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## President's Column – Focus on the Pacific

We recently made a new submission to the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF), arguing that the prevention of conflict is a basic responsibility of government, and if we want to prevent conflict in our own Pacific region, we need to work on upgrading the present PIF into a stronger regional system of government, following the example set by Europe.

Hence we argued once again for an upgrade of the Pacific Islands Forum to a Pacific Islands Community. This would amount to a smaller Pacific Islands version of our proposed World Security Community! We recently made a similar submission as a "Regional Initiative" directly to the PIF via the Secretariat for consideration at the Leaders Meeting at the end of August.

In the event, the Leaders Meeting was something of a fiasco. China appears to have influenced five of the Leaders not to attend the meeting, in protest against a Taiwan representative being present, so that no agreed final communique was approved which might have condemned the recent Chinese missile firing into the ocean near Tuvalu. One of the missing leaders was Matthew Wale of the Solomon Islands, who had advocated a Pacific "security community" sounding rather similar to ours! We will try to learn more details of this proposal in coming months.

Luiz Bispo has continued his series of webinars, the latest one entitled "World Citizens Protecting Nature" which occurred on October 22nd, and featuring Bob Brown (Former Senator) on his latest book, Defiance, Peter Luff on the Coalition for the International Environment Court, and Guguni Wycliffe on environmental challenges in Kenya.

The IGPSG committee has continued to organize the Model Global Parliament program this year, both at school level and at the UNSW Parliament. The Parliamentary event will take place on November 9th.

Finally, our associated transnational working group, the Coalition for a World Security Community has adopted a new target. The idea of an alliance of middle powers has recently been floated by Prime Minister Mark Carney of Canada. Another very similar starting point could be the 'D7' proposal. Anders Fogh Rasmussen, Founder and Chairman of the Alliance of Democracies Foundation has recently issued a report "An Alliance of Middle-Power Democracies led by a D7", See https://allianceofdemocracies.org/initiatives/d7-report. We are hoping to join in support of this new D7 campaign. See later in the Bulletin for more on this.

I should add that during our recent AGM, Luiz became our new President, Nil took over as Secretary, and I rotated back to Treasurer, so this is my last Presidents Column. Welcome, Luiz!

*Chris Hamer*

## Intercultural Citizenship Ambassador Program (ICAP)

There has been progress on the **Intercultural Citizenship Ambassador Program (ICAP)**, developed by the Cultural Infusion Foundation and supported by Peter Mousaferiadis, Patron of WCAA's Model Global Parliament program.

ICAP is a flexible four- or eight-week program designed for Years 6–9. It aims to develop intercultural understanding, empathy and student leadership. The final week of the program involves a **Model World Parliament**.

The program is currently operating in approximately 20 Victorian schools and is fully government-funded for Victorian government schools.

ICAP's coordinator, Toby Mills, has been introduced to members of WCAA's sister organisation, the IGPSG, with the aim of exploring whether a similar program could be established within the New South Wales school system.

## Article published at *The Strategist*

ASPI AUSTRALIAN STRATEGIC POLICY INSTITUTE THE STRATEGIST

# To deter China, we need a global alliance of democracies

25 Sep 2026 | Chris Hamer

Chris Hamer recently published an article at The Strategist from the Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI) - one of the most authoritative and widely quoted contributors to

public discussion of strategic policy issues in Australia and a recognised and authoritative Australian voice in international discussion of strategic issues, especially in the Indo-Pacific.
Access the article via https://www.aspistrategist.org.au/to-deter-china-we-need-a-global-alliance-of-democracies/

## World Citizens Webinar Series

Our recent webinar which took place on the 22nd of October 2026 at 8:00 PM (AEDT), titled “World Citizens Protecting Nature” was a great success with around 30 participants. The webinar was hosted by Luiz Bispo. It gathered three speakers: Peter Luff (UK), Bob Brown (Australial) and Guguni Wycliffe (Kenya).

Nature knows no borders. It was an engaging webinar exploring how global citizenship and international cooperation can help protect our shared planet. The recording of the event will be accessible via https://www.wcaa.org.au/events



## Coalition for a World Security Community

The deteriorating geopolitical environment continues to reinforce the need for greater cooperation among democratic nations.

WCAA has continued to advocate for the creation of a **Coalition for a World Security Community (CWSC)**. A potential starting point discussed was the emerging "Coalition of the Willing" supporting Ukraine.

WCAA has written to a number of political leaders involved in the Coalition advocating for the broader concept, although there has so far been limited response.

There has been recent discussion surrounding an alliance of middle-power democracies, including a proposal associated with Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney.

### D7 Proposal

Anders Fogh Rasmussen and the *Alliance of Democracies Foundation* are proposing the creation of a group referred to as the **D7**.

The proposed grouping would consist of:

- The European Union
- United Kingdom
- Canada
- Australia
- New Zealand
- Japan
- South Korea

The proposal would focus on cooperation among middle-power democracies in areas including security, support for Ukraine, European defence, free trade, critical-mineral supply chains and technology regulation. The United States would not initially be included, although membership could potentially be expanded.

The proposal is similar in concept to the Coalition of the Willing.

WCAA has offered to shift some of its future advocacy focus towards supporting the D7 campaign in collaboration with the Alliance of Democracies Foundation.

## Officers elected for the year 2026/2027

The officers and Board members elected at the AGM for 2026/2027 are:

| Position | Name | Status |
|---|---|---|
| President | Luiz Bispo | Confirmed |
| Vice-President | Wali Islam | Confirmed |
| Treasurer | Chris Hamer | Confirmed |
| Secretary | Nil Aktan | Confirmed |
| Director of Education | Daryl Le Cornu | Confirmed |
| Board Member | Sed Crest | Pending |
| Board Member | Peter Furness | Pending |

## Treasurers Report 2026/27

The Treasurer's report was approved at the AGM. In the opinion of the executive council of the Association:

1. The statement of Income and expenditure for the Association gives a true and fair view of the balance of income and expenditure of the Association for the financial year.
2. The Balance Sheet of the Association gives a true and fair view of the affairs of the Association as at the end of the financial year; and
3. At the date of this report, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association can meet its debts when they fall due.

Dated in Sydney this ……30th……..day of …September……..2026.



President ……ChrisHamer

Treasurer……Nil Aktan

**WCAA Account**

Statement of Income and expenditure for financial year ending 30 June 2026

| | **2024-25** | **2025-26** |
|---|---|---|
| | | |
| Funds carried from previous year | **46815.99** | **46,752.89** |
| **Income** | | |
| Membership fees and donations | 210.00 | 5548.00 |
| Capital gains +distributions | 4,891.17 | 4414.46 |
| Luiz support donations | 10350.00 | 12000 |
| **Total** | **15,451.17** | **21962.46** |
| | | |
| **Expenditure** | | |
| Luiz support | 10,350.00 | 12000 |
| Donation to WFM-IGP | 5000.00 | 10000 |
| Paypal | 164.27 | 274.36 |
| fine | | 368.00 |
| Tax payment | | 715.00 |
| **Total** | **15514.27** | **23357.36** |
| | | |
| **Surplus(Deficit) for the year** | **[63.10]** | **[1394.90]** |

Balance Sheet for the year ended 30 June 2026

| | **2024-25** | **2025-26** |
|---|---|---|
| **Assets** | | |
| Cash at Bank | 2710.17 | 1902.81 |
| Perpetual Wholesale Fund | 44,042.72 | 43370.16 |
| Total | **46,752.89** | **45272.97** |
| **Liabilities** | | |
| | | |
| **Net Assets** | **46,752.89** | **45272.97** |
| **Funds carried forward** | **46,752.89** | **45,272.97** |

## REGISTRATION FORM

I would like to join/renew my membership in the World Citizens Association (Australia)

Surname: _____

First Name: _____

Occupation: _____

Postal Address: _____

_____

Email Address: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Subscription Rates: | Full | $40 |
| | Juniors, seniors, unwaged | $10 |

Funds transferred:

**Subscription** _ _ _ _ _ _

**Donation to World Citizens Aid Project** _ _ _ _ _ _

**Total** _____

Please complete this form and send together with your cheque made out to 'World Citizens Association (Australia)' to:
Chris Hamer,Treasurer, World Citizens Association (Australia),
PO Box 6318 UNSW
Sydney NSW 1466
c.hamer@unsw.edu.au

***Alternative*** **methods of payment: (please still send in the form)**
**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).
**Or use** direct electronic funds transfer to
BSB: 633000, account: 122927916

Enquiries: treasurerwcaa@gmail.com




World Citizens Association of Australia acknowledges Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First Nations of this continent and recognises their custodianship and continuing connection to its land, waters and community.

We pay our respects to the Elders past and present and future, for they hold the memories, traditions, culture and hopes of Indigenous peoples across the nation.