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ABOUT US

Founded in 1933 from member organisations that date their establishment to the 1920s, the Australian Institute of International Affairs (AIIA) is Australia's longest-existing private research institute on international issues. The AIIA operate as a federation, with a National Office based in Canberra and branches located across all states and territories.

The AIIA's membership is broad based, ranging from distinguished foreign policy practitioners and academics to interested individuals with no professional or formal scholarly background in the subject. The AIIA is also geographically broad. It is the only institute of its kind with branches in every state and territory in Australia. The AIIA works closely with, but is independent from, Australian government departments, particularly the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. It receives most of its income from membership fees, sponsorship, donations, royalties, and project contracts.

OUR MISSION

KNOW, UNDERSTAND, ENGAGE

Our mission is to help Australians know, understand, and engage more in international affairs. It does this through an extremely active nationwide and international agenda, grounded in principles of political neutrality and open debate. While its staff may express opinions of their own, the institute itself is precluded by its constitution from maintaining a political position on international affairs.

The AIIA holds more than 150 events across the country each year, attracting more than 10,000 registrants. Most of these events are now accessible online, both live and as recordings. These events range from intimate discussions and workshops to large lectures, conferences, and seminars which provide forums for debate. Throughout its history, the AIIA has been involved in the key debates of international relations through its publications.

The AIIA currently publishes the Australian Journal of International Affairs, Australia's premier academic journal in the field, and Australia in World Affairs, a series published every five years to assess Australian foreign policy and international relations. It also publishes occasional papers and the Australian Outlook, a popular online publication featuring short articles and a weekly summary of events in Australian foreign policy. Our regular Australia in the World Podcast series also include commentary by Australian and international experts on international current affairs.

OUR PEOPLE



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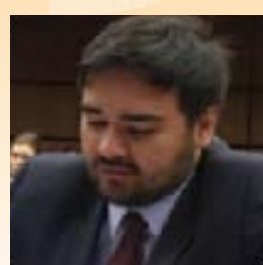
Ian Lincoln
Director



Kate Heelan
Director



Heath McMichael
Director



Dr Michael Cook
Director



Michelle Chan
Observer

OUR FELLOWS

In 2008, to celebrate its 75th anniversary, the Australian Institute of International Affairs launched a Fellows program to recognise exceptional contributions to Australia's international relations. The overriding criterion for selection is a person with a strong connection to Australia who has achieved a very high level of distinction in and made a distinguished contribution to, international affairs. Nominations received are assessed in confidence by a selection committee made up of members of AIIA's National Executive and, once appointed, existing Fellows.

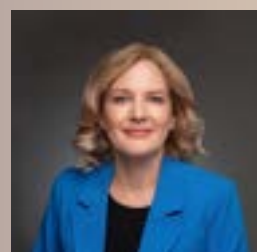
2024 FELLOWS



**Professor
John Blaxland**



Melanie Brock AM



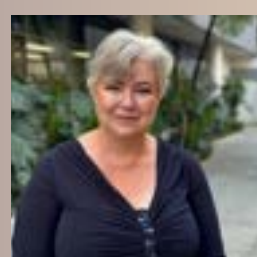
Penny Burt



**Professor
James Curran**



**Professor
Bina D'Costa**



**Professor
Susan Harris Rimmer**



**Emeritus Professor
Purnendra Jain**



**Professor
Bec Strating**

2009 - 2023 FELLOWS

2023 FELLOWS

Professor Pal Ahluwalia
Professor Sara Davies
Dr Stephanie Fahey
Professor Meg Keen
Zara Kimpton OAM
Richard Maude
Richard McGregor
Professor Rory Medcalf AM
Fiona Simson
Peter Woolcott AO

2022 FELLOWS

Professor Geremie Barmé
Darren Godwell
Professor Evelyn Goh
Jane Halton AO PSM
Professor Rikki Kersten
Dr Tony Press AO
Morry Schwartz AM
Natasha Stott Despoja AO
Nick Warner AO PSM

2021 FELLOWS

The Honourable Frances Adamson AC
Dr Stan Grant
Dr Meg Gurry
Major General (ret'd) Duncan Lewis
AO DSC CSC
Dr Heather Smith PSM
The Honourable Warwick Smith AO
Gary Quinlan AO
Professor Jacqui True FASSA

2020 FELLOWS

Professor Nick Bisley
Professor Caitlin Byrne
Peter Grey
Miles Kupa
Professor Bill Maley AM FASSA
Professor Tessa Morris-Suzuki

2019 FELLOWS

Melissa H. Conley Tyler
Professor Stephen Cordner AM
Michael Costello AO
Sir Rod Eddington AO
Andrew Forrest AO
Professor Anthony Milner AM FASSA
Andrew Parker
Professor Shirley Scott

2018 FELLOWS

The Honourable Julie Bishop MP
Emeritus Professor Peter Boyce AO
Sean Dorney
Linda Jakobson
Paul Kelly
Professor Tim Lindsey AO
Murray McLean AO
Helen Szoke AO
Professor Michael Wesley

2017 FELLOWS

Colin Chapman
John W. H. Denton AO
Dr Helen Durham AO
Helen Evans AO
Bill Farmer AO
John Menadue AO
Professor Ramesh Thakur
Michael Thawley AO

2016 FELLOWS

Dr Sue Boyd AM
Dr Alison Broinowski AM
Clive Hildebrand AM
Martine Letts
Greg Sheridan AO
Professor Russell Trood
Peter Varghese AO
Tony Wheeler AO & Maureen Wheeler AO

2015 FELLOWS

The Honourable Kim Beazley AC
Geraldine Doogue AO
The Honourable Alexander Downer AC
Dr Ken Henry AC
David Irvine AO
The Honourable Michael Kirby AC CMG
Professor John Ravenhill
Elizabeth Reid AO FASSA
The Honourable Penny Wensley AC

2014 FELLOWS

Professor Desmond Ball AO
Reverend Tim Costello AO
Philip Flood AO
Jenny McGregor AM
Geoffrey Miller AO
Emeritus Professor Gillian Triggs AC

2013 FELLOWS

Professor James Cotton AM
Professor James Crawford AC
Professor Harold Crouch
Rawdon Dalrymple AO
Erika Feller
Hugh Morgan AC
Dennis Richardson AC
Tony Walker AM

2012 FELLOWS

Professor Joan Beaumont AM
Rowan Callick OBE
Dr Francis Gurry AO
Professor Stuart Harris AO
Professor John Legge AO
Professor Wang Gungwu AO CBE
Professor Samina Yasmeen AM

2011 FELLOWS

Graeme Dobell
Emeritus Professor Peter
Drysdale AO
Joanna Hewitt AO
The Honourable Professor Robert Hill AC
Professor Neville Meaney
Colleen Ryan
Professor Hugh White AO
Garry Woodard

2010 FELLOWS

Professor Bruce Grant
Allan Gyngell AO
Professor Helen Hughes AO
Dr Janet Hunt
James Ingram AO
Baillieu Myer AC
Ric Smith AO PSM

2009 FELLOWS

Professor Hilary Charlesworth AM
Professor Jocelyn Chey AM
Professor Peter Edwards AO
The Honourable Elizabeth Evatt AC
Owen Harries
John McCarthy AO
Emeritus Professor Nancy Viviani AO
Denis Warner OBE



National President



Dr Heather Smith
PSM FAIIA

Serving as National President of the Australian Institute of International Affairs since April 2023 has been both a privilege and a responsibility. This past year has once again reminded us why an organisation like the AIIA matters. While the war in Ukraine drags on, violence in the Middle East deepens, and political change in the United States unsettles long-standing international norms, our Institute has remained a steady platform for independent, non-partisan engagement with the world and with Australians interested in it. What stands out most to me from 2024-25 is not only the turbulence of global events, but the way our members, branches, and volunteers have responded. Across Australia, our programs have grown in depth and reach. We have welcomed voices from government, academia, business, and civil society, offering Australians the chance to grapple with international developments through informed, respectful, and diverse conversations. From youth-led initiatives and fellowships to high-profile national conferences to involvement in and organisation of international conferences and projects, the AIIA has continued to nurture a vibrant community committed to international understanding.

Our research and publications, notably Australian Outlook and the Australian Journal of International Affairs have increased their readership by tackling questions central to Australia's future: how to adapt to climate change in a fragmented global order, how to navigate shifting security arrangements, how technology is reshaping diplomacy, and how economic realignments are altering the choices available to policy makers. Our five-yearly publication, Australia in World Affairs, was placed online this year, giving students and researchers access to 75 years of scholarship on Australia's foreign policy choices. These outputs demonstrate that, as global interdependence feels more fragile, the demand for rigorous analysis and constructive dialogue is stronger than ever.

Equally important has been the strengthening of our networks--both within Australia and internationally. Partnerships with like-minded organisations abroad have enabled us to connect professionals in our region and beyond in ways that emphasise Australia's role in the world. Our youth engagement remains a particular source of pride: students and young professionals continue to show a determination to contribute to our mission, and the AIIA provides them with opportunities to do just that, for example, sending them overseas to participate in conferences and study tours.

As we look to the year ahead, I am grateful to everyone who contributes to the Institute--our members, volunteers, staff, and partners. It is their commitment that ensures the AIIA is not only a forum for discussion, but also a trusted voice in shaping Australia's international discourse.

In a world where the familiar rules of global interaction are being tested, the AIIA offers continuity and community: a place for all Australians, no matter the background or way of thinking, to engage thoughtfully with international affairs, and to prepare for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. I look forward to building on this momentum in the coming year, confident that together we will continue to elevate Australia's engagement with the world.

The 2024–25 financial year was one of sustained activity, steady growth, and continued national and international engagement for the Australian Institute of International Affairs (AIIA). In an increasingly complex and contested global environment, the Institute remained committed to its core mission: providing a trusted, independent forum for informed and constructive discussion of international affairs.

Across Australia, the AIIA's branch network continued to be the foundation of the Institute's work. Branches delivered an extensive and diverse program of events—many of them livestreamed or recorded—ensuring that audiences well beyond major cities could engage with leading policymakers, diplomats, scholars, and practitioners. This national reach remains one of the Institute's defining strengths, and continued membership growth across several branches reflects both the quality of programming and the increasing visibility of the AIIA.

The centrepiece of the year was the 2024 AIIA National Conference, held in Canberra in November under the theme “Facing Fragmentation: Possibilities and Partnerships in a Fragile World.” The conference brought together a wide cross-section of Australia's foreign policy community alongside international participants, reinforcing the Institute's role as a neutral and respected convenor. The keynote address at the Gala Dinner by Treasurer Dr Jim Chalmers received significant public attention and underscored the importance of economic resilience and international cooperation in an uncertain global environment.

The Institute's project work continued to contribute to both its impact and profile. The Indo-Pacific Cooperation Network (IPCN), delivered in partnership with the Japan Foundation, successfully concluded its second cohort in March following a year of activities, including international study tours and participation in the National Conference. The program has become an important platform for engaging emerging leaders across the region, and preparations are now underway for the third cohort.

Publications remained central to the AIIA's mission and influence. Australian Outlook continued to expand its readership, providing timely and accessible analysis on global developments and amplifying the reach of AIIA events and expertise. The Australian Journal of International Affairs maintained its position as a leading scholarly journal, and the publication of the latest volume of Australia in World Affairs marked another important contribution to Australia's international policy scholarship.

International engagement during the year further strengthened the Institute's profile. Participation in dialogues and conferences across the Indo-Pacific and Europe ensured that Australian perspectives were represented in key global discussions, while also building relationships that enriched the Institute's domestic programming and partnerships.

The year also marked an important transition in leadership. Zara Kimpton OAM FAIIA stepped down as National Vice President at the end of the financial year, concluding decades of exceptional service to the AIIA at both branch and national levels. Her contribution to the governance, development, and culture of the Institute has been profound, and she leaves a lasting legacy across the organisation.

Organisationally, the AIIA continued to focus on strengthening national coordination, improving digital delivery, and ensuring financial sustainability. As the Institute's activities and profile grow, maintaining a stable and diversified funding base remains essential to supporting national programs, publications, and the shared services that underpin branch activity.

As we look ahead, the global environment is unlikely to become less complex. The need for independent, fact-based analysis and open dialogue will only increase. The AIIA is well positioned to meet this demand, drawing on its national network, strong partnerships, and dedicated community of members and supporters.

I thank our members, fellows, partners, volunteers, and staff for their continued commitment to the Institute and its mission.

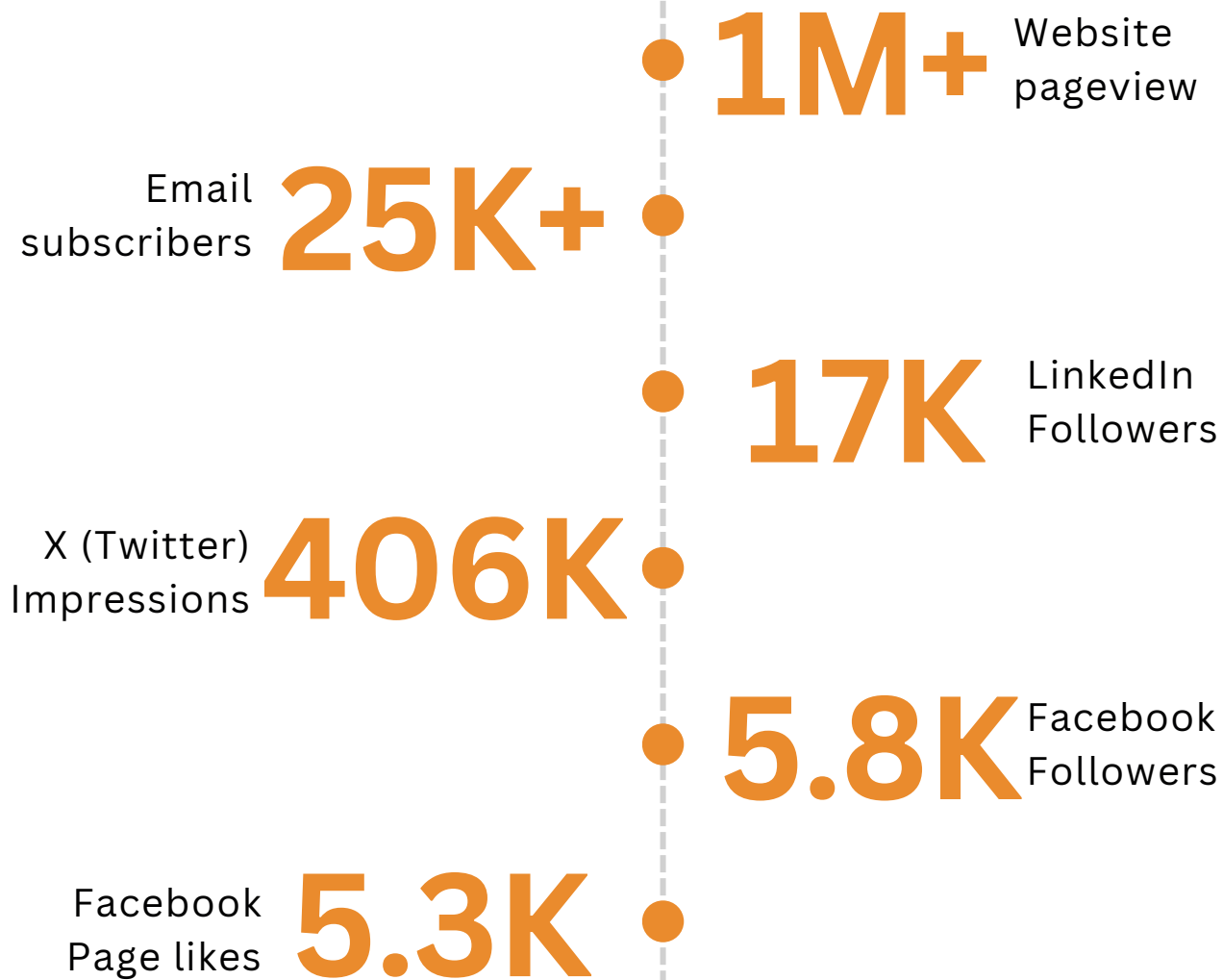
Chief Executive Officer



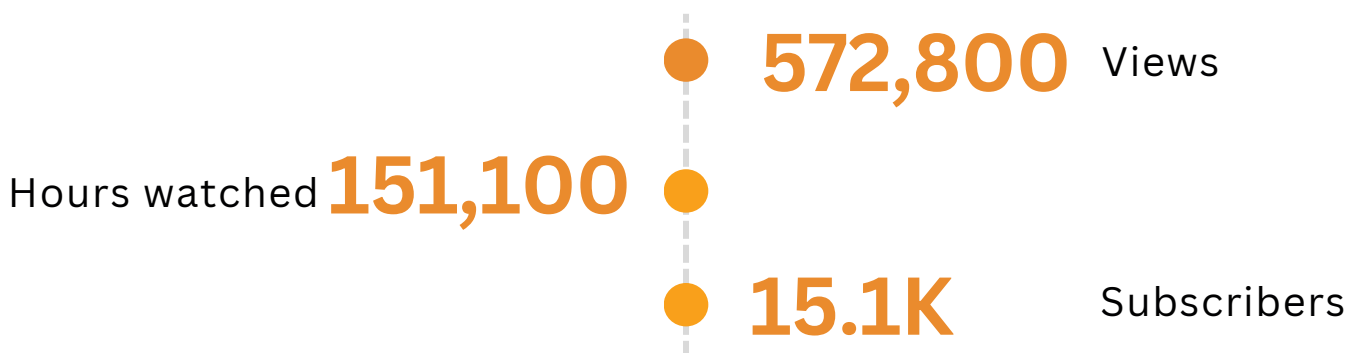
Dr Bryce Wakefield



AIIA IN THE MEDIA

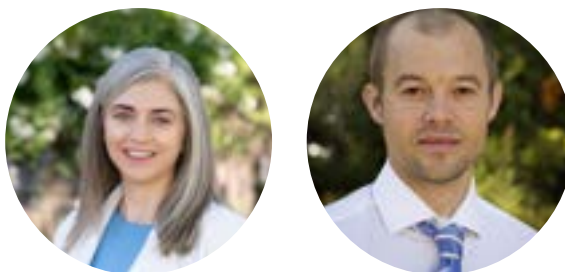


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AUSTRALIAN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



Professor Joanne Wallis & Dr Tim Legrand
Editors in Chief

We are delighted to report that the Australian Journal of International Affairs (AJIA) has continued to grow over the past year. There has been a strong increase in readership over every quarter since we took over as editors in May 2023. For example, the journal achieved 78,562 downloads in quarter one of 2025, up from 40,243 in quarter one of 2023. The most recent data show a 52% increase in downloads in year-to-date usage (up to the end of April 2025).

The return to Q1 ranking on the Scimago Journal and Country Rank in 2024 (the major platform used by universities to assess the impact and quality of academic journals) has made the AJIA a more desirable destination for scholars. The substantial increase in the quality and quantity of article submissions that occurred after returning to Q1 ranking has been sustained. The most recent data shows that there were 234 research article submissions in 2024, up from 127 in 2023. Likewise, citation metrics continue to grow.

The Managing Editor Dr Adela Alfonsi publicises the AJIA on accounts on X [Twitter] and Bluesky. Both accounts have thousands of followers who engage with journal content on both sites. We are also publicising the work of our authors in op-eds in Australian Outlook, and have participated in publicity campaigns run by the publisher, Taylor and Francis. All of this is helping to drive attention to our authors' work, and consequently, increases in downloads.

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Our Q1 ranking has also made the AJIA a more attractive target for scholars seeking to publish special issues. In issue 6 of 2024, we published a special issue on “Minilateralism Renaissance: Theoretical Ambitions and Empirical Realities” guest edited by Jagannath Panda (Warsaw) and Daewon Ohn (Hankuk), and in issue 4 of 2025 we are publishing a special issue on “Coalition-Building and the Politics of Hegemonic Ordering in the Indo-Pacific” guest edited by Ralf Emmers (SOAS) and Beverley Loke (ANU). We have also published three special sections: “The Australia-New Zealand alliance”, guest edited by Joanne Wallis (Adelaide) and Anna Powles (Massey) (issue 5, 2024); “75 th Anniversary of the ANU Department of International Relations”, guest edited by Cian O’Driscoll (issue 1, 2025); and “The Modes and Modalities of Cross-Regional Security Cooperation”, guest edited by Gorana Grgić and Tom Wilkins (Sydney) (issue 3, 2025). We are also looking forward to publishing a special section on “50 Years of Papua New Guinea’s independence”, guest edited by Henry Ivarature (ANU) in the final edition of this year. There is strong interest by scholars in working with the journal on special sections and editions in upcoming years and we are looking into working with scholars on the strongest proposals.

We are grateful for the support and assistance of the members of our newly refreshed academic board and all the peer reviewers who have supported us in this period of intense growth.

There are likely challenges ahead because of the journal’s strong growth, not least because of the increased workload for the editors. We also anticipate that the rise in use of artificial intelligence by both publishers and authors will be something to watch. We are otherwise looking forward to another productive year.





AUSTRALIAN OUTLOOK



Dr Adam Bartley
Editor in Chief

Between 1 July 2024 and 30 June 2025, Australian Outlook continued to provide timely, accessible, and policy-relevant analysis of international affairs. This year, Australian Outlook deepened its role as a trusted platform for experts and emerging voices to engage with contemporary foreign policy issues. Contributions explored the intersection of strategic competition, technological disruption, and shifting global alliances. Among our most engaged themes were China, Trump, Australia, the US, and Russia, alongside growing interest in India, Iran, and global trade. These topics reflect our commitment to monitoring both enduring geopolitical flashpoints and fast-moving developments, as well as our readership's appetite for analysis grounded in regional expertise.

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In the lead-up to the 2024 US presidential election and other major political transitions across the Indo-Pacific and Europe, Australian Outlook offered grounded, non-partisan insights on diplomatic shifts, strategic uncertainty, and democratic backsliding. The platform remained responsive to fast-developing stories—from heightened Indo-Pacific maritime tensions to evolving disinformation campaigns—while maintaining a strong editorial commitment to balance, accuracy, and respectful debate.

AUSTRALIAN OUTLOOK

We are proud to have amplified over 30 new contributors from across academia, government, and civil society, in addition to our ongoing engagement with leading experts and thought leaders. Our Fresh Perspectives series remains a vital avenue for elevating the next generation of international affairs professionals, with particular attention to gender balance, regional diversity, and Indigenous scholarship.

Looking ahead, Australian Outlook will continue to strengthen its position as Australia's premier outlet for foreign policy analysis. With new partnerships and digital engagement initiatives on the horizon, we aim to further broaden our audience while maintaining the editorial integrity and analytical depth our readers expect.

ANALYTICAL ARTICLES	389	FRESH PERSPECTIVES	33
BOOK REVIEWS	45	2024 ELECTION WATCH	3
THIS WEEK IN AUSTRALIAN FOREIGN AFFAIRS	48	TOTAL PUBLICATIONS	519





AIIA 2024-2025 HIGHLIGHTS

In 2024-2025, the AIIA continued to lead meaningful discussions on global issues, organizing a broad range of events both in Australia and internationally. Highlights included the “Indo-Pacific Cooperation Network”, delivered in partnership with the Japan Foundation, which cultivated collaboration among next-generation professionals on disaster resilience, and co-hosting signature events like the inaugural Canberra German Week Cultural Reception Launch.

With the theme “Facing Fragmentation: Possibilities and Partnerships in a Fragile World”, the AIIA 2024 National Conference convened some of Australia’s leading voices in international affairs to unpack the latest global developments and the place of Australia’s foreign policy within them. In 2024, the AIIA also celebrated 100 years of leadership in international affairs.



NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2024

“The AIIA National Conference has been a part of [the national] conversation, providing an opportunity for a cross section of the foreign policy community to come together and to share perspectives on the challenges and opportunities that we have faced as a nation.”

-Then Foreign Minister Senator the Honourable Marise Payne, 2018.

The AIIA National Conference is Australia’s leading event on Australian foreign policy. Themed **“Facing Fragmentation: Possibilities and Partnerships in a Fragile World”**, the 2024 conference **hosted around 400 attendees**, including distinguished guests who shape the nation’s policies such as ministers, academics, top government officials and industry leaders.

Speakers for the 2024 conference included the Hon. Dr Jim Chalmers MP, Treasurer of Australia, Dr Shashi Tharoor, former United Nations Under-Secretary General, Senator the Hon. Simon Birmingham, Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs, and the Hon Penelope Wensley AC FAIIA, former Ambassador of Australia to the United Nations.

Offering thought-provoking discussions and expert insights on international affairs, the conference strengthened its reputation as a cornerstone event for fostering informed dialogue on Australia’s role in an increasingly complex global landscape.



In 2024–2025, the AIIA, in partnership with the Japan Foundation, continued its flagship Indo-Pacific Cooperation Network, a unique, fully-funded program connecting 15 emerging leaders from over 12 countries. **This year, the program focused on disaster resilience through study tours to Japan, Australia, Fiji, and New Zealand.**

The cohort explored how diverse societies approach resilience, sharing perspectives from their varied professional and regional backgrounds. Through this exchange, the network fosters a long-term community of practice committed to mutual support and collaboration.

Participants attended the AIIA National Conference 2024, contributing as speakers and joining expert-led masterclasses on global issues like journalism and diplomacy. The cohort gained firsthand insight into the vital role of local and community-led efforts in building resilience. They also meet with ministers, community leaders, and international diplomats to explore how climate resilience is shaped through both local action and cross-border cooperation. At the end of the third tour, each member of the cohort engages in an in-depth presentation of the research and other work they have undertaken throughout the program and are planning to or have published. So far, the network has produced peer-reviewed academic articles, articles in national news outlets from the Netherlands to the Philippines to Australia, television broadcasts, podcasts, and online op-ed articles, including those featured by the AIIA's own Australian Outlook.

The program leaves a lasting impact. Participants describe it as enriching and collaborative, forming friendships and ongoing partnerships. The AIIA and the Japan Foundation remain connected with alumni, supporting a diverse, cross-sectoral network that strengthens regional resilience well beyond the life of the tour.



CANBERRA GERMAN WEEK

In conjunction with the Australia-Germany Parliamentary Friendship Group and supported by the Embassies of Austria, Germany, and Switzerland, the AIIA co-hosted the flagship event of **Canberra German Week 2024**, the inaugural annual German Week Cultural Reception Launch.

Held at Parliament House, the Cultural Reception Launch facilitated the strengthening of connections with cultural and political leaders, education partners, and members of the German-speaking business community. Guests enjoyed stunning cultural performances from the National Opera, the Austrian Harmonie Choir, and the Canberra Symphony Orchestra, and heard keynote speeches from AIIA CEO Dr Bryce Wakefield, German Deputy Head of Mission Sigrid Sommer, Austrian Ambassador to Australia Her Excellency Elisabeth Kögler and Swiss Ambassador to Australia His Excellency Nikolas Stürchler.

Celebrating 35 years since the Fall of the Berlin Wall, this reception recognised and strengthened Australia's cultural and linguistic ties with the German-speaking countries of Europe. This event is a testament to the AIIA's commitment to fostering strong links and meaningful exchanges between the Australian and international communities.



INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENTS

In 2024–2025, AIIA significantly strengthened its international engagement through high-level participation in global forums, strategic dialogues, and policy discussions across multiple regions.

AIIA senior staff and fellows represented the organisation at key international conferences and engagements throughout the year. In December 2024, AIIA CEO Dr Bryce Wakefield joined a panel on global geopolitical shifts at the 35th Greek Economic Summit hosted by the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce in Athens.

In February 2025, Dr Wakefield co-led maritime security discussions at a major Track Two dialogue in Bali, contributing to regional cooperation on Indo-Pacific security. The following month, AIIA National President Dr Heather Smith PSM FAIIA appeared on the opening panel of a high-profile forum on sovereignty and security convened by former Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull. Her insights were widely cited in national media coverage of the event.

In March, Dr Wakefield addressed a delegation of international scholars at the Institute for National Defense and Security Research (INDSR) in Taiwan as part of a regional study tour organised by the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung. His engagements continued in June with official talks in Poland, where he met with senior representatives at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Defence, and the National Security Bureau, as well as foreign policy advisers at the Presidential Palace. That same month, he returned to Prague to attend GLOBSEC, one of Europe's leading security forums, marking his third consecutive appearance. In the same month, AIIA National Programs and Publications Manager Emily Mosley spoke at the New Zealand Institute of International Affairs (NZIIA) National Conference, joining a panel titled "Trump 2.0 and What It Means for New Zealand and the World."

Dr Wakefield continued to be a regular contributor to public debate, offering expert commentary in both Australian and international media outlets on foreign policy, regional security, and global affairs.

In addition to these external engagements, the AIIA welcomed numerous visiting international speakers to its branches across the country, hosting public events and private briefings on pressing global issues. AIIA Victoria expanded its outreach by leading study tours to India and Sri Lanka, further contributing to the Institute's commitment to fostering global dialogue and understanding.



YOUTH OUTREACH

Supporting young people has always been a core part of the AllA's mission. We are committed to equipping the next generation with the knowledge, skills, and opportunities they need to understand and engage with the complex world of international affairs.

Across our branches, the AllA provides a wide range of programs and activities designed specifically for students and early-career professionals. These include structured internship programs that offer hands-on experience in research, publishing, and event coordination, as well as special intern-led projects that allow participants to explore topics of global significance and develop practical outputs.

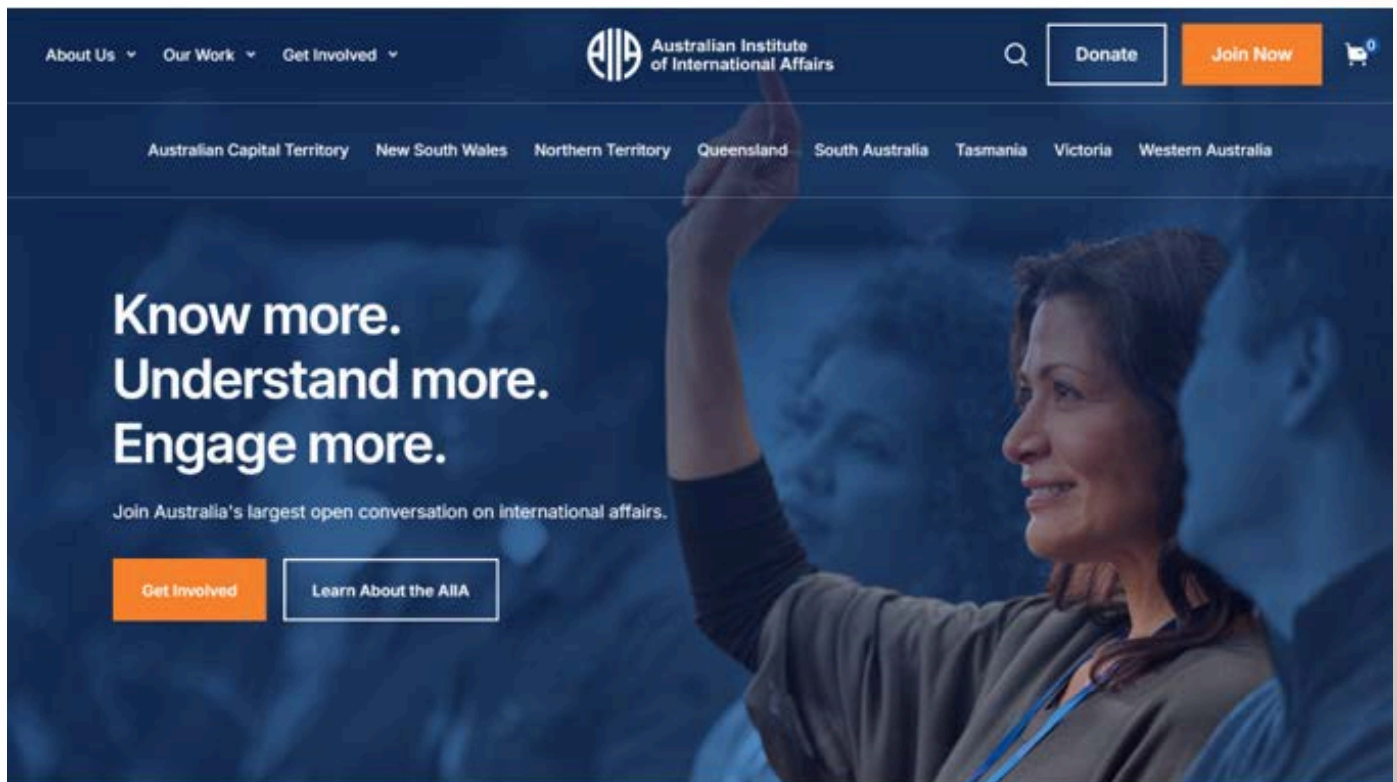
We also host regular youth-focused events such as international affairs trivia nights, masterclasses, careers panels with experts from diplomacy, government, NGOs, and academia, and dedicated young professional conferences tackling the most pressing global challenges. These events not only build knowledge but also foster networks and encourage open dialogue between emerging voices and experienced practitioners.

Through these initiatives, the AllA helps the next generation **know**, **engage** with, and **understand** international affairs, shaping an informed, globally minded cohort ready to contribute meaningfully to Australia's role in the world.

NEW AIIA WEBSITE

In June 2025, the AIIA unveiled its new website, revamping its online platform in pursuit of its mission of helping Australians to know, understand, and engage more in international affairs.

The website's updated design makes it easier for the public to access information about the AIIA's upcoming events across Australia, as well as its wide range of online content, including on-demand videos and the Australian Outlook publications.



Upcoming Events

[View All →](#)



Australian Medical Aid to Ukraine: the view from the



Do we have a Putin or a Russia problem?



Rising Tensions, Regional Choices: What Geopolitical



Navigating a World of Revisionist Powers



Events

2024-2025

The AIIA hosts more than 170 events nationally each year.

The National Office supports the branches of the AIIA by advertising all their events across the country each week.

2024

July 2024

QLD

- Transform Your Future: New Colombo Plan Scholarships and Mobility Programs, Misa Mojarrabi, Jared Noble, Lachlan Power, and Jemma Trelour
- Has Narendra Modi Finally Reached His Peak? - The 2024 Indian Election, Professor Ian Hall
- Global Partnerships for Local and Regenerative Climate Actions, Dr Connie Cai Ru Gan
- The Third Party Plenum, China's Economic Trajectory and What it Means for Australia, Dr Scott Waldron

VIC

- Young Professionals – International Affairs Trivia Night
- UK General Election 2024, Associate Professor Ben Wellings
- Ageing Powers and Growing Challenges in the Indo-Pacific, Professor Andrew Oros
- French Legislative Election 2024, Natanael Bloch

WA

- Indian Elections: More and Less Modi, Dr Rajat Ganguly and Dr Anu Rammohan

ACT Branch	• 16 Years of Independence: Kosovo's Journey to Statehood, H.E. Kreshnik Ahmeti • Ageing Powers and Growing Challenges in the Indo-Pacific, Professor Andrew Oros • UN 2024 Summit of the Future: what can Australia achieve?, Russell Rollason AM
SA	• The 2024 General Election: A new era in UK Politics?, Dr Rob Manwaring • Breaking into International Affairs, Associate Professor Tim Legrand, Shafa Pragiwaka, and Bayan Yazdani
NSW	• An Unlikely Prisoner: Sean Turnell reflects on Myanmar, Professor Sean Turnell • World Beyond War: The Anti-War Movement in Australia and New Zealand, Liz Remmerswaal
TAS	• The ABC in the Contested Indo-Pacific Information Space, Claire Gorman
National Office	• Britain Votes!, Latika Bourke, Professor Jennifer Lees-Marshment, and Dr Patrick Leslie

August 2024	
QLD	• UK Politics: From Chaos to Calmer Waters?, The Hon. George Brandis KC • International Migration and Australian House Prices: Is There Anything Behind The Hype?, Professor Alberto Posso
VIC	• Taiwan - the Testing Ground, Rowan Callick OBE FAIIA and Jesse Dass • The Good, the Bad, the Ugly, and the Mean: Assessing China's Economic Trajectory, Dr Scott Kennedy • Young Professionals – 'Life as a Diplomat' with Estelle Parker, co-CEO at RIAA and former Senior Career Diplomat at DFAT

WA	Current Genocide Convention Cases in the International Court of Justice, Associate Professor Melanie O'Brien and Professor Donald Rothwell
ACT Branch	- Careers in International Affairs Panel, Susan Bodell, Joanne Choe, Andrew Kobylinski, Dr Alicia Mollaun, and Jennifer Parker - Does Australian Aid Matter anymore?, Marc Purcell
SA	- What do the Indian General Elections tell us about Kashmir's future?, Dr Leoni Connah - Japan-Australia Strategic Partnership: Challenges and Potential, H.E. Shingo Yamagami
NSW	- South American Football: Passion, Revolution and Glory, Associate Professor Jorge Knijnik - The World as seen by Australians, Ryan Neelam
TAS	Outlook for foreign affairs and trade policy developments, Kim Debenham
National Office	The Australian Foreign Policy Debate: A Reassessment, Professor James Curran

September 2024

QLD	The Rise of Nuclearism: Are We Close to Nuclear Catastrophe?, Honorary Associate Professor Marianne Hanson
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ACT Branch	• ACT Branch Annual Dinner - Sovereignty, Rivalry and Security: Australia and the Superpowers, The Hon. Malcolm Turnbull • AIIA ACT Branch 2024 Annual General Meeting • A First Nations approach to foreign policy?, Justin Mohamed
SA	• A Global Crisis of Democracy & Youth (Dis)Engagement in Australia, Dr Intifar Chowdhury and Robert Van Gorp • Views from the Pacific: geopolitics, AUKUS and the rules-based order, Maima Koro
NSW	• Interns' debate: the borderless world of cyberspace • Cybersecurity: Is Australia falling behind the rest of the world?, Huon Curtis and Stephen Chey
TAS	• Climate change in Tasmania and beyond: impacts, adaptation and communication, Professor Gretta Pecl AM
National Office	• What Should Australia Do About Maritime Security?, Professor Bec Strating

October 2024	
QLD	• AIIA Queensland 2024 Annual General Meeting • The Sudan Conflict: What Prospects for Peace Amidst a Humanitarian Emergency, Dr Faiza El-Higzi OAM • Human Rights Situation in Burundi: Challenges and Opportunities, H.E. Imelde Sabushimike • Power and Resistance in Taliban-ruled Afghanistan: Women, Minorities and Diaspora, Dr Mujib Abid, Fahima Ahmadi, and Aryana Mohmood

VIC	• The Great Balancing Act: Technology and Geopolitics in the Asia-Pacific Region, Luke Slattery, Mohammad Chowdhury, and Catherine Quaden • Governing AI: How to Harness the Digital Revolution, Professor Jeannie Marie Paterson and Aaron Violi MP • Indo-Pacific Security: Japan's Cooperation with the US and Australia, Professor Satoru Mori • From Pyongyang to Vladivostok - Russia's Geopolitical Body Moves in Northeast Asia and the Indo-Pacific, Associate Professor Alexey D. Muraviev
WA	• Watching Washington, Paul Myler • Ukraine: A Consul's View, Sergio Federico Nicolaci
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National Office	• Canberra German Week 2024 - Cultural Reception Launch • Book Talk: The Odd Couple by Allan Behm

November 2024

QLD

- Elevating Intersectionality in International Affairs, Afeeya Akhand, Julie Ballangarry, Dr Helen Berents, Zoe Keath, and Se Youn Park
- What comes after - Global Order in the Wake of the 2024 US Presidential Election, Associate Professor Andrew Phillips

VIC

- Supply Chain Resilience in a Globalised Victoria, Ben Lannan, Professor Gabriele Suder, and George Cross
- 'Meet the Ambassador' – Canada, H.E. Dr Julie Sunday and John Richardson
- Why the Russian Constitution Matters - Book Launch, Associate Professor Will Partlett, Dr Robert Horvath, and Petr Kuzmin
- AIIA Victoria 2024 Annual General Meeting
- US Election 2024: America Has Spoken, Dr Michael Green
- A Decade of Feminist Foreign Policy: Changing Trajectories of Adoption and Accountability over Time, Alice Ridge, Dr Liz Gill-Atkinson, Daniela Philipson Garcia, and Niha Pandney

WA

- Trump 2.0: What Does It Mean For WA, Australia and the Indo Pacific, Professor Gordon Flake

ACT Branch

- Small Embassies - Challenges and Opportunities, H.E. Sonam Tobgay and H.E. Wahidullah Waissi
- The Samoan CHOGM: Have Small States Revitalised the Commonwealth?, Honorary Professor Matthew Neuhaus, H.E. Hinauri Petana, and Kate Wallace

SA

- 2024 AIIA SA Annual General Meeting
- America First 2.0: People, policy and the future of politics in the US, Professor Rodrigo Praino

NSW

- An Evening with the Interns
- Target Baltics? The war in Ukraine and risks of Russian offensives in the Baltic, Associate Professor Alexey Muraviev

TAS

- 2024 Government House Lecture: ASIO's history, role and why it matters, Mike Noyes

National Office

- 2024 AIIA Gala Dinner: Treasurer of Australia The Hon Dr Jim Chalmers MP
- AIIA National President's Breakfast 2024 - Dr Shashi Tharoor MP: Cold War 2.0?
- NATO's new posture in Northern Europe, Dr Håkan Edström

December 2024

NSW

- AIIA NSW Annual General Meeting
- Underwater: a question of sovereignty, Andrew Fowler

QLD

- Sex Tourism: My Father's Secret, Dr Kiriloi M. Ingram, and Grace Tobin
- AIIA Queensland - Trivia Night

ACT Branch

- Indonesia Under President Prabowo: New Directions or More of the Same? Judy Anderson, Clare Duffield, and Budy Resosudarmo

VIC

- Feminist Foreign Policy Analysis: A New Subfield - Book Launch, Prof. Jacqui True FASSA FAIIA, Prof. Karin Aggestam, Dr. Farkhondeh Akbari, and Victoria Scheyer
- Great Game On: The Contest for Central Asia and Global Supremacy - Book Launch, Dr Geoff Raby AO
- AIIA Victoria End of Year Trivia Night

WA

- Australia and Asia : Reflections of a Travelling Man, John McCarthy AO
- An evening with the Ambassador of Ukraine to Australia, Vasyl Myroshnychenko

National Office

- Australia and New Zealand: Natural Allies? Anna Powles, David Capie, Darren Lim, Joanne Wallis, and Jason Young

Northern Territory

- Understanding Indonesia Conference

2025

February 2025

NSW

- Great Game On: Exploring the Eurasian power shift, Dr Geoff Raby AO

QLD

- 31 Years After Genocide in Rwanda: Where Are We? Padri Thomas Nahimana
- Engaging China for a Sustainable Asia - Strategic Issues for 2024, Dr Christoph Nedopil
- Strengthening Judicial Services in the Pacific, the Hon Paul de Jersey AC CVO KC

VIC

- The Return of Great Power Rivalry and its Impact on Australian Foreign Policies: Past, Present and Future, Professor Bec Strating FAIIA, Associate Professor Danielle Chubb, Associate Professor David Hundt, and Professor Baogang He FASSA
- The Impact of the Trump Presidency on the Russo-Ukrainian War, Richard Iron CMG OBE
- Myanmar's Digital Coup - How the World Responded, Nicholas Coppel, Lennon Y.C. Chang, and Professor Nicholas Farrelly
- High Commissioner to Singapore, HE Mr Allaster Cox, and John Richardson

National Office

- Positioning the EU in the Indo-Pacific, Professor Jakub Zajackowski, and Dr Saroj K. Aryal

WA	• European Security: Where To From Here? Stefano Stefanini • The Impact of the Trump Presidency on the Russo-Ukrainian War, Richard Iron CMG OBE
ACT Branch	• The Tragedies of Palestine, Peter Rodgers
SA	• Meet the Ambassador - Australia's Ambassador to Switzerland, Elizabeth Day • 2025 Young Professionals mixer
NSW	• The Middle East - has anything really changed?, Professor the Hon Bob Carr
TAS	• China's Ambassador to Australia, Qian Xiao • Climate change in Tasmania and beyond: impacts, adaptation and communication, Gretta Pecl AM • The EU and Rule-Based Order after the War in Ukraine, Professor Jakub Zajackowski, and Dr Saroj K. Aryal

QLD

- Our Time of Old Wars Being Refought in New Ways, Dr Peter Layton
- The role of middle powers, including Canada and Australia, in the changing geopolitical landscape, H.E Dr Julie Sunday
- What we are watching in the Pacific in 2025, Dr Tess Newton Cain, Leah Lowonbu, Suli Layt, Stefan Armbruster

VIC

- The World of Risk 2025, Steve Cusworth, Andrew Harris, Rebecca Shrimpton, Benjamin Weiss, and Rowan Callick FAIIA
- Melbourne Climate Talk, H.E. Ambassador Beate Grzeski
- Analysing Xi Jinping: Kevin Rudd and the Challenge of China in Our Time, Dr Paul Monk
- Women, Peace and Security Book Series Launch
- Populism and Authoritarianism: Perspectives from the Global North and South, Professor Simon Tormey, Professor Claire Corbould, Professor Ihsan Yilmaz

WA

- Trump and Greenland, Brooks Kaiser

ACT Branch

- Economic Security and National Security, George Mina
- International Law-based Order and Australian Statecraft - Navigating Normative Storms, Dr Michael Smith AM, and Dr Sarah McCosker

SA

- Meet the Author: China, Rule of Law and the West, Dr Michael Hooper

NSW

- Syria: History, Survival and Political Change, Ross Burns
- Trump 2.0, Australia and the US Alliance: a reckoning like no other, James Curran FAIIA

National Office

- Trump and Greenland, Brooks Kaiser
- Interns Trivia Night: 'Australia's Next Top Diplomat'

April 2025

NSW

- Will the second Trump presidency upend the Middle East? Iris Makler
- Reinventing Marcos: From Dictator to Hero, Keith Dalton, and Graeme Dobell

QLD

- The Future of Multilateralism: Lessons from a Decade of International Tax Cooperation, The Hon David Bradbury
- “In Defence of Politicians as Diplomats”, The Hon. Dr Brett Mason
- No Time to Waste: What Geopolitical Challenges (Can) Mean for Asia-Pacific Development Opportunities, Dr Christoph Nedopil Wang, and Prof. Dian Tjondronegoro

VIC

- 17th Sir Zelman Cowen Oration and Dinner, Amanda Lacaze
- 100 Years of International Affairs Trivia Night
- Global Development Disruption: What does it mean for Australia? Melissa Conley Tyler FAIIA

National Office

- When Trade Winds Become Head Winds, The Hon. Simon Birmingham
- Emerging Issues, Emerging Voices: Intern Presentation
- An Australian Maritime Strategy: The Echidna Needs to Be Able to Swim, Jennifer Parker
- Book Talk: Great Game On, Dr. Geoff Raby AO

WA	• Discussion with Peter Greste
ACT Branch	• Can the US Constitution check Donald Trump? John Hart • Revival or Decline? The Australian Profession of Arms in the Twenty-First Century, Michael Evans
SA	• Afghanistan and NATO: Lessons from Two Decades of Engagement, Sami Omari • Tariffs and Government intervention: Geopolitics and the Australian experience, Dr Daniel Rossetto

May 2025

ACT Branch	• US Foreign Policy in the Indo-Pacific Under Trump 2.0, Charles Edel • Rethinking Australia's Relationship with the Asia-Pacific in a New Era of International Relations, Aristyo Darmawan, Dr Iain Henry, Dongkeun Lee, Dr Darren Lim, and Dr Lauren Richardson • Australia and the Pacific: A Stocktake, James Batley
NSW	• The New America, The Hon Bob Carr • Indonesia's President Prabowo: the first 200 days, Natalie Sambhi • Interns' debate: "The future of trade"
QLD	• AIIA Queensland - Trivia Night

VIC

- Young Professionals - 'Life as a Diplomat', Amanda Gorely
- 80 Years Later. Is the New Yalta on the Horizon? Alexey Muraviev
- Defending Seabed Critical Infrastructure, Dr. Samuel Bashfield
- The New Geopolitics: EU and Australia, what's next? H.E. Gabriele Visentin, Dr. Christian Hirst, and Vicki Thomson
- Meet the AIIA National Board, Dr Heather Smith PSM FAIIA, and Richard Iron CMG OBE

SA

- State of the Pacific Media Report, Priestley Habru
- Australia and China: towards a new status quo, Adelle Neary

National Office

- Is the Age of Empathy Over? Claire Yorke

TAS

- Japan and Australia in Antarctic governance: its 70-Year History, Akiho Shibata



ACT Branch

- The Kashmir Position, Garry Weare
- Adventures in Representation in Japan and External Affairs' first fatality, James Cotton
- Canada and Australia: An opportune time to lean in on the bilateral relationship? Dr Julie Sunday, and Scott Ryan

NSW

- An Evening with the Interns
- Reckoning: South Korea and Japan at the end of Pax Americana, Chris Khatouki

QLD

- Being a Woman in the Foreign and Security Policy Field: a Special In-Person Only Event for Members, Ambika Vishwanath
- War and Peace? Trump, Putin and the War in Ukraine, Richard Iron CMG OBE
- Opportunities for India and Australia to boost partnerships in the Indo-Pacific, Ambika Vishwanath
- Australia and the Indo-Pacific: Student Diplomacy through the New Colombo Plan, Jeremy Kye, Crystal Paris, Lara Tribel, and Dominic de Moura McCarthy

WA

- The Greenback Under Trump, Gerry Stange

VIC

- Justice Denied International Conference: Fighting Widespread Impunity for Conflict-Related Sexual Violence (CRSV)
- Closing Down Hong Kong: 5 Years of the National Security Law, Kevin Yam and Rowan Callick OBE FAIIA
- 'Life as a Diplomat' - U.S. Consul General, Mr Conrad Tribble
- From Engagement to Disengagement: America's evolving relations with China, Professor David Shambaugh, and Professor John Fitzgerald
- Women in Leadership, Catherine West MP, and Dame Sarah MacIntosh DCMG

National Office

- That Sinking Feeling about Rising Tides, Alan Tidwell
- Chase the Expert! Intern Trivia
- Intensifying clan conflict in Marcos's Philippines: How it emerged and what still lies ahead, Paul Hutchcroft

SA

- Australia's Trade Opportunity: A Technology-Enabled ESG Journey for the Nation, Allan O'Connor, Susan Stone, and James Veale
- Revival of Great Power Rivalry in Central Asia - A Concomitant of Russia's War in Ukraine? Dilnoza Ubaydullaeva
- What Trump Means: The Future of US Global Leadership, Hugh White AO FAIIA
- Self-Reliance, Sovereign Capability and Australia's Defence Industry, Hugh White AO FAIIA, and John Teager AM
- Members Mixer with Prof Hugh White AO FAIIA
- Understanding Australia's Strategic Crisis with Prof Hugh White AO FAIIA

TAS

- An evening with Melanie Harris, Head of Indigenous Engagement & Export, Austrade
- India and Pakistan in Crisis, Kim Heriot-Darragh
- Australia-Indonesia Relations After the Election, Dr Siswo Pramono

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