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ABOUT US

In 1919, on the sidelines of the Paris Peace Conference, the British diplomat Lionel Curtis advocated the creation of an institute for the study of international affairs. His vision was to foster mutual understanding between nations and for such an institute to propose solutions to the biggest challenges facing the world. The Royal Institute of International Affairs London (better known today as Chatham House) was established in 1920, and over time, further institutes were founded overseas.

On 22 June 1925, Chatham House members in Victoria met to discuss founding an overseas branch in Melbourne. Its first Chairman was the Rt Hon J.G. Latham, from 1925-1933, followed by former Prime Minister Sir Robert Menzies from 1933 to 1948 and the Rt Hon Sir Owen Dixon from 1948 to 1964.

In 1933 the various state branches formed a federal organisation, the Australian Institute of International Affairs ("AIIA"), Australia's longest-existing private research institute on politics and international relations.

The AIIA's 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.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We are 100 years old ...

... and our mission has never been more important. The outside world has been turned upside down, globalisation is in retreat, old alliances are in doubt. Australia is not immune to the changing tides of international affairs: our longest-standing strategic ally is on a path to isolation and our strongest economic partner spies on us and intimidates our citizens. Our region is now riven by a contest for power not seen since World War 2 while, globally, nations militarise and re-arm.



Yet many Australians seem largely oblivious of the outside world. For much of our history, distance has been not a tyranny but a blessing – allowing Australians to focus on our own well-being rather than global affairs – but that is no longer the case. Our mission to help Australians be more interested in International Affairs and understand better what's happening in the outside world is now critically important.

AIIA Victoria is striving to rise to the challenge.

We have delivered an informative and relevant program of events that attempts to keep abreast of global changes. For example, in a recent collaborative event with an Indian think tank, we explored the necessity for India and Australia to expedite free trade between both nations as a necessary response both to Trump's tariffs and potential Chinese economic coercion. We have, as a result, signed Memoranda of Understanding with two Indian organisations and are currently negotiating a third with a Sri Lankan think tank.

We seek to expand our membership, broadening the reach of our Institute and make more Victorians (and Australians more widely) interested in international affairs.

We have also maintained our drive to engage Victoria's business community in international affairs. Under the leadership of Council Member Mohammad Chowdhury, we have added

momentum to our corporate initiative, and we now offer a program of daytime events designed to appeal to a corporate audience.

The sale of Dyason House has proven essential to permit all this. We recognise that the resulting move into the CBD has not been convenient for everyone but, overall, it has revitalised the Institute and permitted a much wider range of events than before. The cash released by the sale has been wisely invested and now provides considerable annual income as well as healthy accumulation of capital. The Institute is in a strong financial position, although we still need to do more to make income from operations balance expenditure on salaries, rather than rely on investments (which we all know can go down as well as up).

This is my final Annual Report as President. I stand down at this year's AGM after five years' service to the Institute. It's been an enormous privilege and a pleasure to meet so many of our members, both long-standing and newly-joined. We have achieved much in the past five years, largely due to our extraordinary staff – in particular our Executive Director Alastair Roff (an absolute tower of strength), our General Manager Rita Vago, our Office Assistant Talia Prime, and our Young Professionals Program Manager Aneesah Fowzie. And, of course, all our former employees who proudly supported and promoted our Institute but have now moved on to the next stage of their careers.

Despite our excellent professional staff, we remain a largely volunteer organisation. All our Council Members give their time, expertise and effort freely and I'm particularly grateful for their support and guidance over the past five years as we guided the Institute out of Covid and into a period of sustained growth. I must single out for special mention our two Vice Presidents, Estelle Parker and John Richardson, and our Treasurer Christopher Cicutto – their collective wisdom has very largely influenced our strategic direction and has underpinned our success.

I'm also overwhelmed with gratitude for our interns and volunteers who work tirelessly to deliver our programme and make the Institute tick. Anyone who visits our offices during the working day will meet them and understand how important they are to us. We think we offer Australia's largest intern programme in International Relations and this has been our secret weapon in our post-Covid renaissance.

Good fortune to AIIA Victoria for the next 100 years!

Richard Iron CMG, OBE – President

FINANCES

Operating Result

The financial year concluded with an overall profit (including other comprehensive income) of \$191,076 (prior year: \$123,938) primarily driven by the strong performance of our investment income and capital growth within the investment portfolio. Despite this positive outcome, we faced challenges in our operating and member-based activities yet successfully delivered this result.

Consistent with our earlier decision to sell Dyason House and reinvest the proceeds into an investment portfolio, the income generated from this portfolio has been instrumental in covering major costs associated with member-based activities, such as occupancy and certain employee expenses, as we continue to expand our offerings for both existing and new

members. This approach was also applied in the previous financial year. Importantly, we have not experienced any further erosion of the corpus while using investment income to support these initiatives.

In addition, we received substantial funding during the financial year that will assist in maintaining member-based activities in the coming year. We remain deeply grateful for the significant support and funding from our members and partner organisations, which continues to be invaluable in meeting the needs of AIIA Victoria and its members.

Christopher Cicutto – Treasurer

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

2024-25 was another active year for AIIA Victoria, culminating in the significant milestone of the Institute's Centenary.

The speaker events program during the year covered a wide range of topics: Indo-Pacific Security; Hong Kong's national security Law five years on; America's relations with China; an assessment of China's economic trajectory; Taiwan; Russia and North Korea relations; the state of democracy; populism and authoritarianism; UN peace operations and human rights; and elections in the UK, France and the United States. Richard Iron's insightful analysis of the Russo-Ukraine war continued to draw an audience.



A full list of topics and speakers is listed in the Appendix on pages 13-15. Thanks go to Events Program Interns Erin French, Oliver Kelly and Michayla Bayliss for their valuable assistance in researching data, creating flyers, and setting up events.

The more flexible layout and central location of the Collins Street office are ideal for roundtables, which have covered international trade and diplomacy with Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham; supply chain resilience; and Victoria's potential in the global economy. A



panel discussion on AUKUS Pillar II held jointly with the Victorian Government (Defence) presented a unique opportunity for some of our intern team to attend the Avalon International Airshow in March.

This continued the active *Corporate Engagement* program led by Mohammad Chowdhury and his intern team (Carlo Nicholls, Emily Ragg, Joshua Lee, and Andrew Wang), using the Institute's convening power to bring together government, business and academia to explore how Victoria can integrate and thrive in a globalising world.

In May it was a pleasure to host the AIIA National Board in Melbourne for the first time, offering members the opportunity to hear from National President Dr Heather Smith PSM FAIIA.

Two other events require comment, which even though taking place in July and September, required significant planning and resource during the financial year.

We were honoured that to mark the Institute's **Centenary**, our Patron HE Professor the Honourable Margaret Gardner AC, Governor of Victoria hosted a reception at Government House. The Instagram reel of the event produced by Government House is available [here](#).



In September, AIIA Victoria helped to organise the first trip to Australia of **Yulia Navalnaya**, widow of murdered Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny. It was a complex and busy schedule, including appointments in Canberra with both the Prime Minister and the Minister of Foreign Affairs. In Melbourne, Yulia Navalnaya was interviewed at our office by renowned journalist Peter Hartcher, moderated by Michael Bachelard, in an event co-hosted with the Melbourne Press Club.



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In the meantime, the office team underwent some changes during the year. After the two-year contract of Dr Patricia Salas Sanchez finished, we were fortunate to secure the services of Rita Vago as our General Manager. The former Trade Commissioner of Hungary to Australia, Rita has brought energy and expertise to the role. Hannah Bourke our Office Coordinator secure a full-time role with La Trobe Asia, but we were able to replace her with Talia Prime, who had previously interned with us. The fourth member of our team is Aneesah Fowzie, who recently joined in the new role of Program Manager (Young Professionals) to drive the program for our younger members. (The latter role is supported by a generous grant from the *Sir Wilfred and C.H. (Roger) Brookes Charitable Foundation*). We also could not operate without the time and effort so generously given by our many Interns and volunteers, and more details of their contribution are given later.

And of course, we sincerely appreciate the interest and support shown by all the Institute's members and their guests at our events, as well as the speakers who so readily give of their time and expertise.

Further sections below cover the *International Careers Conference*; the *Sir Zelman Cowen Oration*, and an academic conference co-hosted with the Centre of Excellence for the Elimination of Violence against Women (CEVAW).

The ongoing support and encouragement of the team at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) Victoria State Office for our program is greatly appreciated.

The [Walter Mangold Trust Fund](#) has again provided generous support to our young people. Their funding has allowed our Young Professionals members to attend events free of charge.

Once again, our sincere thanks to all who have been involved in the Speaker Events program and the wider activities of the Institute in whatever capacity, and we look forward to continuing an equally stimulating program in the year to come.

Alastair Roff – *Executive Director*

STUDY TOURS

Canberra: 10-14 November 2024.

Following the success of the inaugural Young Professionals Study Tour in 2023, AIIA Victoria again subsidised a group of 14 young people to go to Canberra. The immersive 5-day study tour provided unique insights into the political, international, cultural, and historical landscape of Australia's capital.

Participants had full access to the AIIA National Conference, including a day of pre-Conference masterclasses, an evening reception at the Embassy of the Netherlands, the full-day Conference itself, and attendance at the Gala Dinner held at the National Arboretum.

The remaining program included a briefing and tour at the Embassy of Spain; a roundtable discussion at the ANU National Security College; a private tour of the Parliamentary Press gallery at Parliament House kindly hosted by ABC foreign correspondent Stephen Dzeidzic, and a meeting with DFAT's Office of Climate Change & Mitigation.

Expertly organised and led by Intern Annabelle Marshall, the tour presented the group with exclusive opportunities for insightful discussions on a range of topics with some of the country's top foreign policy experts and practitioners and offered an unparalleled opportunity for knowledge enrichment and networking.

India: 25 February – 5 March 2025.



Nine participants took part in a comprehensive tour to New Delhi, Agra and Mumbai, led by AIIA VIC Council members Dr. Michael Moignard (former Senior Trade commissioner in New Delhi) and Prakash Mirchandani, ably supported by Intern Manisha Vishnoi.

As always, public diplomacy meetings were interspersed with visits to World Heritage cultural sites. After an initial briefing on the bilateral relationship from the Australian High Commission, meetings were held with the CEO of Deakin University in India, and the Observer Research

Foundation where maritime security and the Australia-India Free Trade Agreement were discussed. Meetings with CUTS International (Consumer Unity and Trust Society) and The Geostrata, a youth-led think tank, have led to subsequent MOUs being signed with both organisations, with a view to future joint events.

Other insightful meetings were held with Austrade; the national Stock Exchange; the Confederation of Indian Industry, and Gateway House: Indian Council on Foreign Relations. Cultural visits included Humayun's Tom in Old Delhi, Elephanta Island, and of course the Taj Mahal and the Agra Fort.

Looking ahead, planning started during the year for a Study Tour in June 2026 to **Sri Lanka**.

SIR ZELMAN COWEN ORATION

Former Governor-General and legal expert Sir Zelman Cowen AK GCMG GCVO QC dedicated his life to engaging the Australian public in international affairs. To honour this commitment and his role as past Patron of the Institute, AIIA Victoria's annual *Sir Zelman Cowen Oration*

features an eminent speaker discussing a current issue that affects how Australia engages with the world.

The 17th *Sir Zelman Cowen Oration* was delivered by **Amanda Lacaze**, CEO and Managing Director of Lynas Rare Earths, the world's only significant producer of separated rare earth materials outside China. Taking as her topic *Critical Minerals, Renewable Energy Transition and Global Security*, members and their guests were treated to an illuminating and humorous overview of the importance of critical minerals in geopolitics. The fortuitous timing that President Trump had announced the imposition of tariffs and an associated carve-out for critical minerals that same day, added to the relevance of the theme.

Over 140 members and their guests enjoyed the ambience of the W Hotel Melbourne. Council member Justin Meyer is thanked for organising the event.



ACADEMIC CONFERENCE

In June, AIIA Victoria in partnership with the ARC Centre of Excellence for the Elimination of Violence Against Women ([CEVAW](#)), co-hosted a landmark two-day conference titled *Justice Denied: Fighting Widespread Impunity for Conflict-Related Sexual Violence (CRSV)*.

Led by Professor Jacqui True FASSA FAIIA, CEVAW is the world's first Centre to address the full range of forms of violence against women in Australia and the Indo-Pacific region.



Working closely with AIIA VIC president Richard Iron CMG OBE, the CEVAW team brought together over 200 delegates from across the Indo-Pacific region, including 35 distinguished speakers, to engage in interdisciplinary dialogue and critical reflection on the prevalence and impact of CRSV.

Discussions highlighted the challenges in addressing sexual and gender-based violence in fragile contexts, as well as the urgent need for international collaboration and accountability.

The conference benefited from high-profile contributions, including a special video address by Baroness Arminka Helić, former adviser to former British Foreign Secretary William Hague and current member of the House of Lords, Parliament of the United Kingdom and a keynote presentation by Professor Kim Thuy Seelinger, Director of the Center for Human Rights, Gender, and Migration at Washington University in St. Louis. AIIA VIC further amplified the program by coordinating Professor Seelinger's live interview on ABC's *The World* and facilitating an address from His Excellency Mr Vasyl Myroshnychenko, Ambassador of Ukraine to Australia, who shared timely insights with the Melbourne audience.

The conference stands as a strong example of AIIA VIC's commitment to convening global expertise, fostering dialogue, and advancing understanding on critical issues of human rights and international affairs. (The report on the Conference proceedings can be [accessed here](#)).



At an evening reception at the State Library of Victoria, the keynote address was delivered by HE Stephanie Copus Campbell AM, Ambassador for Gender Equality.

We extend our sincere gratitude to our Conference Interns, Elizabeth Stevens and Matthew Zagame, whose dedication and hard work were instrumental in the successful delivery of this important and complex event.

INTERNS AND VOLUNTEERS

With such a busy program of events we rely heavily on the contribution of our volunteers. We are most appreciative of the time that they so willingly give up, and our sincere thanks to all those who have helped over the last year.

We equally rely on our interns to fulfil specific roles which support vital functions of the Institute.

48 internships were awarded throughout FY 2024-25.

Corporate Engagement Program: Carlo Nicholls; Emily Ragg; Joshua Lee; Andrew Wang.

International Careers Conference: Ruth Arella; Doris Wang; Ruhani Mamgain; Tom Wenn; Syelzom Tobgay; Nina Lopez.

Events Program: Erin French; Oliver Kelly; Michayla Bayliss.

Digital Media: Winnie Cheng; Mina Dinh; Sunny Zou; Carlo Hengstler; Shania Austine; Emily Roggero; Rebecca Svartström; Phoebe Sweeney; Noah Jones; Adak Pabek; Klara Fiek; Aulia Rahmanisa; Joalin Lay.

Academic Conference: Elizabeth Stevens; Matthew Zagame.

Research: Tala Hoy.

Young Professionals: David Nawaratne; Sophia Smith; Caitlyn Davis; Karen Kibukamusoke; Caroline Green.

India Study Tour: Manisha Vishnoi.

Canberra Study Tour: Annabelle Marshall.

Sri Lanka Study Tour: Roshel Nantharajah.

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

Charlotte Burg; Bidhya Poudel Chhetri; Felix Clerk; Hasini Dissanayake; Shanice Foo; Ruby Forssman; Grace Flatow; Abigail Gitsham; Astrid Hickey; Tom Hogan; Meherin Kalsey; Helet Kalay; Baani Kochar; Freya McAdam; Rafe Mercieca; Caleb Murphy; Alice Nguyen; Regina Nguyen; Gisma Paolo; Yanna Psevdo; Sana Raja; Charlotte Retford; Monty Richardson; Rodolfo Vivencio K. Romero; Scout Salathiel; Chloe Samman; Rumaysa Salman; Ella

Schramm; Hope Stoney; Kate Thompson; Alexia Tsaralakis; Zeba Vagh; Griff Ward; Eli Xiang; Ozman Yazici.

DONATIONS

We are most grateful to all who contribute to AIIA Victoria. The following generously donated in 2024-2025:

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John ML Woods

THE FRIENDS OF THE AIIA SOCIETY

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

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

We thank our **Friends** for this year:

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We acknowledge the following **Lifetime Friends**:

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John and Penny Lewisohn

Patrick Moore
Richard Morgan AM
Allan Myers AC KC
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Joy Selby Smith

AIIA 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 AIIA bestows the title of Fellow each year to those with a connection to Australia who have made a significant contribution to international affairs.

We are delighted to advise that the following Victorians were appointed as a Fellow of the AIIA in 2024:

Professor Bec Strating for exceptional contributions to maritime security and promotion of knowledge of Asia in Australia.

18th INTERNATIONAL CAREERS CONFERENCE

Engaging, informing, and inspiring the next generation of professionals seeking a career with an international component, the International Careers Conference was a full-day event running from 8:45am to 7:00pm in which 120 participants had exclusive access to professionals, academics, diplomats, and other experts.

Held at the University of Melbourne's Woodward Centre, the Conference opened with an array of speakers from the Government and Diplomacy, International Business and Aid & Development sectors, all offering advice and career insights from their respective fields.

In the afternoon, eight career-specific masterclasses gave smaller groups the opportunity to seek advice from those who have more recently entered their chosen fields, and provided a chance for those attending to ask questions in a specialised environment.

The conference wrapped up on a high note, with an engaging Networking Reception. It was a perfect ending to the event, providing attendees with a relaxed and informal setting to connect, exchange ideas, and build valuable professional relationships.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

AIIA Victoria's Young Professionals (YP) hosted ten successful events this past financial year, including several of our iconic networking nights with expert guest speakers, a debate on Australia's foreign policy, trivia nights, and collaborative events with international affairs university student societies.



The *Life as a Diplomat* series has been particularly popular. The team hosted Estelle Parker, Jakahn Von Senden, Amanda Gorely (former Ambassador to the UN in Geneva), and US Consul General Conrad Tribble (*pictured, right*) all of whom shared their stories.

We have been fortunate to have had the continued support of our wonderful interns - David Nawaratne; Sophia Smith; Caitlyn

Davis; Karen Kibukamusoke and Caroline Green - to bring more frequent and diverse YP events to fruition. Our YP goals for the upcoming year are to continue increasing interest in YP events, building our membership base, and position the AIIA Victoria's YP network as the leading platform in Victoria for students and early-to-mid-career young professionals in international affairs.

MEMBERSHIP

We are working hard to keep the membership engaged, and to follow up to encourage renewals. We thank all those members who have renewed during the year, and we are glad that we continue to welcome new members.

Membership fees were again held at the same level with no increase.

Members as of 30 June	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Individual	116	97	109	116
Premium	36	31	41	41
Retired/Concession	110	100	92	80
Premium Retired/Concession	25	39	42	39
Young Professionals/Students	125	134	210	219
Corporate	11	7	7	9
Digital	0	0	0	10
Life Members & Patrons	4	4	4	4
Total	427	412	505	518

AIIA VIC Events 2024-25 Financial Year			
	Key:	Branch Function	Roundtable
		External Function	Conference
		Young Professionals Event	
#	Date	Event Name	Speaker
1	05-Jul-24	UK Election Watch with British Consulate General	Steph Lysaght
2	09-Jul-24	Young Professionals Trivia Night	
3	16-Jul-24	UK General Election 2024	Assoc. Prof. Ben Wellings
4	17-Jul-24	International Trade and Diplomacy Roundtable	Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham
5	23-Jul-24	Ageing Demographics and Growing Challenges in the Indo-Pacific	Prof. Andrew Oros
6	30-Jul-24	French Legislative Election 2024	Natanael Bloch
7	20-Aug-24	Taiwan - the Testing Ground	Rowan Callick and Jesse Dass
8	26-Aug-24	The Good, the Bad, the Ugly, and the Mean: Assessing China's Economic Trajectory	Dr Scott Kennedy
9	29-Aug-24	Young Professionals - 'Life as a Diplomat' with Estelle Parker	Estelle Parker
10	04-Sep-24	UN Peace Operations and Human Rights	Prof. Charles Hunt
11	05-Sep-24	Crisis in Bangladesh: Causes and Consequences	Dr. Pradeep Taneja, Dr. Reshad Ahsan, Dr. Lailufar Yasmin, Junayed Chowdhury, and Mohammad Chowdhury
12	12-Sep-24	Geopolitics in Europe - a Norwegian Perspective	Erik Svedahl, Embassy of Norway
13	16-Sep-24	Life as a Diplomat with Jakahn Von Senden	Jakahn Von Senden
14	19-Sep-24	Realising Victoria's Potential in the Global Economy	The Hon. Jaala Pulford, Prof. Edward Buckingham
15	25-Sep-24	19th International Careers Conference	
16	17-Oct-24	The Great Balancing Act: Technology and Geopolitics in the Asia-Pacific	Luke Slattery, Mohammad Chowdhury, Catherine Quaden
17	23-Oct-24	Governing AI: How to Harness the Digital Revolution	Tanya Williams, Aaron Violi MP
18	28-Oct-24	Indo-Pacific Security: Japan's Cooperation with the US and Australia	Prof. Satoru Mori
19	30-Oct-24	From Pyongyang to Vladivostok - Russia's Geopolitical Body Moves in Northeast Asia and the Indo-Pacific	Assoc. Prof. Alexey D. Muraviev
20	07-Nov-24	Supply Chain Resilience in a Globalised Victoria	Ben Lannan, Prof. Gabriele Suder, Dr William Stoltz, George Cross
21	13-Nov-24	Meet the Ambassador - Canada	HE Dr Julie Sunday
22	14-Nov-24	Why the Russian Constitution Matters	Assoc. Prof. Will Partlett, Petr Kuzmin, Robert Howard
23	25-Nov-24	US Election 2024: America Has Spoken	Dr Michael Green

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24	27-Nov-24	A Decade of Feminist Foreign Policy: Changing Trajectories of Adoption and Accountability	Dr Liz Gill-Atkinson, Alice Ridge, Daniela Philipson Garcia, Niha Pandey
25	05-Dec-24	End of Year Trivia Night	Dr Patricia Salas Sanchez, Hannah Bourke
26	11-Dec-24	Great Game On: the Contest for Central Asia & Global Supremacy	Dr Geoff Raby AO, Rowan Callick OBE FAIIA
27	12-Dec-24	Feminist Foreign Policy Analysis: A New Subfield - Book Launch	Dr Jacqui True FASSA FAIIA, Prof Karin Aggestam, Dr Farkhondeh Akbari, Victoria Scheyer
28	05-Feb-25	The Impact of the Trump Presidency on the Russo-Ukrainian War	Richard Iron CMG OBE
29	14-Feb-25	"This is Navalny"	Evgeny Feldman
30	17-Feb-25	High Commissioner to Singapore	HE Mr Allaster Cox
31	18-Feb-25	Myanmar Digital Coup - How the World Responded	Nicholas Coppel, Lennon Y.C. Chang, Prof. Nicholas Farrelly
32	25-Feb-25	The Return of Great Power Rivalry: Impact on Australian Foreign Policy	Prof. Bec Strating FAIIA, Assoc. Prof. Danielle Chubb, Assoc. Prof. David Hundt, Prof. Baogang He FASSA
33	04-Mar-25	Populism and Authoritarianism: Perspectives from the Global North and South	Prof Simon Tormey, Prof Clare Corbould, Prof Ihsan Yilmaz
34	06-Mar-25	Women, Peace and Security Book Series Launch	Dr Sara E Davies FASSA FAIIA, Dr Jacqui True FASSA FAIIA, Dr Phyu Phyu Oo, Dr Helen Stenger, Joana Osei-Tutu, Yolanda Riveros Morales
35	12-Mar-25	Analysing Xi Jinping: Kevin Rudd and the Challenge of China in Our Time	Dr. Paul Monk
36	13-Mar-25	Defence and Intelligence Masterclass	Dept. of Defence, ASD, AGO, Defence Intelligence
37	13-Mar-25	Melbourne Climate Talks	German Embassy
38	25-Mar-25	Advanced Digital Capabilities: Opportunities for Victorian Business within AUKUS Pillar II	Prof. Regina Crameri GAICD, U.S. CG Conrad Tribble, British CG Steph Lysaght
39	27-Mar-25	The World of Risk	Steve Cusworth, Andrew Harris, Bec Shrimpton, Benjamin Weiss
40	03-Apr-25	17th Sir Zelman Cowen Oration	Amanda Lacaze
41	09-Apr-25	100 Years of International Affairs Trivia Night	Young Professionals
42	30-Apr-25	Global Development Disruption: What does it mean for Australia?	Melissa Conley Tyler FAIIA
43	07-May-25	Meet the AIIA National Board	Heather Smith PSM FAIIA

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44	13-May-25	The New Geopolitics: EU and Australia, what's next?	H.E. Gabriele Visentin, Dr Christian Hirst, Vicki Thomson, Prof Bruce Wilson
45	19-May-25	80 Years Later. Is the New Yalta on the Horizon?	Assoc Prof Alexey D Muraviev
46	21-May-25	Defending Seabed Critical Infrastructure	Dr Samuel Bashfield
47	28-May-25	Life as a Diplomat with Ms Amanda Gorely	Ms Amanda Gorely
48	02-Jun-25	Justice Denied Conference: Fighting Widespread Impunity for Conflict-Related Sexual Violence - Day 2	HE Stephanie Copus Campbell AM, Professor Jacqui True FASSA FAIIA, Prof. Kim Thuy Seelinger, The Hon. Justice Lesley Taylor and panellists
49	03-Jun-25	Justice Denied Conference: Fighting Widespread Impunity for Conflict-Related Sexual Violence - Day 2	Prof. Sarah Davies FASSA FAIIA and panellists
50	16-Jun-25	Women in Leadership	Dame Sarah McIntosh DCMG, Rt Hon Catherine West MP
51	17-Jun-25	Life as a Diplomat with US-Consul General Conrad Tribble	Conrad Tribble
52	20-Jun-25	From Engagement to Disengagement - America's Evolving Relations with China	Prof. David Shambaugh
53	24-Jun-25	Closing Down Hong Kong: 5 Years of the National Security Law	Kevin Yam, Rowan Callick OBE FAIIA
54	27-Jun-25	Sri Lanka's Deputy Minister for Industries and Entrepreneurship Development	Mr Chathuranga Abeyasinghe MP