

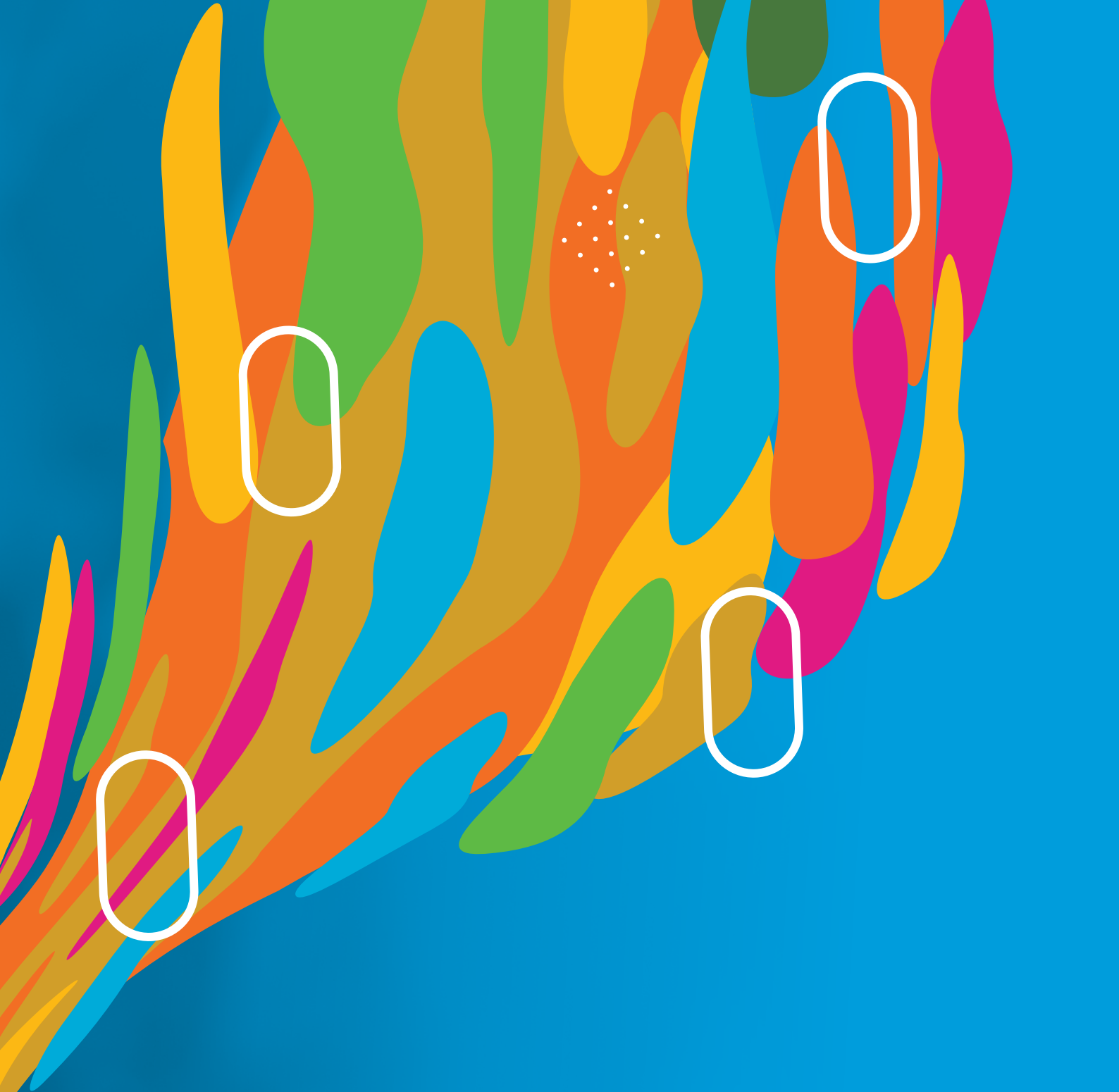


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ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024



Acknowledgement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples

UNAA (NSW) acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as Australia's first people and traditional custodians of the land where we operate. This land was never ceded. UNAA (NSW) reaffirms its commitment to reconciliation and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander justice.

We pay our respects to the elders past, present, and emerging. UNAA (NSW) walks together with First Nations Australians by supporting the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

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PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD

GREETINGS FELLOW GLOBAL CITIZENS

While reflecting upon our work over the past year, words expressed by the United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres came to mind: "Humanity is strongest when we stand together". This has proved to be the case in UNAA NSW, as with a shared sense of purpose, our strategic pillar leads and teams, program managers and volunteers have promoted the work of the UN and delivered on our purpose to inform, inspire and engage Australians to create a safer, fairer and more sustainable world for all. I am therefore delighted to report that UNAA NSW has experienced another productive year and, in driving positive change, thrived while collaboratively working together.

It has been a privilege to again serve as your President and to work alongside and connect with not only our talented UNAA NSW Executive but also our volunteers who give generously of their time and energy as well as dedicated supporters and members who are the foundation-stones of our unique Association. It has been inspiring to see the comradery shared between many of our fellow global citizens from a diversity of backgrounds who have genuinely worked together to empower people to think globally and act locally through events, advocacy, education, and ultimately, for the common good; and in the end it is only good that really matters!

I further extend my deepest appreciation to the Members of the UNAA NSW Advisory Board for their contribution to advance our work and notably, done so with a generosity of spirit and goodwill. On behalf of UNAA NSW, it was also an honour this year to award the status of UNAA NSW Life Membership to Kel Gleeson, Reverend Geoffrey Usher, Lindsay Mel and Paul Malliate for the substantial and positive contribution they have made to our Association over an extended period. A few of us worked with the recipients over many years and we certainly consider ourselves most fortunate in having done so!

Furthermore, I acknowledge and express special thanks to our Patron, Her Excellency, The Honourable, Margaret Beazley AC KC and Mr Wilson for their ongoing support, including hosting a prestigious Reception at NSW Government House to mark the 75th Anniversary of the first UN Peacekeeping Mission and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It is of concern, however, that in the current troubling world environment, the UN is facing a wide range of unprecedented challenges and solutions are urgently needed to restore peace and security across the globe!

Yes, the UN has its imperfections. However, in the pursuit of an effective way forward and in completing our work, it should not be forgotten that the organisation's multilateral structure is uniquely value-driven with universal membership and the UN Charter, which history has proved reflects the belief that global cooperation can be achieved through an international organisation that works for the betterment of all. Last September, a UN Summit of the Future was held in New York where notably, world leaders adopted a ground-breaking Pact for the Future and forged a new international consensus on how to better deliver at a time of profound global transformation and safeguard the future. The President of the UN General Assembly noted that the Pact would "lay the foundations for a sustainable, just and peaceful global order – for all people and nations".

Importantly, the Summit further evidences a renewed global commitment to an international system with the UN at the centre. This could be considered an historic step forward for the UN and its supporters particularly in efforts to meet outstanding commitments and address future challenges more effectively. And, in creating a better world for all in the wonderful spirit of humanitarian mateship – the embodiment of UN values!

All the very best and take care,
Trish.

Dr Patricia Jenkins BA (Hons) PhD (USYD)
President – UNAA (NSW Division) Inc
Director – UNAA National Board



Damian Cardona Onses Director UNIC Canberra, Tim Ford AO & Dr Patricia Jenkins UNAA NSW Event December 2022



Volvo Ocean Lovers Festival Blue Solutions Summit- Carolyn Grant, Anita Kolni & Dr Patricia Jenkins March 2024



The Hon Chris Minns MP, Premier of NSW & Dr Patricia Jenkins, Chamber of Commerce Reception 2023.



Crispin Conroy, Director DFAT NSW, Dr Michael Warczak OAM, & Dr Patricia Jenkins March 2024



NSW Premiers Harmony Dinner 2024: Raymond Tai, Ray Seeto (Bendigo Bank Haymarket), The Hon Steve Kamper MP, Patricia Jenkins & Mateya Slobodnik (UNAA NSW Executive Manager), and other invitees



Mr Tri Vo, Member of Parliament, Dr Patricia Jenkins & Guests. Vesak Day Celebrations, March 2024.



The Hon Anthony Albanese, MP Prime Minister of Australia, The Hon Matt Thistlethwaite MP & Dr Patricia Jenkins



The Hon Elizabeth Evatt AC & Dr Patricia Jenkins NSW Government House December 2023

EXECUTIVE MANAGER'S REPORT



Dear valued members and friends of UNAA NSW!

It is my great pleasure to report that 2024 was a year marked by vigorous engagement with our members, partners, supporters and all other UNAA NSW's community shakers and doers, not only to address pressing global challenges but also to foster a deeper connection with the values of the United Nations right here in New South Wales. From the introspective discussions during the One Voice One Humanity event to the bustling energy of the Ocean Lovers Festival at Bondi Beach, each event was a testament to the dedication and passion of UNAA NSW leaders and volunteers' relentless commitment to fostering dialogue throughout NSW.

Additionally, we held our annual UN Day Commemorative Ceremony held at Martin Place, where we not only remembered the foundation of the UN but also honoured outstanding contributions made by those in service. This service has been a vital part of the division since the early 70s and remains a key calendar event. This past year also marked a strengthening of our operational foundations with multiple Executive Committee, and Advisory Board meetings helping steer our impact and direction amidst a rapidly changing global landscape. As we prepare this annual report, it is a chance to look back on our achievements with gratitude and forward to the future with ambition.

The upcoming year promises new opportunities and, undoubtedly, new challenges with a focus on strategy, partnership, and pillar-focused community engagement. To all our readers and volunteers, come and support our mission, goals and endeavours, we welcome you and look forward to working with you. Last, but not least, a very special thank you to everyone who has been part of our journey throughout the past FY23/24. Your support fuels our continued commitment to promoting peace, prosperity, and sustainability for all.

Sincerely,

Mateya Slobodnik
Executive Manager, UNAA NSW.



OUR PURPOSE

Our purpose is to inform, inspire and engage Australians to create a safer, fairer, and more sustainable world.

OUR MISSION

To deliver on our purpose, our mission is to empower people, to think globally, and act locally through events, advocacy, and education. In all of these initiatives we are guided by the United Nations Charter, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Sustainable Development Goals, along with other relevant United Nations (UN) frameworks and International Days.

**PEACE
& SECURITY**

**HUMAN
RIGHTS**

**SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT**

**GLOBAL
CITIZENSHIP**

OUR VALUE PROPOSITION



Join the largest network of global citizens engaged in the United Nations vision to address common global challenges. We are united by a shared commitment to act locally to create a safer, fairer, and a more sustainable world. Our strategic focus areas are Peace & Security, Global Citizenship, Sustainability and Human Rights. Together we can make a difference.



UNAA NSW SCHOOLS PROGRAM

The UN Day School Program is an initiative of the United Nations Association Australia - NSW Division. Launched in 2021, the school program invites local schools and communities to become UNAA NSW's education partners of change. Schools and school-aged children are encouraged to engage in learning activities that aim at giving young people the agency to be future changemakers.

GOAL

To promote awareness in schools of the work of the United Nations and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; and support Education for Sustainable Development and integration of SDGs in the school curriculum.

The UN Day School Program focuses specifically on [Target 4.7](#) of SDG 4: Quality Education.

Partner schools are encouraged to join in the UN Day celebrations on 24th October 21 local organisations including schools registered in 2023. 8 Teachers and approximately 2000 students were engaged in various activities promoting the UN values in their schools and the community.

In 2023, the program introduced the Global Changemakers School SDG Challenge. The challenge was developed in collaboration with our education partner, Edu-fy. Schools were invited to submit team projects that demonstrated the student's vision of what the world would look like in 2030.

Creative submissions were invited in both primary and secondary categories. Projects were judged on how the students utilised their critical thinking and analytical skills to find a solution for their chosen SDG challenge.

An important aspect of the challenge was also to give students a chance to develop their social skills and work with the community. Free Teacher webinars were held for schools to support them with ideas in preparing for the challenge.

Prominent people from various fields were invited as speakers at the webinars.

Partner schools were invited to showcase their sustainability projects at the One Voice One Humanity Next Gen event hosted by the UNAA NSW Human Rights team in collaboration with the UN Day school program. Finalists were awarded trophies and certificates by our President Dr. Patricia Jenkins and Shaista Khan, Director UN Day School Program.



**SDG CHALLENGE 2023
PEACE PEOPLE PLANET**

Webinar: 10 August 2023

Making this a world fit for children

With Matt Gibbs from the Australian Human Rights Commission

United Nations Association of Australia NSW Division

**SDG CHALLENGE 2023
PEACE PEOPLE PLANET**

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



**SDG CHALLENGE 2023
PEACE PEOPLE PLANET**

Are you concerned about the world we live in?

Are you a change maker and innovator with ideas to tackle global challenges?

THE UN DAY SCHOOL PROGRAM IS EXCITED TO FIND OUR 2023 SCHOOL SDG CHAMPIONS WHO CAN HELP FACE THE CHALLENGES IN OUR WORLD.

Winners will receive SDG Challenge awards for their submission.

SIGN UP TO PARTICIPATE

Detailed information pack will be provided to all registered schools. Confirm your registration by 8 June 2023 to receive your invitation to the Free Design Thinking workshop. Contact unday@unaa.org.au for more details.

United Nations Association of Australia NSW Division

**SDG CHALLENGE 2023
PEACE PEOPLE PLANET**

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Integrating sustainability as a core element across the curriculum

Are you a critical thinker with a vision to seeing the world free of social problems?

Are you familiar with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for creating a peaceful, just and equitable world?

Presenters



Shaista Khan, Director UNAA NSW School Program



Asha Murphy, Founder Edu-ty (UNAA NSW Partner)

contact: unday@unaa.org.au for details



Western Sydney University's Future Teacher Network is proud to present this workshop by United Nations Association Australia (NSW) School Program for new and existing teachers to:

- Highlight the importance of education for sustainability; and link it to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Introduce teachers to various resources and techniques, such as the design-thinking approach which is part of the NSW curriculum, to inspire young global citizens.

This workshop will address Standards 4 and 6 of the Australian Professional standards for teachers. Certificates will be awarded to attendees

Scan QR code to register



Date: Thursday 7 September

Time: 11.00 - 1.00 pm

Venue: Western Sydney University

Bankstown City Campus

Level 2, Room 8

Option to join via zoom



UNAA NSW GLOBAL CHANGEMAKERS SCHOOL AWARD WINNERS:

PRIMARY CATEGORY:

Living School Lismore

Project title: [Climate Change your tune](#)

Living School, Lismore won the award for their submission

'Climate Change Your Tune' which was a song written and composed by the students following research and community rehabilitation after the devastating floods in 2022.

SECONDARY SCHOOL CATEGORY:

St.Euphemia College, Bankstown

Project Title: [Building school libraries](#) for quality education

The school united their community and the wider community to build two libraries for two disadvantaged communities using shipping containers.

TESTIMONIALS

“ Thank you very much for allowing our students to shine on such an incredible stage. It means so much to them, our school community and local community. These opportunities fuel their passion for advocacy and action, and their renewed sense of purpose is palpable. I’m so appreciative that we were able to be part of such an inspiring event.

Emma Wilson, Teacher Living School

“ Participating in the UN Day School program was a remarkable experience that left an everlasting impression on me. Engaging with students from various schools allowed us to exchange ideas on global change. Through collaboration, we not only presented our ideas but enhanced them collectively. It felt like such an accomplishment to take actionable steps and inspire others through our presentations, contributing to meaningful impact worldwide. While communicating with other students, we were also able to form new friendships. This opportunity was unforgettable as we were able to truly impact the world and change the perspectives of many as to what else we can do to make sure peace, happiness and health are the prime values on our globe.

Tiana, Year 9 -St. Euphemia College





Providing the opportunity for students to learn and engage with global issues, establishes responsibility, and showcases global harmony to the pupils.

The UN Day school program educates students on global issues and encourages students to develop critical thinking ideas addressing real-world problems. This program overall, inspires students to imagine and participate in the making of a positive impact on this world. I, like many other people, were encouraged to participate in different plans to improve our world, on the scale of a local community or a global scale. This has showcased how we can take initiative and the steps we can take to change the world to be a better place.

Wendy - Year 9 - St. Euphemia College



The UN SDG school days capture the head, heart and hands of students to engage in deep purposeful learning. We are looking forward to participating in the years to come.

Mr Matthew Panayotopoulos, teacher, St. Euphemia College, Bankstown

The OVOH event highlighted the voices of young people, and youth speakers gave inspiring talks on the various initiatives they were working on. School students in the audience were very inspired by the talks and excited to be part of a UNAA event.

Students from the Children's Parliament, Liverpool were also invited to present their experiences on stage. The UN Day School program is an ongoing effort to provide NSW schools with an opportunity to learn more about the United Nations mission and enthuse future change makers to take action for a fairer, more sustainable future for all.



The program team is led by Shaista Khan and comprises of dedicated individuals who volunteer their time to manage the project and develop learning resources.

A big thanks to our volunteers Rebecca Atkinson, Manudarshana, Nurma Nita Aprilia, Dr.Cheryle Yin-Lo and Laura Curran for their support in 2023. We are also thankful to our partners The Banksia Foundation, Edu-fy and Western Sydney University who provide valuable support to the program. NSW Schools and organisations/ parents of school-aged children can join the program for free. Register [here](#) to join the program today and find out more from our [webpage](#). Schools are provided free resources upon registration and invited to exclusive events. Support is also provided through online webinars and school visits upon request.



THERE ARE 2 WAYS TO PARTICIPATE:

- 1 Submit samples of any student work done in the academic year that marks the UN values and or relates to the SDGs.
- 2 Submit a specific team project for the Global Changemakers School SDG Challenge to compete for the UNAA NSW Global Changemaker School Award.

Contact Shaista.khan@unaa.org.au if you would like to support the program as a partner, sponsor or volunteer. Schools and educators are invited to join our [facebook](#) group.



GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP PILLAR ANNUAL SUMMARY – 2023/24

HIGHLIGHTS:

- 1** Launched the **Zero Hunger in Schools Project** on 29 June 2023.
- 2** Completed placements with UNAA NSW for two high school students from **CathWest Innovation College**.
- 3** Launched our inaugural **Quarterly Induction Session** on 8 August 2023 and hosted sessions in November 2023, February 2024 ([see report](#)) and May 2024
- 4** Developed report for the [3rd Annual Global Citizenship Gathering 2023](#)
- 5** On 3/10/23 we ran an event for **20 Social Work students** from Western Sydney University to present their placement projects - see [Summary Report](#)
- 6** Partnered with **Dr Talat Uppal from Women's Health Road** to provide UNAA NSW volunteers to assist with a major women's health initiative
- 7** Coordinated volunteers for the Ocean Lovers Festival in March 2024 at Bondi Beach – see [Volunteer Report](#), and developed a promotional video with our video partner, Audienced



STUDENT & VOLUNTEER PLACEMENT PROGRAM

The Student & Volunteer Placement Program was launched in May 2023, in partnership with Western Sydney University (WSU). The initial cohort included 20 Social Work students who were supported to design and implement projects to achieve local action based on a key Sustainable Development Goal. Other students have since joined the program, including 35 WSU Design students and students from the University of Newcastle / University of New England, Australian Catholic University and CathWest College. The Student & Volunteer Placement Program includes holding Quarterly Induction Sessions for new members, volunteers and partners, and plans to produce bi-annual reports to demonstrate impact and share the learning.



ZERO HUNGER IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM

The Zero hunger in Schools Program is a partnership between UNAA NSW, Capgemini (global IT company) and The Local Community Services Association (NSW peak body for neighbourhood and community centres). The program was launched on 29 June 2023 following a pilot (see [Pilot Report](#)) and aims to divert food and goods from landfill to children and families in need, using a local circular economy approach through schools and community centres. The program is still establishing and primarily aligns with SDG 2: Zero Hunger and SDG 12: Sustainable Cities & Communities.



VOLVO OCEAN LOVERS FESTIVAL

UNAA NSW's strong partnership with the Volvo Ocean Lovers Festival continued with the festival held in March 2024 at Bondi Beach. The Global Citizenship Pillar team hosted two online meetups to engage volunteers prior to festival; attracted 115 registered volunteers (up 16%); managed 49 volunteers at the festival; and implemented a WhatsApp group to better support 69 staff and volunteers during the festival.



We are very proud of Rebecca Ju, a UNAA NSW volunteer who was awarded the 2023 NSW Young Volunteer of the Year Award – [learn more about Rebecca!](#)



PEACE & SECURITY

The focus of the Peace and Security Pillar is to raise awareness of the UN's role in international Peace and Security and to promote the contributors to a safe and peaceful Australian community.

We do this by highlighting UN actions which support international peace and security through:

PROGRAM AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

- 1 Raise public awareness of the UN's role in international Peace and Security (UN Charter Article 1.1 "Purposes of the UN is to maintain international peace and security")
- 2 Acknowledge and promote Australia's contributions to international peace and security
- 3 Promote the value of and contributors to a peaceful Australian community
- 4 Promote and support the UN Women Peace and Security (WPS) Program
- 5 Promote and support the UN Youth Peace and Security (YPS) Program
- 6 Encourage appropriate Australian government and community responses to support International and Australian peace and security, including in NSW regional areas

KEY ACTIVITIES:

- 1 Promote International Day of UN Peacekeepers (29th May)
- 2 Support Australian Peacekeepers Day (14th Sep)
- 3 Conduct WPS and YPS event for International Day of Peace (21st Sep)- within Raising Peace festival
- 1 Conduct UN Day Commemorative Service in Sydney (24th Oct)
- 2 Support the UNAA NSW Schools Program
- 3 Conduct or contribute with partners other events that arise which support UNAA NSW purpose



THE FUTURE OF PEACE OPERATIONS: 16 JULY 2024

On 16th July, the Peace and Security Pillar hosted a presentation by Lisa Sharland from the Stimson Centre on the future of UN peace Operations. Lisa, who has supported the UNAA NSW previously, was back in Australia on leave and agreed to present based on the UN projects she is engaged upon.

The event was held from 6.30-8.30pm on WSU's City Campus.

Lisa's presentation was well attended and supported by a number of UN Videos of peace operations that related to the sphere of influence in which Lisa has expertise.



THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE: 21 SEPTEMBER, 2023.

UNAA NSW Peace and Security Pillar always contribute to the annual peace festival coordinated by Raising Peace around the International Day of peace on the 21st of September.

In 2023, The Peace and Security Pillar team ran an online event on the 22nd September to promote both the UN Women, Peace and Security Program (WPS) and the Youth Peace and Security program (YPS).

This included explaining the outcomes of the YPS Seminar conducted on the 20th of September and launching the UNAA NSW WPS video 2. This was well received by UNAA NSW members and those attending the Raising Peace festival.



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF UN PEACEKEEPERS 28 MAY, 2024.

To commemorate the International Day of UN Peacekeepers, on 28th May the UNAA NSW Peace and Security Pillar conducted an event at WSU Parramatta. Observed under the theme “fit for the future, building better together,” this year’s International Day looked at the invaluable contributions military, police and civilian peacekeepers have made over the last seven decades.

UNAA NSW held a forum consisting of presentations and panel discussions with three Australian peacekeepers who had served in the Middle East and Africa. The forum also included video on peacekeeping and a message from the UN Secretary General.



UN DAY COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE 24 OCTOBER

The anniversary of the formation of the United Nations on the 24th October 1945 is commemorated each year as United Nations Day. For over 60 years, the UNAA NSW has conducted a Commemorative Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Cenotaph in Martin Place Sydney to mark United Nations Day. This Commemoration honours the service and sacrifice of all Australians and others, military, police and civilians, past and present, on United Nations and other peace and humanitarian actions.

The 2023 service also celebrated the 75th Anniversary of United Nations Peacekeeping from the first UN peacekeeping mission, the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization (UNTSO), in Palestine in 1948. As usual, the Service was attended by our patron, Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC, plus a strong representation of Federal and State Parliament, the Armed services and police, the NSW consular corps, UN organisations, UN veterans and the community. The UN Day Oration was delivered by the Honourable Mitch Fifield who had just returned from New York, where he had been the Australian Permanent Representative to the United Nations. 2023 also marked the last Service by UNAA NSW Life Member Geoffrey Little as the coordinator and MC for this event. The contribution by Geoffrey in leading this event for some 30 years is greatly appreciated.



“ War, violent conflict, terrorism and violent extremism have differential and devastating consequences for women and girls. In the face of this, women all over the world are leading movements for peace.

WOMEN PEACE AND SECURITY PROGRAM

An initial UNAA NSW video to promote the UN Women, Peace & Security (WPS) program and agenda was launched in November 2022 and was well-received. It introduced the WPS concept and its status in Australia.

During 2023, a second video on Women, Peace and Security was developed in conjunction with our media partner, AudienCED. This focused on the progress of the WPS agenda, the second Australian National Action Plan (NAP) and the call to action. It was launched on 22nd September 2023 - [See Here](#)





YOUTH PEACE AND SECURITY WORKSHOP SEPTEMBER 2023

On 20 September 2023, the Peace and Security Pillar team hosted a workshop with a dozen young people to promote the UN Youth, Peace and Security Program, engaging them on youth, peace and security issues. The event was held at the WSU city campus from 12pm – 5pm.

The workshop featured three keynote presentations by UN Youth, the Institute for Economics and Peace and the Indo Pacific Centre for Military Law, followed by three discussion sessions in groups.

The workshop achieved its aims to promote action for peace, and to support the UN's YPS agenda – by giving young people a voice and sharing their perspectives with the broader community.

The presentation of a Certificate of Attendance signed by UNAA NSW and UN Youth NSW was appreciated by the participants.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PILLAR

In 2024 The Sustainable Development Pillar Focused on three key events addressing climate change in the context of the IPCC Reports to address the outcomes for NSW and Australia.

UNAA NSW SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PILLAR EVENT SERIES - AUGUST TO NOVEMBER 23.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PILLAR SERIES: SEEING IMPACTS, FINDING ADAPTATIONS AND DEVELOPING STRATEGIES - 'THE PHYSICAL SCIENCE OF PERSPECTIVE AND ADAPTATIONS'.

The Physical Science of Climate Change: Perspective and Adaptations, was held to inform the audience about climate change science and how academics, science foundations and scientists perceive the latest understanding of our current climate conditions and what they mean to us.

The guest speakers touched on the 2023 IPCC Report and related Sustainable Development Goals, sharing their knowledge on the current climate-affected situation in Australia. Audiences gained insight through collective voices exploring distinct aspects of Australia's and NSW's current lands, oceans and Antarctica.

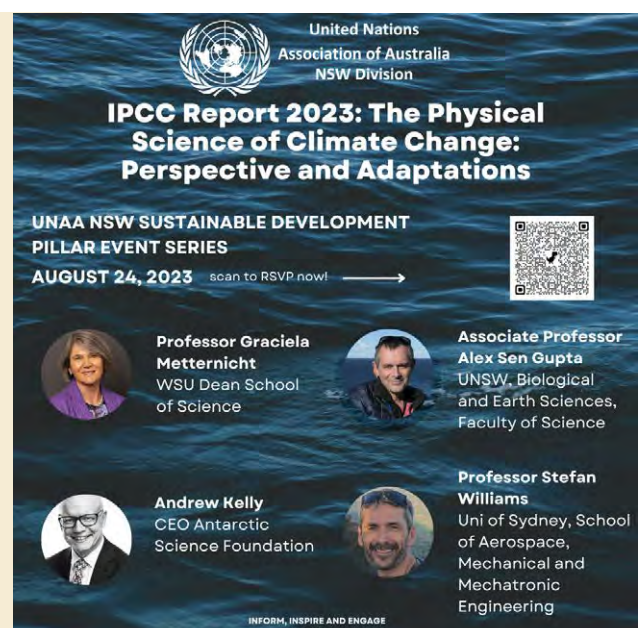
Our guest speakers were dynamic and engaging academics and scientists with expertise and commitment to the sustainability of our environments, bringing their insights and perspectives to the event presentations and panel discussions. The event was aimed to inform the physical science of climate change, and provide an in-conversation relating to the UN IPCC Report focused on Physical Science and the SDG perspective, with audience questions answered.

Event audience:

- UNAA NSW Volunteers and Team Members
- UNAA NSW Executive Committee
- UNAA NSW Advisory Board members
- Students and Interns
- Civil Society Non-Members
- Guest Speaker Sphere of Influence

Event date: August 28th, 2023

Event location: WSU Parramatta CBD
Macquarie St., Parramatta





EVENT 2

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PILLAR SERIES: SEEING IMPACTS, FINDING ADAPTATIONS AND DEVELOPING STRATEGIES - 'CONNECTING FOR ADAPTATIONS: AUSTRALIA'S CLIMATE INITIATIVES'

Event 2 focussed on how adaptations as pointed to in the 2023 IPCC Report are used to find solutions in resilient development. Our expert speakers and panellists defined real-life scenarios shaping resilient environments, renewable clean ideation through developing technologies to address our disruptive climate change occurrences, sustainable financial business solutions to transition to a clean economy, and genius ideas adapted to fight plastic pollution in our seas.

The general topic of discussion was how humans can adapt to climate change through the eyes of business renewables, institutional sustainability, ocean NPOs and the viewpoint from a financial perspective to achieve Australian and global net zero targets with the findings of the IPCC AR6 and SDGs in mind. The event aimed to inform the audience and their questions answered.

Event audience:

- UNAA NSW Volunteers and Team Members
- UNAA NSW Executive Committee
- UNAA NSW Advisory Board members
- Civil Society Non-Members
- Guest Speaker Sphere of Influence

Event date: September 28th, 2023

Event Location: WSU Parramatta CBD, Macquarie St., Parramatta

United Nations Association of Australia NSW Division

Connecting for Adaptations: Australia's Climate Initiatives

UNAA NSW SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PILLAR EVENT SERIES

SEPTEMBER 28, 2023 scan to RSVP now!

WSU Parramatta City Campus, Level 9, 161-169 Macquarie St, Parramatta NSW 2150, Australia

Barbara Albert
Co-CEO, 100% Renewables

Christie Clarke
Executive Director, Pollination Group

Karli Mylius
Head of Data Analysis and Lab Research, Seabin Foundation

Dr. Roger Attwater
WSU Senior Manager, Environmental Sustainability, Division of Infrastructure and Commercial

Tahlia Devine
Head of Science Education and Lab Research, Seabin Foundation

INFORM, INSPIRE AND ENGAGE



EVENT 3

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PILLAR SERIES: SEEING IMPACTS, FINDING ADAPTATIONS AND DEVELOPING STRATEGIES: 'OUR CLIMATE, OUR FUTURE: AUSTRALIA'S MITIGATION AND DECARBONISATION'.

Event 3 focused on how mitigation and decarbonization as pointed to in the 2023 IPCC Report are used to find solutions in resilient development. The United Nations 2023 International Panel on Climate Change Report (IPCC) calls for mitigation and decarbonisation across all sectors to limit global warming.

Event 3 of this series will discuss the topic 'Our Climate, Our Future: Australia's Mitigation and Decarbonisation' as Australia and NSW's acute sustainable development thinkers culminate in a thought-provoking discussion about what our country is doing to steward Australia's environmental concerns.

Event audience:

- UNAA NSW Volunteers and Team Members
- UNAA NSW Executive Committee
- UNAA NSW Advisory Board members
- Students and Interns
- Civil Society Non-Members
- Guest Speaker Sphere of Influence

Event date: November 24th, 2023.

Event Location:

The University of Sydney Business School CBD Campus, Level 17, 133 Castlereagh Street, Sydney

In 2024 The Sustainable Development Pillar played a key role in supporting community partnerships in NSW to highlight major events and give value to our UNAA NSW membership and the wider community. We engaged with Impact X, NORA Sustainable Retail Go, and Climate Action Week Sydney.



OUR CLIMATE, OUR FUTURE: AUSTRALIA'S MITIGATION AND DECARBONISATION

November 24th 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

The UNAA NSW Sustainable Development Pillar Event 3 'Our Climate, Our Future: Australia's Mitigation and Decarbonisation', is the third event in the event series 'Australia and Climate Change: Seeing Impacts, Finding Adaptations, and Developing Strategies' which has been a resounding success. Event 3 is based on the scientific knowledge of the United Nations 2023 International Panel on Climate Change Report calls for mitigation and decarbonisation and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals to look through the eyes of four of Australia and NSW's acute Sustainable Development thinkers culminating in a thought-provoking discussion about what our country is doing to steward the decarbonization of Australia's environmental concerns. The final moments will see the audience questions answered by our guest presenters.

Guest Speakers



Professor Stephen Bygrave
Australian National University



Andrew Petersen
CEO, Business Council for Sustainable Development Australia



Dr Cat Dorey
Campaign Manager at Australian Marine Conservation Society



David King
Indigenous Engagement Officer, Landcare Australia Spokesperson



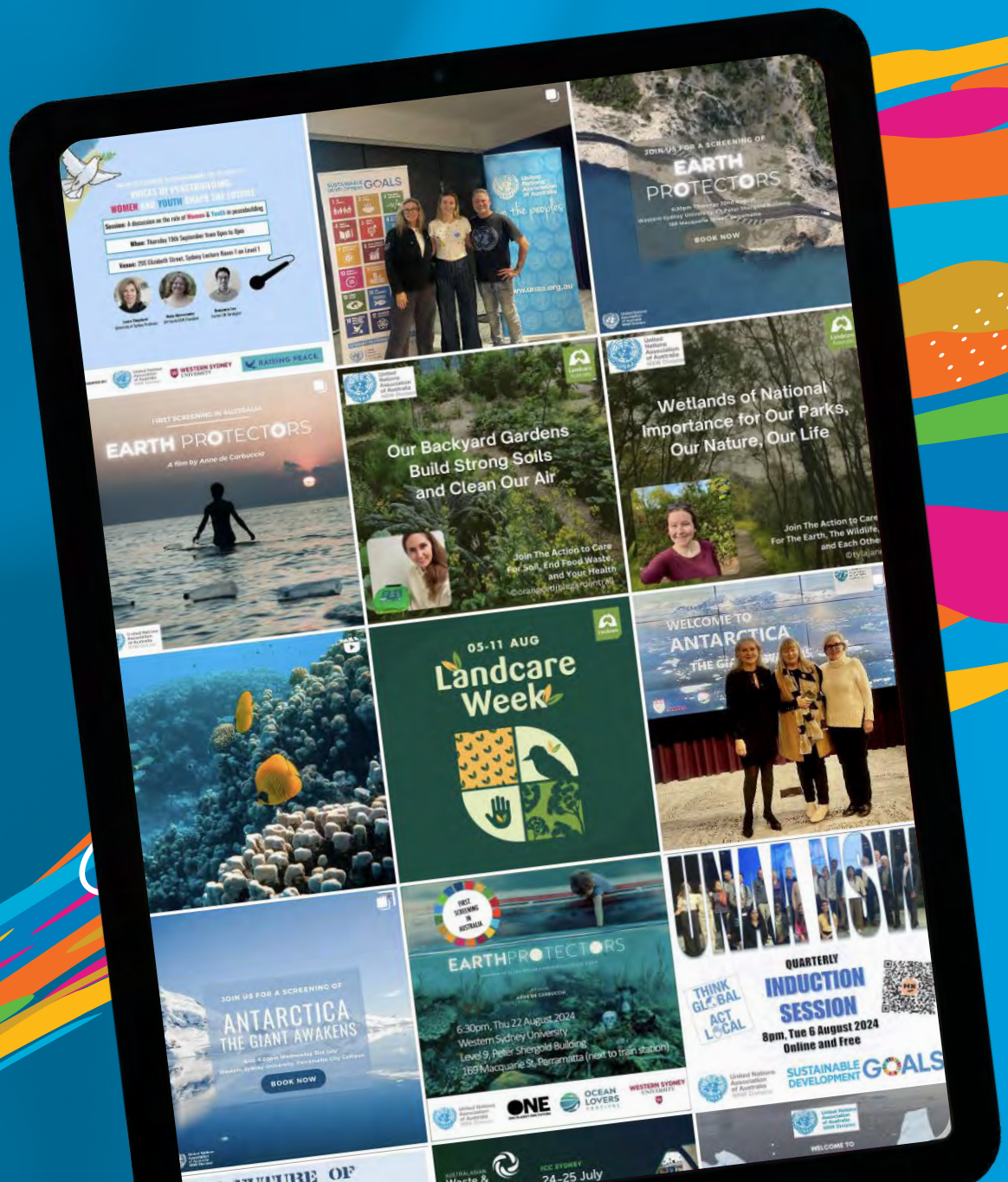
Tickets Venue
The University of Sydney
Business School
Level 17, 133 Castlereagh Street,
Sydney CBD Campus



MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

This year has been a great one for the marketing and communications team who continues to expand its activities at the UNAA. Many new volunteers have joined the team with disciplines in marketing, social media, content, paid media, and coordination. We're very excited about where the team is headed and continuing to help inspire Australians to take action and contribute to a brighter future for all.

We're always looking for amazing people to join the team! Contact Nick Coulman at nick.coulman@unaa.org.au to find out more.

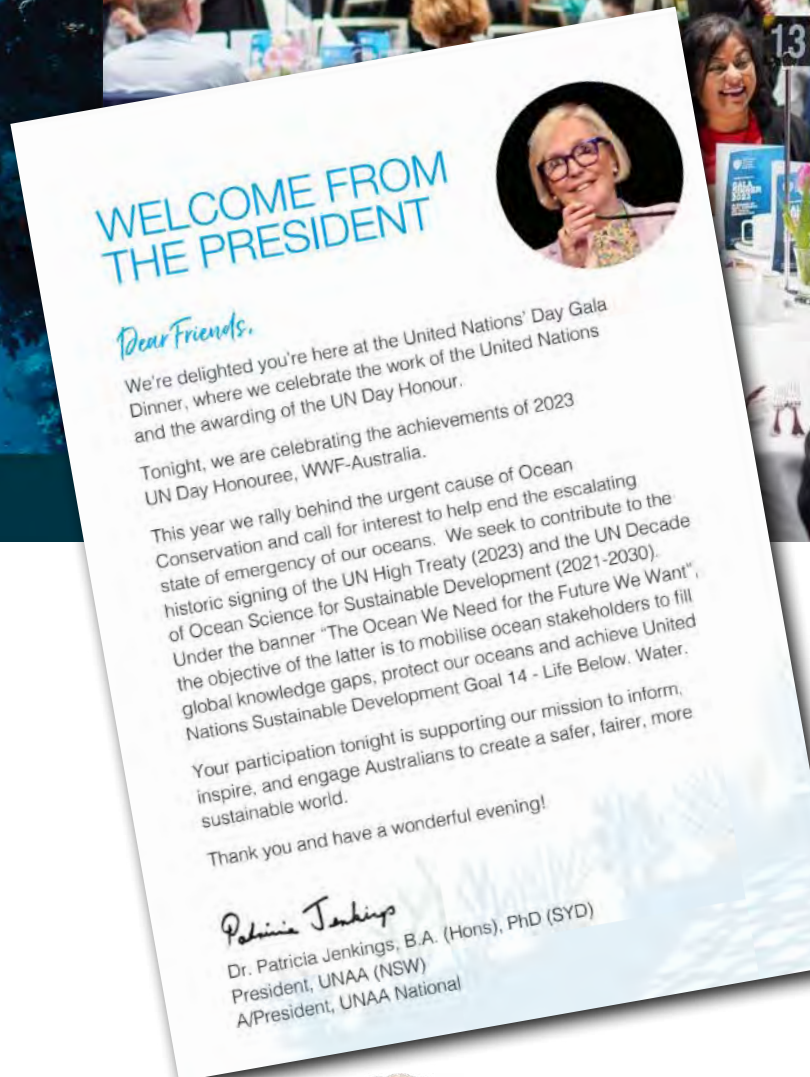
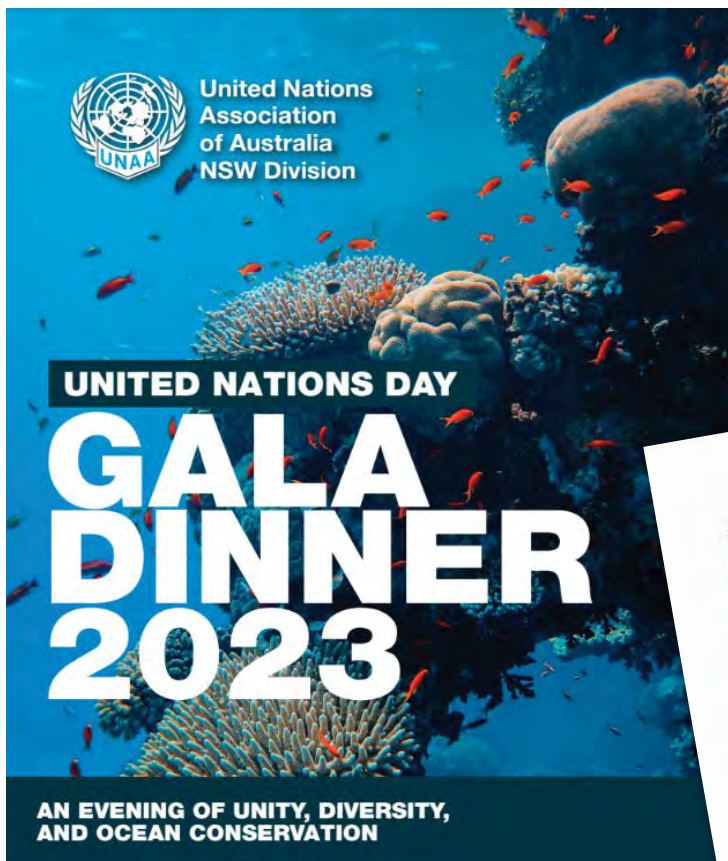


UNITED NATIONS DAY GALA DINNER

As part of UNAA (NSW)'s UN Day celebrations, the prestigious UN Day Honour has been established to recognise an individual or organisation in Australia that has made a significant contribution to the work and purpose of the UN. Following approval and acceptance, the UN Day Honour is announced on UN Day and formally conferred upon the recipient at the UNNA NSW Gala Dinner, with presentation of an engraved trophy.



The 2023 UN Day Honor award was presented to WWF Australia CEO Tim Cronin by UNAA NSW President Patricia Jenkins in honor of WWF Australia's significant contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals



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PUBLIC OFFICER REPORT

As UNAA(NSW) Public Officer and an elected member of the Executive Committee, I endeavoured to see that the interests of the Association were protected. Throughout the year I maintained contact with non-email members mainly by telephone and postal mail, occasionally drawing up and sending out a newsletter to keep the non-email members informed, who in return also telephoned and sent letters. In these ways I managed to let the non-email members feel secure in their membership. During the year, I also attended several events organized by various members of the Executive.

Valerie Weekes

Public Officer, UNAA NSW.



UNAA NSW Executive, UNAA Members and Distinguished Guests for United Nations Day 2023 celebrations hosted by former Australian Governor General - General David Hurley AC, CVO, DSC, FTSE (Retd) and Mrs Linda Hurley, at Government House Canberra"

PUBLIC OFFICER DUTIES:

- i) Received and read regularly the reports of the Charitable Commissioner concerning such items as registration and challenges being faced by charities re expenses and liabilities.
- ii) Registered officially with the ACNC the details of changes in UNAA(NSW) personnel.
- iii) Attended regular Committee and other meetings as Public Officer and Committee Member.
- iv) Maintained contact with non-email members mainly by telephone and postal mail.
- v) Photocopied the UNAA(NSW) 2022-2023 Annual Report and mailed it to each non-email member.
- vi) Used informative emails received to create newsletters to send to non-email members.

ASSISTED AT EVENTS (PER DR PATRICIA JENKINGS PAULA ROSE CASTRONOVA, TIM FORD, BRETT MARTIN) INCLUDING:

- i) Booked and arranged venue for 28/10/23 Annual General Meeting and provided refreshments.
- ii) Booked and arranged Castlereagh Boutique Hotel venue for : 17/2/24 Planning Meeting, 9/7 Life Members' Luncheon and 9/11/24 Annual General meeting.
- iii) At 24/3/24 Ocean Lovers Festival, Bondi, in charge of Art Gallery and organised voting.
- iv) At the 6/6 Free and Equal Symposium organised by the Human Rights Commission at Hyatt Regency in the City, acted as Usher, organising seating.
- v) 24/7 at the Australian Waste and Recycling Summit at Darling Harbour assisted as Usher.
- vi) Provided Life Member Geoffrey Little with information about UNA UK and Westminster Branch, as well as introductory letter.

EVENTS ATTENDED:

ENVIRONMENTAL

- 24/11/23 Sydney University Business School - Our Climate. Our Future".
- 9/4/24 In City – Aeronautical Association on "Reducing Pollution in the Airline Industry".
- 14/5 – 15/5 in City - Various Climate Action Week events.

PEACE-KEEPING

- 24/10/23 at Sydney Cenotaph. Laid wreath for United Nations Day commemorating those who fought for the United Nations.
- 28/5 University of Western Sydney -International Day of Peacekeepers celebrated.
- 16/7 University of Western Sydney – Film and talk – "The Future of United Nations Peace Operations".

NAIDOC WEEK

- 29/6 Sydney Overseas Terminal- NAIDOC WEEK Exhibition.

VICE-REGAL

- 11/10/23 Government House Canberra – Reception for United Nations Day with His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley, Governor-general of Australia and Patron of United Nations Association of Australia.
- 8/12/23 Government House Sydney – Reception with Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley, Governor of NSW and Patron of UNAA(NSW) for 75th Anniversary of First UN Peacekeeping Mission and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

EDUCATIONAL

- 14/3 Artificial Intelligence masterclasses organised by Price Waterhouse Coopers.
- 8/6 NSW Parliament House – Model UN General Assembly where several schools participated.

SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS



GOVERNANCE

PATRON

Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC, Governor of New South Wales.

COMMITTEE (as at 30 June 2024)

OFFICE-BEARERS

ROLE	NAME
President	Dr Patricia Jenkins
Vice-President Operations And Lead Peace and Security	Tim Ford AO
Vice-President Programs And Lead Global Citizenship	Brett Martin
Secretary	Neil Kenzler
Secretary (from 1 July 2024)	Bhavini Doshi
Treasurer	Darrel Yesburg (to 31 December) Neil Kenzler (Acting Treasurer 1 January - 30 June) Robert Booth (from 1 July 2024)

DIRECTORS

ROLE	NAME
Director Human Rights	Sahera Sumar
Director Marketing	Nick Coulman
Director Schools Program	Shaista Khan
Director Sustainable Development	Paula Rose Castronova
Public Officer	Valerie Weekes
Partnership (from 1 Jul 2024)	Mateya Slobdonik
Director	Laurie Patton
Director	Steve Shea ON LEAVE
Director	Michael Jefferies

EXECUTIVE MANAGER

Mateya Slobodnik

OUR APPRECIATION

Our special thanks to those who served in the following roles during the year:

- Michael Jefferies – Director
- Darell Yesburg – Treasurer (to 31 December)
- Neil Kenzler – Acting Treasurer (1 January - 30 June)
- Jean Santos – Team Adviser
- Andrea Spencer – Cooke – Team Adviser

OUR MEMBERS

We continue to receive strong support and engagement from our over 360 members - many who have volunteered as team members and assistants.

UNAA NSW LIFE MEMBERS LUNCHEON 9 JULY

Our annual Lunch to thank those members who have been awarded Life Membership, which acknowledges their significant contribution to UNAA NSW over many years, was held at the Castlereagh Boutique Hotel on 9th July. Eight Life members were present hosted by the President, Dr Patricia Jenkins, and the Vice President Operations. Several of our Life Members are still serving members of our Executive or active team members.

During the Lunch, the President updated them on our present structure and activities and then presented each with the special Life Members lapel badge which had been agreed by the EC. There were smiles all around! A fitting recognition of the great service these Life Members have done and their continued support to our vision.



Attendees from right: Geoffrey Little, Rev Geoffrey, Usher, Mrs Valerie Weekes, Rex Ogden (Standing), Franklin Scarf, President UNAA NSW Dr Patricia Jenkins, Dr Keith Suter AM, Lindsay Mell, UNAA NSW Vice President (OPs) Tim Ford, and (front) Kel Gleeson.



Presentation of Life Member badge to Mrs Valerie Weekes (our current Public Officer)





**United Nations Association
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FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

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Income and Expenditure Statement
For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

	Note	2024	2023
		\$	\$
Income			
Memberships		11,638	13,683
General donations/grants	2	5,000	10,000
Miscellaneous Events		4,040	3,760
Interest received		2,317	1,709
Deficit from UN Day		(5,988)	18,759
UN Diploma Program		6,050	12,172
Sponsorship		7,500	-
Misc Receipts		10,079	-
		<u>40,636</u>	<u>60,083</u>
Expenditure			
General administration		11,676	5,919
UN Diploma Program		8,680	-
Executive Manager		40,000	48,882
Peace & Security		5,770	-
Fees and Federal Levy		3,508	1,213
		<u>69,634</u>	<u>56,014</u>
Current year surplus		<u>(28,998)</u>	<u>4,069</u>
Retained surplus at the beginning of the year		<u>218,496</u>	<u>214,427</u>
Retained surplus at the end of the year		<u><u>189,498</u></u>	<u><u>218,496</u></u>

Assets and Liabilities Statement
As At 30 June 2024

	Note	2024	2023
		\$	\$
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash at bank	3	<u>189,498</u>	<u>223,296</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>189,498</u>	<u>223,296</u>
Total Assets		<u>189,498</u>	<u>223,296</u>
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Income In Advance	4	<u>-</u>	<u>4,800</u>
Total Current Liabilities		<u>-</u>	<u>4,800</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>-</u>	<u>4,800</u>
Net Assets		<u>189,498</u>	<u>218,496</u>
Members Funds			
Retained surplus		<u>189,498</u>	<u>218,496</u>
Total Members Funds		<u>189,498</u>	<u>218,496</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis and are based on historical costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where stated specifically, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following significant accounting policies have been adopted in the preparation of these financial statements.

a) Revenue and Other Income

Interest revenue is recognised using effective interest method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

Grant and donation income is recognised when the association obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.

If conditions are attached to the grant that must be satisfied before the association is eligible to receive the contribution, recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

b) Accounts Payable and Other Payables

Accounts payables and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting year for goods and services received by the association during the reporting year that remain unpaid. The balances are recognised as a current liability and the amounts are normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
<u>Note 2: General Donations/Grants</u>		
Donations	5,000	-
Grants	-	10,000
	<u>5,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>

Note 3: Cash at bank

Cash at bank	137,489	173,046
Cash on deposit	<u>52,009</u>	<u>50,250</u>
	<u>189,498</u>	<u>223,296</u>

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	2024	2023
	\$	\$
<u>Note 4: Income in advance</u>		
Diploma Fees	-	4,800
	-	4,800

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Statement By Treasurer

Annual Statements Give True and Fair View of Financial Position and Performance

I, Robert Booth being the Treasurer of United Nations Association of Australia (NSW) Inc, certify that-

The statements attached to this certificate give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of United Nations Association of Australia (NSW) Inc during and at the end of the financial year of the association ending on 30 June 2024.



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ROBERT BOOTH
Treasurer

Dated at Sydney this **24th** day of July 2024

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (\$000)	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24
Membership Income	9.4	12.5	13.1	13.7	11.6
Donations/Grants	13.0	50.6	22.1	10.0	5.0
Surplus/(Deficit)	4.4	100.1	39.1	4.1	(29.0)
Cash Balance	147.3	202.5	225.5	223.3	189.5
Net Assets	75.2	175.3	214.4	218.5	189.5

**United Nations Association of Australia (NSW) Inc.
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**Independent Auditor's Report to the members of United Nations Association of
Australia (NSW) Inc.
For the Year Ended 30 June 2024**

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of United Nations Association of Australia (NSW Division) Inc., which comprises, the assets and liabilities statement as at 30 June 2024, the income and expenditure statement for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the certification by the treasurer on the annual financial statements giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Association.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report gives a true and fair view of the financial position United Nations Association of Australia (NSW Division) Inc. as at 30 June 2024 and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, and the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and Associations Incorporation Regulation 2016.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110: Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter- Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist the association to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (2009) and Associations Incorporation Regulation 2016. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this paragraph.

Responsibilities of the Board for the Financial Report

The Board is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (2009) and Associations Incorporation Regulation 2016, and for such internal control as the Board determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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In preparing the financial report, the Board is responsible for assessing the association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board either intends to liquidate the association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material, if individually or in the aggregate, they could be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risk of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Board.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Board's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw

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attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the association to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the board regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Trood Pratt Audit & Assurance Services Pty Ltd
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A. J. SPRATT
Director

Dated at Sydney this 24th day of July 2024





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