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ANNUAL REPORT

2017-2018

— VICTORIAN DIVISION —



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

At this time of challenge to the importance of multilateral solutions to global problems, the United Nations remains one of the most important organisations dedicated to international engagement and cooperation.

The need to inform, inspire and engage the Victorian community about the positive role that the UN plays in maintaining world peace, sustainable development and human rights drives the delivery of all of our programmes, as you will see in this Annual Report.

It was my pleasure to take on the position of UNAA Victoria President at the 2017 Annual General Meeting. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my predecessor, Dr Michael Henry AM. Michael came to the UNAA Victoria Board at a time of uncertainty and his steady stewardship over the past five years has ensured that the Division is now in very good shape. Fortunately, Michael has not disappeared but is now serving as Immediate Past President and Victoria's representative on the UN Association of Australia Board.

I have the very great pleasure of acting as Secretary General at many of the wonderful Model UN Conferences UNAA Victoria runs each year. This position allows me to see the way hundreds of secondary school students embrace these concepts as they spend a day representing UN Member States, seeking support for their country's

position on the topic at hand. Most students usually begin the day nervously but, by the end, are confident and enthusiastic delegates determined to see their proposed amendments included in the final resolution. Overwhelmingly, they tell us in their feedback that their experiences have given them a new understanding of the difficulties countries face in trying to work together for the good of all, but none say it isn't worth trying!

You can read more about the Model UN Conference programme in this report, along with information on two major new initiatives we introduced in 2017/2018: a *17 SDGs in 2018* year of events, with which we partnered with Deakin University and the Melbourne Athenaeum Library, and UN Study Tours. Both proved hugely successful and will continue to develop in future years.

The UNAA Victoria Young Professionals Network worked closely with us in the delivery of several of the *17 SDGs in 2018* events, along with running other networking events.

Sophie Arnold has made an outstanding contribution as Executive Manager, and she has attracted very talented staff to join her in running the diverse range of UNAAV activities. Please see her report on the next page.

I am also pleased that the UNAAV Board worked very effectively during 2017/2018, with Graham Hunter, Tony Dobson, Kerry Boland and Warwick Peel continuing to play active and important roles. Monica Lillas became Vice President in November, and we welcomed Carlisle Richardson and Haidi Badawi onto the Board. We thanked and wished Wendy O'Brien, Kerry O'Shea and Kathleen Turner all the best in their post-Board endeavours. Zoe Brightling replaced Sam Proietto as the representative of UN Youth Victoria on our Board. We continue to benefit greatly from having UN Youth and UNAAV Young Professionals representatives on the Board.

Professor Ian Howie
President
UNAA Victoria



We need to rekindle faith in multilateralism and confidence in the United Nations as the place where States and civil society can come together to face the most pressing challenges in the world today... We can succeed only if we work in greater unison. Multilateralism is not optional. It is the most effective vehicle, whether regional or global, for achieving the goals of peace, inclusive sustainable development and human rights for all”

ANTONIO GUTERRES, 2017 SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT.

EXECUTIVE MANAGER'S REPORT

In 2017/2018, UNAA Victoria realigned its programs to focus on three key areas: Model UN Conferences; UN Study Tours and the Sustainable Development Goals. These focus areas enabled the Division office to plan more effectively and ensure that all three programs were successfully carried out.

After Education Program Coordinator, Alex Edge, moved on to the National Gallery of Victoria in late 2017, we were very fortunate to gain access to the enthusiasm and tireless efforts of new Education Program Coordinator, Sally Northfield, and Program Assistant, Rosie Dalheim. Under their leadership, our Model UN Conference (MUNC) moved into new territory during this financial year. As well as delivering 19 Model UNs across the period, including four in other languages, a new Parallel Model UN Conference program was trialled very successfully at Wesley College's St Kilda Rd Campus. With 160 students being too many for one MUNC, the team coordinated two to run at the same time on the same day – 80 students in each conference representing the same 25 countries and debating the same topic under the supervision of two Secretary-Generals!

In late 2017, we reluctantly farewelled Program Coordinator Maggie Smythe, who had run our Media and Environment Awards so effectively for several years, along with a myriad of other duties. Former UNAAV intern Gemma Pollard stepped ably into her shoes to run the 2017 UNAA Media Awards.

In May, we took our first group of UNAA Study Tour members to Geneva, where we spent a very full week meeting UN officials and representatives of UN agencies and related non-government organisations.

And from February, we have partnered with Deakin University to carry out our *17 SDGs in 2018* program – a year of events and activities designed to raise awareness of, and engagement in, the UN's 2030 agenda.

UNAAV staff, interns and volunteers are supported by a wonderful Board, which is always interested, challenging and engaged. At the 2017 AGM, Michael Henry AM became Immediate Past President when he handed the reins to Professor Ian Howie. Thank you to all current members and those who moved on during 2017/2018 – the staff very much appreciate your ideas and dedication.

During 2017/2018, our event program was again bolstered by the UNAAV Young Professionals Network, led by Co-Convenors Monica Lillas and Emeline Gillingham (and previously Rebecca Jinks). Several very successful networking, professional development and awareness raising events were run by these very busy volunteers.

I would like to acknowledge all of our partners, members and supporters who continued to work with us this year. Special thanks to Deakin University, which partnered with us to deliver our 17 SDGs in 2018 program, and to Cbus Super which entered into its third year of Media Awards sponsorship. We look forward to continuing all these relationships into the future.

Sophie Arnold
Executive Manager
UNAA Victoria



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OUR PARTNERS

UNAA Victoria partners with a number of organisations and we gratefully acknowledge the support and involvement of these organisations.

If you are interested in discussing partnership opportunities, please contact Sophie Arnold on (03) 9607 1364 or office@unaavictoria.org.au



MODEL UN CONFERENCES

UNAA Victoria acknowledges the support of the Department of Education and Training through the Strategic Partnerships Program and the Languages Program



17 SDGS IN 2018 – A YEAR OF SDG RELATED ACTIVITIES



PROMOTION OF THE 2018 EMPOWERMENT OF OLDER PEOPLE UN DAY MEDIA AWARD



OUR PEOPLE

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Warwick Peel

Graham Hunter

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Zoe Brightling (UN Youth Victorian President)

Haidi Badawi (from February 2018)

Carlisle Richardson (from February 2018)

Kathleen Turner (August 2017 to June 2018)

Kerry O'Shea (until August 2017)

Rebecca Jinks (until August 2017)

Executive Manager

Sophie Arnold

Program Coordinators

Maggie Smythe (until September 2017)

Gemma Pollard (until November 2017)

Alex Edge (until November 2017)

Sally Northfield (from January 2018)

Education Program Officer

Rosie Dalheim (from January 2018)

Interns and Volunteers

Hannah Hill, Briar Mercier, Alisha Pawa, Melissa Medici, Natasha S. Khoshnevis, Hayley McKenna, Matt Hjelm, Eleni Krikeli, Katherine Reyers, Rosie Stock.



MODEL UN CONFERENCES

The Model United Nations Conference program continued to flourish over the 2017/18 year. Building on the shoulders of many people that have contributed much expertise and experience since its beginning in 2003, the program delivered 19 conferences across Victoria, attended by 1562 students from 126 schools. The program was also well placed to develop and pilot a number of new ways of delivering the conferences.

In 2017/18, the Department of Education and Training – Languages Unit (DET-LU) hosted four conferences in other languages (2 Indonesian, 1 French, 1 German). The Consul-General of the Republic of Indonesia and the Consul-General of the Republic of Germany opened their respective conferences in 2018 and both were very impressed with the level of immersion and engagement. Two conferences were delivered as part of the Department of Education and Training – Strategic Partnerships Program (DET-SPP) in Ballarat and Footscray. These conferences provide access to the UN conference program for schools and students who would not otherwise have the opportunity to participate, particularly students from disadvantaged or low SES backgrounds; rural and regional students; students with disability; Koori students; students with English as an Additional Language; and students in Out of Home Care.



Being able to advocate for a point of view I normally oppose and consider the prerogatives and incentives of other members [was a highlight]” - STUDENT

In 2018, three universities hosted five conferences. La Trobe University hosted three conferences, two at the Bundoora campus in Melbourne and one in Mildura. Teachers and students in Mildura welcomed UNAAV



enthusiastically to engage in an intense debate on Climate Change. Monash University Law School hosted its 2018 conference in the new Monash Law Centre.

In June, the Model UN Conference program returned to the University of Melbourne, where the inaugural UNAAV Model UN Conference was held in September 2003. In 2018, UNAAV was delighted to be able to work closely with Professor John Langmore to develop a new conference topic – Pathways to Peace: Addressing War, Conflict and International Security. The Pathways to Peace conference was held in the McMahon Ball Theatre. Replicating the half-dome configuration of the UN General Assembly at UN Headquarters in New York, the space was widely popular with the delegates attending from five surrounding schools.



I honestly loved this so much, the best part was being able to socialise and fight for causes that I may not usually agree with as well as overcoming a lot of fears and anxiety to speak for my country and contribute” - STUDENT

The remaining conferences were hosted by five independent schools (Geelong Grammar, Woodleigh School, Mentone Grammar, De La Salle College, and Wesley College – Glen Waverley and St Kilda Rd) and two Government schools (McKinnon Secondary College and Victoria University Secondary College). Most of these had hosted conferences in previous years – their continued support is testament to the quality of the program. At Wesley St Kilda Rd, a new style of delivery was piloted where parallel conferences were run at the same time with 80 students in each conference representing the same 25 countries and debating the same topic. This mode of delivery was developed to accommodate an entire year level cohort of over 160 students – too many to attend our standard model.

UNAAV has documented the benefits of participating in MUNCs over the past years. These include finding out about countries and topics that delegates previously knew little about; gaining insight into the workings of the UN and the General Assembly; exploring how international relationships operate, and learning about humanitarian and global issues and the diversity of views surrounding these issues.

We know that the delegates consistently enjoy the caucus and amendment sessions of the conference where they have the chance to actively debate, negotiate, collaborate and experience the process of conflict resolution. Many delegates also consistently report that they appreciate the nature of the conference as being very student-focussed and directed, and

that the protocols and formalities enable respectful communications where delegates can have a say and expect to be listened to seriously over the course of the day. In a world of increasing screen time, and technology based learning for young people, such face-to-face interactions are valued, and foster tolerance and respect for diversity.



Learning to listen respectfully and respond meaningfully is important, particularly as it drew on the research”

– TEACHER

Where host schools and universities invite a range of schools to attend the conference, this often provides a powerful opportunity for communities to gather together and collaboratively discuss important topics. Students and teachers have the opportunity to meet others interested in global affairs, and enjoy sharing the food which often accompanies these conferences. “Great opportunity to discuss topical world issues with peers from other schools”- teacher

The strength of the program is also based upon the range of relevant topics that are linked to the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the Victorian Secondary curriculum - 14 topics ranging from Human Trafficking, Gender Equality, Asylum Seekers and Refugees - the pool of excellent people we have to act as Secretary Generals who moderate the conferences for the day; and a team of very competent interns who support the organisation and delivery of the conferences.



One of my students from 2 years ago was so stimulated by this experience she set a goal of studying law with a focus on human rights. This year she started 1st year law.”

– TEACHER AT THE MONASH LAW SCHOOL MUNC



The MUNC program has been actively training Victorian secondary and tertiary students and other members of the community in global thinking and encouraging global citizenship for 15 years. We are looking forward to continuing this in the year ahead.





UN STUDY TOURS

In late 2017, UNAA Victoria called for expressions of interest in small group study tours to the UN in Geneva and New York. Over 80 people responded immediately, which convinced us to proceed with two tours in 2018, one to Geneva in May and one to New York in October.

Coordinated by Executive Manager, Sophie Arnold, on behalf of the United Nations Association of Australia, the tour to Geneva from 20-25 May was led by Carlisle Richardson, former Ambassador of St Kitts and Nevis to the UN and a former UN Economic Affairs Officer.

After a week of meetings with Geneva-based UN officials, representatives of UN related organisations and NGOs, the group was exhausted but inspired. In addition to meeting with representatives of the UN Office in Geneva, the group met with representatives from the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the International Labour Organisation (ILO), the World Health Organisation (WHO), the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNHCR) and the Australian Mission to the UN and World Trade Organisation.

We also took part in a tour of the Palais des Nations, the UN's Geneva headquarters, and sat in on the 78th Session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child in the historic Palais Wilson, former home to the League of Nations.

Group member Alicia Mathews said the tour was “a life changing experience to see firsthand the workings of the United Nations and their role in supporting peace, wellbeing and human rights for all”. Alicia said she would recommend future tours to “anyone with an interest in the values of the United Nations and a strong interest in learning what you can do to be a good global citizen”.



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17 SDGs IN 2018

PROGRAM

In early 2018, we were thrilled to announce that Deakin University was partnering with us to deliver our 17 SDGs in 2018 program of events and activities to raise awareness of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Victoria and the work that is being done to assist in the achievement of the goals.

Deakin University is a proud signatory to the University Commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals. Universities, including Deakin, are in the privileged position of equipping the next generation of leaders, innovators and thinkers to understand the global challenges facing the world and the role they can play in rising to meet these challenges.

The UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals are a “universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity”.

The SDGs – and their related targets – are, by their nature, based on a global agenda so we wanted to run a program to discuss if they are relevant to Victoria. And, if they are, what is being done or planned? Can we set and achieve local targets?

The program was designed around an event being held each month which focused on two related SDGs.



27 FEBRUARY
GUARDIANS OF THE EARTH
FILM SCREENING AND PANEL
DISCUSSION

In partnership with the Transitions Film Festival and UNAA Victoria Young Professionals, we presented a special screening of Guardians of the Earth, a fly on the wall look at the negotiations that led to the historic Paris Climate Agreement. This event was presented to raise awareness of SDG 13 Climate Action and SDG 17 Partnerships for the Goals.

The sold out film screening was followed by a panel discussion which included Dr Adam Bumpus, Senior Research Fellow, Melbourne University; Deb Hart, Author and Activist; Caroline Lambert, Climate and Environment Counsellor, EU Delegation to Australia and Graham Hunter, Coordinator, UNAA Climate Change program.



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20 MARCH
Q AND A PANEL: AFFORDABLE
AND CLEAN ENERGY - ARE THESE
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE?

Some 40 people took part in this thought-provoking forum led by panel members Dr Adrian Panow, Director, Deakin Energy; Luke Barbagallo, Partnerships and Programs Manager, Pollinate Energy; Victorian Council of Social Service - VCOSS Deputy CEO Mary Sayers and ATA: Alternative Technology Association CEO Donna Luckman.

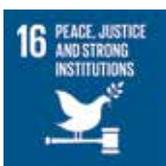
UNAA Climate Change Coordinator Graham Hunter moderated the discussion around SDG 7 Affordable and Clean Energy and SDG 10 Reduced Inequalities at the historic Melbourne Athenaeum Library.



18 APRIL EMPOWERMENT AND EDUCATION: SPEED DATE MENTORING

Some 50 young women and men joined 11 wonderful mentors for an evening of speed date mentoring. Held at Deakin Downtown, this event brought people together to discuss SDG 5 Gender Equality and SDG 4 Quality Education.

Mentors included Penelope Lee, Her Place Women’s Museum Australia; Professor Hannah Piterman, Deakin University; Tasneem Chopra, Cross Cultural Consultant; Ali Fowler, World Project Partners; Lily-Claire Deenmamode, ACU School of Education; Wayne Hayworth, Mt Alexander College; Kate Mugavin, Centre for Multicultural Youth; Krista Seddon, Domestic Violence Resource Centre; Tharindu Jayadeva, CHASE and Oaktree Foundation and Deborah Zhang, Teach for Australia.



15 MAY Q AND A PANEL: REDUCING POVERTY AND ACHIEVING JUSTICE

This forum around SDG 1 No Poverty and SDG 16 Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions resulted in a heartfelt debate about what we can do in Victoria to assist with the increasing visible problems of homelessness and poverty. Held at the Melbourne Athenaeum Library, this discussion, moderated by Victorian Young Professionals’ Network Co-Convenor Emeline Gillingham, included panel members Mary Sayers, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, VCOSS: Victorian Council of Social Services; Maureen Dawson-Smith, Victorian Community Programs Manager, Red Cross and Oaktree Timor-Leste Education Partnership Manager, Nathan Vadnjal.



16 JUNE YOUNG PROFESSIONALS VOLUNTEERING DAY

In support of SDG 14 Life below Water and SDG 15 Life on Land, the UNAAV Young Professionals hosted a volunteering day to highlight the importance of protecting and conserving our natural heritage.

Working in partnership with the City of Port Phillip and Conservation Volunteers Australia, participants moved 50 cubic metres of mulch and planted around 2000 trees along the Elwood Foreshore. Providing practical support to the City of Port Phillip under the guidance of Conservation Volunteers Australia meant that participants contributed to revegetation efforts to increase habitat biodiversity.



2017

MEDIA AWARDS

Since 1979, the UNAA has celebrated UN Day (24 October) by acknowledging Australian journalists and media organisations who have excelled in their promotion of human rights and issues.

Winners of the 2017 UNAA Media Awards were announced on Friday 24 October, at a presentation hosted by ABC journalist Mary Gearin. Guest Speaker Emeritus Professor Gillian Triggs entranced the audience with her impassioned speech about the importance of the media continuing to shine a light on human rights and humanitarian issues.

FULL LIST OF WINNERS:

Best Print

Our Favourite Paedophile: Why is Donald Friend Still Celebrated? - Antony Funnell, ABC Radio National Online

Best TV – News/Current Affairs

Six Days in Somaliland - Sally Sara and Dingani Masuku, ABC News

Best TV – Documentary

Cold Justice - Allan Clarke, NITV and BuzzFeed

Best Radio – News

Somaliland Children - Sally Sara and Dingani Masuku, Correspondents Report, ABC Radio

Best Radio – Documentary

The Messenger - Behind the Wire/The Wheeler Centre

Best Photojournalism

Edith: Escaping Domestic Violence - Justin McManus, The Sunday Age

Best Online

Right Wrongs - Solua Middleton, Yale Macgillivray, Scott Gamble, Bronwyn Purvis, Dan Battley, Lorena Allam, ABC Online

Promotion of Indigenous Rights and Issues

We Don't Need a Map - Goodship, NITV

Promotion of Empowerment of Older People (sponsored by Cbus)

Centenarians, You Can't Ask That, ABC TV

Promotion of Gender Equality: Empowerment of Women and Girls

The Hunting Grounds - PJ Madam, Alison Sandy, Penny McWhirter, Nina Funnell, Seven Network

Promotion of Children's Rights and Issues

Generation Left Behind - Matthew Carney, Zhang Qian, Wayne McAllister, ABC Foreign Correspondent

Promotion of Social Cohesion

Suicide Attempt Survivors; Refugees and Children of Same-Sex Parents - You Can't Ask That, ABC TV

Promotion of Disability Rights and Issues

Down Syndrome; Facial Difference and Blind, You Can't Ask That, ABC TV



YOUNG PROFESSIONALS VICTORIA

In late 2017, the UNAAV Young Professionals Network (UNAAV YP) hosted an event marking World Day against Trafficking in Persons; a career development session on finding a career you love; a Panel Discussion on Indigenous Health, and an end of year networking event.

In the first half of 2018, the UNAAV YP held three events as part of UNAA Victoria's 17 SDGs in 2018 series, including a screening of *Guardians of the Earth* in conjunction with the Transitions Film Festival (SDG 13); a Speed Mentoring evening focusing on Education and Empowerment (SDGs 4 and 5) and a tree planting volunteering day (SDGs 14 and 15).

Engaging more than 200 young professionals from across Victoria, these events provided opportunities for attendees to hear from, and speak with, experts working to address the Sustainable Development Goals and the work of the UN, as well as network with like-minded people.

The UNAAV YP was also pleased to see that many of the changes recommended by the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade's Inquiry into a Modern Slavery Act in its final report, *Hidden in Plain Sight*, were in line with the UNAAV YP Advocacy Committee recommended actions outlined in the UNAA's submission.



STATUS OF WOMEN COMMITTEE

The Status of Women Committee meets monthly to consider selected topics and to hear various speakers. Themes derive from the Australian Government's commitments during its term on the UN Human Rights Council and the framework of the UNAA strategic plan. Members have a strong interest in monitoring progress on SDG 4 Quality Education and SDG5 Gender Equality.

From mid-2017 a major focus was on preparatory work for the UNAA Status of Women Roundtable on modern slavery and global supply chains. The Roundtable was held in Canberra, at the time of the UNAA National Conference. Keynote speaker was Heather Moore (Freedom Partnership, Salvation Army) and Intern Charlotte Fergusson presented on her research on Domestic Slavery. UNAA Queensland briefed the Committee on its Modern Slavery program. In January, members met with Aleisha Godenzie (UNAA WA Status of Women Committee). Other links were renewed through Office for Women Alliance meetings and briefings prior to the UN Commission on the Status of Women in February.

Reviewing the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and its significant commitment to gender equality was also a focus as the 70th anniversary approached of the UDHR's adoption in 1948. In September, Sheila Byard spoke on the Declaration at the Monash International Affairs Society Model UN.

The well-attended UNAA Victoria forum on 11 December - What can be done about the global crisis of gender inequality? - addressed by Dr Augusto

Lopez-Claros, Director, World Bank Global Indicators Group, was chaired by Dr Jennifer Strauss; the QA segment was led by Judith van Unen.

As the Australian Government prepared to release its first Voluntary National Report on the Sustainable Development Goals in June 2018, we re-examined gender inequality both through a human rights lens and through its economic and security dimensions.

Three interns made significant contributions: in Semester 2, 2017 Charlotte Ferguson, a Juris D. student, wrote a paper examining submissions to the Modern Slavery Act Inquiry; and in Semester 1 2018 Cindy Langwen Zhao, a University of Melbourne journalism student, reported on UNAA and its member civil society organisations working for gender equality. Monash University student Pshaala Devandran also began work on International Parental Child Abduction issues under the Hague Convention.

We acknowledge the team at the AMES Multicultural Hub for their assistance with our monthly meetings and thank UNAA Victoria Executive Manager Sophie Arnold for support and liaison between the Committee and the UNAA Victoria Board.





UN YOUTH

IN 2017/18, UN YOUTH VICTORIA RAN FIVE KEY PROGRAMS:

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STATE CONFERENCE
- 2

THE EVATT MODEL UN COMPETITION
- 3

THE VOICE PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION
- 4

THREE DAY-LONG SUMMITS
- 5

VICTORIA-WIDE SCHOOL VISITS PROGRAM

THE EVATT COMPETITION, hosted by the Melbourne Law School and the Victorian Parliament from July to September 2017, invited over 550 students to work in teams of two, representing a state on the Security Council. The competition rounds spanned topics such as the Cypriot conflict, water security in east Africa and the governance of international aid agencies.

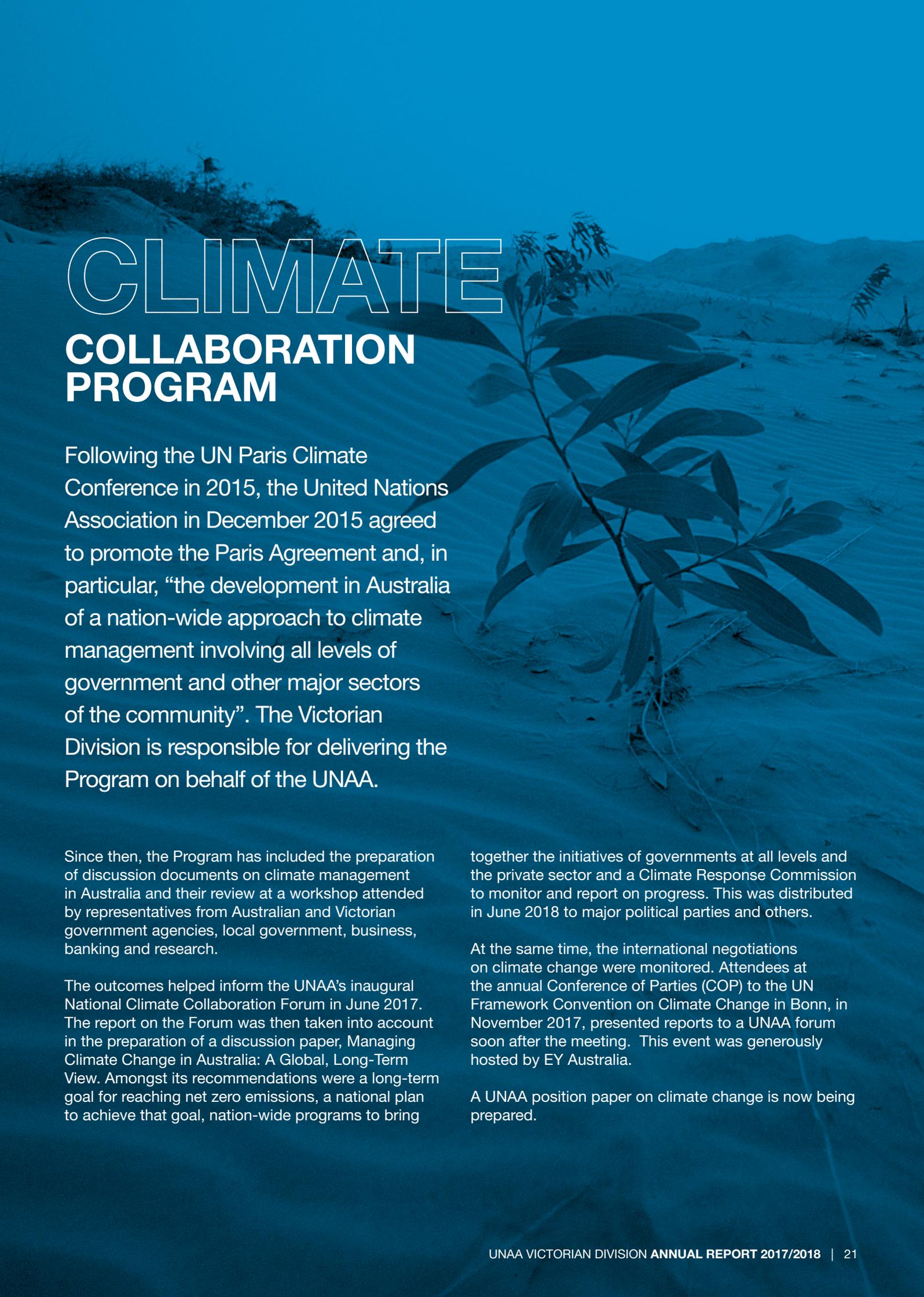
THE VOICE COMPETITION also diversified in 2017, as rounds were held across nine locations in Melbourne and Victoria. Voice invites Year 7-10 students to pose solutions to challenging problems, including how to decrease the usage of illicit drugs and how to improve young people’s understanding of Australian history. In 2017, over 100 students participated and a Victorian student placed first in the Senior Division (year 9 and 10) of the National Finals in April 2018.

STATE CONFERENCE, a four-day residential camp in March 2018, hosted 110 Year 10-12 students. Supported by the U.S. Consulate, Grill’d and the Victorian Greens, this conference was one of the most diverse, with more young people from regional Victoria and government schools involved. In collaboration with UN Youth Australia, educational content

was produced on the theme ‘Power, Diplomacy and Influence’. U.S. Consulate representative, Marvin Alfaro, provided nuanced perspectives on America’s role in a changing world order, an insight into diplomatic careers and opportunities to work in the foreign service. The 2018 Australian Youth Representative to the UN, Amos Washington, also ran an in depth consultation with students through a workshop focused on the question, ‘What would Australia look like if young people had a greater say?’ Other events included interactive workshops, Model UN activities and crisis simulations.

In 2017-2018, **UN YOUTH VICTORIA’S DAY SUMMITS PROGRAM** has continued to grow, attracting over 200 students. The three summits covered space exploration, the politics of money and how the development of cities shapes our society. All summits are generously supported by CityCite.

2017-18 has been an incredible year for UN Youth Victoria. Programs have continued to open young eyes to the world through a variety of different events, and volunteers’ experiences have improved through a thriving social culture.



CLIMATE

COLLABORATION PROGRAM

Following the UN Paris Climate Conference in 2015, the United Nations Association in December 2015 agreed to promote the Paris Agreement and, in particular, “the development in Australia of a nation-wide approach to climate management involving all levels of government and other major sectors of the community”. The Victorian Division is responsible for delivering the Program on behalf of the UNAA.

Since then, the Program has included the preparation of discussion documents on climate management in Australia and their review at a workshop attended by representatives from Australian and Victorian government agencies, local government, business, banking and research.

The outcomes helped inform the UNAA’s inaugural National Climate Collaboration Forum in June 2017. The report on the Forum was then taken into account in the preparation of a discussion paper, *Managing Climate Change in Australia: A Global, Long-Term View*. Amongst its recommendations were a long-term goal for reaching net zero emissions, a national plan to achieve that goal, nation-wide programs to bring

together the initiatives of governments at all levels and the private sector and a Climate Response Commission to monitor and report on progress. This was distributed in June 2018 to major political parties and others.

At the same time, the international negotiations on climate change were monitored. Attendees at the annual Conference of Parties (COP) to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in Bonn, in November 2017, presented reports to a UNAA forum soon after the meeting. This event was generously hosted by EY Australia.

A UNAA position paper on climate change is now being prepared.

> STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As At 30 June 2018

	FY2018	FY2017
CURRENT ASSETS		
CASH AT BANK	\$92,768	\$96,400
TERM DEPOSIT	\$50,000	\$0
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	\$25,370	\$1,060
PREPAID EXPENSES	\$7,551	\$4,413
OTHER CURRENT ASSETS	\$594	\$1,341
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$176,284	\$103,214
FIXED ASSETS (Written Down Value)	\$10,689	\$9,221
TOTAL ASSETS	\$186,972	\$112,435
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
TRADE PAYABLES	\$715	\$1,967
PAY-ROLL LIABILITIES	\$12,355	\$13,552
GST	\$8,646	\$9,614
DEFERRED REVENUE	\$95,632	\$29,999
ACCRUED EXPENSES	\$0	\$554
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$117,348	\$55,686
TOTAL MEMBERS FUNDS	\$69,624	\$56,749

> STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

Year Ending 30 June 2018

	FY2018	FY2017
INCOME		
GRANTS RECEIVED	\$27,500	\$30,000
PROGRAM INCOME RECEIVED	\$242,553	\$268,160
MEMBERSHIPS RECEIVED	\$7,953	\$3,925
OTHER INCOME	\$1,286	\$4,356
TOTAL INCOME	\$279,292	\$306,442
EXPENDITURE		
PROGRAM EXPENDITURE	\$80,393	\$91,514
EMPLOYMENT EXPENSES	\$131,348	\$156,206
OCCUPANCY EXPENSES	\$27,998	\$36,046
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES	\$23,082	\$26,844
DEPRECIATION EXPENSES	\$3,596	\$3,880
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$266,417	\$314,490
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$12,875	-\$8,048



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