

# ***Meet the Ambassador – Canada***

HE Dr Julie Sunday, High Commissioner for Canada in Australia

Wednesday 13 November: 5.30pm for 6-7pm at Level 13, 356 Collins Street, Melbourne VIC 3000

Australia and Canada are divided by a vast ocean, and unequal capacities in French and cricket. Nonetheless, the two nations trust each other to such an extent that they provide consular services to one another's citizens in select locations around the world.

They share a long history of close bilateral relations and face similar public policy challenges; the two countries stand together as defenders of democracy, global security, multilateral institutions and initiatives and open markets.



Canada and Australia regularly work together to advance common interests on international issues, based on their policy convergence in many areas, including defence and security, trade, economic growth, migration, transportation, Indigenous, social, cultural, academic and regional issues. Canada's defence relationship with Australia is its largest in the Indo-Pacific region, and both countries share a common interest in an Indo-Pacific that is open, stable and prosperous.

In an increasingly complex and destabilising global political landscape, how can two 'middle powers' work together to achieve shared goals? What similarities or differences exist in their respective approach to foreign policy?

In this next instalment of our *Meet the Ambassador* series, AIIA Victoria invites you to join High Commissioner Julie Sunday in conversation with former Australian Ambassador John Richardson to discuss the bilateral relationship and future opportunities.



***HE Dr Julie Sunday*** joined the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade in 2005 and has served in two of Canada's central agencies—the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat and the Privy Council Office—and was Director General of Clean Technology Innovation at Natural Resources Canada. At Global Affairs Canada, she has served as Director for science, technology and innovation; Director General and adviser to the chief financial officer; Director General, security and emergency management, and Chief security officer; and Director General for pandemic response. Most recently, she served as Assistant Deputy Minister for the Consular, Security and Emergency Management Branch.

*including spearheading efforts to advance the Canada-led Declaration Against Arbitrary Detention in State-to-State Relations and acting as Canada's first senior official for hostage affairs. She arrived in Canberra as Canada's High Commission to Australia in September 2024.*

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