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Who We Are



The Australian Institute of International Affairs was established in 1924 and formed as a national body in 1933 to promote public understanding of and interest in international affairs. It is an independent, non-partisan, non-profit organisation with over 1600 members across 7 state and territory branches. The AIIA does not express any opinion on international affairs. It provides a forum for the presentation and discussion of a wide range of views through its various events, publications and educational programs.

The AIIA has been honoured by the involvement of many distinguished figures including: Former Prime Minister Sir Robert Menzies, Former Chief Justices Sir Garfield Barwick, Sir John Latham and Sir Owen Dixon, Former Governor General Lord Casey, and distinguished Australians Sir Ian Clunies Ross, Sir Richard Boyer, Sir Russel Madigan and E.C. Dyason. His Excellency Major General Michael Jeffery AC CVO MC, the Governor-General of Australia, is the AIIA's Honorary Visitor.

The AIIA hosted almost 200 events in 2006-7 on current international issues of concern to Australia. It publishes the highly-ranked *Australian Journal of International Affairs* and long-standing *Australia in*

World Affairs series as well as occasional papers and conference proceedings. Members receive a subscription to *The Diplomat* through a cooperative arrangement.

The AIIA offers a number of ways to get involved: membership, events, publishing, youth networks, education programs, donation and volunteering. For more information please visit www.aiia.asn.au.



HE Major General Michael Jeffery AC CVO MC, the Governor-General of Australia and AIIA's Honorary Visitor, is pictured here hosting a reception at Admiralty House following the National President's Forum in 2006.

At a Glance

- 7 – AIIA State and Territory Branches
- 13 – Languages spoken by staff and interns at the National Office
- 16 – Interns placed with National Office over the past year
- 28 – Worldwide citation ranking of the *Australian Journal of International Affairs*
- 45 – Schools with AIIA Victoria membership
- 46 – Percent membership increase since 2005
- 49 – Ambassadors and consuls with AIIA membership
- 55 – Years the AIIA has tracked Australian foreign policy in its publication *Australia in World Affairs*
- 108 – Volunteer AIIA office-bearers around the country
- 192 – AIIA events during the 2006-7 year
- 254 – Institutional subscribers to the *Australian Journal of International Affairs*
- 600 – People who attended an AIIA careers conference
- 1277 – Copies sold of the current volume of *Australia in World Affairs: Trading on Alliance Security*
- 1650 – The number of AIIA members nationwide as of 30 June 2007
- 2005 – Students who attended AIIA VIC international relations program
- 5902 – Average visits to the AIIA's website www.aiia.asn.au per month



National President's Report

Australian involvement in international relations was prominent in 2006-7 through armed forces participating overseas, interaction with neighbours, and our importance as a major exporter of resources in a time of strong demand. Future energy security is increasingly significant worldwide. Traditional sovereignty continued to be affected by borderless causes while varied quality of governance of nations ensures continuing focus on international security. Australia's relations with others, particularly in our region, are of great significance to us while (desirably) being less sensational than many items featured in the news. Although the "attraction of the immediate" places our program lower in ratings, some AIIA events this year attracted significant media comment.

It is pleasing to note that our aim of spreading the word domestically on the importance of international relations is assisted by a 15% increase in membership over the previous year, now standing above 1600. Some Branches have particularly aimed at increasing younger membership with careers days, while the NSW ACCESS youth network has been adopted by AIIA VIC and ACT Branches, with similar success. Relatively few Australian organisations dependent on overseas activities are corporate members. We are grateful for our present corporate membership but need to work to communicate our relevance and attraction to many others.

During the year the commemorative Peter Nygh Hague Conference Internship was launched, established in cooperation with the Australian chapter of the International Law Association and the Nygh family. First awardee was Zoë Justice, who will complete an internship with the Hague Conference on Private International Law. The generosity of the Nygh family and others who have contributed lights the way for the AIIA to launch other relevant initiatives as funds allow.

Sustainability of National Office activity at present levels requires more paid resources than our one salaried employee, a part-time Executive Director.

Valued assistance from intern volunteers has enabled the National Office to hold several expert seminars for invited participants, but we aim to re-establish National events open to all members when funding allows.



While we have varied income sources, the Australian Institute of International Affairs is again indebted to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade for its co-operation and significant financial assistance, to the Attorney General's Department and Nygh family for donations to the Nygh Internship Fund, and to those sponsors listed in this Review. We note with thanks pro-bono assistance provided by Allen Arthur Robinson.

The Australian Institute of International Affairs with its federal structure has the consequent need for strong cooperation between components to remain effective. I am pleased that such cooperation is strong and growing, and I thank all concerned.

At year end Professor William Tow retired as Editor of our flagship journal, *Australian Journal of International Affairs*. He leaves with our warmest thanks and best wishes, as we welcome Professor Michael Wesley as incoming Editor.

2008 will provide a reason to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the Australian Institute of International Affairs, independent of the Royal Institute of International Affairs at Chatham House. Please join in.

Clive Hildebrand
National President

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Clive Hildebrand".

National Executive Director's Report



One of the privileges of stewardship of a venerable organization is blending the new with the old. Like people, organizations go through “life stages”. At almost 75, the Australian Institute of International Affairs is refusing to age gracefully and is enjoying something of a renaissance.

Membership is growing strongly, we continue to receive a number of national initiatives and we are increasingly connecting with young people with an interest in the tumultuous international events surrounding them.

Despite dire predications in the 1980s of the AIIA's gradual conversion into a retirement club, it is clear that this has not eventuated. Looking around the country we can see a vibrant scene including careers fairs, schools program and ACCESS youth networks to supplement the AIIA's core program of meetings and publications. In 2008, the AIIA is looking towards a re-launch of the Young Diplomats Program and extending youth initiatives across the country.

At a grassroots level, the AIIA is very strong: as shown by the list of events and Branch reports in this Annual Review. Our publications continue to stimulate debate and provide a long-term historical record of Australia's foreign policy. We have strong international links and ongoing positive relations with the Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade.

In the 18 months since I was appointed, I've been focusing on bringing National Office to a level that can support national growth. Some of this work has been internal: such as promoting national cooperation through cross-Branch Working Groups. Effort has been put into increased promotion – such as through media contacts, improving the AIIA's web-

site or building the AIIA's international links. Finally, National Office has focused on re-instituting policy events as a complement to Branches' focus on public debate. You will find a record of these activities in the pages that follow.

Particularly pleasing is the increase in membership benefits that the AIIA has been able to achieve, including a substantial increase in speakers, conference and publication discounts and cooperative arrangements such as with the New Zealand Institute of International Affairs, which enables travelling AIIA members to receive reciprocal membership benefits in New Zealand.

You will also find many thanks to the people that make the AIIA's work possible. Above all, the AIIA remains a voluntary organization that could not exist without the time given by our Council members, office-bearers, interns and other volunteers across the country. With a tiny paid staff, the AIIA is a true example of a civil society organization that is run by and for its members and for the public good.

The AIIA looks forward to continuing growth in 2008 in the AIIA's 75th year as a national institution. Our mission of promoting public understanding and interest in international affairs remains as relevant today as ever.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melissa H. Conley Tyler'.

Melissa H. Conley Tyler

National Executive Director



AIA National Office and Branches

The Australian Institute of International Affairs consists of Branches located in seven states and territories coordinated by a National Office located at Stephen House in Deakin, Canberra. The National Office is managed by the National Executive Director, Melissa Conley Tyler, with oversight by a National Executive composed of State and Territory Branch Presidents and national office holders.

National Executive 2006/2007

National President

Mr Clive Hildebrand

National Vice President

Mr Geoffrey Miller AO

National Executive Director

Ms Melissa H Conley Tyler

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Mr Ian Thomson (until May 2007)

Mr Dayle Redden (from June 2007)

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Prof Michael Wesley

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Dr Susan Boyd (WA)

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Mr Mack Williams (NSW)

Prof Aynsley Kellow (TAS)

Ms Zara Kimpton (VIC)

(until Nov 2006)

Prof John McKay (VIC)

(from Nov 2006)

Mr Peter Hendy (ACT)

Dr Felix Patrikeeff (SA)



National Office	Branches
Company Secretary	Branch secretarial support
Support to Branches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide communication infrastructure - Member benefits negotiated nationally - Membership database - Fundraising infrastructure - Multi-state tours - Advice to Branches 	Member activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Member development - Member programs - Discussion - Special member groups (e.g. ACCESS) - Study tours - Local membership benefits
National events and policy influence	Support national initiatives
Publications and Research <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National Publications - Coordinating research and publications 	Support research and publications
Development activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regional growth - National Corporate Members - Fundraising 	Community education & outreach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Schools - Careers Originators of ideas & innovation
International relationships	Support international relationships
National profile	Local profile and diplomatic protocol
Premises and property management Library and conference room	Premises (where applicable) Library (where applicable)

Events



National President's Forums held at NSW Parliament and Queensland Parliament in 2006 and 2007

The Australian Institute of International Affairs provides a forum for debate by arranging lectures, seminars, and workshops for its members. In providing a forum for debate the AIIA does not promote a particular view. The views expressed are the personal views of the speakers which form the basis for informed debate. AIIA events range from intimate discussions to large lectures. Branches each organise their own programs on chosen topics of current interest. The National Office assists in organising speakers to visit several Branches, referring speakers to

Branches and organizing policy-focused events. A total of 193 events were held across the country in 2006-7.

In July 2006, the AIIA hosted a National President's Forum in Sydney on *Australia and the South Pacific: Roles and Responsibilities* bringing together a select group of national and international speakers to provide recommendations for Australia's role in its immediate neighbourhood. The Forum was followed by a reception at Admiralty House hosted by the AIIA's Patron, His Excellency the Governor-General of Australia.

In June 2007 a National President's Forum was held in Brisbane on *Indonesia – from Neighbour to Partner?* discussing the role of public perception and the relations between Australia and Indonesia.

In October 2006 AIIA and Australian Homeland Security Research Centre (AHSRC) jointly held an Energy Security Symposium at the AIIA Conference Centre in Canberra. This high-profile symposium explored the implication for Australia's strategic environment of the drive for energy security. The AIIA has also been involved in several events in 2006-7 and attracted great media attention.



Minister for Foreign Affairs, Alexander Downer, MP at the Energy Security Symposium, with Melissa Conley Tyler, AIIA National Executive Director, and Athol Yates, Homeland Security Research Centre



2006-7 Schedule of Events

National

Date	Topic
14 Jul 2006	National President's Forum on Australian and the South Pacific
31 Jul 2006	Special Editor's Workshop
15 Sep 2006	Peter Nygh Hague Internship Launch
11 Oct 2006	Energy Security Symposium
11 -25 Apr 2007	APEC Second Track Leadership Development Program
27 Jun 2007	National President's Forum on Indonesia: From Neighbour to Partner?
29 Jun 2007	Peter Nygh Hague Internship Award

Australian Capital Territory

Date	Speaker	Topic
18 Jul 2006	Mr Brian Lynch, Director of New Zealand Institute of International Affairs	New Zealand's Key policies for the Next Five Years
20 Jul 2006	HE The Right Honourable Helen Liddell, U.K. High Commissioner	The Value of Australia's Engagement in the Wider World
27 Jul 2006	Professor Jim Fox, ANU (Professor of Australian Studies Designate, Harvard University)	Searching for a Livelihood: The Dilemma of Illegal Fishing by Indonesian Small Boat Fisherman.
08 Aug 2006	Professor Stuart Harris	Former DFAT Secretaries Lecture Series
15 Aug 2006	Dr. Sidney Jones, International Crisis Group	Terrorism in South-East Asia: focus on Indonesia
22 Aug 2006	Mr. Michael L'Estrange, Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	Australian Foreign and Trade Policy - Purposes and Priorities
12 Sep 2006	Annual General Meeting. Guest Speaker Mr Chris Richardson, Director of Access Economics	Diplomacy and Military Power: A Function of Economic Power
13 Sep 2006	Mr. Kevin Rudd, Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs, Trade and International Security, MP	The future of multilateralism – Prospects for Australian Trade
14 Sep 2006	Dr. Kuntoro Mangkusubroto, Director of the Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Executing Agency of Indonesia	Progress in Reconstruction of Aceh and Nias
12 Oct 2006	Major General Peter Abigail, Director of the Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI)	The Elastic Limit: Strategic Implications of Australia's Security Commitments from Baghdad to Honiara

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19 Oct 2006	HE Mr. Hernani Da Silva, Ambassador of East Timor	Political Institutions and Society in Timor-Leste
08 Nov 2006	Mr. Michael Costello, Former Secretary of DFAT	Former DFAT Secretaries Lecture Series
14 Nov 2006	Dr. Kit Collier	Counter Terrorism and Human Rights in South East Asia: A Sum-Zero Game?
23 Nov 2006	Mr. Philip Flood, AO Former Secretary of DFAT	Former DFAT Secretaries Lecture Series
05 Dec 2006	Christmas Party. Guest Speaker: Mr James Cotton	Co-editor of the book "Trading Alliance on Security- Australia in World Affairs 2001-2005"
15 Feb 2007	Mr. Nelson Davida-Lameda, Charge de Affairs Embassy of Venezuela	Venezuela: Social Revolution and Sovereignty: Hope for the People!
22 Feb 2007	Mr Izzat Abdulhadi, Head of the General Delegation of Palestine to Australia, New Zealand and South Pacific	Peace and Security in the Middle East Prerequisite and Prospects
20 Mar 2007	Mr. Dennis Richardson, Australian Ambassador in the US	Our Vital Ties with the US
22 Mar 2007	Mr Mike Pezzullo, Deputy Secretary Strategy, Department of Defence	Australia's Involvement in Campaigns against Extremist Terrorism
11 Apr 2007	Mr Wu Xingzuo, China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations	International Non-Proliferation: Status Quo, Predicament and Way-Out
10 May 2007	Mr Ken Ward, one of Australia's foremost analysts on Indonesia	Indonesia: Prospects for the SBY Government
24 May 2007	Professor Robin Jeffrey, Director of Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, Australian National University	India at 60, 150 and a Turning Point
31 May 2007	Mr Paul O'Sullivan, Director General of ASIO	National Security
07 Jun 2007	Mr Bob Lowry	Timor-Leste: What Does the Future Hold?
21 Jun 2007	Mr John McFarlane	Transnational Crime: The Down-side of Globalisation

New South Wales

Date	Speaker	Topic
04 Jul 2006	Dr Bill Levantrosser, Professor Emeritus, Political Science, Hofstra University	The American War on Terrorism: An Interim Assessment
09 Jul 2006	Michael Mann, President RMIT International University Vietnam	Ringing the Changes in Vietnam - Through the Eyes of a Diplomat and Now Educator
13 Jul 2006	Greg Urwin, Secretary General of the South Pacific Forum	Recent Developments in the South Pacific Forum



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17 Jul 2006	Charteris Dinner with Bob Carr, Former Premier New South Wales	The Restless Giant: US Domestic Politics and Foreign Policy
25 Jul 2006	Dr Jo Lusi, Senator and orthopaedic surgeon, Democratic Republic of Congo	Healing the Congo: A Challenge for the International Community
03 Aug 2006	Dr Takashi Terada, Associate Professor, Waseda University of Asia Research Centre Senior Lecturer, Department Politics, National University of Singapore	Competition Between Japan and China and East Asia Regionalism
16 Aug 2006	Sidney Jones, South East Asia Project Director International Crisis Group	The Emergence of Do-it-Yourself Jihadism in Indonesia
17 Aug 2006	James Terrie, Research Associate at the Kofi Annan International Peace Keeping Centre (Accra Ghana)	Conflict in Africa and Future Peace Keeping
23 Aug 2006	Professor Ron McCallum, Dean of the Faculty of Law of the University of Sydney	How do the New Industrial Relations Reforms Compare with practices in other developed countries?
31 Aug 2006	Professor Victor Bulmer-Thomas OBE Director, Chatham House, Royal Institute of International Affairs	The Future of Europe
06 Sep 2006	Dr Sawon Hong, Regional Advisor on Child Protection for the East Asia and Pacific Region, UNICEF	Child Protection Child Trafficking and Violence Against Children
13 Sep 2006	Associate Professor Marcus Haward, Antarctic Climate & Ecosystems Cooperative Research Centre & University of Tasmania	Australia's Antarctic Agenda
20 Sep 2006	Phil C. W. Chan, Visiting Fellow, Asia-Pacific College of Diplomacy, The Australian National University	Human Rights and Trade in Australia-China Relations
27 Sep 2006	Mack Williams, AIA NSW President Former Ambassador Korea	Korea: Growing pains of a successfully emerging democracy presents challenges for the US Alliance and the way ahead on the Peninsula
10 Oct 2006	Professor Bruce Mapstone	Antartic: The Southern Ocean and Climate Change
25 Oct 2006	Mack Williams, President of AIA Branch Former Ambassador to Korea	ACCESS Korea
07 Nov 2006	Professor Ali Bardakoglu, President of the Religious Affairs Republic of Turkey	Islam and the World in Transition, Implications for Europe, Australia and the World Developments in Turkey
22 Nov 2006	Dr Brendan Nelson MP	Australia's Engagement and Deployment of Defence Personnel Overseas - from an International Perspective

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24 Nov 2006	Jacques Forster, Vice President International Committee of the Red Cross	Neutral Independent and Humanitarian Action
21 Feb 2007	Anthony Billingsley, Centre for Middle East and North African Studies, Macquarie University	ACCESS Event: Power in the Middle East
01 Mar 2007	Associate Professor Binh Tran-Nam, Australian Taxation Studies Program, University of New South Wales	Emerging Viet Nam: Is Australia Missing out on Opportunities?
08 Mar 2007	Mr Dennis J Richardson Australian Ambassador to the United States of America	The US has no better friend than Australia, An exploration of US-Australian issues
12 Mar 2007	Victoria Tauli-Corpuz	The UN Forum on Indigenous Issues
20 Mar 2007	Professor Michael Wesley, Griffith University	The Howard Paradox
27 Mar 2007	Rosalind Strong, President of UNIFEM Australia and Rosemary Derwin, UNIFEM Australia's Treasurer	United Nations Development and Gender
02 Apr 2007	Kim Howells MP	International Engagement:
11 Apr 2007	Geoff Miller AO, National Vice President, Australian Institute of International Affairs	Australia Japan Security Treaty
18 Apr 2007	Emeritus Professor Ivan Shearer, United Nations Human Rights Committee	ACCESS Event: International Law - What it means for International Relations today
23 Apr 2007	Ambassador Jose V. Romero, Jr. PhD	Globalisation and ASEAN Regional Arrangements
17 May 2007	Professor Jan Zielonka, Professor of European Politics and Ralf Dahrendorf Fellow, University of Oxford	Europe as Empire: 50 years after Treaty of Rome
21 May 2007	Roland Fletcher & Eleanor Bruce	Living with Heritage: Integrating time, place and culture for World Heritage conservation
23 May 2007	Dr MacGill, Senior Lecturer at the University of New South Wales and Research Coordinator at the University's Centre for Energy and Environmental Markets.	ACCESS EVENT: Is the future renewable? International and Australian perspectives on renewable energy
28 May 2007	Ian Dunlop, Fellow of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy	Climate Change and Peak Oil: Values and Policy for 21st Century
06 Jun 2007	Alan Burnett and Peter Sloane	The Power Politics of Energy
12 Jun 2007	Professor Van Coufoudakis	Mixing Oil and Water in the Easter Mediterranean
19 Jun 2007	Chris DeCure, Head APEC Taskforce, Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade	ACCESS Event: The Future of APEC



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Queensland

Date	Speaker	Topic
18 Jul 2006	Assoc Professor Richard Leaver	The Third Return of Energy Security: High Oil Prices and their International Implications
01 Aug 2006	Assoc Professor Clive Moore and Mr Sean Dorney	Learning from Experience: Australia and the Solomon Islands
08 Aug 2006	Ambassador Alexander Blokhin	Russian Foreign Policy with an Asian Focus
22 Aug 2006	Mr Reg Little	A Confucian-Daoist Millennium?
04 Sep 2006	Heindorff Memorial Lecture: Mr Paul Kelly	The Howard Legacy: Australia's Role in the World Ten Years on
05 Oct 2006	Mr Robert McClelland, Shadow Defence Minister	Foregoing the Gold Watch: Contemporary Workforce Trends and the Australian Defence Force
7 Nov 2006	Mr Jeremy Webb	Australia's Greenhouse Policy: Reactionary or Realistic?
21 Nov 2006	Dr Carl Ungerer	The War in Southern Lebanon: Who Won, Who Lost and Why?
04 Dec 2006	Professor James Cotton	Launch of the Australia in World Affairs Series- Trading on Alliance Security: Australia in World Affairs 2001-2005
13 Feb 2007	Dr Colin Kennard	A Report on a visit by AIIA Victoria to Turkey
27 Feb 2007	Emeritus Professor Martin Stuart-Fox	Cambodia Under Hun Sen, or the Subversion of Democracy
6 Mar 2007	His Excellency Mr Hassan Talat Nazer Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	Current Events in the Middle East from a Saudi Perspective
13 Mar 2007	Dr Carl Ungerer and Mr James O'Neill	9/11 Five Years on: What Happened, Why and How?
27 Mar 2007	Professor Michael Wesley	Launch of <i>The Howard Paradox: Australian Diplomacy in Asia 1996-2006</i>
04 Apr 2007	Dr Renee Worringer	Islam and the West: "Historical Antecedents to Contemporary Issues in the Middle East"
28 Apr 2007	Assoc Professor Nicholas O'Brien	The London Terrorist Attacks of July 2005
15 May 2007	Assoc Professor Julia Howell	Islam and Religious Pluralism in Indonesia: Recent Developments and Prospects
28 May 2007	Mr Rory Medcalf	Strategic Implications of India's Rise
12 Jun 2007	Ms Leigh Sales	Detainee 002: the Case of David Hicks

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South Australia

30 Jun 2006	Dr Greg French, Australian High Commissioner to Sri Lanka	Australia and Sri Lanka Post-Tsunami: Opportunities and Challenges
21 Jul 2006	Mr David McLeod, Australian/United States Appointed Foreign Attorney Consultant for David Hicks	Acting as a Foreign Attorney Consultant Before a Military Commission
14 Sep 2006	Mr Philip Green OAM, Australian High Commissioner to South Africa	The Current Situation in South Africa – A Briefing
18-19 Sep 2006	Dr Michael Herman, Nuffield College, Oxford, Prof. Mohamed Mustafa Ishak, Universiti Utara Malaysia & Lt Kol Ahmad Ghazali Abu Hassan, Associate Professor & Dean, Faculty of Defence Studies and Management, National Defence University, Kuala Lumpur, Drs Priambudi Sulistiyanto & Bradley Williams, National University of Singapore	Threat Perception in a Complex Environment: Intelligence-gathering in the Asia-Pacific' (International Conference, co-sponsored by School of History & Politics, University of Adelaide & The ARC Asia Pacific Futures Research Network)
21 Sep 2006	Mr Ian Melrose, Professor P. King, Dr Jim Elmslie & Mr Hugh Lunn	The Arc of Instability: East Timor – West Papua
04 Oct 2006	Mr Petro Georgiou MP	The Liberal Tradition
05 Oct 2006	Dr Gary Lin, Representative of Taiwan/ROC to Australia	The Democratization of Taiwan and Cross-Strait Relations
20 Oct 2006	Mr Antony Loewenstein, Journalist and Author	My Israel Question
23 Oct 2006	Professor P. King, University of Sydney and Dr Jim Elmslie, Author	The West Papuan Situation
12 Dec 2006	Associate Professor Tony Spawton, University of South Australia	The Politics of Wine
24 Feb 2007	Major Michael Mori (Defence Counsel), Senator Linda Kirk (SA), Jeffrey William Driver (Anglican Archbishop, Adelaide Diocese), Ahmed Azis Rafiq (Abu Ghraib detainee), Mr Chris Keating (Adelaide Justice and Peace Commission)	Forum 'David Hicks – Where to Now?'
19 Jun 2007	H.E. Mr N Murat Ersavci, Turkish Ambassador to Australia	Turkey's Contribution to Regional and Global Stability



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Tasmania

Date	Speaker	Topic
Jul 2006	Ted Wolfers, Advisor to the Bougainville Peace and Reconciliation Office	The Peace and Reconciliation Process in Bougainville
Dec 2006	Peter Boyce, Emeritus Professor University of Tasmania	Australia in World Affairs launch
Mar 2007	Professor Richard Ned Lebow, Dartmouth College	
Apr 2007	Deni Friawan, AusAID Australian Leadership Award Program Fellow	East Asian Regionalism
11 May 2007	Alexander Downer, MP, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade	Inaugural Sir James Plimsoll Lecture

Victoria

Date	Speaker	Topic
04 Jul 2006	Ellen Shipley, AusAID	The 2006 Whitepaper on Australia's Aid Program
06 Jul 2006	Professor Amin Saikal AM, Australian National University	"The Muslim World and the West: Favourable Changes on the Horizon"
11 Jul 2006	Dr. Adrian Little, University of Melbourne	The Third Way in Transition: Tony Blair, Gordon Brown and the Labour Government in the UK
18 Jul 2006	HE Mr. N. Murat Ersavci, Turkish Ambassador to Australia	Current Issues in Turkey and Developments in Turkey-Australia Relations
25 Jul 2006	HE Mr. Eddie Teo, High Commissioner of Singapore to Australia	Current issues in Singapore and Developments in Singapore-Australia Relations
27 Jul 2006	Associate Professor David Dorward, La Trobe University	Debt Forgiveness and its Impacts on Africa
1 Aug 2006	HE Mr. Michael Leir, High Commissioner of Canada to Australia	Current Issues in Canada and Developments in Canada-Australia Relations
15 Aug 2006	HE Dr. Ralph King, Australian Ambassador to Kuwait	Kuwait: Domestic Policy and Regional Security
17 Aug 2006	Ms Sidney Jones, International Crisis Group	Indonesia Forum: "The Emergence of Do-It-Yourself Jihadism in Indonesia"

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17 Aug 2006	Professor Victor Bulmer-Thomas OBE, Chatham House, London	Presented in conjunction with the Monash Institute for the Study of Global Movements and Asialink: "China's Peaceful Rise: Six Reasons for Concern"
18 Aug 2006	International Careers Conference	
22 Aug 2006	Professor Victor Bulmer-Thomas OBE, Director, Chatham House, London, The Royal Institute of International Affairs	Sir Zelman Cowen Oration Gala Dinner: Living with Two Mega-Powers: The World in 2020
25 Aug 2006	Mr Ron Anderson, Scotch College; Professor Joe Camilleri, Latrobe University; Dr Michael Fullilove, Lowy Institute	2006 VCE Seminar: Australia's Foreign Policy
29 Aug 2006	Mr Saul Eslake, ANZ Bank	The Emergence of Oil Producers as Net International Creditors: Possible Implications for the Global Financial System
30 Aug 2006		ACCESS Youth Network Launch
31 Aug 2006	HE Mr Pedro Raul Villagra-Delgado, Ambassador of the Argentine Republic to Australia	Current Issues in Argentina & Developments in Argentina-Australia Relations
07 Sep 2006	Mr Greg Sheridan, Foreign Editor, <i>The Australian</i>	The World According to Bush Series (Part 13): The Inside Story of the US-Australian Alliance under Bush and Howard"
14 Sep 2006	Dr Nick Bisley, Monash University	The Transformation of East Asian Regional Security: A NATO for the Asia-Pacific?
18 Sep 2006	Professor Anthony Cordesman, Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Washington DC	Update on Iran & the Middle East
19 Sep 2006	Professor Hugh White, Australian National University & Lowy Institute	The World According to Bush Series (Final): Five Strange Years: Summing up the Bush Doctrine and its Impact on Australia
25 Sep 2006	HE Mr Philip Green, Australian High Commissioner to South Africa	South Africa 12 Years After Apartheid
04 Oct 2006	Professor Tim Lindsay, University of Melbourne	Indonesia Forum on Death and Drugs, Bali and Bombs: Indonesia's Death Penalty, Judicial Reform and Bilateral Relations with Australia
10 Oct 2006	HE Mr Bruno Julien, Ambassador of the European Commission to Australia & New Zealand	Current Issues & Debates within the European Community
12 Oct 2006	Ms Susan Windybank, Centre for Independent Studies	China's Pacific Strategy: The Changing Geopolitics of Australia's 'Special Patch'



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14 Oct 2006	Dr David Wright-Neville, Monash University; Ms Elizabeth Hall, Haileybury College; Ms Anna-Louise Simpson, Mazenod College; Mr Grant McMurdo, Princes Hill Secondary College	VCE End of Year Revision Lecture
17 Oct 2006	Professor Richard Tanter, RMIT University	A Panel Discussion on Prospects for a New Beginning in Japan-China Relations
26 Oct 2006	Dr Morris Jones, Deakin University	China Forum: "Shenzhou: China's Human Spaceflight Program"
02 Nov 2006	Dr Paul Battersby, RMIT University	So Long Suwannaphum: Thailand and its Neighbours after the 19 September Coup
15 Nov 2006	Hon. Andrew Robb AO MP, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs	Australia and the New International Migration Flows
21 Nov 2006	Prof. Peter Sheehan, Victoria University	Adapting to the New Global Knowledge Economy: Some Policy Choices for Australia
29 Nov 2006	Dr Fethi Mansouri, Deakin University	Sixth Lecture in Middle East Series on Unlocking Australia's Relationship with the Middle East
06 Dec 2006	Dr Michael O'Keefe, La Trobe University	Grappling with the Problems of the Pacific
07 Dec 2006	ACCESS – AIIA Youth Network	2006: The World in Review
12 Dec 2006	Dr Charles Morrison, President, East-West Center, Honolulu	Challenges in US-Asia Relations
15 Dec 2006		AIIA Annual Christmas Lunch
19 Jan 2007	Mr M. Wahid Supriyadi, Consul General for Indonesia	ACCESS Speaker Series on Australia – Indonesia Relations"
31 Jan 2007	Mr Brendan Ross, Oxfam and Mr Abdelhadi Matar, refugee	Seeking an End to the Suffering of Darfur
7 Feb 2007	Professor Joe Siracusa, RMIT University	The New Nuclear Threat
14 Feb 2007	Professor Abdullah Saeed, University of Melbourne	Islam: What it's Really All About
20 Feb 2007	Dr Zachary Abuza, Simmons College – Boston	On the Trail of Militant Islam in South-East Asia
28 Feb 2007	Professor John McKay, President, AIIA Victoria	Is Peace Possible on the Korean Peninsula?
06 Mar 2007	Ms Pamela Bone, Columnist and Author	What in the World is Going On?
14 Mar 2007	Dr Suzette Mitchell, Executive Director, International Women's Development Agency	Why the Global Landmine Scourge Hurts Women Most of All

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19 Mar 2007	HE Mr Dennis Richardson, Australia's Ambassador to Washington	Global Business Prospects Series on Our Vital Ties with the US
21 Mar 2007	HE Mr Robert Tyson, Ambassador to Moscow	Solving the Riddle that is Russia
26 Mar 2007	Mr Andrew MacLeod, UN Emergency Operations Chief – Pakistan	Responding to Disaster
27 Mar 2007	HE Mr Cho Chang-Beom, Ambassador for the Republic of Korea	What Next for the Korean Peninsula?
29 Mar 2007	Mr Derek Scott, Haileybury College; Professor Damien Kingsbury, Deakin University; Professor John Langmore, University of Melbourne	VCE Seminar 1 – “Globalisation & Internationalism
04 Apr 2007	Dr Morris Jones, Space Analyst and Journalist	High Noon on the Last Frontier
11 Apr 2007	Professor Michael Wesley, Griffith University	Book Launch: “The Howard Paradox: Australian Diplomacy in Asia 1996 – 2006”
16 Apr 2007	Ambassador Jiang Chengzong, China Institute of International Studies; Dr Hank Lim, Singapore Institute of International Affairs; Ms Luan Thuy Duong, Vietnam Institute of International Relations	The Future of APEC, An AIIA Special Event”
24 Apr 2007	Mr Richard Tanter, Director, RMIT's Nautilus Institute	Why Our New Security Pact with Japan is a Worry”
02 May 2007	Professor Mirko Bagaric, Deakin University	The Global Search for Happiness
08 May 2007	Dr Worawit Baru, Assistant Professor, Prince of Songkla University	Crisis in Southern Thailand – is Reconciliation Possible?
10 May 2007	HE Mr Indulis Berzins, Ambassador of Latvia	A Post-Cold War Success Story
16 May 2007	Professor Damien Kingsbury, Deakin University	East Timor Votes for its Future
17 May 2007	HE Mr Prabhat Prakash Shukla, High Commissioner of India	Global Business Prospects Series on Boom Times for India
23 May 2007	Dr Pradeep Taneja, University of Melbourne	Two Asian Giants Take Each Other's Measure
24 May 2007	Professor David Wright-Neville, Monash University	VCE Seminar 2 on Global Conflicts
29 May 2007	Dr Peter Christoff, University of Melbourne	Facing up to Climate Change
05 Jun 2007	Professor John Langmore, University of Melbourne	Challenges and Changes at the UN



2006-7 Schedule of Events

12 Jun 2007	Dr Riadh Al-Mahaidi, President – Australia Iraqi Forum Dr Sally Totman, Deakin University	Book Talk with Readings on Imperial Life in the Emerald City: Inside Iraq's Green Zone by Rajiv Chandrasekaran
20 Jun 2007	Professor Ian Copland, Monash University	The Making of Modern India – how religion and politics have moulded the world's most populous democracy
26 Jun 2007	Dr Richard Feinberg, University of California	How the US Views Asia Today

Western Australia

Date	Speaker	Subject
25 Jul 2006	Professor Garry Rodan, Murdoch University	State Corporatisation in Singapore
22 Aug 2006	Ross Burns, former Australian Ambassador	The current situation in the Middle East
26 Sep 2006	John Lake	The Fulbright Scheme's contribution to International Understanding
4 Oct 2006	HE Mr Hideaki Ueda, Ambassador of Japan	Lunch : Current Challenges in Japanese Foreign Policy
24 Oct 2006	Michael Ahrens, Australian President, Transparency International	Transparency International's contribution to sound international relations
5 Dec 2006	Ms Shelagh Magadza, Director-Designate, Perth International Arts festival	The arts as a factor in international relations
Feb 2007	Ms Maria Kuczborska	Poland Update
14 Mar 2007	Ambassador Dennis Richardson, Australian Ambassador in Washington	Australian interests in the USA today
27 Mar 2007	Phillip Allars, DFAT State Director in WA	What is going on in the South Pacific?
18 Apr 2007	HE Mr Cho Chang-Beom, Ambassador of Korea	Round table lunch discussion at Parliament House
24 Apr 2007	Ms Puspa Delima Amri, Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Indonesia	Regionalism in SE Asia
15 May 2007	The Hon Kim Beazley MP	After Iraq?
16 May 2007	Schools International Careers Night	
19 Jun 2007	Film Night "Control Room" – Al Jazeera Newsagency and the Iraq War	Followed by panel discussion with Karen Brown, John McIlwraith and Sue Boyd

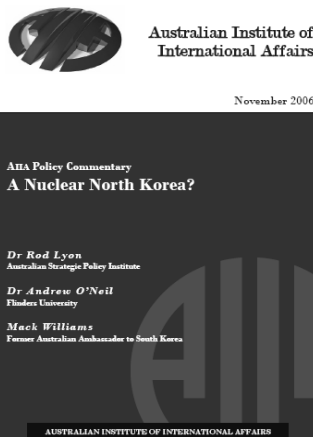
Research Chair's Report



The year 2007 saw the continued development of the AIIA's research activities, in line with the AIIA's roles as a driver of ideas and a forcing house for informed consideration of international issues, and as a documenter of Australia's role in international affairs.

In late 2006, the AIIA co-hosted a workshop on Australia's energy security with the Australian Centre for Homeland Security. Speakers included Foreign Minister Alexander Downer and Opposition Energy Spokesman Martin Ferguson. The workshop has resulted in a special issue of the *International Journal of Global Energy Issues*.

This year the AIIA published two policy commentaries. The latest Policy Commentary, entitled 'A Nuclear North Korea?', is a valuable contribution to the debate on North Korea's recent nuclear test. It brings together key resources to examine these issues, including official statements from North Korea and Australia, UN Security Council Resolution 1718 and three commentaries by leading experts who have closely followed developments on the Korean peninsula and who offer fresh and convincing answers to the most pressing questions arising following North Korea's test: Rod Lyon of the Australian Strategic Policy Institute, Andrew O'Neil of Flinders University, and the former Australian ambassador to South



Korea Mack Williams.

The AIIA Policy Commentary of July 2006 on Australia's White Paper on Foreign Aid includes the speech given by the Hon Alexander Downer MP, Minister of Foreign Affairs, at the launch of the Australian Aid White Paper and two commentary articles by Dr Robert Glasser, Chief Executive of CARE Australia and Toby Carroll and Shahar Hameiri, experts from the Asia Research Centre at Murdoch University.



Recent AIIA materials available online at www.aiia.asn.au include:

- Proceedings of Energy Security Symposium, also to be published in a special issue of the *International Journal of Global Energy Issues*;
- Proceedings of the 2006 National President's Forum on *Australia and the South Pacific: Roles and Responsibilities* ;
- Proceedings of the 2007 National President's Forum on *Indonesia – from Neighbour to Partner?*.

Historical publications are available through a partnership with ProQuest at www.aiia.asn.au

New proposals include a book series currently under negotiation with a major Australian University Press.

Professor Michael Wesley
Research Committee Chair



AJIA Editor's Report



The *Australian Journal of International Affairs* is the journal of the Australian Institute of International Affairs published in conjunction with Routledge Taylor & Francis.

In 2006-7 the Journal continued to publish cutting-edge articles and commentaries on contemporary interna-

tional relations issues. Its Impact Factor score of 0.489 (compared to 0.413 in 2005), placed it 28th in the International Relations category and provided a solid foundation for further improvement in overall international rankings. Selections included articles and commentaries from such leading analysts in the field as Richard Rosecrance (Harvard University), Chung Min Lee (National University of Singapore), Rizal Sukma (CSIS, Indonesia), and Paul Dibb (the Australian National University). Younger Australian scholars and analysts (especially at the postgraduate level) were especially encouraged to submit articles to the AJIA as well.

A special issue on Australia-Japan relations appeared in the December 2006 edition, marking the 30th anniversary of the Australia-Japan Basic Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation (often referred to as the NARA Treaty). The foreign ministers of both countries contributed articles for this edition. A piece authored by Yuan Peng, Deputy Director, Institute of American Studies at the China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations, Beijing, represented an inaugural effort by the Journal and the Institute to translate and edit definitive Chinese thinking on key foreign policy issues that have been previously published only in China. In return, the China Institute for Contemporary International Relations (CICIR) – one of the most prestigious think tanks in the PRC – published an article in Chinese that originally ap-

peared in the AJIA in 2005, written by Hugh White evaluating Sino-Australian relations.

Other assessments underscored the increasing diversity of the Journal's content, including articles on global environment, UN reform, Central Asia and Turkey, aid

politics, Australian strategic and defence postures, international public health, free trade problems, politics of the Antarctic and international terrorism. Theoretical pieces on the nature of empires and the evolution of civil society in a post-9/11 context also found their place within the Journal's annual content. The rich and varied recipe of analysis on major issues of our time underscored the special contribution the Journal makes to the overall international relations debate.

At the end of June 2006, I stepped down from the editorship of the Journal after a six-year stint. Marylouise Hickey also resigned as Managing Editor and Leonard Seabrooke relinquished his position as Review Editor. The Journal's managerial venue shifted from the Australian National University to Griffith University under the leadership of Professor Michael Wesley who assumed the Editor's position. Professor Wesley was previously Chair of the Institute's Research committee and is well equipped to guide the Journal's continued development as one of the most prestigious publications of its kind. For further information on *AJIA* and for details on how to submit a paper, please visit www.informaworld.com/CAJI

Professor Bill Tow
Editor, Australian Journal of International Affairs



Publications



Australia in World Affairs

In December 2006 The Australian Institute of International Affairs (AIIA) launched *Trading on Alliance Security* – the latest book in its ongoing series *Australia in World Affairs* currently published by Oxford University Press.

Starting in 1950, the series provides a definitive record of Australian foreign policy. The current edition has been prepared by James Cotton, Professor of Politics at the University of New South Wales at the Australian Defence Force Academy, and John Ravenhill, Professor in the Department of International Relations at the Australian National University. Authors include some of Australia's leading foreign policy commentators, including Hugh White, Michael Wesley and Anthony Bubalo.

Trading on Alliance Security charts the Howard government's response to a particularly demanding external environment from 2001 to 2005, in an era when foreign policy issues had a significant impact on domestic electoral politics: instability in the Pacific, the rise of China, preferential trade agreements, an altered security agenda and new global regimes.

This key text provides timely and comprehensive coverage of Australia's relations with the world, including China, Japan, Southeast Asia, the South Pacific states, Europe, the Middle East and especially the United States. It also contains chapters on terrorism, the global economy, environment, human

rights and intelligence. The Canberra Times praises the book as "an unambiguous triumph of Australian scholarship and research." In the words of the publisher of The Diplomat magazine, the book "is fantastic: a ripper of a read; riveting from beginning to end."

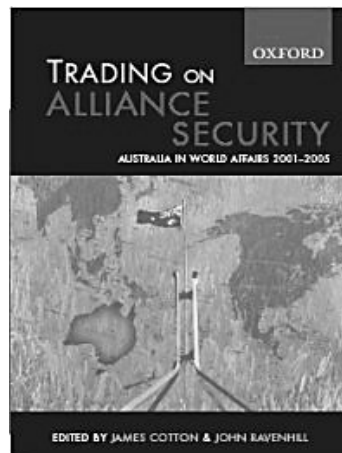
To commemorate the important historical series, the AIIA also launched a CD-ROM covering Australia in World Affairs from 1950 to 2000. Nine volumes of 3,500 pages are now available in searchable pdf format, providing an invaluable resource for those interested in Australia's turbulent foreign policy between 1950 and 2000. Copies are available through AIIA National Office www.aiaa.asn.au

Library

The AIIA maintains libraries in Canberra, Sydney and Melbourne for use by its members and to support the needs of the institute. The National Office library is a small, specialized library with holdings in the areas of international affairs and foreign relations. It is available for reference to all AIIA members and other interested persons by arrangement.

Recent renovations have improved access to the Casey collection at the National Office. Volunteer librarians Ann Wellburn, Pamela Harris, and Hugh Malcolm continue to give their time to maintain and improve the library. A formal collections policy has been approved by the Research Chair, the collection is being reviewed and duplicate and surplus books are being made available to members. National Office secured in-kind sponsorship from freight company DHL to deliver unneeded books to our sister institutes in Kenya, Pakistan and Bangladesh.

Last year we were saddened to hear of the passing of Philip McElligott, AIIA National Director from 1982-1987. We are grateful for the donation of his international relations collection to the AIIA library by the McElligott family.





Education



George Negus at the AIIA VIC International Careers Conference 2006

The AIIA seeks to educate the community on international issues through a range of projects.

ACCESS is the youth network of the AIIA, located in Victoria, New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory. Combining the benefits of a professional association and a social club, ACCESS fuses social and professional objectives of the growing number of students and young professionals in their 20s and 30s seeking international careers.

To meet this demand, WA, VIC and NSW Branches also held careers fairs for high school and university students attracting over 450 students.

For a number of years AIIA Victoria has collaborated with teacher organisations and individual schools to organise events of particular relevance to students undertaking the Victorian Year 12 program in International Politics. Individual students and some larger school groups attend some of the talks in the regular program that are particularly relevant to the syllabus, but in addition a number of special events are held regularly.

Most important is the series of four lectures held at appropriate times during the year covering the four major themes in the syllabus:

- Globalisation and internationalism, and the key ideas and meanings associated with the concepts globalisation and internationalism.
- Global conflicts and the causes and nature of armed conflicts in the post-Cold War period, including global terrorism.
- Power in the Asia Pacific Region, the nature of differing interpretation of national interest, types and forms of power and the main policy instruments used to try to achieve differing objectives of the national interest (diplomacy, trade, military power, propaganda, domestic pressure).
- Australian Foreign Policy, the historical background to Australian foreign policy, the issue of security and alliance relationships, the economic dimensions of foreign policy and the role of internationalism in Australian foreign policy.

Thanks to the generous support of the ABC these talks are held in the Iwaki Auditorium at Southbank, and normally attract a capacity audience of 350 students. In addition, a half-day revision lecture is held just before the examination period at which academic experts and teachers give summaries of some major issues around each of the four components. In October 2006 this event was so popular that it had to be held twice in the largest lecture theatre available at Melbourne University.

The Year 12 syllabus is a new one, and many teachers still have some problems in assembling a wide enough range of resources for students. In order to support teachers AIIA is putting together a CD-Rom of relevant papers from recent issues of the *Australian Journal of International Affairs*.

Partnerships



Participants at the APEC Second Track Dialogue held in Melbourne, April 2007



AIIA Vice-President Geoff Miller signing an agreement with the New Zealand Institute of International Affairs

The AIIA maintains close relations with Australian organisations dealing with international affairs, and seeks to collaborate with its sister institutions and other organisations overseas. By maintaining close relationships, the AIIA can assure an international and critical view on current affairs, expand its knowledge and project Australia's international image. The AIIA collaborates with a range of academic and policy institutions in organizing events, producing publications and sharing knowledge. The AIIA recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the New Zealand Institute of International Affairs (NZIIA), giving members the benefit of attending the events of the NZIIA while in New Zealand.

APEC Second Track Leadership Development Program

In April 2007 the AIIA hosted the APEC Second Track Leadership Development Program. With the support of AusAID and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the program brought together experts from institutes throughout the APEC region under the Australian Leadership Awards initiative. Invited Fellows attended a week of leadership development and capacity building in Canberra, followed by a week of dialogue in Melbourne. The program culminated with all involved attending the Official 2007 APEC Study Centres Conference.

Attending fellows represented the China National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation, China Institute of Contemporary International Relations, China Institute for International Studies, Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Institute of National Affairs in Papua New Guinea, Philippine Council for Foreign Relations, Institute of International Relations (Vietnam), Foreign Trade University (Vietnam), Department of Economics, University of Brunei, Singapore Institute of International Affairs, and the New Zealand Institute of International Affairs.

The APEC Second Track Leadership Development Program aimed to:

- Build capacity among current and emerging leaders in international relations;
- Strengthen and foster international ties among counterpart institutes of international affairs in the region; and
- Contribute to progress on key regional policy issues through the current areas of focus for APEC.



Partnerships

The Australian Institute of International Affairs was pleased to work with the following organisations:

Organisations

Amnesty International
AsiaLink
Asia Society AustralAsia Centre
Associations Forum
Australia Israel Jewish Affairs Council
Australian American Association
Australian-American Fulbright Commission
Australian Davos Connection
Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Australian Homeland Security Research Centre
Australian Institute of Professional Intelligence Officers
Chamber of Commerce and Industry WA
CITSA (Council for International Trade & Commerce SA Inc)
International Law Association Australia
KPMG
Lowy Institute of International Policy
Readings Booksellers
Social Education Victoria
Taylor & Francis
The Diplomat
Oxford University Press
United Nations Association Australia

Government

ACT Office of Multicultural Affairs
AusAID
Austrade
Defence Science and Technology Organisation
Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet
Queensland Department of Premier & Cabinet

Universities

Asia Pacific College of Diplomacy, ANU
The Australian National University
Australian APEC Study Centre, Monash University
Centre for the Study of Muslim States and Societies, University of Western Australia



Melissa Conley Tyler, AIIA National Executive Director, with the UNIC Director of the United Nations Information centre, Mr Mbamba

Fletcher School Club in Australia
Griffith University
Monash Institute for the Study of Global Movements
University of Adelaide Careers Service
University of Adelaide, School of History & Politics
University of Queensland
University of South Australia, School of Marketing & School of International Studies
University of Sydney
University of Tasmania School of Government

International

Consulate-General of Japan in Perth
Hyogo Prefecture Government Cultural Centre
New Zealand Institute of International Affairs
Singapore Institute of International Affairs
South African Institute of International Affairs
Taipei Economic and Cultural Office
United Nations Information Centre for Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific
United Nations Youth Association
UNICEF
US Consulate in Perth

Honorary Treasurer's Report



The Australian Institute of International Affairs is a national body representing over 1600 members through a series of affiliated independent branches.

of the Nygh family and the Attorney General's Department. Governance is by a board comprising members of the Nygh Family, the International Law Association (Australia Branch) and the AIIA.

The Institute is also supported each year by gifts received under its DGR recipient tax status each year such as the contributions by the Nygh family. The National Executive, without limiting its discretion for how the gift may be applied, takes serious consideration of donor preferences for these funds or goods which leads to funds being provided to the various state branches. The AIIA is a registered gift charity for fundraising purposes, and has income tax exemption.

The Institute presently has three primary sources of revenue at the national level: revenues from Stephen House, an annual subvention from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and royalties plus contributions from *the Australian Journal of International Affairs*.

Primary operational expenses are those required to publish the Journal including editorial and contributor costs, support of the National Executive and Research Board plus costs of running a National Office and employing a National Executive Director. The other major outgoing costs are the Stephen House management and maintenance costs plus capital expenditure from time to time such as the renewal of the air conditioning systems being progressively undertaken at present.

In conclusion, the AIIA is in a sound position operationally with a strong financial position which should enable the National Executive to implement well founded development plans in future. The body is well served presently by the National Executive Director Melissa Conley Tyler who has managed within tight financial constraints to increase the AIIA's activity and future prospects.

The Institute has been fortunate to run a neutral overall operating result over the last few years due to a focus on the executive office expense position.

Ian Thomson
Honorary Treasurer

The Institute is financially secure due to its ownership of Stephen House in Deakin, ACT, valued conservatively at \$1.95 million used as security against a loan of \$209,660. The nature of this investment and ability to meet debt obligations are under ongoing consideration by the National Executive.

The AIIA also manages the Nygh Fund to provide support for internships with the Hague Conference for Private International Law. The fund awarded its first scholarship this year. This fund has an investment value of \$220,640 following gifts by members



Consolidated Accounts

	National	National	ACT	ACT	NSW	NSW	QLD	QLD
	2005/6	2006/7	2005/6	2006/7	2005/6	2006/7	2005/6	2006/7
Members (June each year)			203	267	403	440	82	97
Membership Receipts	0	0	20,259	12,585	44,378	50,523	7,545	4,495
Function Receipts	13,000	11,960	3,724	8,304	41,133	25,655	1,419	15,376
Rent	152,073	226,525						
Publications	79,813	66,025						649
Capitation Fees	17,286	20,637						
Grants & Donations	71,000	188,998			5,000	600	29	0
Interest Income	4,535	3,582	105	101	2,129	2,240	215	308
Other	55,892	72,710			4,209	1,493	141	293
Total Revenue	393,599	590,437	24,088	20,990	96,849	80,511	9,348	21,121
Employee Expenses	28,336	41,958	7,060	7,193	25,700	31,368		
Rental					1,000	1,000	715	660
Capitation Fees			3,677	3,267	6,063	7,024	1,550	1,872
Publications	64,415	75,309					591	25
Property Expenses	156,474	210,615			8,388	10,317	2,957	1,213
Other Operating Expenses	49,006	189,422	3,582	8,150	49,100	39,966	2,389	16,077
Interest Expense	481	775	1,312	30	1,263	1,320	122	206
Movement in Provisions	1,065	3,735						
Depreciation & Amortisation	2,070	2,776			2,095	1,982		
Total Expenses	301,847	524,590	15,631	18,640	93,609	92,977	8,323	20,054
Net Profit/(Loss)	91,752	65,847	8,457	2,350	3,240	-12,466	1,025	1,067
Nygh Scholarship Fund	155,462	220,640						
Cash at Bank	154,791	110,283	16,335	18,685	64,031	41,080	4,182	5,249
Debtors	14,455	31,044			1,564		6,000	6,000
Furniture, Fittings & Equipment					24,585	29,098		
Library								
Property	1,296,692	1,327,863						
Total Assets	1,465,938	1,469,189	16,335	18,685	90,180	70,178	10,182	11,249
Loans	231,037	208,742			21,797	11,381		
Creditors	81,649				3,877	6,757		
Other Liabilities								
Total Liabilities	312,686	208,742	0	0	25,674	18,138	0	0
Member Equity	\$1,153,252	\$1,260,447	\$16,335	\$18,685	\$64,506	\$52,040	\$10,182	\$11,249

Year Ending 30 June 2007



SA	SA	TAS	TAS	VIC	VIC	WA	WA	Consoli- dated	Consoli- dated
2005/6	2006/7	2005/6	2006/7	2005/6	2006/7	2005/6	2006/7	2005/6	2006/7
48	49	27	28	624	604	131	130	1,518	1,615
2,110	1,935	1,063	1,605	33,982	43,192	9,074	8,580	118,411	122,915
	805	3,860	135	140,380	106,567	2,635	7,104	206,151	175,906
				31,087	33,143			183,160	259,668
		0	50					79,813	66,724
								17,286	20,637
				13,464	26,062	0	142	89,493	215,802
842	678	18	27	4,568	5,307	2	11	12,413	12,254
		0		2,860	-425	0	255	63,102	74,326
2,952	3,417	4,941	1,817	226,341	213,846	11,711	16,092	769,829	948,231
				45,947	45,660	0	4,611	107,043	130,790
						650		2,365	1,660
445	495		330	5,632	6,782	810	1,518	18,177	21,288
								65,006	75,334
				19,602	15,450			187,421	237,595
612	1,859	3,314	296	129,494	78,881	1,199	9,908	238,696	344,559
2	48				0	0	75	3,180	2,454
						2,800		3,865	3,735
				4,689	5,265	0		8,854	10,023
1,059	2,402	3,314	626	205,364	152,038	5,459	16,112	634,607	827,438
1,892	1,016	1,627	1,191	20,977	61,808	6,252	-20	135,222	120,793
22,403	23,419	4,720	5,911	135,506	192,357	9,175	12,289	411,144	409,273
		5		12,230	8,877		77	34,254	45,998
				17,080	16,083			41,665	45,181
				64	58			64	58
				1,014,513	1,013,593			2,311,205	2,341,456
22,403	23,419	4,725	5,911	1,179,393	1,230,968	9,175	12,366	2,798,332	2,841,965
								252,834	220,123
				6,679	4,996			92,205	11,753
				10,242	1,692			10,242	1,692
0	0	0	0	16,921	6,688	0	0	355,281	233,568
\$22,403	\$23,419	\$4,725	\$5,911	\$1,162,472	\$1,224,280	\$9,175	\$12,366	2,443,051	2,608,397



Australian Capital Territory



Former Shadow Foreign Affairs Minister, the Hon Kevin Rudd, MP

The Canberra Branch has enjoyed another successful year. Taking full advantage of our location in the National Capital we had speakers for 25 meetings, including a number from the Diplomatic Corps.

In October His Excellency Hernani Da Silva, the Ambassador for East Timor, provided an interesting and informative address on the difficulties his nation has experienced on the road to independence. This was complemented later in the year by one of our own members, Bob Lowry, who spoke in June on ‘Timor-Leste: What Does the Future Hold?’

February saw a challenging presentation from the Head of the General Delegation of Palestine to Australia, Mr Izzat Abdulhadi who outlined his view of the conditions that must be met for a lasting peace in the Middle East. In March the Australian Ambassador to the United States, Dennis Richardson, spoke on the need to sustain and expand our relationship with that country.

International terrorism and security is a recurring topic in these times and in this regard the branch was extremely fortunate to secure one of the world’s leading authorities on terrorism in our region, Dr Sidney Jones of the International Crisis Group. Dr

Jones has an encyclopaedic knowledge of terrorist movements in Indonesia and the Philippines and especially into the workings of Jemaah Islamiyah. Her lecture was well attended with a lively question-and-answer session following.

Other speakers who examined this theme during the year included the Director of the Australian Strategic Policy Unit, Major General Peter Abigail, Dr Kit Collier of the ANU and the Director General of ASIO, Paul O’Sullivan. It was a subject also touched upon by the then Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Kevin Rudd in September, a few weeks before he was elevated to Leader of the Opposition.

Our popular series of lectures by former Secretaries of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade was completed in November and the branch is negotiating to have them published in booklet form.

The branch now has a youth arm, called ACCESS, aimed at encouraging interest and debate on international affairs among students and young workers. ACCESS has a separate committee with its chair holding a place on the Branch’s council.

We are in a healthy state with members looking forward to another active year during 2007-08.

Peter Hendy
President, ACT Branch



New South Wales



The past year has been an eventful one for the NSW Branch of the AIA. We have expanded our membership and stepped up our various programs which has opened up further interesting opportunities for the year ahead. The year has also seen a much more active National Office with which NSW Branch has participated very positively.

A highlight for our Branch was the Official Reception which the Governor Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO, who is our Visitor, so generously hosted at Government House at which the Rev. Tim Costello spoke of the need for more compassion in Australia's international policies. Another was the annual Charteris Dinner at which the former NSW Premier, Mr. Bob Carr, provided an exceptionally well-informed survey of the contemporary political scene in the United States. A further feature was the annual International Careers Conference which attracted an impressive audience of younger people interested in pursuing a career overseas.

All of this was in addition to our normal series of weekly speakers at The Glover Cottages. These covered a wide variety of topics from global issues such as climate change and international trade to the more specific country based issues. We also ran a series of presentations on the relationship between India and China – the two emerging powers in our region. We were honoured by the Minister of Defence, Dr. Brendan Nelson, who spoke about Australia's international defence policies. We have also sought this year to work more closely with others in mounting joint events. Good examples included an evening with the Latin American Consular Corps, the Australia Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and a presentation by the British Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Kim Howells with the British Consulate General.

We have continued our efforts to work in outreach areas through arranging speakers and courses for the WEA and the Centre for Continuing Education at The University of Sydney. I should like to record my



NSW Branch President Mack Williams, former NSW Premier Bob Carr and wife Helena, and NSW Executive Officer Louisa Graham

sincere appreciation for the support of the colleagues on Council without which we could not have made the progress outlined above. I would also like to pay special tribute to the contributions which Ian Thomson, Honorary Treasurer, and Louisa Graham, Executive Director, made for so many years to build and promote the Branch's activities. We have been most fortunate that Alan Burnett agreed to join us on Council and pick up the challenging responsibility of Honorary Treasurer. I would also like to acknowledge the invaluable support we have received from the growing number of interns who have given their time and energy to us this year. We are now extremely well-placed to look to the challenges ahead.

Among the potential new areas of activity the Council will be considering soon are outreach programs to high schools, special overseas visits for Members, linkages to a bookshop for regular launches/reviews of books of international affairs and more use of The Glover Cottages by other organisations on a fee basis. As we move towards the new National AIA website we will be hoping for significant improvement in communications and general administration.

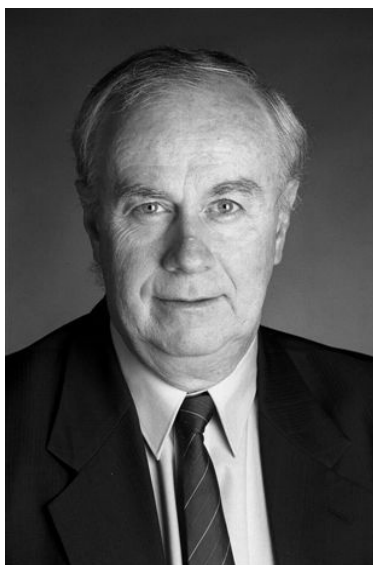
Mack Williams
President, New South Wales Branch



Queensland

The QLD Branch of the AIIA hosted 19 meetings in the year 2006-2007. The theme 'Islam and the West: Bridging the Divide' provided focus for several lectures including historical antecedents to contemporary issues in the Middle East, religious pluralism in Indonesia and encountering Syariah Law. Other topics included the London terrorist attacks, homeland security, strategic implications of India's rise and the subversion of democracy in Cambodia. The address by Leigh Sales on the David Hicks case proved a popular forum for discussion. The Queensland Branch was pleased to welcome the then Shadow Minister for Defence Mr Robert McClelland and the Saudi Ambassador to Australia.

Two book launches were included in the programme: *Australia in World Affairs* with editor Professor James Cotton and Professor Michael Wesley's book *The Howard Paradox: Australian Diplomacy in Asia 1996-2006* held in conjunction with the Griffith Asia Institute. The ongoing difficulty of finding specialist speakers necessitates the Branch inviting speakers from interstate: this year we had speakers from the Lowy Institute, Australian Strategic Policy Institute, ABC and Charles Sturt University.



Heindorff 2006 Memorial Lecture by Mr Paul Kelly

The Heindorff Memorial Lecture continues to fulfill the aim of broadening the reach of AIIA Queensland. The speaker for the 2006 Lecture was Mr Paul Kelly, Editor-at-Large for *The Australian* and one of Australia's most distinguished political commentators and journalists. His topic was *The Howard Legacy: Australia's Role in the World*

Ten Years on. Paul Kelly delivered an outstanding address with his rigorous analysis of the subject. His acute observations of the legacy of Prime Minister John Howard and Australia's role in the world particularly in Asia and the relationship with the US were balanced, comprehensive and focused. The lecture was well attended with two hundred members and guests at the Tattersall's Club. The Branch was pleased with the number of students in attendance.

In June 2007, the application to the Government Office Accommodation Unit to move to the ground floor with increased space at Harris Terrace was approved. The Branch anticipates moving in October/November and is grateful to the Queensland Government for this generous allocation. The Queensland Branch continues to enjoy the support of Griffith University and the University of Queensland. In addition, a close association with the Griffith Asia Institute has provided members with the opportunity to attend their excellent lectures and events. Members have also attended lectures at the QUT Faculty of Law. The Queensland Branch would like to acknowledge and thank The Hon Mr Bill Hayden AC who has been our Patron for the past three years.

As of June 30, membership stood at 147 with a large increase in student membership. Council agreed to subsidise the Journal and The Diplomat for students. In 2007, Council was delighted to welcome Mr Richard Palk, Director, Queensland State Office, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade as an ex-officio member. Our core activity continues to be the monthly speakers' programme as AIIA Queensland provides a forum for informed debate within the community. The ongoing operations of the Queensland Branch requires a dedicated Council and supportive members. Increased community involvement is a challenge especially engaging younger members in the activities of The Branch. Interaction with secondary schools will commence in 2008.

Veronika Butta
President, Queensland Branch

South Australia



The past year has seen a number of changes in the shape and scope of our activities as a branch. Most pleasing has been the marked success of our efforts in staging larger and higher-profile events. Our forum *David Hicks – Where to Now?* with community leaders together with Major Dan Mori was our largest gathering in many a year, with 200 people attending the session, and probably the same number having to be turned away. The forum led to a considerable spurt of interest in our Branch. The session demonstrated to all those present that our Branch has the ability to provide a significant platform for the discussion of key issues in current affairs.

A significant international conference on Intelligence Analysis in the Asia-Pacific (financially supported by the School of History and Politics, University of Adelaide, and a grant won by the organisers from the Australian Research Council's Asia Pacific Futures Research Network) was a pioneering effort at a national level. The event attracted academics and practitioners from the UK, Singapore and Malaysia, as well as participants coming from a number of state and federal government organisations from South Australia, Victoria, the ACT and NSW. A second conference will be held in 2007-2008.

Our visitors have provided a range of important themes for us to contemplate, including East Timor, West Papua, South Africa, Turkey, Sri Lanka, the Republic of China and Israel, as well as a 'Christmas Cracker' of an end-of-year talk by Associate Professor Tony Spawton of the University of South Australia on the Politics of Wine. It is planned that the coming year will provide a renewed programme and emphasis on our regular Chatham House Rule-based talks in order to insure that members have not only the high-profile events (so important to the Institute's image at State and National levels), but also the bread-and-butter fare of exposure to a mix of themes, as we have enjoyed in past years.

One further development is the introduction of an internship scheme to our Branch. Ms Niina Hakkorpi



Assoc. Prof. Felix Patrikeeff (President of the South Australian Branch) with invited guest speakers Prof. Mohamed Mustafa Ishak & Lt Kol Ahmad Ghazali Abu Hassan from Malaysia

was attached to us (and generously provided facilities by the School of History and Politics, University of Adelaide). In the course of her stay with us, Niina generated an Institute-backed Careers evening in July, briefing a large group of students on the relevance and value of knowledge of international affairs to their careers. A sincere thank-you is due also to the University's Careers Services division, and its Manager, Ms Susan Hervey, for her work in making this event happen. Since this Careers Information Night, we have taken the Internships a little further, with two students, Messrs Sean Langcake and Jamie Milton currently working with us as part of a School of History & Politics/AIIA joint internship. Sean and Jamie will be producing a website/presence for our annual conference and other initiatives in the area of Intelligence/Security Studies.

Finally, I'd like to acknowledge the hard work carried out by members of the Branch's Committee. In particular, I would very much like to single out the tireless and crucial work carried out by Rosemary McKay: may she continue to devote her boundless energy and endless enthusiasm to our Institute for many years to come.

Associate Professor Felix Patrikeeff
President, South Australia Branch



Tasmania



2007 Plimsoll Lecture

The past year has been another of modest activity with the highlight undoubtedly the Inaugural Sir James Plimsoll Lecture in May.

The Executive of the Branch has quite deliberately limited its ambition to seizing opportunities for events as they arise, as we can

not necessarily count upon a large turnout for any event, and we are therefore modest in our ambition. Nevertheless, we have mounted a number of useful events that have helped place international affairs before the community.

In July 2006 we hosted a seminar on the peace and reconciliation process in Bougainville by Professor Ted Wolfers, Advisor to the Bougainville Peace and Reconciliation Office. In December, Professor Peter Boyce (Emeritus, University of Tasmania) launched the Australia in World Affairs volume and series CD on behalf of AIIA (Tas) at the Department of Foreign Affairs (Hobart office), 111 Macquarie St.

In March 2007 the Branch hosted a seminar by Professor Richard Ned Lebow (Dartmouth College), co-sponsored by the School of Government, University of Tasmania. And in April we hosted a roundtable on East Asian Regionalism featuring Deni Friawan, a researcher in the Department of Economics at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS). Mr Friawan was a visiting Fellow under AusAID's Australian Leadership Award program, as part of the APEC Second-Track Dialogue. Thanks to National Office for facilitating Deni's visit.

The highlight of the year was the inauguration, on 11 May 2007 of the Annual Plimsoll Lecture, a collaboration between AIIA (Tasmania), the University of Tasmania, and the Department of Foreign Affairs which commemorates the outstanding public service of Sir James Plimsoll, both as a diplomat and as Governor of Tasmania. The first lecture was given by Foreign Minister Alexander Downer at the Stanley Burbury Theatre, University of Tasmania. Attendance was outstanding, with the Minister delivering the inaugural Lecture to an audience of about 600. In addition to Plimsoll Lecture, the School of Government of the University of Tasmania provided venues for nearly all of our functions free of charge.

Mr Downer was an appropriate inaugural lecturer, as he had served under Sir James in his first overseas posting as a young diplomat in Brussels. Mr Downer used the occasion to recognise the outstanding service Sir James rendered to Australia, and to review recent Australian foreign policy. We were delighted that members of Sir James's family were able to attend the occasion.

We remain in financial health, thanks largely to both our present treasurer, Ed Kremzer, and our long-standing former Treasurer, Barbra Blomberg, upon whom we have conferred Life Membership, in recognition of a quarter of a century of outstanding service to both this Branch and the now-defunct North Queensland Branch. I thank Barbra and Ed, Secretary Phil na Champassak and his predecessor Rowan Ainsworth and all the Executive for their hard work on members' behalf.

Aynsley Kellow
President, Tasmanian Branch

Victoria



AIIA Victoria was established in 1925 and has included among its members many notable authorities on international affairs, among them Sir John Latham, Sir Owen Dixon, Sir Ian Clunies Ross, and Professors Norman Harper and Macmahon Ball. It now occupies Dyason House, named after Mr. E.C. Dyason, a prominent former member and one of its most generous benefactors. The Visitor is the Governor of Victoria, Professor David de Kretser, and its Patrons are Sir Zelman Cowen, Sir Ninian Stephen, Sir James Gobbo and Mr John Landy.

Membership is open to individuals, corporate bodies, diplomatic representatives and students. Membership currently stands at more than 600, a significant increase on recent years. Particularly pleasing has been the marked growth in the number of student and diplomatic members.

As part of its normal program, AIIA Victoria organises regular talks on current issues, at least once a week. A total of 76 functions were held during the year. A series on the Middle East has continued, with a number of very prominent speakers, as have the regular forums on Indonesia, China and India. Following the successful study tour to Turkey in May 2006, planning has been underway for the next tour, this time to India. Some 20 members have already signed up for this exciting event.

A major priority has been the development of close relations with schools and universities. Popular lectures are organised for schools, based around the major components of the Year 12 syllabus in International Politics, and a half-day revision lecture attracting many is organised in the period leading up to the examinations. Liaison groups have been established linking AIIA Victoria to the major universities in the state, and this has resulted in a rapid increase in the number of interns now actively working with the AIIA and in a notable increase in the number of students attending the normal program of talks.

A major annual event is now the International Ca-



AIIA VIC Branch President John Mackay with former Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Hon Gareth Evans

reers Conference designed to assist students in the identification of various kinds of jobs available both in Australia and overseas for students who have completed courses related to international affairs. The latest conference was held at Parliament House in Melbourne and attracted more than 300 students. One important result of this event has been to boost our student membership by some 250, and ACCESS has continued to organise regular meetings and publish a quarterly newsletter.

Vigorous efforts have been made to organise events of particular interest to the private sector. Following the success of the series on “The World According to Bush”, a new series is now underway on various trends in international affairs and their implications for Australian business. The series was inaugurated by Mr Trevor Manuel, the Finance Minister of South Africa, and has since included a number of prominent speakers. Collaboration has continued with a range of business organisations, chambers of commerce and other NGOs. AIIA Victoria has also continued the popular series of lunches at which visiting diplomats from various countries and Australian representatives overseas give presentations.

Professor John McKay
President, AIIA Victoria



Western Australia

2006-2007 was a good year. Membership grew to 150, we had sufficient funds to hold our regular monthly meetings with good speakers, as well as some innovative events, and we fulfilled our mission to foster discussion and understanding of international affairs.

We held a careers evening for high school students in conjunction with the Hyogo Prefecture, and attracted a good number of high school students who heard five people, active in different international careers, talking about their experiences in government service, the law, development co-operation, hospitality and tourism and the media. As a result, the Institute has been invited to brief students regularly at Curtin University.

Japan was the featured guest nation at the Royal Show in October 2006, and the Japanese Ambassador was our guest at a well-attended lunch at Fraser's Restaurant in King's Park. Several non-members who came to the lunch later joined the Branch. This event was organized jointly with the Australia-Japan Business Council. Such strategic alliances are very useful in extending our capacity to mount a wider range of programs.

AIIA National Office organized a "second track" symposium in Canberra and Sydney in April, for representatives of APEC institutes of international affairs. Executive officers from the AIIA State Branches, including Megan, attended. The Indonesian participant, Dr Puspa Amri, then came to Perth as our April speaker. We also organised a number of events which allowed her to interact with academics from Western Australian universities. Nationally, we contributed to the National President's Forum on The South Pacific, held at Parliament House in Sydney on 14 July 2006 as well as all national executive meetings, in Canberra, Sydney, Brisbane and by phone.

Treasurer Jim Baxter has prepared a financial report for the year, which shows improved finance. Due to



AIIA (WA) Committee members meeting with the Governor of Western Australia, HE Dr Ken Michael AC

our previously precarious situation, National Office to subsidise our members' access, free of charge, to *The Diplomat* magazine. Our financial situation is now healthier, so in 2007-8 we shall be paying for it ourselves, from members' subscriptions.

I would like to thank all the members for their strong and consistent support for the Institute and your committee, the ever-rising numbers attending our monthly meetings, the new members you have introduced, and support for our special events. St Catherine's College has, for another year, provided a splendid venue and support for our meetings. When attendance exceeded the capacity of the college, Vice President Samina Yasmeen kindly facilitated our access to lecture theatres at the University of WA.

Our 2007-8 report will cover our successful 60th Anniversary celebrations, an expanded program, and new strategic alliances. The AIIA is the only organization in Australia solely focused on promoting interest in international relations. Nationally, we will celebrate the AIIA's 75th anniversary in 2008. It promises to be another good year.

Sue Boyd
President, Western Australia Branch

ACCESS Youth Network



ACCESS Victoria launch

ACCESS Victoria's Report

ACCESS was launched in Victoria in August 2006. ACCESS in Victoria was designed by young members of the AIIAV to provide a stepping-stone for graduates into international careers, for postgraduates in publication, and for young professionals in networking. ACCESS remains a unique vehicle for young individuals to congregate and debate international affairs.

This year, thanks to the generous donations from the Walter Mangold Trust ACCESS has been able to push forward in the activities and projects closest to its heart. We have seen the expansion of the ACCESS Quarterly, a publication put together by the volunteers at the Institute with articles and columns from students in Melbourne and around the world. The ACCESS Update, monthly news update for ACCESS members, was also rolled out. It contains information on events around Melbourne as well as job opportunities and a global news snap shot. The grant from Walter Mangold Trust allowed ACCESS to greatly increase the scope of guest speakers.

ACCESS has hosted a variety of speakers including Steve Odgers, the Head of Strategy in Asia for ANZ, and Dr Michael Green Chair and Senior Adviser to

the White House, Center for Strategic and International Studies Associate Professor of International Relations, Georgetown University.

Two visits to the United States Consulate in Melbourne, in the first visit Members met and spoke with Mr Daniel Clune, Deputy Chief of Mission Embassy of the United States, Canberra where issues relating to "International Economic Regimes" were discussed, on ACCESS second visit members heard about the US federal electoral system with a presidential focus and received an outline their options for study in the US.

ACCESS Victoria also organised a United Nations Panel Discussion on the topic "Contemporary reflections on the United Nations in the company of an outlook for the possible next ten years under Ban Ki Moon". The United Nations Panel Discussion provided a unique opportunity to discuss the potential direction and outlook for the United Nations, through the perspectives of a panel of three experts: Professor John Langmore, Dr Leo Teller and Michel Patto

ACCESS was also given the opportunity to sponsor the International Careers Conference held by AIIA Victoria. This was the largest expenditure that ACCESS had this calendar year, in total donating \$2,000. The return on this 'investment' was the immediate exposure to 325 young attendees and the addition of 85 new young, paid members.

For a young student or professional, ACCESS still represents the perfect forum for debate and networking. It is encouraging to see that an external entity like the Walter Mangold Trust instills the level of faith and encouragement that it has this year. ACCESS success is also due to the enormous support it is given by the Australian Institute of International Affairs Victoria.

Annick Cable, Coordinator, ACCESS Victoria



ACCESS Youth Network

ACCESS New South Wales' Report

ACCESS continues to be a successful addition to the Australian Institute of International Affairs. Now with branches in Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra, we continue to reach out to more young professionals and academics than ever before introducing them to the Institute and the debate of international affairs. The continued development of ACCESS shows itself in the changing nature of the AIIA's event demographics and the ever increasing number of young Members here at the Institute.

While we have relied on mostly the same event structures as last year, including *Politics in the Pub*, *Consular ACCESS*, *Road Trips*, and *Dinner Discussions*, we have also had a couple of social events held at the NSW Art Gallery which have proven to be most successful. The organic and flexible structure of ACCESS has enabled us to take full advantage of the various opportunities within Sydney and expand the range of events we hold. In this past year ACCESS has covered many topics ranging from "Renewable Energy", "International Law", "Generational Change" and of course APEC.

As ACCESS is still funded only by the money we collect at the door of our events, the consistently good turnout and the continuing interest of those within our group have ensured that ACCESS has grown well in this last year. We still have a lot that we would like to achieve and are excited about our future opportunities.

For the continued support in accessing speakers of a high calibre, the ACCESS Organising Committee would like to thank the staff at AIIA, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, United States Consulate General's Office, University of NSW, The University of Sydney, Macquarie University and all of those behind the scene who have assisted with this important process.

It goes without saying that ACCESS is not a one man band. The pillars of ACCESS's success this last

year are in no small part due to the great efforts of Mariana Zafeirakopoulos (ACCESS NSW Vice-Chair) and Kai O'Brien (ACCESS NSW Secretary). A special thanks also goes out to Audrey Maag, Michael Hislop, Ben Hurdis, Nathan Goldstein and everyone who has volunteered various levels of support for ACCESS NSW.

To make our content more widely available we have tried many online mediums including podcasts, YouTube and FaceBook to reach a wider global audience. This move has proven to be popular, though we feel that we have still only scratched the surface. ACCESS NSW is proud of the contribution it continues to make to generate discussion/debate and in its role of increasing the relevancy and accessibility of the Australia Institute of International Affairs

We look forward to the continued growth of our membership together with our influence in the young professional and young academic arena and, most importantly, the expansion of debate of international affairs. With your support, we look forward to reinvigorating the AIIA both here in NSW and countrywide by bringing the opportunity and the ACCESS to those who want to be a part of the debate.

James Fridley, Coordinator, ACCESS NSW

ACCESS Australian Capital Territory's Report

The ACT Branch has set up an ACCESS youth organisation based on the successful ventures running in Victoria and NSW. Initially based mainly among ANU students it is open to all young people and has the aims of encouraging and facilitating objective debate on international affairs, fostering networks and promoting professional skills development. It is hoped ACT ACCESS will become a forum within which university students, young professionals, departmental officers and embassy officials can interact in an informal environment.

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- Internships can be full-time or part-time (minimum one day per week commitment) for 2-12 months;
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