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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION
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UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (S.A. DIV.) INC

PATRON His Excellency Sir Eric Neal, AC, CVO
Governor of South Australia

MEMBERS of EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 1996 -- 1997

PRESIDENT Mrs Heather Southcott AM

Vice-Presidents Mr John Crawford
Dr Hugh Bray
Dr Malcolm McArthur

Past President Mr Ron Hall

Hon. Secretary Position vacant

Hon. Treasurer Mr Geoff Purdie

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS
(individual) Mr Ivo Elts
Mr Mario Bianco
Mr Ricky Lee
Mr Deepak Bista
Mr Paul Butler

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS
(corporate) Australian Federation of University Women
Ms Jane Sansom

Australian Labor Party
Mr Michael Wait

UNICEF (S.A.)
Mrs Judy Koch

Women's International League for Peace
and Freedom
Ms Annie Steven

WIZO
Ms Marguerite Gottlieb

Observers attend meetings from
United Nations Youth Association
United Nations Student Association
UN Adelaide committee

OTHER POSITIONS Auditor KPMG Peat Marwick
Hon. Librarian Mrs Cynthia James
Hon. Book-keeper Ms Harriet Glen
UNAA Status of Women Committee
President Mrs Alleyne Womersley (part year)
Mrs Marilyn Rolls (part year)

Volunteers
Michael Shepherd Mabs Tassell Cynthia James
Lynwen Maeder Hugh Bray Shirley Gitsham
Harriet Glen Heather Southcott

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1996-1997

We have been very busy planning towards our move to Torrens Building on July 1st. There have been many meetings of the Torrens Building Tenants' Forum and the Torrens Building Steering Committee. At last the lease has been signed and we move late in June. We have been sorting out the accumulation from many years -- in fact some of our books date back to the League of Nations.

We need to decide what must be kept in the office; what can go into our storage in the basement; what needs to go to the Mortlock or Bray reference libraries, and what we need to find a good home for. The rest, we recycle.

Special thanks to Cynthia James for tackling this task

Also, at the end of June, the One World Collective lease of the 1st floor, 155 Pirie Street from St Peter's College comes to an end. The Collective (UNAA(SA), SACC, Amnesty, Global Education) will eventually be deregistered. We have worked well together and look forward to being neighbours in the Torrens Building.

PATRON

We expressed our appreciation to Dame Roma as she ended her term as Governor and as our Patron. We were delighted that His Excellency Sir Eric Neal agreed to become our Patron.

EXECUTIVE

There have been a number of changes since the last A.G.M. We welcomed Jane Sansom as representative of the Australian Federation of University Women, and Michael Wait as A.L.P. representative. Marguerite Gottlieb resigned (interstate move) and also Mario Bianco. Ricky Lee filled the vacancy on the Executive committee.

NEWS OF OLDER MEMBERS

Kath Fuller (our former Librarian) is in the Lifeplan Nursing Home at St. Peters, and Dr Harry Penny, our first Hon. Life Member, is in Alexandra Lodge Nursing Home. Both retain a keen interest in UNAA and welcome visitors.

TALKS

Heather Southcott, Cynthia James and Ricky Lee have spoken to Service Clubs, Schools and Community Groups.

EVENTS ATTENDED included

*Childrens' Week and Refugee Week events *functions at the Migration Museum

*UNICEF (Aust.) A.G.M. *Catholic Women's League A.G.M. *Multicultural Forum events

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

UNYA (secondary students) has been busy with State conferences, fundraising and social events and sending 7 delegates and 2 observers to the National Youth Conference in Perth

UNSA (club at University of Adelaide) has been busy with campus activities

UN ADELAIDE is project of UNSA; it is an International Students conference to be held in Adelaide in July 1998.

STATUS OF WOMEN COMMITTEE

This committee will report separately; it has operated most effectively since it was formed in International Women's Year. It has representatives from many women's groups.

HUMAN RIGHTS

I continue as convener of the UNAA Human Rights Programme with the support of the South Australian executive. Paul Butler has accepted the position of the S.A. Human Rights contact.

UNAA has accepted a student intern from the University of Adelaide Politics Department. Emma is researching the role of the UN in ensuring that multinational corporations comply with UN human rights standards.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE UN

We have been working with the Bray Reference Library which is a repository for UN material. An increasing amount of UN information can now be found on the Internet

LIBRARY

Cynthia James continues to answer a wide variety of questions and to help researchers to locate information. Cynthia also prepares Library Pages for the Newsletter

SCHOOL PACKS

Cynthia has also been responsible for assembling the packs for our school members

UNAA REPRESENTATION ON OTHER BODIES

* One World Collective; Refugee Week c/tee; Children's Week c/tee; UNIFEM Breakfast committee; Torrens Building committees as listed previously

NETWORKING

We work closely with

*Amnesty International *Global Education Centre *Austcare *UNICEF * Refugee Association
*WILPF *Graham Smith Peace Trust *Gun Control Alliance *Overseas Service Bureau
*Landmines Network *Dept. Foreign Affairs and Trade *Human Rights groups

UNIFEM BREAKFAST Over 500 women attended the Breakfast on International Women's Day to hear Phoebe Fraser and raise funds for UNIFEM projects

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING in May 1996 was addressed by Senator Sid Spindler. His theme was "When did you last profit from child labour?-- what we and our government can do"

FEDERAL CONFERENCE in 1996 was held in Perth. South Australia was represented by Heather Southcott and Deepak Bista. We submitted resolutions on

- *tolerance and respect for indigenous Aboriginal culture being an essential part of reconciliation
- *calling for a labelling system to raise awareness of the use of Child Labour within the Asia Pacific area.
- *calling for recognition by the government of all Australian Police and others who served with the UN Peace Keeping Forces up to 1988 and who were included in the 1988 Nobel Peace Prize award for Peacekeeping

UN DAY EVENTS (October 24th)

- * a wreath was laid by Dr Malcolm McArthur on behalf of UNAA at the ceremony at the War Memorial organised by S.A. Peacekeepers Association.
- *UNAA(SA) and UNIFEM co-hosted a dinner with Mrs Anne Hetzel as guest speaker \$300 each was given to UNIFEM projects and to the KIWANIs/UNICEF project to eliminate iodine deficiency diseases.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH enabled us to thank all our volunteers (office and executive) Special recognition was given to Miss Barbara Godson who had retired after more than 20 years as a volunteer.

UNITY MAGAZINE We contribute \$2 per head (approximately the cost of one issue) per member to help defray the cost to UNAA; it remains a most effective method of communicating.

FINANCES Our thanks to our efficient book-keeper (Harriet Glen) who has now moved to Canberra. Also to Geoff Purdie, our Treasurer, who is not able to continue in this role due to pressure of work.

NORMAN PERCY COLE GRANT We are grateful for a \$4000 grant which was used to support our work in schools, in assisting students to attend National conferences and also was made available as encouragement grants during Childrens Week.

STATE GOVERNMENT GRANT \$3500 continues to be made available by the government.

VOLUNTEER OFFICE STAFF

We have missed Barbara Godson and Mollie Hopkins but have welcomed Shirley Gitsham and Ron Hall. We thank our continuing stalwarts Mabs Tassell, Michael Shepherd, Cynthia James. We also thank Lynwen Maeder and Hugh Bray who are unable to continue as volunteers.

CONSULTATION with Dept of Foreign Affairs and Trade on Treaties and Aust Govt policy on Foreign Affairs and Trade.

CAUSE OF THE DEAF/BLIND has been supported by John Crawford and Ivo Elts. We are pressing the Fed. Govt to ensure Australia is adequately represented at the 6th Helen Keller Conference in Colombia.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS.

Heather Southcott



STATUS OF WOMEN COMMITTEE

UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

(SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION)



ANNUAL REPORT 1996 - 1997

The Status of Women Committee is a committee of the South Australian Division of the United Nations of Australia. The terms of reference of our Committee are to examine and where necessary to take action with regard to all factors - political, educational, economic, legal and social - which affect the equality of the status of men and women. In particular, to study and help implement the World Plan of Action, which was ratified at the World Conference on Women. We are committed to upholding the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (C.E.D.A.W.), adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations in December 1979.

Membership is open to any organisation or individual interested in promoting women's rights as laid down in the United Nations Decade for Women. Currently, 20 women's organisations are represented on our committee, and a number of individual members, many of whom have previously been organisational representatives.

MAJOR ISSUES:

Throughout this year, Status of Women Committee has maintained a strong interest in the issue of women prisoners, and has continued monitoring the progress of change at the Northfield women's prison. Over the past two years, members have visited the women's prison complex at Northfield on 6 occasions, the most recent being on 21st March 1997. Savannah Dawn, Acting Manager, Women's Information Service, was invited to our June 1996 meeting to speak about a pre-release information kit for women prisoners.

At our October meeting, Bea McGrath, social worker at Northfield Women's Prison spoke to us about various concerns relating to rehabilitation and management of women prisoners, and their need for post release support. Bea runs the Inside Out program for recently released women prisoners. October also saw the inaugural meeting of the Adelaide Women's Prison Support Group, with which we are closely associated, as three of our committee members serve on its Coordinating Committee. In conjunction with Women's Electoral Lobby (S.A.), we arranged to obtain surplus curtain material and carpet from the Torrens Building, and deliver to the Living Skills Unit at the Women's Prison.

In November the Status of Women Committee held a Public Meeting at which the guest speaker was Dr. Craig Raeside, forensic psychiatrist at James Nash House Northfield, who spoke on the topic "Understanding the Impact of Trauma in the Lives of Women Prisoners", based on his research findings into Post Traumatic Stress Disorder among women prisoners. A long and interesting discussion followed the presentation, and copies of the paper have been sent on request to several Members of Parliament, as well as interstate.

We have lobbied for and recently sought a grant to establish supervised emergency post release accommodation for women prisoners. A delegation has just met with the new Minister for Correctional Services, the Hon. Dorothy Kotz, to discuss a number of issues, including individual assessment and case management programs for women prisoners, incentives, separation of drug users from non-users, training and education opportunities for women, literacy programs, skills development, access to children, improvements to existing facilities, and health care and rehabilitation.

In May, Kaz Eaton, Director of the Working Women's Centre, and Christine Gates, from Dale Street Women's Health Centre were invited to speak to the Committee on issues concerning home based women Out workers in Adelaide: their low rates of pay, long hours and deadlines, occupational health and safety problems, and exploitation by sub-contractors.

In September, conjointly with the Equal Opportunity Commissioner, our Status of Women Committee again organised a low cost daytime lecture for women unable to attend the 1996 Mitchell Oration dinner. The guest speaker was Father Frank Brennan, whose topic was: "30 Years On: Do we need a Bill of Rights?".

Following the dismantling of the century old facade of the former South Adelaide Creche early in 1996, the Status of Women Committee participated in the lobbying and subsequent community consultations regarding its re-erection on a suitable site in the city. To date, the City Council has agreed in principle to Norman Street being the preferred site, and allocated \$20,000 towards the re-erection project.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

We have written to the Press and to the Police Minister regarding "gun laws", indicating our strong support for the abolition of automatic and semi-automatic weapons, have participated in the International Campaign to ban Land Mines; have lobbied appropriate Ministers regarding anomalies in WorkCover legislation; have written to the newspaper regarding inappropriate procedures used in the Royal Commission Into Aboriginal Women's Business at Hindmarsh Island, and been prepared to participate with other women's groups in a High Court case where the Catholic Bishops wished to intervene and challenge the legality and thus availability of abortion services in Australia.

We participated with Women Against Demeaning Images in the Billboard campaign coordinated by the National Women's Media Centre; provided a donation to assist a woman to attend the Violence, Abuse and Women's Citizenship Conference in the United Kingdom in November 1996; made a submission to a N.H.M.R.C. discussion paper on abortion and women's reproductive choices; and wrote to the Vice Chancellor and Dean of the Faculty of Arts at Adelaide University concerning plans for the restructuring of the Women's Studies Department.

In 1997, the Status of Women Committee wrote to the Standing Committee of Attorneys-General concerning the proposed Model Criminal Code on Non Fatal Offences Against the Person, and subsequently about the proposed Model Criminal Code on Sexual Offences Against the Person. We also wrote to the Federal Minister for Consumer Affairs concerning the loss of the Advertising Standards Council; sent a submission to the Senate Parliamentary Inquiry into Cuts in Legal Aid; lobbied South Australian Senators regarding the "Hindmarsh Island Bridge Bill" and "Native Title Amendment Bill"; and wrote to State Members of Parliament, Ministers and Government Departments in support of a funding proposal titled: "Accommodation Needs of Homeless Women".

In addition, various members of this Committee have attended many forums, seminars and functions on a diverse range of issues, including several reconciliation meetings with Aboriginal Women, Multi-Cultural seminars, and the highly successful UNIFEM Breakfast on March 10th, at which we displayed some brochures. In August, Alleyne Womersley completed her term as President, but agreed to continue as Honorary Secretary of the Committee. At the International Women's Day luncheon in March 1997, Alleyne was presented with a community service award.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

This year, an expert international committee will be assessing the Australian Government's performance in implementing the C.E.D.A.W. Convention. Non-Government women's organisations have decided to prepare an Alternative Report to the official Government report, and submit it to the expert Committee. As the Status of Women Committee plans to be a contributor, the review of the Convention will provide an opportunity to focus on areas needing further attention, and will identify goals for future activities. In addition to assessing the Australian Government's compliance with the C.E.D.A.W. Convention, our Committee is monitoring the Government's implementation of its commitments to the World Platform for Action, which were presented to the Fourth World Conference on Women held in Beijing in 1995.

Non-government organisations are being encouraged to have an input into government discussions and preparations for the annual sessions of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. The United Nations Commission on the Status of Women has decided on the following themes as priorities for its 1997 session: Education and Training for Women; Women and the Economy; Women in Power and Decision-making; and Women and the Environment. Other themes from the World Platform for Action have been set for each year until the year 2000. With such an agenda, the Status of Women Committee will continue with renewed focus, energy and purpose to be part of a world wide movement of women dedicated to achieving significant improvements in all areas affecting the status of women.

Marilyn Rolls
President,
U.N.A.A. (S.A. Division) Status of Women Committee

May 1997

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YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1997

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1997

	1997 \$	1996 \$
INCOME		
Subscriptions	2,505	2,945
Donations (1)	177	533
*Publications - Sales	251	658
State Government Grant	-	3,500
Bank Interest	1,787	2,412
Norman Percy Cole Foundation Grant (2)	8,000	4,000
UNICEF	60	129
	----- 12,780 -----	----- 14,177 -----

* It has been decided to show Purchases of Publications as an expense as the Income from Sales does not relate directly to the purchases in any given year.

(1) Includes a Donation of \$60, shown as "Accounts Receivable" in the Balance Sheet, to be received from KPMG Peat Marwick.

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1997

	1997	1996
	\$	\$
EXPENDITURE		
Publications - Purchases	540	937
Equipment	-	2,763
Rent	4,642	5,064
Printing and Stationery	580	847
Newspaper-"UNITY"	300	-
Insurance	520	482
Newsletters	571	701
Office Expenses	665	666
Telephone	465	453
Functions (nett)	521	306
UNICEF	114	245
Audit Fees -KPMG Peat Marwick	300	300
Conferences (nett)	300	-
Education *	-	823
Children's Week Committees *	2,000	2,000
UNYA *	2,439	4,000
	13,957	19,587

* From Norman Percy Cole Foundation Grant

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

Income	12,780	14,177
Less Expenditure	13,957	19,587
	(1,177)	(5,410)
Add Accumulated Funds at 1 April 1996	38,991	44,401
ACCUMULATED FUNDS 31 MARCH 1997	37,814	38,991

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BALANCE SHEET

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1997

	1997 \$	1996 \$
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
Represented by:	37,814.07	38,991.03
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ASSETS		
Bank S.A. - General Account	195.79	2,018.75
Adelaide Bank Savings & Investment Account	24,000.00	24,000.00
Bank S.A. - Investment Account	45.99	733.30
Bank S.A. - Investment Account (Norman Percy Cole Found. Grant)	4,000.00	0.00
Cash on Hand	69.65	55.80
Adelaide Bank Term Investment Account	9,742.64	12,001.18
Accounts Receivable	60.00	60.00
Prepaid Expenses	0.00	422.00
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TOTAL ASSETS	38,114.07	39,291.03
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LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	300.00	300.00
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	300.00	300.00
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NET ASSETS	37,814.07	38,991.03
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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1997

NOTE ACCOMPANYING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Basis of Accounting

The Income and Expenditure concept has been applied with the exception that no account has been taken of members subscription in advance or in arrears. The Balance Sheet reflects the liquid position of the Association less creditors at that date.

G. H. Purdie
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GEOFFREY H. PURDIE
Honorary Treasurer

9/5/97
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Date



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