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By strengthening the three pillars of the United Nations – security, human rights and sustainable development - we can build a more peaceful (SAFER), more just (FAIRER) and more prosperous (SUSTAINABLE) world for our succeeding generations.”

– BAN KI-MOON, Former UN Secretary General

Cover page photo: Former Portuguese Prime Minister and UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Antonio Guterres, who formally succeeded Ban Ki-moon as UN Secretary-General in January 2017.
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OUR MISSION

Established in 1946, the United Nations Association of Australia works to inform, inspire and engage all Australian's regarding the work, goals and values of the United Nations to create a safer, fairer and more sustainable world.



Inform.

Inspire.

Engage.



**SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT** **GOALS**
17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD



UNAA NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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*Think Globally. Plan
Nationally. Act Locally”*

THESE ARE THE WORDS I HAVE
CONSISTENTLY STRESSED TO
OUR COMMITTED UNAA TEAM
SINCE SUCCEEDING DR RUSSELL
TROOD AS NATIONAL PRESIDENT IN
SEPTEMBER 2016.

Dr Trood was a very fine Australian and an experienced practitioner of multilateralism who, in 2011, set clear guidelines for the UNAA's modernisation. Our nation and the world is poorer for his premature death in January this year. Our thoughts remain with his family and friends, and Russell's legacy continues to inspire our Board in our quest to enhance the UNAA's relevance and impact. The United Nations constantly confronts incredible global challenges, requiring the commitment of Member States internationally, built on the aspirations of citizens locally. This is why the UNAA's efforts are so important in the quest for a safer, fairer and more sustainable world; and why the UNAA must be an influential member of the World Federation of United Nations Associations.

The Board's efforts over the past 12 months have focussed on improving governance and accountability, developing a more coherent strategic planning process,



and embracing a unified nationwide commitment to better resource and professionalise our predominantly voluntary organisation. Significant effort has been undertaken to further develop our current national programs - peace, climate change and human rights - and to focus our efforts on establishing a national program to promote the critical Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that we believe should guide Australian policies and international practices to 2030. Moving forward, the UNAA is considering the viability of commencing a national training program to better prepare Australians for UN service and capture the expertise of returning UN personnel; and we are keen to develop stronger relations and to work more collaboratively with our colleagues in New Zealand and our Pacific neighbours. Throughout the year we have continued to hold important quality events around the nation - more than 150 in total. During the year our UN Academic Network and our Young Professionals Network have been revitalised and it is the Board's hope that both will play an increasingly important role in contributing to the UNAA's future.

In a highly disruptive world - characterised by a shift in the global balance of power together with the impact of climate change, unresolved and protracted conflicts, a revived threat of nuclear war, persistent and extreme acts of international terrorism, growing inequality, mass population movements and unresolved human rights violations - an effective United Nations is required more than ever. This will demand the continuing support of Member States, including Australia. The UNAA believes that the laws, treaties and norms underwritten by the United Nations are at the very heart of an effective rules-based international order. The UNAA fully supports Australia's bid for a seat on the Human Rights Council and calls on our Government to do more to support UN

efforts in conflict prevention, peacekeeping and peacebuilding, to ensure our national policies are in accordance with international humanitarian and refugee law, and to seek continuing UN reform including through the competitive placement of more Australians in senior UN positions.

It has been an unexpected honour and privilege for me to have been elected as National President, and I have been constantly inspired by the efforts and commitment by our many supporters. I acknowledge and thank my fellow Directors and program managers who have provided me with such wise counsel and unwavering support - it has been and must continue to be a true team effort. Three of our Board members have decided to step-down, but they will continue to support the UNAA in other capacities. My sincere thanks to our departing Co-Vice-President Dr Kathleen Turner, one of our Independent Directors, Brad McManus, and our Secretary, Harold Wilkinson, for their considerable contributions. I would also like to congratulate and thank our Executive Director, Matthew Kronborg, for his highly professional and dedicated commitment to the UNAA's modernisation.

Much work lies ahead for the UNAA, but we have a clear and united vision of where the UNAA is heading. *On ... on ... we the peoples!*

Major General (Retd) Michael G Smith AO
UNAA National President

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

COMING UP ON MY THIRD YEAR AS NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR I AM EXCITED TO SEE THE MANY CITIZENS AND LEADERS ACROSS OUR COUNTRY WHO ARE INFORMED, INSPIRED AND ENGAGED WITH THE WORK, GOALS AND VALUES OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND WANT TO CREATE A SAFER, FAIRER AND MORE SUSTAINABLE WORLD.

I would like to thank the UNAA's incredibly engaged volunteers and employees, who selflessly devote their time and energy, working together to allow us to achieve our lofty goals that benefit all and advance the UN's agenda. We continue to renew and revitalize our volunteer base as part of our nationwide reform and modernization efforts.

The UN Secretary-General changed in January with the election of Antonio Guterres, who had previously been both the Prime Minister for Portugal and the UN High Commissioner for Refugees. In that same month locally, we were saddened by the passing of our immediate past National President Russell Trood, who was crucial in setting the path for our modernization journey, including refreshing the National Constitution under which this nationwide organisation operates. Whilst internally controversial at the time, the forward-looking Division representatives of the UNAA federation that both allowed and encouraged that important reform step to occur by relinquishing some of their perceived sovereignty and allowing improved governance, can be proud they made the right choice in the best interests of the entire UNAA towards the organisation becoming more impactful, relevant and dynamic in this rapidly changing world.

I'd like to thank our core partner the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade for their support and collaboration.

I would also like to commend and thank the tireless and dedicated efforts of our new National President Michael G Smith over his first twelve months. He is an excellent leader, motivating force for good and sets a very high bar to which we all should aspire.

The UNAA has achieved much via its community facing work over the financial year 2016-17. We have engaged on a number of thematic issues in a bid to highlight and support the diversity of the UN's work and we have started to re-orientate the organisation

towards working together in support of key programs.

The emergence of the all-encompassing UN Sustainable Development Goals agenda has led us to launch our **Sustainable Development Goals National Program** during the course of the year. In support of the objectives of this agenda and the UN Paris Agreement our **Climate Change National Program** has worked hard to educate Australians around this issue. Our **Peace National Program** strives to support the foundational peace & security objectives of the UN taking forward a message of peace, unity in diversity and multiculturalism. Our **Human Rights National Program** endeavours to uphold and promote the rights of all people under the UN's human rights framework and is guided by the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The eight Divisions of the UNAA, the founding teams of our organisation in every state and territory, continue to modernize and conduct excellent events and activities, engaging with citizens and state governments on matters of importance, many in support of the National Programs.

Better engaging the next generation continues to be an important focus of WFUNA and in turn the UNAA. Our **Young Professionals Network**, aimed at 25-35 year olds, continues to gain momentum, with events and activities now taking place in most states and territories with the National Board approving their new mandate, structure and strategy in March.

UN Youth Australia, aimed at 15-25 year olds, continues its success across the country with a focus on delivering Model UN courses, international leadership tours, significant conferences and the Youth Representative to the UN program.

The UNAA has again successfully delivered a series of high profile **Awards Programs** including the World Environment Day Awards, the Media Peace Awards,

the Lifeworks Awards and the Community Awards to incentivize all sections of the community, including businesses and individuals, to integrate the goals and values of the UN into their daily lives.

The UNAA Academic Network has been refreshed over the past twelve months, including a new Convenor, Dr Jeremy Farrall. This network exists to connect and share information about the UN, on teaching and learning methodologies about the UN, cooperating on areas of pedagogical expertise in relation to UN studies, and ultimately enhancing and strengthening discourse on the United Nations in Australian educational institutions.

The **UN Parliamentary Group** has held a series of sessions for federal parliamentarians with special guests including UN speakers and subject matter experts, educating them on everything from global terrorism trends to the benefits and impacts of the UN World Food Program. Senator Barry O'Sullivan and Sharon Claydon MP have been the co-convenors of this group for the past year. We welcome Andrew Laming MP who succeeded Senator O'Sullivan in August.

The UNAA is an opportunity rich organization with an extensive history of success that can best achieve its goals and increase its impact going forward through a nationwide group of hardworking teams increasingly working together towards shared objectives. There is still much to be done as we continue to modernize the organisation including continuing to improve governance, structure, strategy, communications, internal engagement, talent flows and fundraising diversification.

As a founding Member State, Australia has a long and positive history with the United Nations. There has been renewed interest in the country meeting those international commitments in which it falls short. The UNAA sees changes needed in domestic policy on topics including refugees, human rights, Indigenous Australians, climate change, nuclear weapons and cuts to the foreign aid budget. Despite these challenges locally, Australia's overseas efforts are to be commended; especially where the country works to advocate around the human rights focus areas of the abolition of the death penalty, gender equality, freedom of expression, good governance, the rights of indigenous peoples, and advancing human rights institutions.

Finally, the UNAA relies on donations to have an impact. To both express your support for the United Nations and allow us to continue to create a safer, fairer and more sustainable world please consider becoming a monthly giver at unaa.org.au/donate. Thank you for your support.



Matthew Kronborg
National Executive Director



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UNAA ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS


Knowledge is power. Information is liberating. Education is the premise of progress, in every society, in every family.” - KOFI ANNAN, FORMER UN SECRETARY GENERAL





INCREASING OUR REACH AND IMPACT:



Thinking Globally,
Planning Nationally,
Acting Locally



Re-orientating
the federation to
become program
driven and more
academically
rigorous



Transitioning
to a one-UNAA
membership
approach



Progressive
defragmentation
of social media
accounts and online
communications
across the federation



Improving governance,
structure, strategy,
internal engagement,
communications, talent-
flows and fundraising
diversification



> EXAMPLES OF PUBLIC DIPLOMACY EVENTS

Over the year the UNAA delivered over 150 events to inform, inspire and engage all Australians regarding the work, goals and values of the UN to create a safer, fairer and more sustainable world. These are a cross section of examples.



WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY CLIMATE ACTION AWARDS AND FORUM

TEAM: VIC Division / Climate Program

DATE: June 2017

LOCATION: Melbourne



UNAA WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY CLIMATE ACTION AWARDS 2017

Every year since 2000, in honour of World Environment Day the United Nations Association of Australia has presented the World Environment Day Awards to individuals, organisations, schools, councils, businesses and media leading the way in environmental innovation Australia wide. In response to the United Nations 2015 Paris Climate Agreement, the UNAA promotes the development of a national, inclusive climate management framework. In 2017 UNAA held the inaugural Climate Collaboration Forum – a full day event that provided representatives from all climate stakeholders with an opportunity to showcase what they are already doing to mitigate the effect of climate change and adapt to future change, have their leadership and innovation acknowledged, and take part in expert-led, small group workshops to discuss what collaboration is needed to ensure effective future action on climate change. The Awards were incorporated into the UNAA Climate Collaboration Forum and included a focus on climate management and action. The Awards highlighted work being done by organisations and individuals that will enable Australia to adapt most effectively to expected changes in climate, mitigate the effects of such climate change and help move Australia to net zero emissions by the second half of this century.



UNAA LIFEWORKS AWARDS

TEAM: Peace Program
DATE: August 2016
LOCATION: Union University & Schools Club Sydney

The UNAA Lifework Awards recognize humble Australians doing extraordinary things. Longevity is a crucial key to determining the recipients of this award. It is a tangible acknowledgement of the long history of dedication men and women have demonstrated: working in positive ways for peace, justice, harmony and community spirit at a grass roots level, and, contributing towards the betterment of mankind through industry, enterprise and community service. This ticketed black-tie event is usually held in Sydney. In 2016 the key recipients were Leslie Shirato founder of the Vittoria Coffee Company for his contribution to Australian multiculturalism and Surf Life Saving Australia for creating and promoting the volunteerism culture in Australia for over one hundred years.



PROTECTING OUR PLANET – TWITTER CONVERSATION SERIES

TEAM: Social media
DATE: April 2017
LOCATION: Twitter

Over the past year the UNAA has started regularly hosting twitter conversation sessions with special guests. For example to celebrate Earth Day and on the theme of protecting our planet the UNAA hosted a two hour interactive twitter interview event with WWF-Australia CEO Dermot O’Gorman and Northern Agricultural Catchments Council CEO Richard McLellan. These occur through the UNAA master twitter account @UNAA_national and with the hashtag #UNAALiveChat



NEW SOUTH WALES WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY CELEBRATION

TEAM: NSW Division

DATE: August 2016

LOCATION: Baker & McKenzie, Sydney

On 17 August, the UNAA hosted an event featuring the topic “What does humanitarianism mean in today’s changing world?” Speakers included Steve Scott, Assistant Secretary – Humanitarian Response Branch, DFAT and Venerable Dr Thich Minh Tam – Hon Professor University NSW / Chair of the International Buddhist Organisation. World Humanitarian Day honours the aid workers who risk their lives to help others during times of conflict and disaster and highlights the importance of humanitarian efforts around the world.



SOUTH AUSTRALIA WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY CELEBRATION

TEAM: SA Division

DATE: August 2016

LOCATION: National Wine Centre, Adelaide

At this event Dr Lynn Arnold, former Premier of SA & former CEO of World Vision, read the UN Secretary General’s message for World Humanitarian Day and revealed that his daughter was presently working in a developing African community. Lynn shared his compassion with the audience and explained that World Humanitarian Day was not simply about the kind of people his daughter was working with but also people with commitment like his daughter, the world’s selfless humanitarians. Dr Robyn Layton, former Justice of the Supreme Court, as guest speaker, addressed the 2016 Humanitarian Day theme of “one humanity” with a focus on youth and multicultural communities. The event was emceed by Amanda Blair from DFAT.



UNAA MEDIA PEACE AWARDS

TEAM: VIC Division

DATE: October 2016

LOCATION: Arts Centre, Melbourne

The annual UNAA Media Awards seek to promote understanding about humanitarian and social justice issues by recognising those in the Australian media whose contributions stimulate public awareness and understanding. Each year since 1979, the United Nations Association of Australia has presented these awards to Australian journalists and media organisations who have excelled.



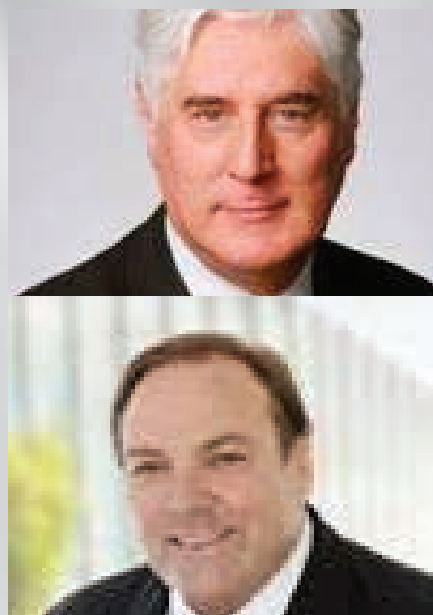
QUEENSLAND WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY CELEBRATION

TEAM: QLD Division

DATE: August 2016

LOCATION: Griffith University, Brisbane

Around one hundred people attended this special event on this cool August night, which provided a great opportunity for a comprehensive question and answer session. Former Queensland MLC, Clem Campbell was emcee. Three diverse professionals shared their insights with members and guests to allow for an improved understanding and compassion around the humanitarian issues on Australia's doorstep and Australia's contribution. Speakers included; Professor Charles Samford who introduced a legal and international perspective on which moral and legal obligations are based; Rebecca Lim who was a migration agent and is a multicultural advocate; and Paul Stevenson, a psychologist who works to support and advocate for children in detention. Griffith University provided in-kind support for the venue.



SOUTH AUSTRALIA UN DAY

TEAM: SA Division

DATE: November 2016

LOCATION: National Wine Centre, Adelaide

The theme of this educational fundraising dinner was the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) number 1 - to eliminate poverty and hunger by 2030. Many generous sponsors provided food, wine and prizes. UNAA National President of UNAA, Major General (Retd) Michael G Smith AO provided opening remarks. The guest speaker was Amorelle Dempster, Australian representative of the Slow Food Movement who began her talk by referring to Carlo Petrini, the head of the world Slow Food Movement, who said that the shame of hunger should be defeated in this generation. Amorelle explained that for the past 30 years the movement has warned against the continual loss of local food traditions. She referred to the right to quality food and the need for responsible consumption, including eating all parts of the animal. Amorelle noted that Aboriginal foods are also being lost and reminded the audience how carefully Indigenous Australians managed the land. The musicians Golonka provided gypsy style rhythms that expressed how Adelaide has become one of UNESCO's cities of music. During the event, a brief but poignant ceremony took place – the lighting of the Peace Flame by Patricia Brown and the Lady Mayoress, Genevieve Thesiera-Haese.



NORTHERN TERRITORY UN DAY

TEAM: NT Division

DATE: October 2016

LOCATION: Chambers Crescent Theatre, Darwin

This community dinner celebrated the 71st anniversary of the UN Charter and the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals. The event was held at Chambers Crescent Theatre, Malak, Darwin. Attendees from all walks of life were encouraged to wear their national costumes as a means to express the international and multicultural identities in Darwin living and working in harmony. Food was donated by Food Bank and 'My Sisters' kitchen who prepared a multicultural meal.



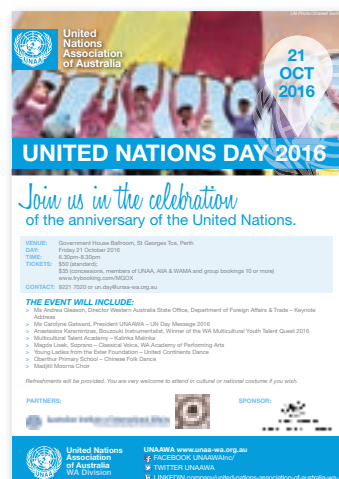
WESTERN AUSTRALIA UN DAY

TEAM: WA Division

DATE: October 2016

LOCATION: Government House Ballroom, Perth

Celebrating UN Day this event included a keynote speech by Ms Andrea Gleason, Director Western Australia State Office, DFAT and the UN Secretary General's UN Day Message 2016 by Ms Carolyn Gatward, President UNAA WA Division. It also included multicultural presentations by Anastasios Karamintzas, Bouzouki Instrumentalist, Winner of the WA Multicultural Youth Talent Quest 2016; Multicultural Talent Academy – Kalinka Malink; Magda Lisek, Soprano – Classical Voice, WA Academy of Performing Arts; Young Ladies from the Ester Foundation – United Continents Dance; Oberthur Primary School – Chinese Folk Dance; and, Madjitil Moorna Choir. Partners for the event included the Australian Institute of International Affairs and the Multicultural Association of Western Australia.





NEW SOUTH WALES UN DAY

TEAM: NSW Division

DATE: October 2016

LOCATION: Martin Place Cenotaph and Parliament House, Sydney

The UNAA hosted an annual wreath laying ceremony at the Martin Place cenotaph followed by a luncheon at NSW Parliament House. The cenotaph ceremony honours Australia's uniformed personnel who have served in United Nations theatres as peacekeepers over the past 69 years. The ceremony was attended by representatives of government, the uniformed services, the UN family, civil society and the public. The distinguished guest speaker was Mr Brian Gleeson, Director of Human Resources UNWRA who provided a rousing address. The UN Day luncheon that followed was co-sponsored by the NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet alongside DFAT. The keynote address was provided by Professor Ian Jacobs President and Vice Chancellor at the University of NSW and UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador Ken Done also provided some remarks. Hosting was Mr Mark Coure MP Member for Oatley.



NORTHERN TERRITORY WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY CELEBRATION

TEAM: NT Division

DATE: August 2016

LOCATION: Chambers Crescent Theatre, Darwin

This "One Humanity" Community Dinner event recognised Australia's contribution to UN humanitarian projects around the world. In 2016 the UN and its partners called for people all over the world to unite as "One Humanity" as the World Humanitarian Day theme. The aim was to raise awareness of the more than 130 million people around the world who need humanitarian assistance to survive –and the efforts of aid workers who support them. The event also heralded the launch and premiere screening of "My Story", an initiative of Darwin Community Arts Creative Producer and UNAA NT Division Board Member, Silpi Dhungana Pant. This project was sponsored by the NT Government's Office of Women's Policy and showcases the stories of five local strong women from migrant and refugee backgrounds who have struggled, but followed their dreams and ultimately achieved success in Darwin. Their stories provide a positive message for humanity. Food Bank, Melaleuca Refugee Centre and the Multicultural Council of the Northern Territory partnered with the UNAA for this event.





AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY UN DAY

TEAM: ACT Division

DATE: October 2016

LOCATION: Old Parliament House, Canberra

At this annual symbolic event to mark UN Day the keynote was provided by Dr Jose Ramos Horta, Nobel Laureate, Chair of UN HIPPO and former President of East Timor. A speech was also provided by Hon. Julie Bishop MP, Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs. Over one hundred representatives from the diplomatic community, government, civil society and the public were in attendance. The event had a focus on the UN Sustainable Development Goals.



AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENT HOUSE UN DAY BREAKFAST

TEAM: UN Parliamentary Group

DATE: November 2016

LOCATION: Australian Parliament House, Canberra

This intimate breakfast hosted by the UNAA gave Australian Parliamentarians the opportunity to learn about the UN's crucial role in counter-terrorism. This annual breakfast marks UN Day through a speaking line-up that highlights the effectiveness of UN activities supported by DFAT and provides a closed door briefing opportunity for parliamentarians to ask questions. At this event, parliamentarians learned from world renowned counter-terrorism expert Mike Smith (not related to UNAA National President) who provided a keynote briefing presentation followed by a Q&A. DFAT's Assistant Secretary for counter-terrorism David Nethery also provided remarks.





UN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP – COMBATting CORRUPTION

TEAM: UN Parliamentary Group

DATE: November 2016

LOCATION: Australian Parliament House, Canberra

In partnership with the UK High Commission, the UNAA hosted an educational briefing event on the topic of ‘Combatting corruption—the UN’s response to an international challenge to development, aid and security’. The speakers were: Mr Alok Sharma MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (Minister for Asia and the Pacific); The Hon Michael Keenan MP, Australian Minister for Justice; Mr Anthony Wheely QC, Chairman of Transparency International Australia. The focus of the forum was that corruption is increasingly being recognised as an issue that undermines states at all levels:

- > As an aid issue, corruption damages aid efforts to deliver infrastructure, and health and education services;
- > As a nation building issue, corruption prevents effective governance, undermines economic competitiveness and is a powerful enabler for organized crime;
- > As a national security issue, corruption undermines peace and security, damages social cohesion and fuels terrorism.

The audience learned that the international community response is centered on the International Convention Against Corruption, with the OECD also leading work on anti-bribery. The seminar presented three speakers discussing different aspects of the international response to corruption and its effectiveness. The audience of around 80 people included the public, parliamentarians and other dignitaries.



AN INSIDER'S GUIDE - CAREERS WITH UN

TEAM: Young Professionals WA

DATE: September 2016

LOCATION: University of Western Australia, Perth

This event was hosted for young professionals interested in a career in diplomacy or foreign affairs. The informative and inspiring speakers included; Anna George, a former Australian Ambassador; Katherine Wilcox, Deputy State Director, DFAT; Michael McTiernan, AFP, Special Intelligence operations; and Renata Sivacolundhu, former UN emergency communications officer Myanmar. The speakers shared their experiences and provided personal insight into the UN and its work. A Q&A session followed the panel discussion.





IT STARTS WITH ME – GOOD HEALTH & WELLBEING

TEAM: SDG Program

DATE: May 2017

LOCATION: Questacon, Canberra

In partnership with Questacon and the Hope Project the event promoted the importance of, and educated Australians about, the UN Sustainable Development Goals in particularly goal 3 – Good Health and Wellbeing. Over 150 audience members heard from speakers including Professor Graham Durant, Director of Questacon; Michael G Smith, National President of UNAA; Kate Seselja, Founder of The Hope Project; Diane Kargas, General Manager with Philanthropy Matters; Patricia Garcia, UNAA National Program Manager, UN Sustainable Development Goals.



UN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP – TERRORISM TRENDS

TEAM: UN Parliamentary Group

DATE: February 2016

LOCATION: Australian Parliament House, Canberra

The UNAA held a UN Parliamentary Group to educate politicians around the latest statistical trends in terrorism through the launch of the Institute of Economics and Peace's Global Terrorism Index 2017 – with Keynote by IEP chairman and founder Steve Kililea AM, and speakers included Senator Barry O'Sullivan and Sharon Claydon MP, co-convenors of the UN Parliamentary Group. Supporting the education of parliamentarians and their staffers based on real world data instead of personal opinions allows better informed policy decision making. The Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP) is an international think tank dedicated to building a greater understanding of the interconnection between business, peace and economics with particular emphasis on the economic benefits of peace and the costs of conflict. Each year the IEP launches its Global Terrorism Index Report, a comprehensive summary of the key global trends and patterns in terrorism with a special emphasis on how to effectively address the threat of terrorism.





UN PARLIAMENTARY SECONDMENT REPORT BACK SESSION

TEAM: TAS Division
DATE: March 2016
LOCATION: University of Tasmania, Hobart

The UNAA hosted this public forum at the University of Tasmania Law School for Senator Lisa Singh to present back about her recent secondment to the United Nations in New York (September to December 2016). The audience heard that during her secondment a new Secretary General was elected, the General Assembly held a Refugee Summit with Heads of State, and Australia was outvoted by the world wanting to negotiate a treaty banning nuclear weapons. The Senator reflected on what happened, why it and the UN matters to Australians, and what's next for the country.



DIGITAL DIPLOMACY

TEAM: Young Professionals QLD
DATE: August 2016
LOCATION: Griffith University, Brisbane

The UNAA held an event on the topic of 'Digital Diplomacy' at Griffith University, Brisbane. Speakers included Dario Morosini Deputy State Director DFAT; Dr Constance Duncombe, University of Queensland; and Amelia Shaw, Australian Institute of International Affairs. In an age where Donald Trump's late-night tweets have the power to start a global diplomatic meltdown this panel discussed and considered how digital technology, in particular social media is rapidly evolving diplomatic traditions and the ways that international affairs need to evolve with it. It explored different perspectives which underpin its increasing importance in global statecraft; what platforms have been most effective; which countries exhibit strong digital nous; and how Australia stacks up against the rest of the world. Although no international definition has been accepted, it is widely acknowledged that the digital revolution is an expanding horizon of complex engagement between state and non-state actors. The discussion examined whether digital diplomacy is merely a branch of public diplomacy or a new domain for the world's diplomatic forces – and how this relates to the work, goals and values of the United Nations and Australia.



INSPIRING CHANGEMAKERS

TEAM: Young Professionals WA
DATE: May 2017
LOCATION: Herbert Smith Freehills, Perth

The UNAA hosted an event with inspiring leaders from four diverse areas – Paralympian, NGO, Corporate and Government provided motivating stories about the impact they work to have in the world, especially in support of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. It informed, inspired and engaged the large audience of young professionals to think globally and step up to make a difference in the community whilst learning about the SDGs.





NO HUNGER & RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION

TEAM: Young Professionals VIC

DATE: April 2017

LOCATION: Cecconi, Melbourne

The UNAA hosted this ticketed dinner event in Victoria to promote Sustainable Development Goals 2 and 12. Farming communities across the world are tackling the far-reaching impacts of climate change, sustainable waste management challenges and ongoing rising populations. At this sustainable dining experience at Melbourne's Cecconi's on Flinders Lane the audience learned how head to tail sustainable cooking practices make a measurable difference to the local environment and community. Guest speaker was Cecconi's head chef Maurice Esposito who talked about his ongoing commitment to sustainability and how their collaborative efforts to minimise waste generation and maximise fresh local produce has promoted their sustainable initiatives across Melbourne.



UN WORLD REFUGEE DAY – REDUCED INEQUALITY & PEACE

TEAM: Young Professionals ACT

DATE: May 2017

LOCATION: Questacon, Canberra

The UNAA celebrated UN World Refugee Day with an event that featured a talk and screening of the film 'Constance on the Edge'. The event was held at Questacon and in partnership with Questacon. Around 150 people attended the screening which highlighted the UN's Sustainable Development Goal #10 – Reduce Inequality. This goal calls for reducing income inequality, as well as inequalities due to age, sex, disability, race, ethnicity, origin, religion or economic status. The goal also addresses inequalities between countries, including those related to representation, migration and development assistance. The film tells the story of one refugee family's resettlement in Australia. Constance, a mother of six, confronts her past in war torn Sudan, and risks everything so her family can survive. This is one of millions of refugee stories about the courage it takes to build a new life.





REDUCING INEQUALITY

TEAM: Young Professionals WA

DATE: May 2017

LOCATION: Herbert Smith Freehills, Western Australia

The UNAA held this event in partnership with RMIT University to promote and educate the audience on the topic of the UN Sustainable Development goals with a particular focus on goal # 10 – Reduced inequalities and social responsibility with some focussed consideration to Australia's international refugees and immigration commitments. In exploring what it means to be a refugee in modern Australia in a way that helps to recognise the positive contribution of migrants and refugees, the notion that all human beings should be allowed to fulfil their potential in dignity, equality and a healthy environment was promoted. The panel discussion included Halsey Day (a youth support advocate), Emmanuel (a young man who grew up in African refugee camps yet managed to achieve a year 12 ATAR of over 97 in Hobart and now stars in a SBS show about teachers), Hirma Seid (a manager at Centre for Multicultural Youth) and Kerry Bolan (a member of the Refugee Status Review Tribunal and an international consultant who has worked with multiple UN agencies in the field of human rights and protection.)



MAKING THE UN FIT FOR PURPOSE IN THE 21ST CENTURY CONFERENCE

TEAM: NSW Division

DATE: July 2016

LOCATION: Customs House Circular Quay, Sydney

The UNAA held a conference on the topic of 'Making the United Nations fit for purpose in the 21st Century'. Over 150 delegates in attendance considered lessons that have been learned from the UN's history and sought to discover reforms to make the UN more effective and efficient. Speakers included; Professor Gillian Triggs – President of the Australian Human Rights Commission since 2012, and formerly Dean of the Faculty of Law and Challis Professor of International Law, Sydney University; Robert Tickner – recently retired as the Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Red Cross (2005-2015), and a former Australian Labor Party Cabinet Minister; Pera Wells – Secretary General of WFUNA (2006-2009), and former Australian diplomat who worked on human rights issues at the United Nations in Geneva and New York; Dr Camilla Schippa – Director of the Institute for Economics and Peace and previously worked in various UN institutions and for a number of NGOs and foundations; Christopher Woodthorpe – Director of the United Nations Information Centre (UNIC), Canberra; Assoc Prof Luis Cabrera – Associate Professor Griffith Business School, Brisbane. Member of the Centre for Global Governance and Public Policy, Griffith University; Dr Sue Wareham OAM – Board member of ICAN Australia, Vice-President of MAPW and has played an active part in the peace and anti-nuclear movement since the 1980s; Prof Steven Freeland – Professor of International Law at UWS, at Copenhagen and Vienna universities; Assoc Prof Adam Kamradt-Scott – Health Security at the Centre for International Security, Sydney University; Andrew Petersen – CEO for Sustainable Business Australia; Major General (ret'd) Tim Ford – served as Military Adviser to the UN Security Council from 2000 to 2002 and UN Truce Supervision Organisation (UNTSO) Head of Mission (1998-2000); Prof Megan Davis – Professor of Law at the University of New South Wales and Chair of the United Nations Permanent Forum of Indigenous People; Lisa Sharland – Senior Policy Analyst at the Australia Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI) and former Defence Policy Adviser at the Permanent Mission of Australia to the UN in New York; Prof Chris Hamer – Chairperson for the Institute for Global Peace and Sustainable Governance (IGPSG) and founder of the World Citizen's Association of Australia (WCAA); Christopher Michaelson – Associate Professor in the Faculty of Law and a member of the Australian Human Rights Centre; and Jamie Isbister – Assistant Director-General Africa and Middle East at AusAID, among others.



UN YOUTH AUSTRALIA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

TEAM: UN Youth Australia

DATE: July 2016

LOCATION: Brisbane

This conference brought together over 150 exceptional young people from across Australia and the Asia-Pacific to discuss a diverse range of international and local issues. Throughout the week-long conference, students learned from experts in international relations, participated in interactive workshops and formally debated questions of global importance. The annual conference aims to create a generation of young Australians who are informed and passionate about the world around them through education, engagement with national leaders, and peer mentorship. UNYA hopes to create and inspire future diplomats and government representatives. The conference included students from every state and territory, as well as from New Zealand and across Asia-Pacific. The conference is held each year in July in a different Australian capital city. Delegates for the conference are competitively selected by the UN Youth Australia division in their State or Territory during Term 1.



ACADEMIC NETWORK WITH AUSTRALIA'S UN AMBASSADOR

TEAM: Academic Network

DATE: December 2016

LOCATION: ANU, Canberra

The UNAA held this day long workshop in the Hedley Bull Centre board room at Australia National University. Australia's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Ambassador Gillian Bird participated in part of this invitation only workshop that was held under the Chatham House rule. Approximately 35 leading UN academics in Australia discussed their latest research and opportunities for collaboration and better coordination. The UNAA is committed to better becoming a 'research-led' organisation as part of its modernization agenda, with certain UNAA policies and programs to be based on proper consideration of the factors required to enhance the UN's effectiveness, including the need for continuous reform. The UNAA is also interested in Australia's contribution to better enable the United Nations to develop and implement its policies and programs, and the resources Australia should contribute to achieve these ends as part of its multilateral diplomacy.



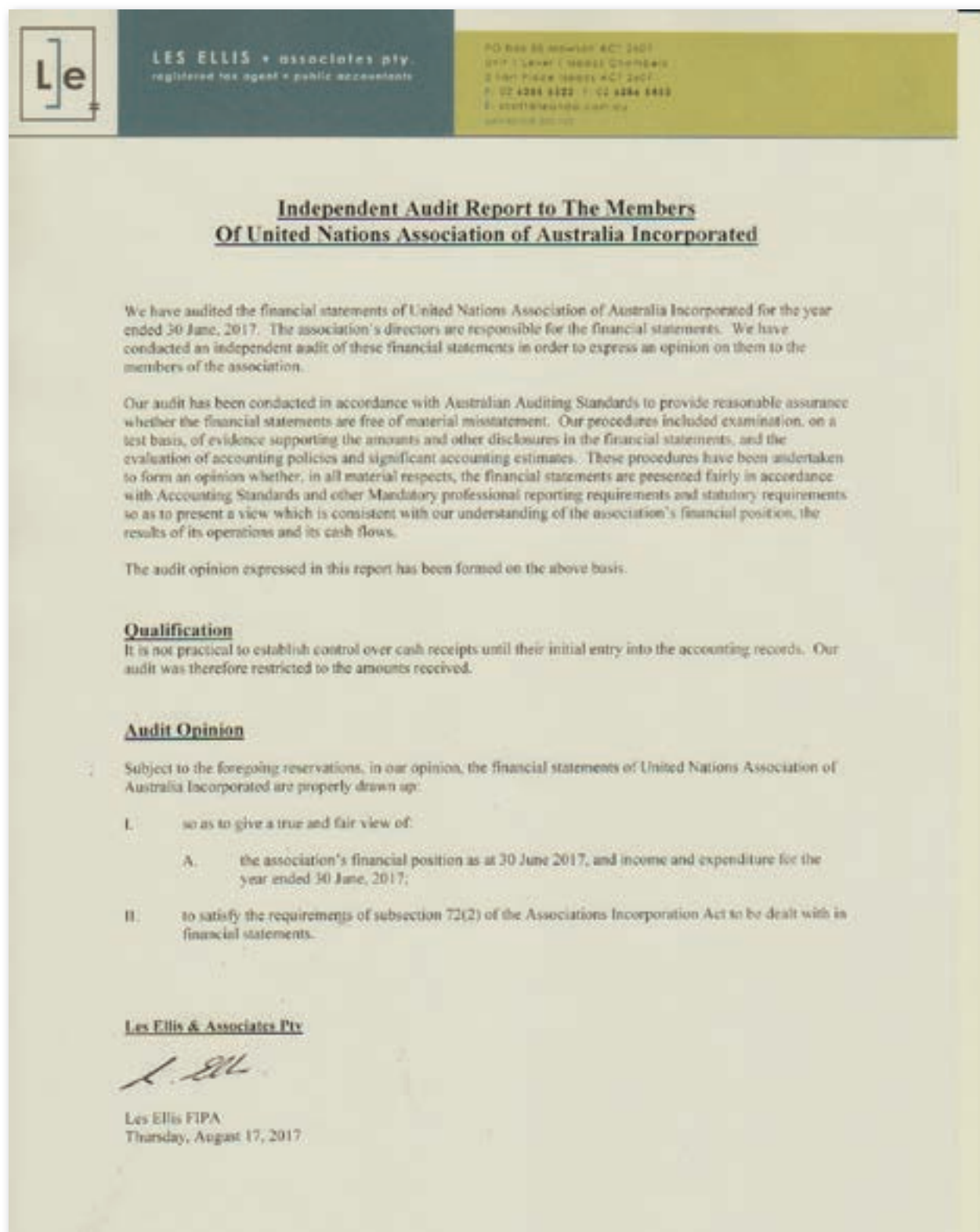
NATIONAL BOARD MEETING ATTENDANCE

The UNAA national board is the peak decision-making body of the UNAA group. It held four full meetings during the year since the last AGM. The UNAA also has a national executive committee that is a subset of this board that meets more regularly. UNAA Incorporated holds membership of WFUNA for Australia which it cascades official standing to the Division entities.

	Sep 2016	Nov 2016	March 2016	Jun 2016
Michael G Smith <i>National President</i>	Y	Y	Y	Y
Lidia Moretti <i>National Vice President (Divisions)</i>	Y	Y	Y	Y
Kathleen Turner <i>National Vice President (Independent Directors)</i>	Y	x	Y	Y
Matthew Kronborg <i>National Executive Director</i>	Y	Y	Y	Y
Tony Dobson <i>National Treasurer</i>	Y	Y	Y	Y
Harold Wilkinson <i>National Secretary</i>	Y	Y	Y	Y
Michael Henry <i>VIC Division</i>	Y	Y	Graham Hunter	Y
Patricia Jenkins <i>NSW Division</i>	Y	Y	Y	Y
Donnell Davis <i>QLD Division</i>	Y	Y	Y	Y
Steve Lennon <i>WA Division</i>	Carolyne Gatward	Inaugural	Y	Y
Clarissa Adriel <i>TAS Division</i>	Y	Y	Y	Y
Ron Mitchell <i>NT Division</i>	X	Y	Y	Y
Jonathan Curtis <i>ACT Division</i>	Y	X	Y	Y
Brian Gleeson <i>Independent Director</i>	Y	Y	X	Y
Brad McManus <i>Independent Director</i>	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jonty Katz <i>President UN Youth Australia</i>	Brianna Bell	Brianna Bell	Inaugural	X

> NATIONAL FINANCES

The UNAA presently has a federation NGO structure. These financials only cover UNAA Incorporated (National) which operates as a registered Australian charity. Principal income for this entity to allow basic operations was from the generous encumbered support of the Australian Government's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. The reporting year of the UNAA is 1 July to 30 June.



> STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF JUNE 2017

	FY2017	FY2016
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash At Bank	\$321,230	\$272,609
Accounts Receivable	\$462	\$67,694
Prepaid Expenses	\$12,328	\$0
Accrued Revenue	\$1,500	\$0
Total Current Assets	\$335,520	\$340,303
Fixed Assets	\$828	\$0
Total Assets	\$336,348	\$340,303
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade Payables	\$5,672	\$4,617
Tax Liabilities	\$11,446	\$27,739
Leave Provisions	\$25,309	\$9,434
Accrued Expenses	\$6,000	\$0
Deferred Revenue	\$151,000	\$210,000
Total Liabilities	\$199,427	\$251,789
NET ASSETS	\$136,921	\$88,514
Current Year Surplus/(Deficit)	\$48,411	\$54,008
Retained Funds	\$88,514	\$34,505
TOTAL MEMBERS FUNDS	\$136,925	\$88,514

> STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2017

	Fy2017	Fy2016
INCOME		
Grants Received	\$269,000	\$103,311
Program Income Received	\$157,515	\$178,169
Other Income Received	\$9,480	\$6,165
Total Income	\$435,995	\$287,645
EXPENDITURE		
Program & Activity Expenditure	\$191,488	\$96,567
Employment Expenses	\$126,564	\$67,108
Administration Expenses	\$69,327	\$69,743
Depreciation Expenses	\$205	\$219
Total Expenditure	\$387,584	\$233,637
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	\$48,411	\$54,008

OUR PEOPLE

As at 30 June 2017 the UNAA consists of over 200 titled volunteers nationwide and a small professional staff.

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*Status of Women Network
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IN MEMORIAM

DR RUSSELL TROOD

The United Nations Association of Australia mourned the passing Dr Russell Trood in January 2017, who was National President of the UNAA until September 2016.

From 2012 until his retirement in mid 2016 due to ill health Dr Trood chaired our organisation in a selfless pro-bono capacity. To the benefit of all Australians he worked with modesty and dedication to inform, inspire and engage all people regarding the work, goals and values of the United Nations to create a safer, fairer and more sustainable world.

As one of our country's best foreign policy experts, Dr Trood's intelligent, fair and balanced contribution will be missed. A former Liberal Party Senator he was respected on all sides of politics as he sought to promote international cooperation to solve the world's toughest challenges.

His brave and determined fight with aggressive thyroid cancer was a demonstration of his strong will.

Many turned out for his funeral and expressions of respect were seen across Australia, including from the Australian Prime Minister.

We will remember Dr Russell Trood's dedication and friendship fondly.



Dr Russell Trood



**PRIME MINISTER
THE HON. MALCOLM TURNBULL MP**

MEDIA STATEMENT

10 January 2017

Russell Trood

I was saddened to learn today of the death of my friend and former colleague, Russell Trood.

Russell was a good friend, a generous mentor and a wise counsel. He was one of Australia's finest foreign policy minds, respected and admired by all sides of politics. He served Australia as a scholar, as a diplomat and as a Senator.

He was an optimistic, dedicated and above all unfailingly decent man.

Australia's relations with, and understanding of our neighbours in the Asia Pacific have been enhanced by Russell's tireless efforts over many years.

The way in which Russell fought the aggressive thyroid cancer that overtook his life was characteristically stoic and brave.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Dale, his two children, James and Phoebe, and his many friends.



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