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Mayor of Port Adelaide and Enfield, Gary Johanson with artist Andrew Baines

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Our Mission

Established in 1946, The United Nations Association of Australia (UNAA) is a national non-profit organisation dedicated to promoting the work and ideals of the United Nations amongst Australians of all walks of life.

We work to ensure that the UN is relevant to the peoples it exists to serve.



“We live in a complex world. The United Nations cannot succeed alone. Partnerships must continue to be at the heart of our strategy. We should have the humility to acknowledge the essential role of other actors while maintaining full awareness of our unique convening power.”

Antonio Guterres

President's Report

The United Nations Association of Australia SA is the principal source of information about the United Nations in our Community and is responsible for promoting greater public understanding of, and support for, the aims and activities of the United Nations. We aim to build a community of like-minded people passionate about the UN and what Australia's role should be in the world.

On September 25th 2015, countries adopted a set of goals to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all as part of a new Sustainable Development Agenda. Each goal has specific targets to be achieved by 2030. For the goals to be reached, everyone needs to do their part: governments, the private sector, civil society and members of the Community.

The focus of our engagement therefore continues to keep the Sustainable Development Goals in mind when planning activities which are inclusive of our Multicultural Community in SA. We are incredibly fortunate that as we increase our outreach we have strengthened existing partnerships and formed new alliances which allow us to engage and educate our Community.

We extend a warm welcome to the newly appointed President of UNAA Major General (retired) Michael G Smith who has already visited SA on a number of occasions and is supportive of our activities.

OUR PATRONS:

We are delighted to have the continued support of our distinguished Patrons:

Our Chief Patron, His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC Governor of South Australia;
Professor Brenda Wilson Lieutenant Governor of South Australia; and
Sister Patricia Pak Poy.

OUR YEAR IN FOCUS:

This year has been a year of transition with my first year as President of UNAASA.

As a Volunteer Association we rely on the goodwill of our Committee Members and Volunteers who give their time to support our activities. Changes have occurred as several long term members and volunteers have resigned for personal reasons, re-locating or ill health.

John Crawford, immediate Past President has provided leadership and dedication over many years and has played many roles in the administration and growth of our Division.

Many thanks to Ron Hall who has been a long term Committee Member and Secretary and to Peter Faulkner as our Office Volunteer, both avid contributors to our Newsletter.

It has been an incredibly exciting and challenging time for us as we transition from paper records to the digital world allowing us to improve our internal administrative operations and the way we communicate with our Members and Friends. This will continue to be a work in progress as we address on-going matters of governance and operations. However we have advanced considerably, ensuring our viability and direction into the future.

We are now able to communicate with our Members and Friends frequently to keep them informed of current news and events having adopted the TidyHQ system which allows us to:

- Engage with our entire member base with an easy to use communication channel;
- Manage and communicate with all of our contacts from a central location with great ease; and
- Remove paper forms from our membership process and receive payments online.

Long term members will not be overlooked and assistance will be given according to their needs.

We have archived our records and documents which are part of our History, while being mindful to preserve necessary information and items of interests which reflect our past. This was made possible by the enormous time and effort of Executive Member Dr. Sing Ping Ting and new Volunteer Prudence Wilson over many weeks of hard work.

The State Government has continued with their support of a Rent Subsidy allowing us to retain our Office in Carrington St. We must thank DFK Perry's Brendon Skates as our Treasurer and the recent addition of Bookkeeper Debra Thorley from Y Partners whose Pro Bono services ensures we are a compliant organization.

We have attracted several IT Specialists whose skills and engagement with Social Media are already proving worthwhile as it has generated interest in our activities and led to new Membership Applications.

Many thanks to Adriana Rinna who is our IT National Advisor, Cassie Hames our Webmaster, David Penn our Membership and Communications Expert, Kristina Markopoulos who is responsible for our Facebook Page and new Volunteer Prudence Wilson who is proving to be indispensable with Office Management.

It would not be possible to sustain our growth without the support of members of the SA Community, in particular the Australian Migrant Resource Centre, the Australian Refugee Association, the Hawke Centre, Sonya Feldhoff from the ABC, the Diplomatic Corps of South Australia, the UNESCO Adelaide Music City Program, Grace Portolesi and the SAMEAC Board and Amanda Blair who contribute, promote and attend our Events.

We also appreciate the contribution made by the Lord and Lady Mayoress of Adelaide, Gary Johanson, the Mayor of Port Adelaide Enfield and the Mayor of Norwood, Payneham and St Peters Robert Bria. Their unwavering support of our events is invaluable.

A special thanks must go to the Hon. Jing Lee MLC for her enthusiastic support which includes a report to the SA Parliament, recorded in Hansard, of the significant contribution of UNAASA to the SA Community.

We have been very busy over the last year as you will observe from the highlights in this report.

UNAA has provided Seed Grants from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) for our Major Events - the UN Day Dinner, Yoga for Peace and Harmony and the World Humanitarian Lunch.

Our Yoga Event was successful due to the partnership we have established with Dru Yoga and the World Peace Flame whose member Danyse Crotti was undoubtedly a major influence in gathering attendees, raising funds and with personal donations.

Our UN Day Dinner has so far been our only Fundraiser for each year and has evolved and grown with the excellent in-kind support of the SA Food Industry, especially our major Sponsor The National Wine Centre and TAFE Regency Hospitality School, Kris Lloyd of Woodside Cheeswrights, Willa Wauchope from Willabrand, Salvatore Pepe, Fatema Ayubi from Parwana Restaurant, Slow Food South Australia, Our Place at Willunga Hill, The Mushroom Industry of SA, Nunga Produce, Agrisemm and Justin McCarthy.

The donation of Auction and Raffle prizes from our Members for our events reflects the generosity of our Community in supporting us in our endeavours

Surrealist Artist Andrew Baines is now legendary as our inspirational partner in particular with our Major Events in collaboration with United Nations Information Centre Director, Christopher Woodthorpe in Canberra. Chris and Andrew have become part of our UNAASA Family and have contributed to promoting us in the Media with the ABC, Channel 7, 9 and 10, The Advertiser, the Messenger and In Daily.

It is my privilege to announce the appointment of the Rev. Dr. Lynn Arnold as The Sustainable Development Goodwill Ambassador of the United Nations Association of Australia-Congratulations Lynn. He is a well-known and a well-loved member of the SA Community whose skills and abilities know no bounds.

Lynn has been a Past President of UNAASA and his support at our Events is appreciated, a particular highlight being his role as 'Chef Extraordinaire' at our UN Day Dinner.

I look forward to your continued support in promoting the United Nations Sustainable Development Agenda - *'building on our strengths with community engagement'*.



Lidia Moretti

**President - South Australia Division
National Vice-President (Divisions)
United Nations Association of Australia**



Events

Annual General Meeting (17th July 2016)

At the annual general meeting of the United Nations Association of Australia, South Australia Division the special guests were Dr Lynn Arnold and Mr Matt Kronborg, Executive Director of the United Nations Association of Australia at the National level.

With retirement of John Crawford, Lidia Moretti was elected to the office of President unopposed. Lidia has not only served the division well as Vice President, but also at the National level as a National Vice President and more recently as a National Board member with the restructuring of the National body in 2014. Lidia has consistently taken a leading role in the organisation of the UN Day Dinners, the proceeds from which are vital to the continuation of our current operation. Lidia has been able to give our division a notably high profile through a number of UN related activities such the World Humanitarian Day Lunch, and especially this year with Yoga Harmony Day in the South Parklands.

UNAA's collaborations with surrealist Andrew Baines has brought to life memorable activities involving important South Australians in celebrating The year of the Farmer ,celebrating the UN's 70th Birthday at Henley Beach and collaborating with the Peace Bottle project largely achieved through Lidia's persistent endeavours.

On her election Lidia commented that she saw the future as "building on our strengths" with community engagement to the fore as happened in the case of Yoga Day in collaboration with Dru Yoga and the World Peace Flame.

Keeping in mind activities in relation to the International Year Of Pulses, the assistance from the food industry and the food program at Kilkenny Primary School, it was interesting to note that South Australia was mentioned on the FAO website.

Our partnerships with the Adelaide City Council and Port Adelaide Enfield City Council were emphasised as positive achievements along with the need for fundraising, of which the UN Day Dinner to be held on the 13 th November this year, would be a key event whose success would rely on effective teamwork.

Matt Kronborg, who was warmly greeted on his second visit to South Australia in recent months, congratulated the new committee and spoke about some of the challenges ahead, welcoming the renewal of Federal Government funding for the UNAA through the Department of Foreign and Trade. For its part, UNAA is encouraged to promote the Australia's collaboration with UN programs and foreign aid contributions. Matt noted that there are 80 active United Nations associations around the world, dating back to 1947 UNAA SA achievements over the previous twelve months are comprehensively documented in our annual report, copies of which are readily available on-line.

From left to right: Matt Kromborg, Executive Director UNAA, Lidia Moretti, President UNAA SA, Nicola Moore, President UN Youth SA, John Crawford, Immediate Past President, UNAA SA



World Humanitarian Day (25th August 2016)

Rev Dr Lynn Arnold, who was invited to read the UN Secretary General's message for World Humanitarian Day, revealed that his daughter was working in a needy African community. Lynn shared her compassion with us and explained that World Humanitarian Day was not simply about the people his daughter were working with but also people with commitment like his daughter.



Some of the distinguished guests at the Humanitarian Day Dinner, including Robyn Layton, Lynn Arnold, Jing Lee, Amanda Blair, the head of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (sponsors of the dinner), Gary Johansen, Mayor of Port Adelaide Enfield, Lidia Moretti, newly elected president of UNAA SA.

Dr Robyn Layton, former Justice of the Supreme Court, as guest speaker, addressed the 2016 Humanitarian Day theme of “one humanity” with a focus on youth and multicultural communities. Robyn reflected on our lack of humanity in condemning eligible refugees to indefinite detention on Manus and Nauru and placing children there in psychologically damaging situations. Compere Amanda Blair, clearly expressed her view as to how shameful the refugee situation really was.

In thanking Lynn and Robyn for their contributions Lidia complimented Robyn's mother *on encouraging* her to have so much empathy towards all people, even those whom one may like least.



A father and son musical duo, Farid Droksh and his son, provided a most enjoyable interlude in proceedings, emphasising the multicultural theme for World Humanitarian Day. Messages were prepared for the Peace Bottle, in the background. Two students from Kilkenny Primary school were invited to present their messages first. In addition, as part of a grant from the Norman Percy Cole Bequest, scholarships were presented to two TAFE students to make a small contribution towards their studies.

UN Peacekeepers Service (18th September 2016)

Regarding the UN Peacekeepers' Service on 18 September, the UNAASA was again represented at the ADF Peacekeepers' Day Peacekeeping Commemorative Service at the National War Memorial on North Terrace.

UNAA SA members and friends were invited to join the South Australian Peacekeepers Sub-Branch of the RSL SA to remember those who have died while serving overseas on UN Peacekeeping missions since 1950.

We joined the various service and other organisations in laying a wreath in their memory. President Col. Steve Larkins welcomed those present followed by Chaplain Rev. Carl Aiken with prayers. Col. Annette Summers gave a scripture reading. Particularly moving was the address given by Brevet Sergeant Geoff Parker, Commonwealth Police, telling of the tragic loss of PSO Adam Dunning, serving with the RAMSI mission to the Solomon Islands, who lost his life on 22 December 2004. This was followed by the call of the honour roll, the Ode the Last Post, concluding with the benediction.



Plaque for Heather Southcott OAM (1928 – 2014)



Among many community achievements, Heather was for many years president of the United Nations Association of Australia South Australian Division. The Adelaide Council recently approved for a plaque to be placed with those along North Terrace in memory of her contribution to the South Australian community. Being located next to Helen Spence, who was as committed to women's right as was Heather, seems most appropriate.

UN Day Dinner (1st November 2016)

The UN Day Dinner has become the highlight event of our year and our main Fundraiser. The new National President of UNAA, Major General (Retd) Mike Smith, was among the special guests.



The National Wine Centre helped to create a most enjoyable evening which the dinner a very successful event. Our many generous sponsors, providing food, wine and prizes, cannot be thanked enough for their wonderful contribution to the enjoyment and success of the evening. The musicians from the Golonka band provided gypsy style rhythms that expressed how Adelaide has become one of UNESCO's cities of music.

Amorelle Dempster – Guest Speaker



Amorelle began her talk by referring to Carlo Petrini, the head of the world Slow Food Movement, who said that the shame of hunger should be defeated in this generation. This is in keeping with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals to eliminate poverty and hunger by 2030. Slow Food is a global movement that supports Biodiversity. Amorelle explained that for the past 30 years the movement has warned against the continual loss of local food traditions, noting that the Slow Food Movement uses a Snail for its logo, indicating that it is the opposite to fast food. Amorelle referred to the right to quality food and the need for responsible consumption, which means eating all parts of the animal.

As a resident of Maitland, Amorelle explained that her home was in the Hunter Valley where the Slow Food Movement was quite active but she added that there were similar groups Australia wide, including Adelaide Barossa. Amorelle noted that Aboriginal foods are also being lost and reminded us how carefully Indigenous Australians managed the land.

Famous for their pumpkins, the Hunter Valley farmers just recently faced a crisis as one hundred tonnes of pumpkins was about to be ploughed into the ground. The community response in support of the local farmers was a pop-up stall in the centre of Maitland run by volunteers who sold over 2000 pumpkins in one day! Support for local farmers is a slow food goal.

Scenes from the 2016 UN Day Dinner



The Peace Bottle reminded us all what the United Nations primarily stands for as a beacon of hope for the world for more than 70 years.



It was exhilarating to listen to our UN Day Dinner Guest Speaker, Amorelle Dempster (seated on the left) with the new UNAA national president, Major General Mike Smith. Behind them is Lidia Moretti, President of the UNAA SA. Both Amorelle and Lidia share a strong interest in Slow Food.

People gathered prior to the Dinner to sample a wide variety of entree style foods based on pulses in keeping with 2016 being the International Year of Pulses. It is remarkable that the wine and entree food was provided by many generous sponsors that added immeasurably to the financial success of the evening.

UN Youth was in full force at the Dinner helping in many ways - with the seating, welcoming guests, organizing the raffle and adding to the general conviviality.



Lighting the Peace Flame

During the UN Day Dinner a brief but significant ceremony took place – the lighting of the Peace Flame. Here the World Peace Flame is being lit by Patricia Brown and the Lady Mayoress, Genevieve Thesiera-Haese

SOS: Save our Seas Celebrating World Ocean Day on the Beach (13th December 2016)

World Ocean Day was the 8th June. On this day earlier this year, Christopher Woodthorpe the Director of the United Nations Information Centre in Canberra, and the representative of the Secretary General in Australia, came to Adelaide to meet students at Fulham North Primary School and explain to them the importance of our oceans.



The first SOS with the students seated on the sand. *Photo: Andrew Baines*

With the help of surrealist artist Andrew Baines, it was planned that on that day the students would gather on the beach at Henley Beach to show how important our oceans are, how they must be sustainable, and how great a problem can arise from careless dumping of waste (particularly plastic). Unfortunately this year June 8th the bad weather, typical of an early winter’s day in Adelaide, made the beach event impossible as a with a cool change swept in from the west. It was deferred until later in the year. At last a warm day, with lovely weather enabled the installation to be arranged on the morning of December 13th. Better late than never and a great reminder of SDG Goal 14, which seeks to “Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development”.



The view from the Channel 7 helicopter showing the SOS mapped out by some 350 Fulham North Primary School Students. *Photo: From 7 News – Adelaide*

International Women's Day (10th March 2017)



IWD 2017 theme: Empower a woman, empower a nation

The guest speaker at the Adelaide 2017 IWD Breakfast, Australia's first woman prime minister, Julia Gillard, is here accompanied by Senator Penny Wong who regularly hosts this popular Adelaide event. Source: abc.net.au

The Guest Speaker at the 2017 Adelaide IWD Breakfast was the former Australian Prime Minister, Julia Gillard. Julia's remarks related to her work with teenage girls in Malawi where she was accompanied by the pop singer Rhianna. Julia Gillard described how poverty hurts more in a globalised world. The world's poorest are more aware of their poverty because of the use of new technology and globalisation. Ms Gillard was recounting a trip to the African nation of Malawi in her capacity as chairwoman of the Global Partnership for Education.

"Girls' education is so important, not only for their own empowerment but for the broader wellbeing of their families and their nations."

Ms Gillard revealed the organisation would seek more funding from around the world later this year to help improve the situation.

*From left to right:
Lidia Moretti, President UNAA SA, Major General Retd. Mike Smith (National President, UNAA), Jane Reilly, former popular Adelaide broadcaster, standing in front of the UNAA SA stall.*



Yoga Day, Adelaide 2017 (29th April)



On a mild autumn day in the spirit of Peace and Harmony, an event was held to celebrate Harmony Day combined with the International Yoga Day. This was sponsored by the United Nations Association (SA), the UNAA Peace Program, the World Peace Flame and Dru Yoga. The mild Autumn weather and the picturesque setting certainly added to the atmosphere for this event. MC Amanda Blair gave the Welcome to Kurna Country. She then explained the significance of the event in the following words:

“We are here to celebrate Harmony Day which was on March 21st. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. It is a day for all Australians to embrace cultural diversity and to share what we have in common. The central message for Harmony Day is that ‘everyone belongs’, reinforcing the importance of inclusiveness to all Australians. The United Nations Association of Australia, SA Division, the UNAA Peace Program in conjunction with the World Peace Flame and Dru Yoga, have organised this occasion to bring together the concept of Harmony and Peace, together with the UN International Yoga Day which was celebrated for the first time 2 years ago on 21 June 2015.”



Our Patron for Yoga Day, the Lady Mayoress of Adelaide, Genevieve Theseira-Haese, welcomed our honoured guests Rachel Sanderson MP, Member for Adelaide, Danyse Crotti from Dru Yoga, Ruth Rohan Jones our Yoga instructor, the Artist Andrew Baines and the Monks and Congregation of the Zhulin Buddhist Temple. And from Yorketown Area School for the second time in succession, we were joined by a group of students, teachers and parents who had come a long way for this occasion.

Amanda Blair then introduced the Buddhist Monks for the blessing. The Monks were led by the Abbot, The Venerable Jie Wen Shi of The South Australian Buddhist Association. Following the blessing, Amanda Blair spoke about the Peace Bottle which provided part of the backdrop to the event, as a concept developed from an idea by artist Andrew Baines and planned to be sent to New York soon together with Peace messages from the community and schools. The Lady Mayoress then received the World Peace Flame which was in Adelaide for the second time, as it is being held at Yorketown Area School. It was lit for the first time in Adelaide last year at the Yoga Day event and then at the United Nations Dinner in November of 2016.



Amanda Blair asked two of the young people from Yorketown Area School together with Danyse Crotti the representative of the World Peace Flame to come on stage and join the Lady Mayoress to re-ignite the World Peace Flame on behalf of the City of Adelaide.

Amanda Blair introduced students from Yorketown who presented prepared speech for this occasion and also sang a song they composed. The speech explained how students took a successful initiative in tackling bullying in their school. The students then released the doves as a symbol of peace on behalf of those gathered. Ruth Gent who has been practising yoga for 25 years, is the Regional Manager for Dru in South Australia led the gathering through a variety of Yoga exercises. Lidia Moretti, President of UNAA South Australia, thanked everyone who assisted on the day and all those who attended. Presentations of flowers were made to the Lady Mayoress and Amanda Blair by Christina Devedzidis, President of UN Youth South Australia at the conclusion of the program.



Photos: Andrew Baines

World Oceans Day Event (28th May 2017)

Turn the Tide on Plastic: From the Facebook page of Andrew Baines



Our concept for this Event was to celebrate World Oceans Day which falls on June the 8th.

We thought that it would be a good idea to have the event a few days before this date as a precursor to the event at the United Nations World Oceans Day Conference in New York.

UNAASA established a partnership with Director of the United Nations Information Centre, Canberra, Christopher Woodthorpe, the Artist Andrew Baines and the Mayor of Port Adelaide Enfield Gary Johanson to alert the Community to the problem of plastics in the Ocean World Wide. We invited the Community at

large to line up along the coast dressed in all black attire & top hats, while gazing on to the horizon, to symbolise a sombre mood and that we are close to the end.

The issue of micro-plastics is unprecedented and is on the verge of being almost too late to stop the damage it causes to our Oceans. We watched the weather forecast anxiously as the promise of rain would keep people away. A small band of brave hearts dressed in their finest black attire and Top Hats were rewarded with sunshine as amazingly the sky cleared for the duration of filming. Andrew once more maintained his reputation for stating that 'it never rains when I'm filming'. UNAASA thanks Chris Woodthorpe for coming from Canberra, Mayor Gary Johanson, for allowing us to use the Council's excellent Semaphore Beach and The Lord Mayor of Adelaide Martin Haese and Lady Mayoress Genevieve Haese whose presence at this chilly event was much appreciated. Thanks also to those Committee Members, Volunteers and Friends for supporting with organization and being there! Great to see UN Youth represented by President Christina Devetzidis, and we made it on the Channel 7 evening news so hope many of you were watching! Finally a big thanks to Andrew Baines whose awareness of Social Issues and the impact his Art has on the Community has delivered another excellent Installation for an important cause.







Discussion Evenings

Update on East Timor. Dr. Richie Gun. East Timor Update (17th May 2016)



We were delighted to have Dr Richie Gun update us on progress in East Timor since they achieved independence. While Indonesian fertility has more than halved between 1962 and 2012, in East Timor it only fell by 20%. However this is an area where Richie is working in the villages, and he says that while there is a good programme in place, there is cultural resistance to be overcome. Mortality is improving. During the time the UN peacekeeping

activities were working in East Timor there were large numbers of Cuban doctors working in East Timor. This has now resulted in a large number of East Timorese medical workers being Cuban trained. Education presents a challenge, not helped by Portuguese being the official language since independence (it was Indonesian during the occupation). Apart from local languages, the more common spoken language is Tetum Richie said it is a safe place to visit.



Sustainable Development Goals Discussion Evening (19th July 2016)



The goals can be summarised by looking at the Five Ps. These are: people, planet, prosperity, peace and partnership.

People – to end poverty and hunger, in all their forms and dimensions and to ensure that all human beings can fulfil their potential in dignity, equality and in a healthy environment. (Goal 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6)

Prosperity - to ensure that all human beings can enjoy prosperous and fulfilling lives and that economic, social and technological progress occurs in harmony with nature. (Goal 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11)

Planet - to protect the planet from degradation, including through sustainable consumption and production, sustainably managing its natural resources and taking urgent action on climate change, so that it can support the needs of the present and future generations. (Goal 12, 13, 14 and 15)

Peace - to foster peaceful, just and inclusive societies free from fear and violence. There can be no sustainable development without peace and no peace without sustainable development. (Goal 16)

Partnership - to mobilize the means required to implement this agenda through a revitalised global partnership for sustainable development, based on a spirit of strengthened global solidarity, focused in particular on the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable and with the participation of all countries, all stakeholders and all people. (Goal 17)

Safe Ground (16th August 2016)

Our August Discussion Evening with Helen Stanger. Recognising that while the UN had agreed to ban the use of these weapons, the ongoing deaths and injuries caused by the remnant weapons from past conflicts the new name “Safe Ground” was adopted as offering a more accurate portrayal of the goals of the organisation. This was reinforced by the publication of the book “In Search of Safe Ground” highlighting the problems faced by villagers in Cambodia displaced by the war returning to their homes. With the help of a bequest and funding from DFAT, the book highlighted the danger of these remaining weapons to the civilian population trying to return to their homes, graphically showing how the name change to Safe Ground focussed on the dangers from degrading land mines, cluster weapons and unexploded ordnance.



Medical Association for the Prevention of War – Dr Amanda Ruler (November 15, 2016)

Dr. Amanda Ruler MAPW National Vice-President & Coordinator, South Australian Branch .

Current field of health care: Gerontology and palliative care

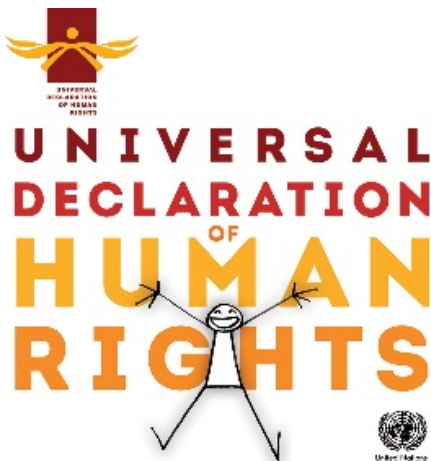
Special areas of interest: Amanda has long term interests in global sustainability, peace promotion, justice, human rights and the impact of war

We were very happy to have Amanda come and tell us about the work of MAPW.

The aims of MAPW are to prevent the death and suffering, and to relieve the suffering, which arises from war and the preparation for war, including civil conflict. Their main focus is on weapons of mass destruction. With respect to nuclear weapons, MAPW set up the International Campaign Against Nuclear Weapons, (ICAN) in 2006. Originally started in Melbourne, it is now a worldwide movement.



UNDHR (17th January 2017)



The Universal Declaration on Human Rights was adopted by the General Assembly on December 10 1948.

The group examined both the preamble and the 30 articles, to reaffirm its importance in today’s world.

At our January evening last year we studied the UN Charter, finding its words are still meaningful and relevant. This year’s exercise complemented the relevance of the not only the UN Charter but also the continuing relevance of the UN in the daily lives of citizens, We were able to also observe how the UDHR offers the founding principles document on which the later protocols are based. UNAA SA offers members a free pocket booklet copy of the Universal Declaration and the United Nations Charter.

Committee Reports



UN Youth South Australia – Christina Devetzidis

The first six months of 2017 have been gigantic and exciting for UN Youth SA. We have successfully run a 120-person conference on Global Health and Wellbeing, bringing together students and volunteer facilitators from all across South Australia to discuss, debate and find solutions to one of the world's biggest issues. In addition, we have run our annual Human Rights Summit, this year zoning in on Slavery and Human Trafficking in the 21st Century. The day was engaging and informative, and brought together 75 young South Australians from high schools across the state.

Just last month, UN Youth SA ran the state's round of Australia's Premier Model United Nations Competition – Evatt, and welcomed the 2017 Youth Representative to the United Nations – Paige Burton to Adelaide for the South Australian leg of her tour. Evatt 2017 brought together 102 students all stepping in to the shoes of countries on the security council in a mock session, debating issues from electoral interference, to the Responsibility to Protect – key factors defining international relations in this day and age.

In addition to being very busy running educational programs for high school students, the division has welcomed 16 new enthusiastic volunteers in to our UN Youth family. These new volunteers have dived straight into roles, officer positions, and volunteer opportunities. Coming up in 2017, you can expect UN Youth SA to once again be very busy, as we run another New Members Training Day, hold the inaugural, nationally-coordinated Space Summit, invite junior high school students to compete in our Voice Competition, and host the first SA Crisis Point – a day-long event where students step in to the shoes of US Government officials, and attempt to solve some of the International Community's biggest problems.

A huge thank you goes out to the UN Youth Australia National Executive, UNAA SA for their generous sponsorship of disadvantaged students to attend SA Conference, and to Flinders University, The City of Adelaide, the City of Prospect, and the City of Unley for their generous and helpful donation of venues for our events!

Children's Week – Margie Berlemon

Children's Week Association of South Australia Inc.

Patron: Mrs Lan Le

Ambassador: Mrs Liz Scarce



Children's Week 2017 is a national annual festival to be celebrated from Friday 20th October to Sunday 29th October with this year's theme Article 29 from UNCRC 'Education should develop each child's personality and talents to the full. It should encourage children to respect their parents, their cultures and other cultures.'

- Children's Week aims to bring world-wide attention to the need to understand, appreciate and care about *children*. Children's Week focuses on a variety of issues including the health, care, education, cultural, social and emotional needs of children and the importance of recognising their achievements.
- Major and Program Grants will be given to organisations, schools, childcare centres, play groups, kindergartens and libraries across the state to assist in their activities and nominations will be called for, the Children's Week and Ministers Awards.
- Throughout the nearly two weeks of activities, thousands of children will have the chance to celebrate their own achievements, display their talents and just have good fun.

Some of the annual events that occur during the week are:

- ✚ The Launch of Children's Week
- ✚ Children's Week Award Reception
- ✚ Minister for Education Awards Presentation
- ✚ Ethnic Schools Festival
- ✚ UNICEF Day for Children
- ✚ International School Library Day
- ✚ Kindy in the Park - Tea Tree Gully Civic Park

Children's Week Association appreciates the support of the UNAA (SA) in their contribution towards Children's Week in supporting some low socio economic areas with small program activity grants. UNAA SA is represented by Joan Young on the committee who in 2016 assisted in running the launch and in 2017 is the Launch Convenor. The launch will be held at Salisbury Primary School on October 20th 2017.

Margie Berlemon AM
President



Students at Thorndon Park Primary School where the Launch was held in 2016

Status of Women Committee – Sing Ping Ting



STATUS OF WOMEN COMMITTEE UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (South Australian Division) Inc.

June 2017 Report from Status of Women Committee

Status of Women Committee is a subcommittee of UNAA (SA). Members work for women and men to be equal participants and beneficiaries in sustainable development, peace and security, good governance and human rights.

During the twelve months period from July 2016 to June 2017, we held 9 meetings. AGM was held on 17/8/2017. During the meetings, members reported on the activities of their organisations. In addition, SoWC had the following specific activities:

1. On the 15th March, 2017 meeting, the Committee passed a resolution to change the title of the chairperson from “President” to “Chair”. This was done as to be in accord with the UNAA (SA) constitution. *Moved, Di Lockwood Seconded Sandra Richards Carried*
2. SoWC organised an annual forum, on 15th Oct., 2016, on Elder Abuse. The forum focussed on a) Strategies / remedies now and in future b) Looking after and defending vulnerable people.
 - a. Patricia Rios from Catalyst Foundation (formerly Seniors Information Service). She coordinates “My Mediation Options -- a CALD Perspective”.
 - b. Doris Gioffre is the manager of The Abuse Prevention Program (APP) for Aged Rights Advocacy Service, Adelaide.
 - c. Anita Hale from the Education and Engagement Team at Consumer and Business Services.
 - d. Cathy Chong from Chinese Welfare Services of SA . Cathy was able to provide a perspective on the increasing number of Chinese seniors in South Australia, and the problems they encounter
 - e. All speakers gave us useful information on where/how to obtain help for the vulnerable elders. Main take home message-- Elder abuse is a violation of human rights.
3. Film and Dinner Evening was held on 16/11/2016 A documentary “Frame by Frame “ was shown, courtesy of SAWA. This film documented the day to day activities of 4 Afghani press photographers and journalists in today’s Afghanistan. Sister Connely spoke about her long and selfless work with women prisoners and their families. The film was followed by a meal prepared by members.
4. We are organising the next forum for Sept, 2017. This is to focus on mental health—“Well Being and Mindfulness—Safeguarding our health”

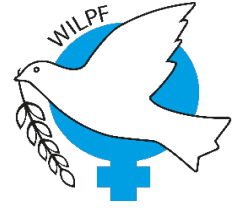


Mental health mental
BEGINS WITH Me



Submitted by Sing Ping Ting, Chair of SoWC.

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, SA Branch



Report of activities to 30 June 2017

The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) is an international non-government organisation (NGO) working for peace, disarmament and social justice. The South Australian branch comprises a small but dedicated group of activists that works on both national and international issues. The following summary highlights our work over the last year.

A WILPF(SA) representative accompanied Tammy Franks (Greens MLC) to a Briefing with the Minister for Corrections on conditions at Adelaide Women's Prison, early in 2016. In April 2017, we were advised that the Select Committee of Inquiry into SA's Prisons, of which Ms Franks is a member, would visit the Prison on 8 June. We then sent a letter to Ms Franks with details of the current situation to encourage the Select Committee to ask pertinent questions during its visit.

September 2016: Made a submission on domestic violence to the South Australian Attorney General's Department. Represented WILPF at an event organised by Graham F Smith Peace Foundation to mark the UN International Day of Peace (UNAA also represented at this event). Attended a Peace Convergence in Alice Springs organised by Independent & Peaceful Australia Network (IPAN), which included a protest at the gates of the Pine Gap Joint Defence Facility.

Maureen Arnott (WILPFSA), Liz Remmerswaal (WILPF New Zealand), Ray Acheson (Director Reaching Critical Will, WILPF's New York UN office) and Ruth Russell (WILPFSA) at the gates of Pine Gap Joint Defence Facility, September 2016



October 2016: Made a second submission to SA Nuclear Fuel Cycle Royal Commission, with subsequent monitoring of the Commission's findings and community reactions. WILPF's campaign closed after the Citizen's Jury did not support an international high-level nuclear dump in South Australia.

November 2016: Wrote to Adelaide City Council supporting a motion for the Council to investigate establishing a domestic violence memorial in Adelaide.

December 2016: Recorded with sadness the passing of long-term WILPF member Coralie Nichols who spent much of her life quietly working for the human rights and safety of the world and its people across a wide range of issues. Coralie had also been a long-term member and volunteer with UNAA SA.

February – June 2017: Wrote to the Prime Minister urging the Australian Government take part in United Nations negotiations, beginning March 2017, to abolish nuclear weapons. Following receipt of response, wrote another letter to the Prime Minister urging the Australian Government take part in the second round of negotiations beginning June 2017.

WILPF(SA) represented at Adelaide event supporting the International March to Ban the Bomb

17 June 2017, International march to Ban the Bomb, Parliament House, Adelaide: WILPF(SA) members Ruth Russell, Merawyn Harrison, Amanda Ruler, Sue Herbert and Maureen Arnott took part.



Throughout 2016 and 2017:

Continued to maintain a watching brief of the Defence Schools issue in SA and promotion of Peace Schools as a counterbalance in education.

30 June 2017
Maureen Arnott

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, South Australian Branch

UNAA SA: a partner with the first Italian Cuisine Week in the World



Consolato d'Italia

Adelaide

Adelaide, 6 December 2016

Dear Lidia,

I wish to thank you for being part, together with the Dante Alighieri Society of SA and the Flinders University, of the organization of one of our most successful events of the first Italian Cuisine Week in the World.

I thank you for contacting Central Market and getting celebrity food presenter Pam Tobin to illustrate step by step the recipe together with Camillo.

The presentation went smoothly and the recipe very tasteful.

I renew my gratitude to United Nation Association of South Australia and Slow Food for the collaboration to our event

Roberta Ronzitti
Consul of Italy in South Australia



At the Italian Cuisine Week at the Central Market.

From left to right: Pam Tobin (The Food Studio), Luciana d'Archangeli (Flinders Uni), Roberta Ronzitti (Italian Consul), Stefano Bona (Flinders Uni), Lidia Moretti, Camillo Crugnale



Human Rights Group in South Australian Parliament



The Honourable John Dawkins MLC, convenor of the Human Rights Group in the South Australian Parliament met with the president of the UNAA SA, Lidia Moretti. This augurs well for cooperation between South Australia's politicians and those with a deep concern on matters related to human rights



Children's Week Association of South Australia Inc

Patron: Mrs Lan Le

Ambassador: Mrs Liz Scarce Children's Week 2017 is a national annual festival to be celebrated from Friday 20th October to Sunday 29th October with this year's theme Article 29 from UNCRC 'Education should develop each child's personality and talents to the full. It should encourage children to respect their parents, their cultures and other cultures.'

- Children's Week aims to bring world-wide attention to the need to understand, appreciate and care about children. Children's Week focuses on a variety of issues including the health, care, education, cultural, social and emotional needs of children and the importance of recognising their achievements.
- Major and Program Grants will be given to organisations, schools, childcare centres, play groups, kindergartens and libraries across the state to assist in their activities and nominations will be called for, the Children's Week and Ministers Awards.
- Throughout the nearly two weeks of activities, thousands of children will have the chance to celebrate their own achievements, display their talents and just have good fun.

Some of the annual events that occur during the week are:

- The Launch of Children's Week.
- Children's Week Award Reception.
- Minister for Education Awards Presentation.
- Ethnic Schools Festival, UNICEF Day for Children.
- International School Library Day.
- Kindy in the Park - Tea Tree Gully Civic Park

Children's Week Association appreciates the support of the UNAA (SA) in their contribution towards, Children's Week in supporting some low socio economic areas with small program activity grants. UNAA SA is represented by Joan Young on the committee who in 2016 assisted in running the launch and in 2017 is the Launch Convenor. The launch will be held at Salisbury Primary School on October 20th 2017.

Margie Berlemon AM

President



Students at Thorndon Park Primary School where the Launch was held in 2016

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Catholic Women's League SA Inc.

The 48th National Biennial Conference is being held in Adelaide at the Hilton Hotel on the 11th, 12th and 13th September 2017 with an expected attendance of approximately 200 representatives from all Australian states.

The inaugural meeting of the Catholic Women's League was held in South Australia on October 25th 1914 with the first President of the Catholic Women's League in South Australia being Mrs Abigail McMahon Glynn, and the first Secretary was Miss Betty Leworthy, M.B.E.



A Member Organisation of CWLA Inc.

In 1916 the Keswick Recreation Hall built by CWL and furnished by State school children was opened. It was handed to Government for wounded soldiers and voluntarily staffed by CWL members regularly

The members of the Catholic Women's League support the work of the clergy in the community raise funds to support many charities and also volunteer their time to help the underprivileged in our community.

We are a member organisation of the World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations (WUCWO) and work together with an estimated 5 million women in more than 60 countries to promote the presence, promote the presence, participation and co-responsibility of Catholic women in society and the Church, in order to enable them to fulfil their mission of evangelisation and to work for human development.

Over the next four years, along with other Member Organisations around the world, we will be focussing our efforts on stopping infanticide; influencing legislative and administrative bodies at all levels of government in order to preserve the dignity of the human person; advocating against forced marriages of young girls; preventing the sexualisation and exploitation of children; fighting poverty and social exclusion; promoting and supporting initiatives to protect migrants and their families as well as defending their human rights; promoting ecumenical dialogue; and affirming the family and its crucial role in society.

The Catholic Women's League of Australia also has consultative (Roster) status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (UN). We are represented by our National International Secretary (NIS) at the Commission on the Status of Women Sessions held at UN Headquarters in New York each year.



Loxton Members Meeting

Sustainable Development Goals





Financial Report

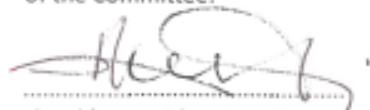
UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (SA DIV) INC. INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF UNAA (SA DIV) INC.


Committee Report

In accordance with section 35(5) of the Associations Incorporation Act 1985, the Committee of United Nations Assoc of Aust (SA Div) Inc. hereby state that during the financial year ended 31 March 2017:

- (a) (i) no officer of the association; or
(ii) no firm of which an officer is a member; and
(iii) no body corporate in which an officer has a substantial financial interest, has received or become entitled to receive a benefit as a result of a contract between the officer, firm or corporate and the association.
- (b) no officer of the association has received directly or indirectly from the Association any payment or other benefit of a pecuniary value.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed by two members of the Committee.


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President – Lidia Moretti


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Treasurer – Brendon Skates

Dated this 11th day of JULY 2017

UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (SA DIV) INC. INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF UNAA (SA DIV) INC.

Statement by Members of the Committee

The Committee have determined the Association is not a reporting entity. The Committee have determined that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the members of the Committee of United Nations Assoc of Aust (SA Div) Inc. in compliance with Section 35(2)(c) of the Associations Incorporation Act 1985;

- (1) The attached accounts present fairly the results of the operation of the Association for the year ended 31 March 2017 and the state of affairs of the Association as at the end of that year.
- (2) The Committee has reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed by two members of the Committee.


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President – Lidia Moretti


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Treasurer – Brendon Skates

Dated this 11th day of JULY 2017

United Nations Assoc of Aust (SA Div)
Summarised Income & Expenditure
01/04/16 through 31/03/17

Income	2016/17	2015/16
Subscriptions	1,517	2,295
Donations Grants & Bequests	5,673	1,005
Functions and Fund-Raising	30,847	34,803
Sundry	1,775	1,525
Total Income	39,812	39,628
Expenses		
Office Expenses	5,027	5,014
Rent and Outgoings (Net)	6,327	6,192
Events & Fund-raising	18,746	23,550
UNAASA Activities	3,912	4,529
Sundry	1,492	514
Total Expenses	35,503	39,798
Net Profit (Loss)	4,309	(171)

United Nations Assoc of Aust (SA Div)
Summarised Balance Sheet
As of 31 March 2017

Assets	2016/2017	2015/2016
Current Assets		
Cash and Equivalents	20,374	8,602
Sundry Debtors	1,000	-
Total Current Assets	21,374	8,602
Investments - Term Deposits	38,468	46,063
Total Assets	59,842	54,665
Liabilities		
Sundry Creditors	835	(33)
Net Assets	59,007	54,699
Equity		
Retained Earnings	54,699	54,869
Current Year Surplus/Deficit	4,309	(171)
Total Equity	59,007	54,699

United Nations Assoc of Aust (SA Div)
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year ended 31st March 2017

1 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This financial report has been prepared for use by the members of the association and is a special purpose financial report. It has been prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act of (SA). The committee have determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the following Australian Accounting Standards;

AASB 1031 Materiality

No other applicable Accounting Standards or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

Our People

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Vice-Presidents	Nicola Moore John Langton
Treasurer	Brendon Skates
Secretary	Ron Hall
Affiliate	UN Youth SA
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Office Volunteers	Ron Hall Br. Peter Faulkner Prudence Wilson Kristina Markopoulos
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