



**Australian Institute  
of International Affairs**  
*Victoria*

# Annual Report 2023-24

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## ABOUT US

The Australian Institute of International Affairs (AIIA) is an apolitical, independent membership-based organisation which promotes the objective study of International Affairs.

Founded in 1925 as an overseas branch of the Royal Institute of International Affairs ('Chatham House'), it was established as a federal organisation in 1933. The Institute now has its National Headquarters in Canberra and has branches in all States and Territories.

The AIIA provides a forum for discussion and research on subjects of topical and continuing interest through meetings, study tours, conferences and seminars addressed by distinguished specialists and public figures. Its mission is to help Australians know, understand and engage more in international affairs.

Since November 2023 AIIA Victoria has been located at Level 13, 356 Collins Street in the heart of Melbourne's CBD.

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

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The world continues to be dominated by conflict, hot and cold.

The Russo-Ukrainian War looks set to continue well into its fourth year, currently characterised by: mounting Russian pressure on Ukraine's defences and population; unprecedented Kremlin propaganda attacks on Western support for Ukraine, including in Australia; and continuing Ukrainian resolve not to surrender. It's difficult to see an early end to the war: potential outcomes still range from exhaustion of Ukrainian will and ability to resist, on the one side, to the collapse of the Putin regime on the other. We will continue to run events focused on Russia, Ukraine and the war, including giving voice to the Russian democratic opposition.



The Gaza conflict is now in its second year with fighting spread to southern Lebanon and potential further escalation in the region. As in Ukraine, it's difficult to see a way to an early and equitable peace as long as both sides are fuelled by anger. The conflict has divided societies across the West, including our own, and it has been difficult for us at AIIA Victoria to find a way to comment on the conflict in a way that does not further inflame tension. Nevertheless, we have a responsibility to try to explore and explain the issues to our members and we plan to run more Middle East-focused events over the next year.

At the same time, China has ramped up its military posturing in the Taiwan Strait and intimidation of its neighbours. It is difficult to envisage China risking a Pacific War while the West remains united, but, as our China-focused events have highlighted, CCP decision-making is opaque and often driven by a logic that is hard for outsiders to discern.

All of the above, of course, will be influenced by the US Presidential Election which, at time of writing, is still to take place. Whatever the outcome, the reverberations will be felt globally and AIIA Victoria will help to explore the impact across all aspects of international affairs.

Those who read last year's Annual Report, or attended the last Annual General Meeting, will recall that, in 2023, your Council decided upon a strategy of expansion of our business, including hiring a General Manager (Operations), to accompany our move into the CBD. The rationale for this decision was because our previous business model had become

unsustainable post-Covid, with far smaller in-person attendances at our events and withdrawal of sponsorship from the cash-strapped university sector.

We understood that it would take time to convert expanded capacity to income, and we set ourselves the goal of breaking even after two years. We are now in the second of those two (anticipated) loss-making years: as it happens, our investment portfolio has recorded good results and we therefore have posted a reasonable profit over the past year. However, the investment environment is volatile and we are very conscious of the need to grow our capital for the long term, rather than use investment earnings to cover costs, so we continue to seek to improve our operating income so we can protect the Institute's future. Continuing to build our membership is key to this success: it is pleasing to see that the number of members once again growing and we hope we can continue to attract new people and retain the many long-serving and loyal members who are the beating heart of our Institute.

Meanwhile we continue planning for our Centenary celebrations next year: AIIA Victoria was founded at a meeting in the Mitre Tavern on 22nd June 1925. We have asked for a reception in Government House around that date but have been told that the Governor's diary will not be finalised until January; we therefore are holding off until then before confirming dates. We will let you know as soon as we can so you can get it into your diaries.

My thanks go to our Executive Director, Alastair Roff, our General Manager (Operations), Dr Patricia Salas Sanchez, and our Office Manager Hannah Bourke (who took over from Lila O'Connor, now working with DFAT in Canberra) and to the team of interns and volunteers who are so vital to our ongoing operations. Together, they do extraordinary work and have made our Institute as strong and vibrant as it is.

But my particular thanks are for all our members: thank you all for your continuing and generous support for our Institute. Please stay well, keep fit and remain interested in International Affairs.

**Richard Iron CMG, OBE – *President***

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## **FINANCES**

### **Operating Result**

The Institute generated a profit for the financial year ended 30 June 2024 amounting to \$123,938 (2023: deficit of \$115,135). This was primarily driven by the robust performance of our investment income and capital growth within the investment portfolio. Despite this strong performance, we encountered challenges in our operating and member-based activities, yet still achieved positive results. The relocation from Dyason House to Collins Street led to a significant, albeit anticipated, increase in overhead costs, compounded by other economic factors. Additionally, substantial funding and time from our head office employees were required for increased investments in various operating and member-based activities as we developed more revenue streams and activities to support our member base. We are deeply grateful for the significant support and funding from our members and partner organisations, which remains invaluable in meeting the needs of the Institute.

**Christopher Cicutto – *Treasurer***

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## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The 2023-24 Financial Year was marked by the significant milestone of the move from Dyason House in East Melbourne, the Institute's home of the last 60 years, to 356 Collins Street in the heart of Melbourne's CBD. Many people assisted us with the workload, but I would like to recognise John Richardson for his tireless efforts in searching for new premises and negotiating terms, and former Council member Robyn Byrne OAM who provided invaluable support with vacating Dyason House.



We are grateful to all our members who bore with us during the upheaval, and for continuing to support us. The move to a more central location has enabled us to run more events, and of different varieties, such as lunchtime roundtables in addition to our traditional evening sessions.



We would like to thank AIIA Fellow Professor the Hon Gareth Evans AC KC FASSA FAIIA for the generous donation of his international relations library, which is now augmenting the existing *John Legge Library* collection. Members are always welcome to come in and browse the shelves.

The 67 events held in 2023-24 represented a 30% increase in activity compared to the previous year. They covered an enormous range of international issues, with over 4,000 members and guests participating, both in-person and online.

Issues covered ranged from Hong Kong; Taiwan; Russia and North Korea relations; Ukraine; the assassination of Alexei Navalny; the state of democracy; Poland and the Baltic states, and the Australia-Philippines bilateral relationship. In a year of elections, we covered Indonesia, France, Bangladesh, India and the UK.

The more flexible layout of the new office lends itself well to roundtables, which have covered AUKUS; the Western Balkans; the Maldives, and meetings with the Australian Heads of Mission in Lebanon, Ghana, and the Philippines as well the US Chargé d'Affaires and Fiji's High Commissioner.

It has also given us a platform to connect more closely with the business sector, and an active *Corporate Engagement* program led by Mohammad Chowdhury and his intern team is 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.

We 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. One way that we can give back to them is to provide references to potential employers. The Institute is clearly regarded as an important referee judging by the number of times we are contacted, particularly by

government agencies, and it is very encouraging to see many former AIIA interns and volunteers succeeding in obtaining employment in their chosen career paths.

My own thanks go to Program Interns Sophie Gray; Millie McKellar; Gregory Toroek; Claire Foley; Roshan Ranaraja; Angus Baranikow and Laura Kelly for their valuable assistance in researching data, creating flyers, and setting up events.

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 *South Asia Seminar Series*, the *International Careers Conference*, and the *Sir Zelman Cowen Oration*.

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 2023-24 Events Program Year in Review is available [here](#). We are always interested in suggestions from members on topics to cover or on speakers whom we should consider inviting. A full list of topics and speakers is listed in the Appendix on pages 12-14.

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 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.

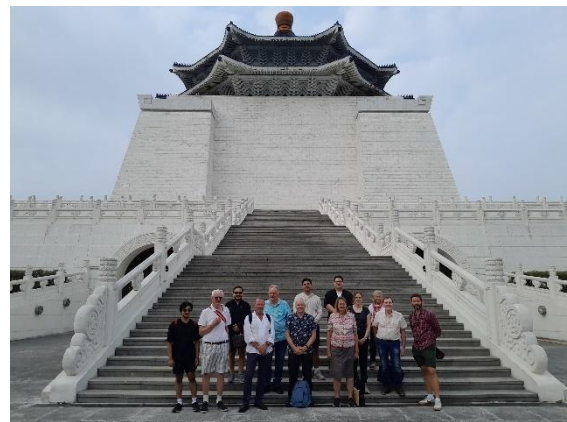
**Alastair Roff** – *Executive Director*

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## STUDY TOURS

AIIA Victoria recently completed its first overseas tour since the onset of the pandemic. With **Taiwan** as its destination, the Study Tour led by Rowan Callick OBE FAIIA and Jesse Dass aligned with Taiwan's recent presidential election and internationally renowned COVID-19 response.

The Study Tour examined Taiwan through many perspectives; showcasing its cultural diversity, layered history, political nuances, and international relations. For ten immersive days, the fourteen Study Tour participants experienced Taiwanese culture through art, religion, literature, cuisine, and herbal tea. Highlights included roundtable discussions with the Australian Office in Taipei, renowned journalists, scholars at the National Cheng Kung University, a [lunch meeting with the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Tien Chung-kwang](#), and visits to the National Palace Museum, Taipei 101, and the Hsinchu Science Park.





Looking ahead, planning started during the year for Study Tours in early 2025 to **India** and **Sri Lanka**. The plan is to run these back-to-back end February/early March 2025 to allow members the opportunity to participate in either, or both. They will be led by AIIA Victoria Council members Dr Michael Moignard (former Senior Trade Commissioner in New Delhi), and Prakash Mirchandani (extensive business experience and connections in Sri Lanka).

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## SIR ZELMAN COWEN ORATION

The 2024 Oration was held at the Park Hyatt Melbourne and was attended by approximately 140 members and their guests.



The Oration was delivered by Professor Sharon Lewin AO, FRACP, PHD, FAHMS, Director of the Peter Doherty Institute for Infection and Immunity on *From HIV to COVID and Beyond: How can we be better prepared for the inevitable next global pandemic?*

An international authority on infectious diseases, and well known for her inspirational leadership during the COVID pandemic, Professor Lewin used the prism of the pandemic response to reflect on how as a community we respond to the challenges of our time and to explore the road ahead.

The night could not have gone ahead without the contribution of Justin Meyer and Laura Brennan, this year's *Sir Zelman Cowen Oration* Intern. Our thanks go to the Walter Mangold Trust Fund for providing generous support to our young members.

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## SOUTH ASIA SEMINAR SERIES 2024

In partnership with the **Australia India Institute, Asialink, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) Victoria State Office, and Confederation of Indian Industry**, AIIA Victoria again organised a series of three South Asia Seminars.

The first seminar focused on Bangladesh and the Maldives, in a time of profound political change including dealing with an assertive neighbour.



The second discussed security issues in the Indo-Pacific region from a South Asia perspective, and examined how global issues are affecting allies and adversaries in the Indo-Pacific.

The third seminar covered the outcomes of the Indian election. Panellists discussed the impact and consequences of the election on the economy and Indian domestic and foreign policy, together with the impact on India's relationships within the QUAD, the Indo-Pacific region, and the Ukrainian and Middle East conflicts.

Dr Michael Moignard and Prakash Mirchandani, together with intern Yohana Tarigan are commended for another successful series.

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## 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 out over the last year.

We equally rely on our interns to fulfil specific roles that support vital functions of the Institute. 35 internships were awarded throughout the year:

**Corporate Engagement Program:** Catherine Quaden; Jaimie Tan; Leon Hillebrand; Matt Watson; Annie Scacco

**International Careers Conference 2024:** Nicole Koh; Arno Cazenave-Tapie; Muhammad Zahid; Jacqueline Allegra; Conrad Reynolds

**Events Program:** Sophie Gray; Millie McKellar; Gregory Toroek; Claire Foley; Roshan Ranaraja; Angus Baranikow

**Digital Media:** Antonio Sudano; Kadek Dara Larasati; Alexandra Perkins; Lachie Kappa; Jojo Zheng; Sarah Shakeel; Samantha Lim; Jeslyn Khong; Emily Goncalves; Caitlin Chevin-Hall

**Academic Conference:** Laura Kelly

**Sir Zelman Cowen Oration 2024:** Laura Brennan

**South Asia Conference 2024:** Yohana Tarigan

**Young Professionals:** Peter Wessner; Zhilin Zhou; Talia Prime; Shehara De Silva

**Taiwan Study Tour 2024:** Jesse Dass

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

Lachie Kappa; Emily Goncalves; Sarah Weise; Parth Sharma; Jasmin Suzuki; Miranda Nappally; Stephanie Munn; Tarinya De Silva; Leo Li; Laura Brennan; Najiba Rahimi; Samuel Park; Nick Schade; Matthew Zagame; Jonathan Pei; Milly Copping James; Sunny Lockett; Alina Yasser; James Hammersley; Juno Robertson; Jordan Dimitrijevi; Chloe Sammann; Oscar Martin; Tola Beavis; Navodi Hewage; Virasinee Luevisadpaibul; Rodolfo Romero; Priya Singh; Bevan Lovejoy; Jacqueline Gill; Jackson Weekes; Krishna Kumar Verna; Quynh Long; Santi Segar; Gabriela Del Castillo Suarez.



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## DONATIONS

We are most grateful to all who contribute to AIIA Victoria.



The following generously donated in 2023-2024:

John Brookes	Kelly MacDonald
David Kiernan	John Richardson
Susan Green	Kathie Derham Moore
Prakash Mirchandani	Helen Freeman
John Lewisohn	Brendan O'Brien
Zara Kimpton OAM FAIIA	Prof the Hon Gareth Evans AC KC
Tom Kudelka	FASSA FAIIA
The Hon David Harper AM KC	The Sir Wilfred & C H (Roger) Brookes
Alastair Roff	Charitable Foundation
David Lamb	The Walter Mangold Trust Fund

## 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 is 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:

Helen Freeman	Susan Green
Zara Kimpton OAM FAIIA	Brendan O'Brien
Tom Kudelka	Prof Stewart Gill OAM
Alastair Roff	Prof the Hon Gareth Evans AC KC
The Hon David Harper AM KC	FASSA FAIIA
Prakash Mirchandani	

We acknowledge the following Lifetime Friends:

Prof. the Hon Gareth Evans AC KC	Patrick Moore
FASSA FAIIA	Richard Morgan AM
Helen Freeman	Allan Myers AC KC
The Hon David Harper AM KC	Brendan O'Brien
Hartmut & Ruth Hofmann	Alastair Roff
Zara Kimpton OAM FAIIA	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 2023:

**Zara Kimpton OAM** for leadership in the promotion of public understanding of international relations.

## VALE

**Pat Pettit** (10/04/1937 - 03/06/2024)

Trish Ritman Vice President AIIA Victoria 2004 – 2007 writes: “On the recent death of our dear friend Pat Pettit I think of her wonderful work in an honorary capacity in renovating and classifying “The John Legge Library” that was in pride of place in the Institute in East Melbourne. In the early 2000’s Pat had just retired from her career as a senior academic librarian and willingly agreed to update the cataloguing of the library, a challenge that took her considerable time and ensured the books were easily accessed by scholars and members. The then President, Zara Kimpton, myself Vice President and Treasurer Baard Solnordal remember well the important contribution Pat made to the preservation of historical knowledge available at the Institute and greatly appreciated her work”.

**Ray Schoer** (16/09/1933 - 28/02/2024)

Ray Schoer was President of AIIA Victoria from 1999 to 2001. During the 1980s, Ray Schoer ran the Federal Government's National Companies and Securities Commission (NCSC), ensuring that financial markets in Australia were run efficiently. After 10 years, Schoer moved on to become national director of the Australian Stock Exchange (ASX) before retiring in 1995. Before the NCSC was set up, he worked at the Commonwealth Department of Treasury, was assistant secretary to the Commonwealth Department of Business and Consumer Affairs and was secretary to the Ministerial Council for Companies and Securities.

## 17<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL CAREERS CONFERENCE

Engaging, informing, and inspiring the next generation of professionals seeking a career with an international component, the International Careers Conference 2023 was a full-day event running from 8:45am to 7:00pm in which 160 participants had exclusive access to professionals, academics, diplomats, and world-renowned experts.



The 17th International Careers Conference opened with a keynote address by Dr. David Dutton, Assistant Secretary for Climate and Environmental Diplomacy at DFAT, followed by a series of panel discussions featuring an array of professionals from government, academia, industry, and the not-for-profit sector, all offering advice and career insights from their respective fields. In the afternoon, eleven 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 held at The Oxford Scholar. 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) have hosted over 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, a New Colombo Plan (NCP) information session, and collaborative events with international affairs university student societies. In the past year, our Young Professionals membership continued to grow steadily, with an increase of 30% in the number of young professionals joining our organisation.

We have been fortunate to have had the continued support of our wonderful interns — Peter Wessner, Zhilin Zhou, Talia Prime, Shehara De Silva — who worked with our General Manager (Operations), Dr. Patricia Salas Sanchez, 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

Membership numbers have held up well. 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 rates were again in 2023-24 held at the same level with no increase.

Members as of 30 June	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Standard	116	97	109
Premium	36	31	41
Concession	110	100	92
Premium Concession	25	39	42
Young Professionals	125	134	210
Corporate	11	7	7
School	4	3	0
Life Members & Patrons	4	4	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>505</b>

<b>AIIA VIC Events 2023-24 Financial Year</b>			
	<i>Key:</i>	<i>Branch Functions</i>	<i>Roundtables</i>
		<i>External Functions</i>	<i>Academic Conference</i>
		<i>Young Professionals</i>	
#	Date	Event Name	Speaker
1	6-Jul-23	Revealing Secrets Book Launch - Unofficial History Australian Signals Intelligence	John Blaxland & Clare Birgin, Gareth Evans
2	11-Jul-23	Thunder from the Silent Zone: Rethinking China	Paul Monk
3	12-Jul-23	Shifty Shades of Grey: the Dark Fleet Shipping Sanctioned Oil around the World	Michelle Wiese Bockmann
4	13-Jul-23	<i>South Asia Series - Trade &amp; Security</i>	Panel discussion
5	19-Jul-23	CommunicAsian - How Asia's Rise is Shaping the Future of Communications	Oliver Stelling
6	26-Jul-23	"A Rising Fury" Film Screening	Cinema Nova
7	1-Aug-23	MTA - Cuba	HE Mrs Tanieris Dieguez la O
8	8-Aug-23	The Besieging of an Open City: Where is Hong Kong Heading?	Kevin Lam & Rowan Callick OBE FAIIA
9	14-Aug-23	The Myanmar Conflict and its Implications in the Indo-Pacific's Strategic Competition Landscape	Dr Miemie Winn Byrd
10	17-Aug-23	Border Crossings - my Journey as an Outsider	Mohammad Chowdhury & The Hon Jaala Pulford
11	22-Aug-23	<i>Young Professionals Masterclass - Session 1</i>	Mohammad Chowdhury
12	24-Aug-23	A Strategic Analysis of the Russo-Ukraine War: An Update	Richard Iron CMG OBE
13	28-Aug-23	<i>Dinner with Douglas Hsu, Taiwan Representative to Australia</i>	Douglas Hsu
14	5-Sep-23	<i>International Careers Conference</i>	Panel discussions
15	26-Sep-23	Japan-Australia Security and Defence Cooperation	Lieutenant General (Ret.) ISOBE Koichi
16	26-Sep-23	<i>Young Professionals Masterclass - Session 2</i>	Richard Iron CMG OBE
17	3-Oct-23	The Island whose Fate determines Australia's: Taiwan	Rowan Callick OBE FAIIA
18	10-Oct-23	<i>YP - Constitutional Recognition of Indigenous Peoples in Latin America</i>	Panel discussion
19	11-Oct-23	Russia's War Against Ukraine: The Whole Story	Prof. Mark Edele
20	18-Oct-23	The Echidna Strategy: Australia's search for power and peace	Sam Roggeveen
21	19-Oct-23	Dyason House Farewell	Life Members
22	24-Oct-23	<i>YP Masterclass 3</i>	Josh Rose
23	25-Oct-23	<i>YP Networking Night</i>	Domenica Moreno, Bardie Barclay-Sutton

24	21-Nov-23	Conference on Post Putin Russia	Richard Iron, Dr Robert Horvath, Assoc. Prof. Matt Sussex, Isabella Currie, Assoc. Prof. Stephen Fortescue, Prof. Leslie Holmes, Dr Cai Wilkinson, Leonid Volkov, Dr Carrie McDougall, Prof. Mark Edele, Jon Richardson
25	24-Nov-23	Chinese Style Modernisation: Promoting Chinese Morality and Civilisation as Alternatives to Western Liberalism	Guo Zhiyuan, Sungmoon Kim, Susan Trevaskes, Delia Lin, Rowan Callick OBE FAIIA, Sam Seppenau, Haig Patapan
26	4-Dec-23	The Russian Pacific Fleet 2023-2030 - Implications for Australia's National Security and Defence	Assoc. Prof. Alexey D Muraviev
27	5-Dec-23	YP End of Year Trivia Night	
28	31-Jan-24	The Backstage of Ukraine's Democratisation Progress	Viktoriya Bryndza
29	1-Feb-24	Roundtable with Ambassador to Lebanon	HE Mr Andrew Barnes
30	21-Feb-24	Democracy in Decline?	Emeritus Professor Damien Kingsbury
31	22-Feb-24	AUKUS Roundtable	Sophia Gaston
32	23-Feb-24	Sri Lanka Roundtable	Dr Harsha de Silva
33	27-Feb-24	Ukraine - a view from Poland and the Baltic States	Dr Paul Monk
34	28-Feb-24	Western Balkans Roundtable	Dr Jasmin Mujanović
35	29-Feb-24	16th Sir Zelman Cowen Oration & Dinner	Professor Sharon Lewin AO
36	5-Mar-24	Young Professionals - International Women's Day	
37	7-Mar-24	Indonesia's Election	Prof. Tim Lindsey AO FAIIA and Rowan Callick OBE FAIIA
38	12-Mar-24	The Assassination of Alexei Navalny	Dr. Robert Horvath and Petr Kuzmin
39	21-Mar-24	Roundtable (invitation-only; co-hosted with CyberCX)	ADM Mike Rogers, USN (Ret'd)
40	21-Mar-24	Private dinner (invitation-only; co-hosted with CyberCX)	ADM Mike Rogers, USN (Ret'd)
41	4-Apr-24	Australia-Philippines Bilateral Relationship	HE Ms HK Yu PSM, Ambassador to Philippines
42	8-Apr-24	Is Victoria's Defence Manufacturing Sector prepared for AUKUS?	Panel discussion
43	9-Apr-24	Young Professionals - Gender and the Global Climate Crisis	Dr Samantha Gunawardana, Tevvi Bullock, Priya Dhanani



44	10-Apr-24	Prof. Alessio Patalano in conversation with Richard Iron CMG OBE	Prof. Alessio Patalano
45	11-Apr-24	Feminist Foreign Policy versus Militarisation	Prof. Jacqui True FASSA FAIIA & panel
46	15-Apr-24	The Geopolitical Landscape in 2024	Richard Fontaine, CNAS
47	15-Apr-24	Private dinner (invitation-only; co-hosted with ANU NSC)	Richard Fontaine, CNAS
48	17-Apr-24	Meet the Ambassador - Fiji	HE Mr Ajay Bhai Amrit, High Commissioner
49	18-Apr-24	Delivering Justice for War Crimes in Ukraine	Tirana Hassan, CEO Human Rights Watch
50	23-Apr-24	Exploring Nigeria-Australia Bilateral Relations & Opportunities: Panel Discussion	HE Ms Mercy Clement, High Commissioner
51	23-Apr-24	Young Professionals Trivia and Networking Night	
52	1-May-24	Brothers in Arms or Friends with Benefits? Russia and DPRK Strategic Engagement	Dr Alexey Muraviev
53	2-May-24	Sri Lanka Roundtable	DFAT + delegation
54	8-May-24	The Russian Economy and the Effect of Western Sanctions	Vladimir Milov in conversation with Dr Maxim Ananyev
55	9-May-24	Roundtable High Commissioner to Ghana	HE Ms Berenice Owen-Jones
56	13-May-24	EU and Australian Research & Innovation (Europe Day seminar)	Panel discussion
57	14-May-24	South Asia Series 2024 Bangladesh and the Maldives: Trade, Politics, Security and the India Factor	Panel discussion
58	15-May-24	How Russia's Propaganda Narrative Shaped Western Perceptions of its War on Ukraine	Michael Lawriwsky
59	22-May-24	AUKUS Roundtable (US Embassy)	Chargé d'Affaires Erika Olson
60	22-May-24	Trilateral Women's Leadership Forum	US/Japan/Korea Consulates
61	23-May-24	Young Professionals - Life as a Diplomat	Susan Coles
62	28-May-24	South Asia Series: Indo-Pacific Security & Middle East	Panel discussion
63	29-May-24	Crisis in New Caledonia	Nic Maclellan
64	30-May-24	Young Professionals - UN Careers Evening	Panel discussion
65	6-June-24	Ukraine - Strategic Update	Richard Iron CMG OBE
66	11-June-24	South Asia Series: India's Election	Panel discussion
67	17-June-24	Roundtable Maldives	DFAT + delegation