch Event

On Thursday 16th April 2015, the UNAAWA Women's Committee was successfully launched with an evening of inspiring presentations and networking around women's rights and empowerment. We were overwhelmed with the amazing response and support we received for the event that saw 120 guests packed into the Constitutional Centre of Western Australia to hear our three guest speakers.

Our first speaker for the evening was Margaret Lobo, the past International President of Soroptimist International. Margaret spoke on the similarities the Soroptimists share with the Women's Committee in their fight for equality and went into detail about some of the specific projects the Soroptimists have undertaken in developing countries to educate, enable opportunities and empower women and girls.



[Photo: Launch event organisers with guest speakers]

We then heard from Lord Mayor Lisa Scaffidi who spoke on her experiences being the first female to occupy the Lord Mayor of the City of Perth seat. Lisa spoke on attitude and how confidence, respect and integrity are essential to progress in your career. One of her key points for increasing the number of women in management roles was the necessity for women to support and champion for each other in the workplace.

UN Women Australia National President Elizabeth Shaw spoke on her experience at the UN Commission on the Status of Women conference in New York with a focus on how the international community has progressed in establishing gender equality 20 years after the last World Conference on Women in Beijing 1995. She emphasised how it is becoming more difficult to achieve the outcomes that were set in place in the 1995 Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and urged us not to become complacent with what we have achieved, as there is still a long way to go.

Kristy Tyrie, Women's Committee Convener

Education

3. Education

3.1 Education Working Group

The EWG met five times during the period July 2014 to June 2015, with the following UNAAWA members participating: Ailsa Allen, Carlyne Gatward, Curtis Clark, Harvey Davies, Jan Ryan, Kay Hallahan and Chana Watton. These meetings focused on the preparation of materials for the UNAAWA Education Resources Bank and arrangements for promoting and implementing the UNAA Global Citizenship Schools program.

Education Resources

Twenty resources were drafted and presented for approval and inclusion in the UNAAWA Education Resources Bank. Information and illustrations included in the Powerpoints are drawn from UN websites with concepts linked to the Australian Curriculum in student-appropriate language.

Each Powerpoint resource will:

1. Provide a UN perspective on contemporary global issues
2. Simplify complex information drawn from dense and multi-layered text (e.g. UN website) normally requiring time consuming navigation
3. Conceptualise the selected information in a logical flow of ideas that is aligned with the WA (Australian) Curriculum
4. Present complex concepts and information in a way that is accessible to school students
5. Provide a 'stand-alone' package of information and ideas that is readily used by teachers.

Resource (Drafts presented to EWG and Exec 12 May 2015)	Format	Executive Feedback Received
Introduction to the UN and UNAA	Powerpoint	To be confirmed (TBC)
UN and Sustainable Development (Primary and Secondary versions)	Powerpoint	TBC
UN and Climate Change (Primary & Secondary versions)	Powerpoint	TBC
Formation of the UN	Powerpoint	4 July 2015
UN and Peace and Security	Powerpoint	TBC
Model UN in the Classroom: Teacher Notes	Word	TBC
Community Service Projects: Teacher Notes	Word	TBC
United Nations in the School Curriculum: Teacher Notes	Word	TBC
World Water Day 22 March	Powerpoint	25 June 2015
International Day of UN Peacekeepers 29 May	Powerpoint	TBC
World Environment Day 5 June	Powerpoint	25 June 2015
World Refugee Day 20 June	Powerpoint	25 June 2015
Int. Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples 9 August	Powerpoint	25 June 2015
International Day of Peace 21 September	Powerpoint	25 June 2015
World Teachers' Day 5 October	Powerpoint	25 June 2015
United Nations Day 24 October	Powerpoint	TBC
Universal Children's Day 20 November	Powerpoint	25 June 2015
Human Rights Day 10 December	Powerpoint	25 June 2015
Int. Day of Commemoration in Memory of Victims of the Holocaust 27 January	Powerpoint	TBC

UNAA Global Citizenship Schools program: After negotiations with Save the Children, it was decided not to proceed with implementation of a Global Peace Schools program and instead, to develop and implement a schools membership program. After much debate, *Global Citizenship* was recommended as the program title because of priority given by the UN and UNESCO (refer to websites for each) and its direct relevance to the Australian Curriculum.

Thirty schools (including all sector/systems, primary and secondary) that have participated in UN-related programs in recent years will be contacted by email and/or phone to promote membership of UNAABA through the *UNAA Global Citizenship Schools* program. A target of 20 member schools is set for achievement in 2015/16. North Beach Primary School is the first to join the program (June 2015).

Each member school will receive a membership kit that includes:

- Welcome letter and description of member services
- Certificate of membership
- UN flag and protocols for its use
- Copy of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (in student-friendly language)
- Copy of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (in student-friendly language)
- List of websites with UN related teaching and learning resources
- List of selected UN Observances relevant to school curriculum
- UN links to the Australian Curriculum

- Details of items and access instructions for the Education Resources Bank
- Yolande Frank Award information.

National Education Strategic Review: UNAA is undertaking a National Education Strategic Review to determine whether an integrated national approach to education matters may be required. EWG members met with Clem Campbell (UNAAQld President) on 12 April 2015 to discuss the education initiatives in WA and Queensland. In July 2015, the national review process recommended that Division-based initiatives (principally in WA and Qld) be supported with an evaluation of each to inform a possible national integrated approach in the longer term.

2015/16 Priorities:

- Development of administrative procedures (e.g. process for selection and training of speakers).
- Ongoing development of the Global Citizenship Schools section of the UNAAWA website.
- Implementation of an evaluation model developed by Curtin University students for the *UNAA Global Citizenship Schools* program.
- Development of new resources and review of the effectiveness of the first twenty.

Rees Barrett, Convenor, Education Working Group

Environment

4. Environment

4.1 Environmental Portfolio

In early 2014, the environmental portfolio was developed with the purpose of raising awareness in the community about the UN's programs and policies on issues of the environment and sustainability.

The main event for the environmental portfolio in 2014-15 was "The Climate Talks" (photo below), held at the University of Western Australia on 9 June 2015 in partnership with the United Nations Information Centre and the Australian Institute of International Affairs. Three guest speakers presented informative discussions about climate change issues, the need to work together to form a robust climate change agreement and the importance of 2015 as the 70th anniversary of the United Nations and a year for global action. The talks highlighted the need to build a foundation for a better tomorrow by empowering local people and developing meaningful partnerships and a universal climate change agenda which is practical and can be implemented at a local level.



In 2015-16, the focus of the portfolio will be to develop partnerships and networks with other organisations to strengthen awareness raising potential, and to create dialogue about issues affecting our environment. Interested members will continue to advocate and facilitate dialogue on the programs and positions of the UN in the context of environmental matters. This includes discussions around the new global climate change agreement being discussed at the 21st session of the Conference of the Parties in Paris in December 2015 and the proposed Sustainable Development Goals, which address environmental issues and challenges facing people and the planet and build on the progress of the existing UN Millennium Development goals expiring at the end of 2015. The Sustainable Development Goals are expected to integrate social, economic and environmental dimensions of sustainable development. (see <http://www.unep.org/unea/sdg.asp>).

Please let Emily Safe, the Environment Officer, know if you would like to be involved in the environmental forum. It offers a constructive opportunity to work with likeminded members on critical environmental matters.

Emily Safe, Environment Officer

Key Events

5. Key Events/Activities

5.1 UN Day 2014

UNAAWA celebrated UN Day at the Constitutional Centre of WA, with our partners the Australian Institute of International Affairs (AIIA) and the Western Australian Multicultural Association (WAMA) and an audience of over 100 people. The evening opened with two impressive vocal performances. 'Barbershop', from St Hilda's Anglican School, kicked off the event with a delightful and energetic a capella performance. Paula Parore-Petera from 'The Voice' followed, captivating the audience with her soulful rendition of 'Imagine'.

Carolyn Gatward, UNAAWA President, welcomed all to the event with a message from Ban Ki-moon, emphasizing the point that the UN is needed more than ever to work for a common cause for the common good. Greg Glossop of the UN and Overseas Policing Association of Australia made a dedication to the UN personnel who have worked in the field on UN Peacekeeping missions.



[Photo (L to R): Nigarish Hyder, Dr Jan Ryan, US Consul General Cynthia Griffin, UNAAWA President Carolyn Gatward, Paula Parore-Petera, WA Multicultural Association President Maria Bunn.]

Nigarish Hyder, a student at Penrhos College, gave an impressive speech on ‘The Voice of Youth’. Her speech emphasized the inherent power of young people, and encouraged us to listen to their voices. Hon Professor Jan Ryan then gave an in-depth account of the history of the UN, calling special attention to the little-known fact of Australia’s contribution to setting up the General Assembly.

The Keynote speaker for this event was US Consul General Cynthia Griffin. Ms. Griffin highlighted the goals and objectives of the United States for the 69th United Nations General Assembly. She noted that peace, sustainability, counter-terrorism, human rights, online privacy rights, Indigenous rights, Women’s equality, LGBT rights/equality, and climate change (to name a few) are at the forefront of the US’s engagement with the UN and its objectives.

[Colleen Harmer, Executive Member]

5.2 International Day of Peace

On Sunday 21st September the UNAAWA was pleased to partner with Religions for Peace to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the UN International Day of Peace.

We were delighted to have our past President Dame Judith Parker OAM commencing the proceeding with an Acknowledgment of Country. Ester Steingesser was the MC and

she invited the UNAAWA's Vice-President, Ricardo Hernandez, to open his talk with a reflection on peace and its relevance in 2014. Once the formalities were over, the audience was enchanted by numerous prayers, songs and meditational chants. Memorable speeches were given by Mr Gurbachan Singh Sekhon, representing the Sikh faith; Reverend Pummy Thandi and Manita Beskow, from the Universal Brotherhood and the Young Australian of the Year 2013, Akram Azimi, who has recently returned to Perth from representing Australia on various international appointments.



One of the most memorable activities was a combined song/dance routine coordinated by Sita Rama Lakshmana Darsa, representing Hare Krishna. Besides the ecliptic tune, they managed to get everyone in the audience on their feet and dancing.

This was the third consecutive year that Peace Day has been celebrated in Perth and gauging from the high attendance, this will be a continuing tradition.

This event was initiated by Ester Steingiesser from UNAAWA and Eva Szauter from the Brahma Kumaris (photo right). Eva has been the main driver in recruiting people of different faiths to bring their prayers and songs for peace, creating a memorable atmosphere. We will continue to celebrate it in the coming years.

*[Ester Steingiesser, Member & Ricardo Hernandez,
Vice President UNAAWA]*



5.3 Australia and the Human Rights Council Forum

The UNAAWA, along with the Australian Institute of International Affairs and DFAT, hosted a forum on Australia and the Human Rights Council in September 2014 at St Catherine's College, UWA before an audience of around 75 people.



The Council was created in 2006 and deals with a wide range of issues pertaining to basic human rights. Among these issues is the assessment of the human rights situations within the 193 UN Member States. Australia underwent this Universal Period Review in 2011 and is up for another review in 2015. Despite its temporary seat on the UN Security Council, Australia has recently received some negative attention for perceived human rights abuses within its own borders—namely in relation to offshore processing, children in immigrant detention, the screening of asylum seekers, and the incarceration of Indigenous peoples.

The forum discussion was aimed at bringing together a number of different perspectives on this and other matters in an attempt to make sense of what the HRC does, how it works, and how Australia fits into the bigger picture.

The forum was chaired by Professor Samina Yasmeen, Director of the Centre for Muslim States and Societies, University of Western Australia. The Discussion panel included Associate Professor Roderic Pitty (Political Science and International Relations, UWA), Dr Anne Aly (Research Fellow, Curtin University), Michael Wood (WA State Director, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade), Carolyn Gatward (UNAAWA President), Elizabeth Shaw (UNAA Executive Director and UN Women President Elect), and Greg Stitt (Amnesty International).



[Photo: Dr Aly, Mr Wood, Assoc Professor Pitty, Elizabeth Shaw, Professor Yasmeen]

[Colleen Harmer, Executive Member]

5.4 Commemoration in Memory of Victims of the Holocaust

On Tuesday 27th January 2015, a memorial ceremony took place for the annual International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust.

It was held at the Memorial Monument in Stirling Gardens in Perth and was organized by the National Council of Jewish Women W.A. (NCJWA) and the UNAAWA – a committed partnership for six years. Approximately 60 people gathered in Perth despite the 39 degree heat.

In Perth, the memorial ceremony began with an introductory speech by Carolyne Gatward, President of UNAAWA. Rabbi Shalom White then recited Psalm 23, *The Lord is my Shepherd*, in Hebrew and English, as well as the traditional prayer for deceased persons, *El Male Rachamim*. The third speaker, Ken Arkwright OAM, gave an impassioned personal testimony. Mr Arkwright, a Holocaust survivor, moved the gathering to tears by his powerful and heartrending speech.



Youth

6. UN Youth WA



Overview

The past twelve months have seen some massive ups for the division, which include our biggest State Conference ever, as well as some negative points, namely poor timing of some events and dealing with the education program. Our Voice and Young Leaders Forum have been expanded to their biggest ever, with both smashing previous records.

We have focused on building more revenue to build upon our commitment to regional areas of the biggest state in Australia, and our volunteer numbers have steadily increased, with a greater focus on fostering a more inclusive social environment. Successful bylaw changes mean the next executive, due to take office on the 18th July, will only serve a 5-and-a-half month term, before a new executive is due for a calendar year structure.

I can't thank the people who have supported our division in the past six months enough, but special thanks need to go to Frances Harvey, Trent Macri, Anish Badgeri, Katie McAllister and Jordi Lockhart for their continuing support and commitment to the organisation.

Including school visits, UN Youth WA has engaged 912 unique students aged 11-17 in the past twelve months. We have 102 members and 14 appointed or elected officers.



Strategic Objectives

Goal	What our Division is doing to advance this goal
<p>#1: Increasing Access (Broader) We will ensure that every young Australian can participate in our programs irrespective of financial need.</p>	<p>Our Equity Scholarship Program was run fully for the first time after some testing last year. There was some uptake for our major programs this year. The program will continue to expand towards our goal of 10% of all participants subsidised at our events. We continue to offer education discounts to low SES schools.</p>
<p>#2: Expanding Opportunity (Bigger) We will expand our programs to as many young Australians as possible.</p>	<p>Our most recent market, that of Albany WA has become our biggest market rapidly thanks to the work of Regional Director and Albany local Katie McAllister. An upcoming roadtrip for Manjimup means that we continue to expand our region.</p>
<p>#3: Deepening Education (Better) We will provide young Australians with a global education and the skills necessary for active citizenship.</p>	<p>The content of State Conference was amazing this year, and the relevance and strength of the theme meant that State Conference was highly attended, and teachers have commented on the quality of our content.</p>
<p>#4: Engaging Locally and Globally (More Connected) We will engage in partnerships with charities and government throughout Australia and in the international system.</p>	<p>Our relationship with UNAA (WA) and the UNAAWA Young Professionals is stronger than ever, with the relationships being invaluable to both organisations. We have had representatives from several not-for-profits at our 2014 events, and have had several MPs and MLAs at our events.</p>

<p>#5: Building Capacity (More sustainable) We will expand our volunteer base and our legal, financial, and technical capacity to achieve these objectives through our democratic model of governance.</p>	<p>Our meetings have been the very well attended, and our focus has turned directly towards encouraging a more inclusive and positive social environment. We have also drastically reduced the cost of volunteering, with absolutely no costs incurred at any divisional events, with the exception of State Conference, which has been heavily subsidised so it was almost half of 2014's fee. For the first time, national facilitation fees have been subsidised by the organisation.</p>
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Accomplishments & Challenges

Our accomplishments include the expanded Voice and Young Leaders Forum, our solid financial position, the very successful State Conference, excellent educational content for events and strong management of communications. Some challenges have included issues arising from poor event timing and a lack of human resources to cope with our expansion.

Oliver Mills, UN Youth Australia WA President

Young Professionals

7. UNAA Young Professionals (WA)

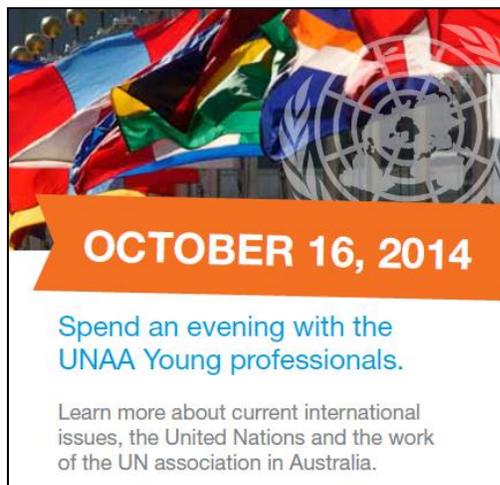
Over the past twelve months, the Western Australian Young Professionals (YP) committee has grown in numbers and expanded their knowledge to pave the way for a promising future in this State. The committee remains dedicated to educating young professionals

about global issues and providing forums for the community to engage and develop proactive ways to make a difference from a grassroots level through to a global setting.

Since their establishment in 2014, the WA YP committee has hosted a number of successful events including a networking session on the 2014 International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples and a public lecture by the 2014 Australian Youth Representative to the UN, Laura John. More recently, the team held an expansion event on 30 July 2015 in Perth's CBD, which attracted in excess of one hundred young professionals. The event provided an opportunity for like-minded individuals and community groups to be *informed* by the committee's State convenor, Neesha Seth; *engaged* by the City of Perth's Deputy Lord Mayor, Rob Butler and to be *inspired* by Paralympian and internationally acclaimed body image activist, Jessica Smith. The success of the event directly correlates with the increased number of members (now in excess of 140), the establishment of new stakeholder relationships and the enhanced positivity of the organisation itself.

An evening with the UNAA Young Professionals

16 October 2014



Public Lecture by Laura John
17 November 2014

A carefully considered recruitment process has seen the team grow to nine members with the provision to ascertain three more directors in the coming months to manage our legal, events and IT portfolios.

The continued success of the WA YP organisation is a reflection of the hardworking committee and their efforts in promoting the vision and pursuits of the United Nations. The committee will continue to mobilise resources to learn more about current international issues. We have a dedicated plan to hold future events that encourage interaction, networking and action-planning to combat universal issues such as poverty, disease and war. The WA YP committee is proud to have formed strong relationships and created much needed awareness among young professionals who are tomorrow's future leaders. We look forward to building on our success and extending our reach even further in the coming year.

J Smith & K Mander, WA YP Committee

Finance

8. Financial Reports

8.1 Audit Report

United Nations Association of Australia Western Australian Division

Audit report

Statement of significant accounting policies

The attached financial reports of the United Nations Association of Australia WA Division (The Association) have been prepared to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the WA Associations Incorporation Act (1987) and amendments. The Association is not a reporting entity and accordingly no International Accounting Standards, urgent issues, consensus views or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

Audit Report

The accompanying financial reports of the Association show an operating surplus for the 12 months to 30 June 2015 of \$622. The net assets mainly cash at bank \$10,523 plus a prepayment of rent of \$1,215 less special purpose funds of \$6,642 shown as Current Liabilities as at 30 June 2015 were \$5,276.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial statements of the Association present fairly the assets and liabilities at 30 June 2015 and the income and expenditure of the Association for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of the WA Associations Incorporations Act (1987)



Peter Illidge FCPA FGIA MBA
Auditor UNAWA
5 August 2015

8.2 Statement of Income and Expenditure

United Nations Association of Australia (WA Division) Inc			
Profit & Loss Statement			
July 2014 To June 2015			
	Note	This Year	Last Year
Income			
Membership Fees		\$3,699.85	\$3,531.75
Grant Income	1.8	\$0.00	\$3,376.00
Donations/Gift Income	1.8	\$1,312.50	\$931.70
Income From Fundraising		\$3,916.13	\$3,242.86
Events			
Raffle Income		\$190.00	\$315.00
Bank Interest		\$141.61	\$0.00
Total Income		\$9,260.09	\$11,397.31
Total Cost Of Sales		\$0.00	\$0.00
Gross Profit		\$9,260.09	\$11,397.31
Expenses			
Assets Purchased < \$6,500	1.6	\$90.00	\$2,193.65
Events		\$2,530.50	\$3,237.90
Rent		\$3,621.91	\$4,044.48
Advertising & Marketing		\$145.45	\$145.45
PayPal Fees		\$75.97	\$0.00
Trybooking Fees		\$123.22	\$0.00
Federal Levy		\$355.00	\$730.00
Subscriptions		\$145.00	\$0.00
Printing and Photo Copy		\$91.25	\$578.82
Internet		\$326.37	\$145.46
Computer Expenses		\$15.91	\$113.64
Stationery		\$56.25	\$38.59
Postage		\$213.64	\$169.09
Donations		\$200.00	\$0.00
Sundry Expenses		\$100.00	\$0.00
Office Equipment & Supplies		\$547.52	\$110.08
Total Expenses		\$8,637.99	\$11,507.16
Operating Profit		\$622.10	-\$109.85
Other Income			
Other Income		\$0.00	\$149.00
Other Income		\$0.00	\$104.55
GST Refund		\$0.00	\$471.00
Total Other Income		\$0.00	\$724.55
Other Expenses			
Membership fees		\$0.00	\$125.00
Other Fees		\$0.00	\$93.98
Total Other Expenses		\$0.00	\$218.98
Net Profit/(Loss)		\$622.10	\$395.72

8.3 Balance Sheet

United Nations Association of Australia Western Australian Division			
Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2015			
	Notes	This Year	Last Year
Assets			
Current Assets			
Bank Accounts			
BankWest Cheque Acct. 419354-9		\$3,607.30	\$4,170.83
BankWest Telenet Saver 23009-9		\$6,070.73	\$5,929.58
PayPal		\$745.18	\$503.92
Petty Cash/Cash On Hand		\$100.00	\$71.60
Total Bank Accounts	1.4	\$10,523.21	\$10,675.93
Other Current Assets			
Prepayments	1.5	\$1,215.00	\$0.00
Total Other Current Assets		\$1,215.00	\$0.00
Total Current Assets	1.9	\$11,738.21	\$10,675.93
Total Assets		\$11,738.21	\$10,675.93
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Payables - Other			
Yolande Frank Memorial Fund		\$2,693.50	\$0.00
Model UN Fund		\$2,900.00	\$0.00
Global Citizenship Schools		\$848.78	\$0.00
UNAAWA Women's Committee		\$200.00	\$0.00
Total Payables - Other	1.7	\$6,642.28	\$0.00
GST Liabilities			
GST Collected - Debt		\$880.70	\$904.68
GST Paid - Credit		-\$1,060.44	-\$962.32
Total GST Liabilities	1.3	-\$179.74	-\$57.64
Total Current Liabilities	1.9	\$6,462.54	-\$57.64
Total Liabilities		\$6,462.54	-\$57.64
Net Assets		\$5,275.67	\$10,733.57
Equity			
Prior Year's Surplus/Deficit	1.12	\$0.00	-\$4,433.77
Members Funds		\$4,653.57	\$15,075.18
Current Year Surplus/Deficit		\$622.10	\$395.72
Historical Balancing		\$0.00	-\$303.56
Total Equity		\$5,275.67	\$10,733.57

This statement is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

8.4 Treasurer's Notes

FINANCIAL MOTIONS

1. That the Financial Report be accepted.

The attached financial report of the UNAAWA being the annual financial report and other information for the financial year ended 30 June 2015 are properly drawn up to present fairly the financial position of the UNAAWA at 30 June 2015 and the results of the operations for the financial year then ended in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards and comply with the provisions of the WA Associations Incorporation Act 1987 and the regulations under that Act.

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2015 (This notes are to be read in conjunction with the accompanying statement):

1.1. Significant Accounting Policies:

The significant accounting policies, which have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report are presented below and have been applied unless stated otherwise.

1.2. Basis of Preparation:

The financial report is a general purpose financial statement which has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (as they apply to local governments and not-for-profit entities), Australian Accounting Interpretations, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, the WA Associations Incorporation Act 1987 and accompanying regulations.

1.3. Goods and Services Tax (GST):

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognized net of the amount of GST.

1.4. Cash and Cash Equivalents:

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and cash at bank.

1.5. Prepayments:

Prepayments on items such as rent that have been prepaid beyond this financial period.

1.6. Fixed Assets – Capitalization Threshold:

Fixed assets are capitalized if their cost exceeds the amount of \$6,500.

1.7. Payables - Others (Special Purpose Funds):

Any deposits held for a specific event or activity must be classified as such.

1.8. Grants and Donations:

Grants and donations are recognized as revenues when the UNAAWA obtains control over the assets comprising the contributions, except where a donation amount is related to the Special Purpose Funds.

Where contributions recognized as revenues during the reporting period were obtained on the condition that they be expended in a particular manner or used over a particular period.

1.9. Current and Non-Current Classification:

In the determination of whether an asset or liability is current or non-current, consideration is given to the time when each asset or liability is expected to be settled. The asset or liability is classified as current if it is expected to be settled within the next 12 months, being the UNAAWA's operational cycle. Otherwise, the asset or liability is classified as non-current.

1.10. Comparatives Figures:

Where required, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation for the current financial year.

1.11. Rounding Off Figures:

All figures shown in this annual financial report are rounded to the nearest dollar.

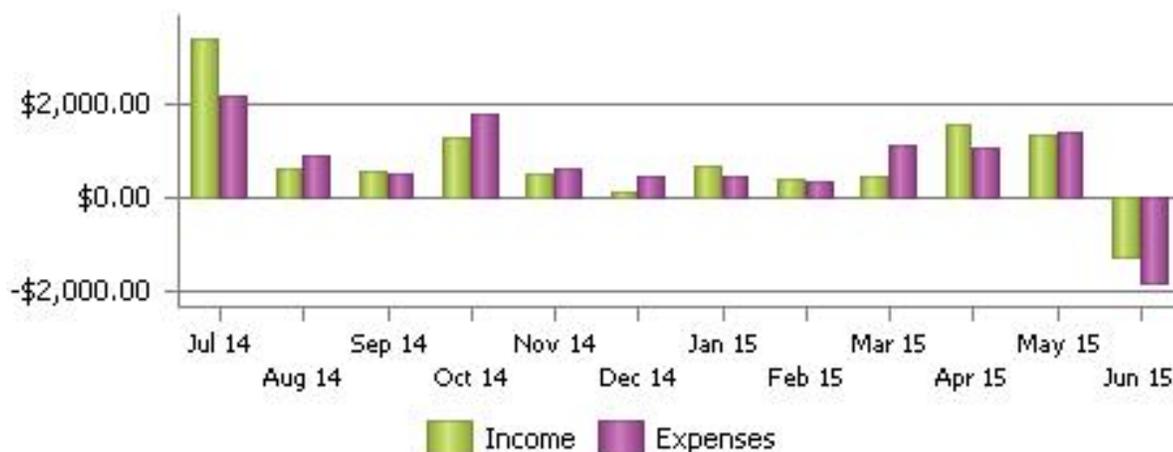
1.12. Equity - Prior Year's Surplus/Deficit (Adjustment):

Special Purpose Funds were adjusted as a Liability account in 2014 based on the Australian Accounting Standards and the Auditor's suggested account called Payables Others (Special Purpose Funds). Refer to note 1.7.

Amounts collected on behalf of any third party are not economic benefits which flow to the entity and do not result in increases in equity. Therefore, they are excluded from revenue, unless it is probable that the economic benefits comprising the contribution will flow to the entity.

This statement is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Income and Expenses UNAAWA 2014-2015



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