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Delegate Rhaneë enjoying the visit to Wayside Chapel as part of the National Young Adult Leaders conference.

# Investments enable youth to grow and build their leadership skills in Sydney

Because of your investments, opportunity was created for eight young people to attend the National Young Adult Leaders Conference held last month in Sydney.

Hosted by Rev. Prof. Andrew Dutney (President of the Uniting Church in Australia) and Ref. Ronang Garrawurra, (Chair of the Uniting Aboriginal and islander Christian Congress) the conference was held in Sydney for leaders and potential leaders from across the country aged 18-30 with delegates representing the UCA's diverse cultural groups.

Representatives from the Northern Synod included:

### **From Ramingining:**

Gawinygawiny Gaykamangu  
Vashti Gaykamangu  
Florence Maliburr

### **From Gapuwiyak:**

Damien Guyula  
Eunice Wunungmurra  
Bridie Guyula

### **From Indonesian Missionary Congregation:**

Liusem Mauboy  
Kevin Sapardi

The young leaders were accompanied by mentors; Pastor Stuart McMillan (The Northern Synod Moderator) and the Synod's National Youth Activities Project Officer, Jemma Whittaker.

Liusem Mauboy (pictured right) from the Indonesian Missionary Congregation explained, "It was a great, exhilarating experience because you are able to meet people your age that share similar ideologies."

The conference provided a fantastic opportunity for young attendees to charge their batteries, connect with one another, and come away with fresh ideas, having had a lot of fun in the process.

Delegates from the Northern Synod enjoyed the experience of relationship building with other like minded youth.

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Time shared and fresh ideas at NYALC

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# A message from Paul Barnett

## Hello!

As I write this, Christmas festivities are in full swing and the sun is staying long in the sky. Christmas and New Year is always a reflective time when it's impossible not to think about the past year. I proudly look back on what was achieved in 2014 and am thankful to the members of the Uniting Church Investment Committee and the UC Invest staff for their passion, skill and commitment. Well done and thank you.

This edition of Investor Returns has snippets of several great programs that have received financial support as a result of investor's faith in investing with us.

What an opportunity has been created by your investments, to enable our potential leaders from diverse cultural groups in the Northern Synod to be stimulated and enthused at a conference in Sydney. The Northern Synod has been a loyal supporter of UC Invest for many decades. Annually UC Invest makes a grant to the Northern Synod, and we are always

thrilled to hear of the great stories of how that grant is spent.

If you have never heard the JE Dodd 1898 Pipe Organ, maybe it's about time you visited the Wesley Uniting Church in 2015. Their concert series over winter and spring had many visitors in 2014 with a talented group of performers entertaining all those that attended.

One of our goals is to make a grant to the Mission & Service Fund of \$2 million in 2015. That goal will only be possible with your continuing support. Thank you for that support in 2014, and we look forward to serving you in 2015.

If there is anything we can do, or do better, please let me know.

*Paul*

Paul Barnett



Left to right; Florence Maliburr, Vashti Gaykamangu and Gawinygawiny Gaykamangu

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The Northern Synod and the young people who attended the Conference, greatly appreciate the generous grant provided

by UC Invest which enabled them to participate in this empowering and life-changing conference.

— Roslyn Henry, Northern Synod

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# Concert Series featuring leading SA soloists resonates with community



Wesley Uniting Church's  
2015 Concert Series  
mailing list:  
[wesleykenttown.org.au](http://wesleykenttown.org.au)

For the past five years, Wesley Uniting Church has been treating audiences to an annual Winter/Spring Concert Series, presenting some of the state's leading soloists, making them accessible for the wider community to enjoy.

UC Invest provided a contribution to the series of five monthly one-hour 'Wednesday Concerts'. The concerts resonated with audience members and attendance was strong with up to 140 attending each performance from May to September.

Esteemed Soprano Brooke Window, who travelled to Europe last year with the Adelaide Chamber Singers, collecting the coveted 'Choir of the World Pavarotti Trophy' at the Welsh Llangollen International Eisteddfod, indulged guests with her stunning repertoire for the first of the 2014 Concert Series in May.

Other musicians involved in the 2014 program, included Clarinet Trio Eclectica, and Tenor Tasso Bouyessis. In addition, hundreds of local school children from Pembroke's Junior Orchestra and Prince Alfred College's Brass Ensemble also performed at Wesley Uniting Church.

Organists Andrew Ampt, Alexander Paine, Mark Jayner, Graham Bell and Alana Brook all showcased their work on the majestic JE Dodd Pipe Organ, which was installed at Wesley Uniting Church in 1898 and manufactured in England.

Dr Mark Symons, Wesley Uniting Church Chairman of the Council and organiser of the '2014 Wednesday Concerts' said *"The Concert Series are a Community Outreach – an opportunity for members of all walks of life to come together and enjoy some harmonious music, played by some exceptionally gifted musicians and local school groups."*

*"UC Invest's support has enabled us to publicise the Concert Series to reach a broader and more diverse audience,"* Dr Symons said.

Wesley Uniting Church is showing no signs of slowing down in 2015 as preparations are underway for the 150 Years Celebration of Christian Witness at Kent Town.

For more information about Wesley Uniting Church's 2015 Concert Series visit: <http://wesleykenttown.org.au/> and sign up to the mailing list.

## Summer thought

**"Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time."**

**- John Lubbock, *The Use Of Life.***



# UC Invest Investors bestow record \$1.98 million to Church's lifeblood

This year alone, UC Invest Investors have collectively raised a record amount of \$1.98 million dollars for the Uniting Church South Australia's Mission & Service Fund.

The vital Mission & Service Fund supports the facilitation of pastoral care to congregations, ministers and members, as well as enabling the much-needed ministry to youth and children. In addition, administration costs including accounting, human resources and pay roll are all offset thanks to the essential UC Invest Investors' contributions to the Mission & Service Fund.

Peter Battersby, Uniting Church SA Executive Officer Resources said "UC Invest's substantial grant has been instrumental in assisting us to provide a high level of care and service to our diverse church community this year."

Peter adds, "The Uniting Church has been blessed by the foresight of those that recognised the vision for UC Invest, offering excellent investment opportunities to our members and providing necessary funding in the form of grants, that greatly benefit us all.

The Uniting Church Investment Committee plans to raise its funding bar even higher in 2015 with the aim of providing a \$2 million grant to the Mission & Service Fund from UC Invest. The vast amount is only achievable through the generosity of members who invest their savings with UC Invest.

Aiming to provide a \$2 million grant in 2015

*"On behalf of the Church in SA, I applaud UC Invest Investors for making such a formidable financial impact on our community,"*

- Peter Battersby

## Apple & Mint Iced Tea

- 1/4 cup shredded mint
- 3 Peppermint teabags
- 2 cups boiling water
- 1.25L chilled clear apple juice
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 1 apple, chopped



Fill an ice cube tray with water and divide shredded mint between the tray holes. Place in the freezer for 2 hours or until frozen. Meanwhile, place peppermint teabags in a large heatproof jug and pour over boiling water. Steep for 10 minutes then remove the teabags and place the jug in the fridge until chilled. To serve, combine apple juice with the chilled peppermint tea. Add lime juice. Transfer to a serving jug or punch bowl and add the mint ice cubes and some chopped apple.

Now find a shady spot to relax.

Thank you!

"Thanks to you and your investment with UC Invest visitors to Adare Camp enjoy new experiences. The recently acquired canoes and bikes are a great hit with the kids, helping them to build confidence and have lots of fun!"

- Mark, General Manager, Uniting Venues SA

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