



# UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA ACT DIVISION

ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021

# President's Report – Brian Gleeson

The 2020-21 Annual Report for the ACT Division UNAA reflects a sustained level of performance during another challenging year where the COVID pandemic has forced global change in our society, in part, from the consequences in the high levels of family loss of life, changes in working arrangements and the normal family activities from attendances at school to sporting activities.

Despite the shift to conducting all our events remotely, I am pleased to report that the Division was able to conduct six events during the year with high profile speakers covering a range of topics – Peace and Security, role of the UN in managing COVID, the role of UN Peacekeepers, UN Commission on the Status of Women, Celebrating the International Day of Forests and Australian, UN and the Global Refugee Crisis. All events were well attended and the Events Committee ensured a professional approach to their conduct, despite the challenges of them being virtual.

Against the trends in other similar organisations, I am encouraged by the enduring support from our members through their active participation and a sustained level of membership renewals. As you will see from the audited Financial Statements, our financial position has only marginally decreased, which can be fully contributed to all our events being free to attend and the lack of ability to conduct in person activities that are the core of our revenue raising efforts.

As President, I have continued to represent the Division as a Director at all National Board meetings conducted during the year. I have been heavily involved in a number of selection processes with a shift to more voluntary positions and a turnover in Board positions. I have continued to be the lead focal point on the National Board for the UN Alumni Network and the Parliamentary Friends of the UN. There has been some delays in progressing these national programs because of changes in Parliamentary focal points and changes in staffing in the National Board. I have continued to provide technical support to a range of activities, including the review of Board policies and facilitating cross Divisional activities.

In conclusion, I would like to pay tribute to all ACT Division Committee members who continued to provide their volunteer support, knowledge, expertise, energy and commitment to promoting the goals and mandate of the United Nations through a vibrant program of activities and our stakeholders. I am confident that the recently elected Divisional Committee will deliver an even greater range of services to all our members during 2021/2022. On behalf of that Committee, I wish you continued good health, safety and success.

Brian

## WITH THANKS TO

### Executive Committee Members

**President:** Brian Gleeson

#### **Vice Presidents:**

Harold Wilkinson  
Frances Stanton

**Secretary:** Cameron Wickham

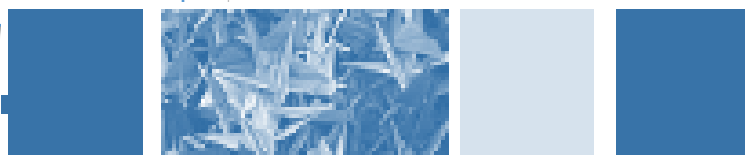
**Treasurer:** Christine Vincent

#### **Committee Members**

Claire Fraser (*Events Committee Lead*)  
John Tilemann  
Mandy Lister  
Michele Smith  
Nimalan Karthikeyan  
Nicholas Flack  
Roslyn Dundas

#### **Immediate Past President**

Jonathan Curtis (2018-2019)



# Audited Financial Statements 2020-21



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## **Independent Audit Report to The Members Of United Nations Association of Australia (ACT Division) Incorporated**

We have audited the special purpose financial statements of United Nations Association of Australia Incorporated for the period ended 30 June 2021. 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 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 in a manner 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. The Association has prepared a Statement of receipts and payments and a statement of accumulated funds rather than a formal Profit and Loss and balance sheet. These items give a true and fair view of the associations' financial position.

### **Audit Opinion**

Subject to the foregoing reservations, in our opinion, the financial statements of United Nations Association of Australia (ACT Division) 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 2021, and income and expenditure for the year ended 30 June 2021;
- 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  
Wednesday, September 1, 2021

\*Due to space restrictions, the full audited accounts have not been printed in this report.  
For a copy of these accounts, please email [actpres@unaa.org.au](mailto:actpres@unaa.org.au)

## **United Nations Association of Australia (ACT Division) Incorporated STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS - 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021**

	<b>FY 2020-21 \$ Actual</b>	<b>FY 2019-20 \$ Actual</b>	<b>FY 2018-19 \$ Actual</b>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>1841</b>	<b>6166</b>	<b>7387</b>
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>4868</b>	<b>6021</b>
<b>CASH SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR</b>	<b>1008</b>	<b>1298</b>	<b>1366</b>
<b>CASH AT BANK - 30 June 2021</b>			
Operating account: Westpac	9283	8276	6981
Special account: Westpac	2770	2769	2766
Interest Bearing Deposit	10479	10412	10000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22531</b>	<b>21456</b>	<b>19747</b>





# 2020-21 Events



United Nations Association of Australia ACT Division

21 JULY 2020

COVID 19  
ROLE OF THE UN  
- LESSONS LEARNT

This banner features a close-up of a coronavirus particle with red and orange spikes against a dark background. The UNA logo is in the top left, and the date is in a white teardrop shape on the right.



United Nations Association of Australia ACT Division

25 AUG 2020

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE UN'S  
PEACE & SECURITY  
AGENDA IN AN INCREASINGLY  
INSECURE WORLD

This banner shows silhouettes of hands reaching up towards flying doves against a warm, sunset-like background. The UNA logo is in the top left, and the date is in a white teardrop shape on the right.



**Australia's Peacekeeping History with Ret'd Major General Tim Ford**

**Thu, 8 Oct 2020**  
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM





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2021

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CHALLENGE.

### **Marking the 65th session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women**

To coincide with the 65th session of the UN Women's Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), the UNAA ACT Division hosted Claire Moore for a virtual presentation on the progress of gender equality and the empowerment of women. Members and guests joined online to discuss the presentation theme of "Women's full and effective participation and decision-making in public life, as well as the elimination of violence, for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls." Claire Moore is the President of the Queensland Division of UNAA and a Director on the National Board of the UNAA.



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19  
APRIL  
2021

MANAGING THE  
IMPACTS OF FIRE

### **Celebrating the International Day of Forests**

Following the devastating Black Summer bush fires in Australia, effective management and mitigation of the impacts of fire on our forests became an area of increased interest and concern. The UNAA ACT Division organised a virtual discussion with ANU Professor David Lindenmayer, a world-leading expert in forest ecology and resource management on the importance of managing the impacts of fire. The event was organised to raise awareness of Sustainable Development Goal 15, Life on Land, highlighting the critical importance of the sustainable management of our terrestrial ecosystems.



### Australia, the UN and the Global Refugee Crisis

Does the new Global Compact help address the systemic political problem regarding support for refugees - where developed countries “outsource” the problem to developing countries located nearer the countries of origin? This was the topic of a virtual discussion with Erika Feller as part of a virtual event organised by the UNAA ACT Division to mark the World Refugee Day. The conversation focused on the most urgent issues that need to be addressed to remedy the current situation where many developing countries lack the legal and logistical resources to cope with the flood of refugees and other migrants. Erika Feller is the Vice Chancellor’s Fellow at The University of Melbourne and a former UNHCR Assistant High Commissioner.



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