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NSW Division



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ANNUAL REPORT 2022



“Seventy-six years ago, the United Nations was created as a vehicle of hope for a world emerging from the shadow of catastrophic conflict. Today, the women and men of the UN carry this hope forward around the globe. COVID-19, conflicts, hunger, poverty and the climate emergency remind us that our world is far from perfect. But they also make clear that solidarity is the only way forward.”

– From UN Secretary-General's message on UN Day 2021



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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A YEAR IN REVIEW

The United Nations Association of Australia NSW Division (UNAA NSW) is the pre-eminent institution promoting the objectives of the United Nations (UN) in New South Wales (NSW) over the past 75 years. The UNAA (NSW) strives to inform, inspire, and engage all Australians on the work, goals, and values of the UN to create a safer, fairer, and more sustainable world.

12,600
volunteer
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24 schools
participating in the
UN Day School
Program

200
UN Diploma
Alumni

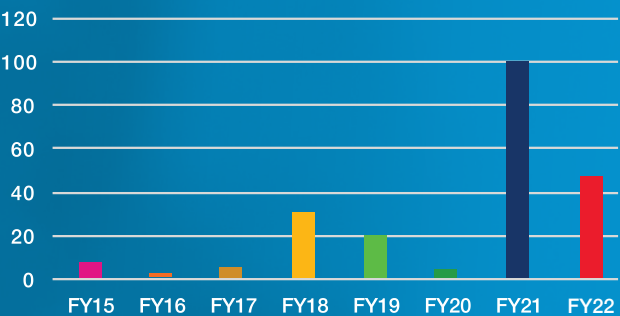
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4
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partnerships

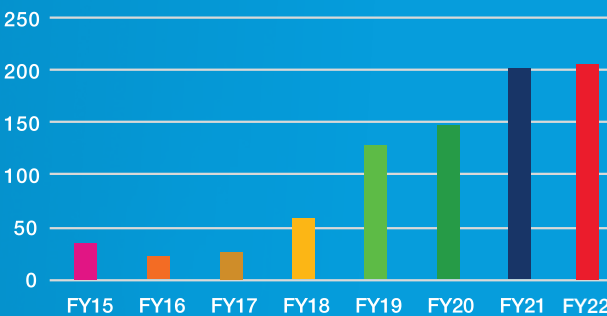
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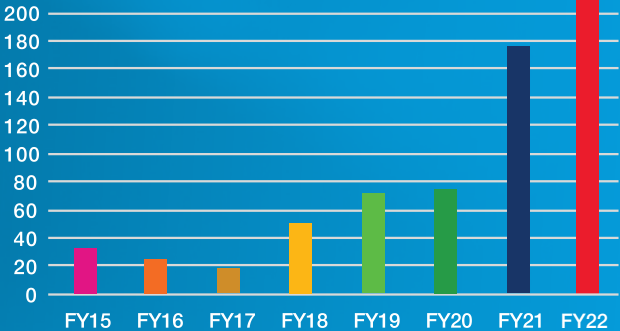
Operating Surplus/(Deficit) - \$000



Cash Balance - \$000



Net Assets - \$000



PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD

GREETINGS FELLOW GLOBAL CITIZENS,

With all the concerns facing our world today that demand attention, our work has never been more important. These difficult times have presented many new challenges for our Association; however, we have remained deeply committed to achieving our goals and it is my pleasure to report that UNAA (NSW) has again experienced notable growth and development. Working together for the common good, trust, innovation and collaborative problem solving have proved to be essential components of our success.

I am pleased to share this continuing onward and update journey with our united and value driven UNAA (NSW) Board of Directors. They have again gone above and beyond and been a driving force to achieve our goals. It has also been a great team effort and we could not have achieved what we have without our dedicated members and volunteers. It has been wonderful to connect with many of you at our events as well as through our Education Program. I extend my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you for your continuing support, generosity of time and for bringing to the table your unique and diverse talents and skills.

I would also like to express my appreciation to the UNAA NSW advisory board members for their contribution to help make our world a better place and in providing valuable advice that has helped improve our impact.

I acknowledge our patron her excellency the hon Margaret Beazley AC KC and Mr. Wilson who are notable supporters of our work and who continue to be strong advocates for our association.

I am also delighted to report that Mr Timothy Wong has joined us as our new Executive Manager. Tim was unanimously appointed by the UNAA (NSW) Division Executive Committee and with his vast experience and genuine commitment to the work of the UN, we are confident that he will be an excellent fit and benefit to us. I also express thanks to our former Executive Manager, Mr Joshua Karras, for all he has done for us over the past few years. We wish Joshua all the very best with his future endeavours including career and family life.

As expressed by the UN Secretary General António Guterres earlier this year, the world is in deep trouble and so too are the Sustainable Development Goals – but he believes there is still hope. History has proved that there is clearly a need for a more unified approach to forge more effective international consensus and, in turn, strengthening of multilateralism. The pandemic has highlighted the importance of cooperation and triggered a global health, social, economic and Human Rights crisis as well as civil unrest.

There is still much more work to be done! While thinking globally and acting locally as well as collaborating in the true spirit of our unique association, I look forward to continuing to work with you to help build a more sustainable future and united world environment where peace and security abounds and as I like to put it, in creating a better world for all in the wonderful spirit of humanitarian mateship.



Dr Patricia Jenkins BA (Hons) PhD (USYD)

President, United Nations Association of Australia (NSW Division)

Vice President, United Nations Association of Australia



EXECUTIVE MANAGER'S REPORT



As I step into the role of Executive Manager at the beginning of the 2022/2023 financial year, I have great expectations for our organisation and its future. As I review the many accomplishments of the past year, I would like to acknowledge the praiseworthy efforts of our members who have taken part in our activities and especially ones who have taken the next step in volunteering - by doing more in our organisation as resolute team members. Thank you!

The COVID-19 pandemic presented complex challenges to our way of life and ways of working. These challenges continue to evolve. The 2021 Census data highlighted a near 20% decline in volunteering and a rise in individualism across all age groups, impacting and placing stress on community activities that rely on volunteers to influence for good. Despite these challenges, UNAA NSW continued to grow in members and volunteers through a renewed strategy that included monthly hybrid Meetups and supporting remote-based projects.

For our organisation to flourish, we need to meet these new challenges ahead while continuing to innovate in a post-COVID-19 environment. Our success starts with our members. My priority is to deliver an organisational framework and roadmap for member leadership growth and engagement in our programming and activities.

I extend an open invitation to all members to get involved and contribute in unison at UNAA (NSW).

Warm regards,

Timothy Wong

Executive Manager

United Nations Association of Australia (NSW Division)



Being a volunteer with UNAA has encouraged me to express my academic knowledge in a practical way with like-minded intelligent people wanting to educate and facilitate the change needed in the world we share today” – Harrison Barrett

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**

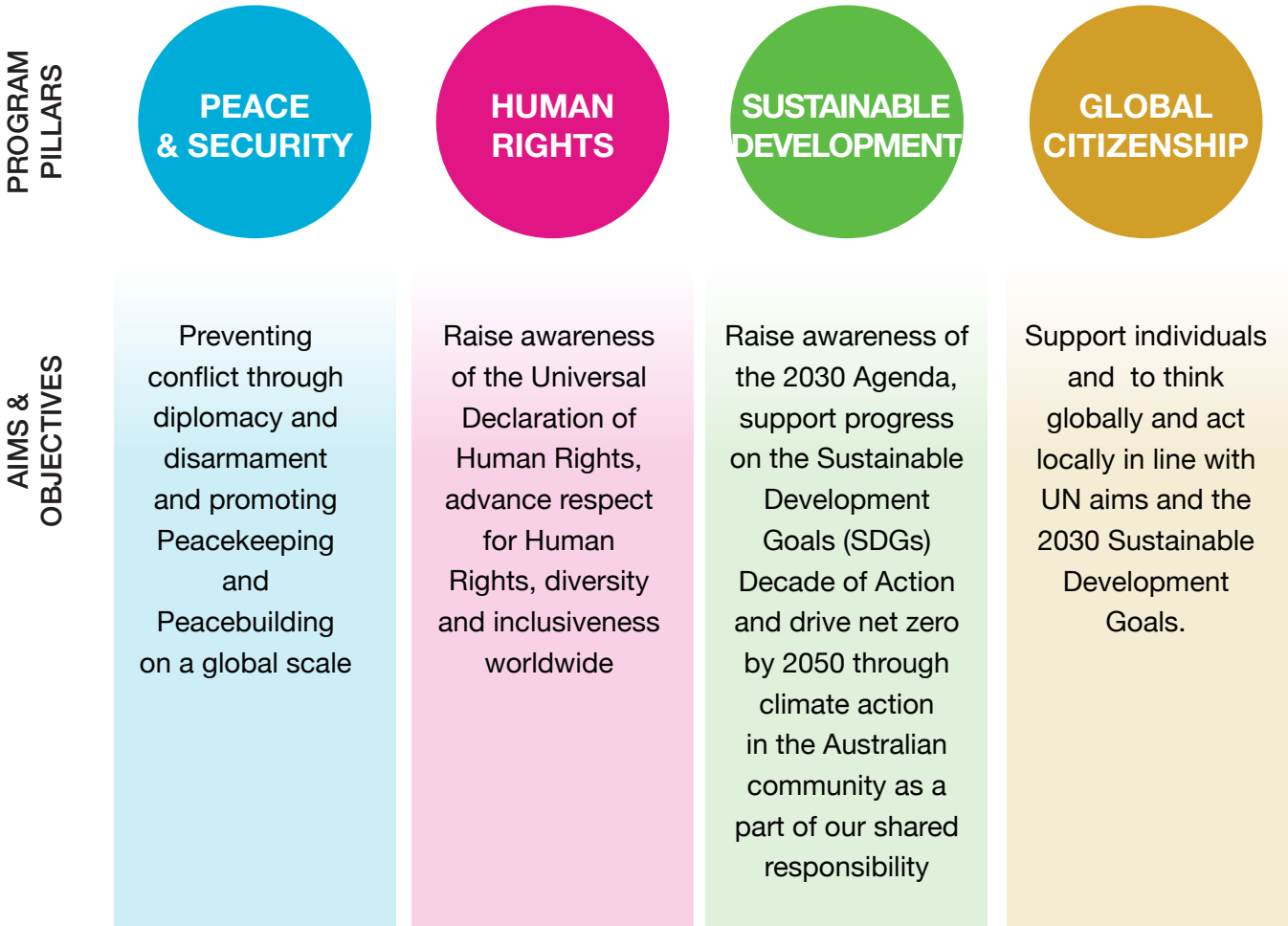
OUR VALUE PROPOSITION

“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.

OUR PROGRAM FRAMEWORK

To fulfil our mission, the UNAA (NSW) works with a range of partners to organise events, advocate for positive change, and offer educational opportunities. 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 UN frameworks and International Days.

OUR FOUR-PILLAR FRAMEWORK IS DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE THE FOLLOWING AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:



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The divergence between developed and developing countries ... is at the root of the geopolitical tensions and lack of trust that poison every area of global cooperation, from vaccines to sanctions to trade. But by acting as one, we can nurture fragile shoots of hope ... So, let’s develop common solutions to common problems — grounded in goodwill, trust, and the rights shared by every human being.”

Secretary-General’s address to the General Assembly 20 September 2022

OUR VOLUNTEERS

Our volunteers are the heart of our organisation as they are involved in every aspect of it, and we could not achieve our goals and objectives without our dedicated members and volunteers. We extend our deepest gratitude to each and every one of you for your continuing support as well as generosity of time and for bringing to the table your unique and diverse talents and skills.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS INCLUDE:

- Establishing a partnership with Western Sydney University to hold our monthly Meetups on campus, and using UNAA (NSW) projects as real-life learning opportunities for students.
- Establishing a partnership with Capgemini and the Local Community Services Association for the Zero Hunger in Schools Project to pilot and scale an initiative based on “tech and trust”.
- Launching a partnership with the Foundation for National Parks and Wildlife, Take 3 for the Sea, Jane Goodall Institute and EPA for our ‘United Nations Day ~ Peace People Planet’ initiative.
- Establishing a partnership with Edu-Fy to strengthen our work with students
- Being requested to participate at panel event, including:
 - The global International Federation of Settlements & Neighbourhood Centres Conference on the theme, “Social justice: The unfinished journey”
 - The Heartfulness Institute Australia Conference for International Peace Day with over 500 participants globally
 - The Heartfulness Institute of Australia’s UN International Day of Yoga celebration on 21 June 2022

- Supporting young professionals and students from the Australian Catholic University with internships within UNAA (NSW). Project Reports completed by our interns and volunteers were environmentally themed and all coincided to help promote National Recycling Week:



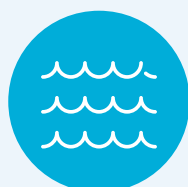
1 Million women

Empowering women in NSW to take a carbon pledge” project by Kuenga Dem, Masters of Social Work student, ANU Canberra



Every thread counts

Choosing circular consumption of clothing in NSW” project by Carmel Brain, Masters of Social Work student, ANU Canberra



Making waves

Empowering Ocean Lovers Festival volunteers” project by Daljeet Kaur, Masters of Social Work student, ANU Canberra



Planet or plastic?

Supporting the NSW Plastics Action Plan” project by Hsuan-Hui, Masters of Social Work student, ANU Canberra



Recycling rescue

Partnering with RecycleMate and RecycleSmart” project by Kiara Olrich



“What attracts me to UNAA NSW is the reward that comes from each volunteer activity. UNAA is a big family, and the communication between individuals and individuals is the communication between different countries and cultures” – Yingying



“I love the bright vibe and positive energy in the group. People are always welcome to share and discuss ideas with others” – Erin



“It has been wonderful, volunteering with UNAA. I have attended various exciting and insightful events such as international women’s day, refugee week etc, gained knowledge about local and global issues and have met passionate like-minded people, looking to make a positive change in our community! – Maliha



“My internship offer came following a year of well spent volunteering at UNAA, where I learnt how to operate in a professional setting, as well as how to engage with a range of stakeholders, including high-level ones! This particularly gave me the confidence to represent OHCHR during discussions I had with diplomats and government officials. I was grateful to have also done the UN Diploma, as my project management skills proved useful many times during my internship.”



UNAA (NSW) UNITED NATIONS CENTRE FOR EDUCATION

Education about the United Nations and its activities empowers people of all ages with the knowledge, skills, values and attitudes to address the interconnected global challenges we are facing today, including climate change, environmental degradation, loss of biodiversity, poverty, and inequality.

The UNAA (NSW) United Nations Centre for Education (UNCE) has been successful in driving progress towards achieving Sustainable Development Goal 4: Quality Education and all of the 17 SDGs. Created to help address sustainable development challenges across Australia and beyond, it provides the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and necessary values.

The UN Diploma

The UNAA (NSW) UN Diploma is one of the ways that UNAA (NSW) is achieving its goal of promoting and celebrating the work of the UN. Our educational programs are key to sustainable change and equip students with the knowledge, training and confidence needed to become global citizens. This educational program sits at the heart of our United Nations Centre for Education.

This course helps to ensure that business leaders, academic staff, other professionals, and interested members of the public are better equipped with the necessary skills to effect positive change, such as achieving the aims of the SDGs.

During 2021/2022, the UNAA (NSW) ran two courses, which have to date inspired and engaged over 200 individuals across Australia, giving them the opportunity to become more aware of the history and structure of the United Nations, and the work that is happening locally in NSW to help achieve UN aims. Leaning on our values of inclusion, diversity and equity, we offered scholarship places to enable students from all backgrounds and lived experiences to apply. We encourage people who have experienced greater barriers to opportunities to apply, especially women, LGBTIQIA+ people, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, people with disabilities, people from culturally diverse backgrounds, and younger people.

Next course commencing in February 2023.

To enrol in this UNAA (NSW) UN Diploma course or for more information, please visit:
www.williams.edu.au/unaadiploma

The UN Day School Program – Peace People Planet

The UNAA (NSW) established its ‘United Nations Day ~ Peace People Planet’ initiative to promote awareness and education in schools about the work of the UN, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and contribute to UNESCO’s ‘Education for Sustainable Development’ objectives.

Supported by the NSW Department of Education, over 24 public and private primary and secondary schools participated in our Peace People Planet initiative. In total, 1500 students worked at school on curated resources and SDG campaign booklets at school provided by the UNAA (NSW). For some, this was an opportunity for students and staff to be introduced to the SDGs and the UN’s goals and objectives.

Teachers integrated the material into topical lessons and adapted it to the different levels from Years 1-10. In Years 7-10, material about the SDGs was integrated into History, Geography and Science classes for research and discussion purposes. In Science classes, students particularly enjoyed building their very own water filters, with many not realising how many people around the world don’t have everyday access to clean water.

This initiative was also an opportunity for students to discover and celebrate UN Day at school by engaging in a wide range of UN-related topics. Activities included creative challenges to promote the SDGs and a ‘Blue Day’ which encouraged students to wear blue clothing on UN Day.

Schools received a Certificate of Participation along with a complimentary one-year UNAA (NSW) Organisational membership, and student work was showcased to mark the International Day of Education on 24 January 2022.

Penrith Public School



“The tasks were fun and interesting, especially learning about some SDGs like the education one”
– Oneli



UNITED NATIONS DAY 76

22 - 24 October 2021

UN Day, celebrated each year on or around the 24th of October, gives us the opportunity to underline UN shared values and common agendas and reaffirm the purpose and principles of the UN Charter that have guided us over the past 76 years. UNAA (NSW) marks this important annual occasion with a UN Day commemorative wreath-laying service, a Gala Dinner, and through the awarding of our prestigious UN Day Honour.

This year, UNAA (NSW)'s UN Day Commemorative Wreath Laying Service, which normally takes place at the Cenotaph in Martin Place, Sydney, was held virtually due to COVID-19 restrictions. The online Service distributed messages from the UNAA (NSW) President, our Patron the Governor of NSW Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AO QC, and distinguished guest speaker, Major General Cheryl Pearce AM, former Force Commander in Cyprus.

This Ceremony appropriately recognised all those who have laid down their lives in the service of peace and for the protection of communities in conflict zones all over the world.

The service was once again successfully coordinated by Event Lead and Life Member, Mr Geoffrey Little, who has been the organiser for 28 years, with support from UNAA (NSW) Director of Peace & Security and Vice President (Ops), Major General (Retired) Tim Ford AO.

While the Gala Dinner was unfortunately postponed due to COVID-19, a highlight of UN Day this year was the announcement of our 2021 UN Day Honour Recipient.

This award was created to recognise individuals or organisations in Australia that have made a significant contribution to the aims and objectives of the UN, for example in promoting peace, respect for human rights, equal opportunities, social justice and environmental sustainability.

We were delighted to announce that Landcare Australia was selected as the recipient of the 2021 United Nations (UN) Day Honour. This award is in recognition of Landcare Australia's embodiment of the UN values of sustainable development and strong track record of supporting community-led, on-ground projects to restore, enhance and protect Australia's unique natural environment. Their bold vision of "all Australians actively caring for the land and water that sustains us" empowers individuals across Australia to build more resilient ecosystems and communities.

2021 marks the start of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, a call to prevent, halt the degradation of ecosystems around the world and drive their protection and revival for the benefit of people and nature. The Decade will run to 2030, which is also the deadline for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the timeline identified by scientists for preventing catastrophic climate change.

In recognition of this important decade and UNAA (NSW) current focus on Agenda 2030 awareness and sustainable development, special consideration was given to nominees with a strong track record of achievement in the areas of ecosystem restoration, protection of biodiversity and Caring for Country. We look forward to partnering with Landcare Australia to realise these important UN aims.

Landcare Australia will be formally presented with the Honour at the 2022 United Nations Day Gala Dinner, to be held at NSW Parliament House on Friday 21 October 2022.



“Last night we had the pleasure of accepting the 2021 United Nations Day Honour, acknowledging Landcare Australia's embodiment of the UN values of sustainable development and our successes in working in partnership for over 30 years to protect the planet”

THE UN DECADE ON ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development seeks to end poverty, conserve biodiversity, combat climate change and improve livelihoods for everyone, everywhere. These objectives, encapsulated in the 17 SDGs, are unlikely to be met unless ecosystem degradation is stopped and ecosystem restoration is undertaken at the immense scale of hundreds of millions of hectares globally.

NOTABLE FINDINGS INCLUDE AMONG MANY OTHERS:



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Three-quarters of the land-based environment and about 66% of the marine environment have been significantly altered by human actions. On average these trends have been less severe or avoided in areas held or managed by Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities.



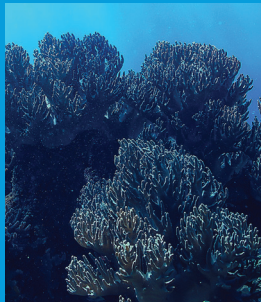
75%

More than a third of the world's land surface and nearly 75% of freshwater resources are now devoted to crop or livestock production



33%

In 2015, 33% of marine fish stocks were being harvested at unsustainable levels; 60% were maximally sustainably fished, with just 7% harvested at levels lower than what can be sustainably fished.



64,000

In Australia, the Great Barrier Reef has lost half of its corals since 1995 due to bleaching events. This poses a threat to 64,000 jobs and the AUD 6.4 billion the reef brings to the Australian economy - mostly from tourism, but also from fishing, recreational and scientific activities.

Insufficient political support and technical capacity in both the public and private sectors hinder investment in the many hundreds of thousands of ecosystem restoration initiatives worldwide that are needed to achieve restoration at such a scale. Not only would such investment contribute to achieving the SDGs, but it would also yield considerable economic returns for a recovery from the COVID-19 crisis and lead to more social, economic and ecological resilience.

UN Member States decided to implement a Decade on Ecosystem Restoration to realise these benefits and to ensure that healthy ecosystems play a critical role towards achieving the SDGs by 2030.



OUR EVENTS

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:



Presentations to interested organisations and groups



By conducting and supporting events that promote peace in our region



By highlighting such actions and activities through our social media



The UNAA (NSW) UN Diploma



Our monthly newsletters and meet ups

RAISING PEACE FESTIVAL

Raising Peace is an alliance of more than 30 organisations that together work to share ideas, knowledge and inspiration for a peaceful world. In September 2021 it held its first Peace Festival. 37 events were held by over 30 organisations working for peace in Australia. The Raising Peace Festival explored the significance of peace to First Nations people, women, youth, refugees and the environment. It looked at the different ways we define and understand peace, from the absence of war to peacekeeping and peacemaking. The festival was a great success, with over 1,050 participants across all the events.

UNAA (NSW) strongly supported the festival through the organisation and two events it hosted on September 21 the International Day of Peace. These events inspired us to think creatively and collectively about how to help everyone recover better, how to build resilience and how to transform our world into one that is more equal, more just, equitable, inclusive, sustainable, and healthier.



UNAA (NSW) MEMBERS MEETUPS: PEACE & SECURITY

SEPTEMBER (ONLINE)

THEME: International Day of Peace.

Speakers included UNAA (NSW) VP Ops

Tim Ford AO, **Dean Parkin** Director at From the Heart and **Abigail Kaplan**,

Executive Producer at Order in the House Podcast as they discussed the meaning of the UN Day International Day of Peace.



UNAA NSW PEACE ACTION WEBINAR

The webinar was presented by UNAA (NSW) Vice President (Ops), Major General (Retired) Tim Ford AO, who was previously a UN Head of Mission and Military Advisor in UN Peacekeeping. It covered a range of topics, including the Department of Peace Operations and the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs. We also held a post-webinar activity on Youth and Peace - the purpose of which was to interact with the online platform Padlet and answer the question “How can young people contribute to the UN and its role ‘to maintain international peace and security?’”. Discussions in the breakout rooms involved a diverse input of opinions and experiences.



HUMAN RIGHTS

The Human Rights Pillar aims to uphold the UN's core objective of protecting and respecting human rights. It does this by raising awareness of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in Australia, and reinforcing the importance of a diverse, inclusive, more equitable Australian community.

THE NATIONAL ANTI-RACISM FRAMEWORK

In 2021 the Australian Human Rights Commission has launched a plan to develop a National Anti-Racism Framework. The Framework will be a long-term, central reference point to guide actions on anti-racism for government, NGOs, business, educators, health professionals, police, other justice authorities, civil society, and the community. The UNAA (NSW) collaborated in the shaping of the draft and discussed its alignment to the United Nations SDGs and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

NAIDOC WEEK

We celebrated NAIDOC Week 2022 by screening the film *Ab blaze*, a feature documentary during a very special NAIDOC Week Members and Volunteers Meetup. The film tells the story about Bill Onus a Yorta Yorta Wiradjuri man from Victoria who was a heroic cultural and political figure that revived his people's culture in the 1940s, and ignited a civil rights movement that would, against all odds, change the course of history. Guest speakers included Ken Zulumovski, Director, Gamarada Universal Indigenous Resources, and Wes Trist, President, Mob Sydney Aboriginal Motorcycle Club.



Experience the Diversity of Human Rights VOICES on UN Human Rights Day

Register at unaansw.org.au/event/humanrightsdays2021

Friday 10th December 2021

11am - 1:30pm AEDT

Embracing our Common Humanity - Pivoting COVID
Shaping the Future of Human Rights - Sports and Human Rights

Speakers include: Philippa McDermott, Reje Ndayirabaje, Senator Mehreen Faruqi, Lorraine Finlay, HR Commissioner, Jo Macauliffe, GCH Foundation, Dr Dineeh Pillayana OAM, The Hon. Verrill Firth, UTS, Dr Graham Thom, Amnesty International, Peter Bell, Toby Marshall, Dr Patricia Jenkins, UNAA NSW President, Karmen Moore, Dean Parkin, David Cross, Zoe, Catherine Madziva, Lucy Stromach, UN Youth, Omar Dehen, SBS, Mariam Veizadeh, CEO Media Diversity Australia, Craig Foster AM, Sina Karami.

Logos: UTS Centre for Social Justice and Inclusion, GHD Foundation, Affinity Intercultural Foundation, United Nations Association of Australia NSW Division, ONE VOICE HUMANITY.

OUR EVENTS

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY 2021 - ONE VOICE, ONE HUMANITY

To celebrate Human Rights Day 2021, UNAA (NSW) in partnership with the Centre for Social Justice and Inclusion (UTS) and Affinity Intercultural Foundation, curated a 2 hour online programme which brought together voices from a variety of communities to shed light on the complexity of the Human Rights issues, create awareness of the challenges, and highlight the ongoing achievements. The diversity of voices from Indigenous, multicultural, refugee, youth, ageing, disability, and LGBTQIA+ communities aim to showcase our shared humanity and reaffirm the importance of Human Rights both within Australia and internationally.

The main topics were: Embracing our common humanity, pivoting the impact of COVID-19, the future of Human Rights, and the intersection of sports and Human Rights. One Voice, One Humanity featured Australian of the Year Craig Foster, Senator Mehreen Faruqi, and performances by the acclaimed Bangarra Dance Company, and many more.

VESAK DAY

We were honoured to again partner with Henry Dang, Hon Secretary-General of the Buddhist Federation of Australia to mark the UN Vesak Day and commemorate the birth, enlightenment and death of Buddha. With a global reach, Prime Minister The Hon Scott Morrison MP, and the Leader of the Opposition, The Hon Anthony Albanese MP, conveyed messages and UNAA (NSW) President Dr Patricia Jenkins delivered the UN Secretary General's message.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The key focus of the Sustainability Pillar is to promote a sustainable planet, where the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. Its focus is to raise awareness of the 2030 Agenda and support the Australian community to take climate action and transition to net zero carbon emissions by 2050.

Using the adopted Collective Impact framework to act as a backbone organisation for Corporates, Government agencies, and Nonprofits to work together to advance the SDGs, this year, UNAA (NSW) has been focusing on building meaningful partnerships especially social media campaigns to promote the UN International days: Global goals week, World Food Day, World Wildlife Day, World Water Day, Earth Day, International Day for Biological Diversity, World Environment Day and World Oceans Day.



THE BANKSIA FOUNDATION 2021 NSW SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS

The UNAA (NSW) partnered with the Banksia Foundation to promote the inaugural 2021 NSW Sustainability Awards. The awards recognise and celebrate trailblazers who are driving progress on the SDGs from circular transition to net zero action to our state's young climate champions. The Hon Matt Kean, Treasurer and Minister for Energy and Environment presented the awards.

WINNERS INCLUDED:

- Minister's Young Climate Champion: Kya's Bushfire Recovery Community Seed Bank.
- NSW Large Business Transformation Award Winner: The Sydney Opera House.
- NSW Small and Medium Enterprise Transformation Award Winner: Green Eco Technologies.
- NSW Youth as Our Changemakers Award Winner: Seaside Scavenge.
- NSW Net Zero Action Award Winner: Hunter New England Local Health District.
- NSW Circular Transition Award Winner: Planet Protector Packaging.
- NSW Biodiversity Award Winner: Sydney Institute of Marine Science.
- NSW Clean Technology Award Winner: Degnan Constructions.



OCEAN LOVERS FESTIVAL

The Volvo Ocean Lovers Festival is an annual celebration of Ideas, Art, Music and Actions for the ocean. This year's event showcased some of the latest innovations and ideas. Staged at Sydney's Iconic Bondi Beach from March 10th – March 13th 2022, its mission was to bring action and attention for the ocean to the widest possible audience and to accelerate change. The UNAA (NSW) has been a supporting partner since its debut, and was honoured to be invited to coordinate the volunteers for this year's festival. We also hosted a stall to support and promote the work of the UN, the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs, most importantly SDG 13 (Climate Action), SDG 14 (Life Below Water) and SDG 17 (Partnership for the Goals).



WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE 2030 DECADAL STRATEGY

The Western Sydney University in collaboration with UNAA (NSW) launched its Sustainability and Resilience 2030 strategy “Decadal Strategy, Sustainability and Resilience 2030”. UNAA (NSW) participated in a webinar in its honour which included an opening address from Professor Barney Glover AO, and Professor Simon Barrie as well as a response to the strategy by UNAA (NSW) Vice President of Programs, Andrea Spencer-Cooke.

UNAA (NSW) MEMBERS MEETUPS: SUSTAINABILITY

At the very heart of the UNAA (NSW)’s Global Citizenship Pillar lies its very successful monthly Members and Volunteer’s Meetups program, which has continued throughout the year online and in person. To celebrate and raise awareness about 2021 marking the start of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, UNAA (NSW) hosted multiple Sustainability themed Meetups:



MEETUP ONLINE
THEME: Sustainable Development Report & Climate Action. Speakers included UNAA (NSW) VP Programs **Andrea Spencer-Cooke** and Program Manager, Climate Action Network Australia, **Lisa Cliff** to discuss current sustainability affairs



MEETUP ONLINE
THEME: Teaching Sustainability. Speakers included Program Director for the Regional Centre for Expertise in Education for Sustainable Development, **Jen Dollin** and CEO Banksia Foundation **Graz Van Egmond**,



MEETUP ONLINE
THEME: Food waste in Sustainability. Organics Manager, NSW Environmental Protection Agency, **Amanda Kane** and Sustainability Strategist, OzHarvest, **Annika Stott** discussed tackling of food waste to fight climate change.



MEETUP IN-PERSON
THEME: Inspiring connection between life and environment. Speakers included: **James Forbes from the Jane Goodall Institute Australia**, **James Schlunke from the global IT company Capgemini**, and **Can Yasmut from the NSW Local Community Services Association**.





GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

Global Citizenship works to build broader support for the core values and commitments underpinning the UN. It does this by encouraging the Australian community to think globally and act locally via events and volunteering opportunities aligned with the global goals.

This year, we published our new Members and Volunteers Strategy which sets higher KPIs and keeps our members and volunteers at the centre of everything we do:

- 1 Provide 6 months free membership to all recently active team members and volunteers
- 2 Maintain free access to monthly Meetups
- 3 Maintain free access to the UNAA (NSW) newsletter for members, volunteers and partners
- 4 Develop a spreadsheet to manage our members, volunteers and partners
- 5 Distribute a bi-annual survey for timely feedback from members, volunteers and partners

“I have been privileged to connect with team members and partners who have a shared mission to reduce child hunger in Australia.” - Khouloud

MEMBERS & VOLUNTEER'S MEETUPS

We continued our very successful monthly Members and Volunteer's Meetups program, now a hybrid between online and in person at the Western Sydney University. As usual, our meetups have covered topics from all four Pillars: Peace & Security, Human Rights, Sustainability, and Global Citizenship, however, this year, we put a special emphasis on Sustainability as 2021 marks the start of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration.



RECONNECTION PICNIC

We hosted our very first Reconnection Picnic in Martin Place where over 150 people attended and enjoyed connecting through food, talk and song. The aim of the picnic was to help people in Sydney CBD reconnect in person as we all learn to live with Covid. It was an opportunity to learn about First Nations songs and stories through a Tribal Warrior group. Speakers Reverend Bill Crews, Associate Professor Holly Seale and Dr Sonu Bhaskar reminded us about the importance of reliable information about Covid, the need for us and governments to provide extra help to the most vulnerable and the value of working together.

ANNUAL GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP GATHERING

In May 2022, we hosted our Annual Global Citizenship Gathering at the Western Sydney University Parramatta CBD campus. The event included a viewing of the film *Scattered People* and a talk from guest speaker Dr Graham Thom from Amnesty International Australia and the Sydney Asylum Seekers Centre.





ACTIVITIES

OUR ADVISORY BOARD:

Our Advisory Board is now in its second year of operation and its contribution to our strategic direction has been invaluable. Our recent meeting outcomes have focused on the need to ensure that UNAA (NSW) activities/programmes continue to deliver tangible and measurable impacts. The Advisory Board also provided specific guidance with regard to the further development of our Diploma Programme and the effective implementation of our “Zero Hunger in Schools” initiative.

THE ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS ARE:

- David Jacobs (Chair) - Former Regional Chairman, Baker McKenzie
- Joseph La Posta - CEO, Multicultural NSW
- Barbara Ward - Deputy Mayor Ku-ring-gai Council
- Thierry Lotrian - Partner, Deloitte
- Lucy Stronach - Australian Youth Representative to the United Nations

“ I believe I can speak for every member of the Advisory Board that we are so impressed by the energy and commitment of the Board and members of UNAA (NSW) and feel privileged that in some small way we may be able to assist in the advancement of its objectives and goals”

– David Jacobs (Chair - Advisory Board)

MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

The 2021/2022 financial year has been a fantastic time for the UNAA NSW Marketing & Communications (MarComms) team. We have met every fortnight, laughing with each other, reflecting on wins, and working through challenges. Marketing and Communications is critical to the UNAA (NSW) purpose; to inform, inspire, and engage Australians to create a safer, fairer, more sustainable world.

KEY ACTIVITIES DURING THIS PERIOD:



Supporting the Pillars leads and EC with marketing requests including designing graphics, editing content, writing content, and posting on social media



Promoting UNAA (NSW) events such as the Reconnection Picnic and Human Rights Day event through email, partner promotions, organic social media, and paid social media



Promoting the UNAA (NSW) UN Diploma, a core focus of the MarComms team



Editing and designing the UN Day Schools Program resource packs



Attracting 371 new likes of our Facebook page and 1,257 new followers of our LinkedIn page through engaging, inspiring content



PUBLIC OFFICER

During 2021/2022, the Public Officer undertook legal responsibilities on behalf of the UNAA (NSW) and made sure UNAA (NSW) is accountable in regard to the Department of Fair Trading. Other important tasks included maintaining contact with Life Members, supporting non-email financial members, co-organising activities described elsewhere in this report, and assisting in the continuing UNAA (NSW) History Project.

HISTORY PROJECT

The UNAA (NSW) has continued its History Project to research and document the official history of the UNAA (NSW) over the past 76 years. The UNAA (NSW) is seeking copies of all past Annual Reports and newsletters, consulting NSW archives at the State and regional libraries, Newspapers including the Sydney Morning Herald, and interviewing UNAA (NSW) life members, previous Presidents, and other personalities. As well as digitising our records, we plan to develop a comprehensive file that can be condensed into a readable format that will be available to all members in 2023.

LAUNCHING THE NEW UNAA (NSW) WEBSITE

In October 2021, we launched the new UNAA (NSW) website. This was a huge project, with hundreds of hours of volunteer work contributing to the launch. A special shout out to Christopher Chan for his help planning the website design and sharing user experience expertise; Feryx Lim, Genille Gordon, and Daria Romanos for their work writing the content; and Sarah Rhodes for her incredible contribution with uploading and optimising the content and graphics, liaising with our contractors, resolving errors, attending to EC website requests, and much more.

From 1 January 2022 to 30 June 2022 the website received 5,500 views with the top most viewed pages (apart from the home page) being the UN Day Schools Program, Memberships, and What We Do pages.

HOW THESE VISITORS GOT TO OUR WEBSITE:

40%

came directly to the website

31%

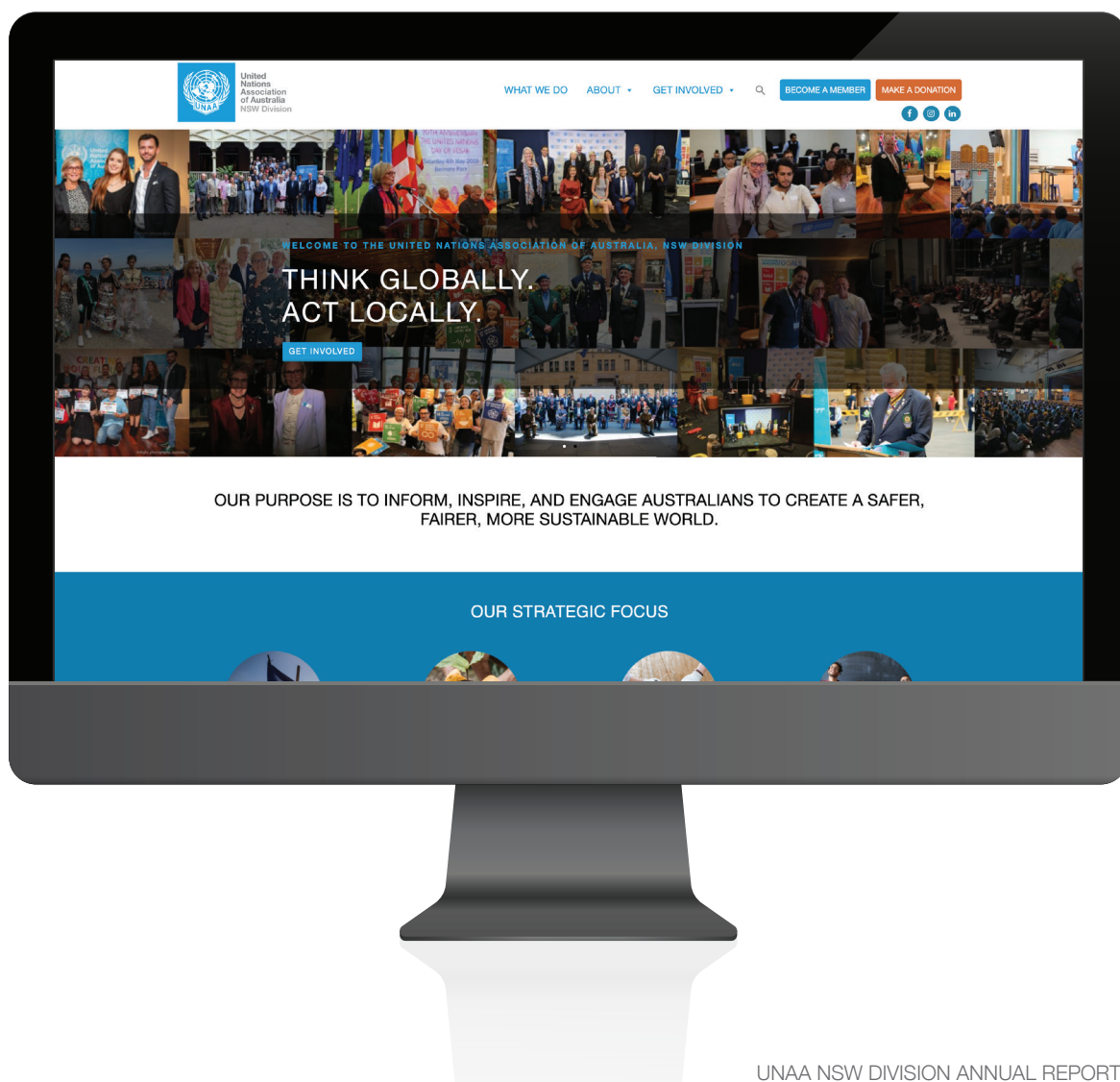
came through organic (unpaid) searches on search engines, such as Google

18%

came from a referral source (when a user finds you through a site other than a major search engine), such as through our partners website

9%

came through organic (unpaid) social media



GOVERNANCE

COMMITTEE (AS AT 30 JUNE 2022)

2021/2022 UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA NEW SOUTH WALES DIVISION INC.

PATRON

Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley, AC QC, the 39th and current Governor of New South Wales, serving since 2 May 2019.

ROLE	NAME	ATTENDANCE
President	Dr Patricia Jenkins	100%
Vice-President Programs	Andrea Spencer-Cooke	80%
Vice-President Operations & Director of Peace & Security	Tim Ford AO	100%
Treasurer	Paul Malliate	100%
Secretary	Kevin Jones	100%
Public Officer	Valerie Weekes	90%

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

ROLE	NAME	ATTENDANCE
Director of Operations	Michael Jefferies	80%
Director of Global Citizenship	Brett Martin	100%
Director of Sustainable Development	Maira Campbell	100%
Director of Human Rights	Sahera Sumar	90%
Director of Education	Shaista Khan	90%
Director of Humanitarianism and Environment	Jean Santos	70%
Director of Marketing & Communications	Naomi Kroll	90%

EXECUTIVE MANAGER: Joshua Karras (until January 2022)

EXECUTIVE MANAGER: Timothy Wong (from July 2022)

DEPUTY EXECUTIVE MANAGER: Alexandra Stafferton

ASSISTANT TO EXECUTIVE MANAGER: Fergus Ewington (until January 2022)

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Harry Lambie (from January 2022)

MEMBERSHIP ADMINISTRATOR: Elizabeth Chen

DIPLOMA COURSE MANAGER: Sebastian Stern

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FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

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Income and Expenditure Statement
For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

	Note	2022	2021
		\$	\$
Income			
Memberships		13,094	12,478
General donations/grants	2	22,144	50,582
Miscellaneous Events		4,671	(861)
Interest received		748	985
(Deficit)/Surplus from UN Day		(396)	3,695
Miscellaneous income		-	3,405
UN Diploma Program		49,734	102,664
		<u>89,995</u>	<u>172,948</u>
Expenditure			
Venue hire		-	1,330
General administration		5,405	12,000
Fees and Federal levy		5,051	2,356
Executive Manager		24,756	57,168
Picnic event		15,649	-
		<u>50,861</u>	<u>72,854</u>
Current year surplus		<u>39,134</u>	<u>100,094</u>
Retained surplus at the beginning of the year		<u>175,293</u>	<u>75,199</u>
Retained surplus at the end of the year		<u><u>214,427</u></u>	<u><u>175,293</u></u>

Assets and Liabilities Statement
As At 30 June 2022

	Note	2022	2021
		\$	\$
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash at bank	3	<u>225,489</u>	<u>202,459</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>225,489</u>	<u>202,459</u>
Total Assets		<u>225,489</u>	<u>202,459</u>
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	4	3,837	3,603
Income In Advance	5	7,225	21,937
Provision for Annual Leave		-	1,626
Total Current Liabilities		<u>11,062</u>	<u>27,166</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>11,062</u>	<u>27,166</u>
Net Assets		<u><u>214,427</u></u>	<u><u>175,293</u></u>
Members Funds			
Retained surplus		<u>214,427</u>	<u>175,293</u>
Total Members Funds		<u><u>214,427</u></u>	<u><u>175,293</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

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.

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Note 2: General Donations/Grants		
Jobkeeper Subsidy	-	27,900
Cash Flow Boost	-	7,333
Donations	5,094	10,349
Grants	17,050	5,000
	<u>22,144</u>	<u>50,582</u>

Note 3: Cash at bank

Cash at bank	175,489	151,308
Cash on deposit	50,000	51,151
	<u>225,489</u>	<u>202,459</u>

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	2022	2021
	\$	\$
<u>Note 4: Trade and Other Payables</u>		
Trade creditors	2,164	912
PAYG Withheld	1,673	2,691
	<u>3,837</u>	<u>3,603</u>
<u>Note 5: Income in advance</u>		
Grants	-	5,000
Diploma Fees	7,225	67,153
	<u>7,225</u>	<u>72,153</u>

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Statement By Treasurer

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

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

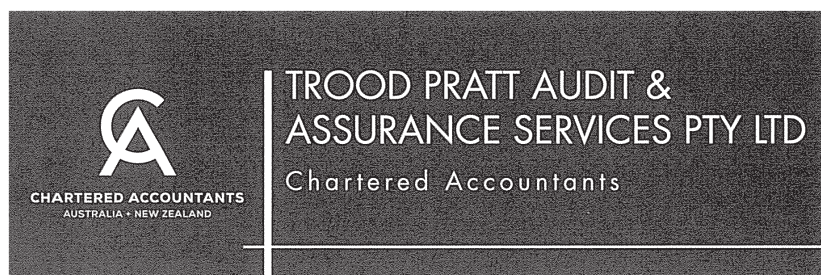
The statements attached to this certificate give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of United Nations Association of Australia (NSW) Inc during and at the end of the financial year of the association ending on 30 June 2022.



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PAUL MALLIATE
Treasurer

Dated at Sydney this 20th day of July, 2022

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (\$'000)	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22
Membership Income	7.0	7.7	9.4	12.5	13.1
Donations/Grants	18.1	17.9	13.0	50.6	22.1
Surplus/(Deficit)	31.0	20.7	4.4	100.1	39.1
Cash Balance	59.6	128.6	147.3	202.5	225.5
Net Assets	50.1	70.8	75.2	175.3	214.4



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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 2022

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 2022, 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 2022 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

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and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

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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 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 21st day of July 2022

SUPPORTERS AND PARTNERS

UN DAY PARTNERS



CORPORATE PARTNERS



EDUCATION PARTNERS



EVENT PARTNERS



MEDIA PARTNERS



PAST PRESIDENTS OF UNAA (NSW)

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- > Kel Gleeson
- > Valerie Weekes
- > Dr Peter Airey
- > Lindsay Mell
- > David Vohradsky
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