



**United Nations  
Association of Australia  
New South Wales Division**



# **Annual report**

**2015/2016**



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# Our People

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Inc.

**Patron:**

His Excellency General The  
Honourable David Hurley  
AC,DSC (Ret d)  
Governor of New South  
Wales

## Executive Committee for the 2015/2016 year.

President:	Kel Gleeson
Vice – Presidents:	Dr Patricia Jenkins Alexander Maron
Secretary:	Geoffrey R Usher
Treasurer:	Paul Malliate
Immediate Past President:	Valerie Weekes
Vice-President Emeritus:	Kenneth Weekes
Public Officer:	Valerie Weekes
Committee Members:	Dr Peter Airey Kim Andrews Amber Ferguson Dr Daryl Le Cornu Carmen Leung Geoffrey Little Judy MacGregor Lindsay Mell Dr Peter Nadin Hugo Rojas Dianne Sackelariou OAM Antoinette Smith Thich Minh Tam

## BRANCH REPRESENTATIVES

Blue Mountains:	Franklin Scarf
Central Coast:	Audrey McDonald
Hunter:	Martina Bowen

# President's Report

This brings us to the end of our operating year and with that my term as President concludes. It has been an interesting and invigorating challenge but one I thoroughly enjoyed. I believe that I am leaving the organisation in a fit and good condition, which will ensure its viability and direction into the future.

Importantly, the issues of governance and operations have been addressed and progress has been achieved. As with all things, it is a work in progress but we are on the right track. Sadly, the days for the UNAA as a small volunteer organisation are vanishing. We are being confronted by the forces of change which have required us to adjust the way we operate. I recall an old UN Peacekeeping maxim from mission life, to be 'flexible and adaptable'. I have asked a lot from you all over the years and you have done it. For that I want to thank you for your efforts. They have been sublime.

I need to draw you to one issue for the future: the relevance of the UN to younger people. I understand that UN Youth and UN Young Professionals are designed to meet the needs of a certain demographic but there is a gap that is not being filled by the UN for younger people. I leave you this one challenge. To remain relevant in a changing world the UNAA must attract a younger demographic to its banner. Not to do this will ensure that the UNAA does not grow as a force for good. I leave it to you. Attract those younger people, as they are our future. If we do it now, we can act as role models whilst we are still in the game.

As my time has come to a close, I believe that I have earned the right for one last defiant yell in the howling winds of bureaucracy.

The UN needs to be reformed, and reformed from the top down. First is the Security Council. It needs to be expanded to include other countries, such as Japan, Germany, India, one from Africa, a Muslim nation, and one from South America. The Permanent Members cannot be allowed to include only the victors of World War II. Their veto power needs to be removed; it cannot be justified today, and is too often misused.

Secondly, the resolutions of the General Assembly need to be binding, not non-binding, as is currently the case. Binding resolutions would prove that the General Assembly was truly an embodiment of what the world needs today.

Thirdly, the UN should set up a UN College/University on each continent to espouse the values and ethics of the UN. It would be a place where students can learn about the UN and it would be a place of international education and understanding.

Lastly, each nation should have a UN Ambassador in its country. This would allow greater communication on a global basis. There is a lot more, but as my parting shot I think I am entitled to one last thrust of the sabre.

My last comment goes to the wonderful team of the Executive Committee. You guys are great! I have appreciated all the blood, sweat and tears that you have spilled in the name of the UNAA NSW. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. You are a credit to yourselves and to this organisation.

To all of you, I wish you all the best for the future. Remember that the UNAA is a vital mechanism for getting the word and the message of the UN out to the community and the world. You are all on the right path. Have the courage to stay the course.

Kel Gleeson  
**President**



*Kel Gleeson, UNAA NSW President  
Photograph courtesy of James Boulton*

# A Year in Review

Throughout this year it was personally rewarding to engage with like-minded global citizens who are passionate about making a difference. It was also productive working with our dedicated Executive Committee team led by Kel Gleeson. Portfolio responsibilities were fulfilled and new paths forged.

Under the direction of Alex Maron, we improved out-reach through innovative technical support and utilisation of social media tools.

A new Model UN Conference Program, led by Paul Malliate, is focussed on simulating sessions of the UN through developing a forum for individuals to take on different UN delegate roles and engage in debate.

A Scholarship Fund program is in progress with Dr Daryl Le Cornu as Program Director. Volunteer/New Member evenings, coordinated by Carmen Leung, have proved most successful and, along with other Executive Committee members, it was a delight to welcome newcomers to our UN family.

I also met with representatives from the International Trade Centre, Geneva, whose work promotes the importance of women's economic empowerment, and I have arranged further collaboration. Together with other UNAA NSW members, I travelled to Canberra for the UNAA National Conference 2015 and, as a member of the UNAA Academic Network, joined in the round table discussion led by Dr Peter Nadin, .

As part of the UN's designated day to promote international awareness, our UN Day celebrations were again well organised by Dr Peter Airey and Geoffrey Little, and just become more popular. In November it was very moving to attend the St Mary's Cathedral Requiem Mass for Victims of the Paris Attacks, held in the presence of NSW State leaders and Consular corps representatives as well as many caring community members. In December a most elegant reception was hosted by His Excellency General The honourable David Hurley ACJEC, Governor of NSW, and Mrs Linda Hurley at stunning Government House for our members and volunteers.

Other highlights included celebrating NSW's unity and diversity by engaging with representatives from a wide range of organisations and State leaders at the NSW Premier's Harmony Dinner, co-hosted by our sponsor Multicultural NSW. With a human rights perspective, I joined UNAA NSW members for the Korean Consul General's screening of the thought provoking North Korean Human Rights film, "The Crossing". I engaged in the Australian Korean Friendship Program. The Korean Consul General also attended our Human Rights Day function, organised by Mrs Valerie Weekes. More details on our fundraising efforts and some key event highlights are included in the following section.

As a member of our UN family and in the wonderful spirit of humanitarian mateship, I look forward to continuing to unite and work together to help promote UN awareness and advance UN ideals.

Imagine: a safer and fairer world for all, in which every girl and boy had the opportunity to receive an education!

**Patricia Jenkins**  
**Co-Vice President**



*Mr Hakan Harman, CEO of Multicultural NSW and Patricia Jenkins, Co-Vice President  
Photo courtesy of UNAA NSW website*



# Special Mention and Farewell

Over many years I held the position of Convener of Fundraising - mainly because "nobody wants that job". I too was not the best of fundraisers!

At first I started running a few theatre parties and making some funds for UNAA. However, later I found that, with numerous phone calls, letters and people unable to commit, it cost me more than I made. So I decided to pen a few articles in "News & Notes" and suggest that people add a few extra dollars to their annual subscriptions. This proved more financially beneficial.

Over the last few years my contribution to this task has been running the UN Day Lunch Raffle with some success, usually raising in excess of \$1,000.

In October 2015 I had some bad news: I had to have surgery and missed some months of the Executive Committee meetings. I returned to the April meeting and, whilst I had kept up with the minutes, I realised what a great job our new younger members of the Executive Committee are doing.

I have therefore decided to retire from the Executive Committee after some forty years. When I was first on the EC I represented the Freedom From Hunger Campaign (now Oxfam); later, when the constitution changed, I stood in my own right. At that stage I was the youngest on the EC; now I am one of the oldest!

I feel very comfortable about retiring at this time knowing the Executive Committee is in the hands of a younger, enthusiastic team.

I thank everyone I have had the pleasure to serve with over so many years and assure you that I will remain a member and a strong supporter of the work of the UNAA.

A suggestion: As you reach a special "O" birthday and have enough money to have a party, you probably don't need any presents. No doubt you might say "No presents, just your presence". But people feel they have to bring something - usually wine that is not to your taste or pot plants that fill your house like an indoor garden.

I suggest that on the invitation where you would say "No presents, just your presence" you follow it up with "But UNAA would appreciate your donation" and provide the address to which to send it.

Dianne Sackelariou  
**Valued member and supporter of UNAA  
NSW for the past four decades**

# Strategy and Operations

It has been a busy year in the Strategy and Operations portfolio for UNAA NSW. It has been a pleasure to work with a committed Executive Committee and group of volunteers.

In the first Quarter 2016, the Executive Committee endorsed a revision to the internal organisational structure to ensure a more effective running of the internal organisation. This was endorsed and supported by new position descriptions for all Executive Committee Members and Leadership positions.

At the March 2016 Executive Committee Meeting, the Board endorsed my proposal to establish a temporary Transformation Sub-Committee. The purpose of this temporary committee was to fast track much needed short-term urgent operational issues facing UNAA NSW.

The short term operational focus areas to-date have included: technology advancement, marketing and social media activation, membership engagement and supporting the continued progress of the Volunteering Director.

Alexander Maron  
**Co-Vice President**

## Highlights for the year have included

### Communications & Marketing

An overall of our approach to use of communications has been undertaken throughout the year. We have taken an increasingly active approach through greater engagement with our members and the public via more participation in our key social media channels such as the UNAA NSW Facebook and Twitter pages.

### Volunteering Registration Page

The team in coordination with the Director of Volunteering, and the UNAA National Executive Director, led the development of a volunteering registration page on the UNAA website. This has now been rolled out nationally, across all UNAA State and Territory Offices and now includes UN Youth, Young Professionals and other affiliations

### Digitising the AGM Process

The first step towards a full digitisation of the AGM process has been completed with the conversion of current nominations forms to PDF enabled format. We plan to consider trials of electronic voting and nominations in the next financial year.

### TidyHQ Membership Review

Due to a significant technology outage experienced during the year, we conducted a full review of the TidyHQ UNAA NSW Membership system. As a result we have installed some new controls in place to prevent similar outages affecting our membership base.

### Annual Report development

Volunteers from the Transformation Sub-Committee have assisted in preparing the Annual Report for the financial year 2015/2016.

### Data Analytics

The Transformation Sub-Committee has recently commenced the planning for a future data analytics capability in order to better support our membership base and be able to improve our ability to respond to changing member and community needs.

### Looking ahead

Whilst we recognise that there has been much change in a short period of time to enhance UNAA NSW, I note that these changes will continue to occur over the next 6-12 months for the new Executive Committee post the AGM. Some of the items that I expect the incoming Executive Committee to finalise include the:

- UNAA NSW Strategy to 2020
- Implementation of the Communication and Marketing Activation Plans
- Reforms to our Membership to ensure we are continuing to provide great benefits to our supportive members.



# Volunteering

This year, saw some remarkable progress on engagement with our members and the community via the refresh and re-launch of our UNAA NSW Volunteering Program.

A core focus has been on improving the overall volunteer experience.

This has been supported by:

- Launch of a brand-new Skilled Volunteering offering
- Establishment of formal bi-monthly 'UN Connect' Volunteering briefing nights for prospective volunteers
- Launch of a UNAA NSW Volunteering Registration Page, via our website, which has now been adopted by UNAA National
- Development and maintenance of an active database of volunteers
- Regular communication and support being provided to our volunteers.

We recognised that to improve the overall experience it required greater face to face engagement with prospective volunteers to understand their skills and experiences and areas of interest. This involved direct engagement via email and then meetings at the UN Connect evenings.

We also believe volunteering is a two way process, in that we will be lucky to have support from our volunteers for events as well as for operational matters such as the Transformation Committee. However volunteers should also be able to have an overall experience.

We currently have 70 individuals registered to participate in upcoming general or skilled volunteering experience. To-date we have been able to have over 80% of volunteers participate in UNAA NSW activity for the year.

Carmen Leung  
**Executive Committee Member**



*Volunteers in action at the recent UNAA NSW Conference with Co-VP Alexander Maron and Executive Committee Member Cameron Leung  
Photograph courtesy of Rebecca Geddes*

# Membership

The current membership for the UNAA NSW is at 169 (financial members).

Through support from the Vice President – Strategy and Operations, we have been able to engage more with our current membership through digital means such as our Email Mail Box and Social Media Channels such as Facebook and Twitter.

Due to a significant technology outage, which resulted in a 1 week outage for all UNAA NSW members, we conducted a full review of the TidyHQ UNAA NSW Membership system. As a result we have installed some new controls in place to prevent similar outages affecting our membership base.

The Transformation Sub-Committee is currently working on improving our understanding of our current membership through planning a future data analytics capability. We are keen to better understand our members including their interests with respect to the UN and Sustainable Development Goals and how they would like us to engage with them.

We are currently working on a review of the Membership Offerings. This review is still being undertaken but has a focus on reviewing the UNAA NSW current membership offering (for example benefits to members, level of engagement), whilst benchmarking this with other UNAA affiliations along with other Not for Profit and Non-Government Associations. It is expected that this benchmarking report will be delivered for the incoming Executive Committee at the August meeting.

Carmen Leung  
**Executive Committee Member**



*From left to right, Treasurer, Paul Malliat; Co-Vice Presidents Patricia Jenkins and Alexander Maron, and; Executive Committee Member, Peter Airey*

## Why become a member

**Learn.** Receive invitations to regular meetings, seminars and discussions on current and important global issues.

**Meet.** Attend networking opportunities with recognised leaders from government, community and the United Nations.

**Share.** Obtain an opportunity to share your views with like-minded individuals in a non-partisan framework.

**Get informed.** Glean regular UN news updates and materials on national and international affairs.

**Respect.** Gain membership of an esteemed international organisation founded in 1946.

Help make the world a better place.

For more information about membership and volunteering opportunities, email [nsw@unaa.org.au](mailto:nsw@unaa.org.au)

# Risk and Governance and Fundraising

My duties as a committee member include assisting with activities to educate the community about important global issues, to promote UN values, and to raise general awareness and support for the invaluable role the UN plays in efforts to create a better world for all.

As Fundraising Director I manage and coordinate the fundraising operations of UNAA NSW. I seek and aim to secure new partnerships including with government agencies, corporate sector, general public sponsorships and relevant grants. I have been able to develop our Corporate Fundraising initiative, successfully attained the Premier's Grant and set up our Crowd Sourcing initiative.

As Risk and Governance Director I manage and coordinate risk and governance within the Division, and I have advised the Executive Committee of relevant positioning reviews.

The Executive Committee operates on a purely voluntary basis with no paid staff. We invariably run all operations ourselves, including managing Strategy and Operations, Programs, Risk and Governance, Volunteering and Membership, Fundraising, Information Technology, Marketing and Communications.

To date, we have been able to achieve our objectives through a range of activities including:

- Reception hosted by our patron His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley ACJEC Gwtkh, Governor of New South Wales. This event was held at Government House in December 2015.
- United Nations Day celebrations including the wreath-laying ceremony held at the Cenotaph followed by a gala lunch at Parliament House, with VIP invitees including diplomatic representatives from around the world, distinguished community members and UNAA members. The celebrations take place in October annually and have been running for the past four decades.

- Convening special seminars on topics/areas consistent with the UN Charter, including the highly successful Climate Summit held on 5 June 2015 and opened by Lord Mayor Cr Clover Moore and Mr Bruce Notley-Smith MP.
- Partnering with other appropriate organisations to hold events consistent with the UN's ideals, including collaborating with the Sydney philharmonia Choirs to hold a "Concert for Peace" at the Sydney Opera House on 16 and 17 May 2015. The latter concert was attended by the NSW Governor who provided the official welcome, with an address by The Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP.
- Distributing leaflets/brochures in Martin Place and other locations marking appropriate occasions such as UN International Day of Families, UN World Day Against Child Labour, UN Refugee Day, UN International Day Against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking, and UN World Suicide Prevention Day.
- Speaking at various seminars and community events about the UN's history and its work.
- Conducting a broad range of activities associated with UN International Peace Day.

Hugo Rojas  
**Executive Committee Member**



*From left to right, Hugo Rojas, Executive Committee Member; Matthew Kronborg, UNAA Executive Director; Patricia Jenkins, Co-VP; Thich Minh Tam, Executive Committee Member, and; Peter Nadin, Executive Committee Member*

# Immediate Past President and Public Officer Report

The 2015-2016 Executive Committee contained several outstandingly dedicated and capable people. It was an inspiration to work with them.

As Public Officer and Immediate Past President I attended 100% of the 2015-2016 Executive Committee meetings. For Executive meetings I collected and announced the names of new applicants for membership and gave their details to the Secretary for his official records. At the same time I endeavoured to keep track of the membership list.

After the 2015 AGM, as Public Officer I sent the appropriate forms with payment to the Department of Fair Trading. I also organized changes to the Constitution to make it more viable in light of the change to the end of UNAA NSW's financial year (from 31st March to 30th June). At meetings I also suggested changes to UNAA NSW's expenditure to try to keep the Association more financially fluid.

During the year I attended many functions held to support the values of the United Nations and the United Nations Association. I went to several Indigenous functions and lectures at the at the Redfern Tent Embassy, Redfern Community Centre, Sydney University, University of Technology and elsewhere and reported back to the Executive.

At Customs House, Circular Quay, I attended and assisted at the UNAA NSW Conference. I also attended various UNAA NSW events, including the UN Day Luncheon and Cenotaph Ceremony (where I laid a wreath on behalf of UNAA NSW life members), as well as the NSW Governor's December function held at Government House to acknowledge the efforts of UNAA NSW members and non-member volunteers.

On 8 March, 2016, I attended UNIFEM's annual fund-raising International Women's Day Breakfast in Sydney which was supported by the participation of the Governor-General, Governor, Premier, Pacific Islanders and representatives of the business community. The proceeds gave great assistance to women in the South Pacific area.

I organized some United Nations Association NSW events. On 12th December I engaged Professor Mary Chiarella of Sydney University as Guest Speaker on World Health for the 2015 celebration of Human Rights Day (10/12) at Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts. In NSW Parliament House's Waratah Room, on International Women's Day, I held a well-attended event hosted by the Hon. Sophie Cotsis MLC, Shadow Minister for Women. The six participants were Susan Moylan Indigenous writer and Lecturer, UNAA NSW member Pamela Lemoine, Negar Tavoly from Iran, Susan Conde AM from UNAA NSW and UNWOMEN, Standing Bear (Indigenous Canadian Eric Spinney) and myself.

I also organized the 2015 and 2016 UNAA NSW Annual General Meetings.

Emeritus Vice-president Kenneth Weekes, Esquire, attended most of the events above and assisted at many of them. His assistance with clerical and other work was greatly appreciated.

Valerie Weekes  
**Immediate Past President and  
Public Officer**



*Public Officer and Immediate Past President, Valerie Weekes, working with volunteers at the 2016 UNAA NSW Conference.  
Photograph courtesy of Rebecca Geddes*



# Indigenous Affairs

Sorry Day, observed Australia wide on 26 May 2015, gave everyone a chance to come together and work towards healing the pain of the Stolen Generations.

The Guringai Festival was held 26 May to 12 July 2015, a period which included Reconciliation Week 26 May - 3 June; and NAIDOC Week was held 5-12 July, highlighting Aboriginal people's strong spiritual and cultural connection to land and sea.

At their Annual General Meeting in May Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) wrote a sample letter which people might write to politicians about the disadvantages suffered by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples was marked on 9 August with the theme "Post 2015 Agenda: Ensuring Indigenous People's health and wellbeing".

Following the disgraceful treatment of AFL player and Australian of the Year Adam Goodes, 150 organisations have joined together to call for renewed efforts to stamp out racism in sport.

A huge rally was held on 11 August outside NSW Parliament House, calling for funding for low-cost Aboriginal housing on the Block at Redfern.

After Malcolm Turnbull became Prime Minister in September, ANTaR issued a statement on their vision of a just society for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights has been translated into the Central Australian language of Pintupi-Luritja, the first time this important document has been made available in an Aboriginal language.

In December 2015 the newly announced Referendum Council met for the first time. Its 16 members are responsible for consulting with the Government on Recognising Indigenous People in the Constitution.

Australia Day - Survival Day / Invasion Day - was marked on 26 January. Important issues

including unemployment, imprisonment, the Northern Territory Intervention, health and the referendum remain.

Australia's treatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people was strongly criticised in a United Nations Report into human rights, which highlighted the levels of incarceration of Indigenous children, sometimes in isolation in cramped quarters for long times.

The sudden death of a 10-year-old child in the Kimberleys emphasised the fact that children's lives are precious and must be protected.

On 8 March 2016 UNAA NSW celebrated International Women's Day at Parliament House. Susan Moylan-Coombs, founder and director of the Gaimaragul Group, spoke about the achievements of Aboriginal women. A member of the Stolen Generations, Susan has lived experience of the trauma associated with removal, loss, dispossession, disconnection.

Also in March, there was a public forum at Redfern Community Centre, "Men Speak Out for Treaty". And on 31 March Ghillar Michael Anderson, Sovereign Union of First Nations and Peoples in Australia, released a lengthy brief to the UN Secretary General that he did not believe that Australia is worthy of a seat on the UN Human Rights Council.

Judy MacGregor  
**Executive committee member**



*Indigenous smoking ceremony  
Photograph courtesy of Lucy Brereton*

# Community Project Portfolio

Emergent from our 'Peace Activist's Journey' Panel Session of April 2014 was the pivotal theme of 'Resonance in the Social and Cultural Context'.

Broadly, this theme was situated to complement earlier research, whereby we considered substantially the 'Society/ Culture/ Technology Nexus' as University of Wollongong Sociology Emeritus Professor, Stephen Hill, has derived and explored this theme through his seminal analysis entitled *The Tragedy of Technology* (1988).

Through the perspective of 'Personal and Relational Diversity' now pervasive throughout our research endeavours, we are seeking to integrate all this research through a further focal theme around 'Cultural Resonance in Communal Relational Diversity in the Context and Process of a Universal Ethos'.

So far being just on the cusp of consolidating this considerable confluence of themes, our efforts have been temporarily interrupted, as I've been preoccupied with family concerns since mid-2015, when my Mum moved into Aged Care.

However, I have sought to address this cumulative thematic confluence through the broad context of my Continental Philosophy Group (CPG) Deep Friendship seminar paper presentations, which feature an extensive further dialogue with Dr Keith Suter - 'Economic Perspectives on the Nation-State', as well as Deep Friendship Conversations with University of Sydney Political Economy Emeritus Professor, Frank Stilwell, and legendary Australian software database pioneer, Allan House.

Articles I've contributed to the University of Sydney Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies (CPACS) *PeaceWrites* journal in part comprise overview material about these endeavours.

Any efforts from among our members to support the vital advocacy of the CPACS Council, given the Council's current constrained situation, are truly appreciated.

Also an event is to be convened to celebrate World Philosophy Day in November. Hearty appreciation to all members and friends sharing our Learning Journey quest!

Lindsay Mell  
**Executive Committee Member**



*Together for an update review session of their original 1995 interview dialogue are Lindsay Mell (left) and Dr Keith Suter (right).  
Photograph courtesy of Lindsay Mell*



# Blue Mountains Branch and Environment Program

The Blue Mountains Branch and Environment Program are closely aligned with the Earth Repair Foundation. Both groups are committed to the quest for the progressive implementation of the Earth Repair Charter global solution strategy.

During this past year, our group has been productive with the projects summarised below:

- We have formally aligned with the Blue Mountains Community Gardens and the Blue Mountains Permaculture group.
- We are working on applying for funding from the State Government through the 2016 Community Building Partnership grants in the quest to establish a permanent Permaculture Learning Centre at the Community Gardens in the Blue Mountains.
- Our commitment continues to the Sense of Humus composting strategy towards all presently wasted and continuously available bio-degradable materials being composted to breed increasing numbers of earthworms and great quantities of humus-rich soil. We see every composting stack as an earth repair bank and every deposit made as an investment into a sustainable future.
- Aligned with the composting strategy is nurturing the growth of an edible landscape demonstration of urban Permaculture where the Branch is based. A large variety of edible green leaves containing captured sun power in living enzymes and antioxidants are growing as understoreys amidst a variety of healthy fruit and nut trees.
- Liaison with the Permaculture Blue Mountains, Transition Towns and Community Gardens group has continued through the year and meetings have been held with some progress made towards advancing production of a multi-language sustainability learning poster.
- Permaculture and Transition Towns Blue Mountains have endorsed our Vision 2020 Statement which is headlined: "Together we can end the culture of terrorism and war, and co-create a culture of peace that will last for the longest time." An Our Earth Summit group has emerged from our efforts who are working towards creating a global Earth Repair Summit for the year 2020.
- The Blue Mountains Branch has a roundtable meeting room in a house surrounded by an abundant food garden. Meetings are regularly held around this table for environmental and earth repair themes.
- Moves are under way to acquire this property via a Crowd-Funding campaign.
- The installation of Mind-Vitamin Thought-Seed placards in the public domain continues. Part of this quest is for the BM City Council to endorse a Wall of Wisdom in the Civic Centre of Katoomba.
- Several years ago, the UNAA NSW Executive Committee sanctioned the creation of a sub-committee to the Interfaith Program called Council for World Unity and peace. Progress continues with this Plan for Peace towards the creation of a website and book that will contain equal space contributions from all the various religions and schools of thought, to summarise their history and essential precepts and to offer readers the best written advice on how to live optimally in the 21st century. We invite, welcome and greatly appreciate all voluntary contributions to this work.

I have enjoyed working with UNAA NSW during this last year and thank each of you for your positive contributions to the work of the UNAA.

Franklin Scarf  
**Blue Mountain Branch Representative**

# Central Coast Branch

Members on the Central Coast continue to participate in local community events marking special UN Days such as Human Right Day and International Women's Day. This includes the IWD march and rally organised by the Gosford Council Status of Women Committee.

Events of women's organisations such as the Business and Professional Women, the Soroptimists and the Australian Federation of University Women and the Women's Health Centres are supported. Other important issues such as Peace and Disarmament and Hiroshima Day are supported in Sydney.

Dying With Dignity meetings are attended, along with community actions on refugee women and marches and actions around violence against women marking "16 Days of activism".

Pamela Lemoine attends UNAA events in Sydney and on IWD has presented the UN Secretary's IWD Message; Audrey McDonald presents it to the Gosford IWD Rally as an inaugural member of the Council's Status of Women Committee (established 2005); and Doris Hart's focus is on actions around refugees and DWD.

The Avoca Theatre throughout the year promotes films and events on these issues around UN Human Rights.

Audrey McDonald  
**Central Coast Branch Representative**

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**Financial Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2016**

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**Year ending 30 June 2016**

**Income and Expenditure Statement**  
**For the Year Ended 30 June 2016**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2016</b> \$	<b>2015</b> \$
<b>Income</b>			
Memberships		8,023	7,603
General donations/grants		3,080	3,950
Interest received		100	90
(Deficit)/Surplus from luncheon		(193)	208
Surplus from peace program		-	9,787
Miscellaneous income		1,544	3,989
UNAA Conference		2,979	-
		<u>15,533</u>	<u>25,627</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Venue hire		5,984	4,905
General administration		2,631	2,626
Deficit from annual conference		-	2,799
Fees and Federal levy		1,209	1,539
Other expenses		3,341	5,617
		<u>13,165</u>	<u>17,486</u>
<b>Current year surplus</b>		<u>2,368</u>	<u>8,141</u>
Transfer Peace Program to National Office		(10,828)	-
Current year(deficit)/surplus after transfer of peace Program		(8,460)	8,141
Retained surplus at the beginning of the year		33,431	25,290
Retained surplus at the end of the year		<u>24,971</u>	<u>33,431</u>

**Assets and Liabilities Statement**  
**As At 30 June 2016**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2016</b> \$	<b>2015</b> \$
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash at bank	2	22,471	35,381
Receivables	3	2,500	-
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<u>24,971</u>	<u>35,381</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u>24,971</u>	<u>35,381</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Accounts payable and other payables	4	-	1,950
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>1,950</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>1,950</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>24,971</u>	<u>33,431</u>
<b>Members Funds</b>			
Retained surplus		24,971	33,431
<b>Total Members Funds</b>		<u>24,971</u>	<u>33,431</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the Year Ended 30 June 2016**

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**Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis and are based on historical costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where stated specifically, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following significant accounting policies have been adopted in the preparation of these financial statements.

**a) Revenue and Other Income**

Interest revenue is recognised using effective interest method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

Grant and donation income is recognised when the association obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.

If conditions are attached to the grant that must be satisfied before the association is eligible to receive the contribution, recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

**b) Accounts Payable and Other Payables**

Accounts payables and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting year for goods and services received by the association during the reporting year that remain unpaid. The balances are recognised as a current liability and the amounts are normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
<b><u>Note 2: Cash at bank</u></b>		
Cash at bank – # 2734 28122520	22,471	14,283
Cash at bank – # 2218 10151440	-	21,098
	<u>22,471</u>	<u>35,381</u>

In late July 2015, account #2218 10151440 (Peace Program) was transferred to the National Office.

**Note 3: Receivables**

Bond	<u>2,500</u>	<u>-</u>
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**Note 4: Accounts Payable and Other Payables**

Accounts payable and other payable – Unpresented cheques	<u>-</u>	<u>1,950</u>
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**Note 5: Contingent Liability**

At a Committee meeting on 20 June 2015 invoices totalling \$10,877 were approved for payment subject to certain undertakings being provided. These undertakings were provided in July 2015. At balance date there are no contingent liabilities.

**UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (NSW) INC.**

**Annual Statements give true and fair view of financial position and performance**

I, Paul Malliate, being the Treasurer of United Nations Association of Australia (NSW) Inc, certify that-

The statements attached to this certificate give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of United Nations Association of Australia (NSW) Inc during and at the end of the financial year of the Association ending on 30 June 2016.

**PAUL MALLIATE**  
Treasurer

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Malliate', written over a horizontal line.

Dated at Sydney this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July 2016.





**United Nations Association of Australia (NSW) Inc.  
ABN 85 071 992 936**

**Independent Auditor's Report to the members of United Nations Association of  
Australia (NSW) Inc.  
For the Year Ended 30 June 2016**

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of United Nations Association of Australia (NSW) Inc, which comprises the assets and liabilities statement as at 30 June 2016, the income and expenditure statement for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies, and other explanatory information, and the certification by the treasurer on the annual statements giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the association.

**Treasurer's responsibility for the financial report**

The treasurer of United Nations Association of Australia (NSW) Inc, is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and has determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The treasurer's responsibility also includes such internal control as the treasurer determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

**Auditor's responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the association's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report, in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

**Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects the financial position of United Nations Association of Australia (NSW) Inc as at 30 June 2016 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 of the financial report and the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009.

**United Nations Association of Australia (NSW) Inc.  
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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF  
UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (NSW) INC. (continued)**

**Basis of accounting**

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 of the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the committee's financial reporting obligations under the association's constitution. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

**TROOD PRATT AUDIT AND ASSURANCE SERVICES**



**D A TROOD**  
Partner

Dated at Sydney this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July 2016.

***“Since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defences of peace must be constructed.”***

**Extract from the UNESCO Constitution,  
adopted 16 November 1945**



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