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ABOUT US

The Australian Institute of International Affairs (AIIA) is an independent 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 has its national headquarters at Stephen House in Canberra, and branches in all states and territories. 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, conferences and seminars addressed by distinguished specialists and public figures. Over the years these meetings have contributed much to informing public opinion on international affairs and have assisted the development of the Australian Diplomatic Service and the study of international issues in Australia.

The 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

I would like to put on record my thanks to the Hon Michael MacKellar AM for the sterling job he did as President from his election in 2008 until stepping down at the Annual General Meeting on 17 November, 2011. Michael steered the Institute with skill and tact during some difficult times, particularly arising from the onset of the global financial crisis.

In his valedictory Annual Report Michael observed that "Virtually all membership based, voluntary, not for profit organisations in Australia are facing significant challenges. Maintaining and growing membership and financial security, recruiting and developing office bearers are just a few of the problems faced by such organisations in a rapidly changing Australian social climate."

His observations remain pertinent. One could add to them the challenge posed by technology which makes a vast range of information about international events freely available. The internet also provides access to a wide range of commentary and assessment, much of it free of charge. To compete we have to provide a differentiated product which adds value to what is online and gives our members confidence that they are receiving value for money. We need also



to find the most effective means of getting our messages across in the constantly changing world of modern communications. We are also facing competition from other well-resourced think tanks and organisations working in the same space as us in Australia and more particularly in Melbourne.

In 2010 the Council adopted a Strategic Plan with key objectives being a significant expansion of the Institute's program; a doubling of revenue by 2013; employment of a full-time director to drive the program; improving governance; better promotion and branding; and the establishment of an endowment fund.

Some progress was made in 2011-12 in implementing elements of the plan – changes were introduced to ensure tighter control over the authorisation of expenditure; we have maintained a high standard of programming and have reintroduced lunchtime lectures; work has begun on the establishment of an endowment fund; and two people were hired on short-term contracts to assist with programming and marketing. We also bought a new video camera – to enable us to record presentations and upload them to our Youtube channel ([AIIA Vision](#)) - and

greater use has been made of Twitter and Facebook.

But overall it became clear that the objectives set in 2010 were not likely to be achieved by 2013 - the timeframe envisaged in the plan - and the refinement of the strategic plan is likely to be an ongoing process.

The Institute faces twin problems of an insufficiency of resources to fund a full time director or otherwise well-qualified staff and, without the appointment of further full time paid staff, an inability to expand programs and to examine new avenues of endeavour. The spirit of volunteerism that lies at the heart of the Institute may not be sufficiently robust to see us through into the future, both because the pool of volunteers having key skills may not be sufficiently large or they may not have sufficient time to devote. This is not just a problem for the Council or the Executive but is something that affects all our members as it goes to the heart of our ongoing viability.

Our Executive Officer Peta McDermott carries a very busy load and we cannot continue to burden her with new tasks without providing adequate support. We are grateful to the contribution of our student volunteers and interns and to others who volunteer. Without them we would not be able to function as well as we do but in the long term it is difficult to see the Institute continuing to provide a high quality service without a core of full-time paid staff.

Valete

During the last financial year, the Institute lost our Senior Patron, Sir Zelman Cowen, and Life Member, Dr Leo Teller.

Sir Zelman was a remarkable Australian whose impact was enormous as Governor General, educator, legal authority, internationalist and humanist. His name will live on for us in the Sir Zelman Cowen Oration, our annual flagship event.

Dr Teller made a significant contribution to the Institute as a Council member from 1994, Vice President from 1999 - 2001, and President from 2001 - 2003. On stepping down from the Council he continued to be a strong supporter of the Institute.

The Program

In 2011-12 the Program Committee organised a very successful and busy

program of over forty events. Particular thanks are due to the Chairs - Graham Barrett in 2011, and Dr Tim Healey and Laurence Wade in 2012.



The goal of the Committee was to identify key issues - particularly emerging issues - which it felt needed to be addressed and to draw upon a wide range of speakers from academia, government, business, the media, the diplomatic community, independent scholars and think tanks. Issues given some prominence in the 2011-12 programs were: the Arab Spring; China - its importance to Australia and the prospects of political and economic change; the European Union and the implications of the crisis within the Eurozone; and the rise of Asia and the strategic and other implications of power shifts in the region. In addition, we picked up issues outside these key areas which we felt would be of interest and particularly where we were able to invite highly credentialed speakers visiting Melbourne to address their specialities.



The Hon Michael MacKellar AM with Mr Nick Bryant, BBC correspondent in Australia.

A list of the speakers is included at page 11.

In July we received a delegation from the Saranrom Institute of Foreign Affairs in Thailand (Ambassador Surapong Jayanama, SIFA director, Mrs Sacran Somnuke, SIFA Deputy Director, and Ms Woramon Sinsuwan, First Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs) who were interested in learning about our structure, scope of work and administration. There was also discussion of potential joint activities for the future.



Prof. Michael L'Estrange, ANU

The Sir Zelman Cowen Oration

The fifth annual Sir Zelman Cowen Oration Dinner on 12 October, 2011, was attended by more than 150 members and friends of the Institute, including members of the Institute's younger persons ACCESS group. For the third time the function was held in the superb dining room of The Australian Club. Unfortunately ill health prevented Sir Zelman Cowen from attending but we were honoured to have present two of our Patrons, Sir Ninian Stephen accompanied by Lady Stephen, and Sir James Gobbo.

The Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Mr Dennis Richardson AO, delivered an excellent Oration on the topic "Foreign Policy in a Changing World". Mr Tony Walker, the distinguished International Editor of the Australian Financial Review, delivered an appreciation and vote of thanks.



The Hon Jim Short, AIIAV Chair, Sir Zelman Cowen Oration Committee, Mr Dennis Richardson AO, and Mr Michael Helman, AIIAV Council member.

The event was a marked success both socially and financially, thanks to the hardworking organising committee chaired by the Hon. Jim Short. We were particularly grateful for the generous financial support of The Pratt Foundation; for tables taken by La Trobe Financial Services, the Myer Family and Mr Hugh Morgan AC; and to The Walter Mangold Trust Fund for sponsoring two tables for ACCESS members. During the evening Mr Baillieu Myer AC was installed as a Fellow of the AIIA for his distinguished contribution to Australia's international relations.

The International Careers Conference 2011

The seventh annual International Careers Conference (ICC) was held on Friday 26 August, 2011, at the University of Melbourne. The purpose of the day was to introduce participants to international career

possibilities. It was also an excellent opportunity for the Institute to reach out to a group of young people interested in international relations.



Michael MacKellar chaired the opening session and Dr Jane Munro (Head, International House, the University of Melbourne) gave the keynote address. Following this, participants attended three breakout sessions - on government (with representatives of Austrade, ASIS and AusAid), business (with representatives of Rio Tinto, PWC and The Hay Group) and international agencies and services (United Nations, Australian Volunteers International and World Vision). These were repeated so that each delegate could attend each session. Ms Julienne Hince, Acting Director of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Melbourne, spoke to her experiences as an officer of DFAT and provided advice on a career in the foreign service.

There were approximately 180 registrations and, with more than 20 student workers, close to 20 speakers and AIIAV Council and staff, the conference provided an excellent opportunity for networking.

The University of Melbourne Grand Buffet Hall in the Union Building proved to be an excellent venue. Charge rates were \$45/\$55 (non-student) for early bird registration or \$55/\$65 for later registrations. Costs of Project Managers' and Officers' pay, publications and catering were close to covered. There was no financial sponsorship although ANZ provided a bag and registrants' pack.

I would like to thank the chair of the ICC Committee Dr Deborah Seifert for stepping in at short notice to chair the committee, Project Manager Kristian Lewis, ACCESS Chair Jason Sing and all workers and volunteers who contributed significantly to the success of the day.

Study Tours

The 2012 study tour to The Peoples Republic of China took place from 5-19 May, with a group of 25 participants. I led the tour with Zara Kimpton OAM as Deputy, and I would like to place on record my thanks to her for her support and strong contribution to the organisation and management of the tour.



China was chosen for its obvious importance to Australia and its increasing international prominence; 2012 was also significant as it is the year in which the ruling Communist Party will select the country's next generation of leadership.

The group travelled to Beijing, Pingyao, Nanjing and Shanghai. Briefing programs were arranged in Beijing and Shanghai with diplomats, business representatives, academics, journalists and political scientists, which complemented visits to museums and sites of historical and cultural significance. The choice of the four destinations provided an opportunity to see different facets of China and, in the case of Pingyao, a medieval city on the UNESCO World Heritage list.

The tour enabled participants to see something of the extraordinary changes taking place in China and to gain some insights into the issues the country faces in the years ahead. On return the group reported back to the membership and produced a written report, hard copies of which are in the Institute library. The report is also available on-line.

VCE Seminar Program

Ms Judy Rothacker, the long serving chair of the VCE committee, retired at the AGM in November 2011. Our thanks go out to her for all the work she put into building up the series over the years almost single-handedly. Following her retirement, Professor Allan

Patience stepped into the breach at short notice as chairman.

In addition to having a new committee, the VCE international studies subject for 2012 was changed, creating a very steep learning curve for all involved. The new course is now called 'Global Politics'.

A shortage of time for planning and recruiting speakers meant that we were only able to hold one seminar in 2011 - 2012 - on 'Ethical Issues and Debates' on 22 June 2012 at the University of Melbourne. Professor Tim Lindsey from the University of Melbourne's Law School spoke about human rights issues and asylum seekers with a focus on current issues with Indonesia. Professor Richard Tanter from the Nautilus Institute spoke on nuclear arms proliferation and the need for a renewed global non-proliferation agreement. The session was moderated by Ms Pera Wells.

Our thanks go particularly to Professor Patience for constituting the committee and program, and getting the program running.

ACCESS - AIIA Victoria's Program for Younger Members

ACCESS, the AIIAV's network for students and young professionals, is to be congratulated, particularly for its publications and events. Its publications - *Monthly Access* and *Quarterly Access* - were of a high quality and provided a forum for ACCESS members to publish articles about aspects of international relations. The ACCESS committee also organised some very effective debates and lectures on aspects of international development assistance and citizen diplomacy, with a particular target audience of under 35s.



ACCESS Annual Debate: Aid versus Trade. Mr Kristian Lewis, AIIAV Access; Mr Andrew McLeod, Committee for Melbourne; Ms Joanna Hayter, International Women's Development Agency; Dr Newton-Howes, CARE Australia; Mr Jason Sing, AIIAV Access.

From the end of 2011, ACCESS experienced a high leadership and membership turnover. Jason Sing, the ACCESS chair, stepped down temporarily in early 2012, his place being taken by Ghazi Ahamat. As a consequence of the membership changes, the ACCESS program operated on a reduced basis for the second half of the reporting year.



Ms KC Ranjani with AIIAV Vice President Dr Timothy Healey and guests



AIIAV student members



Mr Daniel Rechtman from The Walter Mangold Trust Fund, scholarship recipient Ms Elizabeth Buchanan, and AIIAV President, the Hon Michael MacKellar AM.

Library

Mrs Pat Pettit, in consultation with Professor John Legge AO, did an excellent job in culling the library and reordering the books in the shelves to ensure that important titles were retained and the remaining book collection was relevant and consistent with the library collection policy. The entire collection was moved to permanent shelving and re-organised to enable the transfer of the catalogue to a computer based system. This will be enable members to search the catalogue through the AIIAV web site at a future stage.

Chairs

After consultation with members, and testing of alternatives, new chairs were bought for the Russel Madigan Room. The chairs give the room a lighter and altogether more professional look. We are very grateful to all those who donated to the appeal for funds to make this a reality. Arrangements have been put in train to recognize these donors for their generosity.

The Walter Mangold Trust Fund

We remain very much indebted to The Walter Mangold Trust Fund which continued in 2011-2012 to provide wonderful support to enable us to provide opportunities for our student members. This allows them to experience a diverse range of activities in which they might not otherwise be able to participate. We thank Mr Daniel Rechtman and The Trust for his continuing support of the Institute and our young members.

The Friends of the AIIA Society

The Society was established to recognise and honour those who generously support the AIIA. Their help, modest or substantial, enables the Institute to expand and develop into the future. We thank our Friends for this year:

Ms Zara Kimpton OAM

Mr Ian Nicholson

Ms Joy Selby Smith

Mr Robin Widdup

Donations

We are always most grateful for donations to the Institute. This year the following, as recorded on page 10 of this report, have been generous in their support.

Dr Meg Gurry

Dr Timothy Healey

Mr Michael Henry

Mr James Kimpton AM & Mrs Diana Kimpton

Ms Zara Kimpton OAM

Mr William McEniry

Mr Hugh Morgan AC

Mr Ian Nicholson

Ms Joy Selby Smith

Ms Bernadette M Waldron

Mrs Ethel White

Mr Robin Widdup

We have also been fortunate to receive some thoughtful book donations for our library from Professor John Legge and Mr Bill Fenner, and for the garden from Ms Robyn Byrne OAM.

Our special thanks are also due to The Pratt Foundation for their most generous support of the Sir Zelman Cowen Oration.

We received welcome support from Roy Morgan Research with publications and functions. We also acknowledge thanks for support of various kinds from AIJAC, DFAT, ABC, French Embassy and the US Consulate.

We enjoyed close working relationships with the University of Melbourne, Monash University, La Trobe University, RMIT, Deakin University and Victoria University.

The Financial Situation

2011-2012 saw a welcome return to profit. Successful study tours continue to contribute to our overall budgetary improvement. Although there were slightly fewer program events than budgeted, the rate of return was better than in the previous year, reflecting increasing attendance at our events. We also benefited from a secure tenancy for the year. The lower interest rates in the financial year have affected our investment income. The decision not to employ immediately a replacement for the departing Executive Director saved significantly on employment costs in the period.

Collaboration with National Office

We continued to enjoy a close working relationship with the National Office, particularly with the National President Mr John McCarthy AO, National Vice President Ms Zara Kimpton OAM, and National Executive Director Ms Melissa Conley Tyler, on matters of concern to the Institute as a national body, and on matters which relate directly to events in Victoria.



AIIAV President Les Rowe presenting the AIIA Fellowship Award to Mr Garry Woodard



Mr Baillieu Myer AC accepting his AIIA Fellowship Award

The Executive and Council

I would like to record my thanks to colleagues on the Executive and Council. At the 2011 Annual General Meeting, Graham Barrett was elected President and Tim Healey and I were

elected Vice Presidents. On 22 November the President resigned. After a brief period during which the presidency was administered by the two vice presidents, Council on 22 February elected me as President until the 2012 Annual General Meeting. At the same meeting, Laurence Wade was elected Vice President.

The Executive, including the Officeholders and Council member Jim Short, who was co-opted to the Executive, has met monthly, and the Council quarterly.

Of particular value is the contribution made by the chairpersons and members of our committees. They have performed a most valuable role and I and the Institute as a whole are particularly indebted to them.

The Council has seen a number of changes during the year. I would also like to express heartfelt thanks to a number of long-standing Council members who retired at the 2011 AGM: Dr Carlos de Lemos, Richard Green, Margaret Papst, and Judy Rothacker.

I would like especially to thank Peta McDermott who has been a tower of strength in keeping the Institute wheels turning in so many areas. Her dedication to ensuring the success of events and her dealings with members has been of immense importance. We are very grateful too for her work in inspiring and nurturing our interns and volunteers who provide valuable support to the Institute with the smooth operation of events and with the general administration of the Institute.

Lastly, I again welcome our many new members and recognise and thank those of our membership who involve themselves to the benefit of the Institute.

By attending our events, bringing along friends and visitors or simply by retaining their memberships, they contribute to our viability.

Leslie Rowe
PRESIDENT

MEMBERSHIP

Category	Rate (\$)	30/06/09	30/06/10	30/06/2011	30/06/2012
Standard (Formally Ordinary and Individual Consular)	121	243			
	135		151	157	141
Concession (Formally Retired & Country)	77	145			
	88		121	123	119
Institutional (Formally Corporate, Consulate & Institutional)	330	28			
	375		3	6	7
Spouse	55	41			
	65		33	45	41
School	121	46			
	135		20	19	18
Student	44	273			
	65		92	119	125
Speakers		22	22	25	34
Honorary		4	4	4	4
Free List		7	2		0
Life Members		5	5	5	4
Total		814	453	503	493

Listed below are the names of all those who kindly made a donation to and sponsored AIIA Victoria during the year. The Institute would like to thank all of these people and institutions for this invaluable assistance in its ongoing efforts to upgrade its activities and to improve the facilities at Dyason House.

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AIIA PAST FUNCTIONS

1st July 2011 – 30th June 2012

7 July 2011	Dr Pradeep Taneja , University of Melbourne	<i>Time to Get Serious about India</i>
14 July 2011	Dr Stefan Auer , La Trobe University	<i>Can the European Union Survive?</i>
19 July 2011	Ms Joanna Hayter , CEO International Women's Development Agency (IWDA), Dr Julia Newton-Howes , CEO CARE Australia, Mr Andrew MacLeod , CEO of the Committee for Melbourne, Dr Tom Davis , University of Melbourne.	ACCESS Annual Debate: <i>Foreign Aid or Trade: What works, what doesn't and why?</i>
21 July 2011	HE Mr Ian McConville , Australian High Commissioner in Nigeria.	<i>From the Heart of West Africa</i>
28 July 2011	Mr Cameron Stewart , Associate Editor 'The Australian'	<i>Australia's Struggle for Security</i>
11 August 2011	Professor Gilbert Rozman , Princeton University	<i>China's Grand Strategy – Past, Present and Future</i>
17 August 2011	H.E. Mr Nelson Davila , Ambassador of Venezuela	<i>Inside the Bolivarian Revolution</i>
22 August 2011	H.E. James A. Michel , President of the Republic of Seychelles	<i>Seychelles Today</i>
26 August 2011		<i>International Careers Conference</i>
30 August 2011	Ambassador Lalit Mansingh , former Indian Foreign Secretary	<i>A Rising India's Global Goals</i>
8 September 2011	Professor Greg Barton , Dr Pete Lentini and Dr Natalie Doyle , Monash University, Mr Chris Heffelfinger , former FBI Fellow at the Combatting Terrorism Centre	<i>The World of Terrorism 10 Years after 9/11</i>
12 September 2011	Mr Jay Bahadur , Canadian Journalist	<i>Deadly Water: the Secret World of Somalia's Pirates</i>
14 September 2011	Dr Ziggy Switkowski , Chancellor, RMIT University.	<i>The Fallout from Fukushima</i>
21 September 2011	Mr Nick Bryant , BBC's foreign correspondent in Australia	<i>How the World Sees Australia</i>
28 September 2011	Professor Geoff Raby , former Australian Ambassador to China	<i>China: Political Changes and Challenges</i>
5 October 2011	Mr Kamal Fadel , Polisario's representative in Australia, and Mr Tim Robertson SC.	ACCESS Event: <i>Western Sahara and its Phosphate Rock: is Australia in a Hard Place?</i>

12 October 2011	Mr Dennis Richardson AO , Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.	<i>Foreign Policy in a Changing World</i>
19 October 2011	Ms Joanna Hayter , Executive Director International Women's Development Agency, Ms Mina Barling , Manager of Policy and Partnerships, Marie Stopes International Australia.	ACCESS Event: <i>Why Women are Key to a Better World</i>
26 October 2011	Professor Tim Lindsey , University of Melbourne	<i>Indonesia's Democratic Spring Turns Chilly</i>
8 November 2011	Ms Melissa Conley-Tyler , National Executive Director of the AIIA, Mr Ikani Taliai , Founder of Ovava Limited	ACCESS Event: <i>Citizen Diplomacy – How Ordinary People can Change the World</i>
16 November 2011	Ms Jo Chandler , a senior writer with 'The Age'	<i>PNG: A Country in Crisis</i>
1 December 2011	Professor James Cotton , UNSW, Professor John Ravenhill , ANU	<i>Australia in World Affairs: Middle Power Dreaming</i>
7 December 2011	Professor Michael L'Estrange AO , ANU	<i>Australia's National Security Challenges – a New World Coming</i>
1 February 2012	Dr Sally Totman , Deakin University	<i>The Arab Spring: Where to Now?</i>
8 February 2012	Mr Michael Angwin , CEO Australian Uranium Association	<i>Australian Uranium Exports: Atoms for Peace, or Too Hot to Handle?</i>
16 February 2012	Professor Ian Harper , Partner, Deloitte Access Economics	<i>Challenges for the Global Economy in 2012</i>
1 March 2012	Mr MJ Akbar , Editorial Director, India Today	<i>India Today: Relations with Australia and the Region</i>
8 March 2012	Ms KC Ranjani , India Director, Opportunity International Australia	<i>Microfinance: the Answer to Poverty and Women's Empowerment?</i>
15 March 2012	Professor Pasquale Sgro , Deakin University	<i>From Crisis to Salvation – Can Mario Monti save Italy?</i>
22 March 2012	Dr Emanuele Ottolenghi , Foundation for Defence of Democracies	<i>On the Edge of a Nuclear Crisis</i>
29 March 2012	Professor Richard Tanter , Nautilus Institute for Security and Sustainability	<i>After Obama- Back to the Joint Defence Facilities</i>
3 April 2012	H.E Mr Miles Kupa , Australian High Commissioner to Malaysia	<i>Malaysia: its Contemporary Challenges and Prospects</i>
19 April 2012	Hon. Robert M Hill , former Australian ambassador to the United Nations, Professor John Langmore , former MP and director of the UN Division for	<i>In partnership with the University of Melbourne, Graduate School of Humanities and Social</i>

	Social Policy and Development, Ms Melissa Conley Tyler , National Executive Director, Australian Institute of International Affairs, Mr Andrew Hewett , Oxfam Australia.	Sciences: <i>Does Australia Deserve a Seat on the UN Security Council?</i>
23 April 2012	Mr Rowan Callick , Asia- Pacific Editor, 'The Australian'	<i>China: the Year Ahead</i>
2 May 2012	Mr Christopher Lamb , former Ambassador to Myanmar, and Mr Anthony Ware , Deakin University	<i>Burma/Myanmar: How Genuine is Reform?</i>
5-19 May 2012		<i>Study Tour of China</i>
10 May 2012	Professor Ian Howie , Global Studies, RMIT University	<i>The World at Seven Billion</i>
22 May 2012	Dr Huguelle Labelle C.C. , Transparency International	<i>Civil Society and the Global Fight against Corruption</i>
30 May 2012	Associate Professor Rufus Black , Master, Ormond College	<i>The Strategic Importance of Defence and Intelligence Reform</i>
7 June 2012	Dr Jonathan Spyer , Centre for Global Research in International Affairs	<i>Inside Syria: a First-Hand Account of a Nation at War with Itself</i>
8 June 2012	Symposium on Central Europe	<i>In partnership with Monash University, European and EU centre:</i> <i>Why Central Europe Matters</i>
14 June 2012	Mr Tony Woods , AFL International Development Manager	<i>Australian Football Goes International: Stepping Boldly into the Unknown</i>
20 June 2012	Mr William Fisher , Prime Minister's Special Envoy to La Francophonie and to the Francophone States of Africa and Victoria State Director, DFAT	<i>Francophone Africa-What's That?</i>
22 June 2012	Professor Tim Lindsey , University of Melbourne, Professor Richard Tanter , Nautilus Institute for Security and Sustainability	VCE Seminar: <i>Ethical Issues and Debates</i>
27 June 2012	H.E. Mr Stéphane Romatet , French Ambassador to Australia	<i>France, the EU and Australia.</i>