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**Australian Foreign Policy**

**The Hon Kim Beazley AC FAIA**

**AIIA National President**



Kim Beazley was elected to the Federal Parliament in 1980 and represented the electorates of Swan (1980-96) and Brand (1996-2007). Mr Beazley was a Minister in the Hawke and Keating Labor Governments (1983-96) holding, at various times, the portfolios of Defence, Finance, Transport and Communications, Employment Education and Training, Aviation, and Special Minister of State. He was Deputy Prime Minister (1995-96) and Leader of the Australian Labor Party and Leader of the Opposition (1996-01 and 2005-06). Mr Beazley served on parliamentary committees, including the Joint Intelligence Committee and the Joint Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

Committee.

After his retirement from politics in 2007, Mr Beazley was appointed Winthrop Professor in the Department of Politics and International Relations at the University of Western Australia. In July 2008 he was appointed Chancellor of the Australian National University, a position he held until December 2009.

Mr Beazley took up an appointment as Ambassador to the United States of America in February 2010. He served as Ambassador until January 2016. Upon returning to Australia he has been appointed as President of the Australian Institute for International Affairs, Distinguished Fellow at the Australian Strategic Policy Institute, Senior Fellow at the Perth USAsia Centre and Board Member of the Australian American Leadership Dialogue. In 2009, Mr Beazley was awarded the Companion of the Order of Australia for service to the Parliament of Australia through contributions to the development of government policies in relation to defence and international relations, and as an advocate for Indigenous people, and to the community.

## **Allan Gyngell AO FAIIA**

### **Former Director-General of the Office of National Assessments**



Allan Gyngell is an Adjunct Professor at the Crawford School of Public Policy at the ANU and Director of the Crawford Australian Leadership Forum. He was the Director-General of the Office of National Assessments (ONA) from July 2009 until April 2013 and, prior to that, the founding Executive Director of the Lowy Institute for International Policy (2003-09) in Sydney. Between 1993 and 1996, Mr Gyngell was foreign policy adviser in the office of Prime Minister Paul Keating, and from 1991 until 1993 was First Assistant Secretary in the International Division of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. He also spent a number of years as an analyst with ONA, where he worked on Southeast Asian issues (1978-80) and headed the branch dealing with great power relations at the end of the Cold War (1984-89). He is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of International Affairs and was appointed as an Officer in the Order of Australia in 2009 for service to international relations. His new book, *Fear of Abandonment*, a history of Australian foreign policy, will be published in early 2017 by Latrobe University Press.

## **Senator Richard Di Natale**

### **Leader, The Australian Greens**



Dr Richard Di Natale is the Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator for Victoria and Greens spokesperson on Health, Sport and Multiculturalism. Prior to entering Parliament Richard was a VFA footballer, a General Practitioner and a public health specialist. He worked in Aboriginal health in the Northern Territory, on HIV prevention in India and as a drug and alcohol clinician in regional Victoria. Richard was elected as the Greens' first Senator for Victoria in 2010 and became the third leader of the party when Christine Milne stepped down in May 2015. He is the co-convenor of the Parliamentary Group for Drug Policy and Law Reform, the Parliamentary Friends of West Papua and the Parliamentary Friends of Medicine. Richard's achievements in parliament include leading a cross-party push to legalise medicinal cannabis, passing legislation to combat multinational tax avoidance, securing a register of foreign-owned land and water entitlements and giving voters more choice on their Senate ballot paper.

## **Senator the Hon Penny Wong**

### **Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs**



Before entering politics she worked for a union, as a ministerial adviser in the NSW Labor Government, and as a lawyer. Penny was elected to the Senate in 2001 and took her seat in 2002. In 2004, Penny was elected to the Shadow Ministry. Following the election of the Labor Government in 2007 Penny was appointed the Minister for Climate Change and Water. After the 2010 election Penny was appointed the Minister for Finance and Deregulation. In 2013, Penny was appointed Leader of the Government in the Senate. After the change of Government she was appointed the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate. Penny is the first woman to hold both these roles. Penny is the Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs and a member of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security.

## **Zara Kimpton OAM**

### **Chair**

#### **AIIA National Vice President**



Zara Kimpton is the National Vice President of the Australian Institute of International Affairs. She previously had a career in stockbroking with William Noall & Son in Melbourne, the mining/investment industry with Consolidated Gold Fields Australia in Sydney and banking with Banque Nationale de Paris in Melbourne. She also worked in New York in the interior design industry and ran her own business in this field in Melbourne. Zara joined the council of the Australian Institute of International Affairs Victoria in 1997 and was President from 2003 to 2006. She was made a life member of AIIAV in 2007.

## Enhancing Australia's Prosperity

### George Megalogenis

**Journalist and Political Commentator**



George Megalogenis is an author and journalist with three decades experience in the media. The Australian Moment won the 2013 Prime Minister's Literary Award for Non-fiction and the 2012 Walkley Award for Non-fiction, and formed the basis for the ABC documentary series Making Australia Great. He is also the author of Faultlines, The Longest Decade, Quarterly Essay 40: Trivial Pursuit - Leadership and the End of the Reform Era and Quarterly Essay 61: Balancing Act - Australia Between Recession and Renewal.

### Jennifer Westacott

**Chief Executive of the Business Council of Australia**



Jennifer Westacott has been Chief Executive of the Business Council of Australia since 2011, bringing extensive policy experience in both the public and private sectors. For over 20 years Jennifer occupied critical leadership positions in the New South Wales and Victorian governments. She was the Director of Housing and the Secretary of Education in Victoria, and most recently was the Director-General of the New South Wales Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources. From 2005 to 2011 Jennifer was senior partner at KPMG, heading up the firm's Sustainability, Climate Change and Water practice and its NSW State Government practice. Jennifer facilitates the contribution of the Business Council of Australia's CEO members across a policy agenda that includes economic policy and competitiveness, regulation, infrastructure and sustainable growth, labour market, skills and education, engagement with Indigenous Australians, global engagement, healthcare policy and innovation.

### Dr Elizabeth Thurbon

**Associate Professor, UNSW**



Elizabeth Thurbon is Associate Professor and Convenor of the Governance and Global Change cluster in the School of Social Sciences, UNSW Australia. Her research specialisation is the (international) political economy of techno-industrial development and change, with a particular focus on East Asia and Australia. Her most significant contributions to the field examine the rise and transformation of Northeast Asia's developmental states, and the relationship between international trade and financial integration and the pursuit of transformative economic and social goals in Australia and the region. Elizabeth is the founder and Convenor of the UNSW Globalisation & Governance Research Network. She is also an Academic Advisor to Jubilee Australia, an NGO dedicated to research-based advocacy on questions of social, economic and environmental justice in the Asia-Pacific.

## **John Goodlad**

### **President of the AIA for WA**



John is a former Australian diplomat with a wide experience of expatriate life. John is currently an Investment Advisor at Hartleys Ltd where he specialises in assisting Australian and International clients manage their wealth. His focus is on the establishment and ongoing management of long term, quality growth portfolios. John provides a full range of Australian-based services – including advice on shares, fixed interest, financial planning and superannuation. Prior to joining Hartleys, John spent 16 years as a policy officer with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (including postings to Bangkok and Jakarta). He speaks Thai, Indonesian, some Mandarin and basic French.

John has degrees in Arts and Law from the University of Melbourne. John also has a Master of International Law qualification from the Australian National University where he specialised in International Economics, International Banking and Finance Law and International Securities Law. John is currently a member of the Artrage Board which run the Perth Fringe Festival. He was, until recently, on the Board of the Methodist Ladies College in Perth and the Chair of the MLC Foundation. Prior to that John was the President of the Western Australian Club.

## Strengthening Australia's Security

### **Peter Varghese AO**

#### **Former Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade**



Peter Varghese took up his position as the fourteenth Chancellor at The University of Queensland on 11 July 2016. Prior to this appointment, Peter was Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (2012-2016). His diplomatic appointments include High Commissioner to India (2009-12), High Commissioner to Malaysia (2000-02) and postings to Tokyo, Washington and Vienna. From 2004-09, Peter was Director General of the Office of National Assessments, a statutory office which reports directly to the Prime Minister and also coordinates the Australian intelligence community. In 2003, Peter was the senior international adviser in the office of Prime Minister John Howard. He also headed up the international division of the Department of Prime

Minister and Cabinet from 1998-99. In 1996-97, Peter headed up the secretariat which drafted Australia's first White Paper on foreign and trade policy. Peter was appointed an Officer in the Order of Australia (AO) in 2010.

### **John McCarthy AO FAIA**

#### **Former senior Australian Diplomat and former AIIA National President**



John McCarthy has served as Australia's Ambassador to a number of countries including: Vietnam (1981-83), Mexico (1985-87), Thailand (1992-94), the United States (1995-1997), Indonesia (1997-2001) and Japan (2001-2004). Mr McCarthy has also served in Damascus, Baghdad and Vientiane. For the period 1994-95, John was Deputy Secretary in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Canberra. In 2004 he was appointed as High Commissioner to India, serving in this role until 2009. Born in Washington D.C., Mr McCarthy was educated at Cambridge University where he received a Master of Arts and a Bachelor of Laws degree. He is a barrister-at-law and practised in London from 1965 to

1966. He worked with the New York law firm of Shearman & Sterling from 1966 to 1967 and joined the Australian foreign service in 1968. Mr McCarthy has held roles as National President of the Australian Institute of International Affairs, Chair of the Australia-India Council, Deputy Chair of the Australia-India Institute and Chair of the Advisory Board of the Griffith Asia Institute. He is the Co-convenor of the Australia-Indonesia Dialogue.



## **Professor Greg Barton**

**Research Professor and Chair of Global Islamic Politics, Deakin University**



Greg is Research Professor in Global Islamic Politics in the Alfred Deakin Institute, Deakin University where he leads research on social inclusion and pluralism, Islam and civil society, democratisation, and countering violent extremism. He is the co-editor of the journal *Islam and Christian Muslim Relations* and is a Senior Fellow with the UAE-based Hedayah Center in Abu Dhabi working on CVE. He is one of Australia's leading scholars of both modern Indonesia and of terrorism and CVE. From 2007 to 2015 he was the Herb Feith Professor at Monash University where he led research on radicalisation in the Global Terrorism Research Centre (GTReC). He works with AGD, DFAT and AFP and government agencies

and community groups in developing responses to the challenge of violent extremism. He also leads a related initiative coordinating a Southeast Asian Regional Network of CSOs working together against violent extremism.

## **Dr Jennifer Moroney**

**Director of RAND Australia and Senior Political Scientist**



Dr Jennifer Moroney is the Director of RAND Australia and a Senior Political Scientist based in Canberra. She specialises in assessing security cooperation with foreign forces, coalition building, operational lessons, and defense strategy. Prior to coming to Australia, Jennifer was the Director of RAND's Defense and Political Sciences Department. Prior to joining RAND in 2003, she worked for DFI Government Services, focusing on regional studies in Eurasia. Prior to that, she worked for OSD/P in the office of NATO Policy. Jennifer has been an adjunct professor at The George Washington University and served as the Associate Director of RAND Project Air Force's Strategy and Doctrine Program.

## **Professor Nick Bisley**

**Chair**

**Executive Director of La Trobe Asia and Professor at La Trobe University**



Nick Bisley is the Executive Director of La Trobe Asia and Professor of International Relations. His research and teaching expertise is in Asia's international relations, globalisation and the diplomacy of great powers. Nick is currently the Editor-in-Chief of the *Australian Journal of International Affairs*, the country's oldest scholarly journal in the field of International Relations. Nick is a director of the Australian Institute of International Affairs, a member of the Council for Security and Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific and has been a Senior Research Associate of the International Institute of Strategic Studies and a Visiting Fellow at the East West-Center in Washington DC.

## Australia's Contribution to Global Issues

### **The Hon Michael Kirby AC CMG FAHA**

#### **Former Justice of the High Court of Australia**



Michael Kirby is a former justice of the High Court of Australia, where he served from 1996 to 2009. Previously he was appointed as the Deputy President of the Australian Conciliation and Arbitration Commission and Chairman of the Australian Law Reform Commission, which he served concurrently from 1975 to 1983 and 1984 respectively. Later, he was appointed a judge of the Federal Court of Australia, President of the New South Wales Court of Appeal and the Court of Appeal of Solomon Islands.

He was a member of the World Health Organisation's Global Commission on AIDS from 1988 to 1992, UN Special Representative Human Rights in Cambodia from 1993 to 1996, President of the International Commission of Jurists from 1995 to 1998 and a member of the UNESCO International Bioethics Committee from 1995 to 2005.

Kirby has served as a member of the High Commissioner for Human Rights' Judicial Reference Group from 2007 and the Human Rights Initiative Council from 2009. In 2013 he was appointed a Commissioner of the UNAIDS Commission on Sustainable Health and lead the Commission of Inquiry on Alleged Human Rights Violations in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea until 2014. Since 2014 he has been elected the Vice-Chair of the Human Rights Institute of the International Bar Association, received the Leo Nevas Award for Human Rights from the United Nations Foundation of United States of America and become a member of the Global Fund's High Level Panel, Equitable Access Initiative to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

### **Geraldine Doogue AO FAHA**

#### **ABC Journalist and Broadcaster**



Geraldine Doogue is a renowned Australian journalist and broadcaster with experience in print, television and radio. While originally planning a career as a schoolteacher after completing her arts degree, in 1972 Geraldine applied on an impulse for a journalism cadetship with The West Australian instead. During her career with both the ABC and commercial media she has won two Penguin Awards for excellence in broadcasting from the Television Society of Australia and a United Nations Media

Peace Prize. In 2000 Geraldine was awarded a Churchill Fellowship for social and cultural reporting. In 2003, she was recognised with an Officer in the Order of Australia for services to the community and media. In August 2014 she released a book published by Text Publishing called *The Climb: Conversations with Australian Women in Power*.



## **Professor Jacqui True**

### **Professor of Politics and International Relations**



Jacqui True is Professor of Politics & International Relations and an Australian Research Council Future Fellow at Monash University, Australia. She received her PhD from York University, Toronto, Canada and has held academic positions at Michigan State University, the University of Southern California, and the University of Auckland. She is a specialist in Gender and International Relations. Her articles on gender mainstreaming and global governance and feminist research methodologies rank among the most highly cited in the field.

Her current research is focused on understanding the political economy of post-conflict violence against women and the patterns of systemic sexual and gender-based violence in Asia-Pacific conflict-affected countries.

## **Akram Azimi**

### **Young Australian of the Year 2013**



Akram Azimi is a practicing sociologist, law graduate, university teacher in law and human biology and part time teacher in social justice and epistemology at Scotch College, Perth. He won the university prizes for science and sociology at the University of Western Australia. Akram was the 2013 Young Australian of the Year and is currently Australia's Youth Delegate to the Commonwealth (2015-2017). Over the last 10 years, Akram has mentored young people pro bono for +3000 hours and has taught at university across multiple disciplines. In 2011 he co-founded a student-run

initiative, I am the Other, which aims to address reconciliation issues at the non-Indigenous end of the equation. Akram has also mentored a Special Olympics athlete to help raise community awareness of disability issues. For his community service work, the Prime Minister of Australia named Akram Young Australian of the Year for 2013.

## **The Hon Penelope Wensley AC FAHA**

### **Chair**

### **Former Governor of Queensland and former Ambassador to the UN and High Commissioner to India**



Penny Wensley served as the 25th Governor of Queensland (2008-2014), completing her six year term on 29 July 2014. Her appointment as Governor followed a long and distinguished career as a career diplomat, representing Australia in a wide range of overseas postings and senior policy positions in Canberra. Born in Toowoomba, a graduate of the University of Queensland (BA.1st Class Hons. 1967), Ms Wensley joined the then Department of External Affairs in 1968. Her first posting was to France (1969-73), followed by Mexico (1975-7), then New Zealand (1982-85).

Her first Head of Mission appointment was as Consul-General, Hong Kong (1986-88). Subsequent Ambassadorial appointments included Ambassador to the UN, Geneva (1993-95), Ambassador for the Environment (1992-96), Ambassador to the UN, New York (1997-2001), High Commissioner to India, with non-resident accreditation as Ambassador to Bhutan (2001-04), and Ambassador to France, with non-resident accreditation as Ambassador to Algeria, Morocco, Mauritania and Monaco (2005-08). In Canberra, in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Ms Wensley served variously as Head, East Asia Branch, Head, Post Liaison and Guidance, Executive Secretariat, Head, North Asia Division, Head, International Organisations and Legal Division and Head, Europe Division.

## Concluding Remarks and Presentations

### **Melissa Conley Tyler**

#### **National Executive Director, Australian Institute of International Affairs**



Melissa H. Conley Tyler is the National Executive Director of the Australian Institute of International Affairs. She is also a lawyer and specialist in conflict resolution, including negotiation, mediation and peace education. She was previously Program Manager of the International Conflict Resolution Centre at the University of Melbourne and Senior Fellow of Melbourne Law School. She has an international profile in conflict resolution including membership of the Editorial Board of the *Conflict Resolution Quarterly*. In almost 10 years at the she has been responsible for more than 45 publications and 70 policy events.