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Victoria



Annual Report 2018-19

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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 is apolitical and provides a forum for discussion and debate on international issues. Founded in 1925, it was established as a Federal organisation in 1933. The Institute now has its National Headquarters in Canberra and it has branches in all States. 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

The year to 30 June 2019 was even busier than the previous year. The breadth and number of events we had is truly incredible. Ingrid Valladares joined us during the year which strengthened the ability of our office to deal with members' questions and other matters. Alastair Roff has taken over the job of running the Speaker Events program.

The breadth of events we have held in both 2018 and 2019 can be seen in the two publications. Just look at the attendance at the International Careers Conference and the Sir Zelman Cowen Oration. Please also see the Study Tour Reports.

Firstly, I must thank you, the members, for being most supportive of the AIIA. Your support has been demonstrated by your attendance at many of our events and by your generosity in the Annual Giving Appeal. This support of yours does much to encourage me and everyone else involved in the AIIA to improve our offerings to you.

Furthermore, we receive terrific help from our Interns and Volunteers. Their contribution must not be under-rated for without them, we could not support the many activities we carry out. They are listed on page 8.

I have received excellent support from Council Members in carrying out much of what we do. In particular I would like to thank those Council Members who are responsible for key parts of our operations including Events, Sir Zelman Cowen Oration and the International Careers Conference. Please understand the commitment Alastair, Kelly and Warren have made respectively in these areas. I would like also to thank Robyn Byrne for sterling work on property matters and resuscitating the Schools Engagement Program.

The composition of our Council has been stable although we do need more Councillors. Professor John Webb OAM has resigned from the Council; we acknowledge his contribution and thank him for his service. Anyone who is interested in serving on Council should contact me.



During the course of the year we have had quite a lot to do with property and repairs and I would like to thank Robin Byrne for seeing all this through. Elsewhere in this report is a commentary on Dyason House by Richard Iron. We have, as a Council, been carefully examining Dyason House and look forward to reporting this to our membership.

Annual Giving

Thank you to all for participating in Annual Giving. Your response this year was wonderful. Just over 10% of our membership made a donation. This is an extraordinary healthy number and demonstrates your support for the organisation. Never be ashamed of giving a small amount because “*every mickle makes a muckle*”. We raised a total of \$22,470. This enables us to make a significant difference.

The funds are being partly been expended on better audio-visual equipment.

It also enabled us to fund a second Intern on our Study Tour to Indonesia with a total of 27 people where we most definitely needed a second Intern.

Study Tours

We ran two Study Tours during the course of the year. The first in late 2018 was led by Peter McMullin SC to Timor-Leste. Peter is a great fan of that country and gave the Study Tour group terrific access to wonderful people in Timor-Leste. Although the Study Tour was organised prior to the election, the Study Tour arrived after the election and it was most useful Peter having close contact with all sides of government.

The second Study Tour was to Indonesia in June 2019. I led that with the help of John McCarthy AO FAIIA. We had an extraordinary number of meetings (which totalled 21 in all) with outside parties. We had terrific support from our Embassy in Jakarta as well as our Consul Generals in Makassar and Surabaya.

I was most appreciative of the involvement of the Members on the Study Tour showing their interest in Indonesia. This has resulted in a very large report and I wish to thank many Members who made specific contributions to this report. Our deep coverage of Indonesia enabled us to make a substantial report on return Minister for Foreign Affairs to Marise Payne. This covered three areas:

- Foreign Policy
- Governance (including Islam)
- Economic relationship

Honorary Councillors

It has been invaluable having access to our Honorary Councillors from time to time to cover various matters.

Our Executive

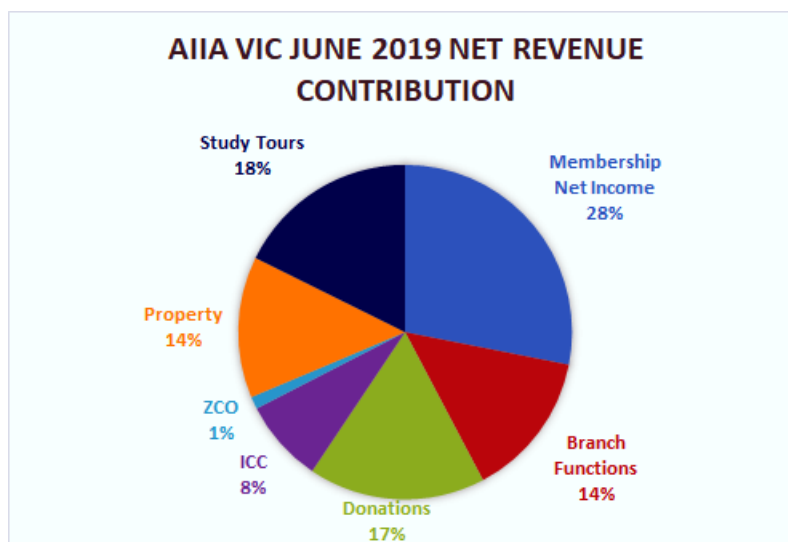
I would lastly but not least, like to thank Alastair and Ingrid for the continual smooth and seamless running of the office in support of all our activities.

Patrick Moore - *President*

FINANCES

Thrillingly, we are able to report that the Institute last year returned a small surplus of \$7,878. This is largely due to an active speaker events program, a successful annual giving appeal, our members, and a strong financial result from the Indonesia Study Tour.

Please see below the net revenue contribution from each of the activities undertaken by the Institute during the 2019 financial year.



This financial result has bucked the trend from previous financial years where the Institute has recorded a net loss of \$27,112 (2018 financial year) and a net loss of \$48,891 (2017 financial year), as recorded in the statutory financial statements.

This strong financial performance is a positive step forward for the Institute as it has enabled us to maintain our financial position, maintaining our cash reserves at just under \$200,000 year on year.

Again, this past year we have expended more of the Institute's resources on maintaining Dyason House. This included roofing and guttering which caused leaks into our tenant's offices. Whilst a majority of these costs were covered by donations received last financial year from our members, the Institute funded the shortfall. This should be seen as a continual reminder that as the building ages, costs will continue to be incurred and likely to put a strain on the Institute's cash reserves.

Christopher Cicutto - *Treasurer*

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 members of Council for their support and involvement throughout the year.

Our extremely able Office Coordinator Georgia Collins-Jennings left us in November 2018 to take up a graduate role with Global Victoria, and we wish her well with her future career path. She made a significant difference to the running of the office while she was here. We were fortunate to be able to replace her with Ingrid Valladares. Ingrid, from Ecuador, recently

completed a Master of International Relations at the University of Queensland, and has Bachelor degrees in Economics and Education.

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 8.

The [Walter Mangold Trust Fund](#) has again in calendar year 2019 provided generous support to our young people. Their funding has allowed over 400 student attendances at Dyason House events free of charge and enabled us to keep student membership rates at an affordable level.



Alastair Roff and Pak Eko Hartono of Indonesia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs

We have again enjoyed very close cooperation from the Victoria State Office of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and have been able to host at Dyason House several visiting Ambassadors and Heads of Mission, whose insights into their respective areas of responsibility are always appreciated. Our relations with the wider Consular Corps in Melbourne are strong and expanding.

Our successful series of foreign policy roundtables held jointly with the Australian National University (ANU) in Melbourne have continued. These quarterly invitation-only sessions see former Foreign Minister, and Chancellor of the ANU, Professor the Hon. Gareth Evans AC QC FASSA FAIIA 'in conversation' with a keynote speaker, before engaging the participants in discussion. Topics have included Australia's relations with India, the Pacific, and Russia.

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.

The *Dyason House Podcast* series continued for Seasons 2 & 3, and further episodes are being recorded. This has been invaluable in extending our reach.

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



Young representatives of AIIA VIC were invited to a summer picnic at Government House by The Hon. Linda Dessau AC, Governor of Victoria. L to R: Arthur Moore; Kelly MacDonald; Will McEniry; Warren Evans and Ingrid Valladares with the Governor

STUDY TOURS

Timor Leste October 2018

AIIA Victoria has previously organised study tours to Timor-Leste in 2010 and 2014. With the recent signing of the Maritime Boundary Treaty with Australia, as well as Timor-Leste's recent snap parliamentary elections following months of political wrangling, 2018 represented an opportune time for the Institute to run a third study tour to the country. The aim of the trip was to garner a firsthand understanding of Timor-Leste's political, economic, cultural and natural landscapes.

Nine people participated in the study tour, including the study tour leader Peter McMullin SC and study tour intern Tom Barber. Of those nine, five had been to Timor previously, and some members of the group had been involved with charity and not-for-profit organisations and projects in the country. The tour commenced and concluded in Dili, with the group visiting Baucau, Venilale, Loi Huno, Viqueque, Same, Maubisse, Aileu, Tibar, Balibo and Maliana over ten days.



The Study Tour group at Australia House in Balibó

Indonesia June 2019

The delegation was made up of twenty-seven participants (the most for any Study Tour that had been organised by the AIIA, necessitating two Interns, Dean Georgakopoulos and Georgia Smith). The diversity of the group was underpinned by the fact that delegates came from seven of the eight States and Territories across Australia, were of an age as young as 21 and as old as 83 and were experienced in a wide range of professions. There were former Australian Ambassadors and DFAT officers, accountants, architects, cross-cultural training advisors, financial advisors, university professors, engineers, historians, lawyers and AIIA Fellows. The professional diversity of the group not only ensured that question and answer time during meetings was highly informative but also allowed for lively debate and the exchange of unique perspectives. This was most inspiring because it strengthened the unity within the group and meant that the professionals on tour were learning just as much from the students as the students were learning from them.

Throughout the first four days on tour, those of which were spent in Jakarta, the delegation was sufficiently briefed having attended in excess of twenty meetings. The meetings occurred less than a month after incumbent President Joko 'Jokowi'



Widodo was officially declared winner of the presidential election and as a result touched on the most pressing matters in Indonesia's domestic and international affairs. Topics such as rule of law, economic nationalism, education, rising Islamic conservatism, Indonesia's role in

ASEAN, democracy, free speech and corruption were some of the many important topics dissected and covered in detail.

One of the most notable aspects of the tour was the privileged opportunity that the delegation had in hearing from some of Indonesia's most intellectually stimulating and renowned speakers on these matters. The group heard from current and former Indonesian Finance Ministers Sri Mulyani Indrawati and Chatib Basri, former Foreign Ministers Hassan Wirajuda and Marty Natalegawa among many others. These individuals have played a crucial role in strengthening the political, economic and social structures in Indonesia. Personally, what stood out the most was the passion with which they spoke and their determination to enhance the quality of life of all Indonesian citizens.

The delegation was also afforded the opportunity of hearing from Australia's representatives in Indonesia. On the first day of the tour we visited the Australian Embassy in Jakarta (Australia's largest foreign mission) where we were briefed by Australian Ambassador to Indonesia, HE Mr Gary Quinlan AO and Deputy Ambassador, Allaster Cox. Our understanding of Australia's role in Indonesia was consolidated by hearing from West Australian representative Jenny Matthews, Victorian Commissioner to South-East Asia, Brett Stevens and Consuls General Chris Barnes (Surabaya) and Richard Matthews (Makassar).

Dean Georgakopoulos – 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.

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: Charlotte Pelozza; Frederikke Mielke; Isabel Mackellar; Kate Everest

Event Marketing: Niccola Anthony; Aria Zhao; Georgia Houweling; Laura Knott; Dan Sloan; Victoria Gillett

International Careers Conference 2018: Morgan Somerville; Demika Tantra; Emmett Howard; Ben Freeman; Georgia Standish; Kathryn Morrison

Study Tour (Timor Leste): Tom Barber

Study Tour (Indonesia): Dean Georgakopoulos; Georgia Smith

Dyason House Podcast: Peter Bateman; Cameron Christie; Clancy Balen

Schools Engagement: Kate Clayton; Shanika Saputantrie; Mitchell Vandewerdt-Holman

Sir Zelman Cowen Oration: Christopher Girardi

Corporate Partnerships: Kieran Thompson

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

Aiden Mocicka, Ainsley Carter, Alan Wang, Annabel Harding, Carly Norman, Cate Hooton, Charlotte Pelozo, Dan Sloan, Dominic Simonelli, Emma Pearson, Evan Freidin, Eylem Kim, Finlay Spalding, Frances Moran, Georgia Houweling, Giovanni Costanza, Greta Newman, Harleen Kaur, Hugh Whittaker, Jana Howden, Jonathan Lim, Katherine Walton, Lachlan Leeds, Laura Knott, , Lucy Vanderstelt-Gu, Luke Collins, Matt O'Brien, Mitchell Vandewerdt-Holman, Natalia Kuti, Niccola Anthony, Nicholas Van Schoten, Nick Reynolds, Nicole James, Pranav Arora, Rose Unal, Shaz Sivanesan, Victoria Gillett, Wesley Kajirwa, Zahn Gane

BENEFACTORS



*2018 National Conference, Canberra.
L to R. Interns Peter Bateman, Niccola Anthony,
Charlotte Pelozo and Amelia Ekkel with Georgja
Collins-Jennings and Alastair Roff*

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, at the International Careers Conference. They also provide funding for four young people to attend the AIIA National Conference in Canberra each October. Again I would like to emphasize the importance of the Walter Mangold Trust in supporting Interns on Study Tours. The Sir Wilfred Brookes Charitable Foundation has also been terrific in promoting the AIIA.

I thank below all who have contributed to the financial well-being of the Institute.

Patrick Moore - *President*

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 2018-2019:

Mark Ahn
John and Dani Balmford
Henry Bosch AO
Roger Brookes
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Robyn Byrne OAM
John Chapman
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David Price OAM
Margaret Rees-Jones
Alastair Roff
Peter and Robin Seaman
Joy Selby Smith
The Hon. Jim Short
Darren Skidmore
Richard Snedden
Susanne Sweetland
Andrew Townsend
Jenny Varcoe-Cocks
Antony Ward
Dr Victor Wayne & Dr Karen Wayne OAM
Ethel White
Greg Wills

The following organisations generously provided sponsorship in 2018-19:

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 Institute owes an enormous debt of gratitude to those who show their support through donations and bequests. Their generosity and forethought is vital for the continued growth and sustainability of the AIIA as an important voice in the promotion of knowledge and understanding of international affairs.

As part of its 75th Anniversary celebrations, the AIIA launched a **Friends of the AIIA Society** under the patronage of National Vice-President Zara Kimpton OAM dedicated to recognising and honouring those individuals who have made an outstanding financial contribution to the organisation. If you donate \$500 or more or indicate your intention to leave a bequest to the AIIA, you will be recognised as a Friend of the AIIA in the Annual Review. If you have made cumulative contributions of more than \$5,000 you will be honoured as a Lifetime Friend of the AIIA. We thank our Friends for this year:

Michael Cohn
Prof. the Hon. Gareth Evans AC QC
FASSA FAIIA
Andrew Farran

The Hon. Justice David Harper AM
Hartmut and Ruth Hofmann
Zara Kimpton OAM
James Kimpton AM

Michael Lukman
Frank Mahlab and Dr Eve Mahlab AO
Patrick Moore
Hugh Morgan AC FAIA
Richard Morgan AM
Baillieu Myer AC
Allan Myers AC QC

Brendan O'Brien
David Price OAM
Alastair Roff
Joy Selby Smith
The Hon. Jim Short
Darren Skidmore

AIIA FELLOWS

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

Professor Tim Lindsey AO FAIA

Murray McLean AO FAIA

VALE

Professor Emeritus Victor Prescott FASSA

It is with sadness that we heard of the death of Professor Emeritus Victor Prescott on 16 August 2018 aged 87.

Victor Prescott joined the University of Melbourne as a Lecturer in Geography in 1961, after education at the Universities of Durham and London and in the Royal Regiment of Artillery. During a distinguished career he earned a Personal Chair in Geography in 1986, published many internationally influential works in political geography, and served a year as Academic-in-Residence for then Foreign Minister Bill Hayden working on the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. His many books include *International Frontiers and Boundaries* (2008), co-authored with Vice-Chancellor's Fellow Gillian Triggs. He was President of AIIA Victoria from 1971 to 1974.

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 42 regular events held this year covering a wide range of international topics, split equally between issues, and countries. Brexit; Global Health Challenges; War Crimes and International Law; Arctic and Antarctic Security; UN Peace Operations and US Foreign Policy were discussed in depth. The UK and the EU featured strongly as did Iran, China, Indonesia, the Middle East, Russia, and the wider Indo-Pacific.



Highlights included a conversation between former Under-Secretary-General of UN Peacekeeping Jean-Marie Guéhenno and Professor the Hon. Gareth Evans AC QC FASSA FAIA, Chancellor of the Australian National University (ANU) and former Australian Foreign Minister.

A similar highlight was Dr Alan Finkel AO, Chief Scientist of Australia discussing *Artificial Intelligence and International Affairs*.

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.

The Interns on the Speaker Events Program - Conall Batch, Frederikke Mielke, Isabel McKellar and Kate Everest - provided invaluable support and assistance, as did Georgia Houweling, Laura Knott, Dan Sloan and Victoria Gillett in their vital support roles as Events Marketing and Social Media Interns.



Guests chat to Associate Professor Helen Evans AO FAIA ahead of her Fellow's Address on Global Health Challenges

The members of the Program Committee itself are thanked for their active contribution throughout the year: Patrick Moore, Ian Howie, John Woods, Prof. John Webb OAM, Kelly MacDonald, Mia Davison, 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 2018-2019 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 2018

On Tuesday 23 October, the Hon. Dr Brendan Nelson AO, Director of the Australian War Memorial, delivered the 12th Annual Sir Zelman Cowen Oration speaking on the topic of "*Centenary of Armistice: Honouring Service and Leadership*". Dr Nelson was introduced by the Hon. Ted Baillieu and the vote of appreciation was given by Major General (Ret'd) David McLachlan AO.

The 2018 Oration was held in the beautiful Main Dining Room of The Australian Club. We were delighted that Lady Cowen could attend, along with AIIA Victoria President Patrick Moore, AIIA National Vice President Zara Kimpton OAM, former Speaker of the House of Representatives the Hon. David Hawker AO, many members of the Consular Corps, servicemen and women of the Australian Defence Force and other distinguished guests.



The Hon. Ted Baillieu; The Hon. Dr Brendan Nelson AO; Lady Cowen; Major General (Ret'd) David McLachlan AO; Patrick Moore; Kelly MacDonald

Dr Nelson delivered a stirring and highly memorable oration which was enjoyed by all 135 guests who attended. The night could not have

gone ahead without the contribution of Kelly MacDonald, Patrick Moore, Alastair Roff, Georgia Collings-Jennings, Christopher Giradi and Christopher Cicutto. Our thanks go to the Walter Mangold Trust Fund for providing generous support to our young members. Thanks also to Morgan Wealth Management Pty Ltd, Deakin University, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and all members who organised tables.

Kelly MacDonald – Council Member

14th INTERNATIONAL CAREERS CONFERENCE 2018



The annual International Careers Conferences are an integral element of the Institute's Calendar. Preparation for them begins in February with initial forward planning and the selection of the interns (six in number in 2018) who will over the next six months assist the Conference Chair and Deputy Chair in engaging in the sometimes frenetic activity, and always challenging responsibility, of ensuring the Conferences' success. It is a tribute to them, and to all the many others who

have joined in the effort (particularly Alastair Roff and, in 2017 and 2018, Georgia Collings-Jennings) that the ICC has evolved into a significant component of in Melbourne's international, outward-looking, scene.

The ICC has never stood still, and certainly never rested on its laurels. Its evolution has been symbolic of the Institute's capacity to adapt to changing circumstances and to the increasing rigour with which it engages with international affairs.

The 2018 ICC is especially indebted to Warren Evans, the Deputy Chair of its organising committee. Warren brought to his newly-created post an energy and imaginative engagement which immeasurably added to both the pleasure of the preparatory work and the success of the Conference itself.

Two changes to the format of the 2018 Conference distinguished it from its predecessors. Both proved to be of great value. First, the keynote speakers were reduced from three to one; and the keynote speaker engaged for 2018 was inspirational. AIIA Fellow Tony Wheeler held the audience of well over 200 in the palm of his hand as he recounted his six months of travel across Asia and Europe in 1972 with his wife Maureen (also an AIIA Fellow) and an initial capital measured in cents rather than dollars. But of course Tony's explorations with Maureen, together with their business acumen, led them into the Himalayas of commercial success as *The Lonely Planet* became the world torch-bearer for travel guides. This too was an absolutely relevant and apposite aspect of Tony's address.



The second significant departure from previous Conferences was the elevation of the Conference Workshops into a whole-of-afternoon activity. The introduction of the workshops in 2016 was an instant success, repeated with increased acclamation in 2017. But in those years they were something of a second cousin to the keynote addresses and the panels which followed them into the afternoon. By devoting the morning to one

keynote address while continuing with the very popular and informative panel sessions, the afternoon was able to be entirely devoted to 12 workshops covering every aspect of international engagement. And registrants could choose a range of different workshops with which to engage before the Conference came to a close at 5.00 pm.

We also wish to thank the 2018 sponsors: La Trobe University and the National Security College of the ANU.

Preparing for an ICC is one thing. Management of the event on the day it is held is another. Interns and a large number of other volunteers are run off their feet with the myriad of tasks which demand instant attention. As always, in 2018 the job was done with enthusiasm and energy. The atmosphere thus created cannot be replicated on the printed page. The vibrancy of the occasion is palpable. There is some reason to hope that, by their attendance at the 2018 Conference, registrants will be provided not only with a positive learning opportunity but also a lasting and favourable impression of the Institute and its importance.

The positive financial impact of the 2018 Conference is shown in the Institute's financial report.

David Harper – *Vice President*

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS FORUM

The Young Professionals Forum's (YPF) main goals for the financial year 2018-2019 was to grow the number of young members and develop greater interest in AIIA Victoria.



*James Carey, AIIA YPF
with Kathryn Smith, UNAA Victoria YP*

The YPF held 6 events, which included a familiar mix of internship and career events evenings, but with an additional two evenings that included input from DFAT Victoria State Office. In collaboration with the United Nations Association of Australia (UNAA), the YPF ran a well-received event that built upon our reach by introducing young professionals to the AIIA through the UNAA Young Professionals (YP).

produce events on the Australia–US alliance. Indeed, if this is not successful, there is ample structure in place to ensure such funding is obtained in future years. Additionally, we have built strong relationships with partners to host events in the future in the centre of Melbourne for a reduced- or zero-cost.

For the financial year 2019-2020, 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.



James Carey – *Council Member*

Future of Dyason House

Dyason House has been our home since 1963 when it was purchased through the generosity of Edward Clarence Evelyn Dyason, a prominent Melbourne philanthropist and engineer. However, both the original 19th Century structure and the more modern facilities to the rear are becoming increasingly expensive to maintain; we are finding it difficult to fund repairs while delivering our full programme of facilities. Guttering repairs in the second half of 2018 amounted to nearly \$23K.

As a result, over the past year we have explored a number of options, from raising capital for maintaining Dyason House properly to selling the property and buying or renting newer facilities elsewhere. So far, we have dismissed both the above options and are currently examining, with appropriate experts, the possibility of redeveloping the site to provide state-of-the-art facilities funded by building and selling a number of apartments to the rear of the building.

The Council continues to examine these options seriously and may be in a position to take a decision in the next year. The membership will be fully informed on progress.

Richard Iron CMG OBE - *Council member*

VICTORIAN GLOBAL POLITICS ESSAY COMPETITION 2018



In 2018 AIIA Victoria and Social Education Victoria (SEV) successfully ran the second Global Politics essay competition with a number of students across Victoria lodging essays.

At the International Careers Conference in August 2018 the winners were announced and prizes were presented by Patrick Moore. The first prize winner was Kethmi Gamage from PLC who received \$500. The second prize winner was Jordan Bassiliou of Mazenod College who received \$300. The third prize winner was Emily Chibbers of Catherine McAuley College in Bendigo who received \$200.

Our sincere thanks go to our donors Zara Kimpton OAM and Joy Selby Smith. In supporting this essay competition AIIA can maintain its ongoing commitment to promoting international relations among secondary students.

In March 2019 AIIA announced the competition would run again in 2019 and we appointed three interns to liaise with schools: Mitchell Vandewerdt-Holman, Kate Clayton and Shanika Saputantrie. This financial year we were successful in encouraging 8 schools to take up membership.

Robyn Byrne OAM – *Council Member*

MEMBERSHIP

To assist the renewal of our standard, concession, couple, and concession couple memberships I reached out to those with expired memberships through direct phone contact. As renewal notices are now sent only by email, they are sometimes easy to overlook.

It is pleasing however that the renewal rate was higher than in previous years. Membership rates have again been held at the same level with no increase.

We continue to look for ways to add value to memberships. A recent example was the initiative undertaken by Robyn Byrne and the Schools Engagement Interns to start recording certain of the Speaker Events; members are able to access the recordings through the website once they have logged in.

The first bi-annual newsletter was also published in April. This was well received and covered all issues associated with the Institute such as speaker events, Dyason House podcasts, study tours, and donations. The second newsletter will be released in October.

Members as of 30 June	2017-18	2018-19	Variance
Standard	127	128	+1
Premium	40	61	+21
Concession	106	113	+7
Premium Concession	52	55	+3
Student	193	169	-24
Corporate	7	8	+1
School	2	3	+1
Life Members & Patrons	6	5	-1
Total	533	542	+11

Will McEniry – *Council Member*

**AIIA VICTORIA SPEAKER EVENTS PROGRAM
1 JULY 2018 – 30 JUNE 2019**

Thursday 5 July	Book Launch & Reception: <i>Revisiting Gendered States</i> Keynote: Dr Sharman Stone, panel led by Prof Jacqui True and co-editors
Thursday 19 July	The New Spectrum of Islamism in Malaysia and Indonesia Dr Mohamad Nawab Osman, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Singapore
Tuesday 24 July	Australian Global Trade, Blockchain, and Cryptocurrency Josh Hyland, Austrade
Tuesday 31 July	War Crimes and International Law Richard Iron CMG, OBE In Conversation with The Honourable Justice Lesley Taylor
Tuesday 7 Aug	Islam, Law and the State in the Philippines: The Mindanao Conflict Associate Professor Kerstin Steiner, La Trobe University
Thursday 9 August	YPF Professional Development Series: Think Like a Pro to Network Like a Pro Georgia Ellis, hosted by the Young Professionals Forum
Monday 13 August	Turkey at the Crossroads Dr Y. Alp Aslandogan, Alliance for Shared Values, USA
Wednesday 22 August	Afghanistan: The Way Forward H.E. Mr Wahidullah Waissi, Ambassador of Afghanistan
Thursday 23 August	The People's Republic of China; Turning 70, and Planning World Leadership Rowan Callick OBE, FAIIA
Wednesday 5 September	Australia's Moment in the Indo-Pacific: Ensuring Security, Stability, and Prosperity Peter Khalil MP
Tuesday 11 September	Demography, Politics, and Power Transitions – Developments across Sub-Saharan Africa Anna Rabin, Dragoman Global
Thursday 13 September	Artificial Intelligence and International Affairs Dr Alan Finkel AO FAA FTSE, Chief Scientist of Australia
Thursday 20 September	What the Loss of God Means for the West Greg Sheridan AO FAIIA
Monday 1 October,	AIIA Victoria Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 10 October	The Decline of Western Influence in the Global Order Dr Ian Fry, University of Divinity

Tuesday 16 October	The Syrian Conflict: Current Dynamics and Outlook Dr Dara Conduit, Middle East Studies Forum, Deakin University
Monday 22 October	The Young Professionals Forum present: Tomorrow's Research Today
Friday 26 October	Arctic and Antarctic Security Lunchtime roundtable: international panel
Monday 29 October	Missiles, Nuclear Ambition and Iran's Regional Strategy Brigadier General (ret) Uzi Rubin, former Brigadier General in the Israeli Air Force
Wednesday 14 November	Balcony over Jerusalem: A Memoir of Life in the Middle East John Lyons
Monday 19 November	Russia's Escalating Military Power in the Asia-Pacific Dr. Alexey D. Muraviev
Tuesday 20 November	Asian Century....on a Knife-edge John West
Wednesday 28 November	Young Professionals Forum – Annual Trivia Night
Friday 7 December	What's Happening to the Uyghurs in China? Panel discussion. Co-hosted with La Trobe Asia
Wednesday 12 December	Sri Lanka: Making Sense of the Constitutional Crisis Sarinda Perera, Advisor to Verité Research, Sri Lanka
Thursday 7 February	After Brexit: Where Next for the UK? Professor Richard G. Whitman, University of Kent and Chatham House
Thursday 14 February	The Future of International Solidarity in Global Refugee Protection Professor Obiora Chinedu Okafor, UN Independent Expert on Human Rights and International Solidarity Co-hosted with La Trobe University Law School
Monday 4 March	Australia and France, Global Partners in the Indo-Pacific H.E. Mr Brendan Berne, Ambassador to France
Tuesday 5 March	International Careers Information Evening Representatives from DFAT and UN Association of Australia
Thursday 7 March	Venezuela 2019: Transition from Dictatorship? Dr Raul Sanchez-Urribarri, La Trobe University
Tuesday 12 March	Asleep at the Wheel? Australian Economic Engagement in Indonesia Andrew Parker, Partner & Asia Practice Leader, PwC
Monday 18 March	Australia in Ukraine – Steadfast in Support H.E. Ms Melissa O'Rourke, Ambassador to Ukraine in conversation with Richard Iron CMG OBE

Wednesday 20 March	International Careers Information Evening #2 Representatives from DFAT and UN Association of Australia
Tuesday 26 March	Brexit as English Nationalism: England, Euroscepticism and the Anglosphere Dr Ben Wellings, Monash University
Monday 1 April	US Middle East Policy under Trump Michael Doran, Senior Fellow, Hudson Institute, Washington, DC <i>Co-hosted with AIJAC</i>
Wednesday 3 April	Is the World Numb to Mass Atrocities? Philippe Boloignon, Human Rights Watch in conversation with Michael Bachelard
Wednesday 10 April	Cambodia's Foreign policy Challenges in the Next 20 Years Ou Virak, Founder Future Forum with Sue Coffey
Wednesday 1 May	Cuban Missile Crisis 2.0? Assoc/Prof Alexey D. Muraviev, Curtin University
Thursday 2 May	Indonesia and Australia: Prospects and Opportunities Ms Spica A. Tutuhaturunewa, Consul General of Indonesia
Monday 6 May	"Empire of the Winds"- The Global Role of Asia's Great Archipelago Phillip Bowring
Monday 13 May	India's Elections: Whoever Wins, Challenges Await Michael Moignard, Fellow of Australia India Institute
Thursday 23 May	The Changing Global Health Landscape Assoc. Prof. Helen Evans AO FAIIA, The Nossal Institute for Global Health. Fellow's Address
Tuesday 28 May	Strangers Next Door? Australia and Indonesia after Elections Prof. Tim Lindsey AO FAIIA. Fellow's Address
Wednesday 29 May	Protection of Civilians in UN Peace Operations Dr Charles T. Hunt, RMIT University
Thursday 13 June	2019 Shangri-La Dialogue (The Asian Regional Security Summit) Dr Euan Graham, Executive Director, La Trobe Asia
Tuesday 18 June	Re-imagining Australia's East Coast Martine Letts FAIIA, CEO Committee for Melbourne Fellow's Address
Wednesday 26 June	Partnerships for a Brighter Tomorrow YPF/UNAA Young Professionals
Thursday 27 June	An Evening with Jean-Marie Guéhenno Jean-Marie Guéhenno, introduced by Professor the Hon. Gareth Evans AC QC FASSA FAIIA