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**International Year of Biodiversity  
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**Message from Mr Geoffrey Little JP  
Convenor, Annual UN Day Cenotaph  
Ceremony and Vice President UNAA**



Sydney today celebrates United Nations Day which marks the entry into force of the UN Charter on 24<sup>th</sup> October 1945. UN Peacekeeping has been central to the Organisation's mandate to "take effective,

collective measures for the prevention and removal of threats to the peace". Australia sent a peacekeeping mission to Indonesia in September 1947. The Australian War Memorial records that over 30,000 Australians, both ADF and police personnel have been involved in over a hundred operations (large and small).

This year marks the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the outbreak of hostilities on the Korean Peninsular and we remember in particular the Australians and their allies who served there with such great distinction under the UN Banner.

This is my 17<sup>th</sup> year as convenor of the Cenotaph Ceremony, and I would like to take this opportunity to record my sincere gratitude and that of the UNAA (NSW) to the ADF and police personnel, as well as all those within the UN family, the State and Commonwealth governments, members of the Consular Corps, the City of Sydney and the numerous associations and community groups who help to ensure that this is a fitting tribute to those who served. May I highlight the special roles of our Distinguished Guest of Honour, former AFP Commissioner Michael (Mick) Palmer, the UNIC Director Mr Christopher Woodthorpe, The UNAA National President, Professor Robert Hill, the Corrective Services Band and the students from Knox Grammar and the International Grammar School.

Finally, may I draw your attention to the UN Flag which will fly on Harbour Bridge on UN Day, Sunday.



**THE SECRETARY-  
GENERAL**

**Ban ki Moon**

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**MESSAGE FOR UNITED NATIONS DAY**

**24 October 2010**

On United Nations Day, I express my great appreciation to the millions of people throughout the world who believe deeply in our work for peace, development and human rights... and who uphold our ideals and help us achieve our goals. To all of you... friends and fellow citizens of the world... I say: thank you.

Sixty-five years ago on this date, the founding Charter of the United Nations entered into force. Every year on UN Day, we reaffirm our global mission. We reassert the universal values of tolerance, mutual respect and human dignity. And we recognize the progress we have made together: gains in literacy and life expectancy... the spread of knowledge and technology... advances in democracy and the rule of law.

But above all, UN Day is a day on which we resolve to do more. More to protect those caught up in armed conflict, to fight climate change and avert nuclear catastrophe; more to expand opportunities for women and girls, and to combat injustice and impunity; more to meet the Millennium Development Goals.

Last month's MDG Summit at the United Nations generated political momentum... as well as financial commitments that are especially significant in these difficult economic times. I am determined to press ahead as the 2015 deadline approaches.

Despite our problems, despite polarization and distrust, our interconnected world has opened up vast new possibilities for common progress. Let us commit to do even more to realize the great vision set out in the UN Charter.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT



At this time of the year UNAA (NSW) is preparing for our United Nations Week celebrations, including especially the Cenotaph Ceremony and the UN Week Luncheon, both of which are on 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

While we are celebrating, we should also remember those whose grim lives do not provide them with much to celebrate.

Last month there was a major conference in New York concerning the Millenium Development Goals. UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and Heads of State and Government, along with the private sector, foundations, international organizations, civil society and research organizations, and with pledges of more than \$40 billion over the next five years, launched a fresh initiative to achieve goals by 2015.

Let us hope that one day extreme poverty and hunger are eradicated, sufficient education to progress in the world is available to all and people's health needs are met.

What can we do to help? Supporting advertised meetings concerning the MDG, lobbying politicians and other decision-makers, signing relevant petitions, sending letters to various publications, even talking to others – all these can help.

### Notice

The Post UN Week Afternoon Tea  
Will be held in the  
Speakers Garden of the NSW Parliament  
On Friday 5th November  
If interested please contact  
office@unaansw.org.au

## Two Honoured Guests to Attend Sydney's Annual United Nations Day Wreath Laying Ceremony 2010

Attending this years' United Nations Day Wreath Laying Ceremony will be two Irish gentlemen of distinction who will be representing the Irish Community of Australia for the first time.

**Myles Mooney** was formerly a member of the 34<sup>th</sup> Battalion Irish Army Air Corps, Irish Defence Force 1957 to 1965. Myles enthralled guests at the Post Afternoon Tea at the Speakers Garden last year with a riveting address on his former life, as a United Nations Peace-keeper. He served as a member of the Irish UN Contingent in the Congo in 1961. His Battalion relieved the 33<sup>rd</sup> Battalion which had lost nine killed in an ambush in Namibia. In all 6191 Irish soldiers served in the Congo between 1960 and 1964. In that now celebrated United Nations Peace Keeping mission 26 brave members of the Irish Battalion were killed in the line of duty.

Myles has become better known in later years as the lead singer in the Irish Drovers Folk Group. These days he spends most weekends at the Maritime Museum, Darling Harbour, where he lends his charming folksy Irish ways as a Tour Guide.

**Mr. Patrick (Paddy) Armstrong** is an Assistant Superintendent in the NSW Department of Corrective Services.



Patrick is the Founder/Coordinator of the United Irish Ex Services Association of Australia. Myles Mooney serves in that august body as Parade Commander

which marches in Sydney on St. Patrick's Day and each Anzac Day.

The Royal Ulster Rifles Army Cadet Corps family has a long tradition in the British Armed Forces. In commemoration of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the commencement of the Korean War, Patrick and Myles will be laying a wreath to on behalf of all Irish Peace Keepers, and in particular to honour of the Royal Ulster Rifles 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion which lost 180 soldiers killed, captured and/or wounded in the Battle of the Imjin River in April 1951 to numerically superior North Korean Forces. As they withdrew, their retreat was assisted by covering fire from the men of the Kings Royal Irish Hussars.

Geoffrey Little  
Convenor Cenotaph Ceremony

## Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony 2010

### Program

Catafalque Party and Flag Orderlies arrive and flags are raised by the Custodian of the Cenotaph;

Flag Orderlies Catafalque Party and NSW Department of Corrective Services Band take position; Representatives from Contingents on Parade arrive

Distinguished Guest of Honour, members of the Consular Corps and other distinguished guests arrive;

*General Salute:* Master of Ceremonies Mr. Geoffrey B.W. Little JP, Vice President UNAA(NSW) –will request all to stand for the General Salute.

*Bells Peel* from No. 1 Martin Place clock at 11:00 am to mark the beginning of Ceremony

*Welcome Address and Invocation;* Master of Ceremonies

*UNAA Anthem* 'Song of All Nations' written by the Late Magda Nield and performed by Soloist Mr. Geoffrey B.W. Little JP and the NSW Department of Corrective Services Band

*Secretary General Ban Ki Moon's United Nations Day Message* is read by Mr. Christopher Woodthorpe, Director of the United Nations Information Centre.

*Cenotaph Oration* by Distinguished Guest of Honour Mr Michael (Mick) Palmer AO APM, former Commissioner Australian Federal Police

*Wreath Laying Ceremony* to commence with the Distinguished Guest of Honour.

Master of Ceremonies will call for Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen to stand for:

The *Last Post*

The *Requies-cat*

The observation of *One Minute's Silence*

*Reveille*

The *Australian National Anthem*

The *General Salute* to be played as Distinguished Guest Leaves the Precinct

12.00pm: Close followed by photo opportunity

## UN Celebratory Luncheon

Friday 22nd October

Strangers Dining Room

NSW Parliament

The UNAA(NSW) is privileged to have as its Guest of Honour

*The Hon Michael Kirby AC CMG*

Former Justice of the High Court of Australia

Vice Patron of the UNAA

who will speak on

*UN Agencies: Heroes of the Organisation*

*Guests will later be introduced to*

Mick Palmer AO APM

Former Commissioner Australian Federal Police

Distinguished Guest at the Cenotaph Ceremony 2010

Sue Conde

National President UNIFEM Australia

Lance Innes

CEO Friends of the UN

National Anthem

Australians all let us rejoice  
For we are young and free  
We've golden soil and wealth for toil,  
Our home is girt by sea:  
Our land abounds in nature's gifts  
Of beauty rich and rare,  
In history's page let every stage  
Advance Australia fair,  
In joyful strains then let us sing  
Advance Australia fair.



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