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**Newsletter April 2019**

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**President's Report**

Dear Fellow Members and Supporters,

Welcome to the first President's Report for 2019. Will McEniry has come onto Council as a Member and will be much more active in this area!

Preparations for the Indonesian Study Tour in June are well advanced. We have 28 members from all Australian states (except South Australia) joining us. John McCarthy AO FAIIA, a former ambassador to Indonesia is arranging several meetings in Jakarta. Two breakfast meetings in Jakarta will enable us to meet some Australian interests in Indonesia. The study tour then flies on to Yogyakarta and then to South Sulawesi for six nights and finishing in Bali.

Some time ago we recognised the need to lift the profile of the AIIA in Melbourne. To that end, we are delighted to announce that we have appointed five Honorary Councillors. They are Jenny Bloomfield (Director of DFAT Victoria State Office), Jonathan Forster (Founder of Kane Constructions), Professor Stewart Gill OAM (Master of Queen's College), Colin Heseltine (former Ambassador to Korea) and Elizabeth Proust AO (Company Director).



*AIIA Victoria President Patrick Moore*

The Council is acutely aware of the increasing cost of repairs and maintenance required of Dyason House. We have formed a working group to assess ongoing requirements for AIIA Victoria and Dyason House over the next 10 -20 years.

Our finances are in good shape. Much is due to the terrific support of our members and others attending speaker events. We hope to generate a small cash surplus for the year (prior to maintenance expenditure on Dyason House).

With my warm regards,

Patrick Moore  
President, AIIA Victoria



## Speaker Events

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We have started our 2019 events program most successfully with your help. This follows our many successful events in 2018. Over the past 15 months since the beginning of 2018 almost 2,500 members and guests have attended our widely popular public speaker events. In 2018, we were fortunate and thankful for the strong support from DFAT's Victoria State Office for their assistance with lining up unique and exceptional speakers. Last year we welcomed impressive speakers on a range of topics from the role of Artificial Intelligence to Arctic and Antarctic Security.



*"After Brexit: Where next for the UK?" by Prof Richard Whitman*

Our first event for 2019 "*After Brexit: Where next for the UK?*" was delivered by Prof Richard Whitman and was a full house. Richard provided an in-depth assessment on UK Prime Minister Theresa May's looming Brexit and the doubt hovering over her failed Brexit deal in British Parliament. The next lecture was given by Prof Obiora Okafor who presented his findings on the UN Declaration of Human Rights

and its impact on the rights of refugees. The Institute also welcomed H.E. Mr Brendan Berne, Australian Ambassador to France, who spoke about the Franco-Australian relationship in the Indo-Pacific, and then Dr Raul Sanchez-Urribarri who spoke about the current situation in Venezuela. Council Member Richard Iron CMG OBE held the latest of his acclaimed "In Conversation" series with the Australian Ambassador to Ukraine, H.E. Ms Melissa O'Rourke, on the ongoing crisis in Ukraine. Andrew Parker of PwC was also welcomed by the Institute and presented his expertise on Australia's economic engagement with Indonesia. Last week we welcomed Dr Ben Wellings who spoke about Brexit as English Nationalism and this week we were pleased to have Michael Doran of the Hudson Institute who discussed President Trump's Middle East policy.

We will have many more public events on the issues facing the world in 2019. From the Cuban Missile Crisis 2.0 to UN Peace Operations, AIIA Victoria will be at the forefront of lectures and talks on international affairs in Melbourne.

**To see our upcoming events click [here](#) or visit the bottom of the newsletter**



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## Study Tours

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Members of the AIIA Victoria Iran Study Tour 2018 in the Lut Desert

After successful tours to Iran and East Timor in 2018, AIIA Victoria will be embarking on two further study tours in 2019.

The first is to Indonesia in June and the second to the Republic of China (Taiwan) in early November.

Expressions of interest for the Taiwan Study Tour are now open. To register

please email Patrick Moore at [patrick@lisan.com.au](mailto:patrick@lisan.com.au).

AIIA Victoria is always looking ahead to maintain itself as Australia's foremost platform for international issues. As such, discussions are now underway for study tours in 2020. Study tours to Oman, the UAE and Ethiopia are being considered. These regions are important to us for their strategic and business interests. Additionally, a study tour focusing on the Belt and Road Initiative is currently being negotiated.

**To find out more or to read the reports of previous AIIA Victoria study tours, click [here](#)**

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## Memberships

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AIIA Victoria is Melbourne's only membership-based international affairs organisation. Our membership has steadily been increasing. We have a wonderful group of members from diverse backgrounds. We aim to increase our membership base to expand the Institute's reach across Melbourne.

AIIA Victoria offers a range of memberships categories including

Corporate Memberships for business and organisations that would like to utilise the Institute for its unique access to experts and professionals in fields of international relations, international business and trade, and Australian foreign policy.

**To become a member or to find out more about our membership types, click [here](#)**

## International Careers Conference

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The International Careers Conference (ICC) remains the largest annual event of the Institute and is in its 15th year. With the Hon. Justice David Harper AM stepping down as Chair, Warren Evans will be taking over the role. The ICC this year will take place on Friday August 30 at The Arts Centre Melbourne. The Conference itself will be broken up into three main components: Keynote Speaker; Panels covering the Government, Business and Not-For-Profit sectors, and a series of career-specific Masterclasses.



Tony Wheeler AO FAIA, co-founder of Lonely Planet and Keynote Speaker for the ICC 2018

The National Security College in partnership with the Australian National University have confirmed that they will return as a major sponsor and supporter of the event in 2019. Similarly, initial discussions with

long-running major sponsor La Trobe University have been positive with negotiations on a long-term Memorandum of Understanding. This year, we are also seeking secondary sponsorship for the event from a range of government and business graduate employers. Last year we were fortunate to welcome Lonely Planet co-founder, Tony Wheeler AO FAIA, as our Keynote Speaker.

Although planning remains at an early stage, several prominent potential keynote speakers have been approached to fill that role. Similarly, once initial meetings with this year's interns take place, we shall look to lock in a diverse range of representation for the various panel and masterclass positions. Initial advertising and social media posts for the event have also already been published.

While much hard work is still required, the 2019 ICC is again well placed to deliver another successful event in fulfilling the institutes' aim of encouraging and assisting students to engage with international affairs through a career in this field.

**For more information on the International Careers Conference 2019, click [here](#)**

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## Sir Zelman Cowen Oration Dinner

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The Institute is delighted to announce that the 13th Annual Sir Zelman Cowen Oration will be held on Tuesday 8 October at The Australian Club. The Oration and Dinner is held annually in honour of Australia's pre-eminent former Governor-General and legal expert Sir Zelman Cowen and is held in the presence of Lady Cowen.

We are proud to announce that this year's Oration will be delivered by The

Hon Margaret Stone AO FAAL,  
Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security.

Tickets for the Sir Zelman Cowen Oration will be available shortly.

**To find out more about the Sir Zelman Cowen Oration Dinner 2019, click [here](#)**

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## Young Professionals Forum

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The YPF comprises many young professionals from government and non-government sources as well as many students studying international affairs. Together, these form a strong and worthwhile network.

The YPF is of particular value to those bridging the gap between their academic studies and the workforce. As a student member of AIIA Victoria you gain automatic membership to the YPF. Additionally, if you are aged between 18 and 35 and are already a member of AIIA Victoria, you already qualify as a member of the YPF, completely free.

The YPF hosts numerous events with specific focus on issues that respond to our young members' interests. We also hold events that allow young members to network in a less formal setting. The YPF's aim is to provide space in which young people in Victorian society can learn, engage, and participate in international affairs. It is also a good forum to find

the career opportunities in international relations.

2019 is going to be a fantastic year at the AIIA in Victoria. As the part of that, the YPF is looking to expand its reach through establishing meaningful connections with other like-minded organisations.

We also host the annual International Affairs Trivia night at the end of the year in which attendees can test their knowledge on global events and politics.



International Careers Information Evening 2019



The first YPF event for the year was the *International Careers Information Evening*. It included DFAT (including both VIC State Office and a representative from the Graduate Recruitment Outreach team in Canberra), the UN Association, Global Victoria and a representative of local Consulates showcasing opportunities

to a full house of students. This popular event was sold out almost immediately and due to an extensive waitlist, a second event was held two weeks later.

**To find out more about the YPF and get involved, click [here](#)**

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## Dyason House Podcasts

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Our former Intern, Peter Bateman, initiated the *Dyason House Podcast* last year, and Season Two was run by Cameron Christie. So far 18 podcasts have been issued covering a wide range of subjects. We have now commenced Season Three with Intern Clancy Balen, and episodes will be posted shortly. Our podcast guests come from academics to former Australian diplomats; all experts in their fields. Their expertise into various topics including North Korea, Sports Diplomacy, and Cyber Security, offer unparalleled insight into the many issues shaping global politics today.



**To listen to Dyason House podcasts, click [here](#) or search Dyason House podcast in iTunes**

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## Annual Appeal

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Dyason House has long been the home of the AIIA in Victoria. It was built in 1869 and was purchased by the Institute through a bequest from E.C. Dyason in 1963. As many of you are aware from your visits to Dyason House, it is requiring us to expend more and more funds on repairs and maintenance. Many members last year made fabulous donations amounting to over \$29,000 enabling us to repair the guttering and carry out other essential work. This year our annual appeal will

focus on the need for better AV equipment so as to enable us to bring our Speaker Events to a wider audience; particularly to lift the quality to a standard fit for television. There is also a considerable amount of work to be done to make Dyason House safer as we have OH&S obligations.

If you have any further questions please contact Patrick Moore at [patrick@lisan.com.au](mailto:patrick@lisan.com.au)

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## Survey

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In May we plan to conduct a short survey for AIIA Victoria Members and Subscribers. This survey will provide us with the necessary data and material to improve the Institute so that we can serve Members better.

The AIIA Victoria Team would deeply appreciate Members and Subscribers complete the survey and provide feedback so as we can better the Institute for your benefit.

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## Australia Day Honours

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We would like to congratulate the following members who were awarded Australia Day 2019 Honours:

- Professor John Langmore AM
- The Hon Jean Mclean AM
- Stephanie Woollard OAM
- Garry Woodard AO FAIIA

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## Walter Mangold Trust Fund

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Iran Study Tour 2018 intern, Amelia Ekkel

We thank the Walter Mangold Trust Fund for their continued support of AIIA Victoria through their generous support of young people engaging in international affairs. Their generous student subsidy initiative allows students members to attend our events free of charge. In addition, the Fund also enable interns to take part in study tours, including Iran Study Tour intern, Amelia Ekkel.

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## Get Involved

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The Institute relies heavily on interns and volunteers. Responsibilities for such positions vary from media and communications to event management and administration. AIIA Victoria offers a variety of roles for undergraduate and postgraduate students as well as those seeking vocational experience in international relations.

Many of our former interns have received graduate offers at various government departments including Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Victoria Police, and Trade Victoria as well as non-government organisations such as the United Nations.



We congratulate former intern, Peter Bateman, creator of the *Dyason House* podcast, for recently receiving the Melbourne Press Club's Quill Award

for Student Journalist of the year 2018.

To find out more or to apply for current opportunities, click [here](#)

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## Vale

The Institute was saddened to learn of the passing of former AIIA Victoria President, Emeritus Professor J.R.V. Prescott (1931-2018). Victor became a lecturer of Geography at the University

of Melbourne in 1961 and specialised in international boundary issues, in particular maritime boundaries. He was the President of AIIA Victoria from 1971 to 1974.

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## Upcoming Events



**Lunchtime today:** Wednesday 3 April

**Is the World Numb to Mass Atrocities?**  
Philippe Boloignon, Human Rights Watch  
in conversation with Michael Bachelard

12pm – 2pm Dyason House



Wednesday 10 April

**Cambodia's Foreign Policy Challenges in the Next 20 Years**  
Ou Virak, Founder Future Forum with  
Sue Coffey

6pm - 7.30pm Dyason House



Wednesday 1 May

**Cuban Missile Crisis 2.0?**  
Assoc/Prof Alexey D. Muraviev, Curtin  
University

6pm – 7:30pm Dyason House



Wednesday 29 May

**Protection of Civilians in UN Peace Operations**  
Dr Charles T. Hunt, RMIT University

6pm – 7:30pm Dyason House