



**UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION  
OF AUSTRALIA Inc.**

**SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION Inc.**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**2002 -- 2003**

**FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT**

**INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF FRESH WATER**

# UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA SOUTH AUSTRALIA DIVISION Inc.

**PATRON** Her Excellency Marjorie Jackson-Nelson, AC, CVO, MBE,  
Governor of South Australia

## MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2002-2003

**PRESIDENT :** Mrs Heather Southcott AM

**VICE-PRESIDENTS** Mr John Crawford  
Mrs Sheila Hill AM  
Mr Ron Hall

**SECRETARY** Mrs Sheila Hill AM

**TREASURER** Mr John Crawford

**CORPORATE MEMBERS**

Baha'i Community	Mr Geoff Dibdin,
Aboriginal Advancement League	Ms Betty Sumner,
Catholic Women's League	Miss Tess Donnellan
Theosophical Order of Service	Mr Joe Russo

**INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS**

Ms Merry Wickes  
Mr Ivo Elts  
Ms Rosemary McKay  
Mr Glen Woodward  
Mrs Sathavy Suos  
Dr Ricky Lee

**UNYA Representative** Ms Emily Hunt / Mr Brendan Lim

**COMMITTEES**

UNAA Status of Women	Mrs Sheila Hill
United Nations Youth Association	Ms Emily Hunt (Mr Brendan Lim)
International Year of Community Project	Mr Glen Woodward

**OFFICE STAFF (Volunteers)**

Mrs Mabs Tassell  
Mrs Sathavy Suos  
Ms Angie Stojsavljevic  
Mrs Cynthia James Librarian  
Mr Ron Hall

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**PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2002-2003 by Heather Southcott**

**OVERVIEW**

**A busy, challenging and important year for our Association as we hosted the first Federal Conference in South Australia for 19 years. A small subcommittee of Heather Southcott, Sheila Hill, Rosemary McKay and Ricky Lee worked very hard under difficult circumstances. We received donations from ;Newmont Mining; UNAA ;Lord Mayor; Fuji Xerox and Lina Caporosa**

**We are still challenged financially to meet our increasing costs. We have increased our membership fees by a modest amount. We are seeking to increase our membership ,to raise funds and to receive donations and sponsorships.**

**We acknowledge the financial support we receive from the State Government ,in the form of a small grant and a rent subsidy.**

**We provide funds for encouragement grants to disadvantaged groups to enable them to take part in events during Children's Week. This is made possible through a grant from the Norman Percy Cole Trust**

**We received donations of \$265 in memory of our former librarian Mrs Kath Fuller; we have bought books for the library.**

**PATRON**

**We were represented at a Garden Party given by Her Excellency, the Governor , who also hosted a reception for those attending the Federal Conference**

**LIFE MEMBERSHIPS** were presented by the Federal President to Heather Southcott, Sheila Hill, John Crawford, Ron Hall and Cynthia James for services to UNAA in South Australia.

**FEDERAL COUNCIL** met during the Federal Conference; South Australia was represented by Sheila Hill, Rosemary McKay, Ricky Lee and Heather Southcott

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Joe Russo joined the committee as a representative of the Theosophical Order of Service . Merry Wickes resigned during the year . We welcomed a new Baha'i representative , Mr Andre Amin who has now been transferred overseas. Mr Ricky Lee has also resigned due to pressure of work. We thank them and all members of the executive

#### **UNITED NATIONS YOUTH ASSOCIATION**

During the year, Brendan Lim succeeded Emily Hunt as President. They will report separately ; UNYA maintains a high standard of activity with student conferences

#### **OFFICE STAFFING**

We are indebted to our volunteers who keep the office open; Cynthia James (librarian) Sathavy Suos, Mabs Tassell, Ron Hall and Angie Stojisavljevic Our office volunteers and our Executive volunteers enjoyed each others company at a Christmas lunch

#### **COMMUNITY PRESENCE**

We maintain a high profile through representation on committees including Children's Week Committee; Torrens Building Committee; UNIFEM Breakfast Committee, Human Rights Day Committee

#### **DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ROUND TABLE**

**MEETINGS** We met with Australian Government representatives in Cambodia, Papua New Guinea ,Zimbabwe and Kirib ati

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**On June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2002, forty members and guests heard speakers from the Sudanese Community, who were introduced by Mr Nick Kerr from the National Council of Churches.**

## **EVENTS ATTENDED INCLUDED**

**Catholic Women's League World Day  
Mitchell Oration presented by Mary Robinson  
Institute of Justice Studies Oration (Robyn Layton)  
Fear of Strangers Address given by Prof. Margaret Reynolds  
on the topic of "Why is Australia so Paranoid about Refugees"  
Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and Trade Public  
Hearing on Australia's relations with the United Nations  
Graham Smith Peace Trust Dinner  
Austcare Refugee Week Breakfast  
Muslim Women's Assoc. Cross Cultural Seminar  
Disability Discrimination Act 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary booklet launch  
Global Education Forum "Is War the Answer ?"  
Development Action Group  
APNIEVE / UNESCO Forum  
SIEV X Meeting  
Unley Baha'i Human Rights Day Observance**

## **OBSERVANCES AND EVENTS**

**UNITED NATIONS DAY ; service at the War Memorial involving  
UN Peacekeepers. and an address by Bev Hall on Education in  
Vietnam  
HUMAN RIGHTS DAY Address by Prof. Margaret Reynolds,  
supported by a panel ; event was hosted by the Hawke Institute  
GOOD GLOBAL GOVERNANCE jointly sponsored by UNAA and  
WILPF on "Can the UN Deliver"  
We supported the ABORIGINAL ADVANCEMENT LEAGUE in  
their forum on Legal Awareness for Aboriginal People  
We promoted the International Years of Eco-Tourism and the  
Mountains and now are promoting the Int. Year of Fresh Water**

## **GOVERNMENT RECOGNITION OF VOLUNTEERS**

We were involved in the Volunteer Congress hosted by the State Government and attended their Risk Management training

## **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

- \* spoke at a meeting of the West Adelaide Probus Club
- \* presented certificates to volunteers for Mt Pleasant and District branch of the South Australian Ambulance Service
- \* We are also visited by a number of students from secondary and tertiary level who are interested to explore our resources

## **REFUGEES**

We belong to the Justice for Refugees Network and continue to assist refugees, especially from Afghanistan. We also assist individual refugees to find assistance from agencies assisting refugees.

## **INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF COMMUNITY**

We are indebted to Glen Woodward for his continuing work in this area ; a separate report is included

## **UNAA STATUS OF WOMEN COMMITTEE**

A separate report is included from the president, Mrs Sheila Hill  
We thank Sheila and her committee for their continuing activity

## **THANKS TO OUR TREASURER**

John Crawford is tireless in this very time consuming job.  
We express our indebtedness to him.

**UNIFEM BREAKFAST** on International Women's Day was attended by over 1000 people and as a result \$10,500 was given to special UNIFEM projects.

## **CONCLUSION**

The executive needs the involvement and support of members in helping to raise our profile and in putting the association on a sounder footing; it should not be left to a small executive

**UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (SA DIV) INC  
STATUS OF WOMEN COMMITTEE**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT JUNE 2002 -MAY 2003**

**Preamble**

Once again I would like to begin my report by thanking those who have so constantly supported this committee during the past year and especially those who undertook temporary duties during my absences - both expected and unexpected. The members of this committee are all very involved in other works and their continued presence at meetings and the fact that they all rise to every occasion has been remarkable.

It has been a quieter year but the main purpose of this committee - imparting information and supporting the activities of women's organisations in the city has been well covered. We did not choose a particular focus this year but have acted or reacted to issues as they have arisen.

As I mentioned this time last year, our membership had declined and this has again been the case. However, it is certainly still an active committee and we are at present planning a further mail out of invitations - to past and prospective members - for our Annual General Meeting in August.

**Speakers**

**Tammy Franks** from the YWCA gave a bright talk on their campaign - "Be real - No Body's Perfect - to encourage young women to accept their body image

**Trafficking in Women - in Asia**

**Irene Rozario**, Assistant Director of the Caritas Development Institute in Bangladesh was our guest speaker at an open meeting in March. She has the responsibility of implementing the South Asian Regional Program on the prevention of trafficking in women and children and gave a very information - and sad talk on the current situation and the remedies being tried. Although the talk was widely advertised only four visitors attended

**Northfield Women's Prison**

Our watching brief over the prison continued this year and at our annual visit we were pleased to see some improvements to the educational facilities. However, the unit is still overcrowded, remand and sentenced prisoners are still held together and medical systems still inadequate. The newly appointed prisoner liaison officer has brought a better rapport between prisoners and staff. The library had great shelving but few books and small televisions used for rewards too few. Through the members of our organisation we put out a call and the Adelaide Soroptimist Club and Catholic Women's League both donated a new television and a third was bought from our committee funds. These were delivered in time for Christmas together with 9 large boxes of books for the library. We again wrote to the relevant government departments with regard to the urgency for a new prison. It is noted that this is again on the Agenda for this year - as a government/private enterprise partnership endeavour and we will keep reminding them.

**National Conference of the United Nations Association of Australia**

Heather Southcott of this committee, who is also President of UNAA SA, and myself were very involved on the small organising team for this conference and there was considerable work in August and September. The Conference was a great success and the Dinner took the form of an Afghani Feast cooked by the families with whom I have been working for three years now. All members of the committee were a great support in many ways.

**WomenSpeak Consortium**

UNAA Status of Women Committees nationally (actually ourselves and Victoria at this stage) are participants in the WomenSpeak Consortium coordinated by the YWCA. This one of the four vehicles by which women are able to communicate with the Federal Office of the Status of

Women and apply for funding under the arrangements put in place over the last two years. Dianne Alley of UNAA SOW Victoria is classed as our National Convenor on Status of Women issues and is now keeping us well informed. **Heather Southcott** attended the last conference held in Canberra as part of the UNAA delegation of three. There is actually little we can do here and we understand that the arrangements are about to change again and it has been noted that the advertisements for funding applications have already appeared in the national press. We await developments - but not with baited breath!

### **Lectures**

**Mary Robinson** former President of Ireland and UN human Rights Commission. - spoke at the Town Hall - a great night

**Margaret Reynolds** former Senator and current President of UNAA - gave the Hawke Lecture on Human Rights at the Uni of Adelaide - another very good night

**Rosemary Calder** current Director of the Federal Office of Status of Women in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet explained the work of the Office at the Alzheimers Association sponsored by Zonta.

**3 Fora on Refugees and Asylum Seekers** held at St. Peters Cathedral Hall sponsored by the Australian Refugee Association.

**Mrs. Judith Parker**, current president of NCWA at 95 South Terrace explaining their role  
**High Commissioner to Zimbabwe** - Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade

### **Representation**

**Commemoration of the Trung Sisters** - Vietnamese community

**Cross Cultural Seminar** - Muslim Women's Association

**Children's Week** - Launch and Award Presentation Ceremony

**Patron's Garden Party** - Governor of South Australia

**Freeing the Fear** - National Council of Women

**UNIFEM** breakfast - speaker Carmel Travers

**International Women's Day** Luncheon

**Women and the Australian Church** - reconvened organisation

**World Union of Catholic Women's Organisation** - St. Francis Xavier Cathedral  
and many others not noted in our minutes

### **Particular Correspondence**

#### **Department of Human Services/Social Justice**

Following the end of the contact of Monica Leahy who coordinated the services for refugees and migrants across various government departments, we took up the case with the Minister, Stephanie Key. We were assured that, as the number of refugees and asylum seekers has now diminished, the scope of her position was now to be covered by particular individuals in each of the departments concerned with an interdepartmental task force to oversee coordination. The Minister invited a member of our committee to participate in this task force and I undertook the position as it is the field in which I have been working. However, there has been a great deal of stalling and contact by individuals from the department as to the suitability of this appointment and it is still in abeyance. I have forwarded some personal details and will keep reminding them

#### **Royal Automobile Association**

Challenging the non-voting rights of wives classed as associate members - strong no in return

#### **Macdonalds**

Asking for Harel trial in Adelaide - regret unable - only Sydney

#### **KFC**

Asking for Harel Trial in Adelaide - regret unable

#### **Mayor Port Pirie - Joy Balusch**

Asking for opportunity for the children from Baxter Detention Centre to attend local schools



No reply ever received but some children have now made it to school. The Catholic schools opened their doors last September but were refused by the Department of Education.

### **Special Mention**

Our Treasurer Ruth Russell spent two months in Iraq as a member of the world wide Human Shield Project. Ruth was deployed at a grain silo for some weeks. Thankfully, she has arrived home safely and has been speaking around the country about her experiences. If you have missed her we hope she will be speaking at our next meeting on 18 June at approximately 8.00 pm. 95 South Terrace Adelaide. All welcome.

### **Coming Events**

**The Annual General Meeting** of our Committee will be held on 20 August 2003 at 95 South Terrace to be followed at 8.00 pm by guest speaker Mrs. Elizabeth Wood, World Health Organisation advisor in East Timor and Past President of Australian Midwives Association. All Welcome.

**Double Feature Film** evening with Supper -5 - 9.30 pm Sunday 29 June 2003 Wallis Theatrette 139 Richmond Road, Richmond. Tickets available at this meeting or from Heather Southcott 8271 4433 or Sheila Hill 8293 2289. Cost \$15 full \$12.50 concession.

**Ruth Russell photographic exhibition from Iraq** - Adelaide University Library 7 - 28th June.

This is my last term as President - I have enjoyed my two years and look forward to being a continuing member of the Committee. I thank my Secretary Pat Hardy (and her stand in at times, Alleyne Walmersley) and my stand in whilst away from Adelaide - or incapacitated - Heather Beckmann. We are a good team.

Sheila Hill  
President Status of Women Committee  
1 June 2003

IYOC – International Year of Community REPORT for UNAA - S.A. 2003

At present we are bombarded with issues of terrorism and conflict. The media is too involved with these to consider an idea of “Community”. However the concept of IYOC still simmers.

I have introduced the idea to the following:-

ABC - George Negus and Geraldine Dougue.

RMIT (Melbourne)- for conferences in Hawaii, Rhodes and Penang in 2003.

UNAA – SA. –National Conference in Adelaide 2002.

Website – on the UNAA-SA site.

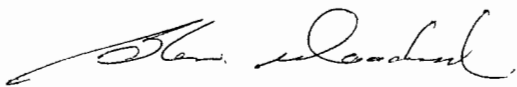
The Global People’s Forum met in Johannesburg in Sept 2002 (This Forum ratified the IYOC concept in Samoa in 2000). In J/burg they stated the following words which surely support the idea of community.

‘.... As key agents of social change... based on the principle of oneness of mankind.....ensure the full involvement of civil society organisations.... which includes community based organisations.

.... That people must be involved in design of plans for their development (at all levels) ...and... call for the inclusion of all major and organised groups to be involved in all areas of the U.N.

Global People’s Forum commits to a people’s plan of action.’

I will continue to promote the concept where I see opportunities. I am still in contact with UNAA- NSW . I am hopeful that one day some-one will take up the idea.



Glen Woodward. 2003

## REGISTRATION FORM

Title  Mr / Mrs / Ms / Dr / Prof / Other:

Name

Organisation

Address

Telephone

Facsimile

E-Mail

Registration Fees

UNAA Members (Waged) — \$55

Non-UNAA Members (Waged) — \$65

Concession — \$40  
(Centrelink and Student Card Holders)

Conference Dinner

**Evatt Memorial Lecture** — \$20  
with Afghani Feast (including drinks) at the  
Otherway Centre, 185 Pirie Street, Adelaide

Vegetarian

Other:

UNAA Membership Form

Suggested Accommodation  
other suggestions available on request —

PULTENEY MANSIONS (1-4 people)  
21 Pulteney Street — \$145 (08) 8217 5000

EAST END ASTORIA (1-3 people)  
Vardon Avenue — \$159 (08) 8224 2400

ROYAL COACH MOTOR INN (1-3 people)  
Dequetteville Terrace — \$145 (08) 8362 5676

YOUTH HOSTEL ASSOCIATION (2 people)  
Waymouth Street — \$70 (08) 8414 3010

STAMFORD PLAZA HOTEL (2 people)  
North Terrace — \$145-\$207 1300 301 391

Optional Tours on Sunday 15 September

TAPPA MAI TOUR (Bush Food Trial)   
12:45-2:30pm (minimum 10 people - \$15)

AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL CULTURES GALLERY  
Guided Tours 11:00am and 2:00pm (min. 5 people - \$8)

MIGRATION MUSEUM   
1:00-5:00pm (free admission)

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FEDERAL CONFERENCE 2002

*Environmental Experiences in Global Diversity*



Tandanya National  
Aboriginal Cultural Institute  
253 Grenfell Street



Adelaide  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA



## UNAA FEDERAL CONFERENCE 2002

### *Environmental Experiences in Global Diversity*

**Saturday 14 September 2002**  
**Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute**  
**253 Grenfell Street, Adelaide, South Australia**

In 1999, the General Assembly of the United Nations designated 2002 as the International Year of Ecotourism. The idea was partly to recognise the economic and social benefits arising from eco-tourism and its role in the promotion of cultural understanding of the environment.

The theme of the 2002 Federal Conference focuses on the role that ecotourism plays in Australia in promoting cultural understanding and international perspectives, in that it is possible to promote understanding of global and cultural diversity through different environmental experiences, especially in the context of ecotourism.

The Federal Conference will devote the morning sessions of the program to presentations and performances on Aboriginal ecotourism initiatives, especially in South Australia. This part of the program is coordinated by the Tandanya Institute jointly with UNAA.

The afternoon program is devoted to international issues, with speakers and panel discussions to address international issues in the context of a global community.

The annual *Evatt Memorial Lecture* is to be given at the Conference Dinner by Professor Margaret Reynolds, UNAA Federal President, featuring a buffet of traditional Afghan foods.

## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

### MORNING

- 8:30 Registration
- 9:00 CONFERENCE OPENING
- 9:15 KAURNA WELCOME

The Morning Programme, ENVIRONMENT, CULTURE AND ECOTOURISM FROM AN ABORIGINAL PERSPECTIVE, has been arranged by the staff at Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute. Speakers include RIBNGA GREEN, director of Tandanya.

- 10:30 Morning Tea

- 11:00 GUIDED TOURS OF TANDANYA NATIONAL ABORIGINAL CULTURAL INSTITUTE

Tandanya is a unique place to explore and experience contemporary and traditional Aboriginal cultural expression, though the performing and visual arts. Tandanya is Australia's oldest Aboriginal-owned and managed multi-arts centre. The word *tandanya* comes from the Kaurna people, original inhabitants of the Adelaide plains, which means place of the red kangaroo.

- 12:00 Video Feature:  
HISTORY OF TANDANYA

Be guided through the amazing visual landscape of Australia's oldest surviving culture, from the dawn of a race, its beliefs and traditions through until today.

### LUNCH

- 12:30 BUSH TUCKER BUFFET

Prepared by the chefs of Tauondi Aboriginal College, bush tucker is an intrinsic part of the Aboriginal understanding of their connection to the land. You will gain a rare and privileged insight into that ancient and spiritual bond. The menu, with its amazing array of native meats, fish, fruit and vegetables, will astound.

### AFTERNOON

- 1:15 YOUTH PANEL  
with Professor Margaret Reynolds,  
UNAA Federal President

- 2:00 EDUCATION: THE IMPORTANCE  
OF A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE  
Geoffrey Fisher

- 3:15 Afternoon Tea

- 3:30 GLOBAL COMMUNITY  
Panel & Group Discussion  
led by Glen Woodward

### EVENING

- 7:00 EVATT MEMORIAL LECTURE with AFGHANI  
FEAST at Otherway Centre, 185 Pirie Street  
for those that have pre-booked (\$20)



## **CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS**

**We, the peoples of the United Nations determined**

- to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war,  
which has brought untold sorrow to mankind, and
- to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity  
and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men  
and women and of nations large and small, and
- to establish conditions under which justice and respect for  
the obligations arising from treaties and other sources of  
international law can be maintained, and
- to promote social progress and better standards  
of life in larger freedom...

**And to these ends**

- to practise tolerance and live together in peace with  
one another as good neighbours, and
- to unite our strength to maintain international  
peace and security, and
- to ensure, by the acceptance of principles and the  
institution of methods, that armed force shall not be  
used, save in the common interest, and
- to employ international machinery for the promotion of  
the economic and social advancement of all peoples

