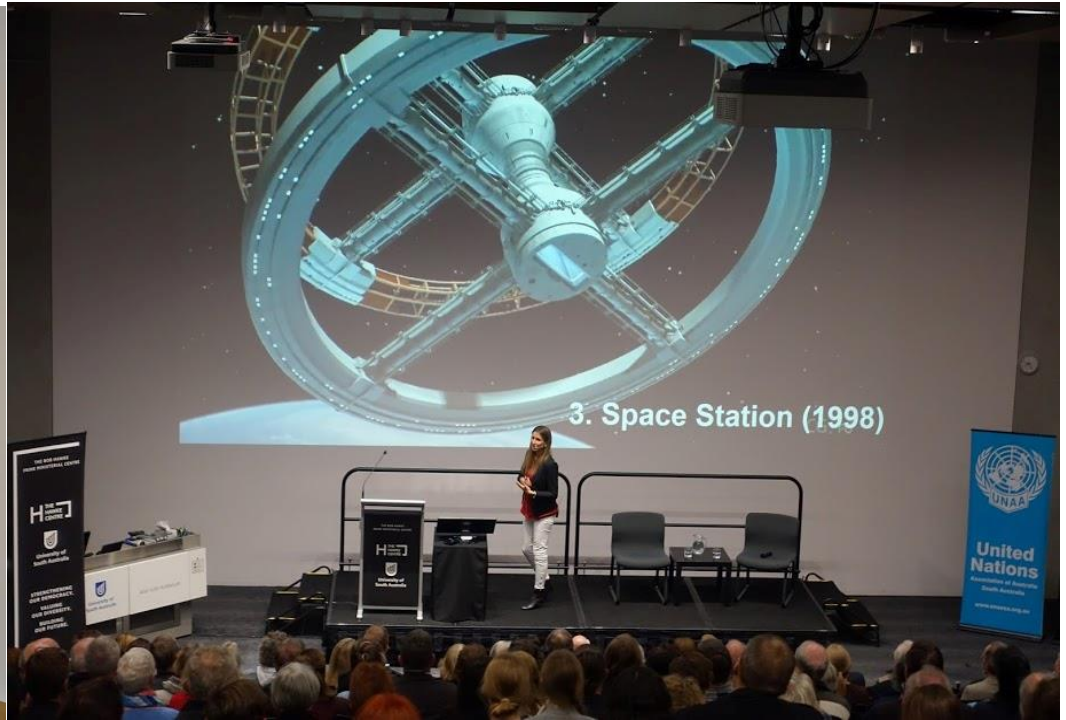




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ANNUAL REPORT 2017-2018



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*Front cover photographs from the Space Event:
Flavia Tata Nardini, CEO, Fleet Space Technologies
Pam Melroy, retired NASA Astronaut*

*Opposite page photograph from Pipi – A Harvest for our Future:
Renown chef, Cheong Lew and Hon Dr. Robyn Layton AO QC*

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

UNAASA is focused on working with **Sustainable Development Goals** (SDGs), otherwise known as the **Global Goals**, a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity. The SDGs are an inclusive agenda.

We do this by :

- disseminating information on the UN to government agencies, non-governmental organizations, educational institutions and the general public.
- promoting better public awareness and understanding of the aims and principles of the United Nations by organizing public events, coordinating seminars and conferences etc.
- speaking engagements and addressing events organised by government, non-governmental organisations and other community groups.

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

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 addition of Bookkeeper Debra Thorley from Y Partners whose Pro Bono services ensures we are a compliant organization. Brendon has decided to continue alone with the Financials and I am grateful to him for simplifying our methods and saving time.

Our growth is due to the excellent support we receive from the SA Community, in particular partnerships with the Australian Migrant Resource Centre, The Hawke Centre, UNESCO Music City, SAMEAC, the Diplomatic Corps and Amanda Blair who continue to promote and attend our Events.

We also appreciate the contribution made by the Lord and Lady Mayoress of Adelaide Martin and Genevieve Haese, the Mayor of Port Adelaide Enfield Gary Johanson, the Mayor of Norwood, Payneham and St Peters Robert Bria, and the addition this year of the Mayor of the Alexandrina Council Keith Parkes. Their unwavering support of our events is invaluable.

A special thank you must go to the Hon. Jing Lee MLC for her enthusiastic support which includes a report to the SA Parliament, which is 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 and the World Humanitarian Lunch.

Our UN Day Dinner has so far been our only Fundraiser 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 Cheesewrights, Willa Wauchope from Willabrand, Salvatore Pepe, Slow Food in South Australia, Our Place at Willunga Hill, The Mushroom Industry of SA, 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.

A highlight of our Dinner was not only our Guest Speaker Jessica Watson but also the attendance of the UNHCR Australian Representative Thomas Albrecht and his wife Muthoni. Their four days visit with us was indeed very special.

We have expanded our horizons in establishing a new Partnership with Cittaslow Goolwa ,our combined Fundraising Event on Sustainable Fisheries with support from the Goolwa Pipi Co. surreal Artist Andrew Baines and the Cittaslow Members is an outstanding example of what is achievable.

The Sustainable Pipi Event was a sold out and profitable event as well as a huge success on many levels. Wonderful to have to have our UNAA SDG and Human Rights Goodwill Ambassadors the Rev'd Dr Lynn Arnold and the Hon Robyn Layton AO QC join in the festivities. A very special thanks to Iconic Chef Cheong Lew and support Chefs Ben Sharp, Eddie Ye, Olaf Hansen and Andy Clappis for a spectacular lunch. We have plans to continue with Cittaslow Goolwa next year with an Environmental Fundraising Event.

It is noteworthy to mention the success of our Partnership with the Hawke Centre and its CEO Jacinta Thompson in allowing us to grow our Community profile exponentially. Their amazing support with partnership events in particular our recent 'Space Event'.

As mentioned last year the Rev'd Dr Lynn Arnold, a much loved and respected South Australian, was appointed as the UNAA SDG Ambassador. Lynn has contributed in a number of ways Nationally and in particular to our events in SA since accepting this role. His availability and support in all aspects of our work is much appreciated.

I am delighted to announce that another South Australian, the Hon Dr. Robyn Layton AO QC, has been appointed as UNAA Human Rights Ambassador. Two significant appointments who will enhance the work we do.

UNAASA this year established a Constitutional Sub-Committee, under the leadership of our Secretary Margaret Batty, which reviewed our Constitution allowing us to continue our modernization program begun last year, aligning us with the National Strategic Plan. Margaret's experience and commitment to this task, with the support of colleagues, has been exemplary. All proposals were approved at our Special General Meeting of members held recently.

Our focus for the coming year is to continue this process to refine our governance and procedures in line with contemporary practices. Further changes will give UNAASA the ability to renew itself and attract Committee Members with commitment, who understand their duties and have the right mix of skills and experience to support our work.

On Sept 5th we will launch our SA Young Professionals Network. I wish to thank a small group of enthusiastic young people I have been mentoring for their enthusiasm and energy in support of the Launch. It has been a pleasure to work with them. UNAASA will continue to support this group as they become independent.

Many thanks to our volunteers Prudence Wilson, Bernard Williams, Tania Paolo and Delphine D'Salisbury whose support in the organization of Events in numerous ways is an essential component of our success.

I have appreciated the support of my Executive - Vice President David Penn, Secretary Margaret Batty and Treasurer Brendon Skates as well as those committee members who have devoted countless hours to the success of our Division.



Lidia Moretti
President - South Australia Division
National Board Member
United Nations Association of Australia



Events

Annual General Meeting (30th July 2017)

Professor Andrew Lowe in his new position of Director of Food Innovation at the University of Adelaide was our Guest Speaker at the UNAASA 2017 Annual General Meeting.

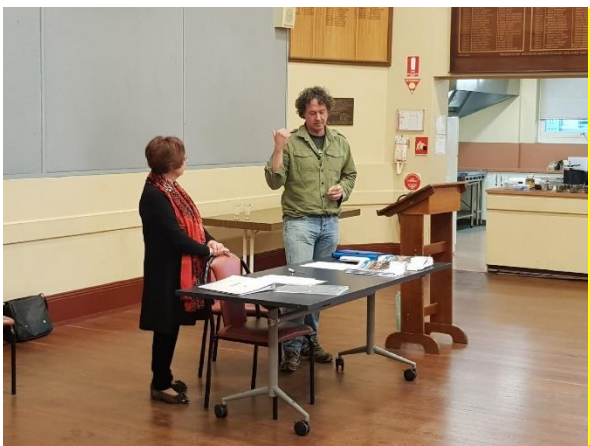
His enthusiastic presentation was well received by the audience who were keen to hear more from him in the very near future.

Andy explained that the creation of this position builds on the experience and expertise at the University of Adelaide, building on the FOOD plus Research Centre based at the Waite campus with 260 academics with expertise in food.

In his new position Andy will be working closely with Food South Australia and the South Australian Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA).

An exciting outcome linked to his appointment is that the University will work closely with government and key food industry groups to bridge the gap between new innovation, which is being generated in this state by the research organisations, and the ability of food producers to be able to take it up, leading ultimately to growth and innovation, supporting new jobs in the state's food sector.

In addition to this Andy is keen to develop opportunities with Australia's native food industry which are as vast as the land itself.



Thank you Andy for your memorable presentation

World Humanitarian Day (25th August 2017)



The World Humanitarian Day Lunch focus for 2017 was 'Refugees'

The event began with a heart-warming 'Welcome to Country' by Angelina Harradine, as special as it was personal. Our UNAA Goodwill Ambassador, the Rev. Dr. Lynn Arnold, spoke briefly about this important observance in the UN Calendar.



A Video from the UN in New York gave us an insight into Humanitarian Events across the Globe.

Guests were invited to view 10 posters from the Poster Exhibition Competition organized annually by the Australian Migrant Resource Centre with a 'Refugee' focus.

Through the medium of poster art the project gives students of all ages across SA the ongoing opportunity to engage with the issues around 'Refugees'. The project contributes to concepts of harmony, justice, social cohesion and a greater understanding of refugee communities and issues. By extension, the project is also contributing to students' understanding of multiculturalism, cultural diversity, human rights and social justice. Approximately 1,500 South Australian students of all ages and from all categories of school engage with the project each year.

It was difficult to select Only 10 entries to showcase at our lunch. The students listed below were invited to join us for lunch and were acknowledged for their wonderful effort.

Ruby Cichero	St Aloysius College
Alana Goldschmidt	Adelaide High School
Chloe Churchman	OLSH College
Jenny Lee	OLSH College
Thomas Costanzo	Christian Brothers College
David Savage	University of South Australia
Ebony Mitchell	University of South Australia
Linh Duong	University of South Australia
Jessie Showell	TAFE SA
Tamara Fischerman	TAFESA



Our Guest Speaker the Honourable Chris Kourakis , Chief Justice of South Australia, spoke eloquently regarding the issues concerning refugees with great sensitivity.

His words included:

'Let me explain briefly why I regard the theme as going to the very core of humanitarianism. I start with the obvious importance of youth which is of course that they are the very future of mankind. In youth and children there is no fault or responsibility for past crimes against humanity, whether by waging war, personal oppression or economic exploitation. In youth there is only potential for the advancement of human kind and a better world. Each and every child deserves an equal opportunity for his or her advancement and the development of his or her potential irrespective of the accident of his or her place of birth. And it is in the nature of humans, imprinted in their DNA by evolution, that they seek for their children shelter, nourishment, good health and personal and financial security. For that reason, the history of human kind is one of massive movements of people. Migration not just in this century, or the last, but through the millennia.'

A musical item by singer-songwriter Eunice Rodgers was enthusiastically received by guests.

It is with thanks to our numerous sponsors who have made this event possible for a number of years, especially the National Wine Centre.



A special thank you to Amanda Blair whose superb MC skills continually elevate our spirits at our events.

UN Day of Peace - 21st September 2017

The combined voices of the *Certaine Notes Chamber Choir* rose behind us like a wave and then rolled over us, forward and upward, soaring to fill the high vaulted ceiling of St Peter's Cathedral with songs of peace.



Individual voices of actors from the *Independent Theatre*, sometimes strident and harsh, sometimes gentle and soft, challenged us with words of war, of conflict, of struggles and of suffering. And then other voices brought comfort and hope through prayers and blessings from representatives of various faith traditions, united in a common desire for peace

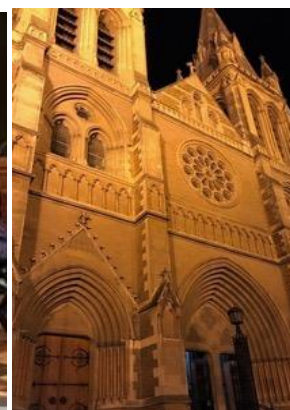
The mellow and melancholy voice of the viola delivered the *Prelude and Courante in D minor*, by J S Bach, as those attending came forward to light candles ... symbols of hope in a time of darkness.

And through all of this, young children - curiously, quietly, and in a state of natural, innocent reverence - wondered at what their elders were doing.

And what we were doing was coming together on September 21st 2017 to celebrate *United Nations Day of Peace*.



A partnership between the UNAA SA Division and St Peter's Cathedral, it is intended that "Together for Peace" will become an annual event in our calendar.



Report by Bernard Williams

UN Day Dinner (11th November 2017)

The 2017 UNAASA dinner was held in the Hickinbotham Hall at the National Wine Centre in Adelaide on Sunday 11th November.

Glorious weather allowed guests to mingle and chat in the courtyard whilst being served pre-dinner drinks and an amazing assortment of canapes by some of Adelaide's finest award winning producers.



The evening commenced with a poignant message from the Secretary General of the United Nations delivered by Thomas Albrecht, Regional Representative for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees. Guests then watched a short film explaining the UN's Sustainable Development Goals '17 Goals to Transform our World'.

Thomas Albrecht explained that the Millennium Development Goals were established for the fifteen year period of 2000 to 2015. The UN then faced the challenge of how to set goals for the next 15 years. Thomas Albrecht discussed the paradox that we have enough food to feed 12 billion people on the planet, yet we only have 8 billion people. In theory no one should have to go hungry but it's a travesty that we have one million people each year dying from famine. He also brought to our attention that it's ironic we have three million people dying from obesity each year and that there are environmental considerations from producing too much food. He highlighted the problem of the unequal distribution of food.

Guests were then treated to a wonderful performance by the Sangabele International Gospel Choir. The room filled with applause after the choir's uplifting and energising music.



Our inspirational keynote speaker, Jessica Watson, then took to the stage. Jessica is the world's youngest person to complete an unassisted solo southern hemisphere navigation. She is also the United Nations food representative, a role she is incredibly proud of.



Jessica told us about her trip to Jordan and Lebanon with the UN and how confronting she found the experience in the food camps. She was both moved and inspired, especially by the women - particularly the mothers. What she experienced was a powerful 'why' for her of what it meant to make a difference to other people.

Jessica then talked about her upbringing and explained how, as a young girl, she didn't even like getting wet. She was dyslexic and recalls her mother reading her adventure stories. Jessica explained what an inspiration it was to read Jesse Martin's book about his adventures sailing around the world at the age of 18.

Reading this book gave Jessica the 'audacity' to believe she could also do this. Jessica firmly believed she could overcome any fear or doubt. "We all make decisions of how we will choose to react in situations", she said.

Jessica then quoted Simon Sinel, "It's those that start with 'why' that have the ability to inspire those around them" and Mark Twain, "courage is not the absence of fear". Jessica's interesting and inspiring speech received a hearty round of applause from the guests.

Our MC, Grace Portolesi, introduced Lidia Moretti the UNAASA President, who gave thanks to guests for coming and to the South Australian food community for their ongoing generous support. Distinguished guests were thanked and, in particular, the contribution from the Lord Mayor Martin Haese, Lady Mayoress Genevieve Theseira-Haese and artists Andrew Baines and Vanessa Rosen for their continued support.

A vote of thanks was given for MC Grace Portolesi, Chair of the South Australian Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission. The festive evening concluded with drawing of the raffle and silent auction.



Video: https://drive.google.com/open?id=13m_XCI4CadwpAx3N_L49sPdHECts0-Vp

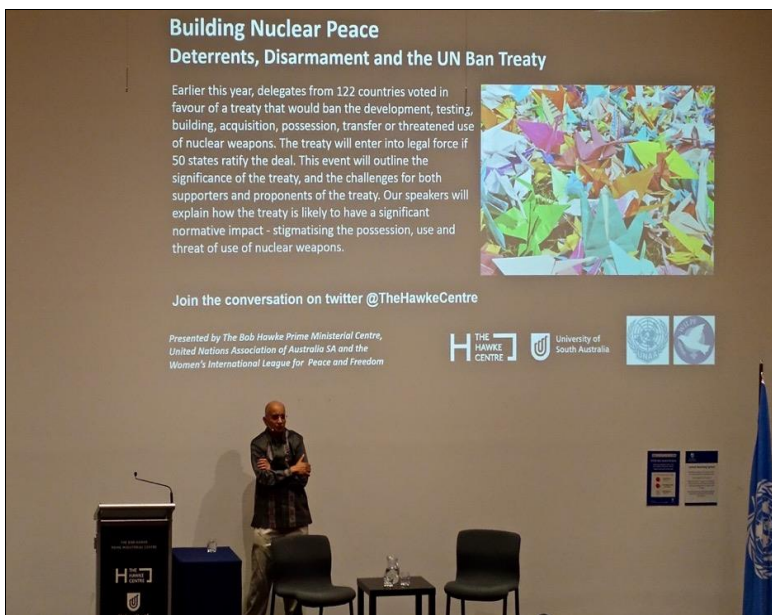
International Human Rights Day (7th December 2017)



The Bob Hawke Prime Ministerial Centre at the University of South Australia, in collaboration with the United Nations Association of Australia (UNAA) South Australia Division and the Women's International League for Peace & Freedom (SA), hosted an event for International Human Rights Day.

Jacinta Thompson, Executive Director, The Bob Hawke Prime Ministerial Centre welcomed the keynote speaker, **Prof Ramesh Thakur, the UN Goodwill Ambassador**, who spoke on the topic:

“Building Nuclear Peace: Deterrents, Disarmament and the UN Ban Treaty”



This talk was very well received by the audience as Prof Thakur outlined the long history of efforts to ban nuclear weapons.

After the key address, **The Rev. Lynn Arnold**, past SA Premier, engaged Ramesh in a conversation which included taking questions from the audience.

Lynn Arnold concluded the event with his comments on the current situation, leaving the audience keen to know what more could be done to achieve full disarmament



International Women's Day (9th March 2018)

In 2018, the Adelaide International Women's Day Breakfast Committee celebrated 20 years of hosting its event. To mark the occasion, the Governor-General, His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd) and Mrs Cosgrove were the guests of honour.

Other guests included His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC Governor of South Australia, The SA Premier Jay Wetherall and the Leader of the Opposition, Steven Marshall.

Right: Official Party is met by Senator Penny Wong and Ann Morgan, Chair of the IWD Breakfast Committee



After a Welcome to Country, Senator Penny Wong welcomed all to the celebration attended by almost 2,700 guests, the largest IWD event in Australia. The nearly \$70,000 raised was to be donated to UN Women National Committee (NC) Australia.



Sir Peter Cosgrove addressed the audience before the MC Sonia Feldhoff introduced the guest speaker, Tanya Hoesch the AFL's General Manager of Inclusion and Social Policy, who has a long and distinguished history in Indigenous policy, advocacy, governance and fundraising. At the AFL Tanya is tasked with the implementation of the AFL's enhanced Indigenous strategy, advising the AFL Indigenous Advisory Council, reviewing the Respect and Responsibility Policy and implementing the AFL's Gender Action Plan

The committee of UNAA SA Division had an information booth in the foyer during the breakfast. It received many enquiries and interest from the breakfast attendees. Many young people expressed interest in joining UN Young Professionals when the group is launched in Adelaide in late 2018.

Right: Michael McEwen, Shervin Shokri, Sing Ping Ting, Andrew Baines, Lidia Moretti, Jane Reilly, Chris Kourakis



Greek National Day - 25th March 2018

The Official State Celebration of the Greek National Day of the 25th March took place at the South Australian National War Memorial in Adelaide on Sunday, 25th March, organized by the Consulate General of Greece in Adelaide Andreas Gouras.



UNAASA accepted an invitation from the Greek Consulate to participate in the laying of wreaths during the Ceremony which was attended by a number of Community Leaders and Australian Organizations. The Consul General of Greece came from Canberra for this occasion.

An Australian Army Band and many children with Greek national costumes also took part.

President Lidia Moretti presented a wreath on behalf of UNAA (SA Division.)



Pipi Event (5th May 2018) – A Harvest for our Future

On Sunday 5th May 2018 a partnership between the UNAASA and Cittaslow Goolwa saw members, guests, well-known chefs and other dignitaries gather together at Goolwa for a very special event. Glorious weather blessed this two-part event in support of the UN Sustainable Development goals — an art installation by renowned contemporary artist Andrew Baines and lunch prepared by food legend Cheong Liew.

Shoes were removed and pants rolled up to the ankles as everyone treks across the sand to meet on Goolwa Beach. People involved in Andrew Baines unique Pipi Art Installation look a grand sight dressed in their black and white formal attire — some with top hats to match! Nets are thrown back and forth as tagged pipis are thrown into the ocean. Over a period of time the pipis will be tracked and provide crucial information to benefit sustainability.

Video: <https://youtu.be/iTi8oxBJT4>



We then move to the Signal Point Gallery for lunch, a stunning location overlooking Goolwa Wharf and the Murray River. Warm and sunny weather allows guests to mingle and chat on the deck whilst being spoiled with gin cocktails and seafood appetisers — these include freshly barbecued Pipis and Coorong Mullet.

Iconic chef Cheong Liew supported by other well-known chefs including Olaf Hansen, Eddie Ye and Ben Sharp, fire up three huge paella cooking trays and commence preparing a veritable lunch feast. Pipis are in abundance and other ingredients include chicken, rabbit, octopus, pork and squid ink with an array of vegetables.

As we move into the restaurant to sit down for lunch guests are treated to musical performances by talented local school children. The colourful, hanging Cittaslow Goolwa centrepiece is a strikingly handsome focus of the dining room.

Margaret Gardner, President of Cittaslow Goolwa, is MC for the afternoon and introduces the Governor of South Australia, His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le, who officially welcomes everyone. Next, Alexandrina Council Mayor Keith Parkes, a proud patron of Cittaslow Goolwa, speaks about how beneficial Cittaslow Goolwa is for the area, bringing many people together in the community with a way of life that matches the pristine and beautiful environment of the Fleurieu Peninsula. He also comments how beautiful it is that, 'The humble pipi was just a bit of fish bait a few years ago and now it's a culinary delight'.

Honourable Reverend Dr Lynn Arnold then speaks about, in particular, the UN Sustainable Development Goal number 14, 'life below the water'. Recently returned from a UN conference on sustainable development goals, he reports how devastating the increasing levels of water pollution are to the health of fish — specifically due to the level of micro plastic particles in the ocean.

Our shared lunch platters are full of flavour and thoroughly enjoyed by all, served with a vibrant, delicious salad and outstanding Langhorne Creek wines — the perfect accompaniment to our meal.

Tom Robinson, Director of Goolwa PipiCo, takes to the microphone and speaks about his sustainable fisheries company which represents 61 per cent of the pipi industry.

Guests enjoy an irresistible dessert of ricotta cannoli accompanied by almond meringue and fresh strawberries and handmade chocolates.

Lastly, Lidia Moretti, the President of UNAASA and honorary member of Cittaslow, gives thanks to guests, sponsors and distinguished guests for attending this unique event and providing their support. The South Australian food community is also thanked for their ongoing generous sponsorship and support. Distinguished guests and our talented team of chefs are heartily thanked. Artist Andrew Baines is thanked for his involvement, as is the Honourable Dr Lynn Arnold and Dr Robyn Layton for their roles as Honorary Ambassadors to the UNAA.



This inspiring afternoon ends with Lidia asking everyone to provide a round of applause to thank her 'dream team' — a combination of talented individuals coming together to ensure an amazing event in Goolwa, 'our little bit of heaven', with special thanks to Cittaslow Goolwa members for their time and dedication.

The Rise of New Space Endeavours in Australia (28th June 2018)

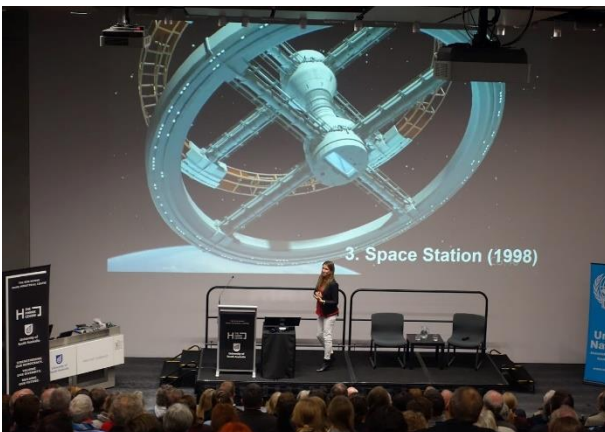


Reference to science fiction films and TV shows was inevitable, and we got some of the big ones, including “Star Wars”, “Star Trek”, and Stanley Kubrick’s prophetic 1968 film, “2001: A Space Odyssey”.

The Rise of New Space Endeavours in Australia, an initiative of the United Nations Association of Australia SA Division, was presented in partnership with The Bob Hawke Prime Ministerial Centre at the Allan Scott Auditorium, UniSA City West Campus, on the evening of Thursday 28 June. (A podcast of the event is available via The Hawke Centre website.)

In his introduction, **Michael G Smith, National President of the UNAA**, clearly set the UN context for this event by referencing the Outer Space Treaty of 1967. This treaty, established during the period of the Cold War, has been ratified by more than 100 of the 193 member states and has never been violated.

The audience of more than 300 were then informed, inspired and engaged through a passionate presentation by **Flavia Tata Nardini, CEO, Fleet Space Technologies**.



Using striking audio-visuals, and her boundless enthusiasm and positivity, Flavia swept us along as she talked about her own venture, and, more widely, about how new space technologies are changing industries in Australia and around the world.

She left the audience with so much to think about, but perhaps Flavia’s best “take-away” gift was a statement that she has obviously taken to heart.

“The best way to predict the future is to create it.”

Report by Tania Paola

Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_iTi8oxBJT4&feature=youtu.be

Committee Reports



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UN Youth SA has had a productive start to 2018, one which sets us up well to continue this work into the latter half of the year.

Events Summary

SA Conference 2018

SA Conference was, as usual, a great success. Numbers were slightly down due to a clash with both the state election and Head of the River, but nonetheless, the quality of engagement was as high as ever, with the theme of *Power, Diplomacy and Influence*. It was also a chance for our new volunteers to get their first experience of facilitation, with many fantastic new faces coming on board, including some who had never attended a UN Youth event before. The Convenor, Niav Andrews, is to be congratulated on her fantastic work in running the conference, particularly in managing HR throughout the weekend, where her innovations have already been adopted on a national level. UNAA SA provided some much appreciated funding towards the event, to assist delegates from disadvantaged backgrounds to attend the event.

Young Leaders' Summit: Our Evolving Cities

Cities Summit was a struggle to get off the ground, but was extremely valuable having done so. The first of our day summits this year, Cities Summit had excellent content, teaching delegates about the importance of the environments in which we live, and what we can contribute to enriching them.

National Conference 2018

Though not technically a UN Youth SA event, Adelaide was host to our largest event, National Conference. National Conference brought together around 90 of the most engaged High School students from across Australia and New Zealand to discuss the theme, *The Future of Democracy*. UNAA, and specifically Lidia Moretti, were a great help in this, using contacts to book venues and negotiate prices, along with some much appreciated financial assistance.

School Visits and Regional Trips

As always, we have visited several schools in both metropolitan and regional areas. Visits to Thebarton Senior College, Wirreanda Secondary School and Pulteney Grammar School, among others have provided a strong showing in Adelaide. Regional engagement has been as strong as ever, with visits to Mannum Community School, Karoonda East Area School and Swan Reach Area School to name a few. At the time of writing, our Outer Regional Officer, Marielle Intveld and the Youth Representative to the UN, SA's own Amos Washington, are about to depart for our first "regional airtrip", flying to Port Augusta and Coober Pedy with sponsorship from Regional Express.



Future Events

We plan to run five events in the second half of this year. Registrations are currently open for **Evatt SA** Model UN competition, with numbers flowing in steadily. We will also run **Voice SA**, in addition to two day summits; **Espionage Summit**, and one of a theme to be decided. We are also looking to run the first **Crisis Point** in SA- a full day interactive problem solving activity, where delegates place themselves in the shoes of diplomats and world leaders in cabinets, and interact with each other to solve global crises.

We will also (as always) continue our **School Visits** and Regional Roadtrips, with the potential for trips to Broken Hill and Mildura, to assist our colleagues in New South Wales and Victoria.

Tim Townend

President

UN Youth South Australia



Children's Week Association of South Australia Inc.

Patron: Mrs Lan Le

Ambassador: Mrs Liz Scarce



Children's Week 2018 is a national annual festival to be celebrated from Friday 19th October to Sunday 28th October with this year's theme Article 12 from UNCRC 'You have the right to give your opinion, and for adults to listen and take it seriously'
Children's Week has been celebrated in Adelaide for 39 years.

- 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 Friday 19th October
- Children's Week Award Reception at Government House
- Minister for Education Awards Presentation
- Ethnic Schools Festival Saturday 27th October
- UNICEF Day for Children Wednesday 24th October
- United Way Family Fun Day – Parafield Airport – Sunday 28th
- Children's Parish Picnic -Sunday 21st October

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 2017 assisted in running the Launch by being the Launch Convenor. The 2018 Launch will be held at Colonel Light Gardens Primary School on October 19th, 2018.

Margie Berlemon AM
President



Children from the Salisbury Primary School – Launch 2017



Status of Women Committee

From July 2017 to May 2018 we held 6 meetings.

1. Networking - During the meetings we continued to share the news of activities from various women groups. The SoWC members consisted of 4 individual members and 9 representatives from the following women organisations : Australian Church Women, Catholic Women League, Asian Women Consultative Council, National Council of Women (SA), Support Association for Women of Afghanistan, Soroptimist International, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Uniting Church Adult Fellowship, UNAA (SA).
2. Advocacy – We continued with our concern and advocacy for the welfare of female prisoners and their families.
3. Mental health forum – On 9/9/2017 we held a forum – **“Well Being and Mindfulness—Self-guarding our mental health”**. 30 people attended.

The speakers were :

- Lynn Charlesworth, a secondary school counsellor and volunteer speaker from Beyond Blue, a national organisation that works to raise awareness about depression, to reduce the associated stigma and to encourage people to get help.
- Tim Porter from Bereaved Through Suicide Support Group. This is a not- for- profit organisation, comprised entirely of volunteers who have all been affected by suicide of someone close to them. They aimed to support and care for others through their loss and grief and to assist with healing and recovery.
- Ecaterina Eltahir, a social worker and behaviour therapist. She proposed the use of exercise as an adjunct strategy to medication for stress and depression management.

8 Australians kill themselves daily, and of these 6 are males. From 1986 to 2017 there were 6500 suicides in South Australia. No one is immune to mental ill health. We all need support and protection for our mental health and be free to talk about it.

4. Future of Status of Women Committee. Due to the uncertainty of our relationship with UNAA (SA) and the inappropriateness and inability to exist as a separate individual organisation, members, with much regrets, voted to dissolve the group at our April 2018 meeting. The remaining property of \$942.71 was, by unanimous agreement, donated to Seeds of Affinity that provides support for women and their children during the difficult transition from prison.

Submitted by Sing Ping Ting, Chair, SoWC.

Sustainable Development Goals



Financial Report

United Nations Assoc of Aust (SA Div) Summarised Income & Expenditure 01/04/17 through 30/06/18

	2017/18	2016/17
Income		
Subscriptions	2,136	1,517
Donations Grants & Bequests	10,529	5,673
Functions and Fund-Raising	26,133	30,847
Sundry	8,926	1,775
Total Income	47,725	39,812
Expenses		
Office Expenses	3,444	5,027
Rent and Outgoings (Net)	9,681	6,327
Events & Fund-raising	16,484	18,746
UNAASA Activities	7,810	3,912
Sundry	1,151	1,492
Total Expenses	38,570	35,503
Net Profit (Loss)	9,154	4,309

United Nations Assoc of Aust (SA Div) Summarised Balance Sheet As of 30 June 2018

	2017/18	2016/17
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash and Equivalents	27,534	20,374
Sundry Debtors	1,795	1,000
Total Current Assets	29,329	21,374
Investments - Term Deposits	39,437	38,468
Total Assets	68,766	59,842
Liabilities		
Sundry Creditors	604	835
Net Assets	68,161	59,007
Equity		
Retained Earnings	59,007	54,699
Current Year Surplus/Deficit	9,154	4,309
Total Equity	68,161	59,007

United Nations Assoc of Aust (SA Div) Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year ended 30th June 2018

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.

The association has changed its year end to the 30th of June. This report therefore covers a 15 month period. The comparative figures cover the period 01/04/2016 to 31/03/2017 being the previous financial year period.

**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 2018 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.



President – Lidia Moretti



Treasurer – Brendon Skates

Dated this 21st day of August

2018

**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 2018:

- (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 21st day of August

2018

Our People

President	Lidia Moretti
Vice-Presidents	David Penn
Treasurer	Brendon Skates
Secretary	Margaret Batty
Affiliate	UN Youth SA
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Executive Committee Individual Members	Dr Sing Ping Ting Felix Patrikeeff Lauren Chartier Shervin Shokri
Office Volunteers	Prudence Wilson
Public Officer	Brendon Skates
Immediate Past-President	John Crawford
UNAA SA Status of Women subcommittee	Dr Sing Ping Ting
Volunteers	Prudence Wilson Bernard Williams Tania Paolo Delphine D'Salisbury Adriana Rinna
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