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## President's Column

I was very encouraged recently to read the results of an opinion survey of 50,000 people in 17 countries (including Australia), which found that about two-thirds of people generally were in favour of democratic global government in order to deal with pressing global issues like climate change! So it seems that rather than being a fringe band of nutters, we are chasing an ideal which is endorsed by most sensible people on the planet! See the brief summary

below.

Less encouraging were the results of the **Summit of the Future** held in New York recently – see the next report. To get anything substantial agreed at the United Nations, you need a consensus of at least the P5 permanent members, which is virtually impossible to achieve. Hence my belief that we need to start by uniting the democracies, rather than reforming the UN.

Another encouraging development has been the renewed success of our **Model Global Parliament** program, driven by Zeny Edwards, Mai Ni Pham and their team at our associate organization, the IGPSG. Already the second Schools MGP has taken place at Unity Grammar on July 1<sup>st</sup>, and we are gearing up for the next NSW Parliament MGP on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

At our AGM last month, our new Treasurer, Nadia Toumi, stepped up to the plate with her first set of financial statements. She also proposed setting up a membership committee, to revitalize our somewhat sagging list of members. At the same time, Zeny Edwards opted to give up her position as Vice-President (Community Services), since it merely duplicates her role at the IGPSG. I would like to thank and congratulate Zeny for all her hard work and enthusiasm, which has given new life to our organizations.

*Chris Hamer*

## Survey on Attitudes to Democratic World Government

This important international survey of 42,000 people in 17 countries around the world found that in general around two-thirds of the people surveyed supported the idea of a democratic world government to deal with pressing global issues like climate change! It should be noted that one of the authors, Dr. Farsan Ghassim at Oxford, was a founding member of our Coalition for a World Security Community of democratic nations in 2018!



You can read an article on the survey at the website of the Australian Institute of International Affairs here:

<https://www.internationalaffairs.org.au/australianoutlook/citizens-worldwide-including-australia-support-a-democratic-world-government-focused-on-global-issues/>

### Summit of the Future

On September 22-23rd 2024, the United Nations convened a **'Summit for the Future'**, aiming to adopt a **'Pact for the Future'** setting out ambitions for development of **'Multilateral Solutions for a Better Tomorrow'** out to 2030. It was implicitly recognizing that the present UN is not 'fit for purpose', and needs reform.

The Pact went through five revisions during the Summit. In the event, most opinions seemed to be that the final version was 'vague', 'underwhelming', and included 'no timeframe' for its implementation. The best that can be said for it was that it might form a starting point for future action.

Much more interesting from our point of view was the civil society submission from the ImPACT Coalition on Earth Governance, including ideas for

- A UN Parliamentary Assembly
- A permanent Global Citizens; Assembly
- A World Citizens' Initiative
- A UN Civil Society Envoy

You can find a video discussion of the Summit hosted by the WFM-IGP, concentrating particularly on the problem of nuclear weapons, here:

<https://www.facebook.com/100070230307308/videos/1061389025685596>

### ATLAS Movement

In November 2023, we were contacted by a team from Argentina, who were coming to Australia to try and recruit members for a new **global political party, the Atlas movement** – for more details, see below links to:

- \* Their website <<http://www.atlasmovement.org>>
- \* The announcement <<https://www.atlasmovement.org/announcement>> of their decision to become a global political party
- \* Their political philosophy in short: <<https://www.atlasmovement.org/vision>> and longer format <http://philosophyofunity.com>.

Lyndon Storey and I hosted their two leaders Colombe Cahen-Salvador and Andrea Venzon on a trip out on Sydney Harbour, and Lyndon volunteered to lead the Australian branch of Atlas.

Recently, it has been announced that Colombe Cahen-Salvador is putting herself forward as a candidate for the next **Secretary-General of the UN!** They don't lack for chutzpah! We shall follow their future progress with great interest.



## **A Possible Referendum to End the Ukraine crisis?**

This conflict still drags on, after more than three years now. Our proposal of a referendum in the disputed territories to end the war has not yet gained any hearing, but we are hoping for some discussion of peace proposals at the upcoming BRICS Summit. Pratul Malthumkar is working on this through his contacts in India.

## **Model Global Parliament**

### **Schools Model Global Parliament, 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024**

The organization of this important event has been initiated by Zeny Edwards, Mai Ni Pham and the IGPSG, as reported previously. This was the second Schools MGP, attended by teams from several different high schools in Western Sydney. It was a big success again – Zeny may be able to give us some more details.

### **Model Global Parliament, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

Our next MGP at the NSW Parliament House is now scheduled for 11<sup>th</sup> November, and student MPs are being recruited as we speak. Zeny will keep us updated on this event. We congratulate her on organizing these important events on our behalf.

## **Coalition for a World Security Community – Chris Hamer**

### **Copenhagen Democracy Summit, May 14-15<sup>th</sup> 2024.**

The seventh Copenhagen Democracy Summit took place on May 14-15th at the Royal Danish Playhouse. I attended the Summit, and prepared a report, which I think I circulated previously. It was an extremely impressive event, with Ursula Von der Leyen attending in person for instance, and if you would like to view the proceedings you can find them at the Alliance of Democracies Foundation website. Video link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XeQAPsvZENw>

### **'D10' Campaign**

The big news recently is that the US National Security Advisor, Jake Sullivan, has declared that he wants to create a new 'supply chain' of democratic powers, including the G7 nations plus South Korea and Australia - in other words a 'supply chain' D10 grouping! He is quoted as saying "The technology competition between the US and China remains probably the place of greatest sustained and strategic friction. The single biggest thing the US and Australia can do, from a strategic perspective, is really to create effective, diverse, resilient supply chains when it comes to critical minerals that have huge implications for clean energy but also for our defence industrial base. We need concerted, co-ordinated policies to ensure that China cannot simply dump and drive alternatives out of business". For the full news article, see via the following link: <https://www.smh.com.au/world/north-america/australia-s-critical-supply-chains-rely-on-china-this-man-i-met-at-the-white-house-has-a-plan-b-20240906-p5k8gr.html>



This is exciting news for us! It's not quite what we have been pushing for, a global alliance of democracies, but it could be a long step in that direction. We must do what we can to get behind this initiative, and push! What can we do to advocate for creation of a new D10 institution, ideally a community?

### Next G7 Summit, Canada 2025

We have been pushing for discussion of the D10 idea at recent G7 Summit meetings, with no success so far. There was no sign that any such proposal appeared on the agenda at the most recent Summit in Italy. There was much discussion of aid for Ukraine, but Australia and South Korea were not even present at the Summit. Instead, Italy invited a number of countries from the Global South to attend the Summit, to discuss increasing aid for them to help prevent the hordes of refugees attempting to reach Europe.

The 2025 Summit will be chaired by Canada, which is itself an Indo-Pacific power, and should be much more receptive to our ideas. We must renew our campaign in their direction in coming months!

### Annual General Meeting, 28<sup>th</sup> September, via Zoom

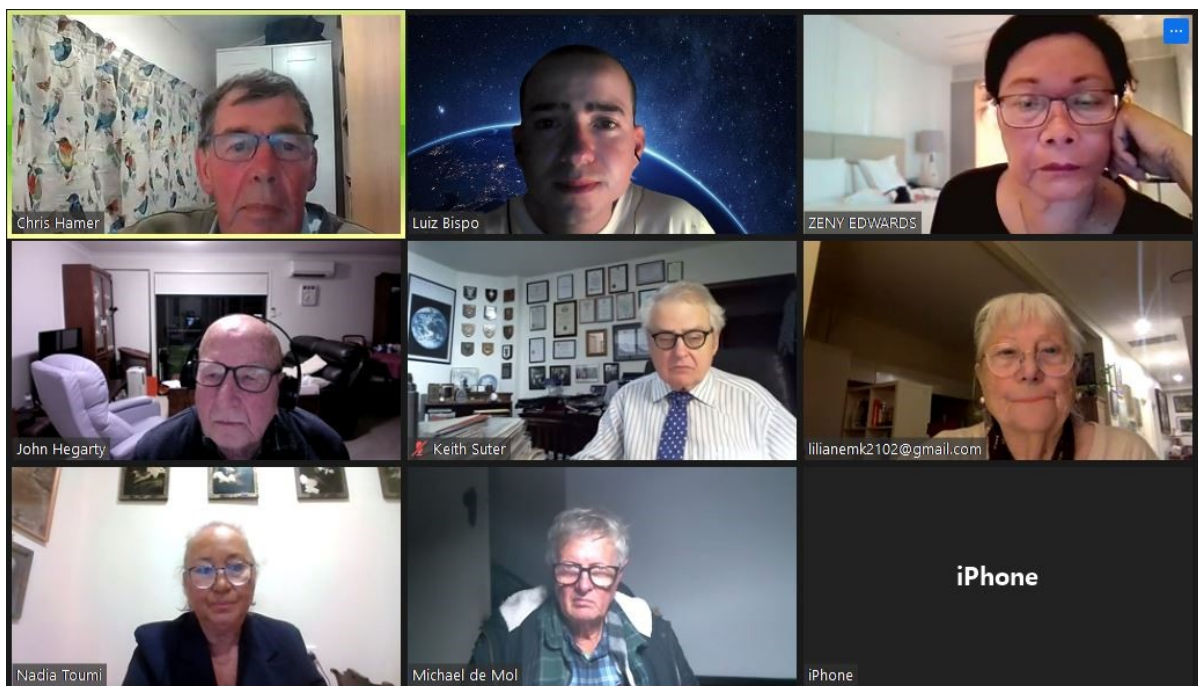


Figure 1: WCAA Members and officers attending the 2024 Annual General Meeting – Chris Hamer, Luiz Bispo, Zeny Edwards, John Hegarty, Keith Suter, Liliame Metz-Krencker, Nadia Toumi, Michael de Mol, and Wali Islam.

Present: 1. Chris Hamer, 2. Zeny Edwards, 3. Keith Suter, 4. Luiz Bispo, 5. John Hegarty, 6. Nadia Toumi, 7. Liliame Metz Krencker, 8. Michael de Mol, 9. Wali Islam  
Apologies: Bob Brown, Peter Davidse, James Page



## **Community Engagement Report**– *Dr Zeny Edwards OAM*

The year has been observed by WCAA in activities fostering community engagement in close multilateral cooperation with the programs of the Institute for Global Peace and Sustainable Governance (IGPSG) where they align and endorse the activities of other affiliated organisations promoting world citizenship.

I am pleased to submit this annual report.

- Regular postings in LinkedIn on global issues and UN observances.
- Participation in UN Observances events
- Advocacy for women’s rights and the rights of students world-wide through endorsement of Students at Risk (SARS) programs.
- Regular attendance of Lowy Institute conferences on various global issues e.g. AUKUS, Quad, UN and G7, G20 meetings.
- Continued monitoring the role of China in global politics and its influence in Asia and the Pacific
- Closely monitoring Summit of the Future developments and releases
- Continued supporting Climate Council of Australia – The Climate Council is Australia’s leading climate change communications non-profit organisation formed to provide independent, authoritative information on climate change and its solutions to the Australian public. It advocates reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
- Continued to monitor Australia’s relationship with Asian and Pacific countries particularly in relation to peace, economic stability i.e. climate, peace, security and human rights.
  - Continued to seek partnerships and to endorse related advocacies of like-minded organisations e.g. Rotary Sydney, Amnesty International.
- Continued to advocate for the welfare of international students studying in Australia.

## **Bangladesh Aid Program Report** – *Dr Wali Islam*

### **Treatment and rehabilitation of a destitute girl**

Rozina Akter comes from a very poor family of the Jamuna River eroded area of Sonatola, Bogura, Bangladesh. A tragic event put her in deep trouble when she was fetching soil from underneath the riverbank. She broke her back and leg in the event. She used to earn approximately 10-20 cents a day for this hard work. She dedicated her time and effort to earn a bit of money for her poverty-stricken family. Now she became the victim of a major life changing accident.

An appeal has been lodged to support Rozina’s treatment and rehabilitation programs. The treatment and rehabilitation programs are costly. The family would not be able to bear the cost. Failure of effective management of Rozina’s conditions could put her future life into deep challenges and unbearable.



**To support Rozina's treatment and for more information, contact Wali via [islam.wali6@gmail.com](mailto:islam.wali6@gmail.com)**

### **Secretary's Report- Luiz Bispo**

Mr Luiz Bispo is coordinating an online event to be held on the 25<sup>th</sup> October at 20:30 via Zoom, entitled "How to build up a sense of world citizenship in people's heart and mind".

**JOIN THE MEETING**  
How can we build up a sense of world citizenship within peoples' heart and mind?

**DR. JAMES PAGE**  
AUSTRALIAN EDUCATIONIST AND ANTHROPOLOGIST

**JOHN HEGARTY**  
WCAA HONORARY LIFE MEMBER

**MICHAEL DE MOL**  
SOCIO-ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATOR

**NADIA TOUMI**  
WCAA TREASURER

**DR LILIANE METZ-KRENCKER**  
WCAA FOUNDER

**25TH OCTOBER 2024**

**20:30-21:30 (SYDNEY TIME)**

**FREE AND ONLINE (ZOOM)**

**WORLD CITIZENS AUSTRALIA**

For registration and more information, kindly, visit <https://www.wcaa.org.au/events>



## Treasurer's Report - Dr Nadia Toumi

The financial situation of the organization was explained by Nadia as below:

### Statement of Income and expenditure for financial year ending 30 June 2024

#### General Account

	2022-2023	2023-24
Funds carried from previous year	<b>37241.30</b>	<b>43,328.08</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Membership fees and donations	<b>2270.00</b>	<b>228.00 ***</b>
Capital gains +distributions	4,966.78	2709.91
Sundries		
Luiz support donations	5150.00	5500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,386.78</b>	<b>8537.91</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Luiz support	4800.00	5050.00
NDEVR donation	1500.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>6300.00</b>	<b>5050.00</b>
<b>Surplus(Deficit) for the year</b>	<b>6,086.78</b>	<b>3487.91</b>

\*\*\*Membership and donations need to be focussed on and developed to grow further.

### Balance Sheet for the year ended 30 June 2024

	2022-2023	2023-24
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash at Bank	1886.44	2664.44
Perpetual Wholesale Fund	41441.64	44151.55***
<b>Total</b>	<b>43,328.08</b>	<b>46815.99</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>43,328.08</b>	<b>46815.99</b>
<b>Funds carried forward</b>	<b>43,328.08</b>	<b>46815.99</b>

\*\*\* A great savings fund has increased through interest gained during the year and has in turn increased our funds carried forward.





**WCAA Aid Project Account**  
Statement of Income and expenditure for financial year ending 30 June 2024

	<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>2023-24</b>
Funds carried from previous year	<b>12900.00</b>	<b>16760.00</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Donations	4,050.00	5027.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,050.00</b>	<b>5027.00</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Clinic		3000
Ramadan food pack		1000
Rozina treatment		1027.00
Orphanage		3670.00
School event	190.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>190.00</b>	<b>8697.00</b>
<b>Surplus(Deficit) for the year</b>	<b>3,860.00</b>	<b>[3670.00]</b>

Balance Sheet for the year ended 30 June 2024

	<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>2023-24</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash at Bank	16760.00	13090.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>16760.00</b>	<b>13090.00</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>16760.00</b>	<b>13090.00</b>
<b>Funds carried forward</b>	<b>16760.00</b>	<b>13090.00</b>

**\*\*\*Acceptance of the Financial Statements was moved by Dr Wali Islam.  
 John Hegarty seconded approval of the statements.**



## AOB

Dr Nadia Toumi (Treasurer) raised a motion suggestion the creation of a membership committee in order to create a strategy to increase membership and donations to the organization. A tentative working group has been already formed by Nadia Toumi, Chris Hamer, Wali Islam and Luiz Bispo.

Chris Hamer suggested some transferral of funds from WCAA Perpetual Funds to support WFM/IGP. There were no objections and the proposal was approved.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2024-2025

With no other nominations being received, last year's officers agreed to be reappointed for the forthcoming year, with the exception of Zeny Edwards, who resigned to concentrate on her corresponding work on community engagement with the IGPSG.

President: Dr Chris Hamer

Vice-President (Bangladesh Aid Project): Dr Wali Islam

Treasurer: Dr Nadia Toumi

Secretary: Mr Luiz Bispo

Director of Education: Dr Daryl Le Cornu

*The meeting closed at 19:10*

*28/09/2024*



## 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**

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Please complete this form and send together with your cheque made out to 'World Citizens Association (Australia)' to:

Nadia Toumi, Treasurer, World Citizens Association (Australia),  
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Warriewood NSW 2102  
[nadiatoumi56@gmail.com](mailto:nadiatoumi56@gmail.com)

**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

