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Annual Report 2017-18

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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.

AIIA Victoria 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

My first task is to thank the many, many Members, Volunteers and Interns all of whom contributed magnificently in the past year.

I wish to thank David Harper particularly who has run the International Careers Conference so successfully for the past three years. He is now stepping down from that role and Warren Evans, who understudied David this year, will take over the responsibility.

I want to thank Kelly MacDonald who has taken charge of the Sir Zelman Cowen Oration.

I also want to thank all you members who have so strongly supported AIIA Victoria over the past year. And none of this could have happened without the ongoing strong support of Alastair Roff and Georgia Collins-Jennings.



AIIA Membership

Our membership provides the financial backbone of our business. Membership numbers this year grew to over 500. It is especially pleasing to see a significant increase in student members. It is up to all of us to spread the word amongst your friends and colleagues to encourage them to participate in AIIA Victoria. If you would like to discuss how best to do this, through other organisations you may be involved with, please contact Alastair Roff.

The Council agreed modest increases in membership prices this year, as they had not changed since July 2015.

Donations

The response to our Inaugural Annual Giving Appeal was fantastic, as was the success of the Appeal to raise funds to repair our roof and guttering. Altogether more than 10% of our Members contributed to either or both of these Appeals. That truly is a fantastic response. We raised a total of \$29,085 in the financial year to June 2018. A further \$8,200 was donated in July as some of our Members wished to take up the tax deduction in that year. All donors have been listed elsewhere in this report.

Council Membership

New Council Members

We welcome new Councillors James Carey, Leith Doody and Warren Evans, all of whom were appointed during the year and are eligible for re-election. The inclusion of these people strengthens our Board considerably.

- James will take over the responsibility of the YPF. This will free up Kelly MacDonald to focus on the Sir Zelman Cowen Oration.
- Leith brings his corporate experience to the Board. He is responsible for seeking out Grants and other financial support for the AIIA.
- Warren has been understudying David Harper who has for the past three years run the International Careers Conference.

James Carey

James Carey joined the Council to take over the responsibility of running the Young Professionals Forum. This is one of our very important activities in that it exposes young professionals to the whole ambit of international affairs. After achieving a Bachelor of Arts with a Double Major in Media Studies/History where he achieved high distinctions, he then worked in several capacities including tutoring students in Melbourne. He also was a Light House Relief Officer at Chalkida in Greece. On returning to Melbourne in 2016 he took up a Master of International Studies at the University of Melbourne. He is currently writing a thesis on Diplomacy in the 21st Century.

Leith Doody

Leith Doody was one of Australia's most senior trade diplomats for some 20 years, with extensive international experience, especially throughout Asia. His career spans over four decades of experience in senior management of international organisations, including sitting on several Boards, in both the public and private sector and living and working in Australia, the U.K., Korea, Hong Kong, New Zealand, Germany and Indonesia. From 1992 to 2012 Leith held various Executive and Directorship roles at The Australian Trade Commission (Austrade), the Australian Government's trade and investment facilitation agency. As Regional Senior Trade & Investment Commissioner—ASEAN & Minister (Commercial) to Indonesia, Leith assisted in brokering the reopening of Australia's live cattle trade to Indonesia. He was also instrumental in rebuilding the "esprit de corps" of the Jakarta office in the aftermath of the 2009 Jakarta hotel bombings. As Regional Director – Europe, Middle East & Africa Leith was responsible for the management of operations across 38 offices, 150 staff and 147 markets. Prior to joining Austrade, Leith worked with a number of Australian Companies.

Warren Evans

Warren is a part-time lecturer (teaching intensive) at Swinburne University of Technology this semester teaching POL20004 Politics of the Pacific and POL10002 International Politics. When not teaching, He works with the Australian Army's 4th/19th Prince of Wales's Light Horse Regiment, having recently returned from a 6-month operational deployment. (*continued overleaf*)

Warren Evans (cont.)

He completed a Master of War Studies at King's College London, while also having studied at Deakin University, Uppsala University in Sweden and the George Washington University in the U.S. His research has primarily focused on Western foreign and defence policy towards Indonesia and East Timor (Timor-Leste). He has also spoken in Gallipoli, Turkey on Anzac Day and has hiked the Kokoda Track. He is an active member of the Australian Institute of International Affairs (AIIA).

Board Resignations

We had a number of resignations, mostly due to rotations, from our Council between June 30 2017 and the 2017 Annual General Meeting. All these were thanked at that meeting.

Since then Giovanni di Lieto resigned. We thank Giovanni di Lieto for his services to AIIA Victoria. Giovanni continues to be a Commissioning Editor of Australian Outlook.

AIIA Victoria Restructuring

The restructuring of AIIA Victoria two years ago has provided us with a very strong base upon which to improve and expand on our activities.

Nevertheless, we do recognise that we are not “plugged in” to those areas of influence in Melbourne which may be used to help us in furthering our objectives. To that end, the Council has, under its Constitution, appointed a number of Honorary Councillors who we think will give us opportunities to strengthen our business.

I see their contribution being made in reviewing what we have done, helping us set strategies for the future and further strengthening our financial base. These people will not be appointed as one group but over the next 6 to 12 months I expect a few more will join those who have already accepted the invitation to become Honorary Councillors.

Those to date who have accepted that position are:

Jenny Bloomfield	Director, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Victoria
Jonathan Forster	Founder of Kane Constructions
Professor	Master of Queen's College Melbourne and past Vice President of
Stewart Gill OAM	AIIA Queensland
Colin Heseltine	Director of Sino Gas and Energy, Past Ambassador to Korea and Deputy Head of Mission in Beijing

Interns

Over 3,000 of you who attended many of our events over the year must be impressed by the number of Interns and Volunteers who helped to ensure this organisation runs so smoothly. We are most indebted to their dedication, their good humour and their ability to always fit in where necessary.



Prior to this year's International Careers Conference it was terrific seeing 15 Interns and Volunteers prepare over 200 bags of information to give to participants in the International Careers Conference. So many smiling faces and co-operation could not be imagined elsewhere.

*ICC Interns and Volunteers
preparing over 200 delegate bags*

Study Tours

Study Tours are integral to our operations. We have been fortunate over the years in benefitting from many Study Tours. These have not only improved our knowledge of other countries but given us the opportunity in those countries of promoting Australia and discussing Australia's foreign policies.

In most recent years one of the objects of study tours has been to establish long term relationships in the countries we visit. To that end, recently we have established warm relationships with the Lakshman Institute in Sri Lanka and the Institute of Political and International Studies (IPIS) in Iran. Please see below for the commentary on the Iran study tour by Amelia Ekkel.

In October 2018 we are conducting a study tour to Timor Leste. This is being led by Peter McMullin SC.

In 2019 we are organising a study tour to Indonesia in June and in the latter part of 2019, Taiwan. Again as with previous study tours we hope to establish long term relationships with institutions there.

It is most fortunate that we have The Walter Mangold Trust Fund to assist us in paying for Interns on the Study Tours.

Patrick Moore - *President*

FINANCES

The Institute saw an increase in income during the financial year of just under \$30,000 across a number of activity centres. Whilst there has been significant income growth, the Institute recorded a loss for the financial year of (\$27,112), however there has been a significant improvement when comparing to last year's financial loss of (\$48,891).

The Net Profit / (Loss) amounts are the amounts that are to be reported in the statutory financial statements. Please see below a summary of the financial performance on an adjusted basis. The adjustments are essentially the "Non-cash adjustments" that are required to be taken up in the statutory financial statements.

Analysis of financial performance (Year by Year)

	ACTUAL 2017 Financial Year	ACTUAL 2018 Financial Year
Net Profit / (Loss)	(48,891)	(27,112)
<i>Add backs</i>		
- Donations received carried for roofing repairs	-	9,047
- Annual leave provision increase	3,103	3,215
- Depreciation on plant and equipment	4,399	3,914
Adjusted Net Profit / (Loss)	(41,389)	(10,935)

Therefore, the Adjusted Net Profit / (Loss) is the "Cash Profit / (Loss)" for the financial year and as you can see we have reduced our cash loss by over \$30,000 compared to the previous financial year, a really positive result for the Institute financially.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

I am pleased to be able to report on a very active year across all facets of the Institute's operations. Thanks are due to Georgia Collins-Jennings for her outstanding performance as Office Coordinator, which will be familiar to many members, and to Council members for their support and involvement throughout the year.

Equally, we could not operate without the time and effort so generously given by our many Interns and volunteers, and more details of their contribution are given on page 9.

We have again enjoyed very close cooperation from the Victoria State Office of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and have been able to host at Dyason House a number of visiting Ambassadors and Heads of Mission, whose insights into their respective areas of responsibility are always appreciated.

The [Walter Mangold Trust Fund](#) has again in calendar year 2018 provided generous support to our young people. In the first half of 2018, their funding allowed over 400 student attendances at Dyason House events free of charge and enabled us to keep student membership rates at an affordable level.

There has been a concerted effort towards raising the profile of the Institute with other like-minded organisations. We are grateful for example that U3A Melbourne and the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) of Victoria now regularly circulate details of AIIA VIC events to their own members.

A successful initiative has been a series of foreign policy roundtables held jointly with the Australian National University (ANU) in Melbourne. These quarterly invitation-only sessions are held under the Chatham House Rule, and see former Foreign Minister, and Chancellor of ANU, Professor the Hon Gareth Evans AC QC FASSA FAIIA 'in conversation' with a keynote speaker, before engaging the participants in discussion. The first two events covered ASEAN, and Australia's relations with India.

The aim is to ensure the sustainability of the Institute in what is an increasingly competitive environment by broadening its appeal to the corporate sector, and discussions are underway with a number of organisations regarding potential future partnerships.

Social media is another increasingly important means of getting out our message, and we are grateful to Interns Niccola Anthony and Aria Zhao for further raising our profile on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. AIIA Victoria now has over 8,000 followers.

Credit is also due to Peter Bateman in the new role of Creative Content Intern for starting our first series of podcast, the Dyason House Podcast. Season 1 consists of 9 interviews with former ambassadors, aid-workers, foreign correspondents and humanitarian lawyers, and has proved very popular.

In terms of office administration, Georgia with the great assistance of Christopher Cicutto and his team at Mazars has migrated our accounts to a new version of MYOB, which will not only save us money, but enable more efficient production of detailed financial reporting.

Finally, my thanks for the interest and support shown by all members and their guests at our events, and we look forward to continuing a stimulating and varied program.

Alastair Roff – *Executive Director*

IRAN STUDY TOUR

From 4 – 21 April 2018, eighteen AIIA delegates travelled to the Islamic Republic of Iran to gain a deeper understanding of the country and its role in the international sphere. The trip was sponsored by the Institute for Political and International Studies (IPIS). At the AIIA's meeting with IPIS, the presidents of the two organisations signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). This is a promising development for the AIIA as the MOU lays the foundation for future joint ventures with IPIS.



*Pictured right:
2018 Iran Study Tour Delegates*

The AIIA team also met with a number of other organisations in Iran, including the University of Tehran, Sharif University, ICRC, Ravand Institute, Operation Mercy and the Australian Embassy. These meetings saw lively discussion and debate. They covered topics including migration and refugees, the effect of international sanctions on the country, the role of women in Iranian society, and the Australian-Iranian bilateral relationship. It was evident that many Iranians desired to reconnect with international society and were hoping the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) would facilitate this. However, only days after the delegates returned to Australia, the United States withdrew from the JCPOA.



Delegates from the Study Tour also visited numerous sites of historical and cultural significance. These included the Golestan Palace in Tehran, Naqsh-e Square in Isfahan, and the ruins of Persepolis in Shiraz, amongst many more. At these sites, AIIA delegates learnt about the fascinating history of the region and were astounded by the richness of Persian culture. Wherever the delegates went they were greeted with the warmth and hospitality for which Persians are renowned.

We would like to especially thank 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 staff for their valuable assistance towards the Study Tour.

Amelia Ekkel – *Iran Study Tour Intern*

VOLUNTEERS AND INTERNS

With such a busy program of events we rely heavily on the terrific contribution of our volunteers. We are appreciative of the time they give and our sincere thanks to all those who have helped over the past year.

All those who attended our events over the year must be impressed by the number of interns and volunteers who helped to ensure this organisation runs smoothly. We are most indebted to their dedication, good humour and ability to always fit in where necessary.

Prior to this year's International Careers Conference it was terrific seeing 15 interns and volunteers prepare over 200 bags of information to give to participants. So many smiling faces and such co-operation could not be imagined elsewhere.

We also rely on our Interns to fulfil specific roles that support vital functions of the Institute. Internships awarded throughout the year include:

Program and Events Management: Bethany Evans, Charlotte Peloza, Conall Batch

Event Marketing: Anushka Batuwantudawe; Niccola Anthony; Aria Zhao

International Careers Conference: Morgan Somerville; Demika Tantra; Emmett Howard; Ben Freeman; Georgia Standish; Kathryn Morrison

Study Tour (Iran): Amelia Ekkel

Creative Content: Peter Bateman

Office Administration: Queena Jian; Anna Guan; Laura Chan; Reg Mu

Sir Zelman Cowen Oration: Chris Girardi

The following volunteered their time regularly to help at evening events:

Juliette Maher; Jon Lim; Wesley Kajirwa; Dhini Hardiyanti; Jade Pichard; Emily Ebbott; Wen Du; Jessica Stevens; Jackson Bilu; Steven Connolly; Jay Shackleton; Georgia Houweling; Eylem Kim; Annabel Harding; Rose Unal; Giovanni Costanzo; Bharat Patel; Harleen Kaur; Lilly Shadrach; Alan Wang; Jess Yorke; Matt O'Brien.



*ICC Intern Morgan Somerville with
ICC Volunteer Eylem Kim*



*Iran Study Tour Intern Amelia Ekkel with
Event/Program Management Intern Conall
Batch*

The AIIA was saddened to hear news of the death on 29 October 2017 of The Right Honourable Sir Ninian Stephen KG AK GCMG GCVO KBE. Sir Ninian Stephen was a Patron of the Institute in Victoria for many years, and his support and encouragement will be greatly missed. A former Governor-General of Australia from 1982 to 1989, Sir Ninian was known for a life-long commitment to justice and the rule of law.

He was an influential figure in international law, and his contribution stretched far beyond Australia, for example chairing the second phase of the Northern Ireland peace talks in 1992 and serving as a judge for the International Criminal Tribunal investigating war crimes in the former Yugoslavia. In his later years, he advised on South Africa's Constitution. He is remembered in the name of the AIIA's national headquarters in Canberra, Stephen House.

The Council was saddened by the death on February 24 this year of Robert Bruce. Robert was an important and very worthwhile member of the Iran 2017 Study Tour. We all enjoyed his very warm company.

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. 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.

DONATIONS

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

The following individuals generously donated in 2017-2018:

Alastair Roff	John and Penny Lewisohn
Alexander Gillies	John Balmford
Allan Myers AC QC	John Brookes
Andrew Farran	John Champan and Liz Murphy-Chapman
Andrew Townsend	Joy Selby Smith
Anthony and Chloe Fitzwilliam-Hyde	Julie Soares
Baillieu Myer AC	Leith Doody
Bernard Morris	Margaret Keheller
Chris and Maxine Wain	Margaret Rees-Jones
Christopher Cicutto	Michael Cohn
David and Doone Lamb	Patrick Moore
David Brewer	Peter and Robin Seaman
David Hawker AO	Peter Eisen
David Price	Richard Morgan
Erik and Gillian Jensen	Robin and Margaret Marks
Ethel White	Robyn Byrne OAM
Francis Gurry FAIIA	Roger Brookes (Wilfred Brookes Foundation)
Frank Mahlab and Dr Eve Mahlab AO	Rugrawee Chalernsripinyorat
Gwenyth Benjamin	Ruth and Hartmut Hofmann

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Helen Freeman
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Jenny Varcoe-Cocks
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Suzanne Keene
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Tom Kudelka
Tony Ward
Trevor Findlay
Victor and Karen Wayne
Zara Kimpton OAM

The following generously provided sponsorship in 2017-18:

La Trobe University

National Security College, ANU, Canberra

The Sir Wilfred Brookes Charitable Foundation

The Walter Mangold Trust Fund

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
Mr. Michael Cohn
Mrs. Ruth and Mr. Hartmut Hofmann
Ms. Zara Kimpton OAM
Mr. John and Mrs. Penny Lewisohn
Mr Frank Mahlab and Dr Eve Mahlab AO

Mr. Hugh Morgan AC FAIIA
Mr. Baillieu Myer AC
Mr. Allan Myers AC QC
Mr. Patrick Moore
Mr. Alastair Roff
Ms. Joy Selby Smith

AIIA FELLOWS

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

John W. H. Denton AO FAIIA

Helen Evans AO FAIIA

We look forward to hosting them for an address at the time of the presentation of their award.

SPEAKER EVENTS PROGRAM

Thank you to all those who attended an event this year. Your interest ensures that the work that goes into preparing our program is worthwhile. We extend our gratitude especially to our speakers, who so generously gave their time and expertise.

There were 44 regular events held this year covering a wide range of international affairs topics. Highlights included a discussion of post-Brexit Britain with HE Mrs Menna

Rawlings CMG, British High Commissioner; a look at international political instability with Sir Nigel Broomfield KCMG; and a discussion between Tony Walker FAIIA and the Hon.

Gareth Evans AC QC FASSA FAIIA, Chancellor of the Australian National University (ANU) and former Australian Foreign Minister.



*Richard Iron CMG OBE
with Emma Sky OBE*

We also hosted the 'In Conversation' series which saw Richard Iron CMG OBE discuss topical issues with leading experts, including renowned foreign correspondent Michael Bachelard, Professor Damien Kingsbury, and Emma Sky OBE.

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 Victoria State Office in being able to host returning Ambassadors and High Commissioners as they pass through Melbourne, including HE Mrs Jane Duke, Ambassador to ASEAN; HE Mr Ian Biggs, Ambassador to Iran, HE Mr Axel Wabenhorst, Ambassador to Qatar, and HE Ms Lynette Wood, Ambassador to Germany.

We have held several partnership events at venues other than Dyason House, including the ANU-AIIA Victoria Foreign Policy Series, and a discussion on China with Rowan Callick OBE FAIIA kindly hosted by Hall & Wilcox Lawyers. We will continue to hold such events periodically to enrich our program and provide access to a range of offerings for our members.

The Interns on the Program Committee, Bethany Evans, Charlotte Peloza and Con Batch provided invaluable support and assistance, as did Niccola Anthony and Aria Zhao in their vital support role as Events Marketing Intern.

The members of the Program Committee itself are thanked for their active contribution throughout the year: Daniel Steedman (Chair until December 2017); Richard Iron and Alastair Roff (Co-Chairs from January 2018); Patrick Moore, Ian Howie, John Woods, Kelly MacDonald, Mia Davison, Toni Feddersen, Greg Wills, and Rhys Hulme. The Committee will continue to work to deliver a stimulating and diverse range of events to the Program.

Alastair Roff – *Executive Director*

EVENTS PROGRAM: THE 2017-2018 YEAR IN REVIEW

Over the past twelve months, AIIA Victoria has been remarkably active. To that end I thought it worth publishing the flyers of all of our activities over that period in one volume in what really is a remarkable document.

This booklet is available on our website [here](#).

Patrick Moore - *President*

SIR ZELMAN COWEN ORATION 2017

On Thursday 3 October, the 2017 Sir Zelman Cowen Oration was delivered by Professor Margaret Gardner AO, President and Vice-Chancellor Monash University on “International Education for Australia: From the Colombo Plan to the Asian Century”. The appreciation was provided by Professor Richard Larkins AO.



This year’s Oration was held in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Windsor and 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.

*2017 Sir Zelman Cowen Oration
Grand Ballroom of the Hotel*

An insightful and enjoyable evening was had by our more than 170 guests. Our thanks to organisers Dr Kay Stevens, Patrick Moore, Alastair Roff and Christopher Girardi. Our special thanks to Navitas, IDP Education, Monash BIB, John Woods, David Harper, Denis Dragovic and Kay Stevens for generously supporting several of our young members in attending the event. Thanks also to Morgan Wealth Management Pty Ltd, Monash University, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and all members who organised tables.

Chris Girardi – *SZCO Intern*

INTERNATIONAL CAREERS CONFERENCE 2017

The 13th International Careers Conference (ICC) was held on Friday 25 August 2017 at The Pavilion in the Victorian Arts Centre. We were extremely grateful for the continued support of our major sponsor, La Trobe University, as well as the National Security College from the Australian National University.

The ICC is designed to offer students insight into the varied career paths available to them in order to delve into the world of international affairs, embark on a career, and consider the impacts of pursuing an international career such as living overseas.

The keynote speakers were Cornelia Lenneberg (Regional Leader at World Vision), Larry Kamener (Senior Partner at Boston Consulting Group) and Jenny Bloomfield (State Director Victoria at DFAT).

Three panels were held at the 2017 conference. The Not-for-Profit Panel included Yvette Zegenhagen (Australian Red Cross), Beth Eggleston (Humanitarian Advisory Group) and Rachael Nunn (Oaktree Foundation) and was moderated by Dr Kumuda Simpson (La Trobe University).

The Business Panel included Jessica Williamson (WLW Migration Lawyers), Tony Walker (La Trobe University), and Justin McNab (Bluepool Energy), moderated by Dr Gwenda Tavan (La Trobe University).

The International Relations Panel featured Professor Rory Medcalf (National Security College), Matt Lowe (Department of Premier and Cabinet – Victoria), Sinead Ferris (DFAT Graduate Program), moderated by Associate Professor Matthew Sussex (National Security College).

A series of career-specific workshops were also held, covering:



- Refugees and Migration
- New Technologies
- International Trade/Austrade,
- Border Protection
- Media
- International Law
- Foreign Affairs and Diplomacy
- Victoria's Overseas Interests
- Defence and Security
- Young Volunteers

Sinead Ferris (DFAT) (left) and Kate Hamilton (DFAT Victoria State Office) (standing) facilitating the Foreign Affairs and Diplomacy workshop

La Trobe University again ran one-on-one sessions workshopping students' CVs to improve their employment prospects and help them think about what employers are looking for.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS FORUM



The Young Professionals Forum's (YPF) main goals for the financial year 2017-2018 was to grow the number of young members and develop greater interest in AIIA Victoria.

Under the direction of Emily Ebbott and Kelly MacDonald, the YPF held 7 formal events for the financial year including internship & scholarship information evenings, networking evenings, hypothetical scenarios involving global crises, and its annual trivia night.

The YPF, in collaboration with Monash Gender, Peace and Security co-hosted a book launch that included a keynote speech by Dr Sharman Stone, Ambassador for Women and Girls.

The YPF hosted post-talk events at local bars, where groups of YPF members were able to continue further conversations with AIIA Victoria speakers such as Her Excellency Menna Rawlings CMG and renowned foreign correspondents Lindsay Murdoch and Michael Bachelard. We also focussed on promoting the AIIA Victoria to university students by running 'pre-lecture spruiks' at The University of Melbourne, Monash University, La Trobe University and Deakin University. We saw a clear correlation between these efforts and the increase in student interest and attendance at events.

For the financial year 2018-2019, the YPF aims to build on our successful events from the last financial year and further strengthen our ties with local and student international affairs associations. The YPF also aims to further develop its Professional Development Series that provides young members with practical tips for the workplace and their careers.

Kelly MacDonald – *Council Member*

DYASON HOUSE

We all love Dyason House, its convenience, its familiarity and its library. However, it is beginning to age and this will inevitably incur ongoing maintenance and repair costs. These matters have been referred to in the Financial Report. There will come a time when we will have to face up to 'doing something' about Dyason House.

We have continued to maintain Dyson House to enable the AIIA Victoria office and events to operate to a reasonable standard of amenity and comfort. The path to our front door was painted white to give better visibility at night. The Council has agreed to proceed with maintenance on the guttering that affects the front tenancy. In the coming months we will have scaffolding up around the front of the building to enable the replacement of the guttering. This should not disrupt any of our activities or the entry or exit of our tenants or clients at the front.

We have located a refrigeration electrician who is familiar with the four old air conditioners in the Madigan Room and the Council has approved a maintenance budget that will result in the extension of their lifespan. The heating of the office and Mangold Room relies on hydronic heating fuelled by expensive gas. The plumber has proposed we cover the hot water pipes with better insulation and this is a job for the future. We would like to thank all members who have generously donated funds to the maintenance of Dyson House.

Robyn Byrne OAM – *Council Member*

VICTORIAN GLOBAL POLITICS ESSAY COMPETITION 2017

This was the first year of the AIIA Victoria and Social Education Victoria (SEV) Global Politics Essay competition. Social Education Victoria is the professional body that supports Politics and Social Studies teachers.

The schools running Global Politics subjects were identified by AIIA Victoria, and contacted regarding the competition, which offered students the opportunity to win a cash prize as well as attend the International Careers Conference. SEV also publicised the competition amongst its members.

The judges were Anne Mathews from SEV, Warren Prior Visiting Scholar, Faculty of Arts & Education, Deakin University and Robyn Byrne OAM, AIIA.

We are very grateful to our donors, Zara Kimpton OAM and Joy Selby Smith, for making the prizes possible.

The winners were:

1 st : Naomi Kwon	<i>Lauriston Girls School</i>
2 nd : Kira Todd	<i>Glen Waverley Secondary College</i>
3 rd : Amirah Haque	<i>Caulfield Grammar School</i>
4 th : Rish Mishra	<i>Trinity Grammar School</i>

Our congratulations go to the students and the schools for competing in our Essay Competition.

Robyn Byrne OAM – *Council Member*

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

Members as of 30 June	2016-17	2017-18	Variance
Standard	110	127	+17
Premium	52	40	-12
Concession	92	106	+14
Premium Concession	50	52	+2
Student	88	193	+105
Corporate	8	7	-1
School	2	2	0
Life Members & Patrons	6	6	0
Total	408	533	+125

AIIA VIC FUNCTIONS
1 JULY 2017 – 30 JUNE 2018

Thursday 13 July 6pm - 7.30pm Dyason House	Britain's Place in the World Dr Ben Wellings, Monash University
Monday 24 July 6pm - 7.30pm Dyason House	YPF Professional Development Series Workshop 1: How to Network
Tuesday 25 July 6pm - 7.30pm Dyason House	The Chemical Weapons Convention: The Power of a Universal Ideal HE Mr Ahmet Üzümcü, Director General OPCW
Wednesday 2 August 6pm - 7.30pm Dyason House	In Two Minds: China's Hopes and Doubts about its World Role David Kelly, China Policy Beijing
Monday 7 August 6pm - 7.30pm Dyason House	Sri Lanka - 70 years of Diplomatic Relations HE Mr Bryce Hutchesson, Australian High Commissioner to Sri Lanka
Wednesday 9 August 6pm - 7.30pm Dyason House	Putin, Trump and Russia-US Strategic Relations Dr Alexey Muraviev, Director Strategic Flashlight Forum, Curtin University
Thursday 10 August 6pm – 7.30pm Dyason House	Shifting Trends and Alliances - Israel's Place in the New Middle East Colonel (res.) Eran Lerman, former Deputy for Foreign Policy and International Affairs at Israel's National Security Council
Tuesday 15 August 6pm - 7.30pm Dyason House	The Geopolitics of the South China Sea Dr Remy Davison, Monash University
Friday 25 August 8am – 5.00pm The Pavilion, Arts Centre Melbourne, St Kilda Road	2017 International Careers Conference
Thursday 7 September 4:45pm - 6pm Dyason House	Finland - 100 Years of Social Innovation and Equality Ms Pirkko Mattila, Minister of Social Affairs & Health, Government of Finland.
Monday 11 September 6pm - 8pm Dyason House	Asia-Pacific Hypothetical: Confronting a Regional Crisis Dr Jeremy Youde, Deputy Director (Education), Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs.
Tuesday 12 September 6pm - 7.30pm Dyason House	The Indian Ocean Rim Association: Scaling Up? Barana Waidyatilake, Lakshman Kadirgamar Institute, Sri Lanka in conjunction with Dr Pradeep Taneja, University of Melbourne.

Wednesday 20 September 6pm - 7.30pm Dyason House	Germany's Election: The Views of a German Foreign Correspondent Esther Blank, Bureau Chief, Deutsche Welle Agency Australia
Thursday 21 September 6pm - 7.30pm Dyason House	Brexit, the Anglosphere and the Emergence of Global Britain Dr. Andrew Mycock, University of Huddersfield, UK.
Tuesday 3 October 6.00pm – 10.00pm The Windsor Hotel, 111 Spring Street, Melbourne	Sir Zelman Cowen Oration Dinner Professor Margaret Gardner AO, President and Vice-Chancellor of Monash University
Tuesday 24 October 12pm – 2.30pm Monash Business School Level 7, 271 Collins Street, Melbourne	Vision for Britain after Brexit Her Excellency Mrs Menna Rawlings CMG, British High Commissioner to Australia
Wednesday 25 October 6pm - 7.30pm Dyason House	The Islamic State Michael Bachelard
Monday 30 October 6pm – 8pm Dyason House	YPF Internship Information and Networking Evening
Tuesday 31 October 3.45pm – 5.00pm Dyason House	Iran – a Briefing HE Mr Ian Biggs, Australian Ambassador to Iran
Tuesday 31 October 6pm - 7.30pm Dyason House	China's 19th Party Congress Professor Baogang He, Deakin University
Wednesday 8 November 6pm - 7.30pm Dyason House	Australia-Japan Relations and the Asian Security Environment Murray McLean AO, Former Ambassador to Japan
Wed 15 November 6pm - 7.30pm Dyason House	Trump and the American Identity Crisis Sara James, NBC Correspondent
Thursday 16 November 5:45pm - 7:00pm Dyason House	AIIA Victoria Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 29 Nov 6pm - 7.30pm Dyason House	Professor the Hon Gareth Evans AC QC FASSA FAIIA In Conversation with Tony Walker FAIIA

Monday 4 December 6.00 - 9pm Melbourne Central, Lion Hotel	YPF Annual Trivia Night
Tuesday 5 December 6pm - 7.30pm Dyason House	No Dancing, No Dancing – Inside the Global Humanitarian Crisis Dr Denis Dragovic (book launch)
Thursday 7 December 12pm - 2.30pm Melbourne Town Hall	Festive Luncheon Guest Speaker: Allan Gyngell AO FAIA
Thursday 14 December 6pm - 7.30pm Dyason House	Separatism as a Global Issue Professor Damien Kingsbury in Conversation with Richard Iron CMG OBE
Thursday 8 February 6 pm - 7.30 pm Dyason House	Israel: Personal Reflections Mr Ian Wilcock, former Ambassador to Israel
Tuesday 13 February 6 pm - 7.30 pm Dyason House	Iran: an Update from the Region H.E. Mr Ian Biggs, Ambassador to Iran (<i>Chatham House Rule</i>)
Wednesday 14 February 6 pm - 7.30 pm Dyason House	The Uncertain World Sir Nigel Broomfield KCMG
Thursday 15 February 6 pm - 7.30 pm Dyason House	The Trump Administration and the Middle East Dr Jonathan Schanzer, Foundation for the Defense of Democracies (co-hosted with AIJAC)
Wednesday 21 February 6 pm - 7.30 pm Dyason House	Brexit: What it means for Australia Mr Remo Moretta, Assistant Secretary – Europe, Trade & Brexit, DFAT
Thursday 1 March 6 pm - 7.30 pm Dyason House	Russia’s Strategic Relations with DPRK in the Context of Nuclear Crisis Dr Alexey Muraviev, Assoc. Professor of National Security & International Relations, Curtin University, Perth WA
Wednesday 7 March 6 pm - 7.30 pm Dyason House	The Italian Election, Euroscepticism and the Search for Stability Associate Professor Bruno Mascitelli Swinburne University of Technology

Wednesday 14 March 6 pm - 7.30 pm Dyason House	Qatar – an Update from the Region H.E. Dr Axel Wabenhorst, Ambassador to Qatar (Chatham House Rule)
Thursday 15 March 6 pm - 8pm Dyason House	YPF: Asia-Pacific Hypothetical: Confronting a Regional Crisis Dr Jeremy Youde, Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs, ANU Canberra
Tuesday 20 March 5.30 pm - 7.00 pm Dyason House	Australia in Germany H.E. Ms Lynette Wood, Ambassador to Germany (Chatham House Rule)
Wednesday 28 March 6 pm - 7.30 pm Dyason House	The Role of the Foreign Correspondent Michael Bachelard In Conversation with Lindsay Murdoch
Thursday 5 April 6 pm - 7.30 pm Dyason House	How Wars End Richard Iron CMG, OBE In Conversation with Professor Damien Kingsbury
Thursday 12 April 6 pm - 7.30 pm Dyason House	Spies and Satellites: Re-thinking Australia's Role in a Regional Crisis David Schaefer
Tuesday 17 April 6 pm - 7.30 pm Dyason House	Grappling with the Bomb: Britain's Nuclear Pacific Nic Maclellan, journalist and researcher (Book Launch)
Wednesday 18 April 6 pm – 8 pm Dyason House	YPF Internship & Networking Evening
Thursday 19 April 5.30pm -7.30pm 525 Collins Street	The People's Republic of China; Turning 70, and Planning World Leadership Rowan Callick OBE, FAIIA Event co-hosted at Hall & Wilcox Lawyers
Thursday 3 May 6 pm – 7.30 pm Dyason House	The Rohingya Crisis Christopher Lamb, former Ambassador to Burma/Myanmar
Tuesday 8 May 6 pm – 7.30 pm Dyason House	Are Presidents Trump and Xi Bringing Down the Free Trade Order? Alan Oxley
Thursday 10 May 6 pm – 7.30 pm Dyason House	Will Britain Achieve its Brexit Goals? Colin Chapman FAIIA
Tuesday 15 May 6 pm - 7.30 pm Dyason House	The Future of the Commonwealth H.E. Mrs Menna Rawlings CMG, UK High Commissioner

Tuesday 22 May 6 pm – 7.30 pm Dyason House	Pariah or Partner? The Korean Summit Explored Dr Benjamin Habib
Thursday 31 May 6 pm - 7.30 pm Dyason House	Pipeline or Pipe Dream? Timor Leste's Foreign policy Approach to the Timor Sea Disputes Dr Bec Strating
Wednesday 6 June 6 pm – 7.30 pm Dyason House	Russiaphobia and the Perils of a New Cold War Tom Switzer
Wednesday 13 June 5.45 pm – 7 pm Dyason House	AIIA Victoria Member's Meeting
Tuesday 19 June 6 pm – 7.30 pm Dyason House	Diplomatic Success or Defective Deal? Untangling the Iran Nuclear Plan Professor Shahram Akbarzadeh
Thursday 21 June 6 pm – 7.30 pm Dyason House	ASEAN's Regional Role H.E. Ms Jane Duke, Ambassador to ASEAN (Chatham House Rule)
Friday 29 June 12 pm – 2 pm Dyason House	The Iraq War in Retrospect Richard Iron CMG, OBE In Conversation with Emma Sky OBE