



NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Season's Greetings from the Australian Institute of International Affairs Victoria

Informed citizens can make a difference in the world. We are a non-partisan membership organisation whose purpose is to explore global issues and opportunities that transcend borders. Through our extensive programme of events, we engage with policy makers, business executives, diplomats, politicians, academics, philanthropists and civic leaders and an attentive public to listen, learn, discuss and debate international affairs issues.

The Year Ahead

After another excellent year of events and activities, you can look forward to joining us for an even bigger and better year of Institute activities in 2014.

To start the year, Ms Dimity Fifer, CEO of Australian Volunteers International, will be talking about "Working Abroad" on 6 February, followed by a discussion on 13 February on "2014: The Year in Prospect" with Professor Nick Bisley of La Trobe Asia and Dr Mike McCluskey, International Media Consultant. On March 5, Professor Tim Lindsey, Director for the Centre of Islamic Law and Society at the University of Melbourne, will look into "Indonesia: Relationships in a Presidential Year". The following week, on 12 March, AIIA National President, Mr John McCarthy AO, will consider "Foreign Policy Challenges Facing the Government". These events are not to be missed so mark them in your diaries now. And don't forget to check our website for new events and to book.

Call for applications for AIIAV Internships

To support the work of the Institute and to offer work experience, we are offering and calling for applications for two crucial Internships commencing in early 2014.

The **Programme Development Intern** will support the work of Council in developing Australia's foremost international relations events programme. The successful Intern will help identify international affairs topics and speakers, draft flyers and social media posts and press releases, and assist with event management. The successful applicant will need an excellent understanding of international affairs and first-class, engaging writing skills. The Position Description for this Internship can be obtained from Cate Pickett, Council Member AIIA cpickett@gmx.com

The **Marketing Intern** will work across a very wide range of marketing responsibilities, including research, branding, developing marketing materials, updating the website and social media, and writing newsletters. The Position Description for this Internship can be obtained from Council Member AIIAV Lisa Pititto lisapititto@optusnet.com.au

Applications for both Internships close on the 20th January 2014.

Euan Crone Asia Awareness Scholarship

At our recent Festive Luncheon where noted economist Mr Saul Eslake discussed the global economic situation this year and next, the four national winners of the 2013 Euan Crone Asia Awareness Scholarship were announced. The Victorian recipient was Scott Lennard, who will use his scholarship to implement a microfinance project in Vietnam in 2014. I wholeheartedly thank Euan Crone for his foresight and generosity for his significant donation which is funding the Scholarship program. Further detail can be found on our website at <http://www.aiia.asn.au/get-involved/euan-crone-asian-awareness-scholarship-2013>

Donors

I would like to thank our donors for their continuing support. Your support helps your Institute in many ways and in particular to provide the high quality of programmes that we run.

AIIAV Endowment

AIIAV has now established an Investment Fund to support the activities of the Institute. The Fund can accept donations and bequests from any individual or organisation, and a separate bank account has been specifically established for this purpose. The Fund will be used to support and enhance the Objects of the Institute and to support the work of the Institute over the long term. The AIIAV Investment Fund provides an opportunity for contributors to be confident that AIIAV has a future. For more information, please contact Peta McDermott at admin.vic@aiia.asn.au

New Office holders and Council

At November's Annual General Meeting, we farewelled from Council Leslie Rowe, Gordon Tippett, the Hon. Jim Short, Robyn Byrne OAM, Toni Feddersen, Pat Pettit and Julian Reeves. My deep thanks to each of you for your excellent service to the Institute over many years.

Our new Council members are John Allen, Zoe Dauth, the Hon. David Harper AM, Dr Michael Henry, Breck Hilton, Dr Mike McCluskey, Peter McMullin, Patrick Moore, Dennis O'Neill, Cate Pickett, Lisa Pititto and Daniel Steedman. I was very pleased to accept the role of President, with Gary Neat continuing as Vice President and Peter McMullin taking on the role of Treasurer. Continuing Council members are Michael Helman, Ian Howie, Sean Jesudason, John Richardson and Dr Deborah Seifert. We are looking forward to a very exciting period ahead with our new team.

I also acknowledge the excellent work of all our volunteers who help keep the wheels turning, and in particular the superb teams running the Young Professionals Forum and the Quarterly Access publications. And to Peta McDermott for keeping everything moving forward in another very busy year.

New members

I am delighted to welcome the following new members to the Institute: Ms Maria Wills, Mr Thiru Sollamuthu, Mr Gary Jungwirth, Mr Christopher Devine, Mr Raoul Renard, Ms Monica Palotas-McBride, Mr Ronan Lee, Miss Clare O'Meara, Mr Thomas Doyle, Miss Alice Grainger, Ms Joanna Corbett, Consulate of the Republic of Korea (Mr Mincheol Shin, Consul General), Miss Bonnie Ayles, Ms Jessica Smith, Mr David Thwaites, Ms Kerry Boland, Mr Trevor Holloway, Ms Jingru Liu, Ms Anna Saunders, Mr Daniel Ryan, Mr Greg Wills, Miss Sophie Gaston, Mr Lachlan Wills, Mr Alex Kontis, Mr Saul Eslake, Professor Peter Doherty, Mrs Prue Forster, Ms Lyn Morrish, Mr Norman Fosberry, Mr Jeffrey Richardson and Miss Dimity Manngring.

Office hours for the holiday period:

The AIIAV will reopen on Monday 13 January, 2014.

My best wishes to you and your family over the holiday season. I look forward to seeing you in 2014.

Laurence Wade
President

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL OFFICE

November - December 2013

Events

AIIA 80th Anniversary National Conference

The AIIA celebrated its 80th Anniversary as a national organization with a national conference on 'Foreign Policy Priorities for Australia' on 21 November 2013 at the Hyatt Hotel, Canberra. Details on the event can be found at: http://www.aiia.asn.au/act-papers/doc_download/1481-national-conference-final-program. More than 150 people attended the event and they got to hear the expertise and insight of leading Australian government, diplomatic, academic and business figures. There was significant media coverage with the Conference broadcast on Australia's Public Affairs Channel and covered broadly. Footage will be loaded to the AIIA's YouTube channel once available: www.youtube.com/user/AIIAvision

News

The 2013 Sir James Plimsoll Lecture

You can now view the 2013 Sir James Plimsoll Lecture delivered by Peter Varghese AO on 7 November 2013 on "The Challenges of Multilateralism" at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PqZ44zNUYrU&feature=c4-overview&list=UU2fOgXLcB3IK9IN3KMqCHYA>. The lecture is hosted each year by the University of Tasmania in partnership with DFAT and the Tasmania Branch of the Australian Institute for International Affairs.

Book Launch

On 14 November, the AIIA NSW launched Rachel Miller's "Wife and Baggage to Follow" which can be ordered at <https://shop.abc.net.au/products/wife-and-baggage-to-follow-pbk>. Rachel is the wife of former AIIA National Vice-President Geoff Miller and accompanied him on seven foreign service postings over four decades.

Publications

Emerging Scholars 2013

The latest volume in the AIIA's *Emerging Scholars* series was launched at SA Branch on Monday 25 November. The volume can be downloaded at http://www.aiia.asn.au/act-papers/doc_download/1476-emerging-scholars-2013 or hardcopies ordered from intern3@aiia.asn.au. The *Emerging Scholars* 2013 volume includes papers on the Scottish Independence referendum, security in the Indo-Pacific, nationalism in the Philippines, the India-Pakistan dynamic, minerals and aid in the Democratic Republic of Congo, the role of discourse in diplomacy, international organisations the IMF and WTO, private military firms, illegal

immigration and the role of second track dialogue in the Australia-China relationship. For the first time, the 2013 volume is edited by former interns Mhairi Cowden, Eva Entenmann and Alix Kearney.

Policy Commentary

The AIIA has released a new policy commentary, 'Japan's New Trajectory: Economic Prospects and Security Challenges', which can be downloaded from http://www.aiaa.asn.au/act-papers/doc_download/1477-japans-new-trajectory. Nobuhide Hatasa of the Japan Institute of International Affairs sets the context by detailing the current state of the Japanese economy including the optimism following Prime Minister Abe's return to power. Airport Economist Tim Harcourt analyses Japan-Australia trade prospects and identifies the factors which could strengthen economic relations. David Envall identifies Japan's strategic challenges in its major relationships. Finally, Rikki Kersten describes the dilemma caused by the revival of Japanese assertiveness since Abe's re-election

Member Offers

AIIA members have been invited to consider the following:

Oceanic Conference on International Studies, 9-11 July 2014, Melbourne. The AIIA is one of the partners assisting in organising this event. A call for papers has been released at <http://www.ocis.org.au/pages/call-for-abstracts.php> with abstracts due by 31 January 2014

Melissa H. Conley Tyler

National Executive Director

Upcoming AIIAV Events

Thursday 6 February 6pm for 6.20pm-7.30pm Dyason House	Working Abroad Ms Dimity Fifer, CEO, Australian Volunteers International
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