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## ANNUAL REPORT 2012/2013

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## ABOUT US

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

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

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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I have pleasure in submitting this, my valedictory report, as President of the AIIAV.

First I would like to thank my colleagues on the Executive and the Council – Vice-Presidents Laurence Wade and Gary Neat, Treasurer Gordon Tippett and Executive member Jim Short for their unstinting commitment of time and expertise and to Council members who have worked assiduously to further the objectives of the Institute.

In accordance with the Constitution Pat Pettit, Robyn Byrne, Toni Feddersen and Julian Reeves are retiring from the Council at the 2013 AGM having completed two consecutive three year terms. Jim Short has also decided to step down because of other commitments. Gordon Tippett and Gary Neat are relinquishing their positions on the Executive though Gary plans to remain on the Council.

In anticipation of significant personnel change, the Executive and the Council began a process of identifying possible candidates to join the Council both from within the existing membership and from outside it. I am glad to report that we have identified a number of excellent candidates with highly relevant experience who have agreed to join the Council and who will be



submitting their candidacies at the 2013 AGM.

As part of the discussion of Council membership, Council identified the need to have a simple process in place to add additional Councillors between AGMs. This practice was used often prior to the adoption of the current Constitution – to bring people on to the Council having particular skills or to replenish numbers in circumstances other than replacing a Councillor through death or resignation. On 26 June 2013 a resolution to this effect was carried at a General Meeting of the Institute.

In recent years we have sought to strengthen the Institute by increasing the number of events and hence income, building up our membership, improving our profile, engaging more with business, developing a young professionals' group to attract new and younger members and build outreach to a different constituency, developing an endowment fund and improving fundraising. These were objectives elaborated in the Institute's strategic plan.

I am pleased to say that the Young Professional's Forum developed significantly over the period (see separate report below).

It became clear though that there were challenges in reaching our other objectives – it was beyond the capacity of one full time Executive Officer assisted by interns and volunteers (both Councillors and others) to make significant progress in the achievement of these objectives. As Melbourne’s “best kept secret” we have made little progress in trying to sell our brand and gain public recognition and business partnerships or sponsorship. Our membership database is extremely labour intensive and difficult to use as an effective communications tool with our members. Our on-line payment system is highly labour intensive. The database and payment systems tie up a significant amount of the EO’s time. We have a very rudimentary fund raising capacity. None of these will come as a surprise as they are issues which have been highlighted in previous annual reports.

This having been said I want to put on record our thanks to Peta McDermott for her dedicated efforts to keep the ship afloat in full sail and the interns and volunteers who help us function as well as we do. Peta’s load is great and she is uncomplaining but that cannot be an excuse for overburdening her.

Given the demands on the EO and the failure to attract sufficient volunteers able to work on a regular basis on many of these issues the Council decided to recruit an individual to establish effective systems to enable the Institute to modernise and build for the future. The intention was that the successful applicant would complement the work of the Executive Officer.

The objectives set for the position were:

- To keep abreast of international current affairs and identify suitable issues to be developed into events, including addresses, debates, roundtables and seminars.
- Generate revenue from developing commercially viable, coherent and well-balanced programs of wide appeal to participants and sponsors interested in international affairs.
- Generate revenue from community and corporate fundraising.
- Promote the Institute through marketing, promotion, media and PR.

- Liaise with partner organisations including Universities, business, Government and NGOs to develop and implement the Institute’s program.
- Research and identify possible sponsorships and development campaigns for AIIAV’s Endowment Fund.
- Develop and implement a comprehensive plan to improve Institute membership

The position was advertised extensively on-line and attracted over thirty applicants. A selection panel comprising the President and two Vice-Presidents was appointed to conduct the interview process. The panel established a shortlist and interviewed seven candidates. Their recommendation that Ms Rita Dimasi be appointed to the position working a four day week for an initial period of two years was approved by Council. The appointment was agreed subject to a six month probation period and the meeting of agreed benchmarks. Ms Dimasi commenced in the position on 17<sup>th</sup> June.

### The Program

As in the past our program continued to be the centrepiece of our activities and I am glad to report that again it continued to be of an exceptionally high standard. We held more than forty speaker events, as well as arranging the Sir Zelman Cowen Oration, the International Careers Conference and the VCE seminars. For the most part these were held at Dyason House though we also partnered with the Australia China Business Council and Baker & McKenzie to host a lunch with the Indonesian Ambassador to



HE Swajaya, Indonesian Ambassador to ASEAN.

ASEAN, and with Norton Rose for a presentation by the Brazilian Ambassador to Australia; we express our thanks to these two firms who made their conference facilities available for these events.



HE Mr Rubem  
Correa Barbosa,  
Ambassador of  
Brazil

While most functions were held in the evening there were some notable lunchtime events including an address on Indonesia by Mr Bill Farmer AO, former Australian Ambassador to Indonesia, to celebrate Life Member John Legge being made a Fellow of the AIIA.



Mr Bill Farmer AO,  
former Ambassador to  
Indonesia

In developing the program we focused on a number of key themes picking up issues that were of greatest significance to Australia – the state of the global economy, the implications for Australia of China’s rise and leadership transition, the impact of the Government’s White Paper on our relations with Asia, and developments which had the possibility to result in seismic shifts in international relations such as the aftermath of the Arab Spring and the shifting sands of developments throughout the Middle East. This did not preclude picking up issues at short notice as they became topical or taking advantage of visiting experts.



The Hon Dr Craig  
Emerson MP, Minister  
for Trade

We are especially grateful to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade for assisting us in engaging visiting Heads of Mission to

participate in the program. A list of speakers follows.

### The Sir Zelman Cowen Oration

The Sir Zelman Cowen Oration and dinner took place on Thursday 8 November 2012 at The Australian Club. The speaker was the celebrated historian, Professor Geoffrey Blainey AC on the topic “The State of the World: is the Good Cheer Barometer Rising or Falling?” Mr Josh Frydenberg MP, the Federal Member for Kooyong, gave the Appreciation.

This was the first Oration since Sir Zelman’s death and we were delighted that Lady Cowen was able to attend.



Left to right, seated: Lady Cowen, Sir Ninian Stephen, Prof Geoffrey Blainey, Lady Stephen.

Left to right, standing: Mrs Lynne Landy, Mr John Landy, The Hon Sir James Gobbo, MR Josh Frydenberg MP, AIIAV President Les Rowe, The Hon Jim Short, AIIAV Council member and Chair of the Sir Zelman Cowen Oration Committee

The Oration attracted a near capacity audience of 179 guests. We were grateful to the Walter Mangold Trust which sponsored the participation of a number of our younger members and to the Pratt Foundation which was a most generous supporter, to an amount of \$8,000.

Our thanks go particularly to SZCO Committee chairman Jim Short for his untiring efforts in securing the speaker and venue and to all those others who contributed to the evening’s success.

### The International Careers Conference

The eighth annual International Careers Conference was held on Friday 31 August 2012. The purpose of the ICC is to provide students with insights into the varied options available to those considering embarking on an international career and the implications of going down this path. It is also an

excellent opportunity for the Institute to gain exposure amongst a group of young professional potential members.

Dr Deborah Seifert was the Co-Chair of the ICC Committee assisted by Project Manager Shona Boyle and her team, and Peta McDermott who played a key role in inviting and organising the speakers.

President Les Rowe opened proceedings and Craig Parry, General Manager Business Development Tigers Realm Group, gave the keynote address. Other keynote speakers throughout the day were ICC Council Member Ian Howie, who previously had a senior career in the United Nations, and DFAT Victoria Deputy Director Julianne Hince. The three breakout sessions were in the areas of Government (with representatives from Austrade, Austraining and ASIS), Business (with representatives from KMPG and Aspen Medical), and International Agencies and Services (Care Australia, the Australian Red Cross and Access Aid International).

The Victoria University provided its conference facility in the city free of charge. We are extremely grateful for their support.



Participants at the 2012 ICC

### VCE Seminar Program

On 17 August 2012 the VCE Seminar Committee arranged its seminar for semester 2, 2012 on the topic of “Crises and Responses”. Professor the Hon Gareth Evans AC QC FAIA, Chancellor of ANU, spoke about the doctrine of the responsibility to protect and its relevance to the crises in Libya and Syria. The second speaker, Ms Anna-Louise Simpson, chief assessor of Year 12 Global Politics, briefed students on what to expect in the examination in November.

Unfortunately the Chair of the VCE Committee, Professor Allan Patience, was forced to stand down from the position in December on health grounds and because of

work commitments. We extend our thanks to him for his commitment in taking on the role in 2012 at short notice and for arranging the lecture program in 2012.



Prof Allan Patience with Prof the Hon Gareth Evans addressing VCE students

Unfortunately several other committee members also stepped down due to changing work circumstances. Despite an active search we were unable to identify a replacement chair for the Committee and accordingly were unable to organise seminars in the second half of the financial year.

The search is on for a new committee Chair and additional committee members for a revamped program in 2014.

### Study Tour

This year’s study tour to Myanmar took place from 20 April – 4 May 2013. The choice of Myanmar as the venue was made by the Study Tour Committee – Les Rowe and Zara Kimpton OAM - reflecting the opportunities newly available for travel in the country and the prospects for the development of Australia’s relations with Myanmar following that country’s embrace of political change and the ending of its political isolation.

Christopher Lamb (former Australian Ambassador to Myanmar) and a prominent campaigner for the development of the relationship led the group. He played a key role in developing the itinerary and devising and arranging the briefing program. Robyn Byrne was Deputy Tour leader.

17 AIIA members from Victoria, ACT and Western Australia joined the tour. Zara Kimpton generously sponsored the participation of a young member of AIIAV.

The group called on a wide range of government, political, business, NGO and

cultural leaders and personalities. It involved a mixture of formal meetings and visits to cultural heritage sites in Yangon, Naypyitaw, Mandalay, Heho, Inle Lake, Nyaung Shwe and Taunggyi.

The group saw a cross-section of the country's ethnicities, a full range of political leaders (from four political parties in all) and shades of opinion about the status and prospects of the government's reform program.



Myanmar Study Tour participants with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi

Highlights included a call on Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in Yangon, the Minister for Health in Naypyitaw, Deputy Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Education, the Mayor of Yangon and other leaders. They also made calls on leading non-governmental institutions responsible for advising on economic reform, political capacity, heritage protection and the delivery of education at the basic level including the director of the Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies. Each caller received the tour group warmly, seeing the discussions in the context of Australia's engagement with Myanmar at all levels.

The group was given a tour of the Parliamentary buildings in Naypyitaw, the first accorded to a group of this kind. Its call on the Rector of Mandalay University saw her accompanied by the heads of all university departments - the first time such an assemblage had greeted a foreign tour group of this kind since 1988. Similar interest and courtesy greeted the group in all locations.

All members of the group had a high sense of mission and participated in activities. Many members had been associated with the formation of the Australia-Myanmar Institute in March 2013 in Melbourne. Although careful distinctions were drawn between AMI and AIIA, the activities were inevitably

mutually supportive in terms of the access obtained to very senior Myanmar personalities and groupings.

Tour members reported to the AIIAV membership at a meeting at Dyason House on 26 June and their report is available in book form in the Institute library and on-line.

### **Dyason House**

Various maintenance was undertaken over the period including repainting of the rear wall in the Madigan Room and the installation of a picture rail for a gallery of photos of past events and activities. As well there was some repainting of the tenancy area and cleaning of the front of the building and fence. A small amount of revenue was raised from the sale of old chairs from the Madigan Room.

During the year an investigation of preventative maintenance needs was undertaken which included consideration of replacement or repair of the windows in the Madigan Room and of the rear stairs.

In order to ensure compliance with Victorian liquor licensing laws the Institute applied for a renewable limited licence which was granted in May 2013.

### **Tenancy:**

Our previous tenant's lease concluded at the end of May and we were fortunate to secure two consulting psychologists as new tenants with effect from mid June.

### **The Institute Library**

During the year Pat Pettit worked with Professor John Legge to identify books and publications for de-accessioning in the light of space constraints. Books identified as surplus to requirements were offered to the State Library of Victoria which accepted some as a donation.

Book details of the entire Institute collection were uploaded to the online catalogue, librarything, with the aid of a volunteer, Michael Slater, during the year.

Professor the Hon Gareth Evans made a generous offer to bequeath to AIIAV a significant part of his professional library, which covers works of general international relations interest as well as books relating to his period as Foreign Minister. This was

warmly welcomed with details to be worked out when the bequest is executed.

### Young Professionals Forum (YPF)

In early 2012 much of the leadership of the ACCESS group stepped down reflecting changes in study and employment responsibilities and the group languished.

Council undertook a review of the future and role of our young members' group. As a consequence it convened an informal get together in September 2012 which attracted a good deal of interest amongst both young and more experienced Institute members and including a number of former ACCESS members. As a result a working group was established to develop a program of activities of interest for our under 35 members and a committee established to oversee its activities. The first event organised by the YPF was undertaken in conjunction with the Australia-China Young Professionals Initiative. It was a talk

by Colin Heseltine, former Australian diplomat in Korea, Taipei and China and currently



working YPF Chair Sean Jesudason with Mr Colin Heseltine in the oil and gas sector. The YPF also took on the further development of the social media promotion and engagement of the Institute.

Sean Jesudason, an initiator of the YPF, was appointed to the Institute Council and other YPF members participate in the Program committee.



YPF organisers Peter Shearman and David Sandbach with Dr Margaret Simons, Centre for Advancing Journalism.

### Volunteers

Our thanks to our team of volunteers, without whose help we would have been unable to function as well as we did:

John Barclay, Peter Shearman, Steven Burak, Michael Slater, Stefani Vasil, Will Baer, Kline Nazareth, Edward Telling, Shona Boyle, Gaby McFarlane-Smith, Lauren O'Brien, Kate Corcoran, Emily Jackson, Rick Hocking, Fia Walker, Francis Ventura, Alena Kosmin, Bruno MacCord, Artemis Niaros, Marco Paoletti, James Duvnjak, Mark Walsh, Can Qin, Troy George, Kate Hilgendorf, Lee Muir, Sam Fairweather, Matthew Reeves, Moneeka Zhou, Kate Horwood, Alex Horwood, Robyn Young, Daniel Filby-Darling, Eileen McInnes, Nicholas Morieson, Will McEniry, Madelaine McCormack, Judy Phuong, Sean Jesudason, Matthew Di Leo, Jaime de Ano, David Sandbach, David Donaldson, Matilda Quinn, Jason Deacon, Jason Sing, Steph Miles, Emma McDonnell, Chris Runciman, Jonathan Cheng, Edwin Wan, Eva Schroder, Mark Vosti and John Trakas



AllAV volunteers with Executive Officer Peta McDermott at the Sir Zelman Cowen Oration

### Euan Crone Trust Fund

I would like to record particularly the generosity of one of our members, Euan Crone, who has decided to establish a trust fund to fund two travelling scholarships for young AIIA members to spend time in Asia. Euan has decided to endow the trust fund with \$250,000. Applications will be called for from Australian citizens under the age of 35 for study and travel in Asia. The scholarships will be advertised nationally.

### Sir Wilfred Brookes Charitable Foundation

We were most fortunate to receive another very welcome surprise with a grant of \$10,000 from the Sir Wilfred Brookes Charitable Foundation. Our great thanks to another of our members Roger Brookes for



his generosity and support of the Institute and our program.

### **The Walter Mangold Trust Fund**

We are most appreciative of the continued support of The Walter Mangold Trust Fund. Their generous funding provides opportunity for our student members to gain a broad range of experience and exposure to our specialist speakers and members – opportunities not often available to young people. We thank Daniel Rechtman and The Fund.

### **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:

Mr CH (Roger) Brookes

Mr Euan Crone

Justice David Harper AM

Ms Zara Kimpton OAM

Mrs Cynthia Richards

Hon Jim Short

Ms Joy Selby Smith

### **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

Mr John Balmford

Mr Frank Bennett

Mr CH Brookes

Mr Howard Brown

Ms Robyn Byrne OAM

Mr Robert Callant

Mr Euan Crone

Prof Peter Dowling

Mr Andrew Farran

Ms Toni Feddersen

Mr William Fenner

Mr Bob Foster

Mr Marcus Gorondi

Justice David Harper AM

Mr Michael Henry

Dr Sue Hodson

Mr Eric Jensen

Ms Suzanne Keene

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Ms Zara Kimpton OAM

Mr Edward Miller

Mr Russel Newton

Mrs Cynthia Richards

Mr Peter Seaman

Ms Joy Selby Smith

The Hon Jim Short

Mr Paul Verwoert

Mr Tony Ward

Mrs Ethel White

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

We acknowledge thanks for support of various kinds from ABC, AIJAC, DFAT 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**

It is pleasing to report that we have continued with another profitable year. Although revenues were slightly down, expenses were also and the profitability was good. The study tour to Myanmar attracted a smaller number of participants compared to China in 2012. Rental income was slightly down as the lease period for the then tenant finished in May. The new tenancy payments will commence in August.

The Balance Sheet report has been changed in respect to the Equity item “Dyason Bequest”. This item has been included in reports since the \$87,237 donation was received in 1962. The Council, in reviewing matters, was unsure if the original donation was tied by specific purpose conditions or not. Research proved it untied and the donation an item of general revenue. Most of the donation was expended in the

purchase and additions to Dyason House, and continuing support until the early 1970's of the "Dyason Lecture" series. It was decided appropriate that after 51 years, this item be transferred into the "Retained Earnings" Equity item to prevent future confusion.

### Valete

In March the Institute lost one of its longest serving and esteemed members, Ernest Rodeck AO, who passed away on 27 March 2013 in his 93<sup>rd</sup> year. He and his wife Sheila joined the Institute in 1979 and were, over the intervening period, strong supporters of our activities as members, as Friends and as regular attendees at meetings including this year. Ernest was a Council member from 2001 to 2008, serving on both the Program Committee and the Corporate and Institutional Committee.

In May we lost our colleague, Vice-President Dr Tim Healey, after a battle with cancer. Tim had a real passion for the Institute and a determination to build and strengthen it. Alas his illness robbed him of the chance to play the sort of role he envisaged. I am extremely grateful to Gary Neat for taking on his role.

### 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.

### AIIA Fellows

I would like to congratulate two of our members – Professor John Legge and Rowan Callick on being awarded Fellowships of the AIIA. John's award was "for his distinguished contribution to academia and public understanding of South-East Asia" and Rowan's for "his distinguished contribution to journalism, especially through his reporting on and engagement with the Asia-Pacific".



National Vice President Zara Kimpton OAM presenting Prof John Legge AO with his AIIA Fellows Award



Mr Rowan Callick receiving his AIIA Fellows Award from AIIAV President Les Rowe.

*Leslie Rowe*  
**PRESIDENT**

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**MEMBERSHIP**

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Category	Rate (\$)	30/06/10	30/06/2011	30/06/2012	30/06/13
Standard	135	151	157	141	148
Concession	88	121	123	119	108
Institutional	375	3	6	7	3
Spouse	65	33	45	41	38
School	135	20	19	18	18
Student	65	92	119	125	102
Speakers		22	25	34	35
Honorary		4	4	4	4
Free List		2		0	0
Life Members		5	5	4	4
<b>Total</b>		<b>453</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>460</b>

**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 2012 – 30th June 2013

5 July 2012	<b>China Study Tour Report</b>	<i>Members of the China Study Tour present their report and discuss their impressions</i>
12 July 2012	<b>Mr Philip Flood</b> AO, former Secretary of DFAT	<i>Australian Foreign Policy – Unfinished Business</i>
16 July 2012	<b>Ms Vanessa Zimmerman</b> , Former Legal Advisor to the UN Secretary-General's Special Representative on Business and Human Rights	<i>No Small Change: Guiding the United Nations on Business and Human Rights</i>
25 July 2012	<b>Mr Josh Frydenberg</b> MP, Federal Member for Kooyong	<i>India's Rise: The Strategic and Economic Implications for Australia</i>
2 August 2012	<b>Mr Geoffrey Widmer</b> , Hon. Consul for the Republic of Colombia - Melbourne	<i>Touching Base with Colourful Colombia</i>
9 August 2012	<b>Mr Ian McCubbin</b> , National Vice President, Australia China Business Council	<i>China: Driver of the World Economy?</i>
16 August 2012	<b>Dr Daniel Pipes</b> , Taube Distinguished Visiting Fellow at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University and President of the Middle East Forum	<i>Crises in the Middle East and the Global Response</i>
17 August 2012	<b>VCE Seminar</b> Speakers: <b>Professor the Hon. Gareth Evans</b> , AC, QC, FAIIA, Co-Chair of the International Commission on Intervention and State Sovereignty; President-Emeritus of the International Crisis Group: "Responsibility to Protect"; <b>Ms Anna-Louise Simpson</b> , Examiner: "From the Examiner's Perspective"	<i>VCE Seminar: Crises and Responses</i>
22 August 2012	<b>Dr Ruan Zongze</b> , Vice President, Chinese Institute of International Studies	<i>China's Grand Strategy: An Insider's Perspective</i> <i>A special AIIAV Luncheon Event</i>
23 August 2012	<b>Mr Owen L Hegarty</b> , Chairman, Tigers Realm Group	<i>China's Rise: its Impact on the Australian Economy</i>
31 August 2012	<b>International Careers Conference</b>	<i>All day event</i> <i>Victoria University</i> <i>City Convention Centre</i>
13 September 2012	<b>Dr David Dorward</b> , former Director, African Research Institute, La Trobe University	<i>China's 'Africa Strategy': Global Implications</i>

20 September 2012	<b>Special meeting to discuss AIIAV's program for students and young professionals</b>	<i>Special meeting to discuss AIIAV's program for students and young professionals</i>
26 September 2012	<b>HE Ms Bronte Moules</b> , Australian Ambassador to Burma	<i>A special luncheon event: Burma's Path to Democracy</i>
27 September 2012	<b>HE Mr David Daly</b> , EU Ambassador to Australia	<i>Europe: Navigating through the Current Crisis</i>
3 October 2012	<b>Dr Kenneth Chern</b> , Professor of Asian Policy, Swinburne University of Technology; and Executive Director, Swinburne Leadership Institute	<i>Australia in the Asian Century: Challenges and Opportunities</i>
10 October 2012	<b>Mr David Livingstone</b> , former Deputy Head of Mission, Baghdad	<i>The Middle East: Local Conflicts, Regional Drivers</i>
17 October 2012	<b>Mr John Barron</b> , ABC TV 'Planet America' Co-Host and ABC News Radio Host	<i>The US Presidential Election: A Glimpse into the Crystal Ball</i>
25 October 2012	<b>Dr Paul Monk</b> , Director, Austhink Consulting and Founder, the 'YourView' Forum	<i>Australia's Changing Strategic Outlook: A Conversation with the Audience</i>
8 November 2012	<b>Professor Geoffrey Blainey AC</b> , with an Appreciation by Mr Josh Frydenberg MP. In the presence of Lady Cowen.	<i>The Sir Zelman Cowen Oration dinner</i>
14 November 2012	<b>Dr Timothy J Lynch</b> , Senior Lecturer, American Politics, and incoming Director, Graduate School of Humanities & Social Sciences, University of Melbourne	<i>The 2012 US Presidential Elections: Winners and Losers</i>
22 November 2012	<b>Professor Baogang He</b> , Chair in International Studies, Deakin University	Following the 2012 Annual General Meeting <i>China's New Leaders: Transition or Transformation?</i>
28 November 2012	<b>Mr Anthony Bubalo</b> , Director, West Asia Program, Lowy Institute	<i>Post-NATO Afghanistan: Implications for the Broader Region</i>
5 December 2012	<b>Mr Tony Walker</b> , International Editor, 'The Australian Financial Review'	<i>Festive Luncheon: Beyond 2012: Australia in the New Asian Century</i>
13 February 2013	<b>Professor Neville Norman</b> , Melbourne, University of Melbourne	<i>The Global Economic Crisis ... So Far!!!</i>
19 February 2013	<b>The Hon Dr Craig Emerson MP</b> , Minister for Trade and Competitiveness and Minister assisting the Prime Minister on Asian Century Policy	<i>The Asian Century White Paper: From Vision to Reality</i>
28 February 2013	<b>Mr Paul Robilliard</b> , First Assistant Secretary, Head of the Security Council Task Force, DFAT	<i>Australia and the UN Security Council : Opportunities and Challenges</i>

13 March 2013	<b>Mr John Richardson</b> , Director, Victoria State Office, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	<i>Australia's Relations with Latin America</i>
19 March 2013	<b>H.E. Gede Ngurah Swajaya</b> , Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to ASEAN, Chair of the Committee of the Permanent Representatives to ASEAN.	<i>The Future of ASEAN</i>
19 March 2013	<b>Mr Rowan Callick</b> , Asia-Pacific Editor, 'The Australian'	<i>Party Time - Who Runs China and How</i>
27 March 2013	<b>Professor Spencer Zifcak</b> , Allan Myers Professor of Law and Director of the Legal Studies Institute at the Australian Catholic University	The Responsibility to Protect': Applicability and Limitations
4 April 2013	<b>Mr Colin Heseltine</b> , Director, Sino Gas and Energy, and former Australian diplomat Hosted by the AIIAV Youth and Young Professionals in partnership with the Australia-China Young Professionals Initiative.	Strengthening Relations with China, Australia's Pre-eminent Business Partner
11 April 2013	<b>Dr Jonathan Schultz</b> , University of Melbourne	<i>Australia and the Pacific</i>
17 April 2013	<b>Dr David Hundt</b> , Senior Lecturer, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Deakin University	Korea Trajectory: Whither the DPRK under Kim Jong Un
20 April - 4 May 2013	<b>AIIA Study Tour to Myanmar (Burma)</b>	
23 April 2013	<b>New Members Evening</b>	
7 May 2013	<b>Dr Margaret Simons</b> , Centre for Advancing Journalism, University of Melbourne AIIAV Youth and Young Professionals event	<i>Social Media and Censorship in China</i>
15 May 2013	<b>Mr Cameron Stewart</b> , 'The Australian'	<i>Australian Defence Challenges Moving Forward</i>
22 May 2013	<b>Professor Alan Dupont</b> , Director, Institute for International Security and Development, University of New South Wales	<i>Transitioning to a New World Order: More Turbulence Ahead</i>
23 May 2013	<b>HE Mr Rubem Correa Barbosa</b> , Ambassador of Brazil	<i>Brazil Today</i>
29 May 2013	<b>Prof. Shi He-ling</b> , Department of Economics, Monash University	<i>Prospects for Reform under the new Xi-Li Administration - what will be the impact on the Sino-Australia Economic and Political Relationship?</i>

5 June 2013	<b>Dr Mark Thomson</b> , Senior Analyst in Defence Economics, Australian Strategic Policy Institute	<i>Defending Australia in an Age of Austerity</i>
12 June 2013	<b>Mr Bill Farmer AO</b> , former Ambassador to Indonesia Includes a special AIIA Fellowship presentation to Professor John Legge AO	<i>Thoughts in an Election Year on New Directions for Australia and Indonesia</i>
19 June 2013	<b>Brigadier (Ret.) Gary Hogan AM CSC</b> , former Australian Defence Attaché to Indonesia	<i>Indonesia–Australia Defence Relations</i>
26 June 2013	<b>Study Tour to Myanmar Report Night</b>	