

United Nations Association Qld Annual Report 2013-2014





United Nations Association of Australia, QLD



UNITED NATIONS CHARTER

The Charter of the United Nations was signed by some 51 countries in San Francisco on 26th June 1945. It was the first treaty to make human rights a matter of global concern.

Signatories: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Belarus, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, France, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, India, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Liberia, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Yugoslavia.

Article 1 (The chief purpose of the United Nations)

To achieve international co-operation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character, and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights, and for fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion.

There are now 193 members.

UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

This Bill was signed on 10 December 1948 - 3 years after the signing of the United Nations Charter.

Article 1: All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood.

Australia does not have a Bill of Rights however ACT and Victoria do have Bill of Rights.





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Queensland Patron Her Excellency Governor of Queensland Ms Penelope Wensley AC
National Patron His Excellency General-General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC

Executive Management Committee 2013-2014

OFFICE BEARERS

President Qld	Clem Campbell
Immediate Past President, Treasurer, Federal Council Vice President	Virginia Balmain
Senior Vice President	May Lamont
Vice President	Susan Forbes
Vice President	Annette Brownlie

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS REPRESENTING

Pat Burgess	National Council of Women
Carol Jackson	Qld Country Women's Assoc
Viktoria Henry	WILPF
James Cummins	UN Youth Australia Queensland
Cesarina Gigante	Soroptimists

UN STUDENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENTS

Bond University	Alice McDonald
Griffith University	Courtney Dalton
Queensland University of Technology	Lucy Hirsch
University of Queensland	Eithandee Aung

UNAA QLD PARTNERS - SPECIAL INTEREST / REPRESENTING

Professor Boni Robertson - (ICEPP) Indigenous Community Engagement, Policy & Partnership
Mike Sackett –State Coordinator AAFICS Australian. Association of Former International Civil Servants,
John Burgess - Australian Peacekeepers & Peacemakers Assoc
Les Malezer - Co-chair National Congress of Australia's First Peoples
Dr James Page - Global Learning Centre
Geoffrey Ewing - President AIIA

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President's Report

This year has been a year of transition with my first year as President. Virginia Balmain immediate Past President has provided great leadership and dedication to UNAA Qld over more than 10 years and has played many roles in the administration and continued growth of our organisation.

It has been a busy year for the Executive Management team with new initiatives and a continuation of the ongoing activities of mentoring a significant number of internships, the Peacekeepers Service, Community Awards Ceremony and Annual Brisbane Peace Lecture. Virginia has ensured the activities of the Association are publicised through the distribution of the UNAA Qld monthly newsletter which is acknowledged as one of the best United Nations Association newsletters in Australia.

The major new event for the year, initiated by Virginia Balmain, was the formation of the Young Entrepreneurs and Young Professionals launched at Parliament House on Human Rights Day 12 December 2013. Charlie Shandil and Sally Baisden, Co-convenors have established a YEYP Committee and UNAA Qld is funding the hosting of the committee's website.

The 'SaygdayG20' project was initiated to provide community input for a peoples' Brisbane Declaration to welcome World leaders to Brisbane for the G20 summit. Through the support of QUT student volunteers discussion meetings were conducted with environmental, catchment, farmer groups, University students, conservation groups, peace organisations and the public. The declaration will be finalised in October and a celebration event is planned for the 14th November.

The "Lessons from Rwanda Exhibition" was displayed in St John's Cathedral during August. Intern Dinesh Krishnan did a sterling job in preparing the exhibition stands for the cathedral exhibition and coordinating the event. The exhibition as now been given to Griffith University.

The International Day of the Girl Child, arranged by intern Alyssa, celebrated on 11th October with a well-attended seminar held at the University of Queensland,

Continuing UNAAQ activities included:

- A very successful UNAAQ Queensland Community Awards ceremony was hosted at Government House by Her Excellency Ms Penelope Wensley AC Governor of Queensland to celebrate United Nations Day on the 23 October. Fifteen individuals and organisations were recognised for the outstanding community contribution to the ideals of the United Nations. Special thanks to Virginia Balmain and for the organisation of the event.
- The second Brisbane Peace Lecture held at St John's Cathedral to celebrate the United Nations International Day of Peace 23 September. Guest speaker The Honourable Michael Kirby AC CMG retired High Court judge and international jurist. Displays were provided by peace, university and community groups, Griffith University, The University of Queensland, WILPF, Just Peace and Earth Charter Australia. Special thanks to the community of St John's Cathedral for providing the beautiful cathedral to conduct the event and financial support provided by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.
- The UN Peacekeepers Service and March from King George Square to Anzac park was again held in May to acknowledge and commemorate the Australian Armed Forces and Police Service members who have served as UN Peacekeepers in regions of conflict around the world. Special thanks to the Queensland branch of the Australian Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Association, Laurie Young Concert Band, Pipes and Drums National Servicemen's Band, UN student Associations and UN Youth students, Queensland Country Women's Association, Virginia and interns for the successful organisation of this event.
- Senior Vice President May Lamont, Vice-president Annette Brownlie (Just Peace) and Viktoria Henry (WILPF) have continued to promote the UN ideals of peace and security through the numerous events and activities their associations organise and conduct during the year

The Association continued to play its role in supporting and promoting UNAA nationally and the UN Global Compact through its membership, and supporting activities and events conducted to demonstrate our commitment to the Global Compact principles.



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The United Nations Association of Australia undertook rewriting the National Constitution to meet current legislation requirements. This has resulted in a new National Board structure. Congratulations to National President, Russell Trood for successfully leading the National Association through the negotiations and restructuring process.

There are many people and organisations to thank for the support of the UNAAQ activities and United Nations ideals.

Firstly the former Governor of Queensland, Ms Penelope Wensley AC has provided an outstanding contribution and support for the Association's activities. As patron, she hosted the 2013 Queensland Community Awards, played an integral role in the conduct of the first and second Annual Brisbane Peace Lectures in 2012 and 2013 and presented UNAA Community Awards. The Governor has been a guiding hand in the appreciation of the role of the United Nations. Our best wishes for her future endeavours and happiness.

Members of the Executive Management Committee; Virginia Balmain Immediate Past President, and Treasurer, Vice-Presidents, May Lamont, Susan Forbes and Annette Brownlie, Committee Members Cesarina Gigante, Vikki Henry, Carol Jackson, Helen McAllister, Tracey Caruana, James Cummins (UN Youth) and Pat Burgess (special thanks as our minute secretary) have provided a very committed and dedicated service to the activities and events of the Association.

The UNAAQ is very appreciative of the support both financially and in kind from the many sponsors, non-government organisations, local, state and federal governments, members and individuals in supporting the UNAA Qld to increase our activities to expand an understanding of the global role of the United Nations.

Clem Campbell
President



Queensland Highlights

BRISBANE PEACE LECTURE 2013

UN International Day of Peace was celebrated in St John's Cathedral on 21st September 2013. This was the second Brisbane Peace Lecture introduced by Her Excellency the Governor of Queensland, Ms Penelope Wensley AC and presented by the Honourable Michael Kirby AC CMG. Over 200 people attended. Mr. Christopher Woodthorpe, Director UN Information Centre, Canberra delivered the UN Secretary-General's message. A special 'Portraits of Peace' exhibition initiated by the 'Believing Women for a Culture of Peace' was also launched at the event. Financial support was provided by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

UNAAQ COMMUNITY AWARDS

Presented and hosted at Government House by Her Excellency the Governor of Queensland Ms Penelope Wensley AC to celebrate International UN Day October 2013 acknowledging The list of 18 Awards presented is attached.

UNAAQ STRATEGIC PLANNING DAY

Held on 4 December and resulted in a dynamic program proposed for the next 2 years.

UNAAQ YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS AND YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Initiated by Immediate Past President on UN Human Rights day 10 December 2013 at Parliament House - a new group to join the UNAA Qld family. An executive committee was formed, events organised and website developed. This now brings the UN Association Queensland Division, to include the Executive Committee, UN Youth, four Student Associations at University of Queensland, Queensland University of Technology, Griffith University and Bond University,

G20 – PEOPLES' BRISBANE DECLARATION

A project initiated by UNAA Qld President in February 2014 progressed through meetings with urban environment and catchment groups, faith groups, Queensland University Conservation Society and individual responses to the **Saygdayg20.com** website. Students from Queensland University of Technology volunteered to support administration, coordination and compiling submissions received from the community. On 14th November 2014 a people's day is planned to celebrate the **Brisbane Declaration** and G20 leaders visit. Financial support was provided by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

THE PEACEKEEPERS SERVICE 2014

Led by the Combined Pipes and Drums of the National Servicemen's Memorial Band Brisbane with a march from King George Square to Anzac Square. Saturday 24th May 2014 - included veteran peacekeepers, cadets and UNAA Qld members, Royal Australian Navy Commander Tedman was the guest speaker and the UN Secretary-General's message was delivered by Flight Lieutenant Rob Moran Honorary ADC Governor's Aide representing the Governor.

The attendance of 200 included representatives from Consular Corps, Opposition leader, Premier of Queensland, Police Commissioner, Lord Mayor, Senate, State, and local government, APPVA executive and members, veteran peacekeepers and Veterans Motorcycle Club members. The Laurie Young Concert Band provided concert music prior to and during the service including hymns. The Queensland Country Women's Association provided morning tea with financial assistance for the event received from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. This year for the first time, a luncheon for guests and peacekeepers was provided at the Masonic Lodge.

QUEENSLAND DAY

Open Day held at Government House on 8th June with Committee members and interns representing UNAA Qld.

INTERNSHIPS

44 university students interned with UNAAQ throughout the year from the University of Queensland, Queensland, University of Technology, Bond University and Griffith University, supervised by Immediate Past President, Virginia Balmain. Assignments for students included the coordination and management of UNAA Qld projects, events, critical analysis and research of UN policies and operations and administration



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Intern Alyssa Cowie organised International Day of the Girl Child workshop at UQ October.
Intern Loren Burton organised Human Trafficking Awareness Raising event “Make it Stop”– 23rd November.
Intern’s assisted in the production of monthly newsletter and the Queensland events.

PRESIDENT ACTIVITIES

Coordination of the G20 Project, attendance at the C20 summit in Melbourne, and arranging for representation at the Earth Charter Education workshop held at the UN Peace University in Costa Rica. **Vietnam** – Agent Orange project, **Earth Charter** Values and Education program

FORWARD PLANNING

Appointment of Volunteer Administrator
UN Qld State Conference at Parliament House. .
UN Peacekeepers Service
Brisbane Peace Lecture St John’s Cathedral.



UNAAQ President Clem Campbell speaking at the UN Peacekeepers Service 2014



Peacekeepers March, ANZAC Square, 2014



Global Citizenship Responsibilities

During 2013-2014, the Management Committee of UNAA Qld continued to progress initiatives for further engaging the business sector, and organisations generally, with UN-related goals and their global citizenship responsibilities, particularly through our membership of the UN Global Compact.

The UN Global Compact is the world's largest voluntary corporate and sustainability initiative, with over 10,000 participating organisations across 145 countries. The Compact is a set of 10 guiding principles that cover human rights, labour standards, environment and anti-corruption that was launched by the then UN Secretary-General, Kofi Annan, in 2000. Its principles are underpinned by:

- The Universal Declaration of Human Rights;
- The International Labour Organization's Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work;
- The Rio Declaration on Environment and Development; and
- The United Nations Convention Against Corruption.

Through our then President Virginia Balmain, UNAA Qld joined the UN Global Compact on 19 May 2010, with a view to supporting the UN's efforts to achieve sustainable development. Our hope is that direct support of the Global Compact and various initiatives will help to encourage organisations to consider doing likewise - whether businesses; academic institutions; government bodies; non-government organisations; or associations generally.

Today, Australia's Global Compact Network based in Sydney, is one of 101 Local Networks across the world and has continued to grow and now has over 100 participants. But, when consideration is given to the thousands of organisations that exist in Australia, there is still a very long way to go. Also, to this day, we remain the only participating UNAA Division.

INITIATIVES TAKEN DURING 2013-14

Two initiatives were taken during 2013-14 in support of Global Compact principles. Specific initiatives centred upon the Queensland United Nations Young Entrepreneurs and Young Professionals (UNAA Qld-YEYP). Under the Co-convenors Charlie Shandil and Sally Baisden, the UNAA Qld-YEYP indicated particular interest in corporate social responsibility and the Global Compact.

Firstly, the inaugural UNAA Qld-YEYP networking event, held on 29 May 2014 with support from Cooper Grace Ward Lawyers, showcased UNAA Qld's efforts in relation to the Global Compact as well as a presentation by Luran John, Australian Youth Representative 2014 to the United Nations. UNAA Qld-YEYP members were invited to take the opportunity to get involved by adding value to the future development of the Global Compact. Entrepreneurial ideas were invited on such initiatives as:

- Engaging more organisations with the Global Compact, including those they are associated with;
- Attracting greater business sector participation in UN goals and UNAA Qld activities; and
- Generally profiling global citizenship responsibilities such as those embodied in Global Compact principles.

Secondly, a proposal, initiated by Susan Forbes for an educational program tailored to UNAA Qld-YEYP members that is focussed on corporate social responsibility and sustainability and which covers UN-related matters such as the Global Compact, Climate Change and MDGs. Discussions were initiated with Griffith Business School and Griffith University - Asia Pacific Centre for Sustainable Enterprise. This was intended to help equip UNAA Qld -YEYP members with valuable knowledge and competencies to support the UN's efforts through their professional responsibilities. It was also intended to help the UNAA Qld-YEYP to differentiate itself from other young professional groups and offer special value to its membership.

FUTURE PLANS

UNAA Qld plans to continue contributing to the advancement of the Global Compact through partnerships and advocacy, and meeting our responsibilities under our Global Compact membership. The UN expects civil society organisations, like UNAA Qld, to pursue activities such as: proposing partnership projects on corporate sustainability; engaging companies in Global Compact-related issues; and supporting special initiatives. We will aim to promote the Global Compact and its principles through such activities. Specifically during 2014-15, we plan to support UNAA Qld-YEYP progress and its educational initiative.



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On 31 October 2013, the United Nations introduced the Communication on Engagement (COE) as a reporting tool for non-business participants that applies to UNAA Qld.

“In the spirit of continuous improvement and engagement, non-business participants will be required to disclose specific activities in support of the initiative to stakeholders every two years, as well as results.....the COE must be fully integrated in the organization’s main medium of stakeholder communication, such as an annual report.....Failure to submit a COE every two years will result in a change of participant status to “non-communicating”. Organizations that do not submit a COE within one year of becoming “non-communicating” will be expelled from the initiative.”

Since joining the Global Compact in May 2010, UNAA Qld has reported on Global Compact-related efforts. In UNAA Qld Annual Reports we will continue doing so in future years. This contribution within this year’s Annual Report represents UNAA Qld’s step towards meeting its requirement under the COE.

BACKGROUND AND PAST INITIATIVES

By way of background, *the United Nations Association of Australia (Queensland)*, supported the ten principles of the Global Compact with respect to human rights, labour, environment and anticorruption and has supported these principles since 2006. Some of the initiatives that UNAA Qld has taken to advance this cause over the past four years are outlined below.

Firstly, when the UNAA Qld held the National Conference in Brisbane in 2008 at Parliament House a session introduced corporate social responsibility which specifically covered the Global Compact. At the Federal Council Meeting for the UNAA that followed the Queensland President Virginia Balmain tabled a draft resolution seeking National and State Divisions endorsement to establish of a “UN Global Compact Network” in Australia.

As a result of taking these initiatives, it was agreed that the Queensland Division continue to take the lead in progressing these GC initiatives on behalf of the UNAA nationally and develop a program for the development of the Global Compact Network in Australia. The following year, in May 2009, the “Australian Network for the UN Global Compact” was launched in Sydney by the then Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law, and based at the St James Ethics Centre.

In the following year, in May 2010, through the Qld President UNAA Qld took an more proactive leadership role by becoming a member of the Global Compact. This involved signing a Letter of Commitment towards the 10 guiding principles of the Global Compact to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

In partnership with the Asia Pacific Centre for Sustainable Enterprise, based at the Griffith University Business School we conducted a public seminar to mark the 10th Anniversary of the Global Compact in 2010 as part of our commitment to advance the Global Compact through partnership and advocacy, The public seminar included presentations by two Brisbane-based Global Compact members – Allens Arthur Robinson (the first firm in Australia to become a member of the Global Compact in 2001) and Rio Tinto (the mining company); as well as the Coordinator of the Australian Global Compact Network.

SUMMARY

I would like to extend my heart-felt appreciation to Clem Campbell for his ongoing interest and commitment to these goals and activities, particularly given his role this year as President of UNAA Qld; and to Virginia Balmain Immediate Past President for her initiative in steering UNAA Qld to become member of the Global Compact..

I wish to close with a gentle reminder that UNAA members and others can make a difference to the United Nations – as customers and consumers of business products and services; as shareholders and investors; and as organisational stakeholders generally – by encouraging and supporting the efforts of those businesses and organisations that are performing strongly in their global citizenship responsibilities. It is our expectations and our day-to-day choices that will guide and steer our society and determine what we bestow to future generations.

Susan Forbes
Vice-President



THE UNITED NATIONS GLOBAL COMPACT TEN PRINCIPLES

Human Rights

- Principle 1: Businesses should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights; and
- Principle 2: Make sure that they are not complicit in human rights abuses.

Labour Standards

- Principle 3: Businesses should uphold the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining;
- Principle 4: The elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labour;
- Principle 5: The effective abolition of child labour; and
- Principle 6: The elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.

Environment

- Principle 7: Businesses should support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges;
- Principle 8: Undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility; and
- Principle 9: Encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies.

Anti-Corruption

- Principle 10: Businesses should work against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery.





Queensland Community Awards

In communities around Australia and in particular in Queensland – from the suburbs to regional and rural areas and to the inner cities – many of us are often struck by the extraordinary efforts made by individuals and organisations to support and assist Australians.

The United Nations Association Qld Community Awards have been set up so that these people can be recognised for their selfless and often uncelebrated efforts and commitment in their day-to-day lives relating to issues of peace, human rights, social justice and equality – efforts that serve to better the society we live in.



First Community Award Presentation 19 October 2010

Meritorious Award presented to Judy Cannon.

ORGANISATION AWARDEES -1914

1. ANTaR has been working for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations and leader's rights and reconciliation since 1997. ANTaR is an independent, national network of organisations and individuals working in support of Justice, Rights and Respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Australia. This includes maintaining close liaison with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaderships and communities, to assist them to communicate their aspirations and concerns to the wider community and conducting awareness campaigns on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues.

2. Bond University UN Student Association are actively engaged in their community. The annual Asia-Pacific Model United Nations Conference (AMUNC), held in 2013 at Melbourne's La Trobe University, attracted the best and brightest tertiary students from Australia, New Zealand and throughout the Asia-Pacific region. Bond Team won the Best Delegation Award, taking out top honours amongst 60 competing universities. The Bond team won a total of ten awards between them – including two Honourable Mentions, five Diplomacy awards and three Best Delegates as well as the Best Overall Delegation Award. The Head Delegate International Relations/Journalism student Ashleigh Peplow Ball

3. Multicultural Development Association is an independent, nongovernment, settlement organisation committed to achieving the best settlement outcomes for their clients and to work actively to promote multiculturalism. MDA provides a range of settlement support to refugees such as assistance to access services including employment, health and education, as well, the development of activities to encourage social inclusion and building community connections.

4. Rotary Peace Forum Rotary brings together likeminded people to provide a broad range of social, humanitarian, intercultural and educational assistance to improve communities. On the 10th June, 2013 the Rotary Club of Logan facilitated the Rotary Peace Forum in Logan. The forum brought together a broad range of people from diverse backgrounds and experiences to share and develop strategies towards a more peaceful world.

5. Romero Centre Established by the Brisbane Sisters of Mercy, the Romero Centre is an interfaith centre committed to social justice. The centre provides an array of practical and immediate assistance, this includes, medical and trauma counselling, filling out forms to providing public awareness of human rights. The Romero Centre continues to act as a crucial support service for new settlers to Brisbane and former TPV holders and their families.



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6. The School Bag The Schoolbag project was founded Erin Schrode an American university student in March 2010 after the disastrous earthquake in Haiti. It is an initiative developed to assist kids education by providing them with eco-sustainable school supplies. More than 10,000 schools bags have been delivered to places like Haiti, South Africa and East Timor. The school bag is a tote bag filled with school supplies and it is a representation of hope. Griffith student Chris Eigeland is the director of The School Bag Asia Pacific.

7. Zonta Brisbane Breakfast Club was chartered in 1997 and currently has 38 members. The Zonta Club of Brisbane meet over breakfast on the first Friday of each month to discuss projects. One prominent project facilitated by the organisation is the development of Birthing Kits that provide for a clean birth that may decrease the risk of death from infection and bleeding. This has led to a distribution of over 1,000,000 Birthing Kits, saving the lives of women and children regional areas of Papua New Guinea and developing countries in Africa.

8. Soroptimists International South Soroptimist is a worldwide organisation for women in management and the professions. Soroptimists South Queensland comprises 9 clubs with 165 members. A variety of community engagements and projects are developed within these clubs underpinning its vision for women and their aspirations. Supporting significant community roles and activities for example; Birthing in the Pacific, Walk the Talk, Wall of Hands, Lighting the Way.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDEES

1. Professor Alex Bellamy is a professor of International Security at the Griffith Asia Institute for Governance and Public Policy at Griffith University. He is well equipped in his field with a BA Honours (1ST Class), Master in International Relations and PhD International Politics. He has held man key positions in his career; adviser – UNDP project on measuring state fragility; and member UN Emergency Peace Service Working Group. He is acknowledged for his efforts in providing and facilitating Responsibility to Protect through his research and advocacy.

2. Rod Kelly is the manager of the 139 Club, Fortitude Valley. The 139 Club was established in 1975 by a group of concerned citizens who set up a drop in centre and a refuge for the homeless. Rod Kelly's involvement with the club has ensured the development and access of services such as literacy classes, family support programs and women's groups. It continues to be a vital support system to the 300 plus clients that access the services of the 139 Club.

3. Les Malezer is co-chair of National Congress of Australia's First Peoples. Mr Les Malezer is from the Butchulla/Gubbi Gubbi peoples in southeast Queensland. Les is a former head of the Qld Department of Aboriginal and Islander Affairs and is currently Chairperson of the Foundation for Aboriginal and Islander Research Action (FAIRA) and in that role he is a delegate to United Nations forums on Indigenous issues. He has extensive experience in campaigning for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander rights and has represented community interests the local, State and national levels.

4. Mac Millar is an avid soccer player and has a vision to share his passion for soccer by providing soccer balls to children who have been disadvantaged. Mac has raised over \$2000 in donations to buy and distribute soccer balls to Afghanistan, Solomon Islands and to the children of refugees in Australian Detention Centres.

6. Professor Gracelyn Smallwood is a Professor in the Faculty of Medicine, Health and Molecular Sciences at James Cook University. She has a Master of Science in Public Health from JCU and is the first Indigenous Australian to be awarded the degree. She is an advocate for improved outcomes in Indigenous Health for over forty years. Gracelyn has gained national and international recognition in both mainstream and cultural public health spheres.

7. Frederika (Freddie) Steen is best referred to as Freddie, actively involved in community, refugee, multicultural and human rights activities for thirty year. She has had a distinguished career working in the Department of Immigration and as the inaugural head of the Women's Desk between 1984-1987. She is a volunteer worker at the Romero Centre in Brisbane, a centre that provides support for refugees and continues to be an advocate for human rights



Young Entrepreneurs & Young Professionals

Initiated by Virginia Balmain and launched on UN Human Rights Day 10 December 2013 at Parliament House, the UNAA Qld Young Entrepreneurs & Young Professionals (YEYP) is a network that facilitates a platform for young entrepreneurs and professionals to build their professional connections, while receiving exposure to the UN, programs, seminars and events showcasing high profile speakers from an array of sectors.

FOUNDING OBJECTIVES

Identify young entrepreneurs & young professionals as the future Global Leaders of the world,
To embed the importance of global citizenship and the role of the United Nations.;
To learn from high profile people and achievers about social and corporate responsibility.
Address youth unemployment in Australia by providing young entrepreneurs & young professionals as a platform and mentors.

2014 ACHIEVEMENTS

Since its inception in December 2013, UNAA Qld YEYP has landed professional partnerships with global organisations and institutes, including a partnership with an internationally renowned university. UNAA Qld YEYP has been backed by a large membership base extending nationally & internationally that is continuing to grow.

In addition, Qld YEYP has successfully hosted several events showcasing the following speakers:

- Russell Trood, Special Envoy of the Prime Minister of Australia –initial launch
- John Goddard, Former COO of Bendigo Bank – initial launch
- Clem Campbell, Former Member of Parliament (MP) – initial launch
- Dr David Newell, Executive at Griffith University – initial launch
- Susan Forbes, Founder of Avison Global - first event
- Luran John, United Nations Youth Representative 2014 – first event
- Professor Sandra Waddock, Chair of Strategy at Boston College USA

FUTURE DIRECTION

UNAA Qld YEYP is currently experiencing a change in leadership, with inaugural Committee Co-Convenors Charlie Shandil and Sally Baisden being relocated and moving on from their positions. We thank them for their work.





Student Associations

THE UNITED NATIONS STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS

Student Associations are an apolitical student body aiming to broaden university students' horizons by promoting awareness of the United Nations and its activities through a variety of events at Universities. The associations attempt to draw on students' passion for the United Nations, global issues and develop a deeper understanding of its global purpose.

UNIVERSITIES WITH ESTABLISHED UNAA QLD STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS

Bond University
Queensland University of Technology

Griffith University
University of Queensland

MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCES (MUNS)

At a MUN Conference or at the **Asia-Pacific Model UN Conference –AMUNC – hosted by a Pacific/Asian country**, University students represent a particular country, adopting the beliefs and policies of that country. They then sit in committee sessions and debate a topic of international concern, with the purpose of negotiating a resolution. Topics range from laws on the militarization of space, eradication of deadly diseases, trialing warlords, discussing financial bailouts and environmental crises – Model UN covers it all.

As well as regular delegates, participants also have the opportunity to represent non-governmental organisations, observer missions, media organisations, regional bloc representatives, national ambassadors or judges. Each of these positions has slightly different roles through the conference, but each play a part in making Model UN – or MUN, as it is affectionately known – the incredible experience that it is.

MUN gives university students the chance to expand their understanding and knowledge of international issues, debate, diplomacy and negotiation, while providing insight into the complexities of satisfying the different political positions of the international community.

Model United Nations gives delegates a more acute understanding of the world we live in, and inspires a greater commitment to finding a solution for its problems.

Student delegates represent assigned countries across a number of committees of the United Nations and together debate, negotiate and formulate realistic, workable solutions to unresolved issues of contemporary international significance. Through this role play process, students gain a deeper understanding of a range of global issues, the benefits and flaws multilateral decision-making bodies

UN YOUTH QLD

UN Youth Australia is one of Australia's largest non-profit youth organisations, focusing on Years 10-11 and is part of the global network of United Nations Youth Associations. UN Youth is an independent arm of the United Nations Association of Australia.

YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS & YOUNG PROFESSIONALS, QLD

UNAA Qld YEYP brings together a diverse mix of 20-40 year old young professionals from business, commerce, law, government, the arts and philanthropy who wish to support the international world and the United Nations. Through the initiative of Virginia Balmain the Queensland UNAA Qld YEYP was launched on 10 December 2013 at Parliament House and this year has seen a strong focus in corporate social responsibility.

UNAA Qld continued to support our many Student Associations throughout the year.





 <p>UNSA UNITED NATIONS STUDENT ASSOCIATION University of Queensland</p> <p>UQ UNSA President: Eithandee Aung</p>	 <p>United Nations Association</p> <p>QUT UNSA President: Lucy Hirsch</p>
 <p>BRIZMUN BRISBANE MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE APRIL 4 - 7 2013</p>	<p><u>AMUNC- 2014</u></p> <p>In 2014 the great city of Brisbane was fortunate enough to host the 20th Asia-Pacific Model United Nations Conference, with an attendance of approximately 700 delegates.</p>



WELCOME TO AMUNC 2015, THE ASIA-PACIFIC MODEL UN CONFERENCE

It is our great pleasure to invite you to the 21st Asia-Pacific Model United Nations Conference.

AMUNC will take place in Perth, Western Australia June 29th - July 4th, 2015. Our Secretariat has been hard at work for two years to make this conference an incredible experience for students across the Asia-Pacific, and we cannot wait to show you what Perth has in store and exceed all your expectations.

This year, AMUNC will be held at the world-class Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, which will provided delegates with stylish committee rooms, access to state of the art technologies, and a conference venue right in the heart of the city, close to a huge range of accommodation options, restaurants, and shopping quarters.

Delegates at AMUNC will be challenged with dynamic debate topics that concern issues spanning the entire UN system and international community through over twenty committees including the press corps, regional organisations, high-level meetings, an interactive crisis committee, the Panel of Experts and Ambassadors Program inaugurated in Brisbane last year.

Asia-Pacific Model United Nations Conference with Wayne Swan at Western Australia.

Sincerely,
Rida ahmed
Secretary-General
AMUNC Perth 2015

Bodie Orazio
Director-General
AMUNC Perth 2015

For more information: <http://www.amunc.net/>



Bond University United Nations Students Association (BUUNSA)

Model UN Conferences

Each semester we continued to run a Model UN conference covering a variety of issues including:

- Elimination of all forms of sexual violence in conflict situations;
- Use of drones in conflict; and
- Combatting the threat of ISIS.

We also ran training sessions on resolution writing and speaking style to assist students to improve their Model UN and diplomacy skills in the lead up to AMUNC.

AMUNC Delegation

In July 2014, BUUNSA sent a 23-person delegation to the Asia-Pacific Model UN Conference in Brisbane. Members were spread over a number of general and special committees debating many different pertinent international issues. Our delegation performed extremely well, and received a number of awards:

- Award for Best Large Delegation;
- 7 Best Delegate Awards;
- 5 Honourable Mention for Best Delegate Awards; and
- 1 Position Paper Award.

Films That Matter

We ran a film night in March with the film 'In the Land of Blood & Honey' as the focus. This film looks at the issue of sexual violence in the Bosnian civil war. A screening of the film was followed by a discussion on the themes portrayed in the film.

'Do It In A Dress' Social Justice Initiative

In the second week of October 2014, BUUNSA supported Melbourne NGO, OneGirl's annual campaign to give girls in Sierra Leone the opportunity to go to school. This is the third time BUUNSA has been involved in the campaign with great success. BUUNSA members wore school dresses around Uni for a week to raise funds for this grassroots initiative. We raised \$7,778, which gives 25 girls in Sierra Leone access to education. These results can be accessed at: <http://www.doitinadress.com/team/bond-university>

International Relations Blog

We have continued to upload articles to our international relations blog, Article Nineteen. The blog is targeted at an academic audience. It features pieces by university students on issues they have researched as part of their Uni coursework or personally find interesting. Next year we hope to expand the readership of the blog and also make it more reader-friendly by providing some lighter content to supplement the serious pieces and make it a hub for getting the latest perspectives on international issues. Our blog can be accessed here: <http://articlenineteen.org>

Introduction of new executive committee members

With a number of executive members graduating from University, we have recruited seven new executive members with one of the current members continuing on. The incoming committee is listed below:

- | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| • Lara Sveinsson (President) | Lorcan Higgins (Vice President) |
| • Holli Edwards (Secretary) | Ryan Starkey (Treasurer) |
| • Paola Beci | Holli Sargeant |
| • Martin Campbell | Dakota-Lily Morris |

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Kind regards,

Alice McDonald

Outgoing BUUNSA President



Griffith University **United Nations Student Association**

The Griffith University Gold Coast Campus United Nations Student Association has experienced great successes during 2014. In 2014 UNSA GU sent some of the clubs largest delegations yet to SydMUN, WorldMUN, BrizMUN and AMUNC, with tremendous positive feedback from organisers and other delegations. The club held a number of events which helped to raise interest in the international community. By far, UNSA GU's largest accomplishments came from collaborating with our Nathan campus counterparts, to establish two new events.

UNSA GU held our regular mini-MUN and roundtable events, where we discussed and debated a wide range of topics, including; Childhood obesity, the Spratly islands, GMOs and refugees, with each event bringing in new members and raising awareness of international issues.

In conjunction with our Griffith University Nathan campus counterparts, UNSA GU established our own annual MUN conference; GriffMUN. As its inaugural event, GriffMUN 2014 was a relatively small conference, yet a very successful one, with delegates attending from across Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria. Preparation is well underway for GriffMUN 2015, to be held at the Gold Coast.

2014 also marked our first 'cross-campus crisis council', another collaboration between the Griffith Gold Coast and Nathan UNSAs. The event was to be based around the Cuban missile crisis, and had delegates needing to think diplomatically and strategically. The crisis council was another great success for the club, with a number of interstate delegates flying to the Gold Coast and Brisbane to participate in the three day event.

Courtney Dalton

UNSA GU President, 2014





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TREASURER'S REPORT

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AUDITOR'S REPORT

**Financial Statements
For the year ended 30 June 2014**

AUDITOR

McDuff Accountants
PO Box 3152
YERONGA QLD 4104
Email: peter@mcduffaccountants.com
Bill Lightbody, Auditor



Treasurer's Report and Financial Summary Report For the year ended 30 June 2014

INTRODUCTION

The accounts of the Association continue to be consolidated with term deposits receiving interest on accumulated funds. Income from donations, grants received and membership subscriptions were lower than the previous year. Major expenditure related to Award presentations, Earth Charter expenses and attendances at National Conferences in Canberra and Sydney.

The on-line access to the Australian Taxation Office has continued to increase our efficiency and transparency in relation to our income, expenditure, tax obligations and audit especially in relation to BAS and GST reporting.

AUDITOR

McDuff Accountants continued with Bill Lightbody as UNAA Qld auditor.

BANKING

UNAA Qld has continued banking with Bendigo Bank with three operating accounts, one term deposit and this year we opened a Pay Pal account to receive donations and especially to support the Young Entrepreneur & Professional memberships.

INCOME - EXPENSES

In referring to the audited accounts these give a sound record of our financial affairs and show a significant decrease in both income and expenses this year. Value of our total net assets has decreased slightly due to depreciation. We have been able to invest a moderate amount in our term deposit.

FINAL RESULTS

To sum up the financial report: the financial affairs of the Association are healthy with total assets of \$69,930.28 in 2014 a decrease of \$8535.00 from \$78,465.68 in 2013.

Virginia Balmain
Immediate Past President
Treasurer

1 October 2014



Committee Report

For the year ended 30 June 2014

Committee members submit the financial accounts of the United Nations Association of Australia (Queensland) Inc for the financial year ended 30 June 2014.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The names of committee members at the date of this report are:

Virginia Hope Balmain	Susan Forbes
Annette Browning,	Cesarina Gigante
Pat Burgess	Vikki Henry
Clem Campbell	Carol Jackson
James Cummings	May Lamont
	Helen McAllister

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the association during the financial year was: Operating as the Queensland Division of the United Nations Association of Australia.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

OPERATING RESULT

The deficit from ordinary activities after providing for income tax amounted to

Year ended	Year ended
30 June 2014	30 June 2013
\$	\$
(8,535.40)	3,133.85

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



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Income and Expenditure Statement

For the year ended 30 June 2014

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Income	2014	2013
ATO	1058.00	
Conference Income	138.50	14,537.05
Donations - General	2,480.00	33.65
Donation - Balmain Macleod Trust 2402		3,600.00
Earth Charter Income		90.00
Grant Moneys Received	3,000.00	13,153.55
Peace Lecture Income		3,000.00
Interest Received	2,645.26	1,305.96
Membership Subscriptions	1,655.00	14,395.50
Social Events Income	566.80	
Membership Subscriptions – YEYP	2,507.00	
Sundry Income		0.18
Total income	14,050.56	50,115.89
Expenses	2014	2013
Audit Fees	1,350.00	1,350.00
AusAID		5,157.74
Awards	2,140.68	
Bank Fees and Charges	416.00	625.32
Computer Software & Expenses	232.73	63.62
Conference Expenses	2,421.10	19,002.40
Depreciation - General	1,437.00	1,735.00
Donations WILPF	100.00	100.00
Donation - Peace Awards		200.00
Earth Charter Expenses	3,000.00	3,090.00
Electricity & Gas	1,410.28	827.87
Fees & Charges	46.60	828.63
G20 Conference Expenses	35.36	
Insurance - General	285.34	
Internet Fees & Web Hosting YEYP	228.96	
International Day of Peace		474.33
MacMillar - Soccer Balls	2,000.00	2,331.00
Memberships		796.59



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Expenses cont	2014	2013
Office Expenses	45.58	479.09
Postage	396.92	429.29
Peace Lecture	439.72	
Printing & Stationery	950.23	487.40
Prizes		63.59
Rental Paid		3,600.00
Repairs & Maintenance		359.05
Social Events - General	3,416.50	103.68
Subscriptions	25.00	57.95
Sundry Expenses	842.02	229.60
Telephone	979.58	853.08
Travelling Expenses	386.36	3,736.81
Total expenses	<u>22,585.96</u>	<u>46,982.04</u>
Profit (loss) from ordinary activities before income tax		
	(8,535.40)	3,133.85
Income tax revenue relating to ordinary activities		
Net profit (loss) attributable to the association	<u>(8,535.40)</u>	<u>3,133.85</u>
Items recognised directly in equity:		
Net increase in Assets Revaluation Reserve		
Increase(decrease) in retained in profits due to:		
Adjustments		(48.44)
Total expenses and valuation adjustments attributable to the Association and recognised directly to equity		<u>48.44</u>
Total changes in equity of the association	<u>(8,535.40)</u>	<u>3,085.41</u>
Opening retained profits	78,465.68	75,380.27
Net profit (loss) attributable to the association	(8,535.40)	3,133.85
Adjustments		(48.44)
Closing retained profits	<u>69,930.28</u>	<u>78,465.68</u>



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Detailed Balance Sheet For the year ended 30 June 2014 ABN 75 690 827 341

Current Assets	2014	2013
Cash Assets		
Cash at Bank - Bendigo – Main Account 129733770	13,879.53	7,818.87
Cash at Bank - Bendigo – Debit Account 129734083	429.57	775.92
Cash at Bank - Bendigo – Conference Account 132714809	2,885.34	3,020.85
Term Deposits - Bendigo Bank- Account 148078488	37,496.97	57,897.64
Cash at Bank - Bendigo – Earth Charter Account141416032	10,996.07	3,689.68
Cash on Hand		30.10
	<u>65,687.48</u>	<u>73,233.06</u>
Current Tax Assets		
GST Payable Control Account	(284.00)	(4.00)
Input Tax Credit Control Account	557.00	738.00
	273.00	734.00
Total Current Assets	<u>65,960.48</u>	<u>73,967.06</u>
Non-Current Assets		
	2014	2013
Property, Plant and Equipment		
Office Equipment - at Cost	32,527.17	31,618.99
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(28,557.37)</u>	<u>(27,120.37)</u>
Total Non-Current Assets	<u>3,969.80</u>	<u>4,498.62</u>
Total Assets	<u>69,930.28</u>	<u>78,465.68</u>
Net Assets	<u>69,930.28</u>	<u>78,465.68</u>
Members' Funds		
Accumulated surplus (deficit)	<u>69,930.28</u>	<u>78,465.68</u>
Total Members' Funds	<u>69,930.28</u>	<u>78,465.68</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2014

ABN 75 690 827 341

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporations Act. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (PPE)

Leasehold improvements and office equipment are carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

The depreciable amount of all PPE is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

Leasehold improvements are amortised over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

IMPAIRMENT OF ASSETS

At the end of each reporting period, the entity reviews the carrying values of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying value. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the income statement.

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest rate method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument. Dividend revenue is recognised when the right to receive a dividend has been established.

Grant and donation income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Tax Office. In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the assets and liabilities statement are shown inclusive of GST.



UN Dates to Remember - 2015

INTERNATIONAL DECADES

- Third International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism (**decade 2011-2020**)
- United Nations Decade on Biodiversity (**decade 2011-2020**)
- Decade of Action for Road Safety (**decade 2011-2020**)
- United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight against Desertification (**decade 2010-2020**)
- Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (**decade 2008-2017**)
- Decade of Recovery and Sustainable Development of the Affected Regions (**decade 2006-2016**)
- International Decade for Action, Water for Life (**decade 2005-2015**)

2000-2015 - Millennium Development Goals to be reached

March 2015		
United Nations Days		
Mar 21, 2015	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination 2015	World
Mar 8, 2015	International Women's Day	
Mar 22, 2015	World Water Day 2015	World
April 2015		
Apr 07, 2015	World Health Day 2015	World
May 2015		
May 03, 2015	World Press Freedom Day 2015	World
May 29, 2015	International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers 2015	World/Qld
June 2015		
Jun 05, 2015	World Environment Day 2015	World
Jun 12, 2015	World Day Against Child Labour 2015	World
Jun 17, 2015	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought 2015	World
Jun 20, 2015	World Refugee Day 2015	World
Jun 26, 2015	International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking 2015	World
Jun 26, 2015	International Day in Support of Victims of Torture 2015	World
August 2015		
Aug 09, 2015	International Day of the World's Indigenous People 2015	World
Aug 12, 2015	International Youth Day 2015	World
Aug 19, 2015	World Humanitarian Day 2015	World



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September 2015		
Sep 21, 2015	International Day of Peace 2015	World/Qld
Sep 27, 2015	World Tourism Day 2015	World
October 2015		
Oct 02, 2015	International Day of Non-Violence 2015	World
Oct 05, 2015	World Habitat Day 2015	World
Oct 05, 2015	World Teachers' Day 2015	World
Oct 08, 2015	UNAA Qld Annual General Meeting	Qld
Oct 13, 2015	International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction 2015	World
Oct 16, 2015	World Food Day 2015	World
Oct 17, 2015	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty 2015	World
Oct 24, 2015	United Nations Day 2015	World
November 2015		
Nov 16, 2015	International Day for Tolerance 2015	World
Nov 20, 2015	Universal Children's Day 2015	World
Nov 25, 2015	International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women 2015	World
December 2015		
Dec 03, 2015	International Day of People with Disability 2015	World
Dec 05, 2015	International Volunteer Day 2015	World
Dec 10, 2015	Human Rights Day 2015	World/Qld

Model United Nations (also Model UN or MUN) is a conference similar to the United Nations in which students participate as delegates to various UN Committees. Participants research and formulate political positions based on the actual countries. Model United Nations was formed from the Model League of Nations. As at 2012, there were about 400 MUN conferences held worldwide.

Model United Nations conferences are usually organized and led by a Secretariat, headed by a Secretary-General. Each conference is held once per year.

Model United Nations conferences are not limited to one country or even one continent, but they are spread worldwide. MUN locations include: North America, Europe, Asia-Pacific, Latin America, the Middle East, and Africa. The level ranges from elementary school to colleges

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United Nations Association of Australia, QLD



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- Laurie Young Concert Band
- The Pipes & Drums National Servicemen's Memorial Band
- UNAA Qld Student Associations (universities)
- UN Youth Association Qld students
- UNAA Qld Young Entrepreneurs & Professionals