

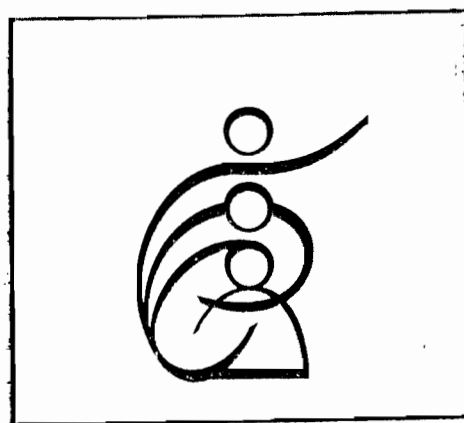
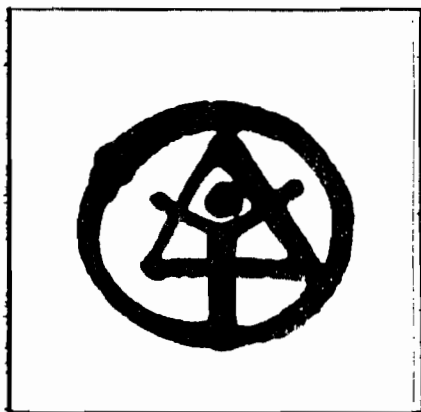


UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION
OF AUSTRALIA

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

ANNUAL REPORT

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INTERNATIONAL YEAR FOR THE
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FORTY - SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INCORPORATED

PATRON: Her Excellency the Honourable Dame Roma Mitchell AC, DBE,
Governor of South Australia

MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 1995 -1996

<u>PRESIDENT</u>	Mrs Heather Southcott
<u>VICE-PRESIDENTS</u>	John Crawford Dr Hugh Bray Dr Malcolm McArthur
<u>PAST PRESIDENT</u>	Ron Hall
<u>HON. SECRETARY</u>	Miss Vonie Fee
<u>HON. TREASURER</u>	Geoff Purdie
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<u>CORPORATE MEMBERS</u>	<u>Australian Federation of University Women</u> Miss Marie Lock <u>Australian Labor Party</u> Kevin Smith <u>UNICEF</u> Mrs Judy Koch <u>Women's International League for Peace and Freedom</u> Ms Annie Steven <u>Women's International Zionist Organisation</u> Ms Marguerite Gottlieb
<u>OTHER CONTACTS</u>	<u>United Nations Youth Association</u> Stephen Close (part year) Ricky Lee (part year) <u>United Nations Student Association</u> Andrew Barber <u>United Nations Status of Women Committee (S.A.Div.)</u> Mrs Alleyne Womersley
<u>VOLUNTEER STAFF</u>	Mabs Tassell Hugh Bray Barbara Godson Molly Hopkins Michael Shepherd Cynthia James Heather Southcott Kath Fuller Vonie Fee Judy Ashton Margaret Forte Harriet Glen

We come to the end of one of our busiest years. There were great demands on our resources in responding to requests for information and in fulfilling speaking engagements. These related both to the International Year of Tolerance and the 50th Anniversary of the U.N.

Speaking engagements included

- * Rotary Clubs
- * Bahai groups
- * Schools
- * Radio
- * Humanists Association
- * Police Club (Federal President)
- * Multicultural forum and a Seminar at Scots Church on IYT and 50th Anniversary.

Events attended included

- * Sri Chin Moy Peace run
- * Sri Chin Moy Art Exhibition
- * many events at the Migration Museum
- * Children's Week and Refugee Week events
- * Flinders University International Students events.

TORRENS BUILDING ACCOMMODATION

The saga continues; we are unlikely to move in before July 1997

UNITED NATIONS YOUTH ASSOCIATION

A comparatively inexperienced Executive has had the responsibility of running UNYA, through changes in membership. They carry a heavy load of running two student conferences, assisting at a Rotary Conference, and raising large sums to assist in sending SA representatives to the National Youth Conference. They have my admiration in the way they approach their tasks. Special thanks to Ricky Lee and Dan Andersson

UNITED NATIONS STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

This group for tertiary students was formed at University of Adelaide towards the end of 1995. They have attracted a significant membership.

Ricky Lee attended a tertiary students conference in Austria.

HUMAN RIGHTS

I continue as the convener of the UNAA Human Rights programme with the support of the South Australian Executive. Individual requests for help continue to come to the office.

I presented a submission to a Select Committee of the NSW Legislative Council who were examining the compliance in Australia with the Convention on the Rights of the child and also into the rights of children of prisoners.

SCHOOL PACKS Two packs were again sent to member schools. More information on the UN is now accessible through the INTERNET

Two publications during the year have been very useful for schools; UN Questions and Answers; distributed free by UNAA and UN Real which was marketed to schools and other groups.

REPRESENTATION OF UNAA ON OTHER BODIES

- * One World Collective
- * Torrens Building Tenants Forum;
- * Refugee Week Committee
- * Childrens Week Committee
- * UNIFEM Breakfast Committee.

As a continuing member of the Multicultural Forum I have access to information useful to UNAA.

NETWORKING We work closely with Amnesty, Global Education Centre Austcare, Refugee Association, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Graham Smith Peace Trust, Volunteer Centre, Overseas Service Bureau, UNICEF, Dept. of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Aus Aid.

DONATIONS Received from Dr Winifred Wall (\$100); a Bahai Group (\$100) and from a Library borrower (\$50)

UNIFEM BREAKFAST On March 8th was attended by 600 women. The Guest speaker was Hazel Hawke

SPECIAL EVENTS

- * the 1995 AGM was attended by 50 people who heard Christopher Lamb from DFAT Legal Branch speak on "Australia and Treaty Making "
- * Federal Conference in Canberra; we submitted two resolutions on Sudan and the Middle East
- * Federal Planning Day was held in Melbourne; Heather Southcott and Ricky Lee attended.
- * Chris de Bono from United Nations Information Centre in Sydney addressed members on Sept. 17th.
- * Rob Hurle spoke to members on his work at ANU relating to INTERNET links with Vietnam and Grameen Bank.
- * UNAA DAY - October 24th - a wreath laying ceremony at the War Memorial organised by South Australians who have served with UN Peace Keeping forces. Kath Fuller and Hugh Bray laid Peace roses.
- * UN DAY Dinner, organised with UNIFEM. Speaker was Christabel Mattingley who has written books relating to a refugee family in former Yugoslavia. Proceeds from dinner were shared between UNIFEM and AUSTCARE. Commission from continuing book sales were donated to Austcare.

- * Our Christmas Party was an opportunity to thank all our volunteers; office staff and executive members.

LIBRARY Cynthia (assisted by Michael) has continued to reorganise. A newsletter Library Page has been prepared by Cynthia James. A great deal of time is taken up with researching and answering a broad range of questions.

UNITY Our national newspaper continues to be a useful resource.

STATE GOVERNMENT GRANT

We express our appreciation of a grant of \$3500 from State Govt.

NORMAN PERCY COLE GRANT

We are grateful for a \$4000 grant which was used to support our work in schools, assisting students to attend National conferences \$2000 was also made available as encouragement grants (up to \$50) to disadvantaged schools during Children's Week.

FINANCES My thanks to Harriet Glen (book-keeper) and Geoff Purdie (treasurer) for their work during the year.

MINUTES Thanks to Vonie Fee for her assistance; unfortunately Vonie is unable to continue due to ill-health.

VOLUNTEER STAFF We welcomed Michael Shepherd

We farewelled Mollie Hopkins, Judy Ashton, Margaret Forte after many years.

Sadly, Kath Fuller, our former librarian, is unable to continue through illness.

OFFICE EQUIPMENT We changed over the copier at a cost of \$2700, partly offset (\$240) by raffling a Christmas hamper.

UNAA PEACE AND DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE now functions by working with others on special projects.

* Palm Sunday; * Hiroshima Day; Landmines; French Nuclear tests; anti-nuclear weapons We also met with Ian Cousins (DFAT) and Rob Green (from UK)

FINALLY I would like to thank all who have helped in the work of the Association

Heather Southcott
(President)

UNAA (S.A. Div.) STATUS OF WOMEN COMMITTEE

1995-1996 REPORT

The UNAA Status of Women Committee is made up of representatives from a number of women's organizations. Each member organization is entitled to have two representatives. We meet at 95 South Terrace at 7.30 on the third Wednesday of each month (except December and January). We also have some individual members.

At our Annual General Meeting on 16th August 1995 the following were elected;

President Alleyne Womersley
Vice-President Marilyn Rolls
Minute Secretary Vera Shaul
Treasurer Marjorie Crawford

We have been involved directly or by writing letters to the appropriate people on a number of diverse issues, some of which were;

- *Coalition for Women's Right to Choose
- *Land Mines Petitions
- *Letters to appropriate Ministers on an anomaly in the Workcover Legislation re women over sixty years of age.
- *To the Advertiser expressing our concern at the inappropriate procedures being used in regard to finding out the truth of Aboriginal Women's Business in the Hindmarsh Island Bridge Royal Commission
- *Support was given to the Group fighting the Heritage de-listing of the South Adelaide Creche in Gouger Street
- * Letter to Dr Such re the reduction of funding of the TAFE Coordinator's position at the Women's Studies and Resource Centre
- *Given support to the Women's Information Switchboard during their reorganization to ensure that appropriate services and easy access to such services by both city and country women are available.

Speakers during the year

- * Bev Hall on her work on early childhood education for children with dual languages and cultures, in Canada and the Caribbean
- *Monica O'Neal from the Women's Community Centre shared with us her concern at the lack of ongoing funding for the Centre, previously known as St. Peter's Women's Centre (established 18 years ago). This centre has provided on-site child-care for participants who come for information, self-development, English-speaking practise, literacy and numeracy classes, as well as recreation and fitness programmes
- * Leonie Ebert spoke to us on the Peace Train journey and the Beijing Conference. This train took delegates across Europe and Russia to China, following their attendance at the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom Conference in Helsinki prior to Beijing Conference.
- * Bev Hall also spoke to us on Beijing conference and her subsequent visits to India and Vietnam
- * In March we were fortunate to have as our speakers, Mai Phuong and Ngoc Phuong from the Vietnam Women's Union who were in Adelaide to study the Status of Women and programmes for women and also to monitor the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child in Australia

Functions Attended

Members of the Committee have responded to a number of invitations we have received, among which were;

- * To a morning tea hosted by the Lady Mayoress to meet Mariko Fujiwara, Director of the Hakuhodo Institute of Life and Living
- * a discussion arranged by Amnesty International and the Australian Tibet Council on "What Really Happened in Beijing for Women's Human Rights"
- * a seminar on the feasibility of a Peak National Women's Body
- *A.G.M. of Australian Church Women & their 60th anniversary lunch
- *meeting of the Heritage Authority to hear their discussion on the delisting of the South Adelaide Creche Facade.
- *International Women's Day lunch on March 5th
- *the launch of the Women's Information Service by Hon Diana Laidlaw
- *the renaming of the STA Building on North Terrace as the Roma Mitchell Building.

THE WOMEN'S PRISON AT NORTHFIELD

One of our main thrusts this year has been the continued monitoring of the conditions at the Northfield Women's Prison.

To this end two members attended a Seminar at Yatala Labour Prison on the 15th November on theme "What is the purpose of Prisons"

Visits by members to the Northfield Women's Prison were made on 4th & 5th August, and again on 8th November 1995 to see the Living Skills Unit established in the former Fine Defaulters area. We visited again on 29th March 1996 to see what changes had been made and what effect they were having. A report is being prepared.

We are most grateful to the General Manager of the Women's Prison, Maria Borgoni and her staff for the cordial way they have received us and explained the changes being implemented.

We wish them well in their efforts to change the philosophy and culture of the prison, thus giving prisoners an incentive to improve themselves and not re-offend.

Alleyne Womersley
President.

U.N.Y.A. SOUTH AUSTRALIA REPORT

Ricky Lee

In the last twelve months the United Nations Youth Association has had a comparatively momentuous year in South Australia. As in every year, UNYA has shown to the youth community of South Australia that young people do have a path to be aware and be involved in the United Nations, and UNYA is that very path.

In June 1995 we selected 20 delegates and 3 observers to attend the United Nations Youth Convention in Canberra, which was quite a success. At around the same time we ran a few successful social and fundraising events, such as a dinner and a film night.

In August Stephen Close took office as president along with an Executive of 13 which ran the September State Conference. This conference was held at St Mary's College over a weekend and was attended by enthusiastic students from a wide spectrum of schools. Speakers included Mr Chris de Bono, Ms Lea Stevens and Dr Judith Gardam. Just before Christmas we delivered an appropriate Christmas present — a Cambodia Aid Proposal was adopted, which involved us encouraging and assisting students in running projects and activities to help the children of Cambodia.

After the resignation of Stephen Close, in January 1996 a new and streamlined Executive and began the task of preparing for the International Year for the Eradication of Poverty. The following are our achievements and plans to date.

- On 23 March we ran our largest-ever State Conference at St Peter's College with approximately 72 students attending. In fact we had so many applicants from so many schools that we eventually had to reject some delegates, though I am glad to note that most of the rejected delegates have nonetheless joined UNYA. The organising committee, chaired by Dan Andersson, made sure that everything ran as smoothly as possible.
- Attendance at our General Meetings have doubled compared to last year.
- On 10 May we ran a very successful Quiz Night at Seymour College. There were ten tables competing for the prizes that Secretary Eleni Fotiadis and others have walked over the city for days searching for kindhearted souls that would donate prizes. The evening was hosted by Vivienne Holloway and Ricky Lee and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves except the hosts, who lost their voices.
- An agreement was made with the International Association of Commerce and Economics Students (AIESEC) for UNYA involvement in the organisation of their Global Education Seminar, which was held on 15 May. The conference was attended by 165 students, for which UNYA ran a Global Development Workshop. Speakers included Chris Willis from Channel 7, Bob Brooks from World Vision and Peter Clark from the Victorian Catholic Education Centre.
- Our cooperation with Rotary continues with our involvement in the running of the Rotary Mock United Nations Conference, to be held on 25 and 26 May.
- We have selected eight delegates and two observers to attend the National Conference in Perth. This delegation was selected by their performance at the State Conference as well as their short essays. Also a comprehensive proposal was compiled to host the National Conference here in Adelaide next year.

- After our AGM in July we intend to run a Hammarskjöld Trophy Competition (competitive simulation of the Security Council), a project with the theme "Ten Years after the International Year of Youth" as well as to prepare for the National Conference.
- Our UNYA Journal is read by most of the interstate UNYA divisions. It has always been acknowledged as one of the best (and regular) UNYA newsletters. Thankfully the obsession that the majority of the Executive has with the TV series "The X-Files" has not yet made its mark on the Journal, though we are sure that "The Truth Is In There."

All these are possible only with a strong, cohesive, dedicated and enthusiastic TEAM, since Together Everyone Achieves More. The Executive, comprising Orietta, Eleni, Jessica, Sarah, Thuc-Nhi, Dan, Nils and Jemma had contributed significantly to all this success and words cannot express the gratitude that I have for them. Other dedicated members, such as Nicole, Carrie, Rina, Stephen, Megan, Samantha, Alison, Adey and the ongoing support from the UNAA also had to be noted.

After serving five months (undeservingly) as Acting President of UNYA, I am very confident that the future of UNYA in South Australia cannot be brighter. From the response of the State Conference and talks between myself and teachers, we have increasing support from schools and their teachers in our activities and more and more people are aware of our existence. Some schools have even established United Nations Clubs, a trend that we have helped to create and would continue to promote and support.

Since "the world was not given to us by our parents, but are lent to us by our children," what can be a better investment in the future than the youth of today?

**UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INC.**

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1996

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**UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1996

	1996	1995
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Subscriptions	2,945	2,925
Donations (1)	533	1,202
*Publications - Sales	658	243
State Government Grant	3,500	3,500
Bank Interest	2,412	1,478
Miscellaneous	-	-
Norman Percy Cole Foundation Grant	4,000	4,500
UNICEF	129	160
UNYA	-	-
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	14,177	14,008
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* It has been decided to show Purchases of Publications as an expense as the Income from Sales does not relate directly to the purchases in any given year.

(1) Includes a Donation of \$60, shown as "Accounts Receivable" in the Balance Sheet, to be received from KPMG Peat Marwick.

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**UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1996

	1996	1995
	\$	\$
EXPENDITURE		
Publications - Purchases	937	1,082
Equipment	2,763	-
Rent	5,064	5,064
Printing and Stationery	847	1,176
Repairs and Maintenance	-	-
Insurance	482	475
Newsletters	701	608
Office Expenses	666	717
Telephone	453	444
Functions (nett)	306	415
UNICEF	245	150
Audit Fees -KPMG Peat Marwick	300	300
Conferences (nett)	-	-
Education *	823	404
Children's Week Committees *	2,000	2,000
UNYA *	4,000	650
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	19,587	13,485
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* From Norman Percy Cole Foundation Grant

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

Income	14,177	14,008
Less Expenditure	19,587	13,485
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	(5,410)	523
Add Accumulated Funds at 1 April 1995	44,401	43,878
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ACCUMULATED FUNDS 31 MARCH 1996	38,991	44,401
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**UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
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**BALANCE SHEET
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1996**

	1996	1995
	\$	\$
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
Represented by:	38,991.03	44,401.39
ASSETS		
State Bank of S.A. - General Account	2,018.75	1,525.59
Co-op Share and Investment Accounts	24,000.00	24,000.00
State Bank of S.A. - Investment Account	733.30	6,546.23
State Bank of S.A. - Investment Account (Norman Percy Cole Found. Grant)	0.00	0.00
Cash on Hand	55.80	34.30
Co-op Savings	12,001.18	12,957.27
Accounts Receivable	60.00	60.00
Prepaid Expenses	422.00	0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	39,291.03	45,123.39
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	300.00	722.00
	300.00	722.00
NET ASSETS	38,991.03	44,401.39

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UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1996

NOTE ACCOMPANYING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Basis of Accounting

The Income and Expenditure concept has been applied with the exception that no account has been taken of members subscription in advance or in arrears. The Balance Sheet reflects the liquid position of the Association less creditors at that date.

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G. H. Purdie
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GEOFFREY H. PURDIE
Honorary Treasurer

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA SOUTH AUSTRALIA DIVISION INCORPORATED

Scope

We have audited the financial statements of the United Nations Association of Australia South Australian Division Incorporated for the year ended 31 March, 1996, being a special purpose financial report consisting of the income and expenditure statement, balance sheet and accompanying note set out on pages 2 to 5. The Board is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements and the information contained therein. The Board have determined that the accounting policies used and described in page 5 of the financial statements are appropriate to meet the requirements of the Association's constitution and the needs of the members. We have conducted an independent audit of the financial statements in order to express an opinion on them to the members of the the United Nations Association of Australia South Australian Division Incorporated on their preparation and presentation.


The financial statements have been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of the Association's constitution. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report, or on the financial statements to which it relates, to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

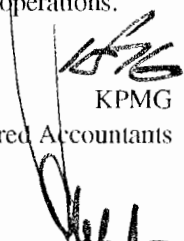
Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements, and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with the basis of accounting described in page 5 of the financial statements. These policies do not require the application of all Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements (Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views).

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements of the United Nations Association of Australia South Australian Division Incorporated present fairly on the basis of accounting described in page 5 of the financial statements, the financial position of the United Nations Association of Australia South Australian Division Incorporated as at 31 March, 1996 and the results of its operations.


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Chartered Accountants
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Partner