



United Nations  
Association  
of Australia  
NSW Division

# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2024/2025





# Acknowledgement of Country

The United Nations Association of Australia (NSW Branch) acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we meet and work. We particularly recognise the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation, on whose ancestral lands our Sydney office is located.

We pay our respects to Elders past and present, and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across Australia.

As an organisation grounded in the values of peace, dialogue, and diplomacy, we honour the oldest continuing cultures on Earth: cultures that have upheld sophisticated systems of governance, diplomacy, and custodianship for tens of thousands of years.

We recognise that sovereignty was never ceded, and we acknowledge the historical and ongoing injustices experienced by First Nations peoples. In the spirit of reconciliation and with deep respect, we commit to walking together, fostering meaningful relationships, and listening with humility as we work towards a more just, inclusive, and peaceful future for all.



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# PRESIDENT'S FORWARD

## Greetings Friends,

As we come together to reflect on another extraordinary year, we do so at a moment of great global significance. The year 2025 marks the 80th anniversary of the United Nations. Eight decades ago, in the aftermath of unimaginable conflict, the nations of the world made a bold and compassionate commitment to peace, dignity and shared humanity. That vision, enshrined in the UN Charter, remains as vital and inspiring today as it was in 1945.



At UNAA NSW, we have sought to uphold this spirit with determination, purpose and heart. I am delighted to report that over the past year we have continued to grow, collaborate and advocate with a renewed sense of urgency and hope. Through the tireless efforts of our dedicated UNAA NSW Board, Advisory Board, members and volunteers, we have proudly advanced the UN's values here in New South Wales, educating, inspiring and engaging Australians to think globally and act locally.

Our United Nations Day celebrations this year were deeply meaningful and reflective, reminding us once again of the power of unity and remembrance. At our UN Day Gala Dinner, we also launched the NSW Parliamentary Friends of the United Nations. This group was established to raise awareness of the important role of the UN and to connect our NSW communities for the common good.

Throughout this period, the world has faced extraordinary challenges, from protracted conflicts and rising global inequality to the devastating impacts of the climate crisis. As UN Secretary-General António Guterres expressed in his 2025 New Year's message, "Even in the darkest days, I've seen hope power change." Yet, as history has shown, it is precisely in such moments that humanity must choose cooperation over division, action over despair and solidarity over silence.

I offer my deepest thanks to every member of our unique Association. It is a privilege and an honour to serve as your President and to walk this journey with such passionate and committed fellow global citizens. As we look ahead, let us continue to work together in the wonderful spirit of humanitarian mateship, an embodiment of the very ideals upon which the UN was founded. May we have the courage to lead with hope, the strength to act with kindness and the vision to keep building a safer, fairer and more sustainable world.

With heartfelt appreciation and best wishes,

***Dr Patricia Jenkins, BA (Hons), PhD (USYD)***

***President, United Nations Association of Australia (NSW Division) Inc.***

***Director, UNAA National Board***



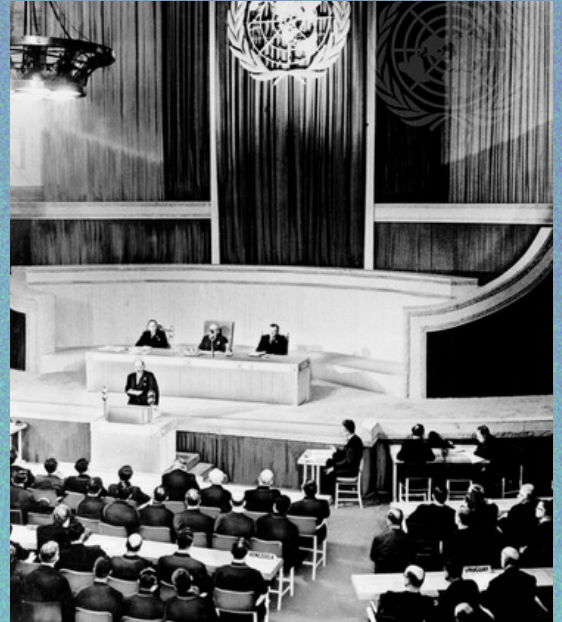




# UN AT 80

In 2025 the United Nations commemorates 80 years since its founding. This milestone is a powerful opportunity to reflect on the vision that emerged from the devastation of the Second World War, a vision of nations working together to prevent conflict, uphold human dignity and build a more peaceful and just world.

From its beginnings in 1945 with 51 member states, the UN has grown to encompass 193 nations; almost the entire world. In the last 80 years, it has evolved into a vital platform for international cooperation. It has helped to mediate conflict, respond to humanitarian crises, promote sustainable development, advance global health and advocate for the fundamental rights of all people.



The UN's 80th anniversary is more than a celebration of its longevity. It is a moment to reaffirm the principles at the heart of the UN Charter: peace, equality, justice, and international cooperation. These values remain essential in addressing the challenges of today's world, from the climate crisis to rising inequality, from armed conflict to the need for inclusive economic and social development.

This anniversary also comes at a time of deep global uncertainty. The multilateral system is under pressure, and trust in institutions is being tested. In response, the UN has launched a renewed effort to strengthen its role and relevance. The 2024 Summit of the Future and the adoption of the Pact for the Future represent a commitment to reform, resilience and shared responsibility. These efforts aim to ensure the UN remains responsive and effective as it enters its ninth decade.

As part of this global movement, the United Nations Association of Australia (NSW Division) plays a vital role in promoting the values and work of the UN here in New South Wales. Through education, advocacy and partnerships, UNAA NSW works to inform, inspire, and engage Australians on key global issues. The organisation supports the advancement of the Sustainable Development Goals and fosters dialogue and collaboration across sectors and communities.

By hosting events, empowering young people, supporting local initiatives and working with business, government and civil society, UNAA NSW continues to demonstrate how international values can be lived out at the local level. In doing so, it helps bring the mission of the United Nations closer to home.

The 80th anniversary of the UN is not only a moment of reflection, but also one of renewal. The challenges we face today are complex and interconnected. No single nation can address them alone. The United Nations, and those who support its work at every level, will continue to be essential in shaping a future rooted in peace, sustainability, and shared humanity.



# OUR PURPOSE

To inform, inspire and engage Australians to create a safer, fairer and more sustainable world.

# OUR MISSION

To empower individuals and communities to think globally and act locally through education, advocacy and events. Guided by the UN Charter, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and the Sustainable Development Goals, we advance the values and work of the United Nations here in New South Wales.

# OUR STRATEGIC FOCUS

We deliver on our mission through 4 core pillars:

**Sustainable  
Development**

**Global  
Citizenship**

**Peace &  
Security**

**Human  
Rights**

# OUR VALUES AND PROPOSITION

We are part of the world's largest network of global citizens supporting the United Nations. Through local action, we contribute to global progress. United by a shared commitment to equity, sustainability and peace, we believe that together we can make a difference.



# STRATEGIC PLANNING

In 2024, UNAA NSW published its 2025–2028 Strategy, a document developed collaboratively by the Board and Pillar Leaders, with coordination led by our Vice President of Operations. This strategy provides a clear framework built around our four core pillars: Peace and Security, Human Rights, Sustainable Development and Global Citizenship. It outlines how we will strengthen partnerships, broaden our regional reach and ensure financial sustainability.

Over the past year, this strategy has guided our work and shaped decision-making across the Division. It has helped us set priorities, align initiatives and communicate our purpose with greater clarity to members, partners and the wider community. Each pillar has used the strategy as a touchstone for planning events, building partnerships and ensuring that programs align with both state and national objectives.

During the year, the Board conducted reviews of progress against the strategy to ensure that our goals remained achievable and aligned with a rapidly changing global and local context. Some refinements were agreed upon, including a stronger focus on profitable events as a sustainable revenue stream and greater attention to partnership continuity through the Circular Partnership Model, reflecting our ongoing commitment to remain adaptive while maintaining a long-term view.

Looking ahead, we recognise the challenges of delivering on our ambitions with limited resources, particularly as we work to broaden regional engagement and increase member participation outside Sydney. We are also preparing for shifts in the external environment, including evolving conversations on AI ethics, global security and Australia's increasingly important international role. These developments will require us to remain agile and responsive. The strategy provides the foundation for this adaptability, giving us both structure and flexibility as we work toward our vision of a more peaceful, just and sustainable world.





# UNAA NSW SCHOOLS PROGRAM

The UNAA NSW School Program continued its work with local schools as education partners driving change for the UN's Decade of Action. Strongly aligned with the United Nations Agenda 2030, the program encourages partner schools to integrate the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals in their curriculum, thus contributing to building a strong program of sustainability education.

The Schools program titled “Peace People Planet” is a unique opportunity for schools to get involved in the work of the United Nations and play their part in fulfilling the UN mission. Students are encouraged to use the design thinking approach to identify a problem they wish to solve and find innovative solutions through student led projects.

## GOAL

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

**Target 4.7:** By 2030, ensure that all learners acquire the knowledge and skills needed to promote sustainable development, including, among others, through education for sustainable development and sustainable lifestyles, human rights, gender equality, promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence, global citizenship and appreciation of cultural diversity and of culture's contribution to sustainable development.



In 2024, the program featured key events. A UN Youth Forum, initiated by a Year 12 student from Wyong High School, brought together 25 students and teachers from five local schools to launch SDG challenge projects. The forum was supported by Program Director Shaista Khan and team members Phil Voysey and Sahera Sumar. At the Camden Schools Expo, held at Mt Annan High School, over 900 students engaged with the program and identified priority areas including poverty, hunger, health, and education.



The Global Changemakers Awards Night, held at UTS Great Hall, showcased winning student projects from Living School (Waste Management – primary category) and North Side Montessori School (Upcycled Fashion Show - secondary category). Commended projects included Glenmore Park Public School's Blue Hills Wetlands, Living School's Halve It Festival and Nature Symposium, and Wyong High School's We Belong Festival. Additional SDG showcase presentations came from Ironbark Ridge Public School and St Euphemia College.

In 2024, the program reached 17 registered schools, with 9 actively participating. A total of 93 teachers and over 3,600 students engaged in activities fostering awareness, creativity, and collaborative action. Student reflections highlighted a deeper understanding of sustainability and global responsibility.



**Project Title: Waste Management**

The program is free for NSW schools and provides access to teaching resources, school visits, event invitations, and online support. UNAA NSW thanks its dedicated volunteers and partners: The Banksia Foundation, Edu-fy, Upschool, and Western Sydney University for their continued support.

For further information or to explore opportunities for partnership, sponsorship or volunteering, contact Shaista Khan at [Shaista.khan@unaa.org.au](mailto:Shaista.khan@unaa.org.au) or visit [www.unaa.org.au](http://www.unaa.org.au).





# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PILLAR

In FY24/25, the Sustainable Development Pillar continued to advance dialogue and action on the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with a focus on climate action, net zero transition and the emerging circular economy. The Pillar created opportunities for engagement with industry leaders, exploring innovative solutions and strengthening knowledge of sustainability in practice.

## EVENTS AND INITIATIVE

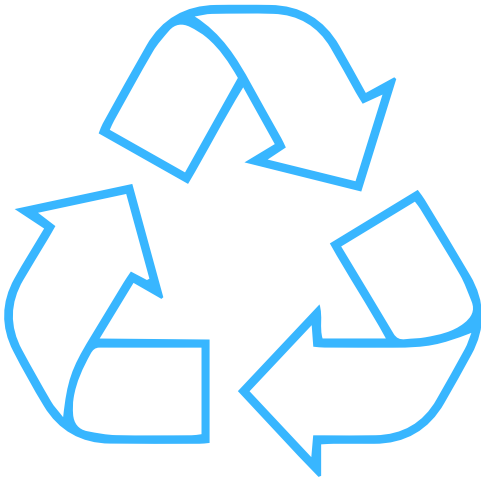
### ImpactX Summit Sydney 2024 - 11 March 2024

Themed Big Ideas for a Climate Positive Future, the iX Summit convened leaders from business, research, and community sectors to showcase new approaches in technology, business strategy and cooperation for climate action. Participants engaged in keynote presentations, panel discussions and networking sessions that highlighted innovative solutions for accelerating a climate positive economy



**Taronga Sustainability Tour - 11 April 2025**

Hosted at Taronga Zoo, this tour provided an in-depth overview of Taronga’s sustainability targets and operational initiatives, including water management, waste reduction, net zero emissions, and renewable energy transition. Participants toured key facilities such as the newly unveiled research laboratory and exhibit centre.



**ReGen Conference 2024 - 23–24 July 2024**

ReGen (formerly the Australasian Waste Recycling Expo and Circularity), an event focused on connecting the full circular resource supply chain, from design to recovery and second life. Held at ICC Sydney, the 2025 edition convened industry, government and innovators to accelerate Australia’s transition to a circular economy. Showcasing technologies and strategies across circular product design, resource recovery, sustainable packaging, organics and digital solutions, the event emphasised the urgent need for scalable circular innovation.

**Landcare Week – 5–11 August 2024**

UNAA NSW marked Landcare Week by spotlighting community groups across Sydney and NSW engaged in restoring, enhancing and protecting the environment. Through newsletters and outreach, members were encouraged to get involved with local initiatives and highlight grassroots sustainability efforts.



**COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS AND ENGAGEMENT**

In FY24/25, the Sustainable Development Pillar expanded its strong partnerships, reinforcing knowledge and collaboration, ensuring an engaged and sustainable future for NSW and Australia. Our partners included:





# PEACE & SECURITY PILLAR

The goal of the UNAA NSW Peace and Security Pillar is to strengthen NSW's contribution to global and national peace efforts by promoting:

- 1 Peace Building Initiatives
- 2 Conflict Prevention
- 3 Advocacy for UN Peace and Security Frameworks

## KEY ACTIVITIES

### Women and Youth Peace and Security Event

On 19 September, the Peace & Security Pillar hosted a dynamic event on Women, Peace and Security (WPS) and Youth, Peace and Security (YPS) at Western Sydney University's city campus, held as part of the annual Raising Peace Festival and streamed online.

The event featured three distinguished speakers: WPS expert Dr Laura Shepherd (University of Sydney), UN Youth NSW President Ruby Abercromby, and former UN strategist Benjamin Lee. Their presentations explored the vital roles of women and youth in peacebuilding, from gender perspectives to grassroots action.

A lively panel discussion followed, addressing audience questions on inclusivity and community-led initiatives. The evening concluded with informal conversations over light refreshments, as speakers and attendees continued exchanging insights.





## The Future of UN Peace Operations

On 16 July 2024, the team hosted a presentation with Ms Lisa Sharland, a senior fellow from the Stimson Centre, Washington, on the Future of UN Peace Operations. Ms Sharland provided detailed and direct analysis that is often reflected in the halls of power in Washington, offering insightful perspectives on policy trends, strategic challenges, and the evolving role of multilateral institutions in shaping global security and peacebuilding agendas worldwide.



## Building Peaceful Futures through Women and Youth Peace and Security

On 26 June 2025, the Peacekeeping and Security team hosted Building Peaceful Futures through Women, Peace and Security and Youth, Peace and Security Agendas. The event fostered an intergenerational and interactive space, featuring workshops and group discussions to mark two milestones: 25 years of the WPS agenda and 10 years of the YPS agenda. Rather than a formal commemoration, participants were invited to critique, imagine, and co-create peaceful futures responsive to today's challenges.

The keynote address by Maya Kundurthi, Secretary of UN Youth NSW, highlighted the gap between youth consultation and genuine empowerment in peacebuilding, as well as the barriers young people face in community engagement.







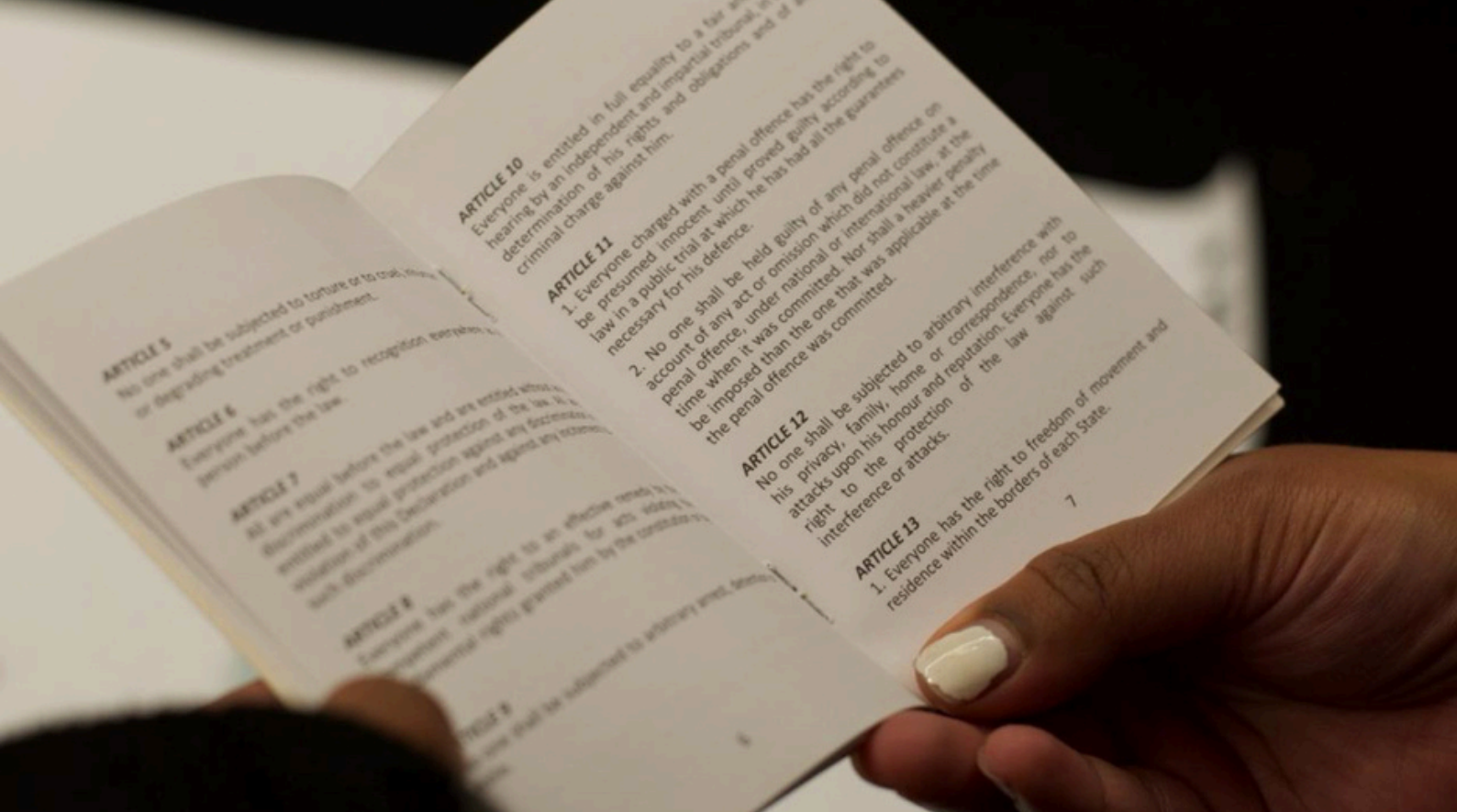
# UNITED NATIONS DAY

On 24 October, the Pillar once again hosted the annual United Nations Day Commemorative Service of the United Nations Association of Australia (NSW Division) at the Cenotaph in Martin Place, Sydney. This solemn and dignified occasion provided an important opportunity to honour the service and sacrifice of Australian and international peacekeepers who have contributed to United Nations peacekeeping operations in regions of conflict and crisis across the globe. The event highlighted Australia's enduring commitment to the principles and ideals of the United Nations and recognised the continued importance of collective action in maintaining peace and security.

The Master of Ceremonies for the Service was Mr Darren Mitchell OAM. The occasion was attended by our Patron, the Governor of New South Wales, Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC, together with members of the New South Wales Consular Corps, representatives of the federal and state governments, the City of Sydney, the Australian Defence Force, the New South Wales Police Force, United Nations veterans, and members of the wider community.

The Commemorative Address was delivered by former Governor-General and distinguished peacekeeper, General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK CVO MC, whose inspiring remarks reflected on the values of service, sacrifice, and global cooperation.





# GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP PILLAR

## HIGHLIGHTS

### UN Youth Conference (NSW)

UN Youth NSW hosted its annual conference, gathering over 200 students from across the state to explore the UN's role in international law and politics. In a panel on Politics and the Economy, Georgia Cam illustrated to attendees on the role of state sovereignty in international governance, emphasising that only through ambitious multilateral cooperation to move beyond GDP growth metrics can economies proactively confront the triple planetary crisis of climate change, pollution and biodiversity loss.

### Quarterly Induction Sessions

The Quarterly Induction Sessions are offered to members of the UNAA NSW as well as interested individuals from the NSW community to learn more about the work of our organisation and how they can get involved as volunteers.

Participants are encouraged to get involved with the UNAA NSW by adopting the mindset of global citizenship which is to 'think global and act local'.





### Zero Hunger Program

The Zero Hunger Program is a partnership between UNAA NSW, Capgemini and The Local Community Services Association to contribute to SDG 2: Zero Hunger and SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities, by adopting a community development and circular economy approach. The program aims to divert food and goods from landfill to children and families in need through a free online platform for local business, schools and community centres to easily manage logistics. In 2024/25, the program concentrated on developing implementation partners and redesigning the platform to be more user-friendly, including on mobile devices



### UNAA NSW Student Program

The UNAA NSW Student Program launched in May 2023 in partnership with Western Sydney University. The program has now grown to include other universities and high schools, including overseas partnerships with students from Germany, the United Kingdom and Italy.

The 2024/25 cohort included 24 students who were supported to think globally and act locally by developing a wide range of excellent projects and contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals – see the UNAA NSW Student Program Impact Report 2025.



### Ocean Lovers Festival

UNAA NSW's strong partnership with the Ocean Lovers Festival continued with this year's hosting of the festival at Bondi Beach and Darling Harbour. Over 100,000 people attended the music, arts and ocean-tech event, including 94 ocean-friendly market stalls. The Global Citizenship Pillar team hosted two online meetups to prepare and engage volunteers prior to the festival, attracted 103 registered volunteers, and coordinated 50 volunteers at the festival

## CANBERRA REGION JOINT ORGANISATION'S NET ZERO WORKING GROUP

A presentation was conducted at the Canberra Region Joint Organisation's Net Zero Working Group on 5 June 2025, delivered by Brian Gleeson, President of the UNAA (ACT), Paula Rose Castronova, Sustainable Development Pillar Lead, and Georgia Cam, Global Citizenship Pillar Lead to an audience of representatives from the CRJO member councils.

This Net Zero Working Group meets every quarter to bring together staff, policy advisors, advocates and industry experts to exchange ideas on how to create sustainable cities and communities across the South East of NSW. Georgia Cam's presentation, Future-Proofing Local Governance, drew on the UN Charter's Preamble and the Pact for the Future to reinforce the UN's commitment to the principle of intergenerational equity. She emphasised the roots of this principle in Indigenous Traditional Knowledge systems to highlight the imperative to return to this wisdom to effectively adopt long-term, sustainable solutions. By conducting local citizen assemblies, genuine community engagement can be fostered to institutionalise long-term decision-making within modern governance.



# Resilience & Empowerment of Refugees

Western Sydney  
University  
255 Elizabeth St  
Sydney  
June 19th  
6pm start  
**Save the date**



## World Refugee Week

Learn from experts empowering refugees.  
Celebrate the resilience and strength of refugees.  
Help build a world where every individual lives in dignity.

Success  
stories

Insights

Networking  
opportunities



# HUMAN RIGHTS PILLAR

## World Refugee Week: Resilience and Empowerment of Refugees Event

On Thursday, 19 June 2025, the Human Rights Pillar hosted the event “World Refugee Week: Resilience & Empowerment of Refugees” at La Trobe University, Sydney. This significant gathering formed part of the broader Refugee Week 2025, held from 16–22 June, which stands as the world’s largest arts and culture festival dedicated to recognizing the contributions, creativity, and resilience of refugees and those seeking sanctuary around the globe.

The event brought together a distinguished panel of speakers from frontline organizations working tirelessly to support refugees as they rebuild their lives with dignity and hope. Panelists represented a diverse range of perspectives, including humanitarian agencies, community organizations, legal advocates, and individuals with lived refugee experience. Discussions explored the systemic challenges refugees encounter—such as access to education, employment, healthcare, and social inclusion—while also highlighting successful community-led initiatives that promote empowerment, leadership, and self-reliance.

In alignment with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the conversation emphasized the interconnectedness of human rights, development, and peacebuilding. Panelists called for greater collaboration between government bodies, civil society, and academic institutions to strengthen policies and practices that uphold refugee rights.

Attendees had the opportunity to network with speakers and representatives from participating organizations, fostering dialogue and shared understanding about pathways to inclusion. The event also showcased cultural performances and storytelling segments that celebrated the strength and diversity of refugee communities, providing a platform for voices often underrepresented in mainstream discourse. Through meaningful discussion and engagement, the event reaffirmed the crucial role of community solidarity in supporting refugees on their journey from displacement to self-sufficiency.



## ONE VOICE, ONE HUMANITY

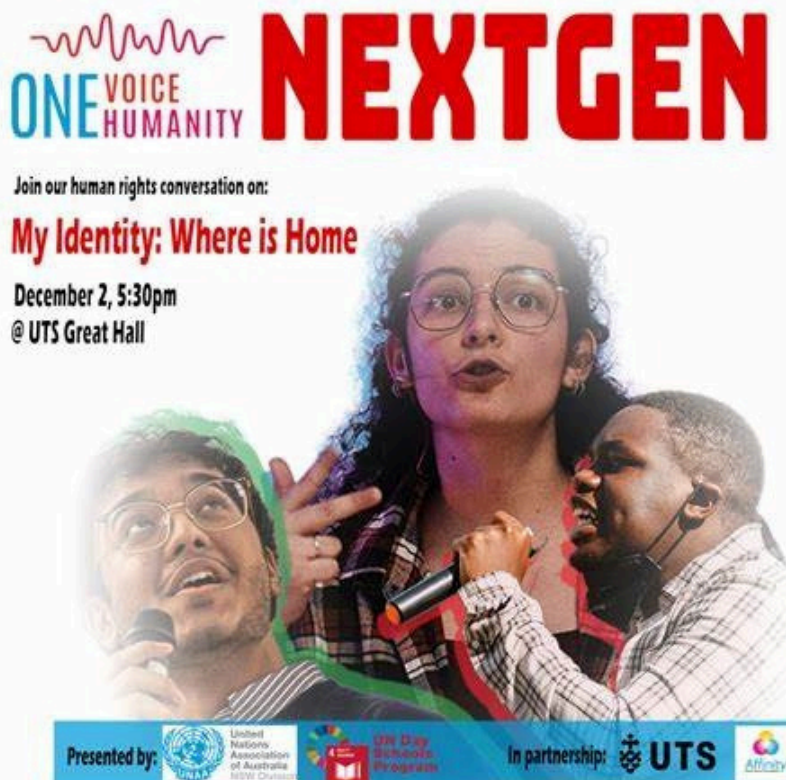
In 2024, the Human Rights Pillar hosted the impactful One Voice, One Humanity: Next Gen event on Monday, 2 December, at the UTS Great Hall in Ultimo, NSW. This event, curated by the UNAA NSW Human Rights Pillar in partnership with the Centre for Social Justice & Inclusion (UTS) and the Affinity Intercultural Foundation, served as a platform to celebrate Human Rights Day and the World Day for Social Justice.

The 2024 theme, “My Identity – Where is Home?”, invited deep reflection on respect, compassion, and understanding of who we are, where we come from, and how our experiences shape our identity. The program aimed to amplify youth voices, fostering thought-provoking discussions and empowering self-expression on critical issues such as belonging, anti-discrimination, universal rights and the far-reaching impacts of climate change, geopolitics and global events on human rights.

The event featured a diverse lineup of speakers and performers, including Joshua Karras, Rayan Alan, Tasnia Ahmad, Angelica Ojinnaka, Ruby Abercromby, Jahin Tanvir, Lauren Perry, DEVAURA, and Sabrina Nasri. These individuals shared their perspectives on human rights themes and expressed hope for a better future.

Additionally, the event provided a platform for global perspectives. Mehmet Saral, Chairman of Advocates for Dignity, shared his concerns about the devastating earthquake that struck Southeastern Turkey on February 6, 2024. He questioned the lack of earthquake safety standards and the absence of guarantees for safe housing, highlighting these issues as fundamental human rights concerns.

The One Voice, One Humanity: Next Gen 2024 event successfully brought together diverse voices to discuss and reflect upon critical human rights issues, fostering a deeper understanding of identity, belonging, and the shared challenges we face globally.







# MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

Marketing and communications have been a cornerstone of our strategy this year, driving greater visibility and engagement with members, partners, and the wider community. Guided by the strategic priority to “Inform, Inspire, and Engage,” we have focused on strengthening our digital presence, modernising our platforms and expanding the reach of our messaging.

A major milestone was the launch of our redeveloped website in March 2025 delivering tangible results. The modernised platform provides a clearer user journey, better showcases our activities and has contributed to a 60% increase in regular traffic. This enhanced visibility is helping us reach new audiences and deepen engagement with existing members.

In parallel, we renewed our approach to social media, focusing on consistent, high-quality content that resonates with our community. This has included the deployment of more video-based content, enabling us to highlight events, initiatives, and voices from across our pillars in engaging and shareable formats. The results have been significant, with growth across all channels - most notably, an increase of more than 1,000 followers on LinkedIn within the year.

The team also welcomed a new Director of Marketing, Kinjal Shah, in June 2025, bringing fresh energy and expertise to help drive our efforts forward. This strengthened leadership has allowed us to align more closely with the broader 2025–2028 Strategy, ensuring that our communications not only raise awareness but also reinforce our positioning as a credible, forward-looking organisation.

Looking ahead, our focus will be on consolidating these gains by embedding more video content as a core part of our communications mix, exploring new platforms to expand our reach, and further improving member communications. These steps will ensure we continue to amplify our impact, inspire action, and build lasting connections across NSW and beyond.



# UN GALA DINNER

On Wednesday, 13 November 2024, UNAA NSW proudly hosted the annual United Nations Day Gala Dinner at the Strangers' Dining Room in NSW Parliament House. This special evening marked the 79th anniversary of the United Nations and brought together an exceptional group of guests to reflect on the 2024 theme: Peace and Security.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the UN Day Honour Award 2024, which recognised individuals and organisations for outstanding contributions to advancing UN values and building a safer, fairer, and more sustainable world. Past recipients of this prestigious award include the Hon. Michael Kirby AC CMG, Reconciliation Australia, Landcare, and WWF Australia.

The Gala also served as an opportunity to raise valuable funds in support of UNAA NSW programs, while acknowledging the essential contributions of our volunteers, partners, and broader community.

Sincere thanks go to 2024–2025 Director of Partnerships, Mateya Slobodnik; Special Events Team Manager, Bruno de Azevedo Casaes; and the many generous individuals and organisations who donated prizes for the fundraising raffle and auction. Your support enables us to continue delivering impactful education, advocacy, and engagement initiatives across New South Wales.

As we look toward the 80th anniversary of the United Nations in 2025, this year's Gala Dinner was a powerful reminder of the strength found in unity and shared purpose. The evening truly embodied the spirit of the United Nations: hope, collaboration, and unwavering commitment to a better future for all.







# PUBLIC OFFICER REPORT

The 2024–2025 year has, as usual, been a busy one for members of the Executive Committee, including your Public Officer.

During the year, I received and circulated reports from the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission and attended an Australian Tax Office webinar. I also completed and submitted UNAA (NSW)'s Annual Information Statement. To ensure we remained up to date, I prepared information sheets to be completed by new members of the Executive Committee so that the ACNC could be promptly informed of any changes to the Committee's composition.

UNAA (NSW) still has some members without email access, with whom I generally keep in touch by telephone and postal mail. In accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act, I mailed information about the 2024 Annual General Meeting to them, along with a copy of the 2024 Annual Report. From time to time, I also prepare and send out a newsletter containing information mainly supplied by email from the United Nations.

Among the events in which I actively participated were the following:

- On 12 October 2024, I gave a talk to the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom on UN Security Council Resolution 1325.
- On United Nations Day, I laid a wreath at the Cenotaph on behalf of the Life Members.
- On 20 November, I assisted at the Annual General Meeting.
- On 26 March 2025, I assisted at the Ocean Lovers Festival.
- On 11 June, I organised the annual Life Members' Luncheon.

I also attended several other events throughout the year, including:

- On 29 September 2024, a talk on climate change by Dr Michael Bone.
- On 26 November, the launch of the NSW Anti-Racism Policy at Parramatta Town Hall.
- A number of informative sessions at the University of Western Sydney during 2024–2025 on climate change, global citizenship, refugees, feminism, and other topics, presented by highly qualified and experienced speakers.
- Various talks and discussions at the University of Sydney, primarily focused on international affairs and climate change, all of which were insightful and informative.

On 6 July, I celebrated NAIDOC Week by attending the major event at the Overseas Passenger Terminal at Circular Quay, which featured Indigenous artwork (some of which I purchased), handicrafts, dancing, and singing. I would like to acknowledge and express my sincere appreciation for the dedication and hard work of my fellow Executive Committee members and our volunteers. They continue to set a fine example of commitment and service.

The year is far from over, and we look forward to carrying out many more similar activities in the months to come.

**Valerie Weekes**





# LIFE MEMBERS LUNCHEON

To thank those who have loyally supported the United Nations and the United Nations Association of Australia (NSW) over a long period. A special luncheon is held each year for Life Members, each of whom has contributed to the present success of UNAA(NSW).

This year, in 2025, another memorable luncheon was held on Wednesday, 11 June, at the Castlereagh Boutique Hotel. The food and service were excellent, the ambience of the restaurant was, as usual, elegant. The conversation was engaging and cheerful and all attendees appeared to have an enjoyable time.

The luncheon was attended by Life Members Paul Malliate, Lindsay Mell, Rev. Geoffrey Usher, and Valerie Weekes, along with President Dr Patricia Jenkins and Vice-President Chris Dwyer.

Unfortunately, five Life Members were unable to attend, mainly due to health reasons or prior engagements. These were Dr Elizabeth Evatt AO, Kel Gleeson, Geoffrey Little, Dr Keith Suter AO, and Franklin Scarf.

The UNAA (NSW) Executive Committee voted to provide the luncheon ex gratia for those attending. This generous gesture, now in its second year in 2025, was greatly appreciated by the Life Members.

**Valerie Weekes**



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**EMERGINGTECH**



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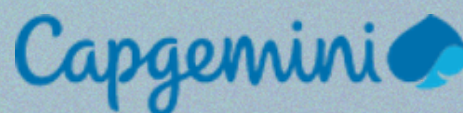
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**Community Bank  
Darling Square**

**Bendigo Bank**

# SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS





# GOVERNANCE

As of June 30, 2025

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Vice-President (Operations)	Chris Dwyer
Treasurer	Shiva Bebarta
Secretary	Bhavini Doshi

Role	Name
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Director of Sustainable Development	Dr Maria Saupin
Director of Marketing	Kinjal Shah
Director of Innovation	Gregory Hunter
Director of Schools Program	Shaista Khan
Director of Public Affairs	Laurie Patton
Director of Partnerships	Tamara Manson
Director of Peace and Security	Maj. Gen. (retd.) Tim Ford AO
Director of Human Rights	Sahera Sumar
Public Officer	Valerie Weekes



# GOVERNANCE

## Advisory Board (2024-2025)

### Name

Emeritus Professor Simon Barrie

Michael Jefferies

Benjamin Lee

Jean Santos

Markus Wagner

Barbara Ward

## Big Thank You:

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

**Nick Coulman:** *Director of Marketing and Communications (resigned March 2025)*

**Mateya Slobodnik:** *Director of Partnerships (resigned February 2025)*

**Paula Rose Castronova:** *Director of Sustainable Development Pillar (resigned May 2025)*

**Tim Ford AO:** *Vice President of Operations (stood down as VP March 2025)*









# FINANCIAL REPORT

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

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**United Nations  
Association  
of Australia**  
NSW Division

United Nations Association of  
Australia (NSW) inc.  
ABN 85 071 992 936



**Income and Expenditure Statement**  
**For the Year Ended 30 June 2025**

	Note	2025	2024
		\$	\$
<b>Income</b>			
Memberships		14,595	11,638
General donations/grants	2	-	5,000
Miscellaneous Events		-	830
Interest received		3,648	2,317
Surplus / (Deficit) from UN Day		11,525	(5,988)
UN Diploma Program		-	6,050
Human Rights		7,314	1,850
Peace & Security		2,000	920
Sponsorship		-	7,500
Misc Receipts		3,201	10,519
		<u>42,283</u>	<u>40,636</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
General administration		12,331	15,184
UN Diploma Program		-	8,680
Executive Manager		-	40,000
Peace & Security		2,411	5,770
Human Rights		1,494	-
Merchandise		2,371	-
Other Events		5,136	-
		<u>23,743</u>	<u>69,634</u>
<b>Current year surplus</b>		<u>18,540</u>	<u>(28,998)</u>
Retained surplus at the beginning of the year		189,498	218,496
Retained surplus at the end of the year		<u>208,038</u>	<u>189,498</u>

**Assets and Liabilities Statement**  
**As At 30 June 2025**

	Note	2025	2024
		\$	\$
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash at bank	3	184,349	184,498
Other assets	4	<u>26,919</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<u>211,268</u>	<u>189,498</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u>211,268</u>	<u>189,498</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Income In Advance	5	<u>3,230</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<u>3,230</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<u>3,230</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>208,038</u>	<u>189,498</u>
<b>Members Funds</b>			
Retained surplus		208,038	189,498
<b>Total Members Funds</b>		<u>208,038</u>	<u>189,498</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



Notes to the Financial Statements  
For the Year Ended 30 June 2025

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**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.

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
<b>Note 2: General Donations/Grants</b>		
Donations	-	5,000
	-	5,000
<b>Note 3: Cash at bank</b>		
Cash at bank	129,707	137,489
Cash on deposit	54,642	52,009
	184,349	189,498



**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the Year Ended 30 June 2025**

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
<b><u>Note 4: Other assets</u></b>		
Prepayments – UN NSW Conference	26,919	-
	<u>26,919</u>	<u>-</u>
<b><u>Note 5: Income in advance</u></b>		
UN NSW Conference	3,230	-
	<u>3,230</u>	<u>-</u>



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**Statement By Treasurer**

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

I, Shiva Bebarta 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 2025.



**SHIVA BEBARTA**  
**Treasurer**

Dated at Sydney this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 2025

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (\$000)	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25
Membership Income	12.5	13.1	13.7	11.6	14.6
Donations/Grants	50.6	22.1	10.0	5.0	-
Surplus/(Deficit)	100.1	39.1	4.1	(29.0)	18.5
Cash Balance	202.5	225.5	223.3	189.5	184.3
Net Assets	175.3	214.4	218.5	189.5	208.0





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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 2025**

**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 2025, 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 2025 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

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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.



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- 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 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*  
**TROOD PRATT AUDIT & ASSURANCE SERVICES PTY LTD**

*A. Spratt*  
**A. J. SPRATT**  
**Director**

Dated at Sydney this *8th* day of *October* 2025





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