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SA Division

# ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025

— SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION —









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# THE SDG'S

On 25 September 2015, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, 193 world leaders committed to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (or Global Goals). These are a series of ambitious objectives and targets to end extreme poverty and hunger, fight inequality and injustice, and tackle climate change by 2039. Achievement of the SDG's is one of the UN's highest priorities. As such, the UNAA is deeply committed to the education, inspiration and engagement of Australians around the SDG's and has a clear mandate to increase the Australian support needed to help create a safer, fairer and more sustainable world.



The Sustainable Development Goals are the blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all. They address the global challenges we face - including poverty, inequality, climate change environmental degradation, peace and justice.

[Learn more and take action.](#)



# UNAASA COMMITTEE

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## Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Kurna people, the traditional custodians whose ancestral lands we gather on. We acknowledge the deep feelings of attachment and relationship of the Kurna people to country and we respect and value their past, present and ongoing connection to the land and cultural beliefs.

# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



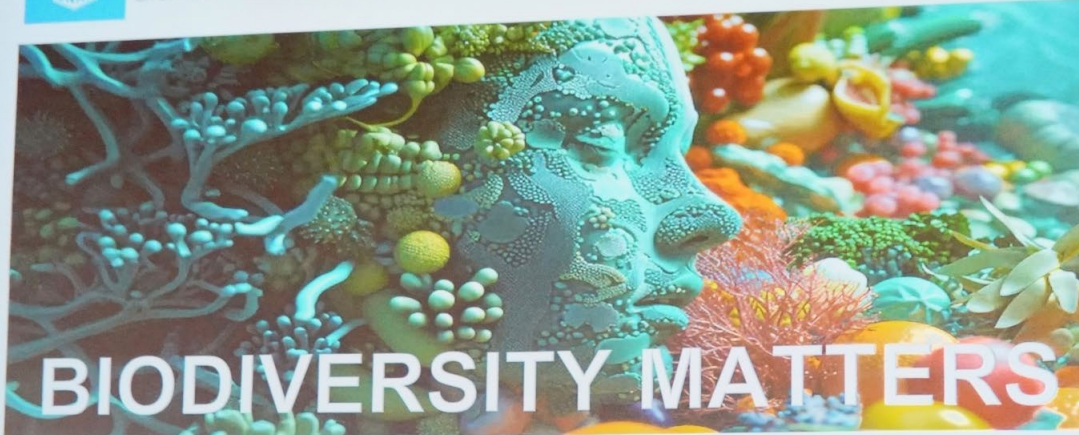
The past year has been a period of reflection, resilience, and continued dedication for the United Nations Association of Australia (SA Division). While we have continued our work to promote the vital mission of the United Nations, the year was marked by the loss of our immediate past President, Lidia Moretti, in September 2025. Lidia's influence on this organisation was profound, and her legacy provides the strong foundation upon which we now build.

The UNAASA Committee wishes to thank members, supporters and friends for their messages of support. Lidia was a wonderful President and a dear friend to us all. Lidia was a passionate, inclusive and always encouraging advocate for the community especially young people. Lidia was a passionate ambassador for the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and for bringing people together in the spirit of cooperation and understanding. Her leadership, vision and friendship, as acknowledged by Senator the Hon Penny Wong at the UN at 80 conference, will be greatly missed.

Looking to the future It is a great privilege to transition from Vice President to President. I am deeply committed to carrying forward the values for community and inclusivity as championed by Lidia. In honouring Lidia's legacy, the Committee and our dedicated volunteers remain steadfast to a shared commitment to inform, inspire, and engage South Australians on the work, goals, and values of the UN to create a safer, fairer, and more sustainable world.

A Year of Connection and Action. Our year was a testament to our commitment to the UN's pillars. We continued to foster dialogue at our Annual Lunch, welcoming leaders, advocates, and community members. Action on climate change remained a priority. In November, we saw environmental stewardship in action with the Seeds for Snapper project to assist with seagrass meadow restoration—a local action with global significance. In March, we gathered on Kurna Country at the historic Kingston House for a truly inspiring Harmony Day.





We were honoured to welcome special keynote Jay Jethwa Vice President of United Nations Association International and World Federation of United Nations Associations at our “Biodiversity Matters” event in partnership with The University of Adelaide, the Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and UN Youth SA. We were especially fortunate to have Martin Haese Chair of the Premier’s Climate Council MC chair the event featuring then Deputy Premier of South Australia Dr Susan Close.

Building on the strong foundation Lidia left us, I am excited for the future of UNAASA ahead.

I extend my deep gratitude to our Committee, our volunteers, our Advisors, and Members for their support and contributions during this transition. Your commitment is the engine of this organisation and so inspiring.

We also thank our Patron, Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC for her continued support, in a landmark time of 80 years of the United Nations.

In Friendship and Remembrance,

**Annie Ngo**

**President United Nations Association of Australia South Australian Division**



# TRIBUTE TO LIDIA MORETTI

## UN at 80: Shaping our future together conference United Nations Association of Australia

Excerpt from Speech by Minister for Foreign Affairs, Senator the Hon Penny Wong on 22 October 2025

“Thanks very much for having me here, on this very warm Sydney day. To excellencies, to friends can I say thank you very much for the opportunity to be with you.

Can I first acknowledge the traditional owners of these lands, the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation, and I pay my respects to the elders and to any First Nations people here today.

I want to start with a personal story. I just wanted to acknowledge a long-term member and a former president of the South Australian division of the United Nations Association of Australia, Lidia Moretti.

She had years of dedicated service to your organisation. She was also a member of the Committee for the Adelaide International Women's Day Breakfast – it's a breakfast I have hosted now for 23 years – I started very young! – and it is the largest IWD event in Australia so we're very proud of it.

Lidia passed away last month. I know she is missed by so many who had the pleasure of knowing her and working with her. And people like Lidia are what makes this great association. I pay tribute to all of you for all that you do to help Australians understand and engage with our United Nations.”









# EVENTS







**24TH OCTOBER, 2024**

## CELEBRATING UNITED NATIONS DAY 2024:

A Tribute to Unity, Culture, and Commitment on Sunday 20th October

On a perfect spring day, over 100 guests gathered at Our Place, Willunga Hill, to honor United Nations Day with a spirit of global solidarity and shared purpose. The annual United Nations South Australian Celebrations Lunch, hosted in this sacred landscape, welcomed leaders, advocates, and community members alike, each committed to upholding the UN's mission and sustainable goals.

The celebration was opened with warmth and inspiration by Auntie Elaine Magias, setting a welcoming tone that resonated with the collective purpose of the day. Her words reminded everyone of the power of community and unity—both vital in advancing the United Nations' global vision.

A delightful performance followed by a group of Chinese cultural dancers who brought the beauty of diverse traditions to life, symbolizing the cultural richness and interconnectedness that the United Nations represents.

The event was graced by several eminent figures, all of whom have championed the values and initiatives of the United Nations in their work. Special mention goes to the former Governor of South Australia, Hieu Van Le AC, who continues to serve as a patron and tireless advocate for multiculturalism and inclusion. Nat Cook MP representing the Premier of South Australia, Chief Justice of South Australia, the Honourable Chris Kourakis, Reverend Dr. Lynn Arnold, the Honourable Robert Hill AC and Dr. Robyn Layton AC Human Rights Advisor to UNAASA, added depth to the commitment to global peace, justice, and sustainability.

Inspiring Keynote Address by Tiahni Adamson

One of the event's highlights was the keynote address by Tiahni Adamson, South Australia's Young Australian of the Year. A passionate advocate for the environment and Indigenous rights, Tiahni's words left a lasting impression. She spoke of the vital importance of honoring the land, supporting Indigenous knowledge, and fostering sustainable practices, urging everyone to view these commitments not just as goals but as responsibilities we all share.

Her address was not only inspiring but deeply moving, as she called for actions that transcend borders, encompassing environmental and cultural preservation for future generations.

The day would not have been complete without the exceptional hospitality provided by Andy Clappis of Our Place Willunga Hill. Known for his generous spirit and commitment to community, Clappis and his team served a delicious meal that showcased local flavours, prepared with care and an eye for quality.

Throughout the event, guests demonstrated their support for the United Nations by contributing generously to the fundraiser. These contributions are essential to UNAASA's mission, helping fund initiatives that foster peace, sustainability, and global cooperation.

Thanks go to; Rainbow Fresh, SA Mushrooms, D'angelo Coffee, Dr Sing Ping, Mathew Brittingham, Rob Dempsey, Tiziana Rinna, Ashley (Jam Factory), XMode, Rosalie Cocchiaro, Nat Cook, The Dry Martini's fringe, Lynn Arnold, Premier of SA Peter Malinauskas, Foodbank, Amanda Blair.

We also extend our deep gratitude to our MC for the day Vice President Robert Dempsey and our photographer Delphine De'Salisbury for their significant contributions to the chapter and for ensuring the day was a success.

We also took this occasion to announce an exciting new addition to our advisory group, Joanna Giannes who has been appointed as the Wellbeing Advisor. We are committed to further enriching the organisation's commitment to holistic approaches in community and personal wellbeing that incorporate psycho social considerations.

This year's United Nations Day celebrations reminded all attendees of the significance of the UN's mission in promoting peace, human rights, and sustainable development. Surrounded by the stunning Willunga landscape, it was a day to reflect on our shared values and renew our dedication to a world where every individual has the opportunity to thrive.

As always, it is one of my greatest joys to serve the United Nations Association of Australia (SA Division) and I am indebted to all who along with me continue to serve humanity well.

**Joanna Giannes**  
Well-being Advisor, UNAASA









6TH OCTOBER, 2024

## THE GOVERNORS GARDEN PARTY

It was an honour to join Her Excellency and Mr. Bunten at the annual Government House Patronage Garden Party with members of UNAASA.

UNAASA President Lidia Moretti together with Corporate member Ben Sharp and UNAASA members and Advisors Genevieve Hase and Joanna Giannes enjoyed the afternoon and tour of the house.

This event highlights the incredible work of over 170 community groups across South Australia, who are making a real difference in the lives of many.

As patrons, Her Excellency and Mr. Bunten play an important role in raising the profile of these organisations, fostering community engagement, and inspiring philanthropy.

It's inspiring to see so many dedicated groups working together to build a stronger, more connected South Australia







14TH NOVEMBER, 2024

## TAFE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PRESENTATION

UNAASA is proud to sponsor 2 students each year who are students of TAFE Hospitality Programs.

The Scholarships are awarded to support continuing studies by the recipients.

Committee member of UNAASA Dr Sing Ping Ting presented the Scholarships at the Graduation Ceremony to the following :

1 Jonathan RESHMAN is a current Certificate IV In Kitchen Management student. He is dedicated and consistently demonstrates a respectful attitude toward his studies, classmates, and lecturers. He approaches his academic responsibilities with enthusiasm and is always willing to offer support to his peers. In addition to his academic commitments, Jonathan takes on significant responsibilities at home, caring for his younger siblings by ensuring they are ready for school, preparing breakfast, and accompanying them each day while his mother works long hours to support the family. Furthermore, Jonathan is actively involved in his church community, where he embodies his values of respect and compassion in all his interactions with others. He is 20 years old, has a Malaysian background but born in Australia. He will continue to study next semester to complete his cookery studies which the scholarship will assist with his fees.

2 Caitlyn McFarlane is a current Diploma in Hospitality student. Caitlyn is very quiet, but polite and respectful to all her classmates and lecturers. She is studying full time and has been for the last 2 years. Along with full time study over this time, she has also been working to pay for her TAFE fees. She has been dedicated and committed and manages to balance both her job and studies successfully. This scholarship will go towards her VET student loan which she currently has for her Diploma. Caitlyn is 19 years old and is born in Australia. Caitlyn has also expressed an interest in continuing studying in the Events Industry which the scholarship may also go towards if she decides to do this.



24TH NOVEMBER, 2024

## ADELAIDE'S 2024-25 SEEDS FOR SNAPPER PROJECT, ADELAIDE'S SEAGRASS MEADOW RESTORATION CONTINUES:

OzFish Unlimited launched Adelaide's 2024-25 Seeds for Snapper project, with 60 enthusiastic community members gathering at the Cruising Yacht Club of SA on November 24.

Distinguished presenters included Lidia Moretti from the United Nations Association of Australia (SA ), Chloe McSkimming from Green Adelaide, Jason Tanner from SARDI, long-time volunteer Mark from Ozfish SA Chapter, and Michael Sierp from Aquatic Biosecurity. They offered valuable insights into Adelaide's historic seagrass loss, and the beneficial outcomes from ongoing seagrass restoration, including enhanced fish habitats, stabilised sediments, and carbon sequestration.

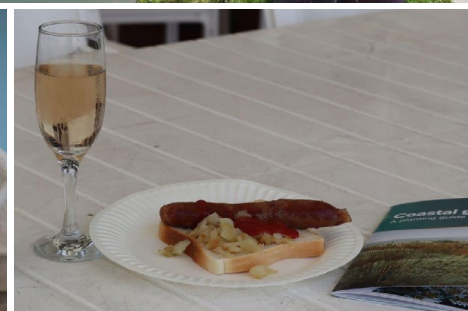
Keen audience members were encouraged to get involved with collecting seagrass fruits over summer, and helping this important restoration work. The event concluded with a welcome BBQ generously supported by OzFish and the United Nations Association of Australia SA.

Tanks are now setup at the CYC SA for seagrass fruits, and you can learn more about the project and volunteering on the OzFish website: <https://ozfish.org.au/.../seeds-for-snapper-south-australia/>

Great to see the Rev Dr Lynn Arnold AO ,Ambassador of the UN Sustainable Development Goals as a guest enjoying the information session and BBQ with other guests.

**Brad Martin | Project Manager - South Australia OZ FISH**







2ND DECEMBER, 2024

## UNISA BUSINESS AND THE SUSTAINABILITY WORKING GROUP

On Monday December 2nd UniSA Business and the Sustainability Working Group, led by Dr Susie Chant, hosted a lunchtime seminar to observe the United Nations International Day for the Abolition of Slavery. The event featured an expert panel discussing modern slavery and the proactive measures businesses can adopt to combat it. The distinguished speakers included Dr. Robyn Layton AO KC, Human Rights Advisor to the United Nations South Australia Chapter; Nadia Moreira, Owner of Southland Coffee Merchants; Dr. Katherine Christ, Senior Lecturer, UniSA Business and Kyla Raby, Anti-Slavery Researcher and Practitioner at UniSA.

Attendees sampled ethically sourced chocolates from Haigh's Chocolates and coffee beans from Southland Coffee Merchants, exemplifying how businesses can merge quality products with sustainable practices. The talk highlighted the increasing responsibility of businesses to address modern slavery within their supply chains. Industries such as manufacturing, agriculture, and services are particularly vulnerable to risks associated with modern slavery. The discussion emphasised the development of strategies and frameworks to identify, assess, and mitigate these risks, focusing on transparency and accountability in business operations. Dr. Robyn Layton provided insights into international standards and the Australian legal framework concerning modern slavery, sharing experiences from the garment industry in Bangladesh and the seafood industry in Thailand. Dr. Katherine Christ and Kyla Raby explored the emerging field of modern slavery risk management and its impact on global business practices.

Nadia Moreira discussed the ethical sourcing practices of Southland Coffee Merchants, ensuring protection for Brazilian farmers and workers in the coffee supply chain.

This event underscored the critical role businesses play in eradicating modern slavery and promoting ethical practices within their operations and supply chains.

Pictured left to right back row: Kyla Raby, Nadia Moreira, Dr Susie Chant, Lidia Moretti (front row centre), Julie McEwin, Katherine Christ, and Dr Robyn Layton AO KC.





10TH DECEMBER, 2024

## HUMAN RIGHTS DAY - DELIVERING FOOD HAMPERS TO THOSE IN NEED

UNAASA President Lidia Moretti, Secretary Sarah Davies and Treasurer Brendon Skates in collaboration with Foodbank SA delivered Food Hampers for Elizabeth Vale Primary School families in need.

A small contribution to spread Christmas cheer.











29TH MARCH, 2025

## HARMONY DAY

On 29 March 2025, we gathered at the historic Kingston House in Kingston Park for a truly inspiring Harmony Day event, set against the breathtaking coastal backdrop of Kauria Country. With over 45 attendees, including many first-time participants at United Nations Association events, it was wonderful to see new faces engaging in this vital conversation. We were privileged to hear from \*\*extraordinary speakers—Behishta Anwar, Fida Hussain, Elena Gasparyan, and Brad Chilcott—\*\*who shared powerful insights on unity, inclusion, and the ongoing work needed to build a more harmonious society. A heartfelt thank you to Member for Black, Alex Dighton, for attending and supporting the event. We also enjoyed a beautiful spread of fresh fruit, lovingly prepared by Olga Larizza, adding a delicious touch to the day.

Harmony Day is fundamentally about the elimination of racial discrimination, a cause at the heart of the United Nations' global mission. This gathering reaffirmed our collective commitment to advancing racial equity and fostering communities where everyone belongs. Thank you to all who attended and contributed to such a meaningful and thought-provoking discussion—we look forward to continuing this important work together.





**MARCH, 2025**

## UN WOMEN'S IWD BREAKFAST 2025.

United Nations Association of Australia United Nations' Women's Empowerment Principles United Nations Association of Australia SA (UNAASA) • 2025 International Women's Day Breakfast

Good Morning Adelaide! Good Morning to 3100 women (and men) at the IWD Breakfast!

Thank you to UNAA-SA President Lidia Moretti and UNAASA for organising two tables filled with wonderful guests at the International Women's Day Breakfast at the Adelaide Convention Centre.

The Adelaide International Women's Day (IWD) breakfast is the largest event celebrating IWD in Australia and it is the largest annual women's event in the Adelaide calendar.

This event was established in Adelaide in 1993 and has tremendous support from the Adelaide community raising \$150,000 in 2024.

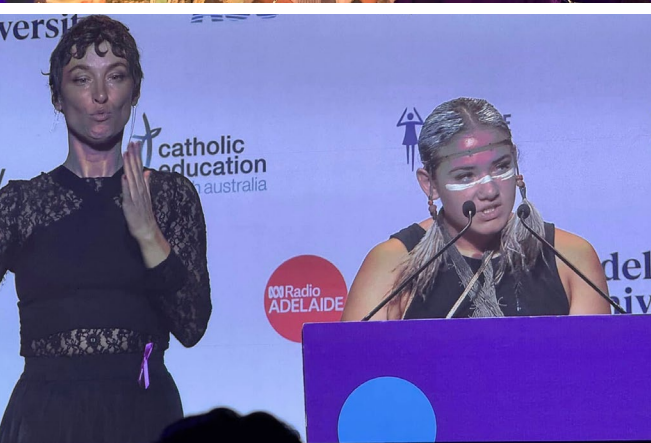
Wonderful to hear from the guest speaker, Rachel Perkins about the moving story about her parents, their struggles, strength and resilience advocating for change! Rachel Perkins is an Indigenous Australian film and television director, producer, and screenwriter. She founded the independent film production company Blackfella Films.

The UN Women Australia Theme for International Women's Day 2025 is 'March Forward'. The theme 'March Forward' reminds us that progress is not just about reflection but about taking decisive, bold steps to turn our commitments into action. This is our moment to drive change and ensure a truly equal future for all women and girls.

Great to catch up with so many amazing women today celebrating International Women's Week!

**Hon. Jing Lee, MLC (South Australia)**  
**Parliament of South Australia**  
**United Nations Association of Australia - SA**  
**City of Adelaide**  
**Adelaide Convention Centre**



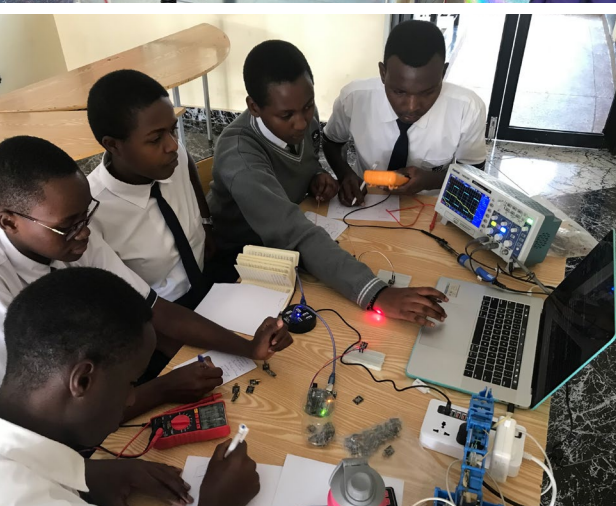
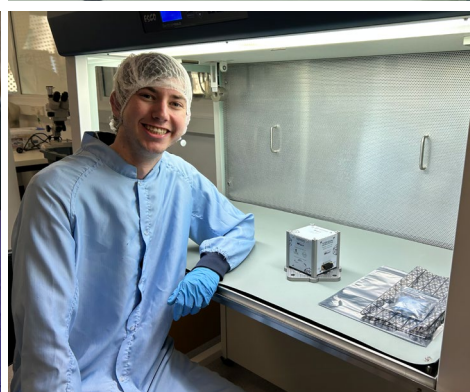
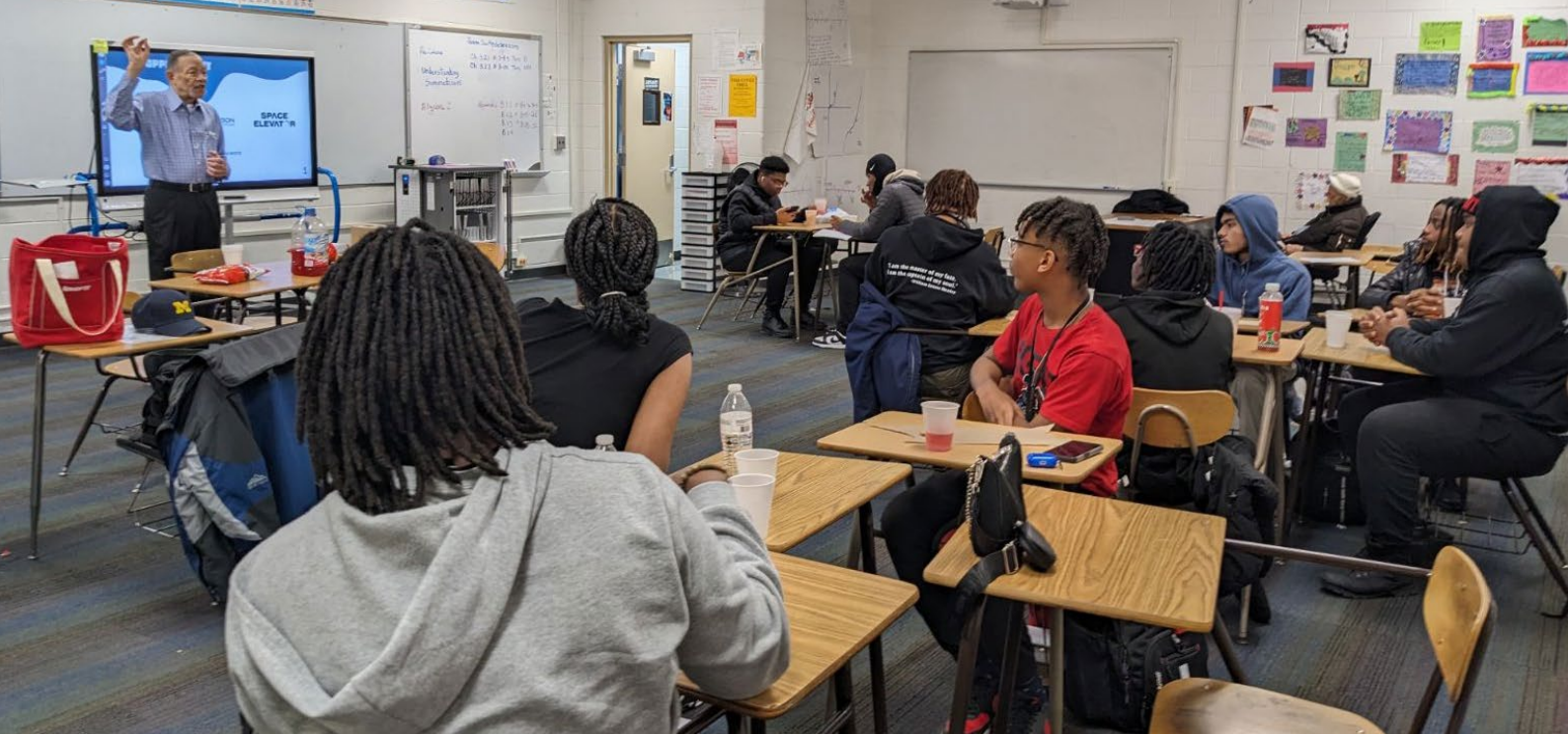


INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2025  
**MARCH FORWARD**  
FOR ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS

#MarchForward  
#IWD2025











## *Celebrating Success*

### INTRODUCING EDWARD ROBINSON INNOVATOR / EDUCATOR / ENTREPRENEUR

A truly inspirational young man whose efforts and dreams are an example to young and old. Edward Robinson is only 21 and he has achieved much so far in his career. As he is one of our members we are proud to promote his current program and look forward to the exciting experiment he is involved in.

His company Robinson Aerospace has developed an educational CubeSat kit for students in years 8-12, aimed at inspiring them to pursue careers in Australia's rapidly growing space industry, ultimately filling the 20,000 new degree-heavy jobs that will be created by 2030.

Robinson said his mission to inspire and educate the next generation about space was also nearing launch. Last year, Edward Robinson took part in Project Space Call, which brought together students from Australia, Rwanda, Singapore, Ukraine, Colombia, the UAE and the United States to design and program a module that will go to space.

That project has since been compiled in Australia on a Robinson Aerospace CubeSat that is now in California awaiting launch. Schools from seven different countries sent stuff to us, then we built it all, sent it to Canberra at the National Space Test Facility, then it came back here, then to Germany, and then to the US." It was "quite the logistical process" in getting the puzzle pieces together, he said.

Each group of students has designed the electronics and software for a tiny module that transmits and receives light signals. Once the module is in space, the students will "talk to each other" inside the CubeSat. For example, students from Ukraine will use Morse code to transmit the word 'freedom' in their language to a school in Singapore.

The Singaporean students will then translate the word and relay it to the next school. "Those words will be transmitted around the world like a game of Telephone and we'll get all the records of what was sent," Robinson said. "It's not so much about the data, it's more about these kids being part of something big.

Looking ahead, Robinson said his mission to inspire and educate the next generation about space was also nearing launch. He's partnered with fellow SA-based space company Fleet Space, which has ordered 1250 satellite kits from Robinson Aerospace. "A crazy number," Robinson said.

"As I speak right now, I'm looking downstairs – we have five people on our production line working shift rotations to manufacture these kits. "We're making one satellite kit every 7.5 minutes."



## CELEBRATING HISTORY MONTH

Wonderful to support the Julie Stawinski Exhibition 'Lost to Time' hosted at Urrbrae House as part of the History Festival in Adelaide. The show opened on the 5th of May celebrating the South Australia's History Festival here in South Australia.

Lost to Time is a response to Peter and Matilda Waite's love story and is based on their Engagement ring. Julie combined her passions to bring you this Exhibition, to enjoy some of her personal collection of Antiques and letterpress blocks and lots of her new Creations. We thank Julie for her Sponsorship and continual support of our activities over many years. Loved the Exhibition.

Thanks so much for joining me at my recent Exhibition 'Lost to Time' at Urrbrae House Historic Precinct. It is always a pleasure to help support the wonderful work that the United Nations does here in South Australia. Julie Stawinski







## THE LAST SUPPER

A wonderful initiative by the Consulate of Italy in Adelaide and the Art Gallery of SA during History Month of hosting Dr. Chiara Rostagno, deputy director of the Pinacoteca di Brera and executive director of the National Museum of Cenacolo Vinciano, for an interesting lecture on the Last Supper by Leonardo da Vinci.

Professor Rostagno explained the results of research conducted regarding the environmental impact on works of art, and the most effective conservation techniques in order to maintain their value. This tribute to one of Leonardo da Vinci's most famous works concluded the "Re-imagining the Renaissance" initiative held by the Art Gallery of SA. We thank Professor Rostagno for her important educational contribution, the Art Gallery of SA, and all the audience who shared this moment of celebration of one of the most significant masters of the Italian Renaissance.

We value the efforts of all involved in the preservation of the past and the close cultural connections in our community. An inspirational moment in time.





## THE EVATT COMPETITION

The Evatt Competition, UN Youth's annual Model UN event, was a great success, making it our largest post-COVID event. Students from across Adelaide and regional areas came together to debate international issues as delegates representing Security Council countries. The competition concluded with an unforgettable grand final at Parliament House, including the attendance of the UNAASA President, Ms Lidia Moretti, who addressed the delegates. Her address engaged and inspired our delegates, making it a highlight of the day. Ultimately, the top three teams advanced to the national finals in Melbourne.

A huge thank you to all our partners and the UNAASA for their support in bringing this competition to life. We look forward to coming back better than ever for the 2025 competition!



4TH SEPTEMBER, 2025

## BIODIVERSITY MATTERS

We were honoured to have Martin Haese Chair of the Premier's Climate Council MC our event on "Biodiversity Matters" in partnership with The University of Adelaide, the Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and UN Youth SA.

Deputy Premier of South Australia Dr Susan Close spoke of the pressing need to realise how reliant we are on the environment. Key note Jay Jethwa Vice President of United Nations Association International and World Federation of United Nations Associations spoke poetically about the species of the world and their interconnectedness. A panel expertly chaired by Professor Andrew Lowe of the University of Adelaide including Deputy Premier of SA Susan Close, South Australian of the Year Tim Jarvis AO, Premiers Climate Change Council member Craig Wilkins and Jill Collins Dept Foreign Affairs and Trade covered a broad range of issues at the local, national and global perspectives.

It was also a sad day to share news to the UNAASA community of the passing of our friend and President Lidia Moretti on 4 September 2025, with heartfelt tributes and the deepest sympathies from many who attended.

We were so grateful to receive a delightful culinary spread provided by local food icons of South Australia, Cheong Liew, Ben Sharp and Andy Clappis. Our gratitude to the UNAASA committee and volunteers.

Photo credit: Delphine De'Salisbury







# EVATT

**JUNE 2025**



**REGISTRATIONS  
OPEN NOW!!**



Note: All located at various  
Flinders University Campuses

**Monday, 2 June:**

Bedford Park Campus

**Saturday, 7 June:**

Festival Plaza Campus

**Sunday, 8 June:**

Festival Plaza Campus

**Wednesday, 11 June:**

Festival Plaza Campus

**Friday, 13 June:**

Tonsley Campus

**Sunday, 15 June:**

Festival Plaza Campus





# UN YOUTH REPORT 2025

We began the year strong with our annual Voice Competition, a public speaking program for students in Years 7–10. This year saw a record number of delegates, with the top participants progressing to the online Grand Finals, where one of our own placed second nationally.

The 2025 State Conference, held at the Woodhouse Activity Centre, was another highlight of our calendar. Delegates came together to take part in a range of activities, workshops, and debates centred around the theme “Politics and the Economy.” We are grateful for UNAASA’s continued support in making this event possible.

We were also fortunate to welcome this year’s Australian Youth Representative to the United Nations, Satara Uthayakumaran, to the conference as part of her national Listening Tour. Alongside consulting with our State Conference delegates, she met with organisations including the Youth Affairs Council of South Australia, the SA Youth Forum, and Flinders University.

Our Evatt Competition brought together students from across Adelaide to debate international issues in a Model UN Security Council format. Our top-performing teams will travel to Sydney to compete against teams from across Australia and New Zealand in the National Finals in early December.

This year, UN Youth SA also had the privilege of hosting the UN Youth National Conference. Delegates from around Australia and New Zealand travelled to Adelaide to explore the theme “Galactic Governance: Navigating the Space Age.” We extend our sincere thanks to our partners, including Deloitte, the Australian Space Discovery Centre, and the Jeff Bleich Centre, for their invaluable contributions in making this event engaging, insightful, and educational.

Later in the year, we were honoured to welcome Jay Jethwa, Vice President of the United Nations Association of Australia, to one of our Model UN debates, where delegates discussed the ongoing algae bloom crisis. His insights and conversations with participants left a lasting impact, and we greatly enjoyed his attendance.

Several of our facilitators also attended the Australian Migrant Resource Centre Youth Forum, where they ran a UN Youth-inspired bingo activity. It was a privilege to be part of such a meaningful event and to hear the stories and perspectives shared by participants.

We would also like to express our sincere thanks to UNAASA for its support throughout the year. In particular, we acknowledge the profound impact of Lidia Moretti, whose contributions have shaped our organisation at both a divisional and national level. Her support, presence at our events, and thoughtful insights have created lasting memories for our participants. Speaking on behalf of past UN Youth SA Presidents, her guidance has been an invaluable part of our work, and I have personally cherished every conversation with her.

As we move into 2026, our focus remains on expanding our outreach, welcoming an increasingly diverse range of participants, and enriching our programs with a wide variety of cultures and perspectives. We look forward to all we can achieve in the year ahead.



# NEWSLETTERS



## GOVERNMENT HOUSE EVENT



A very special event hosted by Her Excellency Frances Adamson AO, Patron of Nations Association South Australia was held at Government House on evening 7 August 2024 to acknowledge the Work of UNAASA in South / especially that of the Association's long-term advisors.



## CELEBRATING UNITED NATIONS DAY 2024 - A TRIBUTE TO UNITY, CULTURE AND COMMITMENT.



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## SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER LINK

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## FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER LINK

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# 2024/2025 FINANCIAL REPORT

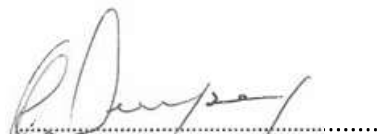
## UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (SA DIV) INC. INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF UNAA (SA DIV) INC.

### Committee Report

In accordance with section 35(5) of the Associations Incorporation Act 1985, the Committee of United Nations Assoc. of Aust. (SA Div) Inc. hereby state that during the financial year ended 30 June 2025:

- (a)
  - (i) no officer of the association; or
  - (ii) no firm of which an officer is a member; and
  - (iii) no body corporate in which an officer has a substantial financial interest, has received or become entitled to receive a benefit as a result of a contract between the officer, firm or corporate and the association.
- (b) no officer of the association has received directly or indirectly from the Association any payment or other benefit of a pecuniary value.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed by two members of the Committee.



Vice President - Robert Dempsey



Treasurer – Brendon Skates

Dated this 8th day of December 2025



**United Nations Assoc of Aust (SA Div)**  
**Summarised Income & Expenditure**  
**01/07/24 through 30/06/25**

	2024/25	2023/24
<b>Income</b>		
Subscriptions	1,806	2,186
Donations Grants & Bequests	2,800	200
Functions and Fund-Raising	12,027	11,827
Sundry	2,774	3,703
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>19,406</b>	<b>17,916</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Office Expenses	3,124	4,698
Events & Fund-raising	3,436	4,253
UNAASA Activities	5,683	900
Sundry	860	2,427
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>13,103</b>	<b>12,279</b>
<b>Net Profit (Loss)</b>	<b>6,304</b>	<b>5,638</b>

**United Nations Assoc of Aust (SA Div)**  
**Summarised Balance Sheet**  
**As of 30 June 2025**

	2024/25	2023/24
<b>Assets</b>		
Current Assets		
Cash and Equivalents	51,562	44,926
Sundry Debtors	-	-
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>51,562</b>	<b>44,926</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>51,562</b>	<b>44,926</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Sundry Creditors/GST	300	(33)
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>51,262</b>	<b>44,959</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Retained Earnings	44,959	39,321
Current Year Surplus/Deficit	6,304	5,638
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>51,262</b>	<b>44,959</b>

**United Nations Assoc of Aust (SA Div)**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the Year ended 30th June 2024**

**1 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

This financial report has been prepared for use by the members of the association and is a special purpose financial report . It has been prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act of (SA). The committee have determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the following Australian Accounting Standards:

AASB 1031 Materiality

No other applicable Accounting Standards or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.



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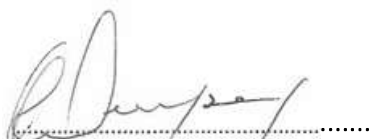
**Statement by Members of the Committee**

The Committee have determined the Association is not a reporting entity. The Committee have determined that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the members of the Committee of United Nations Assoc of Aust (SA Div) Inc. in compliance with Section 35(2)(c) of the Associations Incorporation Act 1985;

- (1) The attached accounts present fairly the results of the operation of the Association for the year ended 30 June 2025 and the state of affairs of the Association as at the end of that year.
- (2) The Committee has reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed by two members of the Committee.



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# ADVISORS



## JOANNA GIANNES

Joanna builds capacity in individuals and communities by drawing from multiple disciplines such as anthropology, cross cultural practices, transpersonal psychology and contemporary leadership theories. Raised in the oral tradition, Joanna draws from her Hellenic ancestry of mythology, archetypes, elements and ancient healing ways to support people and communities to move towards wholeness. Studying with one of the world's greatest Jungian Psychoanalyst, Dr Clarissa Pinkola Estes in the United States, Joanna is a lifelong student of ancient and contemporary healing ways.

She has studied human longevity in one of the world's Blue Zones Ikaria, Greece (the island where people forget to die) and is the first Australian to be studying Ancient Greek Medicine.

## GAVIN WANGANEEN

Gavin Wanganeen is an Australian Football League (AFL) legend, acclaimed contemporary Indigenous artist and Aboriginal activist. Gavin's AFL career spanned 300 senior games at the Essendon and Port Adelaide Football Clubs, earning him countless accolades, including the dedication of a grandstand at Adelaide Oval in 2015, in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the game. He was the first Indigenous player to win a Brownlow Medal at the age of 20, and the first Indigenous player to reach 300 AFL games. Having retired from the AFL over a decade ago, he continues to inspire and break new ground through his work as a contemporary Indigenous artist, is the first Aboriginal past player to be elected on to the board of an AFL club, and is committed to improving the lives of Aboriginal people.





## HON REV DR LYNN ARNOLD AO

Hon Rev Dr Lynn Arnold AO, is currently an assistant priest at St Peter's Anglican Cathedral and a Reader [Public Theology & Ethics] at St Barnabas Theological College. Previously, Lynn had senior leadership roles in World Vision [CEO WV Australia 1997-2003; Reg'l VP [Asia/Pacific] 2003-2006; International Director of Board Development & Peer Review, 2006-2008] and Anglicare SA [2008-2012]. Prior to this involvement in community service organisations, Lynn served in the South Australian parliament for fifteen years including over eleven years as a member of Cabinet (with a fifteen month stint as Premier). He chaired the Dunstan Foundation from 2010-20 and the Public Affairs Commission of the Anglican Church of Australia from 2014-18. Lynn is a Reconciliation Ambassador for Reconciliation SA, Goodwill Ambassador for Sustainable Development Goals for the United Nations Association of Australia, an Australia Day Ambassador and Justice Advocate for Second Chances. Lynn is married to Elaine; they have five children and, at most recent count, seven grandchildren.



## ANDREW BAINES

A full-time artist since 1997, Andrew exhibits his paintings internationally. He has gained considerable international recognition for his trademark surreal installations & inspired paintings, where he puts politicians, orchestras, live cows, Hills hoists, Archbishops and hundreds of suited volunteers in the sea for photo shoots. A finalist in over 20 art prizes, most notably three times in the Doug Moran National Portrait prize. Baines has a swift and accurate eye, a quirky sense of humour, the ability to rapidly define a moment from which we can create a narrative surrounding the event. His is a unique view, executed with considerable accomplishment and appreciated by a rapidly widening international audience, via exhibitions in the USA, UK and Europe.



## THE HON. DR. ROBYN LAYTON AO QC

Robyn Layton is a former Supreme Court Judge of South Australia. Currently Justice Layton is an Adjunct Professor at the School of Law, University of South Australia and is a Judicial Education and Program Development Consultant. At the international level, Robyn was a Member and later the Chair of the Committee of Experts on Application of Conventions of the ILO, Geneva, from 1993 to 2008. She is currently a consultant for the Asia Development Bank (ADB) on gender issues such as Legal Literacy for Women in Pakistan and Afghanistan (developing and delivering training programs for judges and prosecutors and setting up Gender Based Violence Courts throughout Pakistan); Strengthening Women's Resilience to Climate and Disaster Risks in Mongolia, Lao PDR and Fiji (undertaking gender assessment of laws and policies, consultations and delivering national and regional capacity building workshops). Previously she was team leader for an ADB Gender Development Poverty Reduction Project for Women in Kazakhstan, Cambodia and the Philippines. In addition Robyn is a consultant for the ILO and delivers training for judges and lawyers on labour law and human rights standards internationally as well as at the International Labour Centre in Turin Italy.

Prior to her Supreme Court appointment Robyn worked as a barrister and a Queen's Counsel across broad areas of law, many of which intersected with social justice and human rights, such as the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, children, women and refugees. Robyn still works closely with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in many capacities, including as Chair of Justice Reinvestment SA that works with a community driven Aboriginal group Tiraapindi Wodli at Port Adelaide.

Robyn has received a number of awards as a result of her human rights work: Member of the Order of Australia (AO) (2012); The South Australian, Australian of the Year (2012); Justice Award Law Society of South Australia (2013) and Australian Woman Lawyer Award (2016).



## PIPPA WANGANEEN

After completing Bachelor degrees in Arts and Law, Pippa relocated to South Africa where she worked on a suite of projects including a national children's music and dance competition with a focus on driving social change. Pippa volunteered with a number of aid organisations in the South African townships, worked as a model and assisted with the successful rollout of a major Australian retail brand. Returning to Australia with a great commitment to philanthropic causes, Pippa is currently an Ambassador for Foodbank SA among other organisations. She is Managing Director of Gavin Wanganeen Art, collaborates with a number of local and international charities, fashion and lifestyle brands via her instagram account @pippawanganeen and is mother to four little girls, who she shares with her husband Gavin Wanganeen.





## GENEVIEVE THESEIRA-HAESE

Genevieve was born and raised in Singapore to Eurasian parents. Her early years were largely influenced by her parents and her father's library. Inspired by the potential to positively influence people to action through storytelling and imagery, she moved to Los Angeles where she obtained a Bachelor of Arts (with Honours) in Communication.

Genevieve moved to London in 1986 where she lived and worked in the advertising industry for 10 years. In 2000 her father passed away at age 59, so Genevieve moved back to Singapore to be with her family. She was very close to her father and his death led her on a more spiritual journey, a world away from the world of advertising.

Genevieve's passion for helping others saw her join the Board of the Home Nursing Foundation in Singapore and develop a number of holistic healing retreats across Asia.

Genevieve is the founder and owner of the holistic healing arts portal 'BreathingSpace Inc', a healing arts portal designed to promote the healing arts to corporate executives globally.

Genevieve first met Martin Haese in 2000 at a Global Entrepreneur's Organisation event and they were married in Melbourne in January 2010 before moving to Adelaide, South Australia.





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