

Here in South Australia UN Youth directly reached over 2000 students between January 2015 and January 2016. This was the largest outreach in Australia. The major contact was through the events held during the year.

The local UN Youth SA events included

- The South Australian Conference. A 3 day residential conference with 100 students from 56 schools.
- The Evatt Competition. A model United Nations diplomacy competition (MUN) for Year 10 - 12 students, run as a mock UN Security Council debate in which pairs represent Member Nations, with 80 teams competing over 3 days, followed by Semi Finals, and the Grand Final
- Young Diplomats' Forum. A day-length event for students in Years 9 to 11 with workshops, a guest speaker and Interactive Problem Solving (IPS). Four Forums with 70-80 students each in 2015 – aiming for 100 in 2016.
- The Voice Competition Human Rights Summit.

As if this does not keep them busy enough, there is also the ongoing Schools Program and Regional Tours whereby UN Youth expands its outreach to regional students and communities with 5x week-long Regional Tours per year and the Evatt-Mt Gambier Round in Term 3.

National events include:

- National Conference. A seven day residential conference for 100 secondary school students from Australia, New Zealand and Japan. 10 students from each state (selected from State Conference) with 50 facilitators.
- The seven-day National Finals of the Evatt Competition. Held in a different city in December each year (Sydney 2016). 30 teams in total (3-5 teams from each state and territory).
- Voice National Finals. 60 delegates.
- The Australian Youth Representative to the UN is a role appointed annually by



Nicola Moore, UN Youth SA President speaking at the UNAASA AGM

UN Youth Australia in partnership with DFAT.

International events covered:

- Pacific Project: a year long project. In July a two-week exploration of East Timor.
- ALT is a two-week tour through New Zealand for fifteen Year 10-12 students, held in July.
- A four-week tour of Europe in January for 16 young leaders to explore the complex realities of diplomacy in the 21st Century.
- US: States MUN with 21 university students.
- Middle East tour.

Nicola concluded her talk with an explanation of the UN Youth Australia structure, describing how all of this work is managed in a democratic and impartial way by the young people involved.

A most inspiring talk for which we thank Nicola very much for coming and telling us about UN Youth SA.



UN Youth Australia at the National Conference

UNAA SA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on 17 July 2016

At the annual general meeting of the United Nations Association of Australia, South Australia Division the special guests were Rev. Dr. Lynn Arnold and Mr Matt Kronborg, Executive Director of the United Nations Association of Australia at the national level.

With the retirement of John Crawford, Lidia Moretti was elected to the office of president unopposed. John who took on the presidency from Heather Southcott in 2013, steered the division through the move from the Torrens Building to our present office in Carrington Street. The discussion evenings have become a fascinating contribution to our program of up-dating our members and friends on issues relevant to the United Nations as well as matters sometimes of more general interest. John's technological skills have greatly helped in setting up the office equipment in our relatively new accommodation. As John will continue as immediate past president his valuable skills will still be available to our division.

Lidia has not only served the division well as vice president, but also at the federal level as a national vice president and more recently as a national board member with the restructuring of the federal body in 2014. The UN Day Dinners, the proceeds from which are vital to the continuation of our current operation, the World Humanitarian Day

Lunch, and especially this year with Yoga Harmony Day in the South Parklands have been instrumental in maintaining a high profile for our organisation. Collaborations with surrealist artist Andrew Baines have brought to life memorable activities involving important South Australians parading coloured sheep in Victoria Square and seemingly "walking on water" at Henley Beach. The realisation of the Peace Bottle, a further Andrew Baines conception, has been another outstanding initiative for peace awareness.

On her election Lidia commented that she saw the future as "building on our strengths" with community engagement to the fore as happened in the case of Yoga Day in collaboration with Gill Hicks. Keeping in mind activities in relation to the International Year of Pulses, the assistance from the food industry and the food program at Kilkenny Primary School, it was interesting to note that South Australia has been mentioned on the FAO website. Our relationship Port Adelaide Enfield City Council can be seen as positive achievements over the year arising from effective teamwork.

Finally at the AGM Matt Kronborg, who was warmly greeted on his second visit to South Australia in recent months, congratulated the new committee



Matt Kronborg, Lidia Moretti, Nicola Moore
and John Crawford at the AGM

and spoke about some of the challenges ahead, welcoming the renewal of federal government funding for the UNAA through the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. For its part, UNAA is encouraged to promote Australia's collaboration with UN programs and Australian foreign aid contributions. Matt noted that there are some 80 active United Nations associations around

the world, dating back to 1947.

UNAA SA achievements over the previous twelve months are comprehensively documented in our annual report, copies of which are readily available in the office, on-line or by mail at a small cost. We now look forward to an especially successful year ahead.



After the AGM the new committee held a brief meeting

UNAA (SA Division) STATUS OF WOMEN COMMITTEE

Invites you to a forum

Elder Abuse

**Strategies/Remedies Now & in the Future
Looking After & Defending Vulnerable People**

Where: NCWSA 95 South Tce, Adelaide

When: Saturday 15th October 2016

Time: 9-00am -12noon

Light morning tea Gold coin admission

RSVP: 1st October 2016 dctool@bigpond.net.au

Speakers: ***Patricia Rios, Deborah Bluntish, Trischia Ritchie, and Anita Hale***

SLOW FOOD PRESIDENT CARLO PETRINI NAMED FAO SPECIAL AMBASSADOR ZERO HUNGER FOR EUROPE

Slow Food works in over 160 countries to ensure everyone has access to good, clean and fair food, and Petrini's nomination reflects that contribution.

The FAO official announcement states:

May 26, 2016, Rome – Carlo Petrini, President of Slow Food, an organization working to prevent the disappearance of local food cultures and traditions and to ensure everyone has access to good, clean and fair food, has been named FAO Special Ambassador Zero Hunger for Europe, the Organization announced today.

FAO Director-General José Graziano da Silva praised Petrini's contribution to increasing public awareness on the need to improve agriculture in Europe and ensure a sustainable food supply chain.

"These include numerous activities drawing attention to the necessity to reintroduce local crops that smallholders and subsistence farmers can produce for their own consumption and sell on the markets as a means to achieve food security," Graziano da Silva said.

Petrini's nomination and his involvement in FAO's advocacy activities will "send a strong signal to the international community that we can create a world where no one is hungry," the FAO Director-General added. It would contribute towards building the Zero Hunger Generation and ending

hunger by 2030, he said.

Accepting the appointment, Petrini said: "The shame of hunger ... can and must be defeated within this generation; commitment in this regard must take a political priority in all international forums, along with national and civil society."

In his role as Special Ambassador Zero Hunger, Petrini will help ensure a better understanding of FAO's vision of a world free of hunger and malnutrition in which food and agriculture contribute towards improving livelihoods, particularly those of poor people.



Carlo Petrini

Activities also include participation at high-level events and public forums as well as contributing to key publications, field project visits and fund raising activities.

Slow Food is an international, non-profit grassroots organization that aims to promote quality food produced and distributed in an environmentally and socially sustainable manner. It has over 100,000 members worldwide and is active in 160 countries.

Through a 2013 agreement, FAO and Slow Food have been working together to promote inclusive food and agriculture systems and have participated in joint advocacy campaigns and global initiatives including the 2016 International Year of Pulses and the 2014 International Year of Family Farming.

“THE GREATEST LETTER EVER WRITTEN”?

No doubt there will be many claimants to this title but for sheer appreciation of our HOME, it's unsurpassed!

In 1854, President Pierce from Washington expressed a wish to ‘purchase’ a huge tract of Indian country, promising a ‘reservation’ in return. Here is Chief Seattle’s reply :

How can you buy or sell the sky, the warmth of the land? The idea is strange to us.

If we do not own the freshness of the air, and the sparkle of the water, how can you buy them?

Every part of this earth is sacred to my people.

Every shining pine needle, every sandy shore, every mist in the dark woods, every humming insect is holy in the memory of my people.

The white man’s dead forget the country of their birth when they go to walk among the stars. Our dead never forget this beautiful earth for it is the mother of the red man.

We are part of the earth and it is part of us. The perfumed flowers are our sisters: The horse, the great eagle, these are our brothers.

The rocky crests, the juices in the meadows the body heat of the pony . . . and man, all belong to the same family.

So when the Great Chief in Washington

sends word that he wishes to buy our land, he asks much of us: so we will consider your offer.

But it will not be easy. For this land is sacred to us. This shining water that moves in the streams is not just water but the blood of our ancestors.

If we sell you land, you must remember to teach your children that each ghostly reflection tells of events and memories in the lives of my people. The water’s murmur is the voice of my father’s father;

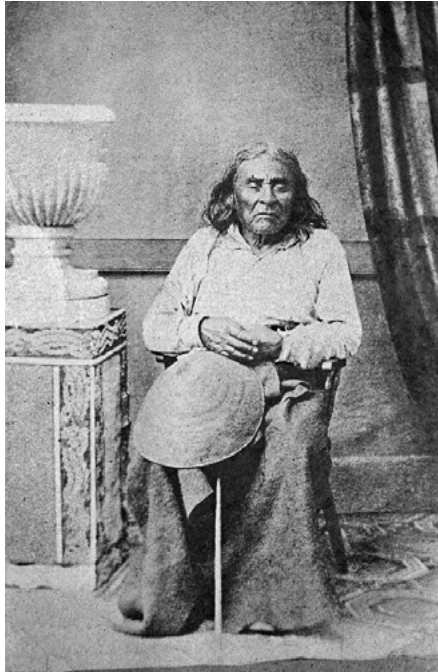
You must teach your children to give the rivers the kindness they would give to any brother

We know that the white man does not understand our ways; one portion of land is the same to him as the next. He kidnaps the earth from his children

The earth is not his brother but his enemy and when he has conquered it he moves on

His father’s grave and his children’s birthright are forgotten. He treats his mother the earth and his brother the sky, as things to be plundered

His appetite will devour



The only known photograph of Chief Seattle, taken 1864

the earth and leave behind only a desert.

I do not know; our ways are different from your ways.

The sight of cities pains the eyes of the red man: perhaps it is because he is a savage, and does not understand

The clatter only seems to insult the ears. What is there to life if a man cannot hear the owl or the frogs' arguments around a pond at night?

The Indian prefers the soft sound of the wind darting over the surface of a pond and the smell of the wind itself, cleaned by midday rain, or scented with the pinon pine

The beast, the tree, the man - they all share the same breath.

The white man does not seem to notice the air he breathes, he is numb to the stench.

You must remember that the air is precious to us, sharing its spirit with all the life it supports.

The wind that gave our grandfather his first breath also receives his last sigh

Tell your children that the earth is rich with the lives of our kin, and that the earth is our mother

Whatever befalls the earth, befalls the sons of the earth: if men spit upon the ground, they spit upon themselves.

This we know: the earth does not belong to man; man belongs to the earth. All things are connected

Man did not weave the web of life; he is merely a strand in it.

Even the white man whose God walks and talks with him, can-

not be exempt from the common destiny.

We may be brothers after all: we shall see.

One thing we know, which the white man may one day discover - our God is the same God.

You may think you own him, but you cannot; his compassion is equal for the red man and the white.

The earth is precious to him; to harm the earth is to heap contempt on its Creator.

The whites, too shall pass, perhaps sooner than all other tribes. Contaminate your bed and suffocate in your own waste.

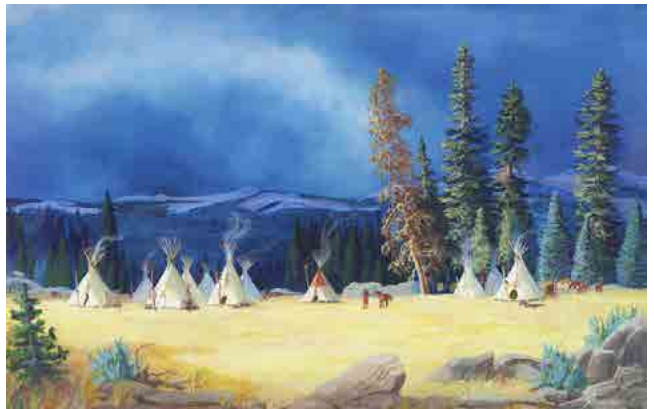
The dominion over the red man is a mystery to us. We don't understand when the Buffalo are all slaughtered, the wild horses tamed,

And the view of the ripe hills blotted by talking wires.

WHERE IS THE THICKET? GONE!

WHERE IS THE EAGLE? GONE!

THE END OF LIVING AND THE BEGINNING OF SURVIVAL



Painting from *Earth Mother Crying* web site

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS DISCUSSION EVENING

In July we discussed the 17 SDG Goals and sought to understand their relevance to us as individuals, the UN and its member nations. Instead of again listing the 17 Goals (see the last page of our [UNAASA 2015-2016 Annual Report](#)), we look at some key concepts from the discussion.

The goals can be summarised by looking at the Five Ps. These are: people, planet, prosperity, peace and partnership.

People - to end poverty and hunger, in all their forms and dimensions, and to ensure that all human beings can fulfil their potential in dignity and equality and in a healthy environment. (Goal 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6)

Prosperity - to ensure that all human beings can enjoy prosperous and fulfilling lives and that economic, social and technological progress occurs in harmony with nature. (Goal 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11)

Planet - to protect the planet from degradation, including through sustainable consumption and production, sustainably managing its natural resources and taking urgent action on climate change, so that it can support the needs of the present and future generations. (Goal 12, 13, 14 and 15)

Peace - to foster peaceful, just and inclusive societies free from fear and violence. There can be no sustainable development without peace and no peace without sustainable development. (Goal 16)

Partnership - to mobilize the means required to implement this agenda through a revitalised global partnership for sus-

tainable development, based on a spirit of strengthened global solidarity, focused in particular on the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable and with the participation of all countries, all stakeholders and all people. (Goal 17)

When Christopher Woodthorpe visited Adelaide in early June he pointed out that the SDGs are as much for the First World as for the Second. In considering the Five Ps, this is an important point to keep in mind.



The goals are:

- Indivisible
 - Universal
 - Transformative
- This is important. We cannot pick and choose those parts that might appeal to us and ignore the rest. The Agenda looks at both rich and poor countries and inequalities between and within countries. The goals take into account different national realities, capacities and

levels of development. They are universal, calling for action by all countries and all people. In seeking to end poverty The Goals recognise that ending poverty must go hand in hand with strategies that build economic growth and addresses a range of social needs including education, health and job opportunities, while tackling climate change and environmental protection.

IN HAVANA, BAN KI MOON HAILS COLOMBIA CEASEFIRE PACT AS EXAMPLE OF PEACE WITH DIGNITY

23 June 2016 – In Havana, Cuba, today to witness the signing of a bilateral ceasefire agreement and laying down of weapons between the Government of Colombia and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia-People's Army (FARC-EP), United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon underscored the importance of the historic event as an exemplary implementation of peace.

“On this day, in a world beset by seemingly intractable wars, the peace process in Colombia delivers on a key commitment: an agreement on a ceasefire and the laying down of weapons,” the Secretary-General said.

“Today the Colombian peace process validates the perseverance of all those around the world who work to end violent conflict not through the destruction of the adversary, but through the patient search for compromise,” he added.

Since 2012, the FARC and the Colombian Government have been in talks hosted in Havana, seeking to end a 51-year conflict. Throughout the discussions, negotiators have reached agreement on key issues such as political participation, land rights, illicit drugs and victims' rights and transitional justice.

Mr. Ban expressed admiration for the negotiating teams, which he said have demonstrated that it is possible to “achieve peace with dignity for all concerned.”



Secretary-General Attends Ceremony for Colombian Ceasefire Agreement, Havana. UN Photo/Eskinder Debebe

“They have overcome tense moments and challenging issues to arrive at an historic achievement,” he stressed.

Congratulating the Governments of Cuba and Norway for devoting “considerable diplomatic skills” to the peace process, the Secretary-General said that they, together with the accompanying countries, Chile and Venezuela, have shown how national peace efforts can be supported faithfully, discreetly and effectively.

He also recalled that six months ago, the UN Security Council and the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) had responded to the call of the Government of Colombia and the FARC-EP, and made a commitment to support the implementation of the ceasefire agreement and the laying down of weapons.

“The signing of this essential component of the peace agreement will strengthen this commitment. It will now be crucial to mobilize the people and resources required for

monitoring and verification,” Mr. Ban said. Acknowledging that the peace talks continue and that “significant issues” are still outstanding, the Secretary-General said he trusted that today’s achievement will provide renewed momentum towards the last phase of the negotiations.

“Expectations are now high that the vision articulated in the agreements reached over the past three years will soon become a reality. I strongly encourage you to fulfil these hopes,” the UN chief said.

“We at the United Nations are determined to do everything we can, alongside the Government and the FARC-EP, to translate a remarkable negotiating process into exemplary implementation of the peace commitments made,” he added.

In conclusion, Mr. Ban noted that it was a privilege to participate in the event in his last year as Secretary-General.

“It is an honour to be by your side in laying the groundwork for lasting peace and a better future for all the country’s people. Let us now work together so that the promise of peace made today in Havana is fulfilled in Colombia,” he said.

The Secretary-General also met today with

the President of Colombia, Juan Manuel Santos Calderón, during which Mr. Ban congratulated the Government of Colombia on the important agreement reached, noting that it was a clear demonstration of the parties’ commitment to reach a final peace agreement in the near future. They also discussed ongoing preparations for the deployment of the UN Mission in Colombia.

In a separate meeting, the Secretary-General talked with the commander of the FARC-EP, Timoleón Jiménez, discussing progress made so far in the peace talks and pending matters, including the transition of FARC-EP combatants into civilian life.

In addition, Mr. Ban met with President Nicolás Maduro Moros of Venezuela and commended Venezuela for its role in the Colombian peace process. He called for an inclusive political dialogue in Venezuela.



Signing of a ceasefire in Cuba

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon (centre left) with Juan Manuel Santos Calderón (centre right), President of Colombia, at the ceremony in Havana for the signing of a ceasefire and the laying down of arms between the Government of Colombia and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia—People’s Army (FARC-EP). Also pictured, Mogens Lykketoft (second from left), President of the seventieth session of the UN General Assembly. *UN Photo/Eskinder Debebe*

WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY LUNCH AUGUST 25

Eighty guests attended the world Humanitarian Day Lunch at the National Wine Centre. MC Amanda Blair introduced Rev Dr Lynn Arnold who was invited to read the UN Secretary General's message for World Humanitarian Day revealed that his daughter was working in a needy African community. Lynn shared her compassion with us and the idea that World Humanitarian Day was not simply about the people his daughter was working with but is also about people with commitment like his daughter.

Some of the distinguished guests at the Humanitarian Day Dinner, including Robyn Layton, Lynn Arnold, Jing Lee, Amanda Blair, Dave Gordge, head of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (sponsors of the dinner).

Dr Robyn Layton, former Justice of the Supreme Court, as guest speaker, addressed the 2016 Humanitarian Day theme of "one humanity" with a focus on youth and multicultural communities. Robyn reflected on our lack of humanity in condemning eligible refugees to indefinite detention on Manus and Nauru and placing children there in psychologically damaging situations. Compere Amanda Blaire, clearly expressed her view as to how shameful the



Father and son musicians

refugee situation really was.

In thanking Lynn and Robyn for their contributions Lidia complimented her mother on instructing her to have empathy towards all people, even those one may like least.

A father and son musical duo provided a most enjoyable introduction to proceedings, emphasising the multicultural theme for World Humanitarian Day.

Messages were prepared for the Peace Bottle, in the background. Two students from Kilkenny Primary school were invited to present their messages first. In addition, as a part of a grant from the Norman Percy Cole Bequest, scholarships were presented to two TAFE students to make a small contribution towards their studies.

Footnote: Dr Lynn Arnold, a former president of UNAA SA has been nominated for National President of UNAA. Also SA President Lidia Moretti has been nominated as one of the National Vice-Presidents.



Guests at the Luncheon

DISCUSSION EVENING

Tuesday 20 September 2016, 5.30 to 7.30 pm At the UNAA(SA) Office 57/81 Carrington Street, Adelaide

Our speaker will be:

Helen Stanger, South Australian Coordinator, SAFE GROUND

Safe Ground works to eradicate the impacts of explosive remnants of war to ensure a safe future for all.

Landmines, cluster munitions, and nuclear weapons are indiscriminate and inhumane weapons that continue to pose a threat to the safety of civilians for generations after conflict has ended.

Explosive remnants of war, such as landmines and cluster munitions often do not explode during a conflict. They can lie in wait for decades often in locations vital to

people's everyday lives, such as workplaces, villages, and areas needed for agriculture, development, or movement.

The effects of nuclear weapons also endure for generations following an attack. Nuclear radiation poisons people's bodies and land, contaminating sources of food and water, and killing wildlife.

These weapons poison land in more than 70 countries around the world. Survivors suffer horrific injuries, and face grave financial problems.



South Australian Peacekeepers Sub-Branch of the RSL SA

cordially invites all Veterans of Peacekeeping Operations, their partners and guests, and UNAA members and friends to the:

ADF Peacekeepers' Day PEACEKEEPING COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

**At the National War Memorial
corner of North Terrace and
Kintore Avenue, Adelaide
on Sunday, 18th September 2016
at 1100 hrs**



***Afterwards at the RSL's Avoca Hotel,
South Road Clarence Park***