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Sir Zelman Cowen Oration

Study Tours

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ABOUT US

The Australian Institute of International Affairs (AIIA) is an independent membership based organisation which promotes the objective study of International Affairs. It has no political biases and hears all views. Founded in 1925, it was established as a Federal organisation in 1933. The Institute now has its National Headquarters in Canberra. It has branches in all States and Canberra. Like its sister Institutes in New Zealand, Canada, South Africa and India, it is affiliated with the Royal Institute of International Affairs, Chatham House, London.

The AIIA provides a forum for discussion and research on subjects of topical and continuing interest through Meetings, Study Tours, Conferences and Seminars addressed by distinguished specialists and public figures. Over the years these meetings have contributed much to informing public opinion on International Affairs and have assisted the development of the Australian Diplomatic Service and the study of international issues in Australia.

Nationally, the AIIA has been voted the top-ranked Think Tank in Southeast Asia and the Pacific by The University of Pennsylvania Global Go To Thinks Tank Index for 2015, 2016 and 2017.

AIIA Victoria (AIIAV) is housed in Dyason House, named after E.C. Dyason, a prominent past Member and one of its most generous benefactors.

Membership is open to any individuals who are Australian residents, to corporate bodies, to diplomatic representatives, schools and students.

President's Report



The past twelve months have seen major changes at the AIIA in Victoria. We restructured our management in order to provide stronger support for our growing operations.

The scope of these operations is detailed in other parts of this report.

In the past, we had the support of only one Executive Officer. At many times one person was not enough to provide the backup for all our activities. We now have an Executive Director, Alastair Roff; ably helped by Georgia Collins-Jennings as Office Coordinator; both on a part-time basis, and who commenced in February 2017.

These two roles provide additional support to both improving the Institute's performance on a day-to-day basis, and providing a sustainable foundation for the future through increased sponsorship, external partnerships and a focus

on key relationships with organisations such as DFAT, universities and others with international interests.

We thank our previous Executive Officer, Peta McDermott, for her eight years of contribution to the AIIA in Victoria. Peta preferred to move on rather than apply for either of the two new positions. She will be fondly remembered by all.

We have 40-50 events at Dyason House each year with an average attendance of around 50 and on some occasions, exceeding 90-100. This is due to the very busy and committed work by the Program Committee.

We ran two Study Tours last year; one to [Sri Lanka](#) and one to [Iran](#). I encourage you to read the reports by clicking on the links above. We are committed to continuing to run these Study Tours; however we will look to gain assistance for the logistical support outside of AIIA Victoria, to enable us to focus on the content of the tour itself.

Our International Careers Conference, yet again supported by La Trobe University and the National Security College at the ANU in Canberra, attracted record numbers of

participants. We had a fantastic line-up of Speakers. La Trobe provided members of its staff to assist participants in the preparation of their curriculum vitae. We had representatives from four Scholarship providers informing participants of the many opportunities available to them.

We all are most indebted to all our Council Members for their terrific contributions over the year. Our Interns and Volunteers have been outstanding; without them we would not be able to provide the breadth nor the standard of services we offer. In return, we offer them experience, a collegial working environment and access to Institute events which we anticipate will be of considerable benefit to them.

AIIA Membership

Our Membership provides the financial backbone to our business. Membership at the end of the year stood at 402. Since then we have seen it grow to over 480.

It has been often said that the AIIA is one of the best kept secrets in Melbourne. That is a great pity. It is up to all of us, all of you, to spread the word amongst your friends and colleagues and encourage them to participate in the AIIA. If you would like to discuss how best to do this, through other organisations you may be involved with, please contact Alastair Roff. He would be delighted to assist.

There will be, next year, some modest increases in Membership Subscriptions, the first since July 2015.

Donors

Over the course of the year we received Donations amounting to \$11,845. These were received from 22 Members and others. (This amount excludes a sum of \$10,000 from the Estate of John Legge.) Their names are listed in pages 8 & 9.

Your donations have enabled us to provide much needed support to provide extra funds in many areas. These activities included:

- taking an extra Intern to both Sri Lanka and to Iran on our Study Tours
- sending them to our National Conference, and
- supporting them to attend other important functions is all a result of your generosity, including Sir Zelman Cowan Oration.

We have reinvigorated our relationship with the Walter Mangold Trust Fund, and are delighted that it is again providing significant support to us in 2018. The major beneficiaries of this funding will be Interns, Volunteers and the Young Professionals Group. It will enable them to participate on Study Tours, attend Conferences and generally to engage in other activities which will nurture their interest in international affairs but which otherwise would be beyond their financial reach.

Council Membership

I am delighted that David Harper is standing for the position of Vice-President of the AIIA. He has been and will continue to be a stalwart supporter of the AIIA; particularly with his adept running of the International Careers Conference. Cate Pickett will nominate again as Vice-President and oversee Membership matters.

After many years as Treasurer, Greg Romanes is retiring; but standing as a Council Member. I am delighted to inform you that Christopher Cicutto is nominating as Treasurer. Christopher is a Partner in Mazars.

Council Members standing for re-election:

During the year, we welcomed three new Council Members appointed since the end of the year: Richard Iron CMG, OBE, Kelly MacDonald and Nina Roxburgh. Only Richard and Kelly are standing for re-election.

- Richard served 37 years in the British Army, has sat on War Crimes Tribunals and is well versed in Middle East matters. He settled in Melbourne in 2016 and is of great help on our Program Committee.

- Kelly is a Solicitor and was one of the Interns on the Sri Lanka Study Tour. She is taking a leading role in the Young Professionals Forum.

Furthermore I am delighted that Ms. Jenny Bloomfield, DFAT Director for Victoria is coming back onto the Council.

Two Council Members are retiring by rotation and are eligible for re-election:

- Eileen McInnes and
- Greg Wills

Eileen will not be standing for re-election and we thank her for her valuable contribution to the AIIA. I would also like to thank those Council Members who have resigned during the course of the year or since. John Allen, Matt Di Leo, Dr. Denis Dragovic, Sinead Ferris, Dr. Michael Henry AM, Breck Hilton (Vice-President), Sean Jesudason, Nina Roxburgh and Dr. Kay Stevens. All have made a great contribution to the strengthening of the AIIA.

With the new Members of Council and resignations there will inevitably be further reallocation of some Institute/Council responsibilities.

Interns and Volunteers

Please do not underestimate the very valuable contribution that Interns and Volunteers make to the AIIA. For instance, we required six Interns to assist with the International Careers Conference. David Harper narrowed the large field of applicants down to 19 and then interviewed those 19 to select six. The list of Interns is on page 8.

We have a magnificent Library. I would also like to thank Pat Pettit for her ongoing wonderful work in ensuring that it stays that way. (She even has a small list of Members who still have unreturned books!)

I would also like to thank Robyn Young who has, over the years done a sterling job in ensuring our finances are well accounted for.

Formation of Senior Council Members

With the requirement that Council Members cannot stand for more than six consecutive years, it is a great pity that such services and contributions can be lost to the AIIA. This should no longer be the case. Therefore, all past Council Members will become ex officio *Senior Councillors* of the AIIA and, by virtue of their rank, will be available to current and future Members of Council. All Members of the Victorian Advisory Board led by Jim Short will also become Senior Councillors. Whilst they no longer have a fiduciary responsibility, we will maintain our contact with their corporate memory and expertise.

Finances

Our financial result for the year reflected three one-off activities which generated a loss of \$48,891. A number of factors contributed to this loss:

1. Re-organisation costs including payments to the retiring Executive Officer;
2. The loss of financial support from the Walter Mangold Trust for part of the year;
3. The change from accrual to cash accounting;
4. In addition, the matching of income and expenditures of particular activities (such as the International Careers Conference and Study Tours where income and expenditure is spread over two financial years) and (as I have said many times), the ICC is not an appropriate event to use in this context as the benefit from the previous year should outweigh the costs of the current year.

Vale

Euan Crone, a terrific supporter of the AIIA, died during the year. We are deeply indebted to him for his support on the Council, at our

Program events and in particular for younger members to further their interests in Asia, through the annual Euan Crone Asian Awareness Scholarship. Please see below for more details.

The previous year another much loved and respected Member and Contributor to the AIIA, John Legge, died. He left us \$10,000 from his Estate which will appear in the 2017 – 2018 accounts. We are most grateful for this, a further example of the outstanding contribution he made to the Institute.

I look forward to an eventful year ahead; and, more importantly, to your participation in it.

Patrick Moore
President

Executive Director's Report

Having taken on the new role of Executive Director in February 2017, my thanks to Peta McDermott for facilitating a smooth transition.

The migration to the new website and membership database caused some early challenges, and we thank members for their patience as the system bedded down. The 2016-17 year was exceptionally busy; we ran a record number of 51 events, with over 2,200 people attending, and the new website platform will help make us more efficient in maintaining this level of activity.

Our new Office Coordinator Georgia Collins-Jennings has undertaken a thorough review of office processes, and we have taken the opportunity to upgrade the financial accounting software, as well as to a more favourable telecoms package, both of which will allow us to run the business more cost-effectively.

Apart from the usual events program, the Institute has been involved in several other initiatives, such as hosting a roundtable on the Foreign Policy White Paper in February, and helping deliver (in conjunction with AIIA National Office) a Diplomatic Masterclass on 26 May as part of the Australia-Indonesia Centre's

Leadership Program. These events help broaden our reach to a wider audience; we are conscious that in an ever-more competitive environment, our program must stay both relevant and stimulating.



H.E. Mr. Ahmet Üzümcü, Director-General of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) is thanked by Alastair Roff

We are fortunate to have had the support of some exceptional Interns this year, and an army of very committed volunteers, without whose dedication the program would not be possible.

A full schedule of events is in the planning for calendar 2018, including the return of Sir Nigel Broomfield KCMG in February, and we look forward to welcoming you on a regular basis.

Alastair Roff

Highlights of the Year

One Korea Seminar

We were delighted to again partner with the Consulate-General of the Republic of Korea for a special **One Korea Seminar** in August 2016. Discussion was on North Korean human rights issues and the outlook for the unification of the two Koreas. Keynote speakers were H.E. Mr. WOO Kyong-ha, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Australia; Mr. JO Hongju, Consul-General of

the Republic of Korea; and Dr. Paul Monk, former senior defence analyst and author.

Other highlights, being the International Careers Conference and the Sir Zelman Cowen Oration are listed below.

Study Tours

Sri Lanka. Twenty delegates undertook a study tour of Sri Lanka from 10 to 22 July 2016. The purpose was to gauge the extent to which Sri Lanka has been able to recover and rebuild after the civil conflict, and advance socially, politically and economically.

More broadly, delegates sought to understand the country's extraordinary history and experience the rich culture and hospitality of the Sri Lankan people. The group was given privileged access to leading figures in politics and civil society, and to institutions and sites throughout the country. We had tremendous support in organising the Tour from many people including the Consul-General of Sri Lanka in Melbourne, Mr. Prasanna Gamage, and H.E. Mr. Skandakumar, the High Commissioner in Australia. H.E. Mr. Bryce Hutchesson the Australian High Commissioner in Sri Lanka, was also most helpful in helping organise the program.

Iran. Twenty-five delegates travelled to Iran 8th – 25th April 2017 to further understand the Islamic Republic's position in the world. The trip was sponsored by the Institute for Political and International Studies (IPIS) with whom the delegation met, along with various other think-tanks and organisations. Various issues were raised in the meetings regarding Iran's foreign policy objectives including its role in the Syrian and Yemen conflicts, the May 2017 Iranian Presidential elections, Iranian civil society, the effects of sanctions on the Iranian economy, and the Australian-Iranian bilateral relationship. The main conclusions from the meetings is that Iran is a growing middle power that will continue to expand economically and politically in the future and Australia will benefit from this through its growing bilateral relations with Iran. It was also clear that any solutions to the conflicts in the Middle East will require

Iran's involvement. The Study Tour also took advantage of the rich culture of Iran and spent the latter part of the tour visiting 7 of Iran's wonderful UNESCO World Heritage sites.



The religious and historical sites visited include the ruins of Persepolis, the Lut Desert, and the Shia mosques throughout the country. Visiting these sights illustrated that Iran has a growing tourism industry with its vast array of incentives for visitors from around the world to travel to Iran. The hospitality of the Iranian people demonstrated that Persian society is still rich with warmth and culture. Iran will undoubtedly be a new hotspot for foreign visitors in the years to come.



We owe our special thanks to H.E. Mr. Abdolhossein Vahaji, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran to Australia, H.E. Mr. Ian Biggs, Ambassador of Australia to the Islamic Republic of Iran, and their respective staffs.

Volunteers and Interns

With such a busy Program of events we rely heavily on the terrific contribution of all our Volunteers. We are appreciative of the time given by all our Volunteers. Our fulsome

thanks go to others who have helped over the past year:

We relied heavily on our Interns throughout the year. Internships awarded during the year included:

- Program: Bethany Collier and James Elmer
- Marketing and Communications: Sheldon Heyes Clark; David Morris; Melissa Liberatore
- International Careers Conference: Henry Meek, Gavin Height, Jack Simmonds and Stephanie Armstrong
- Business Development: Chris Girardi
- Study Tours: Sri Lanka (2016) – Kelly MacDonald and Warren Evans. Iran (2017) – Will McEniry and Emily Ebbott

There is a great team working behind the scenes to produce our e-magazine, Quarterly Access. Our thanks go to Nina Roxburgh, Tamara Tubakovic, Alyce Hogg, Felicity Driver, Bernadette Anvia, Finian Cullity, Jeremy Rees, Alicia Sherman and Kelly Rogan.

Vale

Vale Euan Crone 1941 – 2017

We were deeply saddened by the death on 8th April this year of one of our great contributors, Euan John Dalrymple Crone.

A long-term member of AIIA Victoria, and a recent appointee to the Council at the 2016 AGM, Euan had supported the AIIA generously for many years.



With a background in journalism, and as an accredited Chinese-English translator Euan Crone had a longstanding interest in Australia's relations with Asia and the rest of the world. He was formerly Manager, North Asia for Radio Australia from 1990-1997, with responsibility for Chinese language programs to China and South-East Asia.

In 2013, having participated in the AIIA VIC Study Tour of Myanmar, Euan decided to establish a charitable endowment fund giving grants up to \$5,000 per person to deepen awareness of Asia among young Australians. Since then, 16 young Australians have benefitted from the Euan Crone Asian Awareness Scholarship, travelling to countries as diverse as Indonesia, Taiwan, Mongolia, Vietnam and Cambodia.

A service celebrating the life of Euan Crone was held on Tuesday 18th April, and was attended by representatives from both AIIA Victoria and National Office.

Benefactors

We are most indebted to our many Donors. In particular we are indebted to The Walter Mangold Trust Fund for their continued support of our Interns, Volunteers and younger Members. In particular, this has enabled them to participate in functions such as the Sir Zelman Cowen Oration. The Sir Wilfred Brookes Charitable Foundation has also been terrific in promoting the AIIA. I thank all who have contributed to the financial well-being of the Institute.

The Friends of the AIIA Society

The Society was established to recognise and honour those who generously support the AIIA. We thank our Friends for this year:

Mr. C H Brookes
The Hon. David Harper AM
Mr. Frank Mahlab and Dr. Eve Mahlab AO
Ms. Zara Kimpton OAM
Mr. Patrick Moore

Donations

We are most grateful to all who contribute to the AIIA. Those contributions enable us to do that little bit extra which makes the Institute such a wonderful organisation.

The following individuals generously donated in 2016-2017:

Mr. John and Mrs Dani Balmford
Mr. C H Brookes
Mr. John Brookes
Mr. Andrew Farran
Mr. Knut and Mrs Toni Feddersen
The Hon. David Harper AM
Dr. Margaret Kelleher
Ms. Zara Kimpton OAM
Mr. George Lefroy
Mr. Frank Mahlab & Dr Eve Mahlab AO
Mr. Edward Miller
Mr. Patrick Moore
Mr. Hugh Morgan AC
Mr. Allan Myers AC QC
Mr. Brendan O'Brien
Mr. Greg Romanes
Mr. Peter Seaman
Mrs. Joy Selby-Smith
Mrs. Jenny Varcoe-Cocks
Mr. Chris and Mrs. Maxine Wain
Dr Kim Wright
Mrs. Ethel White
Mr. John Woods

The following generously provided sponsorship in 2016-17:

Mr. Euan Crone
La Trobe University
National Security College, ANU, Canberra
The Sir Wilfred Brookes Charitable Foundation
The Walter Mangold Trust Fund

AIIA Fellows

We are delighted to advise that the following Victorians were appointed as Fellows of the AIIA:

Ms. Martine Letts
Mr. Greg Sheridan
Mr. Tony and Mrs Maureen Wheeler

Victorian Advisory Board

The Victorian Advisory Board continued to meet with the Hon. Jim Short as Chairman. Other Members on that Committee include Hugh Morgan AC, Zara Kimpton OAM, Trish

Ritman, Les Rowe and Ian Wilcock. The objective of the Committee is to advise the President on various matters and also to increase the profile of the AIIA in Melbourne and in particular amongst the business community.

The Events Program

Thank you to all who attended the Institute's events this year. Your presence and interest ensures that the hard work that goes into preparing the Program is worthwhile. Our gratitude goes particularly to our Speakers who so generously gave their time to address us.

There were 47 events during the year directly related to the Program. A wide range of geopolitical and international issues were covered, including China's Belt & Road Initiative; geo-politics in the Arab world; the South China Sea; the election of President Trump; gender and foreign policy; UN peacekeeping; Australia's Antarctic policy, and the outlook for Australia-UK relations, to name but a few from a very busy year.

We were honoured too to welcome several AIIA Fellows to speak, including the Hon. Kim Beazley AC FAIIA, Professor the Hon. Gareth Evans AC QC FASSA FAIIA, and Francis Gurry FAIIA, the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization in Geneva.



Professor the Hon. Gareth Evans FASSA FAIIA exchanges views with member Mr. John Balmford

We continue to work closely with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), and are particularly grateful for the valuable cooperation we receive from the

Victoria State Office in being able to host returning Ambassadors and High Commissioners as they pass through Melbourne. AIIA was pleased to be able to hold a roundtable to brief members on the Foreign Policy White Paper process, and to host Australia's High Commissioner in London, the Hon. Alexander Downer AC for his observations on Australia-UK relations. Presentations by the Ambassador of Iran to Australia, and by the Special Adviser to the EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security policy, were likewise warmly received by members.

We have held several partnership events at venues other than Dyason House, and will continue to do so periodically to be able to provide access to different events for our members.



Dr. Bates Gill of ANU at an AIIA co-hosted external event

The Interns on the Program Committee, Bethany Collier (2016) and James Elmer (2017) provided invaluable support and assistance, as did Sheldon Heyes Clark in his support role as Marketing/Communications Intern, succeeded by David Morris and Melissa Liberatore. The members of the Program Committee itself are thanked for their active contribution throughout the year:

Alastair Roff (Chair until December); Daniel Steedman (Chair from January); Patrick Moore, Ian Howie, John Woods, Kelly MacDonald, Mia Davison, Toni Feddersen, Greg Wills, Rhys Hulme and Richard Iron.

The Committee will continue to work to deliver a stimulating and diverse range of events to the Program.

Alastair Roff & Daniel Steedman

The list of Speakers follows on page 14

Sir Zelman Cowen Oration 2016

On Thursday 13th October, the 2016 Sir Zelman Cowen Oration was presented by The Hon. Andrew Robb AO, on *Australia's Asian Future Unlocked; Seizing the Opportunities of the Asian Century*. The appreciation was provided by The Hon Simon Crean.

The Oration was held once again in the distinguished surrounds of The Australian Club. We were delighted that Lady Cowen could attend, along with National Vice President Zara Kimpton OAM, many members of the Consular Corps, and other distinguished guests.

Special thanks to The Walter Mangold Trust Fund for their generous support of several young members to attend the event. Thanks also to corporate sponsors La Trobe Financial, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Morgan Wealth Management Pty Ltd and to members who organised tables.

A most interesting and enjoyable evening was had by our 130 guests. Our thanks to organisers Breck Hilton, John Allen and Cate Pickett.

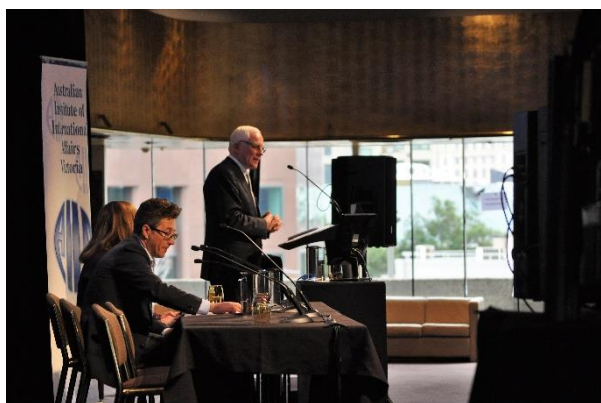
International Careers Conference 2016

The 12th International Careers Conference (ICC) was held on Friday, 26th August 2016 at the ANZ Pavilion in the Victorian Arts Centre. We were extremely grateful for conference sponsorship by La Trobe University, and support from the National Security College at the Australian National University.

The purpose of the ICC is to provide students with insights into the varied career paths open to those considering embarking on an international career and the implications of working overseas.

Keynote speakers were Tim Costello AO FAIIA, Chief Executive World Vision Australia; Tasneem Chopra, a distinguished cross-

cultural consultant; Larry Kamener a senior partner of The Boston Consulting Group; Associate Professor Matthew Sussex of the National Security College, ANU; Professor Nick Bisley of La Trobe University and Jenny Bloomfield, former Ambassador to Greece and Director of the DFAT Victoria State Office. All spoke insightfully about careers in their several fields.



ICC Chair The Hon. David Harper AM addresses the Conference

There were also three panel discussions. The Not-for-Profit panel chaired by Dr. Jasmine-Kim Westendorf of La Trobe University featured Sally Barber, Program Manager of the International Women's Development Agency, Dr. Phoebe Wynn-Pope of the Australian Red Cross, and Andrew Beswick of Amnesty International. This was followed by the Business panel chaired by La Trobe's Dr. Gwenda Tavan, discussing international careers in business with Kate Reid of ANZ, Nick Richardson from News Corporation, and Evan Davey, COO of Two Bulls. The International Relations panel chaired by Professor Nick Bisley of La Trobe featured Professor Jacqui True from Monash University, Samy Mounir from RedR Australia, RAAF Air Commodore Jenny Lumsden CSC and Daniel Bui from DFAT. In all these sessions, there were informative question and answer exchanges between speakers and the more than 200 engaged undergraduate and postgraduate students who attended the conference.

A series of career-specific workshops rounded out the day, and were a particularly popular feature.

Our thanks go to the AIIAV team of Henry Meek, Gavin Height, Jack Simmonds and Stephanie Armstrong, and of course the many other volunteers who assisted both on and preceding the day of the Conference. Their hard work was critical in making the 2016 ICC such a successful day for those seeking information on international careers; an annual initiative by AIIA Victoria that is now regularly making a significant contribution not only to annual AIIAV revenue but also to the provision of vitally important but otherwise unavailable careers information.

The Hon. David Harper AM

Young Professionals Forum

The Young Professionals Forum (YPF) had two goals for the financial year 2016-17 under the direction of Kelly MacDonald and Emily Ebbott. Firstly, to build up the numbers of students and younger members at the AIIA, and secondly to organise events targeted at these members. The Forum also focused on re-forging relationships with local and student-led international affairs organisations to further build up its network, AIIA member base and presence.

In September the YPF presented its first-ever Internship Night in conjunction with the Monash International Affairs Society to great success and feedback.



YPF Internship Evening

In December we continued the tradition of hosting the popular trivia night at the Melbourne Central Lion Hotel.

In 2017, the YPF started the new year by hosting the US Vice-Consul for Economic and Social Affairs Michele Woonacott for International Women's Day. We also planned and introduced a new Professional Development Series, with its first "How to Network" session scheduled in July 2017.

Kelly MacDonald

Dyason House

The committee consists of Robyn Byrne. A satisfactory assessment of the safety of the building was completed for 2017 and smoke-detector batteries were replaced. Robyn Byrne has spent six months on culling paperwork and archiving important papers that had accumulated over the last 8 years. This has allowed for better usage of the back office and storage areas.

Maintenance occurred with re-wiring of the Madigan room after an electrical short one night during a talk meant we could not use the power. The electrician wired the overhead projector into the roof to allow for more

people to see the speaker during talks. We replaced the old fluorescent lights with sleek new LED lights throughout the AIIA area in the building making it safer, cheaper and modernizing the look. Finally, more electrical work was completed to replace old and damaged wiring on the roof making it safer and more reliable.

Pat Pettit our Librarian has worked on cataloguing some of the new books we occasionally receive. Some papers need to be bound but remain out of budget at \$90 per book. More maintenance needs to be done to the building on the guttering.

Robyn Byrne OAM

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

Category	30/06/2012	30/06/13	30/06/14	30/06/15	30/06/2016	30/06/2017
Standard	141	148	160	193	169	150
Concession	119	108	115	111	134	142
Institutional	7	3	8	6	5	4
Spouse	41	38	33	33	18	0
School	18	18	8	9	3	2
Student	125	102	115	147	105	88
Speakers	34	35	30	31	37	30
Life Members	4	4	4	4	3	3
Honorary	4	4	4	4	4	4
Total	493	460	477	538	478	402

AIIA PAST FUNCTIONS

1st July 2016 – 30th June 2017

Wednesday 6 July 6pm for 6.20pm - 7.30pm Dyason House	Iran: Ready for Re-engagement H.E. Mr. Abdolhossein Vahaji, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran to Australia
Tuesday 12 July 6pm for 6.20pm - 7.30pm Dyason House	India's Response to China's 'One Belt, One Road' Initiative Dr. Pradeep Taneja, University of Melbourne
Thursday 14 July 5.30pm for 6pm - 8pm Hall & Wilcox Lawyers Level 11, Rialto South Tower, 525 Collins Street	Chinese Politics and Foreign Policy under Xi Jinping: Challenges ahead Dr. Bates Gill, Australia National University <i>Supported by Australia China Business Council (ACBC)</i>
Thursday 21 July 6pm for 6.20pm - 7.30pm Dyason House	Where Goes the Alliance after Trump The Hon. Kim Beazley AC FAIIA, former Australian Ambassador to the United States
Thursday 28 July 6pm for 6.20pm - 7.30pm Dyason House	South China Sea: Maintaining a Rules-Based Order Professor the Hon. Gareth Evans AC QC FASSA FAIIA, Chancellor, Australian National University, Canberra
Tuesday 2 August 6pm for 6.20pm - 7.30pm Dyason House	Hidden Power – The strategic logic of organised crime Dr. James Cockayne, UN University New York
Thursday 4 August 10.30am - 1.30pm RACV City Club, Club Pavilion, Level 2, 501 Bourke Street, Melbourne	One Korea Seminar H.E. Mr. Kyoung-ha WOO, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Australia; Mr. Hongju JO, Consul-General of the Republic of Korea; Dr. Paul Monk, former senior defence analyst and author
Wednesday 10 August 5.30pm - 7pm 207 Bouverie Street Carlton	Ready for Action: Strengthening the role of non-violence and conflict resolution in the UN and its agencies Adjunct Professor Diane Bretherton AM, School of Political Science and International Studies, University of Queensland
Thursday 18 August 6pm for 6.20pm - 7.30pm Dyason House	The Middle East Today: An update on the region and challenges for the near future Associate Professor Sally Totman Marshall, Deakin University
Thursday 1 Sept 6pm for 6.20pm - 7.30pm Dyason House	Fifteen Years of Global Terrorism: The impact of 9/11 on international business Professor Gabriele Suder, Principal Fellow, Melbourne Business School
Friday 2 September 12 for 12.30pm – 2pm Dyason House	MEMBER ONLY EVENT Roundtable Luncheon with Mr. Gareth Hoar, British Consul-General in Melbourne
Tuesday 6 September 6pm for 6.20pm - 7.30pm Dyason House	The New Geo-Politics in the Arab World Mr. Simon Henderson, Baker Fellow and Director, Gulf and Energy Policy Program, The Washington Institute

Wednesday 7 September 5.45pm - 8pm Dyason House	Young Professionals Forum International Studies Student Internship Night
Thursday 8 September 6pm for 6.20pm - 7.30pm Dyason House	Small Island Developing States and Sustainable Development Mr. Carlisle Richardson, former Ambassador of St. Kitts and Nevis to the United Nations; and former United Nations Sustainable Development Officer
Tuesday 20 September 6pm for 6.20pm - 7.30pm Dyason House	Venezuela 2016: Crisis and the path ahead Dr. Raul Sanchez Urribarri, La Trobe University
Monday 26 September 6pm for 6.20pm - 7.30pm Dyason House	Shared Vision, Common Action: A stronger Europe Dr. Nathalie Tocci, Special Adviser to EU High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs & Security Policy
Monday 3 October 6pm for 6.20pm - 7.30pm Dyason House	The United States as a Rising Power in the Asia-Pacific Region Professor Alan K Henrikson, The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University USA
Wednesday 5 October 6pm for 6.20pm - 7.30pm Dyason House	The Role of NGOs in Sri Lanka's Reconciliation Mr. Kushil Gunasekera, Founder – Foundation of Goodness
Monday 10 October 6pm for 6.20pm - 7.30pm Dyason House	Hong Kong Roundtable Mr. Martin Lee QC SC JP and The Hon. Anson Chan GCMG, CBE
Thursday 13 October 7pm for 7.30pm – 11pm The Australian Club 110 William Street Melbourne	Sir Zelman Cowen Oration and Gala Dinner Australia's Asian Future Unlocked: Seizing the Opportunities of the Asian Century The Hon. Andrew Robb AO
Tuesday 18 October 6pm for 6:20pm - 7:30pm Dyason House	Power Failure: The Political Odyssey of a Pakistani Woman Syeda Abida Hussain, former politician and Ambassador of Pakistan to the United States
Wednesday 19 October 6pm for 6.20pm - 7.30pm Dyason House	Global Nuclear Governance: The role of the IAEA Professor Trevor Findlay, The University of Melbourne
Monday 7 November 5:30pm for 6:15 – 7:30pm Hall & Wilcox Lawyers	The Seven Chinas: A watcher's guide Dr. David Kelly, Director Research, China Policy, Beijing
Thursday 17 November 6pm for 6.20pm - 7.30pm Dyason House	Knowledge, Property and Power Mr. Francis Gurry, Director General, World Intellectual Property Organisation
Monday 28 November 6.15pm for 6.30pm - 9.30pm, The Lion Hotel	Young Professionals Forum event – all welcome Trivia Night
Wednesday 30 November 5.30pm for 6pm – 7.30pm	Sri Lanka Today: Emerging opportunities and perspectives. Including presentation of the 2016 Sri Lanka Study Tour Report

	Mr. W G S Prasanna, Consul-General of Sri Lanka in Victoria, and Mr. David Ritchie, former Australian High Commissioner to Sri Lanka & Leader, 2016 Sri Lanka Study Tour
Thursday 8 December 12 noon - 2pm RACV Club, Level 2, 501 Bourke Street, Melbourne	Festive luncheon Guest speaker Mr. Chris Holtby OBE, British Consul-General in Melbourne
Thursday 9 February 6pm for 6.20pm - 7.30pm Dyason House	Brexit in a New World? Sir Nigel Broomfield KCMG, former UK Ambassador to Germany
Wednesday 15 February 6pm for 6.20pm - 7.30pm Dyason House	Gender and Foreign Policy Professor Jacqui True FASSA, Professor of Politics and International Relations, Monash University
Thursday 16 February 6pm for 6.20pm-7.30pm Dyason House	Iran: A state in transition Mr. Ian Dudgeon, AIIA Presidential Associate
Wednesday 22 February 9.45am for 10am - 12 noon Dyason House	Australia's Future: The 2017 Foreign Policy White Paper, Roundtable Event Member only event.
Thursday 23 February 6pm for 6.20pm - 7.30pm Dyason House	Trump, Brexit and the Italian Referendum: More uncertainty or a new normal? Associate Professor Bruno Mascitelli, Associate Professor of International Studies, Swinburne University of Technology
Tuesday 28 February 6pm for 6.20pm - 7.30pm Dyason House	China & the Indo-Pacific: The view from Japan Dr. Seiichiro Takagi, Japan Institute of International Affairs
Tuesday 7 March 6pm for 6.20pm - 7.30pm Dyason House	An Insight into Women, Diplomacy and Gender Equality Ms. Michele Woonacott, US Deputy Consul for Political and Economic Affairs, US Consulate Melbourne
Thursday 9 March 6pm – 8pm Monash University Law Chambers, 555 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne	What Happens to the Hillary Doctrine in a Trump Administration? Professor Valerie Hudson, Texas A&M University <i>Partnership event with Monash Gender, Peace & Security Centre</i>
Wednesday 15 March 6pm for 6.20pm - 7.30pm Dyason House	Can President Rouhani Win Re-election? Professor Shahram Akbarzadeh, Deakin University
Wednesday 29 March 6pm for 6.20pm - 7.30pm Dyason House	The Trump Foreign Policy Revolution That Will Not Be Professor Timothy J. Lynch, University of Melbourne
Wednesday 5 April 6pm for 6.20pm - 7.30pm Dyason House	Impending Change in Indonesia? The Politics and Consequences of Jakarta's Gubernatorial Election Helen Brown, former ABC News Indonesia Correspondent

Tuesday 11 April 6pm for 6.20pm - 7.30pm Dyason House	The French Presidential Elections and the New World of European Politics Dr. Natalie J. Doyle, Monash University
Wednesday 12 April 6pm for 6.20pm - 7.30pm Dyason House	Is Globalisation in Retreat? Associate Professor Paul Battersby, Deputy Dean, Global & Language Studies, RMIT University
Thursday 27 April 6pm for 6.20pm - 7.30pm	Why War in Africa is Different Richard Iron CMG OBE
Friday 28 April 12.30pm – 2.00pm 124 La Trobe Street, Melbourne	The Nordics – and the Changing Geopolitical Landscape Professor Ulf Sverdrup, Director of the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI) Co-hosted with EU Centre at RMIT University
Thursday 4 May 6pm for 6.20pm - 7.30pm Dyason House	Who are Myanmar’s Rohingya? Ronan Lee, Alfred Deakin Institute for Citizenship and Globalisation, Deakin University
Wednesday 10 May 6pm for 6.20pm - 7.30pm Dyason House	Sovereignty and Strategic Denial in Australia’s Antarctic Policy Dr. Daniel Bray, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, La Trobe University
Wednesday 17 May 6pm for 6.20pm - 7.30pm Dyason House	Into the Dark House: the North Korea-Trump Nightmare Professor Joe Siracusa, Professor in Human Security and International Diplomacy, RMIT University
Tuesday 23 May 6pm for 6.20pm - 7.30pm Dyason House	UN Peacekeeping: At an Inflection Point Dr. Charles Hunt, Senior Research Fellow, School of Global, Urban and Social Studies, RMIT University
Wednesday 24 May 6pm for 6.20pm - 7.30pm Dyason House	Australia and Mexico: Fostering a Deeper International Relationship Dr. David Engel, Australia Ambassador to Mexico
Wednesday 31 May 6pm for 6.20pm - 7.30pm	Iran: Presentation of 2017 Study Tour Report Patrick Moore and Colin Heseltine, Study Tour co-leaders
Wednesday 7 June 6pm - 7.30pm, Dyason	Cultural Diplomacy Mr. Marco Cerbo, Consul General of Italy
Thursday 8 June 6pm - 7.00pm, Dyason	AIIA Victoria Members’ Information Evening
Tuesday 20 June 6pm - 7.30pm Dyason House	The Importance of Australia-ASEAN Relations Mr. Alan Oxley, ITS Global
Wednesday 28 June 6pm - 7.30pm Dyason House	The Global Nuclear Ban Treaty Negotiations: Players, Positions and Prospects Professor Richard Tanter, University of Melbourne and Nautilus Institute