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EL SEREIF CAMP FOR INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS, SOUTH DARFUR:
GHANAIAN POLICE OFFICER MARY SEBASTIAN OF THE AFRICAN UNION-UNITED NATIONS
HYBRID OPERATION IN DARFUR (UNAMID) WITH SCHOOL CHILDREN AT THE EL SEREIF
CAMP FOR INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS (IDPS), LOCATED WEST OF NYALA, SOUTH
DARFUR. UN PHOTO/ALBERT GONZÁLEZ FARRAN



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UNAMID HOSTS CULTURAL AND SPORTS EVENT: THE AFRICAN UNION-UNITED NATIONS HYBRID OPERATION IN DARFUR (UNAMID) HOSTED A CULTURAL AND SPORTS EVENT IN EL SEREIF, NORTH DARFUR, AS PART OF ITS "WE NEED PEACE NOW" CAMPAIGN. UN PHOTO/ALBERT GONZÁLEZ FARRAN

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 lives of the peoples that it exists to serve.



“We can change the world and make it a better place. It is in your hands to make a difference.”

NELSON MANDELA (1918 – 2013)



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As Australia enters the latter half of its term as a non-permanent member of the Security Council, its work continues to be very challenging. Crises in Syria, Ukraine, South Sudan, Mali, Iraq, the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Central African Republic are all on the agenda and continuing to attract immense international concern.

As an active member of the Security Council, Australia has skillfully navigated turbulent P5 relations and, in September last year, creatively made use of its first term in the Council presidency. Since then, it has assumed the position of “diplomatic coordinator” on Afghanistan, chaired the Iran Sanctions Committee and helped to launch a “high level review of United Nations sanctions.” Overall, Australia has earned a reputation as an advocate for transparency, while displaying admirable dedication and professionalism and distinguishing itself from the Council’s “Western Block.”

A key achievement of Australia’s term on the Council has been its successful negotiation of Resolution 2139. Passed unanimously, the resolution calls on combatants in Syria to respect international humanitarian law and comes as three years on, Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon warned that “[a] cold calculation seems to be taking hold: that little can be done except to arm the parties and watch the conflict rage.” With a death toll well in excess of 150,000, Syria’s people face daily atrocities, overcrowded prisons and detention facilities, summary executions, starvation and disease as well as urban, architectural and cultural devastation. Foreign powers have failed manifestly to provide funding for the UN’s humanitarian relief effort, which continues to be unconscionably restricted by the Syrian government.

As the war in Syria continues to escalate, the crisis in Ukraine, which began as a protest against the government, has since descended into conflict. The violence has exposed profound divisions within Ukrainian politics and led to a serious breach in relations between Russia and the West, a divide, which has only been exacerbated by the seizure of Crimea.

Moving east, the Secretary-General and UN High Commissioner for Human Rights have condemned “the recent upsurge of violence in Iraq at the hands of terrorist groups including the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL).” The UN Refugee Agency has increased its aid capacity in the state following large-scale displacement caused by the violence.

It was against this troubled landscape that the international community recalled the 20th anniversary of the Rwandan genocide, under the auspice of the theme “Remember, Unite, Renew,” and Australia recognized the 50th Anniversary of Australian Police participation in United Nations Peacekeeping, now carried out by personnel from 122 Member States.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change released *Climate Change 2014*, which details an assessment of measures to mitigate risks relating to climate change. Commenting on the report, UN Under-Secretary-General and UNEP Executive Director, Achim Steiner, highlighted “the urgent need for making further progress in greening our economies.” Heeding this call, the Secretary-General launched the “United Nations Decade of Sustainable Energy for All,” an initiative, which seeks to bring together stakeholders from government, civil society and business to make sustainable energy a reality for all by 2030.

As the UN celebrates the economic, social and cultural diversity of many of Australia’s neighbours through the International Year of Small Island Developing States, the Special Committee on Decolonization held its Pacific Regional Seminar in Fiji “with a view to accelerating action in implementation of the Third International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism (2011-2020).” The UN was also heavily involved in providing humanitarian assistance to The Philippines and Tonga following Typhoon Haiyan, the Bohol Earthquake and Tropical Cyclone Ian.

2014 has also seen the WHO produce its first global report on antibiotic resistance, which the organisation has identified as a current, serious threat to all regions and people of all ages. This publication initiated the WHO-led, global effort to address drug resistance.

The UNODC has published its 2014 World Drug Report ahead of the 2016 Special Session of the General Assembly on the World Drug Problem and launched a global campaign on the illicit trafficking of counterfeit goods, an industry worth around \$250 billion a year.

Meanwhile in Beijing, UN Women’s celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women sought to mobilise states and individuals to close the gender equality gap. Progress on the implementation of the *Beijing Platform for Action*, tabled in 1994, will be reviewed next year, as will the Millennium Development Goals.

An ambitious post-2015 development agenda is currently being shaped to succeed the MDGs, which aim to incorporate the current targets, while also focusing on economic growth, social development and environmental sustainability. The launch of the My World UN Global Survey Country Reports in April this year showed participating Australians rated their top three priorities for a new development agenda as “Protecting forests, rivers and oceans,” “Access to clean water and sanitation” and “Good education.”

As we can see, in an increasingly complicated and interconnected world, the UN is as vital to our efforts to ensure the world is a peaceful, just and sustainable place as it was when founded in 1945. Throughout 2015, we will be celebrating the 70th birthday of the UN, and hope you will join us in getting out into the community to raise awareness of the considerable achievements of the UN since its inception.

In closing, I’d like to thank our program partner, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, for making our work possible. I’d also like to acknowledge the contribution of our members, committed volunteers and supporters.

We look forward to your continuing support in the year ahead.



Russell Trood
President





EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

One of the joys of being involved in the United Nations Association of Australia is the diversity of thematic issues we engage with, in a bid to highlight the incredible breadth of the UN's work.

This was particularly evident on *United Nations Day*, when the UNAA ran events across the country that showcased the UN's work on peacekeeping missions, assisting refugees, relieving poverty, eliminating violence against women, advancing the Millennium Development Goals and mobilising communities and civil society. UN flags flew down the main avenues of Canberra and atop the Sydney Harbour Bridge. UN videos played in Melbourne's Federation Square. The UNAA published opinion pieces and undertook radio interviews, highlighting the UN's achievements over the last year.

Not all of our work is celebratory. Some of our most important activities are reflective – such as the compilation of our *2013 Australia and the UN Report Card* – edited by Professor Alex Bellamy, which assessed the performance of the Rudd/ Gillard Government in areas such as human rights, gender equality, disarmament, peacekeeping and peacebuilding.

Overall, the *Report Card* painted a positive picture of the Government's performance, with Australia's election to the UN Security Council and pro-active performance during our term, Australia's stewardship of the Arms Trade Treaty, and our increased funding to UN agencies during the 2007 – 2013 assessment period. However, the Australian Government was awarded an 'F' for its treatment of refugees and asylum seekers, and a C+ in its policies towards indigenous peoples – areas where Australia's policies fall far short of international standards.

Engaging the next generation continues to be an important focus of the UNAA. *Our Young Professionals Network* continues to gain momentum, with young professionals events and activities now taking place in most states across Australia. A particular highlight was hosting then-Foreign Minister Bob Carr at consecutive Young Professionals UN Day celebrations in Sydney and Canberra.

We have also focused on drawing more young people into our **Academic Network** as a way of building a talent pipeline, and providing support and encouragement to younger academics and researchers in UN-related fields. Over the last year, we have held a national essay competition on the post-2015 development agenda, provided five student scholarships to UNAA Conferences and launched Emerging Scholars events in two states.

We are delighted to welcome a new **Patron** to the UNAA – His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd). A distinguished veteran, the Governor General has an impressive and diverse background in peace and security, one of the UN's most visible mandates.

In 2015, the UNAA will lead celebrations around Australia to commemorate the **UN's 70th birthday**. We will focus on showcasing the achievements of the organisation throughout its 70 years, and also explore the ways in which the UN's work is more vital today than ever before. The UNAA will focus on engaging as many people as possible in the UN's birthday, particularly through some social media campaigns. Our Twitter campaign #myUN will ask people what the UN means to them (#equality, #peace and #sustainability perhaps?) and we will invite people to create UN@70 badges for Facebook. We will also be sharing the UN's big wins throughout the year on our website and social media channels.

2015 also marks 20 years since the **Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action** was adopted at the Fourth World Conference on Women in China in 1995. Progress against the Declaration and Platform for Action will be reviewed at the UN Commission on the Status of Women in March, and UN Women will lead a global campaign celebrating the progress towards equality that has been made in 20 years. I have signed up as a Beijing Champion Donor, donating \$20 per month as part of the Australian National Committee for UN Women's **#20for20 campaign** – and I encourage you to join me.

In the coming months, the UNAA will be hosting events across Australia focusing on **Australia's bid for a seat on the UN Human Rights Council** for a 2018 – 2020 term. The Forums will provide a great opportunity for us to talk about how the Human Rights Council works, what it has achieved, and Australia's credentials for a seat.

As you can see, it is not a good time to let your UNAA membership lapse! The UNAA will ensure you are a fully informed global citizen, with a range of events and activities throughout the year, a fortnightly e-newsletter UNity and the latest breaking news via social media.

All of this is possible through the work of the UNAA's incredible volunteers who devote their time and energy to engaging the community in efforts to advance the UN's agenda.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to celebrating 70 years of the United Nations with you over the next year!

Elizabeth Shaw
Executive Director



UNAA HIGHLIGHTS

Over 50 significant events held around Australia throughout the year



Co-ordinating Australian celebrations of World Humanitarian Day, raising awareness of the life-saving work of UN agencies such as UNICEF, UNHCR and the WFP

Launching the UNAA Emerging Scholars Program, to support young people interested in UN-related academia and providing opportunities for them to share their work



Reaching over 12,000 fans on the United Nations Association of Australia Facebook page



Flying the UN flag down the principal avenues of Canberra and on top of the Sydney Harbour Bridge to raise awareness of UN Day



Launching the 2013 Australia and the UN Report Card, providing an assessment of the Rudd/Gillard Government's performance in relation to international norms and standards



Welcoming UNDP Administrator Helen Clark to Australia

Launching the UNAA Young Professionals Network in Perth and Brisbane on Human Rights Day

Participating in DFAT's Civil Society Working Group to advise how the Department can best engage civil society during Australia's time on the Security Council



Hosting an event at Parliament House so that Parliamentarians could be briefed by UNHCR Regional Representative Thomas Albrecht



Celebrating the diversity of the UN's work, with events showcasing the UN's achievements in areas such as gender equality, human rights, peacekeeping and poverty alleviation



Increasing our reach and impact:
 ↑ membership of our Young Professionals Network,
 ↑ membership of our Academic Network,
 ↑ subscribers to our fortnightly e-newsletter UNity





NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2013 - CANBERRA

The UNAA National Conference brings together academics, practitioners, government officials, NGOs and members of the public for several days of workshops, discussions and presentations on the current challenges facing the UN.

In 2013, the National Conference was held in Canberra at Australian National University's University House. The conference took place over three days from 8 – 10 August and attracted 150 participants, with each state and territory represented.

Five scholarships to attend the conference were awarded to students to ensure that the event included both current and future leaders.

Supported by DFAT and AusAID, the conference attracted both high caliber attendees and an impressive line-up of speakers from a diverse range of backgrounds including:

- Peter Baxter, Director General of AusAID
- Professor Hillary Charlesworth AM, Director of the Centre for International Governance
- Stephen Close, Human Development Specialist, the World Bank
- Brian Gleeson, former Senior Advisor to UN and UN Women
- Dr Susan Harris-Rimmer, Director of Studies at Asia Pacific College of Diplomacy, ANU
- Ian Martin, Head of UN Support Mission in Libya
- His Excellency Biren Nanda, Indian High Commissioner
- Lieutenant General John Sanderson AC, former Chief of Australian Army
- Major General Mike Smith AO, Director of UN Support Mission in Libya
- Rick Towle, Regional Representative, UNHCR
- Professor Gillian Triggs, President of the Australian Human Rights Commission
- Dr Jeni Whalen, International Security and Development, UNSW
- Chris Woodthorpe, Director of the UN Information Centre

To expand the reach and impact of the conference sessions were filmed and available on the UNAA website and key messages and ideas were disseminated via social media.



WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY

WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY SYDNEY

DIVISION: UNAA NSW and UNAA Young Professionals

DATE: 19 August 2013

VENUE: The Vibe Hotel, Sydney

Members of the public, as well as representatives from UNICEF, Australia for UNHCR, UN Youth and Young UN Women came together to celebrate the launch of the UNAA World Humanitarian Day campaign for 2013.

Over 100 people attended the event, which was promoted on page 2 of Mx Sydney. Norman Gillespie, CEO of UNICEF Australia, gave a presentation on UNICEF's humanitarian work, with photos and stories from a range of global projects. He concluded with a discussion of Syria, noting the 1,000,000 children, who have been displaced by the conflict. Robin de Crespigny, author of 'The People Smuggler' spoke on the humanitarian impact of conflict as well as the plight of Ali Al Jenabi, her book's protagonist, who fled Hussein's torture chambers in Iraq.



HUMANITARIAN DAY LUNCHEON FOR THE DISADVANTAGED

DIVISION: UNAA SA

DATE: 19 August 2013

VENUE: Tiros Restaurant, Regency Park School of Catering

The guests at the charity luncheon, a group of around 80 homeless, disadvantaged and vulnerable citizens, enjoyed hearing Archbishop Philip Wilson, Science Minister Grace Portolesi and media identity Amanda Blair, speak, as well as viewing the UN Humanitarian Day video.



WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY – HEALTH CARE IN DANGER

DIVISION: UNAA TAS

DATE: 21 August 2013

VENUE: University of Tasmania

Around 40 people attended UNAA TAS free public lecture with guest speaker Leonard Blazeby, Chief of Mission, International Committee of the Red Cross. Blazeby spoke on 'Health Care in Danger' and the ICRC's work to counteract intimidations and attacks on first responders, medical facilities and vaccination programs around the world.



WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY – SYRIA

DIVISION: UNAA VIC

DATE: 22 August 2013

VENUE: State Library Victoria

UNAA VIC hosted a public forum highlighting the challenges associated with humanitarian work in Syria, including refugees and displaced people, aid for children, medical emergencies and food shortage and the contribution of Australian aid workers and the Australian Government, through foreign aid. A short film on the Syrian Crisis was screened followed by a panel discussion from experts in the field. Facilitated by Phoebe Wynn-Pope, Director, Humanitarian Advisory Group, the forum included panelists Richard Simpson, Humanitarian Program Coordinator, Oxfam, Stephen McDonald, Head of Humanitarian Programs, Save the Children, Dr Mohamad Ali-Trad, Médecins Sans Frontières and Judith Robinson, AusAID Assistant Director General Middle East, North Africa, Latin America & Caribbean Branch

WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY – A CAREER IN HUMANITARIAN WORK

DIVISION: UNAA Academic Network

DATE: 23 August 2014

VENUE: Bond University, Gold Coast

70 people filled the Basil Sellers Theatre at Bond University as part of the UNAA's World Humanitarian Day national campaign. The event was opened by Dr Mark Dinnen, National Coordinator of the UNAA Academic Network and UNAA Executive Director Elizabeth Shaw. Guest speaker Ambassador Christopher Lamb, Special Advisor to the Australian Red Cross and IFRC spoke on the global need for more humanitarians – people who work for the UN and risk their lives to help others – and discussed the UN process, which established World Humanitarian Day, as



well as his work around the world on various diplomatic and Red Cross postings. Several official World Humanitarian Day short videos were also screened during the event. The event received media coverage on 91.7 ABC Coast FM and in the Gold Coast Bulletin.



> UNITED NATIONS DAY

UN DAY DINNER WITH ALEXANDER DOWNER

DIVISION: UNAA SA

DATE: 20 October 2013

VENUE: National Wine Centre, Adelaide

The evening highlighted the significance of the Year of Quinoa, reflected in the event's menu, South American singing group, musicians and the exhibition of paintings submitted to the UN International Year of Quinoa art competition. Keynote speaker, former foreign minister Alexander Downer, discussed his position as the UN Special Envoy to Cyprus, as well as the work of the UN and its associated agencies now and into the future and Australia's role within it.



UN DAY RECEPTION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER BOB CARR

DIVISION: UNAA ACT and UNAA Young Professionals

DATE: 23 October 2013

VENUE: Southern Cross Yacht Club, Canberra

UNAA ACT and its Young Professionals Network celebrated UN Day with a reception hosting then-Foreign Minister Senator Bob Carr. Senator Carr outlined some of Australia's key achievements during his term as Foreign Minister and spoke in depth about Australia's non-permanent seat on the Security Council before an audience of over 100 people.

UN DAY LUNCH: THE UN REFUGEE CONVENTION TODAY

DIVISION: UNAA TAS

DATE: 23 October 2013

VENUE: Westend Pumphouse, Hobart

Around 40 people attended the UNAA TAS lunch event for UN Day, focused around the theme of 'The Refugee Convention Today.' Presentations were given by Ellen Hansen, Senior Protection Officer UNHCR and Clarissa Adriel, Tasmanian Asylum Seeker Support.



UNAA QLD COMMUNITY AWARDS

DIVISION: UNAA QLD

DATE: 23 October 2013

VENUE: Government House, Brisbane

The UNAA QLD Community Awards were presented to eight organisations and seven individuals by Her Excellency the Governor of Queensland, Ms Penelope Wensley AC, in celebration of UN Day.

UN DAY FLAG-RAISING CEREMONY

DIVISION: UNAA ACT

DATE: 24 October 2013

VENUE: Albert Hall, Yarralumla

Held in cooperation with the UN Information Centre, several hundred people, including members of the diplomatic community attended the flag-raising ceremony. The ceremony included a message from the UN Secretary-General and a keynote address delivered by HE Charles Lepani, the High Commissioner from Papua New Guinea.



UN DAY RECEPTION: MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

DIVISION: UNAA WA

DATE: 24 October 2013

VENUE: Grace Vaughan House, Shenton Park

Themed around Australia's foreign aid and its role in implementing the UN's MDGs, the audience was engaged on a wide range of topics. Speakers included Davina Hunter as Chair of Young UN Women, Michael Sheldrick from the Global Poverty Project and Akram Azimi, Young Australian of the Year 2013.

UN DAY PUBLIC FORUM: ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

DIVISION: UNAA VIC

DATE: 24 October 2013

VENUE: Deakin Edge Theatre, Federation Square, Melbourne

The UNAA VIC celebrated UN Day with a screening of 'From Fear to Freedom: Ending Violence against Women' followed by a public forum. The public forum was facilitated by Professor Jacqui True, Professor of Politics and International Relations, Monash University and included a special panel of experts comprised of Assistant Commissioner of the Victorian Police, Stephen Fontana, World Vision Gender Advisor, Roscel Diego, Director and Lead Ambassador of the White Ribbon Legal Sector, Murray McInnis and Deputy CEO and Director of Services of Berry Street, Fran O'Toole.

UN DAY CENOTAPH CEREMONY

DIVISION: UNAA NSW

DATE: 24 October 2013

VENUE: Martin Place, Sydney

Throughout the day, the UN flag flew from atop of the Sydney Harbour Bridge. Guest of Honour, Mike Smith, former Assistant UN Secretary-General and Executive Director of the Counter Terrorism Committee of the Executive Directorate, noted that Australia was the first nation to contribute forces to a UN mission. The Honourable Bronwyn Bishop the Speaker of the House, and Mr Mark Coure MP, represented the Prime Minister and Premier, respectively. Members of the diplomatic corps, the UN family and civil society were also represented.



UN DAY LUNCHEON: UN REFUGEE CONVENTION

DIVISION: UNAA NSW

DATE: 24 October 2013

VENUE: NSW Parliament House, Sydney

105 guests attended the UN Day Luncheon at the NSW Parliament House. Guest speaker Margaret Piper AM spoke on Australia's refugee and asylum seeker policy. The lunch brought together a wide variety of people from different backgrounds including academics, students, NGOs, government and consular representatives, all of whom contributed to a stimulating and engaging afternoon.



UN DAY WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

DIVISION: UNAA Academic Network

DATE: 25 October 2013

VENUE: Bond University, Gold Coast

The UNAA's Academic Network collaborated with Bond University's Faculty of Society and Design, and the Bond University UN Students Association to conduct a model World Health Assembly. 70 students, including 10 high school students, attended the event where they sat in on a lecture on the evolution of international health security by Dr Mark Dinnen, National Coordinator of the Academic Network. The students also participated in an emergency sitting of the World Health Assembly to confront an unfolding pandemic, using new technology which not only tracked the spread of the pandemic, but allowed students to interact, create resolutions, and vote on resolutions, which were designed to mitigate the pandemic.





PEACE AND SECURITY

WEST PAPUA PUBLIC FORUM

DIVISION: UNAA SA

DATE: 9 July 2013

VENUE: The Bradley Forum, University of South Australia

In association with the Australia West Papua Association SA Inc, Australian-East Timor Friendship Association SA Inc, Australian Institute of International Affairs – SA Branch and the Women's International League of Peace and Freedom, guest speakers Dr Budi Hernaeon, Yan Christian Warinussy, Dr Jim Emsley and Nick Xenophon spoke on the topic of 'Can peace movements be effective against state violence – The struggle to build accountability and the rule of law in West Papua.'

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

DIVISION: UNAA QLD

DATE: 21 September 2013

VENUE: St John's Cathedral, Brisbane

Opening remarks by Her Excellency the Governor of Queensland, Penelope Wensley AC, were followed by a rousing keynote address from the Hon Michael Kirby AC CMG, who reflected on peace and security challenges in the modern era. Supported by DFAT, the event, which marked the International Day of Peace attracted around 260 people. The event also showcased displays by the Women's International League of Peace and Freedom (WILPF), Just Peace, Earth Charter, the Rotary Peace Fellows (University of Queensland) and Griffith University students. Christopher Woodthorpe, Director of the UN Information Centre, Canberra delivered the UN Secretary-General's message.

UN PEACEKEEPERS SERVICE

DIVISION: UNAA SA

DATE: 14 September 2013

VENUE: National War Memorial

UNAA SA, in cooperation with the South Australian Peacekeepers Sub-branch of the Returned Services League, South Australia, held a commemorative service in remembrance of those who have lost their lives while serving as UN Peacekeepers since 1947.



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

DIVISION: UNAA WA

DATE: 22 September 2013

VENUE: Palms Community Centre, Subiaco

Over 100 people attended the UNAA WA International Day of Peace Event at which the President, Carolyn Gatward, gave the opening address. The program and speeches were guided by the theme 'Love, Peace and Harmony' and included Native American flute songs performed by Ian Cullen, prayers led by the Baha'i, Muslim, Jewish and Christian communities and Bollywood dancing led by Diana Batchelor, youth representative from the Journey Towards Hope Dance Projects.



THE PROBLEM OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

DIVISION: UNAA ACT

DATE: 20 May 2014

VENUE: ACT Legislative Assembly Reception Room

UNAA ACT held a public meeting on 'The Problem of Nuclear Weapons – What can we do about it?' The challenges of remaining nuclear weapon stock piles and the apparent lack of will to reduce or even contain weapon numbers was elaborated on by Professor Ramesh Thakur, Editor in Chief of Global Governance, Co-Editor of Nuclear Politics and Director of the ANU Centre for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament.

PEACE LECTURE

DIVISION: UNAA NSW

DATE: 26 March 2014

VENUE: 30 The Bond, Sydney

Approximately 50 people attended the lecture, including representatives from Rotary, the Sydney Peace Foundation and the Institute for Economics and Peace. UNAA NSW President Kel Gleeson spoke about his time as peacekeeper in Rwanda, and the security and peacekeeping challenges in fragile states. UNAA Vice President Daryl Le Cornu spoke about the foundation of the United Nations in the aftermath of World War II, and the role of the UN in the maintenance of peace and security in the modern age.



PEACEKEEPERS SERVICE

DIVISION: UNAA QLD

DATE: 24 May 2014

VENUE: ANZAC Square and the Masonic Lodge, Brisbane

Held on the International Day of UN Peacekeepers, the service began with a march by veteran peacekeepers, cadets and UNAA QLD members led by the National Servicemen's Memorial Band. The attendance of 200 included representatives from the consular corps, Premier of Queensland, Police Commissioner, Lord Mayor, senators, state, and local government, APPVA executive and members, veteran peacekeepers and Veterans Motorcycle Club members. Royal Australian Navy Commander Tedman was the guest speaker and the UN Secretary-General's message was delivered by Flight Lieutenant Rob Moran Honorary ADC, representing the Governor.

> HUMAN RIGHTS

BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS WORKSHOPS

DIVISION: UNAA VIC

DATE: Various

VENUE: Various

UNAA VIC held its fifth and sixth Business and Human Rights Workshops on “Addressing Adverse Human Rights Impacts: Managing Human Rights-related Complaints, Disputes and Grievances,” “Managing Human Rights in the Supply Chain and Other Business Relationships,” “Corporate Human Rights Due Diligence: Tracking and Communicating Human Rights Performance” and “Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction: Shared Risks to Shared Values: A Business Case,” respectively.



ANNUAL WARATAH ROSEMARIE GILLESPIE SYMPOSIUM

DIVISION: UNAA SA

DATE: 12 March 2014

VENUE: Kathleen Lumley College, University of Adelaide

The event launched ‘Bougainville After the War’, a film by indigenous documentary filmmaker, Clive Porabou, which illustrates the struggle of the Indigenous population of Mekamui/Bougainville against the re-opening of Panguna mine by Rio Tinto’s subsidiary, Bougainville Copper Limited.

UN FILM NIGHT

DIVISION: UNAA NSW

DATE: 31 October 2013

VENUE: Metcalf Theatre, NSW State Library

As part of UN Week, UNAA NSW, in collaboration with the NSW State Library, screened three short films for the public showing the work of the UN, followed by the main feature, ‘Slave Routes: A Global Vision’, which detailed the history of the slave trade and its relevance to modern society

HUMAN RIGHTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE

DIVISION: UNAA NSW

DATE: 7 December 2013

VENUE: Sydney Mechanics School of Arts

In celebration of Human Rights Day, UNAA NSW hosted a talk by Dr Simon Bradshaw, Climate Change Advocacy Coordinator, Oxfam Australia, who recently attended the UN Climate Talks in Warsaw. Dr Bradshaw focused on the impact of climate change on the human rights of the citizens of developing nations, who remain dependent on climate-sensitive ecosystems.

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

DIVISION: UNAA ACT

DATE: 10 December 2013

VENUE: Canberra Museum and Gallery Theatre

Over 40 attended UNAA ACT’s celebration of Human Rights Day, which discussed ‘The Rights of People with Disabilities’ and the contribution of the Australian Government to this issue. Speakers included Emeritus Professor Ron McCallum AO, Chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Chris Moratis, Deputy Secretary of DFAT, University of Sydney Professor Mary Crock and President of People with a Disability Australia, Craig Wallace.





> GENDER EQUALITY

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL CHILD FORUM

DIVISION: UNAA QLD

DATE: 11 October 2013

VENUE: University of Queensland

The UNAA QLD forum celebrated the International Day of the Girl Child, hearing from guest speakers including Nicole George, Lecturer in Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of Queensland, Ayensha Lutschini, founder and coordinator of Mri Toksave, Susie Kalis from SHE Rescue Home, Cambodia and Ralda Forzin, President of Soroptimist International, South Queensland.

ALOLA FOUNDATION FILM SCREENING

DIVISION: UNAA NT

DATE: 18 May 2014

VENUE: NT Museum Theatrette

UNAANT collaborated with the East Timorese Community and the Alola Foundation, which aims to help the women and children of Timor-Leste build a better future, to hold a fundraiser screening the film 'Alias Ruby Blade' in the lead up to East Timor's Independence Day celebrations this year.



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY WALK, RECEPTION AND MINI-EXPO

DIVISION: UNAA NT

DATE: 8 March 2014

VENUE: Main Hall, Parliament House

UNAA NT's International Women's Day Walk, Reception and Mini-Expo was held in partnership with the City of Darwin and with the support of DFAT and the NT Government. 350 people participated in the activities, which began with a procession through Darwin's CBD led by the UNAANT Patron, the Hon Sally Thomas AC, Administrator of the Northern Territory and the Lord Mayor, Katrina Fong Lim. The procession was followed by the official reception and mini-expo, comprising 20 stallholders at Parliament House. Guest speakers at the reception included the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, the Hon Kezia Purick MLA, the Attorney General the Hon. John Elferink, the NT Anti-Discrimination Commissioner Sally Seivers and the recently appointed Director of the NT Office of DFAT, Lorenzo Strano OAM. The keynote speaker was Helen Summers, recent Telstra Northern Territory Businesswoman of the Year.

STATUS OF WOMEN COMMITTEE ROUNDTABLES

DIVISION: Status of Women Committee

DATE: 8 – 10 August 2013, 27 May 2014

VENUE: Australian National University, Canberra and the Chifley Resort Alice Springs NT

The committee conducted two roundtables over the course of the year which focused on forced and early marriage in Australia, following the passage of the 2013 amendments to the Criminal Code.

Supported by DFAT, the first Roundtable took place at the UNAA National Conference in Canberra, engaging representatives from a variety of national NGOs as well as Federal Government Departments.

The second roundtable, held in Alice Springs during Reconciliation Week explored the role of civil society organisations and faith-based groups in tackling the issues in partnership with the government in both a local and international context. Women from across Australia, including members of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Alliance participated. Guest speakers included Senator the Hon Michaelia Cash Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women, NT Minister for Women's Policy the Hon Bess Price, Virginia Giacomazzo, author of the 2013 UNAA SOWN report on forced and early marriage, and Melba Marginson from the Victorian Immigrant and Refugee Women's Coalition.





ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

SUSTAINABILITY LEADERSHIP SERIES

DIVISION: UNAA VIC

DATE: Various

VENUE: Various

UNAA VIC's Sustainability Leadership Series seeks to build momentum for collective action by government, business and civil society and highlight the key role Australian business can play through responsible and sustainable business practices to advance sustainable business development and human rights. In the past year the series focused on a variety of topics, including:

- Adaptation and Disaster Reduction – Shared Risks to Shared Values: A Business Case
- Sustainable Transport – Developing, financing and implementing a state plan for Victoria
- Gender Equality – Women, Work and the Economy: A Business Case
- Natural Capital and Supply Chain Sustainability
- Measuring and managing environmental risks and impacts
- Global Food Security and Sustainable Agriculture – Australia's Role? Challenges and Opportunities
- Business and Human Rights

CLIMATE CHANGE – BUSTING THE MYTHS FORUM

DIVISION: UNAA QLD

DATE: 25 March 2014

VENUE: Paddington Worker's Club, Brisbane

John Cook, creator of skepticalscience.com and fellow for the University of Queensland Global Change Institute spoke to UNAA QLD on the myths surrounding climate change.



PERTH 2050 CLIMATE CHANGE HYPOTHETICAL

DIVISION: UNAA WA

DATE: 30 May 2014

VENUE: The Irish Club, Subiaco

Filling the venue, 'Perth 2050' involved a hypothetical comedy debate, which discussed social issues in a fictional content. The aim of the event was to place sustainability at the centre of Perth's development and create a cleaner, greener future for the city. Panellists included Professor Ray Wills, the Managing Director of Future Smart Energies, climate change activist, Jaimie Yallup Farrant, Urban Designer Simon Blackwell, Peter Langlands, Co-founder of Transition Town Guildford and Jemma Green, Research Fellow at the Curtin University Sustainability Policy Institute.



WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY AWARDS 2014 PRESENTATION DINNER

DIVISION: UNAA VIC

DATE: 13 June 2014

VENUE: Crystal Ballroom, Luna Park, Sydney

The gala event recognised innovative and outstanding environmental programs and initiatives from across Australia and the important work of Australian environmental leaders. Set against the backdrop of the picturesque Sydney Harbour Bridge and bright lights of Luna Park, the presentation dinner was attended by environmental leaders from businesses, local councils, schools, community groups and by those whose work serves to protect, manage or restore our natural heritage. Her Excellency Professor The Honourable Dame Marie Bashir AD CVO was also in attendance with her husband Nicholas Shehadie AC, OBE. Other presenters included the Honourable Robert Stokes, MP, Minister for the Environment and Heritage, the Honourable Mark Butler, MP, Federal Shadow Minister for the Environment and Climate Change and the Honourable Luke Foley, MLC, Shadow Minister for the Environment and Climate Change.

UN YEAR OF QUINOA – AUSTRALIAN LAUNCH

DIVISION: UNAA SA

DATE: 28 June 2014

VENUE: Government House

Launched by the Governor of South Australia, Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce, the Director of the United Nations Information Centre, Christopher Woodthorpe, gave the main address. Ambassador for the Republic of Ecuador, His Excellency, Mr Raul Gangotena, was also present at the ceremony. Guests included art students from the University of South Australia who submitted works based on the year's theme.



UN EDUCATION

DISCUSSION EVENINGS

DIVISION: UNAA SA

DATE: Various

VENUE: UNAA SA Office

UNAA SA held a number of discussion evenings over the course of the year covering a broad range of topics.

Speakers included:

- Jennie Hammet, Save the Children: Global Peace Schools in South Australia
- Dr Grant Niemann, International Criminal Lawyer and lecturer at Flinders University: The evolution of international criminal law
- Petra Ball, Red Cross: Developments in international humanitarian law
- John Crawford, UNAA: The history of Amnesty International

YOLANDE FRANK MEMORIAL COMPETITION AWARDS

DIVISION: UNAA WA

DATE: August 2013

VENUE: UNAA WA Office

The Yolande Frank Memorial Competition invites children aged 9 - 14 years old to illustrate one of the articles of the UN Declaration of Human Rights. In 2013, the competition attracted 122 entries. The winner of the competition was 12 year old Jacques Flouzat from North Beach Primary School.

2013 MEDIA PEACE AWARDS

DIVISION: UNAA VIC

DATE: 18 October 2013

VENUE: Grand Hyatt, Melbourne

Australian journalists who showed remarkable courage reporting in countries such as Syria, the Yemen, Egypt and Afghanistan took out the top awards in the Major and Special Award categories of the Media Peace Awards. Attended by the Honourable Heidi Victoria, MP, Minister for Women's Affairs, Mark Rowland, Australian Television Presenter from SBS World News and Ross Alastas, Deputy Chairperson of the Victorian Multicultural Commission amongst others, the Presentation Dinner celebrated and showcased the bravery of Australian media reporters who tackled difficult, sometimes dangerous topics.



AUSTRALIA AND THE UN REPORT CARD: MELBOURNE LAUNCH

DATE: 8 October 2013

VENUE: Holding Redlich Offices, Melbourne

The event launched the *Australia and the UN Report Card*, which evaluates the performance of the Australian Government from 2007 – 2013 in relation to international norms and standards. The launch featured presentations by two of the *Report Card* authors, Julian Burnside QC and Professor Robyn Eckersley, as well as Dale Armstberg, representing Tim Costello, CEO of World Vision Australia, who also contributed to the *Report Card*.

AUSTRALIA AND THE UN REPORT CARD: SYDNEY LAUNCH

DATE: 28 October 2013

VENUE: University of Technology, Sydney

Professor Gillian Triggs, President of the Human Rights Commission, launched the *Australia and the UN Report Card* in Sydney. She spoke about the findings she made her chapter of the *Report Card* on human Rights. While she stated that Australia should be proud of its record of supporting and developing international human rights law, she also highlighted that more could be done on human rights at home in Australia. In particular she referred to Australia's treatment of asylum seekers, refugees as well as the standard of living of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



UNAA NSW ANNUAL DINNER

DIVISION: UNAA NSW

DATE: 29 November 2013

VENUE: Castlereagh Boutique Hotel, Sydney

To celebrate the end of the year, a function was held in the Masonic Club in order to acknowledge the efforts of UNAA volunteers for 2013 and to provide an opportunity for members to meet and discuss the goals, progress, and achievements of the UNAA. Mr Maung Maung Aye, who was elected to the Myanmar Parliament in 1990 and is currently the chairman of the National League for Democracy – Liberated Area (Australia), spoke on the topic of 'Aung Sann Suu Kyi and the National League for Democracy: Stories of Struggle and Success'. Geoffrey Little was presented with an award for successfully coordinating UN Day for the last two decades.

PUBLIC RECEPTION FOR THE VENERABLE SAMNANG AM

DIVISION: UNAA NT

DATE: 14 December 2013

VENUE: Multicultural Council of the NT

To celebrate Human Rights Day 2013, UNAA NT worked together with the Cambodian Australian Community Association, NT (CACANT) to coordinate the official Darwin welcome for the Venerable Samnang Am, recently appointed Cambodian Buddhist Monk residing at the local Cambodian Buddhist Temple, Wat Ampavanaram. The reception was hosted by the Multicultural Council of the Northern Territory and attended by around 50 people.

FAREWELL TO NELSON MANDELA

DIVISION: UNAA NT

DATE: 15 December 2013

VENUE: Main Hall, NT Parliament House, Darwin

Sponsored and hosted by the NT Government, UNAA NT's farewell tribute to Nelson Mandela, coincided with the State Funeral in South Africa. The tribute was attended by around 250 people, including a number of African community leaders, the Minister for Multicultural Affairs, the Hon Peter Styles MLA, the Lord Mayor of Darwin, the Mayor of Palmerston, the Federal Member for Solomon, and Senator Nova Peris.

G20 PEOPLES' BRISBANE DECLARATION

DIVISION: UNAA QLD

DATE: February 2014

VENUE: Various

UNAA Queensland brought together various groups of stakeholders in facilitated discussions on topics relevant to the G20 Agenda. The discussions will be channeled into a G20 People's Declaration. Individual responses are being captured via the website www.saygdayg20.com.



LANGUAGE-BASED MODEL UN CONFERENCE

DIVISION: UNAA VIC

DATE: 19 May 2014

VENUE: Treasury Theatre

This year, the UNAA Victoria hosted its first language-based Model UN in French. Students were challenged to read, write and speak entirely in French throughout the conference. Around 120 students attended the conference, which put a new, challenging twist on the Model UN conferences in Australia.

> ACADEMIC NETWORK

ACADEMIC NETWORK NATIONAL ROUNDTABLE

DATE: 8 August 2013

VENUE: University House, Australian National University, Canberra

The Academic Network held a National Roundtable, which brought together academics from QLD, NSW, ACT and VIC to present and discuss a series of papers, which explore the topic 'What's Next for the UN?'

Presentations included:

- The Post 2015 Development Agenda – Assistant Professor Mark Dinnen
- The Global Peace Index – Camilla Schippa
- Non-communicable diseases and the threat to 21st century economic and social development – Dr Patricia Jenkins
- Engaging the New National Curriculum – Daryl Le Cornu
- Upgrading the Effectiveness of Australia's Engagement with the UN – Professor John Langmore and Assistant Professor Mark Dinnen

NATIONAL CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Academic Network awarded five scholarships to students to attend the 2013 UNAA National Conference in Canberra. The recipients included Sarah Arrowsmith, Breanna Chandle, Ella Furlong, Sara de Molta and Lara Wilkinson.



EMERGING SCHOLARS FORUM – UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

DATE: 27 May 2014

VENUE: University of Sydney Law School

40 'emerging scholars' attended the launch of the UNAA Academic Network's Emerging Scholars Program. The Forum was a practical workshop focused on the most effective ways to serve as an advocate for international issues in the media and how to engage government on international issues.

Moderated by UNAA Executive Director Elizabeth Shaw, and held in conjunction with UN Youth, the workshops were led by Brian Gleeson, former Resident Coordinator of the UNDP in Libya and Dr Peter Chen from the University of Sydney, whose focus areas include media, politics and public policy.



EMERGING SCHOLARS FORUM – UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

DATE: 28 May 2014

VENUE: Global Change Institute, the University of Queensland

Around 30 people gathered to participate in the first Emerging Scholars Program held in Brisbane in partnership with the Asia Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect. The event provided students with the opportunity to present an overview of a current research project, respond to questions from academic staff from the University of Queensland, Griffith University and Bond University, and discuss the project with other students. Professor Alex Bellamy chaired the event with Dr Russell Trood and Dr Mark Dinnen providing additional commentary. Projects covered two broad themes: 'Peace & Security: R2P and Intervention' and 'The UN's Agenda for Peace'.

Given the high demand from students keen to participate, a follow-up event is planned for August 2014.

> PARLIAMENTARY GROUP

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF UN PEACEKEEPERS

DATE: 29 May 2014

VENUE: Parliament House, Canberra

Australian Federal Police Deputy Commissioner, Peter Drennan, spoke about his responsibilities as the UN Under Secretary-General for Safety and Security. Responsible for the security of the UN's 145 000 civilian employees and their families, Drennan is now holds the most senior position of any Australian in the UN system.



2014 GLOBAL PEACE INDEX LAUNCH

DATE: 19 June 2014

VENUE: Parliament House, Canberra

Camilla Schippa, Director of the Institute for Economics and Peace, presented key finding from the *Global Peace Index Report: Measuring Peace and Assessing Country Risk*.



BRIEFING – THOMAS ALBRECHT, UNHCR REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE

DATE: 26 June 2014

VENUE: Parliament House, Canberra

Over 50 people attended the UN Parliamentary Group's briefing with UNHCR Regional Representative Thomas Albrecht, including close to 25 Members and Senators. Mr Albrecht spoke about the UNHCR's work around the world, and the increasing strain on resources following the escalation of fighting in Syria and the emerging conflict in Iraq. He detailed the changing dynamics of persecution and noted that the international community needed to come up with new solutions to meet these emerging challenges. Mr Albrecht also discussed the difficulties in balancing a country's national security with the reality of a refugee's experience, where it can be necessary to travel illegally or use forged documentation to escape persecution.



YOUNG PROFESSIONALS NETWORK

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS COCKTAIL EVENING

DATE: 10 August 2013

VENUE: Kremlin Bar, Canberra

Over 110 young professionals headed to the Kremlin Bar to get involved in the ACT Young Professionals' second event. Young professionals listened to Leonard Blazeby, Head of the International Committee for the Red Cross, speak on the ICRC's recent project 'Health Care in Danger', which details the increasing number of attacks on health workers in conflict areas.

'FUTURE OF DEVELOPMENT' PANEL

DATE: 19 November 2013

VENUE: University of Technology, Sydney

UNAA NSW YP co-hosted an event 'Future of Development: Challenges, Changes and Your Choices' with the University of Technology, Sydney. The event involved an international panel consisting of Sarah Cook, Director of the UN Institute for Social Development; Uma Kothari, Associate Director of the Brooks World Poverty Institute; Enrique Mendizabal, Founder of onthinktanks.org and Selena Griffiths, UNSW COFA Senior Lecturer on Design Studies.



WORLD FOOD DAY 'Paddock to Plate' Dinner

DATE: 16 October 2013

VENUE: Kitchen by Mike, Sydney

Hosted with the support of DFAT, the UNAA YP's 'Paddock to Plate' charity dinner focused on food security and Australia's role in the UN. Guest speakers included former foreign minister Bob Carr, Master Chef winner and UNICEF National Ambassador for Nutrition Adam Liaw and food author Sarah Wilson. Close to 100 young professionals attended the dinner, which raised funds for UNICEF.



LAUNCH: UNAA YOUNG PROFESSIONALS NETWORK, BRISBANE

DATE: 10 December 2013

VENUE: Parliament House, Brisbane

The inaugural meeting of the Young Professionals in Brisbane on Human Rights Day attracted over 70 young professionals. Discussion focused on human rights, Australia's role in the region and how young professionals can support the work of the UN. Speakers included UNAA President Dr Russell Trood and National Convenor of the Young Professionals Network Lucinda Millsom.



LAUNCH: UNAA YOUNG PROFESSIONALS NETWORK, PERTH

DATE: 10 December 2013

VENUE: Penrhos College, Como

The UNAA launched the Young Professionals in Perth on Human Rights Day, with the support of DFAT. Over 100 young professionals came to hear from UNAA Executive Director Elizabeth Shaw, who spoke on the UN's work in the field of human rights. The discussion focused around the human rights achievements over the last 20 years and the priority areas moving forward.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

DATE: 29 May 2014

VENUE: Cooper Grace Ward Lawyers, Brisbane

In conjunction with Cooper Grace Ward Lawyers, the UNAA Young Professionals hosted a World Environment Day networking event with UN Youth representative, Laura John, and the founder of Avison Global and Senior Advisor of Global Development Griffith University, Susan Forbes. The event celebrated the concept of sustainability and explored how young professionals and entrepreneurs can have a positive influence on the environment.

LEADING IN UNCERTAIN TIMES – STEWARDSHIP OF THE FUTURE SPEAKER SERIES

DATE: 17 June 2014

VENUE: Griffith University, Brisbane

The UNAA Young Professionals worked with the Asia-Pacific Centre for Sustainable Enterprise to host a seminar discussing the theme 'Leading in Uncertain Times: Stewardship of the Future.' The evening featured guest speaker Professor Sandra Waddock, Galligan Chair of Strategy at Boston College, USA.



AUSTRALIAN YOUNG PEOPLE AT THE UN

DATE: 26 June 2014

VENUE: Venn Bar, Perth

The UNAA Young Professionals and UN Youth hosted an event with 2014 Australian Youth Representative to the United Nations Laura John during her consultation tour in Perth. Laura discussed what issues Australian young people had raised with her during her consultation tour around the country and provided the opportunity for young professionals from Perth to contribute.



UN YOUTH AUSTRALIA

UN YOUTH NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2013

DATE: 7 – 14 July 2013

VENUE: University of Sydney

The UN Youth Australia National Conference brought together 150 incredibly bright and engaged young people from across Australia and the Asia-Pacific. For a week, delegates participated in interactive workshops, speaker panels with community thought leaders, and Model UN simulations. The theme of the conference was ‘Inalienable. Indivisible. Indiscriminate’ and focused on human rights. Speakers included President of the Australian Human Rights Commission Professor Gillian Triggs, CEO of Fairfax Media Greg Hywood, former leader of the Australian Greens Bob Brown, Social Commentator Jane Caro and representatives from Amnesty International.



YOUNG DIPLOMATS' FORUMS

DATE: Various

VENUE: Various

Young Diplomats' Forums in four states brought together around 370 high school students to spend a day exploring themes including ‘Responding to Conflict: Peacekeeping, the UN and Australia,’ ‘Gender Diversity and the Forgotten 10%,’ ‘Minority + Majority’ and ‘Australia and the Security Council’. Students participated in educational workshops, interactive crisis simulations and negotiation exercises and heard from a variety of guest speakers.

EVATT TROPHY NATIONAL FINALS 2013

DIVISION: UN Youth Australia

DATE: 9 – 14 December 2013

VENUE: University of Western Australia

The 2013 National Final of the UN Youth Evatt Trophy Diplomacy Competition brought together 60 young people from around Australia for a week of debate on pressing global issues. This year's theme 'The Asian Century,' encouraged delegates to consider the changing position of the Asian region in international diplomacy. Delegates heard from former Prime Minister Bob Hawke, as well as representatives of the Chinese and American Ambassadors.



2014 AUSTRALIAN YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS

UN Youth Australia, in collaboration with the DFAT selects one young person to represent Australia's youth at the United Nations General Assembly. The 2014 Youth Representative, Laura John, has had a remarkably successful consultation tour. Laura has travelled the country and met with nearly 8,000 young Australians to inform her engagement with the United Nations.



GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT

DATE: 22 May 2014

VENUE: Various

Given the importance of the G20 Summit in Brisbane this year, UN Youth sought to engage Australia's young people in a conversation about economic development. In simultaneous sessions across the country, secondary school students were given the opportunity to present their vision for economic cooperation and growth. The outcomes of this Summit were compiled into a report and presented to the delegates to the Y20 Conference in Sydney. The events around Australia were supported by DFAT.

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Independent Audit Report to The Members Of United Nations Association of Australia Incorporated

We have audited the financial statements of United Nations Association of Australia Incorporated for the year ended 30 June, 2014. The association's directors are responsible for the financial statements. We have conducted an independent audit of these financial statements in order to express an opinion on them to the members of the association.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with Accounting Standards and other Mandatory professional reporting requirements and statutory requirements so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the association's financial position, the results of its operations and its cash flows.

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

Qualification

It is not practical to establish control over cash receipts until their initial entry into the accounting records. Our audit was therefore restricted to the amounts received.

Audit Opinion

Subject to the foregoing reservations, in our opinion, the financial statements of United Nations Association of Australia Incorporated are properly drawn up:

- I. so as to give a true and fair view of:
 - A. the association's financial position as at 30 June 2014, and income and expenditure for the year ended 30 June, 2014;
- II. to satisfy the requirements of subsection 72(2) of the Associations Incorporation Act to be dealt with in financial statements.

Les Ellis & Associates Pty

Les Ellis FIPA
Tuesday, July 22, 2014

> BALANCE SHEET As of June 2014

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash On Hand	\$164,526.20
Total Current Assets	\$164,526.20
Property & Equipment	
Furniture & Fixtures	\$983.15
Total Property & Equipment	\$983.15
Total Assets	\$165,509.35
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities	
Credit Cards	\$83.07
Trade Creditors	\$599.31
GST Liabilities	\$4,348.89
Payroll Liabilities	\$7,773.84
Grants in Advance	\$66,236.29
Accrued Expenses	\$4,264.00
Leave Accruals	-\$377.28
Total Current Liabilities	\$82,928.12
Total Liabilities	\$82,928.12
Net Assets	\$82,581.23
EQUITY	
Prior Year's Surplus/Deficit	\$57,985.91
Retained Earnings	-\$14,510.91
Current Year Surplus/Deficit	\$39,106.23
Total Equity	\$82,581.23

> PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT July 2013 through June 2014

INCOME	
UNAA Federal Levy	\$6,457.27
Events	\$32,976.64
Project Income	\$211,145.09
Bank Interest	\$5,398.41
Total Income	\$255,977.41
EXPENSES	
Administration	\$4,784.40
Employment Expenses	\$4,315.34
Events	\$39,141.60
World Humanitarian Day	\$75,000.00
UN Day	\$75,000.00
General Programs	\$18,629.84
Total Expenses	\$216,871.18
Operating Profit	\$39,106.23
OTHER EXPENSES	
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	\$39,106.23

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WOMEN IN ABU SHOUK CAMP FOR INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS (IDPS) NEAR EL FASHER, NORTH DARFUR, ATTEND ENGLISH CLASSES CONDUCTED BY VOLUNTEER TEACHERS AND FACILITATED BY THE POLICE COMPONENT OF THE AFRICAN UNION-UNITED NATIONS HYBRID OPERATION IN DARFUR (UNAMID). NEARLY 100 WOMEN, MANY WITH CHILDREN, ATTEND THESE CLASSES THREE TIMES A WEEK IN A SCHOOL IN THE CAMP WITH MATERIALS (EXERCISE BOOKS, NOTEBOOKS, BLACKBOARDS AND CHALK) PROVIDED BY UNAMID POLICE. UN PHOTO/ALBERT GONZÁLEZ FARRAN





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