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SOUTH AUSTRALIA DIVISION Inc.

ANNUAL REPORT

2012 — 2013

- **2012** **International year of Cooperatives**
- **2012** **International Year Sustainable Energy for All**
- **2013** **International Year of Water Cooperation**
- **2013** **International Year of Quinoa**

2011 – 2020	Third International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism
2011 – 2020	<u>United Nations Decade on Biodiversity</u>
2011 – 2020	<u>Decade of Action for Road Safety</u>
2010 – 2020	<u>United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight Against Desertification</u>
2008 – 2017	Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty
2006 – 2016	Decade of Recovery and Sustainable Development of the Affected Regions (third decade after the Chernobyl Disaster)
2005 – 2015	<u>International Decade for Action, “Water for Life”</u>
2005 – 2014	United Nations Decade for Sustainable Development
2005 – 2014	<u>Second International Decade of the World’s Indigenous People</u>
2014	International Year of Small Island Developing States
2014	International Year of Crystallography
2014	International Year of Family Farming
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UNAA SA PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2012—2013

John Crawford

It has been an active and busy year. We are very pleased with the activities in which we have been involved, especially those where we have been able to work with friends from other organisations in shared projects to help us in publicising the United Nations and its activities. We need to thank all those involved and their organizations for their very significant support over the past year.

This must also include special thanks for the unceasing effort and commitment of the volunteers involved in our committee work and in staffing our office.

1 OUR PATRONS

Again we express our appreciation and thank our four patrons. They are the Governor of South Australia, His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AC CSC RANR, the Lieutenant Governor of South Australia and Chairman of the SA Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission, Mr. Hieu Van Le AO, Sister Patricia Pak Poy RSM AM, and the Lord Mayor of Adelaide, Stephen Yarwood.

2 OUR MAJOR SUPPORTERS

Our office in the Torrens Building came about through a long standing arrangement by which the State Government offered a group of Non-Government Organisations space in the Torrens Building that would otherwise have been vacant. With the expansion of the universities occupying the rest of the building we were asked to relocate. We greatly appreciate the assistance offered by the State government in subsidizing our ongoing 5+5 year lease arrangement—now in its third year—under which our rent will be subsidized to ensure that it costs us no more than we would be paying if we had remained in the Torrens Building.

We have now been two years at 57/81 Carrington Street, and feel we have settled in very well. It is still central, and with the State Government support, affordable. The only disadvantage is that for gatherings of any more than 15 to 20 people it is not really large enough. Most of the time parking is a little easier as well.

The Norman Percy Cole Bequest has continued to

provide support for disadvantaged young people. This money is provided to UNAA(SA) through the Public Trustee. We have again been able to assist the SA Children's Week Committee, and the United Nations Youth Association SA. UN Youth SA are then able to offer small scholarship grants to a range of young people who could not otherwise afford to attend the UNYA State Conference and other events because of distance or family circumstances. Also scholarship support has been given to other disadvantaged young persons for further training.

DFK Gray Perry, Chartered Accountants, through one of their partners, Brendon Skates, is our pro bono auditor. Our accounting has become much more complex of late, and having this support is so very much appreciated.

Our broadband internet access in the office is provided by Internode. Their ongoing support and help ensures that we remain connected and in contact with the modern Internet world.

3 HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PAST YEAR

Our usual fund raising activities have in the past been focussed around two events. First is the annual film afternoon which is run by the UNAA(SA) Status of Women Committee, followed later in the year by our UN Day Dinner. In our 2012/3 year both of these events were a great success, but in retrospect it is interesting to see how much more was achieved.

3.1 UNAA(SA) Annual General Meeting: June 17th 2012

In 2005 Peter Faulkner was in India. He had heard about Steve Rocha and wished to meet him. Steve is a member of the same teaching brotherhood as Peter, and that made it especially relevant. Steve is a fore-runner in advocacy, has changed its meaning, and has brought it to a new level. As our AGM speaker Steve told us about the "Nine is Mine Campaign."

What do we think of when we think of India? Colours, noise, smiles, spirituality, of course cricket, rapid progress, an economic giant? BUT: 40% of children are malnourished, and 20% are severely malnourished. One in every three malnourished children

in the world is Indian. 230 million go hungry. This is not a poverty line. It is a starvation line. Every 5 seconds a child dies. And every 15 to 17 seconds an Indian child dies.

Public spending on health is less than 1% of GDP and near the worst in the world. It is reported that 8 million children are out of school. As these are the ones not recorded the figure is more likely to be about 14 million. And 65% of girls drop out of school by year 10. There is discrimination against Muslims, people with disabilities, scheduled tribes, and scheduled castes.

By 2014 the government promised to spend 6% of GDP on education, and with 3% on health it equals the “Nine is Mine” goal. (compared with 8% in Malaysia, and 9% achieved in the Maldives). What has been achieved? Only Education 3.78% and Health 1.45%. Why?

It is not just about health education and life, it also involves a right to participation and keeping government accountable. In a Chandigarh slum 25 untouchable boys in the richest city said “Can we cycle from Chandigarh to New Delhi?” Along the way they stopped at 9 schools. There was a signature campaign. One child set out to get a Bollywood star to sing along with him. 20,000 supported a face book page even though the web and facebook misses the majority of the population.

The young students tell the Prime Minister they expect him to keep his promise.

They started with a signature campaign. Each child sought out 4 more children under 18 years of age to join in. Aiming at 100,000 signatures they got 400,000; and behind every child there is their family of potential voters. They sent in photos of “Nine Is Mine” campaigning. It is spreading across the world.

These children themselves set out to present a simplified report to the UN. Three children went to the UN in Geneva to tell their stories, and in a visit to the Irish embassy, the ambassador spent 45 minute listening to one child. At the Austrian embassy a child did the presentation in sign language.

While India’s government has given children a right to education, it is silent on any rights for children with disabilities. For these children a decision was made on a right for their education at home, but why not in school? So now they are campaigning. A Sign support pledge. Forums, Candlelight events, Mime events, a painted wall of Justice. Support

vulnerable children, especially disabled children. Finally the “I’ll Tell My Mummy” campaign is due to launch before the 2015 election and highlight to the government where they have failed to achieve their goals for children; they ignore the children at their electoral peril. Inspiring.

3.2 World Humanitarian Day in South Australia: 19th (and 28th) August 2012

Adelaide recognised World Humanitarian Day in the City on the Big Screen in Rundle Mall, and also with a special luncheon at the Regency Park TAFE School of hospitality where people in need were brought together and treated to a gourmet luncheon as an example of the significance of the day.

For passers-by in Rundle Mall on the 19th August it would have been almost impossible not to realise that it was World Humanitarian Day. The Secretary General of the United Nations, Ban Ki Moon, accompanied by Beyoncé Knowles as well as the logo for the day were all there to remind everybody. The



Humanitarian Day 19 Aug, The Big Screen in Rundle Mall

video was also shown at the luncheon.

The lunch was presented to people in need from the local South Australian community Robert Hill, Immediate Past President of UNAA, and John Crawford, President of UNAA (SA) spoke.

The clients who attended on the day have reported it to have been a thoroughly enjoyable day. Many commented on the wonderful meal, saying that the food was delicious, and how much they enjoyed the hospitality. Some clients even said they had never tasted food like that before while others spoke about the positive way they were treated and how the ex-



Robert Hill, Immediate Past President UNAA speaking at the Humanitarian Day Luncheon

perience of being served food was empowering. Sixty homeless and disadvantaged community members were able to attend, with a further positive outcome from this collaboration with the TAFE institute at Regency Park was that UNAA(SA) could offer a scholarship—awarded at the end of year Graduation Ceremony—for a needy student at the Regency School of Hospitality.

We are most appreciative of the way Regency International School has been able to help with our Humanitarian Day luncheon, and we hope the scholarship will enable one person to be able to afford to realize his ambition in achieving qualification in the food and hospitality industry.

It completes a unique celebration of Humanitarian Day through which we were able to publicize and highlight the proud Australian record of supporting the UN and its agencies since the original formation of the UN in the 1940s. Australia can take pride in our humanitarian aid programs all around the world. It was a very different way to highlight this aid and support, not through a public meeting where everyone is welcome, but by gathering

together a select audience who might otherwise be unaware of the Day and its meaning. It was not only the clients who came as our guests who heard the message, but also the staff and students of Regency TAFE-SA, who worked so hard to make it such a success together with all others who helped on the day.



Humanitarian Day: The Menu and the Food

3.3 UN Peace Keepers Memorial Day Friday 14 September.

UNAA(SA) has for many years supported the UN Peacekeepers' Association, and the Australian RSL in their annual Peacekeepers' service at the National War Memorial in North Terrace. A flower tribute from the United Nations Association was included, especially recognising those who have lost their lives while on UN Peacekeeping service since 1947



Peacekeeper's Service at the National War Memorial, North Terrace Adelaide 11 am Friday 14 September 2012

3.4. *SOW Film Evening: July 29th.*

The film evening was fully booked. People seem to have discovered that this is a great chance to meet old friends with carefully chosen and interesting films and great food. With easy ticket sales, and having people really wanting to attend says a lot for those who work so hard to make it such a great evening. Thank you.

3.5. *UN DAY EVENTS*

3.5.1 *UN Day Dinner: 4th November.*

The UN Day dinner was its usual success. Ming's Palace Restaurant was packed. We were delighted to be able to welcome two of our patrons, the Governor, Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce, and the Lord Mayor who read the UN Secretary General's UN Day message.

South Australian of the year, 2012, Robyn Layton AO QC, Adjunct Professor of Law at the University



Robyn Layton speaking at the UN Day Dinner.

Working as a team leader in Cambodia, the Philippines and Kazakhstan for the Asian Development Bank. Robyn is working to help find niche areas for women's employment. Her project aims to set up a framework for inclusive growth while upholding

human rights principles, seeking overarching long term progress, with specific programmes particularly aimed at women, and indigenous people, and through this engendering the sense of community.

Looking at programmes like this she questioned whether Australia might also learn from the approach they have adopted. Can we learn from the approach in these countries where rights are embodied their constitution and in law? Where targets for inclusive development are based on the UN protocols, and real efforts are being made to see they are achieved. For example in Cambodia where 54.1% of its population is under 24 there is a youth policy that covers a wide range of topics including gender and political participation. We thank Robyn for her most stimulating and interesting talk.



UN Day Dinner: the "Welcome to Country" by Kevin O'Loughlin, with John Crawford.

of SA, and Co-Chair of Reconciliation SA spoke about "Inclusive development in Asia—are there lessons for Australia?"

Robyn told us about her work in Cambodia, Philippines, and Kazakhstan which involved looking for niche areas for women's employment by working in four areas:

1. A framework for inclusive growth while upholding human rights principles.
2. Over arching long term progress.
3. Specific programmes, particularly aimed towards women and indigenous people.
4. Community.

Once again the range of donations in the silent auction donors made a significant contribution to the financial success. And being greeted at the door by young bazouki players added a special greeting to all our guests.

Our patron, Sister Patricia Pak Poy sent us an email on the 24th October (UN Day) offering her greeting for UN Day and its octave (we consider that our dinner on the 4th November fell within the octave). With events celebrating UN Day as close to the 24th as was manageable, UNAA Australia made a special nationwide effort; fact sheets were circulated and special events were held Australia wide. The dinner

offered an opportunity to publicise and highlight Australia's proud record of participation in supporting the UN and its agencies, especially noting Australia's outstanding record of support for the Asia Development Bank and its projects.

3.5.2 Adelaide Transitions Film Festival. 1st to 4th November.

The Transitions Film Festival sought to highlight the challenge facing our generation in moving towards the goal of a sustainable global civilization. Over the 4 days, the first event was a public forum highlighting *OUR WORLD 2.0*, showcasing ways in which we can meet the challenge of climate change, food security, biodiversity loss, and peak oil. The speakers were supported by a series of videos, some of which were made by the United Nations University in Tokyo. When it was originally presented in Melbourne in February 2012 as part of The Sustainable Living Festival, the opening session was hosted by UNAA (Victoria). This time in Adelaide the *OUR WORLD 2.0* opening night was presented in partnership with UNAA(SA).



OUR WORLD 2.0
Transitions Film Festival opening event.

In opening the Festival, Tim Parish, the National Director, as an enthusiast seeking a practical approach towards sustainability, highlighted that we achieve sustainability through transitions. That is by seeking solutions. Instead of arguing climate change and the carbon tax, we should be debating solutions. Hence the various issues that were the focus of the following three days of the festival. A most appropriate subject for the UN Year of Sustainable Energy for All.

Tim said it was fantastic that here in South Australia UNAA(SA) was a partner for the Festival. The involvement of both UNAA in SA, and earlier this year, UNAA Victoria, was much appreciated. It highlighted the heart-warming news of how much the UN is involved in these issues. For example the UN involvement—with a significant contribution of overseas aid from Australia—is assisting in addressing the threat of climate change to our low lying island neighbours in both the Pacific and Indian Oceans, but also in the work that is so well described in the films that the United Nations University in Tokyo are producing. For example the first film highlighted the use of geothermal energy in Iceland, where a significant amount of their energy is obtained in this way. The second evening focussed on *ENERGY AUTONOMY: THE 4TH REVOLUTION*. Then came the *REVENGE OF THE ELECTRIC CAR*, and on the final night looked at architecture and design with *EARTHSHIPS: NEW SOLUTIONS*.

3.5.3 Hawke Centre Photographic Exhibition: Out of Sudan, Angelo Tat Mapial. (Oct 22 to Nov. 1).

Opened on 26th October by John Crawford UNAA(SA) President.

Australia has had a long association with the Sudan, beginning in the late 19th century when NSW Corps soldiers were sent to assist Gordon in the defence of Khartoum. They quickly formed a rapport with the local Sudanese people, and their assistance was greatly appreciated. During the first half of the 20th Century this was continued with a special Australian association through the Trudinger brothers (from Adelaide, and supported by Adelaide University) who worked in Sudan offering medical, educational and religious assistance.

More recently the involvement of the UN in the Sudan has been substantial. Health, education and refugee support for those fleeing the civil war in the region of the Blue Nile, have been assisted by UNHCR with significant Australian support.

Angelo Tat Mapial was born in Sudan, and now works in Melbourne. When he planned to revisit his home village, his friend Rob George (well known as an Adelaide born television and film producer) gave Angelo a camera so he could bring home a record of his visit.

Angelo had never used a camera before, and Rob did not have great hopes for the pictures that might come back. The result was a brilliant series of pic-



OUT OF SUDAN: Photographer Angelo Tat Mapial, Hawke Centre Director, Elizabeth Ho, and Film Director Rob George.

tures showing life in a small village in the new nation of South Sudan.

The new nation faces great challenges, with Australia offering substantial aid in support. Education, health services, communications, and basic services are all lacking. Until the plebiscite and the formation of South Sudan, civil war (north vs south) had prevented development, and once independent, the problems were substantial.

Angelo's photographic record highlighted the village life as he met friends and relatives. He only just survived when he was detained by a rebel tribal force; they decided they would kill him, and he had to convince them that as an Australian he had no part in local conflicts, and they were safe to let him go. The need is so great, and the pride the people have in their new nation is so encouraging. Angelo is working hard to demonstrate how reconciliation can make a positive contribution. Even in Melbourne he has been successful in talking and developing a rapport with leaders who back in South Sudan would belong to opposing tribes, and never meet.

3.6 Rio Conference: Briefing 14 May 2013

We were asked to host a meeting to brief people interested in the forthcoming Rio+20 conference.

At the briefing The Hon. Paul Caica, Minister for Sustainability in SA spoke very effectively, not only as Minister, but also from his personal point of view as a member of the Australian delegation to Rio. Robert Hill introduced Christine Schweizer from the Commonwealth Department of Sustainability, Water, Population and Communities who was able to tell us not only about the conference and its goals, but also her personal experience in participating in the drafting of the agreements being put forward in Rio. Christine explained how finding agreement on the final wording is far from an easy task. We were delighted that UNAA(SA) was involved in hosting this presentation.

3.7 Human Rights Day: Book Launch 9 December 2012

The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) with individual donors and in conjunction with SA Unions, the Josephite Sisters Reconciliation Circle, Pilgrim Uniting Church, Mission Resourcing SA, Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress SA and the United Nations Association of Australia (SA) launched the book 'A Decision to Discriminate' released by Concerned Australians.

Travelling to Adelaide to launch the book were the Rev Dr Djiniyini Gondarra OAM and Rosalie Kunath Monks OAM representing the Yolngu Nations and the Alyawaar Nations respectively. Following the book launch Amnesty International Australia held the regional launch of their 2012 Reconciliation Action Plan at which the honoured guest was Kurna Elder Lynette Crocker.

3.8 Westminster College Fund-Raising for UNHCR. 22 February 2013.

We were asked to represent UNHCR at the college to accept a donation collected by the students to support UN work for Refugees. As good friends of UNHCR, and with their agreement, we were delighted to attend a full school assembly and with some appropriate words accept the donation on their behalf.

Over recent years UNAA(SA) has been privileged to host a meeting where Australia for UNHCR call together their donors for an update on the work they are doing in various countries. Each time they have come to Adelaide we have found it inspiring and informative, and we are looking forward to the next visit.

3.9 Sir Charles Bright Scholarship:

Presented 13 March 2013.

We have been very happy to offer a scholarship in memory of the late Sir Charles Bright, to assist students with disabilities to undertake post-secondary education at University or Tafe. This fund has over the years been able to assist 270 students with various disabilities, undertaking a variety of courses and with differing backgrounds. We are therefore sponsoring a “United Nations Scholarship” for a student undertaking studies in 2013. UNAA(SA) offered the United Nations scholarship as a memorial from a bequest by our much loved past members, the late Revd. Alan and Ruth Gray, together with support from the Norman Percy Cole Bequest. The Scholarship was presented at Parliament House, Adelaide on 13 March. UNAA(SA) was very happy to be present.

3.10 Human Rights Development Organisation South Sudan launched 28 January 2012.

HURIDOSS has been launched to support and promote the development of Human Rights in the new Nation of South Sudan. South Sudan became an independent state following a referendum that passed with 98.83% of the vote. On the 14 July 2011 South Sudan became the 193rd member of the United Nations.

Speakers included Lynn Arnold, Robyn Layton, and Mariano Deng Ngor, an old friend of UNAA(SA) who came to Adelaide from Sudan in the mid 1980's. A couple of months after this launching Mariano was appointed South Sudan Ambassador to Kenya. We offer him our congratulations.



Cynthia James being presented with the Barbara Polkinghorne Award in the forecourt of the Public Library, North Terrace.

3.11 International Women's Day: Friday afternoon, March 8th. The Barbara Polkinghorne Award Presented to Cynthia James.

We offer our congratulations to the 2013 Award Recipient Cynthia James. Cynthia has been recognised for her constant and tireless work for over 40 years in encouraging the full and equal participation of women, social justice for all, respect for human rights (including the Convention to eliminate all forms of discrimination against women—CEDAW) and work towards building a culture of peace, especially for the United Nations Association of Australia (SA Division) and for the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (SA Branch).

Now 90 years of age, Cynthia graduated from Melbourne University in 1944 with a Masters Degree in Science and worked for the CSIR (now CSIRO) in Canberra from 1946 to 1950. She had to resign when she married in 1950 as CSIR, along with the Commonwealth Public Service, did not employ

married women. Cynthia actively promoted women's engagement in scientific work, supporting early campaigns for equal pay for women and the right for married women to work. She married and raised four children.

Cynthia became involved with WILPF SA Branch in the mid 1960s and participated in the in early anti-Vietnam War marches in Adelaide. Cynthia has been actively involved in WILPF's peace work for over forty years. Cynthia was WILPF rep on the UNAA(SA) Board for many years. For some 28 years Cynthia volunteered one day a week at the UNAA(SA) Adelaide office, taking on the role of Librarian—providing peace education and UN material to schools, organisations and individuals. Her knowledge of the UN system and its programs, annual projects and campaigns has been most valuable.

Both our organisations endorse this nomination. We have been privileged to have the dedicated, reliable services of Cynthia James for so many years. Cynthia works quietly in the background. We have benefited enormously from her lifelong dedication and commitment to our goals, her organisational skills, wisdom and knowledge, especially her interest in conflict resolution methods and removing all forms of discrimination. We welcome the public acknowledgment of Cynthia's contribution in the award of the Barbara Polkinghorne Memorial Trust Award.

3.12 Bi-Monthly Office Discussion Evening: Monday 25 March, 7.30 pm with Franciscus Uweng, West Papua Association Committee member.

Often new members have asked if we have many meetings. Up to 15 or 20 people will meet every two months for an informal evening discussion around a topic that might interest people—an evening get together where we might educate ourselves a little about issues relating to our interests.

Our first evening was with Franciscus to discuss the human rights situation in West Papua. A full report was included in the April newsletter.

4. UN YOUTH SA.

After a thorough analysis of advantages and disadvantages, UN Youth SA have moved to become a separately incorporated association in South Australia. Previously they have operated as a separate organisation running under the auspices of UNAA(SA). Probably a very independent Sub-Committee would best describe this now past relationship, although the tax status since the introduction of the GST used

the term sub-entity. Many years ago we discovered that the most effective UNYA was to give our young friends full responsibility to run their organisation, without supervision and interference from the parent organisation. We hope this change will not change the cordial and cooperative relationship between our two UN Association bodies.

5. NEWSLETTER

As Editor of our Newsletter Peter Faulkner has done a superb job. I cannot say enough in thanking him for all his efforts. Not only to manage it regularly, and generally very close to its scheduled date of publication, but to then volunteer to make it even more frequent.

Peter had four editions per year. As a teacher of scientific pursuits, his naming of the four editions per year at each Equinox and Solstice was a typical, and most appropriate idea. But then he felt these were not frequent enough, and he proposed a newsletter every two months. The standard of the material was maintained, it was just more frequent. Likewise the current name of "PLANET 3" has its origin in earth's position in our solar system.

It is only at the end of this reporting period, when he had the April 2013 newsletter almost ready for publication that an autumn virus laid him low, and he tendered his resignation as editor.

While we can thank him for such an effort, I am also happy to see that (health permitting) he intends to continue as an office volunteer. Knowing Peter, I am sure he will still not be able to resist putting aside ideas for Ron Hall as our new editor to use in coming months.

We say we cannot really supervise interns in our office, and applicants are generally discouraged. But after Julia Tenner told us from Berlin she was coming, and that she would decide what she could help with once she had arrived, we relaxed a little, and took on some more intern assistance. After assisting prepare a couple of newsletters, Julia took over the task of editor for her final newsletter before returning to Germany. Adam Stencel was another such helper, and was Peter's right hand man helping set out the newsletter during the early part of 2012. He also raised interesting issues for us to discuss while we were looking for the right direction to take with the items we published. Adam also came to our committee meetings and learned a lot about UNAA(SA) and the UN in his time with us, and we thank him very much for his contribution.

It is through the newsletter that we were able to remind our members and friends that 2012 was the

UN Year of Cooperatives and the Year of Sustainable Energy for All. A number of items reminded us of their importance.

While we are more than happy to print and post the newsletter to our members, email delivery saves the cost of printing and postage. However the purpose of the newsletter is to offer people something interesting to read, and if the paper copy facilitates it actually being read more carefully, then distribution on paper is more than justified. It is something tangible you can pass on to a friend. Some of us still have that strong preference to see and read a document on paper, and don't enjoy reading documents in the electronic form. When we look at the investment we have to make to create an interesting newsletter (albeit largely provided by volunteers), the final cost of paper and postage are well worthwhile if that helps people actually get to read it.

6. Vale—ALAN JAMES

22 July 1924 – 7 March 2013

It was with some concern that we heard of the passing of our friend and supporter Alan James on March 7th. Alan and his wife Cynthia have been great supporters of UNAA(SA) over so many years. See above for the recognition given to Cynthia in the Barbara Polkinghorne Award. Our sincere condolences are offered to Cynthia and her family.

7. HALLAM GRAY

Hal started the year as a committee member and our Thursday volunteer, and furthermore as auditor for both the Status of Women Committee as well as UN Youth. A bad bout of a recurring winter virus, and on medical advice to "go slowly" persuaded him to reluctantly tender his resignation. While he thanked the UNAA for their good fellowship and kindness, it is very much a feeling that goes two ways. We owe a great vote of thanks to Hal for all he did to help us, for his common sense and wide experience of NGO organisations, and the way in which he was able to help us for so many years. Many thanks Hal.

8. SHEILA HILL

When Sheila's health has allowed she has participated in our monthly executive meetings. However she has felt it is time to tender her resignation from the committee. We are reluctant to accept this after such a long and loyal time, where her understanding of UNAA (originally in the ACT, and then with us after her move to SA). As a corresponding member of our committee email has kept her in contact during the

months she has been unable to get out, allowing us to still receive her sound advice and comment which has been invaluable. Thank you Sheila.

9. UNAA NATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT

Lidia Moretti represents SA as one of the state UNAA Vice-Presidents. She has continued to be active in presenting our point of view. The work of the Federal Executive is very important to us. With the proposed changes to the National Constitution this role is even more important to ensure that our voice is heard. We wish our delegates well at the forthcoming 2013 federal conference next month.

10. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND OUR UNPAID VOLUNTEERS

Our volunteers of course start with the members of our Executive Committee, together with our office helpers.

We are a volunteer organisation with no employees. We depend on voluntary support for all our activities, and we are particularly thankful for the willing support given by all of the members of our executive committee, our sub-committees, and especially for the regular commitment given by our office volunteers. Our goal is to have enough office volunteers to staff our office each day of the working week for the core hours of 10 am to 2 pm. Thank you Ron Hall, Peter Faulkner, Rod Scholz and Hal Gray for their help.

Our volunteers keep our membership files up to date, as well as maintaining lists of friends and people who appreciate receiving our information. We facilitate the circulation by email of two regular email UN updates, UNity and UNWire. Other information and publicity material from other bodies is also forwarded via email to those who have indicated their interest.

As always we owe a strong vote of thanks to our executive committee and through them to their wide range of contacts. I said at the start of this report that we are increasingly feeling that the networking involvement our committee members offer with other organisations provides such a wide range of events at which UNAA(SA) has been represented by members of our Committee and other friends. These again include Children's Week events, the UN Women's Breakfast, Baha'i group events, Volunteers Day, and a number of conferences, dinners and significant talks.

The composition of our Committee has five positions representing a number of other organisations, as well as an equal number of individual committee members.

- Franciscus Ewing represents the Australian West Papua Committee. As is evident from the report of our discussion evening above, he has highlighted the ongoing issues of the indigenous people of this region facing ongoing human rights abuses.
- Ron Hall agreed to take over the work of Secretary. He has made a great contribution in taking over a lot of the workload, not only with his regular Wednesday reading and forwarding of our email, and circulating much of the information on to interested members, but also with the minutes and agendas.
- The Catholic Women's League. For much of the year we did not have a CWL representative. However recently Joan Young has joined us. Her practical experience and willingness to help has been so very much appreciated.
- WILPF is represented by Ruth Russell. Their networking and involvement in the wider community on a wide range of issues relating to the peace movement is invaluable.
- Heather Southcott has been active with the Children's Week Committee and the Status of Women's Committee. As always her contacts and experience together with her great knowledge of the NGO scene in Adelaide is invaluable.
- We were delighted to welcome John Langton to represent Grandparent for Grandchildren. As another organisation moved from the Torrens Building at the same time we moved, he has brought a great sense of the sort of challenges we face in balancing our books, and keeping in contact with the NGO scene in Adelaide.
- Lidia Moretti works with Oz Harvest, 5RPH (Radio for the Print Handicapped), the UN Women (previously UNIFEM) Breakfast, the Italian Community and Slow Food International. Her annual attendance at the Terra Madre Conference in Turin, Italy, provides a great international connection.

- Rosemary McKay continues with her involvement with a wide range of bodies including the Australian Institute of International Affairs, together with a fascinating connection with the progress of the project to bring the City of Adelaide clipper from Scotland to its proposed new home at Port Adelaide.

- Peter Faulkner through his special interest in environmental issues makes sure we are kept up to date with items of current interest and concern as is evident in his work with our newsletter.

- John Crawford has an ongoing contact with Amnesty International, Human Rights Development Organisation South Sudan, South Australia Chapter (HURIDOSS) as well as maintaining contact with representatives of the three areas still facing problems in Sudan—that is ongoing difficulties in Darfur, the Nuba Mountains, and the Blue Nile province. He is also working with the Deafblind Association of South Australia.

- Also represented on our committee is Matthew Traeger from the United Nations Youth Association of South Australia (UN Youth SA). UN Youth SA offer a superb example of how an effective organisation can be totally run by young people. Their activities are covered in a separate report.

- The other subcommittee, the UNAA(SA) Status of Women Committee is covered in separate report.

As can be seen from the wide range of involvement in other areas by our committee members, it becomes clear that this networking and wide range of contacts is really our core activity. It is important that we continue to seek to extend the range of these activities and do our best so that through these contacts we can extend the reach of our activities in seeking to promote our firmly held belief in the United Nations, its agencies, declarations and its protocols. We so strongly believe the UN to be the best hope for a peaceful future for all people.

UN YOUTH SA 2012-13

Report – Matt Traeger (President)

The past twelve months have been an incredibly exciting time for UN Youth SA. It has been a period characterised by a significant growth in our outreach, expansion of our core events, creation of new activities, and dramatic improvement in our internal administration and operations. Due to the increased number of events we have run, we have required more from our volunteers than ever: as such, all of our executive members, office bearers, convenors and general facilitators are to be congratulated on approaching this challenge with great enthusiasm and dedication.

Particular thanks are due to the other members of our Executive Committee, consisting of :

John Vaughan-Williams (Administration),
Zoe Darling (Media), Maxim Paskalutsa (Membership),
Mark Pace (Social), James Lawler (Tertiary) and

Tessa Price Brooks (Education),
Hayley Johnson (Regional),
Naish Gawen (Youth Representation).

Our Events

UN Youth SA's primary mission is to educate young South Australians about the global community, diplomacy and politics. The total number of students we directly reached during the past year was over triple that of the preceding term. Approximately 800 secondary and tertiary students attended our events between July 2012 – June 2013. Here are a few highlights:

Young Diplomats' Forum

Our second annual Young Diplomats' Forum was held in November 2012, and brought together 70 students in Years 10 and 11 for a day of workshops, guest speakers and problem solving activities. This event was held at the Hawke Centre with the generous support of the UNAA (UN Day Grant). This was our largest Young Diplomats' Forum yet, and we reached capacity within one week of opening registrations.

The Evatt Trophy

The Evatt Trophy is our annual Model UN Security Council Competition for Students in Years 10-12. Two days of Preliminary Rounds were held in August 2012 at the Unley Civic Centre, with the generous support of the City of Unley. The Final was held in September 2012 at the Adelaide City Council Chambers, and was opened by the Lord Mayor of Adelaide, Stephen Yarwood. This was the first time in at least four years that we held a Final state round. Three teams were selected to compete at the National Finals held in Brisbane during December 2012.

State Conference

State Conference is our flagship event, and was this year run as a three-day residential conference for Year 10-12 students at Nunyara Conference Centre from March 1-3. The theme of this conference was "The Road to Development," with students exploring ideas of development and human rights through speaker sessions, workshops, Interactive Problem Solving, and Model UN General Assembly Debate. For the first time ever, this event was run at capacity, with 60 students registering. There was great diversity within the students: 26 schools were represented (with an almost equal public/private split), and there were 7 students from regional areas. Thanks must be directed to our community partners: the City of Mitcham, the City of Unley, the City of Prospect, Port Augusta City Council, and the City of Victor Harbor. Once again, we are also greatly appreciative of the financial support UNAA SA provided for financially disadvantaged participants.

In Schools

A main focus of the past six months has been increasing our presence within schools. We have worked with over 220 students through metropolitan school visits, including schools such as Glenunga International High School, Immanuel College, Cornerstone College, Walford Anglican School for Girls, and Norwood Morialta High School. Considering our schools program was practically non-existent in 2011-12, we are particularly proud of this achievement. Similarly, our regional program was active for the first time since 2010. We ran two regional road trips: one to Pt Augusta in September 2012, and a week-long trip in February 2013 to Murray Bridge, Tintinara, Millicent, Naracoorte, Keith, and Mt Gambier. We visited schools on these areas, working with approximately 150 students. Thanks must go to Hayley Johnson, our Regional Officer, who planned these events.

Internal Operations

We have undertaken significant internal reform over the past twelve months. This is most evident in our move to become a legally Incorporated Association in our own right (as opposed to a sub-entity of the UNAA SA). We spent many months preparing the paperwork, a new Constitution and new Bylaws, and in May our application was accepted. We have subsequently secured a new TFN and ABN, have stored physical copies of our governance documents in our office, and are very well prepared to comply with our new legal requirements. We look forward to this new chapter in UN Youth SA's history.

External Relationships

We have continued to build positive and practically beneficial relationships with many community partners. As previously mentioned, six local councils, UNAA SA and Anglicare all provided financial sponsorship for State Conference 2013. In addition, we have received free use of venues from Flinders University and the University of South Australia. In fact, we have not at all paid for venue use in the last twelve months.

We also enjoy a strong relationship with the University of Adelaide. We ran workshops on behalf of the University's School of Politics for 150 low-SES secondary students visiting the campus. After a successful string of sessions in November 2012, we were asked once again to provide this service in June 2013.

Our relationship with the UNAA SA is as strong as ever. We would like to thank them for their continued hospitality in allowing us use of the office facilities and supporting our programs. Although we are no longer legally tied to the UNAA, we do not see our recent Incorporation as a hindrance to our existing relationship. We hope our shared mission and proud history of collaboration is able to continue into the future.

On a personal note, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to John Crawford in particular, who has regularly given up his time to provide assistance on a range of issues. His generosity and trust is something I have greatly appreciated, and I look forward to again working with John and the rest of the UNAA Committee over the next twelve months.

UNAA(SA) Status of Women's Committee President's Report , July,2013

From July 2012 to June 2013 UNAA SOWC held 10 meetings.

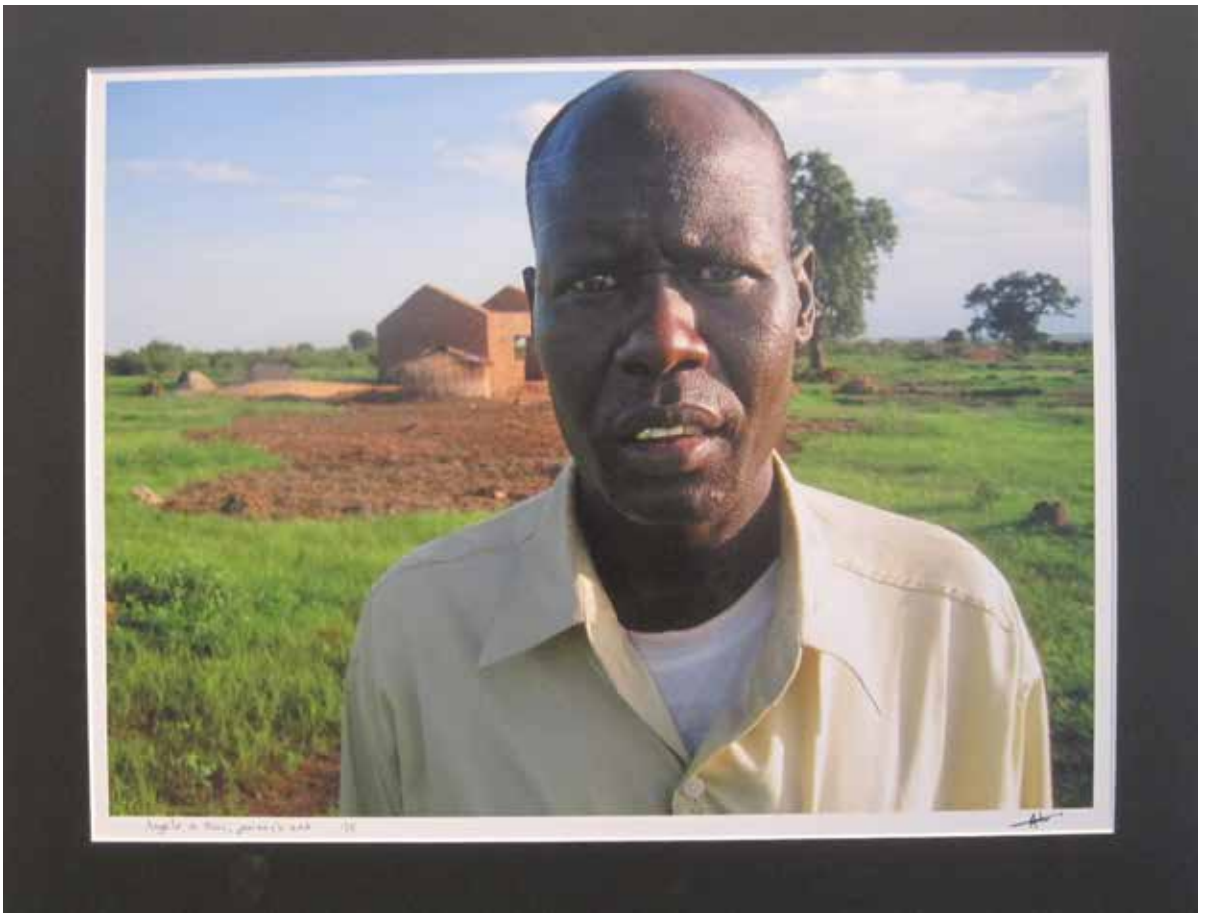
1. Women in Prisons—We have been focussing on this during the past 12 months. A steering committee/ working group was set with Ruth Russell, Fliss Lord and Heather Southcott. The committee emphasised the lack of appropriate funding in SA for women in and after imprisonment. As we had encountered obstacles in setting up meetings/seminar for the year, we decided that we should set out to acquire information and set up a data base for a future seminar.
2. Sisters Inside Inc, Queensland—In relation to the above, we wrote a letter of support for this group who was successfully running a “Special Circumstances Court Diversion Programme” for women in prisons in Qld. We expressed our concern regarding the withdrawal of funding from Qld Government and the closure of this programme in 2013.
3. Seeds of Affinity Pathways for Women Inc.—We invited Anna Kemp from the Correctional Services, to talk to us about her work with this group in our April 2013 meeting. Seeds of Affinity was started in 2006 by a group of SA women with lived prison experience. The aim was to challenge the ongoing stigmatization faced by women leaving the prison and to build a community where women felt a sense of belonging, solidarity and selfworth. Anna Kemp talked about the conditions faced by women in prison and after leaving prison.
4. We continued our concern on the condition faced by women in other countries. Sumi Mondol from Bangladesh, and running the Beautiful Mind Beautiful World project in Bangladesh since 2001, gave a talk in our Nov, 2012 meeting. She told us about the problem faced by the GRAMEEN Bank. This was started in Bangladesh in 1983 and provided microcredit (small loans) to the poor without requiring collateral. This is in danger of being closed by Bangladesh Government. Sumi is also involved in SHOM-ITE Cooperative—her community's effort at organising microcredit for Christians living locally. She also enlightened us on the status of women in her country.
5. Peace of Action Radio Programme—Heather Southcott sponsored Sheila Hill to talk for half an hour on her work with the women from Afghanistan and their families.
6. Ruth Russell reported on her attendance on the round table UNAA conference in Brisbane in August 2012. There were speakers on the Migration Act and the thinking and rationale behind the policy, domestic violence and world aids. A speaker from Asia Pacific Activist highlighted the domestic violence record in PNG, which is the worst record in the world.
7. The archives of UNAA SOWC has been lodged with the State Archives.
8. New leaflet on UNAA SOWC with updated information has been produced.
9. The annual film/dinner evening in July,2012 raised in excess of \$1400 for UNAA (SA)

The above report submitted by Sing Ping Ting, President, UNAA(SA) SOWC, July, 2013.

Ruth Russell, Cynthia James,
John Crawford and Peter Faulkner
at the presentation of the Barbara
Polkinghorne Award to Cynthia
at North Terrace on
UN Women's Day.



At our UN Day Dinner 2013. Robyn Layton,
Eva Crawford and Mrs Liz Scarce.



Out of Sudan. Photographer Angelo Tat Mapial's self-portrait at the end of his visit home to South Sudan. After the rain comes fresh growth, and renewed hope for the coming year.



Market day in Angelo Tat Mapial's home village.
Out of Sudan photographic exhibition,



Greeting our guests at the UN Day Dinner in Gouger Street.
Many thanks to our Bouzouki players.



Beyoncé's UN Day video on the BIG SCREEN
in Rundle Street Adelaide

2013—UN Year of Quinoa

The Australian launch of the UN Year of Quinoa was at a reception held at Government House Adelaide on 28 June 2013. While this is outside the period covered by this report and the next annual report will not be published until mid-2014, some photographs of the event are included here.



The Governor of South Australia, Rear-Admiral Kevin Scarce welcoming guests to the reception. Seated are Mrs Liz Scarce and UNIC Director Christopher Woodthorpe.



Quinoa being served at the Government House reception.



Christopher Woodthorpe, Director of the United Nations Information Centre (UNIC) Canberra, at the Australian opening of the UN Year of Quinoa.

2013—UN Year of Quinoa—continued.



UN Youth SA was well represented at the Quinoa reception.

University of South Australia Art Students prepared artworks celebrating Quinoa.



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