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President's Column – Australia's Contribution

There has been a modest changing of the guard at our recent AGM. Zeny Edwards has taken over the role of President of our IGPSG, and is contemplating making it somewhat more independent of the WCAA, and focused a little more on community engagement. Her drive and energy are great assets to our cause. We wish her well!

Secondly, Rada Dey is having to cope with some urgent personal issues at the moment, and has had to step down from her role as Treasurer. We would like to thank her most warmly for all her hard work and the hospitality she has shown us in the past! If anyone is willing to take over the Treasurer's role, please let me know.

And lastly, Luiz Bispo has taken on a very active role in the movement, not only as our Treasurer, but as a staff member of the Executive Committee of the global umbrella organization, the World Federalist Movement WFM-IGP! We are now paying him a small regular retainer for his services, but it doesn't go anywhere near compensating him for the time he puts in. Many thanks, Luiz!

Campaign news

Pacific Islands Community. There has been significant movement on this front. The first of two inquiries on the Pacific by the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade, the *'Inquiry into Australia's defence relationships with Pacific Island nations'*, has produced its final report in April, see via https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Joint/Foreign_Affairs_Defence_and_Trade/PacificIslandnations/Report

Pera Wells and I made a submission to this inquiry, and we have reached out to other people who made related submissions, including Professor John Blaxland, Professor of International Security and Intelligence Studies, Strategic and Defence Studies Centre, Australian National University; Mr Jonathan Pryke, Director, Pacific Islands Program, Lowy Institute; Professor Joanne Wallis, Professor of International Security, University of Adelaide; and Mr Chris Gardiner, Chief Executive Officer, The Institute of Regional Security.

Chris Gardiner has made contact, and is considering whether to organize around table on some of these issues; while Jonathan Pryke has suggested we might submit an article on our proposal to the *Interpreter*, journal of the Lowy Institute. Watch this space.

UNPA campaign - This campaign is led by Andreas Bummel of Democracy without Borders. We are not directly involved with it, but pressure certainly seems to be building for some sort of reform of the UN. Some 50 states and over 200 NGOs have supported the #UNmute initiative, which calls for the creation of a Special Envoy for Civil Society to



support inclusive, meaningful and consistent civil society participation across the UN. This initiative is co-convened by Costa Rica and Denmark together with civil society organisations. The Secretary-General of the U.N., Antonio Guterres, has indicated that he is receptive to such ideas.

Chris Hamer

Global News

How to Unite the World's Democratic Forces

The graphic is a promotional poster for a webinar. At the top left, it features the Alliance of Democracies logo and the hashtag #DEFENDEDEMOCRACY. A diagonal banner reads 'Virtual Series Wednesday, June 9th 2:00 - 3:00 pm CET / 8:00 - 9:00am ET'. The main title is 'How to Unite the World's Democratic Forces' with the subtitle 'How do we make the initiatives for democratic cooperation work in practice?'. It is in partnership with the Coalition for a World Security Community of Democratic Nations. Five speakers are listed with their photos and titles: Anders Fogh Rasmussen (Chairman and Founder, Alliance of Democracies Foundation), Ash Jain (Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council), Didier Jacobs (Vice-President, CWSC), Lord Mark Sedwill (Diplomat and Senior Civil Servant, United Kingdom), and Vivian Salama (National Security Correspondent, WSJ).

Our affiliated Transnational Working Group, the Coalition for a World Security Community of democratic nations (CWSC) has partnered with the Alliance of Democracies to deliver the webinar entitled "How to Unite the World's Democratic Forces". The event happened on the 9th June.

This event was jointly sponsored by ourselves and the Alliance of Democracies Foundation in Copenhagen. Didier Jacobs represented us on the speaker's panel. Alongside him on the panel were: Anders Fogh Rasmussen, Chairman of the Foundation, and former Prime Minister of Denmark and former NATO Secretary-General Sir Mark Sedwill, former National Security Adviser (UK) and former Cabinet Secretary (UK) Ash Jain, Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council.

The webinar went very well, with a very friendly and collegial atmosphere! Everybody seemed to agree on most points. Didier did a great job at representing us in a realistic



fashion, and he was well accepted as a member of the group. This will do great things to raise the public profile of our Coalition!

We had close to 200 registrations for the event and close to 80 joined the webinar session. This has been our first public presentation since the Paris Peace Forum in 2018, and it was an important opportunity to get our message out there, and make new contacts. We need to consider how to follow up on the event.

If you missed the webinar, you can still watch it via the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WTY8eAAM7lo>

"The world needs to not only a global policeman to restore international law and order, but also a global fireman to extinguish all the fires that have broken out because of the lack of American leadership in recent years." - **Anders Fogh Rasmussen**

"The key thing about democracies is that we are self correcting - we listen and we improve. Autocracies do not." - **Lord Mark Sedwill**

"We envisage a global community of democratic nations, led by the D10/D15 and with NATO and OECD as executive arms." - **Didier Jacobs**

"What binds together these forces is that we need a better strategy to deal with the challenges from China and Russia" - **Ash Jain**

Summit for Democracy

President Biden has announced that his Summit for Democracy will take place on December 10-11th this year. He previously foreshadowed the event as follows: "The US will organize and host a global Summit for Democracy to renew the spirit and shared purpose of the nations of the free world. It will bring together the world's democracies to strengthen our democratic institutions, honestly confront nations that are backsliding, and forge a common agenda." It seems to us that the Summit will offer a golden opportunity to promote our campaign for a World Security Community of democratic nations.

International Campaign against Nuclear Weapons (ICAN)

The ICAN campaign in support of the UN *Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons* (TPNW) is continuing to make excellent progress. Over two-thirds of the UN members support the Treaty in one way or another. The Treaty has now come into force, with 55 states having ratified the Treaty at last count, and 88 having signed it. Australia, as an ally of the United States, does not support the Treaty.



World Federalist Movement WFM-IGP

The global umbrella organization is facing a funding crisis. Nearly all its funding has been lost during the COVID-19 crisis, and it has had to lay off all its paid staff except the Executive Director, Sandra Coyle. Even her position is uncertain. We will know more after the Congress meeting on 30-31 October. Our Secretary, Luiz Bispo, has volunteered to help out in the meantime, at least.

WCAA Annual General Meeting



An online General Meeting of the WCAA/IGPSG/CWSC was held via Zoom at 8pm, 9th September 2021, courtesy of the efforts of our Secretary, Luiz Bispo. We again had a record participation rate of ten members. Items discussed appear elsewhere in this Bulletin.

Presidents Report– *Chris Hamer*

See my column above and items elsewhere in the Bulletin.



Bangladesh Aid Project – Chris Hamer for *Wali Islam*

Progress here has been largely stalled by COVID-19, although a considerable sum has been channeled through our Aid Project fund towards the relief of flood victims in Bangladesh – see accounts.

Community Library

Wali is still working on sending approximately 20,000 books to in a container to establish a community library and resource centre in Dhaka.

Vocational Education Centre

This is a big new project for the future, which we have promised to assist where possible.

Treasurer’s Report – Chris Hamer for *Radhiga Dey*

For accounts, see the end of this Bulletin.

Secretary’s Report- *Luiz Bispo*



Sam Klintworth, Director of Amnesty Australia, is now an official member of the World Citizens Association Australia;

The global umbrella organisation, the World Federalist Movement/Institute for Global Policy (WFM/IGP) is facing financial challenges. A new program named “Spartans - One of Only 300” was established in order to raise funds for the entity - <https://www.wfm-igp.org/donate/>

In addition, the “2021-23 WFM/IGP Strategic Plan” is available on their website (<https://www.wfm-igp.org/2021-23-strategic-plan/>)

VR Democracy

Guy Kennedy and Dion Simpson have recently joined our ranks, co-creators of the VR Democracy platform, a virtual reality system for meetings, lectures, etc, which they suggest might be useful for our association.

VR Democracy offers a next-generation, immersive, scalable, and collaborative platform for civic education and democratic outreach. By enabling advocacy groups to host live events and democracy meet-ups, including teacher-led classes, collaborative policymaking, panel discussions and debates, VR Democracy empowers organisations and individuals to connect, share, and learn, with the goal of building a world community of democracies.



The advantages of VR Democracy are its low cost, speed, accessibility, connection, empathy building, and solutions focus. We bring democracy advocates together in immersive spaces which simulate in-person meetings, resulting in closer connection, increased trust, and the ability to form meaningful, solutions-based partnerships on a global level.

Election of Officers

No other nominations having been received, the following officers were unanimously elected at the meeting:

President and Acting Treasurer Chris Hamer
Vice President (Community Engagement) Zeny Edwards
Vice President (Aid Project) Wali Islam
Director of Education Daryl Le Cornu
Secretary Luiz Bispo

Institute for Global Peace and Sustainable Governance

Chairman's Report – *Chris Hamer*

See above

Treasurer's Report, including IGPSG Trust – *C. Hamer for Wali Islam*

See accounts at end.

Director of Education Report – *Daryl Le Cornu*



Nuclear Education

I have been working on ways to support teachers and students doing 'The Nuclear Age' and 'World Order' options as their last topic in Year 12 for Modern History and Legal Studies. Both have substantial content on the nuclear threat, past and present, and measures to deal with it. This ties in with my education role in ICAN as well. I am currently exploring two options and hope to make progress on both before the end of the year:

1. **Website** – creating a website for 'The Nuclear Age' as a 'one-stop-shop' for anyone teaching or studying this topic. This would provide links to all the useful websites and organisations around the world. It would also have created materials explaining the



key features and issues of the nuclear age in easy-to-read fact sheets. Recorded lectures located on a YouTube channel, and linked to on the website, would also be a feature of this website. Everything would be tailored to the NSW Modern History syllabus. However, the website would be available to anyone in the world to use.

2. **Educators for Nuclear Disarmament (END)** – I am seeking out other people in the education field (both secondary and tertiary) who teach nuclear-related topics to join in a loose group to collaborate with the aim of achieving best practice in what we do, but also to support ICAN and the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. Such a group could also share ideas on how to get education about all things nuclear into school classrooms and universities around the world. Firstly, this group would seek to identify where this is already happening. I envisage that both would be linked to from our IGPSG website.

Future Focused History

This idea of future focused history, inspired by the recent book by US-based Mike Maxwell, could be a unifying theme for lectures that we might have on our website. The whole idea is that we are selective in the history that we look at. We concentrate on history that is having a significant impact now, as well history that give us the ideas and wisdom to pursue the best path in the future. Since the IGPSG's aim is for a future characterised by 'global peace' and 'sustainable governance,' understanding the history that relates to these aims is essential. To get this underway, and to provide something that may be useful to teachers, I potentially see myself contributing by recording lectures on the following:

- (1) History of Human Rights,
- (2) The Nuclear Age and How to End It,
- (3) Future Focused History – Re-engineering the Modern History Syllabus,
- (4) The Liberal International order and Why It Matters

Hopefully, we could also get others to do lectures using their area of expertise.

Vice-President Community Engagement Report– *Zeny Edwards*



I have been successful in securing a donation of \$5,000 to IGPSG to sponsor a forum to be organised by the Australian Council for Human Rights Education: "Empower Me: Stopping Sexual Harassment before it Starts" to be held in 2022 at "The Women's College". The forum, postponed because of the COVID-19 lockdown, will be face-to-face and will be led by a group of distinguished panellists who are experts in the field of sexuality education.

I will continue to add content to the IGPSG website. I have included Amnesty International and Scholars at Risk (SAR) as part of "Advocacy Support" on



the IGPSG website. Amnesty International is an independent global movement that campaigns courageously for human rights for everyone. Scholars at Risk (SAR) is a U.S.-based international network of academic institutions organized to support and defend the principles of academic freedom and to defend the human rights of scholars around the world. Network membership includes over 530 higher education institutions in 42 countries.

I have recommended Dr James Page and Dr Kate Sinclair (Founder and Director of Global Citizens Leaders Network) to be members of the Advisory Committee of IGPSG.

I have applied to be an Alternate Delegate to the WFM/IGP Advisory Council (AC) – it is under consideration. I have also applied to become a supporter of the C4UN Steering Committee.

UN Observance Days were marked: including Human Rights Day, 10 December by distributing roses, World Refugee Day with a webinar and the International Day of Forests with a planting day at South St Mary's Public School. International Day of Peace was marked with a lighting of the candle by households from 6-8 pm on 21 September.

I was invited to participate in the Interfaith Peace Service for world peace on the International Day of Peace. The service was held online via zoom on Tuesday 21 September at 2 PM. Religious leaders from Aboriginal, Bahai, Brahmakumaris, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Islamic, Jain, Jewish, Mandaeen, Sikh, Sufi and Zoroastrian communities offered prayers for peace. There was an opportunity to light a candle for world peace during the service.

I have been invited to do a presentation on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights for the Economics and Business Educators NSW - Friday 23 July 2021 - annual conference held at the Chau Chak Wing, University of Technology Sydney, Broadway - postponed until further notice due to COVID-19 lockdown. I have also been invited to participate in the third annual National Social Cohesion and Inclusion Conference to be held on 12 October 2021. These conferences aim to explore the approaches, methods and experiences that can guide Australia to foster greater social cohesion and inclusion into the future. Last year, I was invited to be a member of the Social Inclusion Board of the National Cohesion Committee of Baha'i International. I have also been invited to a small group discussion on "A Governance befitting" held via Zoom from Baha'i International HQ at the UN New York HQ.

I have participated in a number of webinars organised by the Australia-Korea Business Council focusing on education and governance; the most recent are:

a. Australia-Korea Higher Education Forum: Towards stronger education and research links". It forms part of a series of events marking the 60th anniversary of Australia-Korea diplomatic relations.



b. September 8: Korea Konversations is a new initiative in 2021, which celebrates the 60 years of diplomatic relations between Australia and Korea by inviting a mix of Australian and Korean high profile senior executives who have contributed greatly to the relationship or represent sectors of importance to the future of the Australia-Korea relationship, to speak to our members.

I am also a regular participant in the Lowy Institute Webinars on current issues affecting global security.

Model Global Parliament program

Mona Ayoub and her partners put a great deal of work into trying to recruit MPs from schools in Sydney for a new Model Global Parliament in the first half of this year, but were not successful in recruiting a quorum. We will try again through our university contacts next year, once we are through the COVID-19 crisis. Michael de Mol volunteered to support the next Model Global Parliament next year, with the topic on sustainability.

Election of Officers

No other nominations being received, the following re-arranged committee was declared elected to the official positions.

President	Zeny Edwards
Vice-President	Daryl Le Cornu
Secretary	Luiz Bispo
Treasurer	Chris Hamer



Coalition for a World Security Community

We have recently organized a joint #DefendDemocracy webinar with the Alliance of Democracies Foundation on 9 June under the title “*How to Unite the World’s Democratic Forces*”. It featured Anders Fogh Rasmussen on his ideas for a global Alliance of Democracies, Ash Jain on his campaign for a ‘D10’ leaders meeting, and Didier Jacobs on our ideas for a global Security Community of democratic nations. The proceedings of this webinar can be found at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WTY8eAAM7lo&t=66s>

Our John Davenport recently took part in a “meeting of experts” organized by Ash Jain and the Atlantic Council following the recent G7 meeting, partly to discuss the possibility of expanding the G7 to a D10.

We are currently working on an ambitious proposal for an online Symposium in October on the theme “*Summit for Democracy: The Way Forward*”.

The meeting closed at 9:35 pm 09/09/2021.



Financial Reports

WCAA Account

Statement of Income and expenditure for financial year ending 30 June 2021

	2019-2020	2020-2021
Funds carried from previous year	35414.07	33,476.87
Income		
Membership fees and donations	90.00	3,340.12
Capital gains +distributions	1426.23	10,158.29
Sundries	55.22	
Luiz support donations	200.00	
Total	1771.45	13,498.41
Expenditure		
Luiz support	0	2400.00
Bangladesh library project		3500.00
Donations to Aid Project	3000.00	
Postal expenses	359.65	163.7
Transfer to aid fund		
PO Box	349.00	325.00
Total	3708.65	6,388.7
Surplus(Deficit) for the year	[1937.20]	7,109.71

Balance Sheet for the year ended 30 June 2021

	2019-2020	2020-2021
Assets		
Cash at Bank	4943.92	1895.34
Perpetual Wholesale Fund	28,521.72	38680.01
PayPal	11.23	0
Total	33,476.87	40,575.35
Liabilities		
	0.00	0
Net Assets	33,476.87	40,575.35
Funds carried forward	33,476.87	40,575.35



WCAA Aid Project Account
Statement of Income and expenditure for financial year ending 30 June 2021

	2019-2020	2020-2021
Funds carried from previous year	4003.83	24650.00
Income		
Donations	32,150.00	11,750
Total	32,150.00	11,750
Expenditure		
Library project		2,500
Aid project support	11,500.00	7000
Miscellaneous	3.83	
Total	11503.83	9500
Surplus(Deficit) for the year	20,646.17	2250

Balance Sheet for the year ended 30 June 2021

	2019-2020	2020-2021
Assets		
Cash at Bank	24,650.00	26900.00
Total	24,650.00	26900.00
Liabilities		
Net Assets	24,650.00	26900.00
Funds carried forward	24,650.00	26900.00



Institute for Global Peace and Sustainable Governance
 ABN 38 983 577 029
 Statement of Income and Expenditure
 For the Year Ended 30 June 2021

	2020	2021
INCOME		
Interest	13.23	3.28
Donations	0	9956.00
Dividends	1231.89	1484.59
Capital appreciation	[4625.38]	12,396.28
Franking credit refunds	556.00	0
TOTAL INCOME	[2824.26]	23,840.15
EXPENDITURE		
Expenses for Bummel visit	8866.02	0
Bangladesh library project	0	14700.00
Empower the Forum event		613.88
IGPSG TRUST		4000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	8866.02	19313.88
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	[11690.55]	4,526.27
Accumulated Funds at the Start of the Year	83276.74	73130.57
ACCUMULATED FUNDS AT THE END OF THE YEAR	73130.57	77356.48

Balance Sheet
 For the Year Ended 30 June 2021

	2020	2021
ASSETS		
Cash at bank	11451.51	18,538.08
Hybrid bank shares	29210.00	13686.00
Perpetual Wholesale Australian Share Fund	32469.06	45132.40
TOTAL ASSETS	73130.57	77,356.48
LIABILITIES		
TOTAL LIABILITIES		
NET ASSETS	73130.57	77,356.48
ACCUMULATED FUNDS	73130.57	77,356.48



IGPSG TRUST
 ABN 44 925 314 650
 Statement of Income and Expenditure
 For the Financial Year Ended 30 June 2021

	2020	2021
INCOME		
Donations	0.00	0.00
Restoration of fraudulent withdrawal	0.00	999.00
Interest	2.37	0.04
TOTAL INCOME	2.37	0.04
EXPENDITURE		
Fraudulent withdrawal	999.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	999.00	0.00
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	[995.08]	0.19
Accumulated Funds at the Start of the Year	2541.46	1546.38
ACCUMULATED FUNDS AT THE END OF THE YEAR	1546.38	2,545.73

Balance Sheet
 For the Financial Year Ended 30 June 2021

	2020	2021
ASSETS		
Cash at bank	1546.38	2,545.73
TOTAL ASSETS	1546.38	2,545.73
LIABILITIES	0.00	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	0.00	
NET ASSETS	1546.38	2,545.73
ACCUMULATED FUNDS	1546.38	2,545.73



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Surname: _____

First Name: _____

Occupation: _____

Postal Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Subscription Rates: Full \$40

Juniors, seniors, unwaged \$10

Funds transferred:

Subscription _____

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Total _____

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Online via <http://www.wcaa.org.au>, hit the 'Member Login' button at the top of the page, and then either the 'Join Us' or the 'Donate' button (no password necessary).

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BSB: 633000, account: 122927916

