

# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2024



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## Mission statement and purpose

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New Zealand Institute of International Affairs (NZIIA) – Whare Tawāhi-amahi i Aotearoa, is an independent, non-governmental organisation that fosters expert discussion and understanding of international affairs as they relate to Aotearoa New Zealand.

The Institute is a registered charitable society governed by an eight-person Board, seven of whom are elected by its members and an ex officio appointee from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. It comprises a National Office and seven branches around New Zealand; in Christchurch, Nelson, Wellington, Wairarapa, Palmerston North, Hawkes Bay and Auckland.

Established in 1934, NZIIA encourages understanding of international issues so that New Zealanders are better informed, gain different perspectives and have greater connections to the outside world. It exists for the long-term political, social, economic and environmental wellbeing of New Zealand.

The Institute delivers events, research and other initiatives, including public addresses by visiting experts and dignitaries, workshops, roundtable events, Track II and 1.5 dialogues and a flagship conference. The National Office and Branches host an active programme of more than 100 events annually around New Zealand.

NZIIA communicates through digital platforms and has a long heritage of research publications, utilising international affairs experts from New Zealand and overseas. *New Zealand International Review* is the only magazine exclusively devoted to international affairs as they affect New Zealand. It has six editions per year and has been published for 49 years. The magazine is available for members as part of their subscription and to students at universities in New Zealand.

NZIIA's Charities Commission registration number is CC24250 and the incorporation number is 210554.

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As the New York-based Council on Foreign Relations remarked crisply, 2024 was “a trying year on the world stage, as the forces of disarray grow stronger”. Some of the challenges noted by my predecessor in his 2023 report remained as concerning as ever: the warring in Ukraine and Gaza where, along with the events in Syria, the destabilising effects are far-reaching. There were other major conflicts too, less to mind, in places like Sudan and Myanmar. A suite of elections saw the power of previously-dominant parties diminished in several countries. Elsewhere, governments were completely overturned in the UK and USA, the effects of which will be felt as new policies on international engagement are developed. All this in one of the hottest years on record, notable for a large number of weather-related disasters, providing a reminder about the many, even modest, environmental targets nowhere near being met.

Given how many of these issues (and others) have global impact, there is no lessening of the need for our Institute to continue providing a platform for discussion of, as well as disseminating information on, international issues as they affect New Zealand. More details on the activities of the Institute in 2024 are provided in the report by the Executive Director. It is worth noting that across the country, branches as well as the National Office have increased the number of events held. From 87 in 2023, this increased to 108 in the year under review. Memberships have also risen. In this final year of the current strategic plan, the emphasis on expert discussion, events, communications and publications remains as valid as when launched. Equally, the board is alert to governance requirements and the need to ensure it is best able to support the broader objectives of the organisation and its members.

Two highlights of the year attest not only to the importance of public events but also in growing the Institute as a base for research and other work. The first was the speech by Deputy Prime Minister (and Foreign Minister) Rt Hon Winston Peters at the Institute’s AGM on 1 May when he reminded his audience that “the challenges we face are stark, the worst that anyone

today working in politics or foreign affairs can remember.” This, he said, was why “more energy, more urgency, and sharper focus [had to be given] to three interconnected lines of effort: investing in our relationships, growing our prosperity, and strengthening our security.”

Another major development was the awarding of a contract to NZIIA as part of a consortium to deliver a policy dialogue project with the EU over the next three years. The work will begin in 2025 and is an acknowledgment of the Institute’s standing as an organisation focused on international developments.

Part of that recognition comes from its long-running publication, *New Zealand International Review*. First published in January 1976, and long under the editorship of Dr Ian McGibbon, it provides readers here and internationally with a specialist view on New Zealand’s international relations. Complementing this are the website and social media channels of the Institute. The Board has quite rightly supported the enhancement of all these information channels as part of meeting member – and wider – expectations.

The strategic plan noted earlier also covered finance and administration. It is thanks to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade as well as to Te Herenga Waka Victoria University of Wellington that the Institute is able to staff and house a modestly-sized national office that serves not only Institute members but an international audience seeking to be informed in a professional way about the priorities and practices of New Zealand’s international affairs.

In 2024, and early 2025, the Institute lost three of its former stalwarts – Honorary Vice-President Alison Stokes QSO, Life Member (and former Chair of the Hawkes Bay Branch) Ken Aldred, and Honorary Vice-President and former President Russell Marshall who had held a number of ministerial positions during his parliamentary career, including Foreign Affairs. These remind us of the critical place of office holders and of our branches in the work and life of the Institute. The fact many members travel some distance to attend meetings is testament to the quality of events being provided. The Board remains grateful to branch chairs and committee members for their commitment to presenting events of interest.

A special word of thanks to Emeritus Professor (and Institute Life Member) Don Trow who unfailingly provides the annual review of the Performance Report of the Institute. His services, which have previously included the role of Institute Treasurer, extend back even further than the fifty years of *New Zealand International Review*.

Finally, I thank my predecessor as Chair, Dr Richard Grant, who in stepping down from that role mid-year, has remained on the board. I am also grateful to all board members for their time and contributions, as well as to the Executive Director and Administrator for their dedication in furthering the objectives of the Institute.

**Dr James Kember**

*Chair*





It is very pleasing that the Institute made further progress on its objectives in 2024, helping to meet the clearly growing need to understand what is happening in international affairs, and how this relates to New Zealand.

2024 marked the third of a three-year cycle of the NZIIA strategy, with the focus respectively on events; research and publications; communications; and finance, administration and governance. We fully achieved 36 of 46 strategic targets (78%) with a further eight partially completed. This excellent result is a product of the vitality of NZIIA's branches, which worked exceedingly hard with the National Office and Board to deliver over 100 events in the year. 2024 also saw member numbers grow for the third year running; increased event attendance; enhanced marketing and communications; research publications delivered; and a financial result substantially better than budgeted. In its 90th year, NZIIA continues to deliver a remarkable body of work that is an exceedingly good return on the investment from its funders.

Highlights included the Minister of Foreign Affairs delivering a landmark speech on New Zealand's foreign policy reset at Parliament. A further feature was bringing 17 experts from around the Pacific region to Auckland for the NZIIA Pacific Symposium to workshop how strategic competition is affecting the region, and what Pacific peoples, regional institutions and Pacific countries should do to respond. This resulted in a research report written by Guy Fiti Sinclair and two very well attended public panel discussions in Auckland and Wellington, delivered with thanks to sponsorship from the Pacific Cooperation Foundation and Konrad Adenauer Stiftung.

This work aims to be of interest both to casual followers of international affairs and experts in Government, business, NGOs and academia working in this space. It is a pointer to the next iteration of the NZIIA strategy, which aims to meet the needs of mid-career professionals who are routinely making decisions on international affairs issues that affect New Zealand's long-term economic, social, security and environmental well-being.

With this in mind, a further highlight was our successful bid, as the partner of consulting firm Stantec, to deliver a public diplomacy and policy dialogue project on behalf on the European Union over the next three years. Such projects, while maintaining NZIIA's constitutional and governance compliance, help diversify our funding and deliver sophisticated knowledge to the international affairs community. This becomes increasingly important given spending constraints in the public and tertiary education sectors.

Personally, it was illuminating to visit Brussels, Hamburg and Berlin in December 2024 to discuss security and geopolitical topics with a range of international affairs experts, organised by Konrad Adenauer Stiftung. Such visits enhance the Institute's links with similar organisations overseas, open new funding streams and improve knowledge of the international environment, which can be passed on to the community here.

Fulsome thanks are due to the NZIIA national Board, including outgoing Chair Dick Grant, current Chair James Kember and Vice Chair Serena Kelly, who contributed many hours of patient guidance to enhance the Institute's governance and strategic approach. Appreciation also goes to Ian McGibbon who continued to expertly edit a visually improved *New Zealand International Review* and to National Office administrator Yvonne Palmer. My gratitude also goes to funders of various initiatives, particularly the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Te Herenga Waka Victoria University of Wellington, without which we could not do what we do. Many thanks to the Branch Chairs and committees for their excellent work over the year, and to the thousands of New Zealanders who engaged with NZIIA in various ways, including the approximately 1,000 current members.

2025 promises to be another important and busy year, not least because of the NZIIA conference planned for Wellington on 17 June. We very much appreciate all the continued support.

Ngā mihi nui

**Dr Hamish McDougall**

*Executive Director*

## 2024 National Office programme of events

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- 1 Mar Public Address – Wellington: *US and international responses to the challenges posed by North Korea* – Dr Jung H. Pak, US Assistant Deputy Secretary of State, with 101 in person and 56 online participants
- 11 Mar Public Address – Wellington: *What next for sexual and reproductive health rights?* – Rt Hon Helen Clark in conversation with Dr Natalia Kanam, Executive Director of the United National Population Fund, with 110 participants
- 20 Mar Public Address – Wellington: *The EU and the Indo-Pacific* – Richard Tibbles, EU Special Envoy for the Indo-Pacific, with 87 participants
- 1 May NZIIA National AGM - Wellington and online, with 84 attending.
- 1 May NZIIA Annual Lecture – *Address by Rt Hon Winston Peters, Minister of Foreign Affairs*, with 170 attending at Parliament.
- 5 Jun Book Launch – Wellington: *Staying Alive: New Zealand, Britain and European Integration Since 1960* – Hamish McDougall, Vangelis Vitalis, John Pearson and Esther Guy-Meakin, with 95 participants.
- 25-27 Jun Workshop – Auckland: *NZIIA Pacific Symposium: Navigating geostrategic competition* – with 17 expert participants from across the Pacific region.
- 26 Jun Public event – panel discussion – Auckland: *International Politics in the Pacific: Navigating geostrategic competition* – Discussion moderated by Rouben Azizian. Panel included: Distinguished Professor Steven Ratuva, University of Canterbury, Dr Meg Keen, Lowy Institute, Associate Professor Anna Powles, Massey University, Dr Iati Iati, Te Herenga Waka Victoria University of Wellington and Maureen Penjeuli, Pacific Network on Globalization, with 90 participants.
- 5 Aug Public Address – Auckland: *The Ultimate AUKUS Question: Can America solve our China problem?* – Professor Hugh White AO, with 85 participants

- 7 Aug Public Address – Wellington: *After Unipolarity: Where is the Asian regional order heading, and what should we be doing about it?* – Professor Hugh White AO, with 140 participants
- 10 Sep Book Launch – Wellington: *Perspectives of Two Island Nations – Singapore – New Zealand* – Dr Anne-Marie Schleich, former German Ambassador to New Zealand from 2012 to 2016 and Adjunct Senior Fellow with the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Singapore. Guest of honour Rt Hon Winston Peters, with 115 participants
- 14 Oct Address followed by Q&A – Auckland: *Doubling New Zealand's Exports: Focus is key* – Hon Todd McClay, Minister for Trade Negotiations. Event hosted by NZIIA with MinterEllisonRuddWatts and Helen Clark Foundation, with 70 participants
- 29 Oct Public Address – Auckland: *Small State Diplomacy: Climate change, democracy and security* – The Hon Frederick A Mitchell, MP, Minister of Foreign Affairs and The Public Service of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas, with 40 participants
- 1 Nov Lunch Discussion – Auckland: *New Zealand's relations with Germany and the EU* – Henning Speck – National Security Advisor, German Bundestag, Tilman Kuban – Member of the German Bundestag, Nicolas Zippelius – Member of the German Bundestag. Organised in collaboration with Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, with 14 experts in NZ-EU relations.
- 14 Nov Report Launch – Wellington: *International Politics in the Pacific: Navigating strategic competition* – Esala Nayasi, Deputy Secretary General, Pacific Islands Forum (speaking online), Caren Rangi ONZM MinstD (Event Chair), Guy Fiti Sinclair, University of Auckland, Anna Powles, Massey University and Dr Iati Iati, Te Herenga Waka Victoria University of Wellington, with 90 participants.
- 2 Dec Public Address – Auckland: *An address by the Czech President Petr Pavel*. Event chaired by Professor Jennifer Curtin, University of

Auckland. Organised in conjunction with University of Auckland Public Policy Institute, with 65 participants

- 5 Dec Expert Panel Discussion – Online: *Australia and New Zealand: Natural Allies?* Organised with the Australian Institute of International Affairs and featuring David Capie, Anna Powles, Joanne Wallis, Jason Young, and Darren Lim, with 130 participants
- 12 Dec Public Address – Auckland: *Industrial policy redux will it work?* Professor Vinod K Aggarwal, University of California, Berkeley, with 45 participants

### **Branch Office Holders:**

**Chairperson:** Rouben Azizian

**Vice Chairperson and Administrator:** Francesca Long

**Treasurer:** Jodi Johnston

**Events Coordinator:** Alan Chan

**Public Relations:** Maria Batista

2024 was a very successful year for the Auckland Branch, with 16 events hosted for Auckland members throughout the year on various topics ranging from addresses by the Australian and British High Commissioners, to presentations from various experts and journalists regarding AUKUS, the US elections, and the Russia-Ukraine conflict. The Branch's success has also been reflected by the increase in membership to 75 paid memberships (30% increase) and 93 student memberships (36% increase). Further, the branch has seen a healthy increase in financial surplus compared to 2023.

The Branch worked in close collaboration with other non-governmental organisations, such as the Pacific Cooperation Foundation, Asia New Zealand Foundation, and New Zealand US Council, participating in various expert roundtables and hosting joint events. Auckland members also gained a better understanding and closer connections with NZIIA's Board, especially after Board member Andrew Wierzbicki's presentation on the Challenges and Misconceptions of New Zealand's Defence policies. The Branch continues to foster its relationship with these different groups, and is also actively establishing new relationships and collaborations, such as with the University of Auckland's Public Policy Club.

The Branch committee, has also grown to include 15 members, with the addition of four new members, two of whom are students. Throughout the year the committee worked closely together to ensure that a variety of innovative and interesting events were delivered smoothly to Auckland members. The Branch's Chair consistently promoted NZIIA and the Branch at various events, including overseas. During the Chair's lengthy overseas

trips, the Vice-Chair successfully took over the running of the Branch and organising various events. Boguslaw Nowak helped facilitate the interactions with the consular corps and AUT, while Sunil Kaushal reached out to potential expert speakers in business and trade industries. This year, with the help of Alexander Murray and Francesca Long, many of the events included refreshments and drinks for members to enjoy whilst networking which led to a more relaxed event atmosphere and larger numbers of attendees, especially students. The Branch has also contributed to the NZIIA Review with the help of Maria Batista's event photographs and summaries. Gary Russell organised and hosted some events at Kinder House.

Throughout the year the Auckland branch has been in close collaboration with the National Office, especially in hosting Auckland-based National Office events. As a result, the Auckland members were able to hear insightful presentations from New Zealand Trade Minister Hon Todd McClay, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Public Service of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, Honourable Frederick A. Mitchell, from Professor Hugh White, and from various experts in the NZIIA's 2024's Pacific Symposium. The Branch Committee thanks Executive Director Hamish McDougall and Administrator Yvonne Palmer for providing such opportunities and general support throughout the year to the Auckland Branch and Committee.

Ngā mihi

**Rouben Azizian**

*Chair*

## Events 2024

- 5-Jan *China and Regional Security* – Oriana Mastro, Professor, Stanford University
- 8-Feb *Insanity of Modern Warfare* – John Reuwer, Treasurer and a member of the board of directors of World Beyond War
- 20-Feb *Two-Year Anniversary of Russia's Invasion of Ukraine* – Ambassadors and various experts from Ukraine and New Zealand
- 21-Mar *New Zealand and Australia – A partnership for a changing world* – Harinder Sidhu AM, Australian High Commissioner to New Zealand
- 9-May *Rwandan Genocide: Lessons Learned*-Michela Wrong, British journalist and author
- 14-May *Why Standing With Your Friends is More Needed than Ever in an Unstable World* – Iona Thomas Obe, British High Commissioner
- 14-Jun *The Philippines Contribution to Geopolitics* – Richard Javad Heydarian, Professorial Chairholder, Polytechnic University of Philippines
- 26-Jun *International Politics in the Pacific: Navigating geostrategic competition* – Expert Panel
- 1-Aug *Crafting New Zealand Defence Policy: Challenges & Misconceptions* - Andrew Wierzbicki, Member of the NZIIA National Board
- 5-Aug *The Ultimate AUKUS question: can America solve our China problem?* – Professor Hugh White, Emeritus Professor, Australian National University
- 19- Aug *Our Main in the Pacific* – Peter Mckenzie, NZUS Media Fellowship Winner



- 5-Sep *Are We All Realistic Now? Geopolitics and the US-China Competition* – Reuben Steff, Senior lecturer, University of Waikato
- 1-Oct *Trump or Harris? Where the 2024 US Election is Heading and What it Means for the World* – Professor Todd Belt, George Washington University, D.C., USA
- 14-Oct *Doubling New Zealand Exports By Value In 10 Years: 'Focus Is Key'* – Todd McClay, New Zealand Minister of Trade
- 29-Oct *Small state Diplomacy: Climate Change, Democracy and Security-* Frederick A Mitchell, Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Public Service of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas
- 17-Dec *Industrial Policy Redux: Will it Work?* – Professor Vinod K. Aggarwal, University of California, Berkeley, USA

**Chair:** Sandeep Sharma

**Secretary:** Max Mitchell

**Treasurer:** Paul Grainger

**Committee Members:** Serena Kelly, Toby Heale, Leonardo Bolstad, Sophia Hunt, Max Mitchell

The Christchurch Branch of NZIIA continued to build on its strong engagement throughout 2024, successfully organising a series of impactful events and expanding our outreach, particularly among students and young professionals. Our efforts to strengthen engagement with student bodies and clubs on the University of Canterbury (UC) campus have yielded positive results, helping to increase participation and awareness of NZIIA's mission. One of the key highlights of the year was the strategic collaboration with student organisations and university colleges to disseminate information about our events, ultimately fostering a deeper connection between NZIIA and the student community.

Our end-of-year event saw a record attendance of nearly 100 guests, a testament to the growing interest in NZIIA's work. Building on this success, we have launched a membership drive for the current year and actively promoted NZIIA during UC's Clubs Day, further expanding our reach. Additionally, our LinkedIn page has experienced increased engagement, allowing us to stay connected with members and share valuable insights from our events.

The branch welcomed two new committee members, Leonardo Bolstad and Sophia Hunt, who have already made valuable contributions to our activities. We sincerely appreciate their enthusiasm and support in furthering the branch's objectives.

The Chair expresses sincere gratitude to the committee members for their unwavering support and dedication throughout the year. Special appreciation goes to Paul Grainger, whose contributions as Treasurer continue to ensure the branch operates smoothly, and to Dr. Serena Kelly,

whose assistance in coordinating events and collaboration with the National Centre for Research on Europe (NCRE) has been invaluable. Toby Heale's contributions in advising on potential speakers and supporting the Chair are duly noted.

A special acknowledgment is also extended to Max Mitchell, who has done an exceptional job as Secretary, demonstrating great commitment in coordinating branch activities and supporting events. His dedication has been especially crucial as the Chair had to be stationed overseas for part of the year due to professional commitments. Max's efforts, along with the collective support of the committee, have ensured the continued success of the Christchurch Branch.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to growing our membership, fostering meaningful discussions on global affairs, and strengthening our engagement with the wider community. The achievements of 2024 lay a strong foundation for the branch's continued success in the coming years.

**Sandeep Sharma**

*Chair*

## Events 2024

- 25 Mar *Working as Intended: Race, Class, Gender, and the Law* – Frank R. Baumgartner, Distinguished Professorship in the Department of Political Science at UNC-Chapel Hill
- 5 Jun *UC's 150-year anniversary, international alumni network and what this reveal about the university's role as a part of Aotearoa New Zealand's soft power diplomacy.* – Brett Berquist, Assistant Vice-Chancellor of Engagement, University of Canterbury
- 23 Jul *Modi 3.0 and India's Global Outreach* – Prof Harsh Pant, Vice President, Studies and Foreign Policy, Observer Research Foundation
- 3 Oct *Growing New Zealand's Competence in Asia* – Dr James To, Asia New Zealand Foundation
- 27 Nov *Fire Side Chat* – HE Ms Neeta Bhushan, High Commissioner of India to New Zealand

## Branch report – HAWKE'S BAY

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After the disruption caused to Branch activities in 2023 caused by Cyclone Gabrielle, the Hawkes Bay Branch was able to revert to normal operations last year, holding a full programme of eleven meetings last year.

Fortunately, we continued to be able to attract a varied array of interesting speakers, providing well-informed insights on global affairs for our members, and wider community. These speakers covered the gamut from government to diplomacy to business.

Branch membership remained stable, as did turnout at our meetings, averaging around 75.

In 2024, Ian Hill succeeded Dr Richard Grant as Branch Chair. The Branch greatly appreciates Dr Grant's leadership over the past dozen years, in which time he has strengthened the Branch, and streamlined its organisation.

The Branch also appreciates the continuing administrative support provided by the National Office.

**Ian Hill**

*Chair*

## Events 2024

- 8 Feb *China and the World in 2024* – John McKinnon, Chair, NZ-China Council with 95 attendees
- 16 Feb *The World seen from Paris* – HE Laurence Beau, French Ambassador with 100 attendees
- 22 Mar *Poland's relations with New Zealand and Warsaw's perspective on the Indo-Pacific region* – HE Grzegorz Kowal, Polish Ambassador with 95 attendees
- 11 Apr *The Golden Weather is Over. What now for New Zealand Trade Policy?* – Vangelis Vitalis, Deputy Secretary, MFAT with 67 attendees
- 3 May *Melanesia: Opportunities and Challenges and Implications for New Zealand* – Marion Crawshaw, Senior Fellow, CSS with 68 attendees
- 26 Jun *An address by Indian High Commissioner H.E. Ms Neeta Bhushan* with 50 attendees
- 25 July *New Zealand's Asia Outlook* – Suz Jessep, CE, New Zealand Asia Foundation with 65 attendees
- 5 Sep *An address by Dr Manjeet Pardesi* – Centre for Strategic Studies and the Department of History, Philosophy and Politics, Te Herenga Waka - Victoria University of Wellington with 60 attendees
- 27 Sep *An address by the Ambassador of Türkiye to New Zealand* – HE Ömür Ünsay with 65 attendees
- 8 Nov *An address by Professor Emeritus Paul Spoonley* – Massey University with 90 attendees
- 21 Nov *Navigating a Global Business through Challenging Geopolitical Times* – Simon Tucker, Director Global Affairs, Fonterra with 65 attendees

I provide this brief Nelson branch report for the year with pleasure.

We have experienced a series of excellent presentations on varied topics which have been enjoyed by our loyal members on a monthly basis. Their attendance has usually been between 90 and 110.

Our increasing membership currently stands at 187 in total consisting of 78 couples and 41 singles. Our golf club venue has a restriction on numbers who can attend which has meant we have a waiting list.

We have enjoyed a positive and cooperative working relationship with NZIIA at National Office in Wellington and the same can be said in regard to our relationship with members of MFAT who have been supportive of our branch over many years.

At our Christmas function in late November 2024 I indicated my intention to stand down as branch chair. I have been fortunate to have the support of a talented and hard-working committee, most of whom have been actively involved with the branch for several years. Gabrielle Hervey has been our very effective outstanding secretary for several years. She has worked alongside Steve Green and in more recent times Judy Finn, Alison McAlpine and John Fitchett. All have worked hard.

Following my departure as chair John Fitchett has kindly agreed to assume the role this year with the remaining committee members staying on to provide a continuity.

In the past I have recognised and commended Chris Feltham who continues to offer his expertise on the IT issues including the use of speaker microphones, PowerPoint presentations and related technical issues.

Finally in addition to thanking again the committee members for their work I also commend the continued loyalty of the branch members and all others both in Nelson and elsewhere who have contributed to our successful year.

**Oke Blaikie**  
*Retired Chair*

## Events 2024

- 21 Jan *Is artificial intelligence likely to bring about the end of the world as we know it - and if so when?* – Sir Malcolm Grant
- 26 Feb *Leader or laggard: New Zealand's foreign policy in an era of global ecological crisis* – Rod Oram
- 21 Mar *Lubricating Aotearoa's Foreign Affairs* – Philip Gregan, CEO NZ Wine Growers
- 18 Apr *Why New Zealand should be worried about China and North Korea* – Anna Fifield, Asia Pacific Editor, The Washington Post
- 15 May *Growing, Eating and Farming Food as if Our Children Mattered* – Gary Hirschberg, US /NZ Entrepreneur
- 20 Jun *China* – John McKinnon, Diplomat
- 30 Jul *New Zealand's Export Future* – Vangelis Vitalis, Lead Trade Negotiator
- 10 Sep *Australia and New Zealand – A Partnership* – HE Harinder Sidhu AM, Australian High Commissioner
- 23 Oct *Where Does New Zealand Stand with their security arrangements and their partners?* – Christopher Pugsley, Prominent NZ Army Historian
- 27 Nov *Branch Christmas Party* – A light-hearted fun gathering – a great way to celebrate a good year



## Branch report – PALMERSTON NORTH

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In 2024, the Palmerston North Branch of the New Zealand Institute of International Affairs (NZIIA) had a year of remarkable achievement, hosting a wide range of events that furthered its mission of fostering international dialogue and strengthening global connections.

Highlights included the ASEAN Connect event, which offered insights into business opportunities in ASEAN markets, as well as events holding discussions on Pacific security, agritech innovations, and hosting the Swiss Embassy in Palmerston North for the first time. Cultural events like the Cuban Rum and Dinner and supporting the House of MUSA Sustainable Filipino Fashion Show not only engaged the local community but also highlighted the importance of sustainability and global cultural exchange. The branch's efforts were marked by increased visibility and engagement from diverse audiences, including students, business leaders, and diplomats, all contributing to Palmerston North's growing reputation as a center for international thought leadership.

Our branch committee has made significant progress in rebuilding a strong and stable foundation following the financial challenges and strained branch relationships of previous years. With strong leadership from our dedicated committee members, we have worked diligently to build trust with local organizations. These renewed relationships are now beginning to bear fruit, with several key partners offering their support to the branch. This recovery has been pivotal in enabling us to move forward with confidence, expanding our network of collaborations and laying the groundwork for continued success in the future.

As we look to 2025, the branch is excited to expand its reach and deepen its impact through new partnerships and initiatives. We are particularly enthusiastic about our upcoming event, "Building Youth Engagement in International Policy and Global Citizenship," which will highlight global opportunities for youth in diplomacy, business, and international experiences. This will complete our funding obligations for SEACAPE who committed to supporting 4 major events in Palmerston North over 2024.

Partnering with Massey Business School, PNCC, NZ Centre for Global Studies and others, this event will aim to inspire young professionals and students to engage with international affairs.

In addition, the branch has received interest from new partners, including the NZ Centre for Global Studies, Kiwibank, the NZ British Business Council, and Massey University, which will help drive future programs and expand our network.

With plans to diversify our committee and explore emerging global issues, NZIIA Palmerston North is poised to continue its mission of fostering international understanding and global citizenship well into 2025 and beyond.

**Nelson Harper**

*Chair*

## Events 2024

- 27 Mar *BA5 Launch with Manawatū Young Chamber* – introduced the new NZIIA committee and event plans to young professionals and business leaders
- 14 May *ASEAN Connect: Global Markets for International Business* – Lyn Sia Rosmarin (Singapore), Dr. Watcharas Leelawath (Thailand), and Senthil Balan (Malaysia)
- 3 Jul *Manawatū Business Chamber Joint Event* – Diane Lacoste Chevalier (Trade Commissioner of the EU Delegation), Chris Edwards (Founding Director of Go Logistics), Local exporters from Manawatū
- 17 Jul *Pacific Security: Why It Matters to Aotearoa* – keynotes by three experts followed by a robust panel and audience Q&A
- 15 Aug *European Union Ambassador Visit* – facilitated European Union Ambassador Lawrence Meredith's visit to C-Dax
- 19 Sep *ASEAN: Open Doors for Agritech* – to showcase Manawatū's capabilities in agritech and connect local businesses with ASEAN markets
- 15 Oct *Cuban Rum and Dinner Event* – networking and cultural engagement through Cuban cuisine and rum tasting
- 2 Nov *House of MUSA Sustainable Filipino Fashion Show* – supported House of MUSA's showcase of sustainable textiles and fashion innovations
- 28 Nov *Small Advanced Economies: Insights from Switzerland* – Swiss Ambassador Viktor Vavricka, alongside Chief Executives from UCOL and Central Economic Development Agency

## Branch report – WAIRARAPA

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The Wairarapa Branch enjoyed a busy year during 2024. We were able to attract a good range of speakers and our social highlight was the successful fund raiser in conjunction with the NZ International Film Festival.

At the end of the year our members totalled 48, including two life members but we also have 27 affiliates bringing a total of 75. These numbers are down on previous years, most likely reflecting the constraints of fixed incomes on many of those interested in our Branch. However, it was encouraging that our first meeting of the 2025 year attracted in total 92 people. This reflects in part the wider advertising undertaken by members on our new committee.

At this time last year we learned of the death of Gerald Hensley, a long-time member and supporter of our Branch. Perhaps I can best refer members and readers to his Kahu Despatches ([kahudespatches.nz](http://kahudespatches.nz)) a delightful blog containing writing, speeches and eulogies of his life. He was a great New Zealander and it was a privilege to know him.

The previous AGM (held in April 2024) resulted in a major change to the Branch committee, and the new committee took over a well-run and well-documented organisation. Our regular meeting place continues to be 'Rosewood' in Masterton, which has a very good public meeting room, and we are indebted to David and Lynette Dewes for making their facilities available to us.

Similarly our local newspaper continues to be willing to run an appropriate feature article each month, before our meeting, advising their readers of the speaker and the topic. The paper, the MidWeek, is now a part of the Stuff stable, but although the deadlines have changed, the local staff continue to be accommodating for our articles.

During 2024 we had three local speakers: Geoff Walker, Andrew Wright, and Martin Harvey. Our members particularly appreciated talks that were a little less academic and underlined the speaker's personal experiences.

None the less, the diplomats we invited (from Türkiye, the UK and Australia) gave very good talks and each proved to be personable and compelling. The

Turkish Ambassador generously gave the Branch two books for our library and, very tastefully, a number of boxes of genuine Turkish Delight to accompany our coffee!

Our Committee makes a point of meeting each of the guest speakers before the meeting and hosting them to a light dinner. We regularly use Curry Twist, an Indian-themed restaurant which is in walking distance of our meeting venue. (This was an issue one evening, when a heavy downpour began just as we finished dinner and headed to Rosewood!) Committee members also took over the Chair's duties for two meetings when I was out of town.

The social highlight of our year was our Branch fund raiser in August, held at the local Regent 3 theatre, in conjunction with the NZIFF. The light-hearted drama "The Monk and the Gun" about the arrival of democracy in Bhutan, conveyed a strong underlying message within the story of a naïve young monk being sent out to buy a gun (apparently to protect the monastery). We filled the theatre, enjoyed a wine and cheese before the screening, and came away with a new perspective of life in rural Bhutan. The successful evening was made possible by the NZ International Film Festival and the management of the Regent 3 theatre.

In summary, the Wairarapa Branch is in good shape, is guided by an enthusiastic committee, and can look back on a very satisfactory year.

**Richard Jackson**

*Chair*

## Events 2024

- 22 Feb *To Uganda and Back* – Geoff Walker, Masterton
- 21 Mar *Crucial April Elections in the Solomon Islands* – Professor Jon Fraenkel (Professor of Comparative Politics in the School of History, Philosophy, Political Science and International Relations at Victoria University of Wellington)
- 18 Apr *Israel and the West Bank – a personal view* – Andrew Wright, Greytown
- 16 May *Talking Türkiye* – Her Excellency Mrs Omur Unsay, Ambassador for the Republic of Türkiye
- 20 Jun *Global Britain!* – Mr John Pearson, United Kingdom Deputy High Commissioner
- 18 Jul *The Solomons, The South Pacific and New Zealand* – Dr Anna Powles (Senior Lecturer at the Centre for Defence and Security Studies at Massey University)
- 22 Aug *The Monk and the Gun* (Bhutan) – Film Fundraiser
- 19 Sep *Our relationship with Canada* – Martin Harvey (Recent New Zealand High Commissioner to Canada)
- 17 Oct *The Trans-Tasman relationship* – Her Excellency Harinder Sidhu AM
- 21 Nov *The UN – does it have a future?* – Colin Keating (Former diplomat, public service Chief Executive, and practising lawyer)

## Branch report – WELLINGTON

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The Wellington Branch is delighted to have hosted a record 34 events in the 2024 calendar year, up from 23 in 2023 with the average attendance per event increasing again to 62.

The branch has widened our event proposition to include public lectures, embassy and student roundtables, expert panel events, diplomatic community events, member social evenings, an international film evening and collaborative events with other Wellington based institutes and think-thanks. Attendance ranged from 15 for a typical roundtable up to 300 for the Peace Symposium in the Beehive Banquet Hall in the Parliament Buildings for Rt Hon Helen Clark. Speakers to the branch in 2024 have included Ambassadors, Professors, Economists, Members of Parliament, Government and Defence officials. We welcomed 14 guests visiting from overseas in 2024 including Distinguished Professor Vinod Aggarwal (University of California, Berkeley), Professor Todd Belt (George Washington University, Washington, D.C.) and Professor Mazin Qumsiyeh (Bethlehem University, Palestine).

Highlights of 2024 include our collaboration with the Embassy of France for our Paris Olympics 2024 and AGM event at the Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club. This included a keynote from the Ambassador of France HE Laurence Beau; Liz Dawson, Chair of the New Zealand Olympic Committee and Duane Kale, Vice President of the International Paralympic Committee with the Reception kindly sponsored by the Embassy of France.

In September, we held our second diplomatic tree planting event in Owhiro Bay in favourable sunny weather, with support again from the Embassy of the Delegation of the European Union and Conservation Volunteers New Zealand (CVNZ).

We held eight roundtable events in partnership with the Embassy of Hungary, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, Embassy of Türkiye, Embassy of Ecuador, Embassy of Peru, Danube Institute, Caribbean Council of NZ and the India Foundation.

We have continued to increase collaboration with other institutes and NGOs in 2024, including the Caribbean Council (NZ), Soka Gakkai International New Zealand and the United Nations Association of New Zealand. I would particularly like to thank Professor David Capie and the Centre for Strategic Studies (CSS) for the collaboration and partnering on a number of events as well as the Wellington International Leadership Programme (WILP) team.

The Wellington student sub-committee organised six successful events in 2024. These ranged from small roundtables with the Poland and European Union Ambassadors, each hosting about 20 students, to an expert panel on AUKUS featuring journalists and lecturers, which drew 60 students. Larger events, such as student mixers and the highly successful annual *Careers Without Borders* drew over 100 attendees. With strong engagement and momentum, the Student sub-committee is well placed for another successful year.

Wellington Branch membership at the end of 2024 totalled 701 up from 424 in the previous year, continuing the upward trajectory of the last four years. Branch revenue was up to \$8,339 which has included the introduction of non-member event fees and fees for member social events which may include food and drink. Expenses increased to \$4,947 but that covered the cost of organising 34 events including subsidising food and beverage at key events. At 31 December 2024, total Branch assets were \$20,989 up from \$17,597 at the start of the year. Budget for the Environmental Diplomacy Symposium and some other events which were deferred have been transferred to 2025.

The branch values the support of Te Herenga Waka- Victoria University of Wellington who generously provide the Branch with lecture theatre facilities free of charge and as well as the Wellington Club and Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club. The branch appreciated the warm hospitality extended by four diplomatic missions (Türkiye, Hungary, Peru, Poland and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office) where we held events through the year.



The NZIIA Wellington Branch is entirely pro-bono run from speaker co-ordination, marketing and communications to event management, with support from the NZIIA National Office. Organising a portfolio of 34 events requires a lot of work and I thank the team, in particular Saskia Grant, Zinzan Goertzen and Claudia Green for their contributions in 2024.

We look forward to an even better 2025!

Ngā mihi

**Angus Middleton**

*Chair*

## Events 2024

- 9 Feb *Taiwan Teen Envoys Roundtable* – with Taiwanese high school students and Wellington high school facilitated by NZIIA Wellington
- 12 Feb *Roundtable with India Foundation* —Expert roundtable with Ram Madhav, President of India Foundation, Delhi
- 7 Mar *Poland and the War in Ukraine* – Minister Prof Andrzej Szeptycki from the Ministry of Higher Education and the Ministry of Science from the Republic of Poland, Warsaw
- 15 Mar *Relationship between Poland and the European Union* – Student Roundtable with HE Mr Grzegorz Kowal, Ambassador of Poland
- 3 Apr *Roundtable with Danube Institute* – Expert roundtable with Istvan Kiss, Executive Director of Danube Institute, Budapest, Hungary
- 23 Apr *Paris 2024: Olympics à la Française + Branch AGM*- HE Laurence Beau, Ambassador of France to NZ together with Liz Dawson, Chair of the New Zealand Olympic Committee and Duane Kale, Vice President of the International Paralympic Committee (Reception kindly sponsored by the Embassy of France)
- 6 May *Rwanda: Africa Policeman or Regional Troublemaker* – Michela Wrong, Author with remarks from Colin Keating, former NZ Ambassador to the United Nations
- 16 May *Bringing SEA-CAPE ASEAN Fellows to New Zealand* – Panel event of SEA Cape Fellows
- 20 May *The Bill Sutch Case- 50 years on* – Dr Kit Bennetts, Southern Cross University, Gold Coast, Australia
- 21 May *AUKUS Panel: New Zealand's stance on AUKUS* – Student Panel event with Dr Iati Iati, Nicky Hager and Dr Reuben Steff
- 21 May *Roundtable with the Ambassador of Ecuador* – HE Arturo Cabrera Hidalgo, Ambassador of Ecuador to Australia, New Zealand and Fiji (Resident in Canberra)

- 28 May *Environmental and Land Justice in Palestine to help avoid global war* – Prof Mazin Qumsiyeh, Bethlehem University, West Bank, Palestine
- 11 Jun *Reframing Indo-Pacific Dynamics: Taiwan’s Foreign Policy Perspectives* – Roundtable with Representative Joanne Ou of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (hosted by TECO)
- 16 Jul *Student Mixer* – Mike Asplet, Managing Principal - Policy, New Zealand Ministry of Defence. Co-organised with UN Youth Wellington
- 23 Jul *Canada's Challenges with Foreign Interference: The Current Landscape, and Lessons for NZ* – Kevin Vuong, Canadian Member of Parliament, Ottawa, Canada
- 14 Aug *European Union Student Roundtable* – HE Lawrence Meredith, Ambassador of the European Union Delegation to NZ
- 15 Aug *Inaugural Foreign Film Evening- “A Taste of Things”* – Held at Lighthouse Cinema Cuba Street. Branch Member event with introduction from Eric Soulier, Cultural Affairs Attache at the Embassy of France
- 28 Aug *Crafting New Zealand Defence Policy: Some Reflections on the Challenges & Misconceptions* – Andrew Wierzbicki, NZIIA Board Member
- 2 Sep *New Zealand – Caribbean Roundtable Discussion* – with Caribbean delegates (Saint Lucia, Guyana, Turk and Caicos and Trinidad and Tobago) to 2025 Commonwealth Youth Parliament with NZIIA Wellington youth and local Caribbean community
- 11 Sep *US Election Debate Bingo Evening* – Student event with Prof David Capie, Centre of Strategic Studies
- 11 Sep *Democracy, Peace and Stability-shared Values of a New Zealand and Taiwan Partnership* – Representative Joanne Ou, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO), Wellington

- 16 Sep *Inequalities in Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights – An Interactive Dialogue* – Mr Pio Smith, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Regional Director Asia-Pacific
- 18 Sep *Careers without Borders 2024* – With four panels on:
- MFAT: Justin Allen (People Division, MFAT), Megan Addis (Career Diplomat, recently returning from Brussels) and Poutasi Watson (MFAT Trade Policy Engagement and Implementation Team)
  - Trade and Commerce: Lauren Pattinson (Wellington Chamber of Commerce), Phil Quinn (Treasury) and Kate Wilson Butler (Chapman Tripp)
  - International Development: Kirsty Burnett (Future Partners LTD), Tim Sutton (Union Aid), and Sam London (Council for International Development)
  - Defense and Security: Chris Nixon (Ministry of Defence), Jessica Balu (Ministry of Defence), and Steve Macbeth (New Zealand Defence Force)
- 25 Sep *Energy, Geopolitics, and the return of industrial policy: a Kiwi view from inside the International Energy Agency* – Andy Cameron, Senior Consultant, At Large, Wellington
- 27 Sep *Second annual Diplomatic Tree Planting at Owhiro Bay, supported by the European Union Delegation to NZ* – Attended by NZIIA Board Chair and Ambassadors (or designates) of France, Germany, USA, Poland, Italy, Ireland, Spain, European Union, Great Britain, Argentina, Timor L’Este, and Australia
- 2 Oct *Finnish perspectives on European security and the Indo-Pacific* – HE Arto Haapea, Finland Ambassador to NZ based in Canberra. Partner event with the Centre for Strategic Studies. (1230pm)
- 2 Oct *The Nexus Between Climate Change and Security* – A talk by General (Ret) Tom Middendorp, Chair of the International Military Council on Climate and Security. Partner event with the Centre for

Strategic Studies (CSS) and with support of the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. (530pm)

- 3 Oct *The State of 2024 US Election* – Professor Todd Belt, George Washington University, Washington, D.C. Partner event with the Centre for Strategic Studies (CSS)
- 4 Oct *Peace Symposium “Challenges to Peace in Turbulent Times”* – Rt Hon Helen Clark, Former Prime Minister of New Zealand in conversation with Prof Kevin Clements. Introductions by Ingrid Leary, MP. Co-organised with Soka Gakkai International New Zealand and the United Nations Association of New Zealand. Held in Beehive Banquet Hall in NZ Parliament Buildings
- 31 Oct *Expert Roundtable with Mr. András Stefanovszky*- Mr András Stefanovszky, Head of the Department for International Analysis within the Office of the Political Director of the Prime Minister of Hungary, Budapest
- 15 Nov *A Conversation with the US Ambassador* – HE Thomas Udall, US Ambassador to New Zealand and Samoa. Kindly hosted by the Wellington Club
- 3 Dec *Roundtable with the Ambassador of Türkiye - Where East Meets West* – HE Ömür Ünsay, Ambassador of Türkiye to New Zealand. Kindly hosted by the Embassy of Türkiye
- 4 Dec *Roundtable with Ambassador of Peru APEC Peru 2024: Empower. Include. Grow* – HE Mr Jose Emilio Bustinza Soto, Ambassador of Peru. Kindly hosted by the Embassy of Peru
- 16 Dec *Christmas Networking Event and NZIIA Wellington Summer Lecture “Managing New Economic Statecraft: Can International Institutions Play a Role?”* – Professor Vinod K Aggarwal, University of California, Berkeley, California. Partner event with the Centre for Strategic Studies (CSS)

The *Review* is in good heart as it begins its 50th year of publication — and my last as editor. It enjoyed several highlights in 2024. It was the first full year of full colour production. This required more attention to design and illustrations, the main difficulty being locating uncopyrighted images. Another highlight was the special issue on Latin America, overseen by guest editor Priscila Pilatowsky Goñi. Finding sufficient copy remains a challenge.

As previously, the *Review* benefited from the voluntary contribution of the members of the Editorial Committee. Its membership was: Andrew Wierzbicki (chair), Paul Bellamy, Bob Bunch, Gerald McGhie, Malcolm McKinnon, Angus Middleton and Rob Rabel. Anthony Smith as ever performed excellently as book review editor, finding and overseeing a broad range of reviewers. The process of rejuvenating committee has begun.

As ever, the National Office provided excellent support for the *Review*. Yvonne Palmer's sterling administrative efforts in the financial arrangements and distribution of the magazine must again be applauded.

### *Circulation*

As the attached statement indicates, the total circulation rose to 1180 in 2024, another substantial increase. Both Auckland and Wellington branch's rose by over 100 digital subscribers. There were smaller rises in Hawke's Bay and Palmerston North, but Nelson and Wairarapa were both slightly down. The total includes 720 digital subscribers (75 per cent of the total, up from 67 in 2023).

### *Production*

Sea Star Design continued to produce the magazine and Thames Pivotal to print it. The former did an excellent job of reshaping the full-colour magazine.

### *Advertising*

Attracting advertising remained a problem, though the decision to go full colour may offer opportunities in this field.

### *Distribution*

There was no change to distribution arrangements. The rising cost of postage is a major issue, though partly offset by the fact that only a quarter of subscribers now take hard copies.

### *Finance*

The projected deficit of \$24,000 for 2024 proved to be a substantial over call, with the actual deficit coming in at just \$15,394. The main reason for the difference was the relatively low actual figure for postage, though prudence requires that we budget for a much higher figure for 2025.

**Dr Ian McGibbon**

*Managing Editor, New Zealand International Review*

<b>NZIR STATEMENT OF CIRCULATION 2022</b>			
<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>Dec 2022</b>	<b>Dec 2023</b>	<b>Dec 2024</b>
<b>Non-Branch*</b>	114 (67)	92 (79)	99 (81)
<b>Overseas*</b>	33 (3)	26 (3)	29 (12)
<b>Members:</b> Auckland	19 (48)	21 (68)	18 (133)
Christchurch	17 (24)	17 (37)	- (52)
Hawke's Bay	31 (11)	32 (12)	33 (16)
Nelson	32 (67)	34 (50)	21 (44)
Palmerston North	0 (10)	2 (10)	6 (29)
Waikato	0 (2)	-	-
Wairarapa	20 (34)	15 (37)	15 (27)
Wellington	65 (303)	62 (391)	71 (476)
National Office	0 (18)	2 (22)	2 (16)
Total subscriptions/copies distributed	<b>331 (587)</b>	<b>339 (720)</b>	<b>294 (886)</b>
*Includes Corporate, Institutional members, Life Members, Complimentary, Student and Exchange copies. (Student member circulation is included from 2022, but not in previous years). Figures in parentheses are digital subscriptions.			

<b>NZIR STATEMENT OF FINANCE 2023–24</b>			
	<b>2024 Estimate</b>	<b>2024 Statement</b>	<b>2025 Estimate</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>			
<b>Subscriptions:</b>			
NZIR – Advertising & Royalties	1,000	1,353	1,400
NZIR – Branch Sales	12,000	11,486	12,000
NZIR Subscription – Corporate/ Institutional/ NZIR NZ/NZIR OS	8,400	8,951	9,700
NZIR – Sponsorship	4,000	-	4,000
NZIR – Sales Miscellaneous	394	108	150
NZIR – Postal Recovery	-	-	-
<b>Total NZIR Income</b>	<b>25,794</b>	<b>21,898</b>	<b>27,250</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
NZIR – Artwork & Printing (200A)	29,000	24,975	25,000
NZIR – Honorarium (200H)	10,000	10,000	10,000
NZIR – Postage (200E and 200P)	11,000	2,317	9,000
<b>Total NZIR Expenditure</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>37,291</b>	<b>44,000</b>
<b>PROFIT (LOSS)</b>	<b>-24,206</b>	<b>-15,394</b>	<b>-16,750</b>



# Statement of Service Performance

## Description and Quantification of Outputs

<b>Outputs</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
# National Office events	18	14
# average in-person attendees per National Office event	90	80
# of Branch events	90	73
# average attendees per Branch event	55	51
NZIIA Membership Subscriptions		
– Individual Membership (Paid)	542	486
– Corporate / Institutional (Paid)	70	73
– Student (Free)	704	521
– Life (Free)	12	13
Annual Conference attendees	No conference held in 2024	290
AGM and Annual Lecture attendees	170	140
New Zealand International Review publications	6	6
New Zealand International Review subscriptions		
– Hard copy subscribers	321	343
– Email subscribers	902	679
Combined National Office social media subscribers (X, LinkedIn, Facebook, YouTube, Instagram)	7,593	6,464
Individual website users (Google analytics)	21,000	16,000

### **REVIEW REPORT FROM AN INDEPENDENT CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE NEW ZEALAND INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

I have reviewed the accompanying Performance Report of the New Zealand Institute of International Affairs, which includes the Statement of Financial Position of the Institute at 31 December 2024 and the Statement of Financial Performance for the year then ended.

#### **The responsibilities of the Board of the Institute**

The Board is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements, and for such internal control as the Board determines necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### **The responsibilities of the Accountant making the Review**

It is my responsibility to express a conclusion on the accompanying financial statements. This is a limited assurance engagement. The assurance practitioner performs procedures, primarily consisting of making enquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, and applying analytical procedures, and evaluates the evidence obtained. The procedures performed in a review are substantially less than those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand). Accordingly, I do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

In earlier years I have been Treasurer of the Institute and I am a Life Member. In recent years I have had no involvement in the administration of the activities of the Institute, and I consider myself independent of the Institute for the preparation of this report.

#### **Conclusion**

Based on my review, nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the accompanying financial statements do not present fairly the financial position of the New Zealand Institute of International Affairs at 31 December 2024 and the financial results for the year ended on that date, in accordance with the applicable accounting policies.

10 February, 2025



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## NEW ZEALAND INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as at 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash at bank held by NZIIA branches (note 1)	\$ 76,764	53,479
Cash at bank and on deposit held by National Office	501,205	528,268
Accounts receivable and prepayments	21,249	1,985
Web site at cost (\$76,076) less depreciation	22,238	37,290
	<b>\$ 621,456</b>	<b>621,022</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' FUND</b>		
Accounts Payable	\$ 58,121	43,890
MFAT Operating Grant received in advance	100,000	100,000
Other income received in advance	35,355	30,480
Members' Fund	427,980	446,652
	<b>\$ 621,456</b>	<b>621,022</b>

**NEW ZEALAND INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE AND MEMBERS' FUND**  
**for the year ending 31 December 2024**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Grant from NZ Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade (MFAT)	200,000	200,000
Additional grant from MFAT	-	216,500
Branch membership	19,473	15,685
Corporate & Institutional membership	21,242	17,252
Sponsorship from Victoria University	10,000	10,000
Contract services	30,652	-
Interest received	25,874	9,838
Donations received	2,549	2,500
Other revenue	28,000	-
Publication sales	39	252
	<b>\$ 337,829</b>	<b>472,027</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Staff salaries	179,520	172,577
Operating expenses (note 2)	118,652	69,070
Annual General Meeting & dinner	4,706	4,044
Expenses of presenting seminars	23,265	4,205
Deficit for Annual Conference	-	777
Deficit for NZ International Review (note 3)	15,394	6,607
20% Depreciation of web site asset	15,053	17,067
	<b>\$ 356,590</b>	<b>274,347</b>
<b>SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>\$ (18,761)</b>	<b>197,680</b>
Add funds from branches	89	-
Add total Fund at beginning of the year	446,652	248,972
<b>MEMBERS' FUND AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 427,980</b>	<b>446,652</b>

## NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 31 December 2024

### Note 1 Inclusion of branch circumstances

These financial statements incorporate the circumstances of the seven branches of the NZIIA.

The only asset held by each branch is cash at bank.

### Note 2 Analysis of Operating Expenses

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Office at Victoria University of Wellington	\$ 10,000	10,000
Website activity written off	11,411	14,393
Contracting services	36,715	10,322
Accounting services	4,142	3,656
Special projects	27,686	-
Other Office costs	28,698	30,699
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 118,652</b>	<b>69,070</b>

### Note 3 Analysis of Operating Expenses

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Publication and delivery expense</b>		
Artwork and printing	\$ 24,975	23,130
Honorarium for editor	10,000	5,000
Postage and mailouts	2,317	4,799
Total expense	37,292	32,929
<b>Revenues received</b>		
Advertising and royalties	\$ 1,353	999
Branch sales	11,486	11,551
Subscriptions, corporates and others	9,059	9,772
Sponsorship	-	4,000
Total revenues	21,898	26,322
<b>Deficit from publication &amp; sale of NZI Review</b>	<b>\$ 15,394</b>	<b>6,607</b>

## Note 4 – Branch Revenue and Expenses 2024

NZIIA Branch	Revenue	Expenses	Cash balance as at 31 December 2024
Auckland	2,437	1,123	3,313
Christchurch	925	1,187	10,721
Waikato	-	-	4,026
Hawke's Bay	1,491	134	8,136
Nelson	7,432	8,385	4,974
Palmerston North	28,782	11,100	18,933
Wairarapa	2,883	2,250	5,671
Wellington	8,339	4,947	20,989

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Budget 2025</b>
AGM and Annual Lecture Income	4,000
Contract Services	15,000
Conference	152,000
Donations	1,000
EU Public Diplomacy and Policy Dialogue	89,000
Grants – Ministry of Foreign Affairs	200,000
Grants – Other	5,000
Interest Received	25,000
NZIIA Membership – Corporate/Institutional	22,000
NZIIA Membership – Individual	12,000
NZIR – Advertising & Royalties	1,400
NZIR - Branch Sales	12,000
NZIR – Sales Miscellaneous	150
NZIR Sponsorship	4,000
NZIR Subscription – Corporate/Institutional	6,000
NZIR Subscriptions – New Zealand	2,000
NZIR Subscriptions – Overseas	1,700
Publication Sales	100
Sponsorship – Seminars & Functions	5,000
Sponsorship – Victoria University of Wellington	10,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>567,350</b>

## Less Operating Expenses

ACC Levy	550
Accounting Fees	4,000
Advertising	3,200
AGM and Annual Lecture Expenses	4,000
Bank fees	250
Board Expenses	3,000
Contractors – Communication	15,000
Contractors – Sundry	5,000
Depreciation	15,100
Donations to Branches	2,200
EU Project Contractors and expenses	60,000
General Expenses	500
Hospitality	1,000
Insurance	1,500
IT Expenses	1,500
Legal Fees	5,000
KiwiSaver Employer Contributions	5,200

NZIR – Artwork & Printing	25,000
NZIR – Honorarium	10,000
NZIR – Mailouts	1,000
NZIR – Postage	9,000
National Conference Expenses	151,000
Postage & Courier	500
Seminar & Function Expenses	5,000
Special Projects	10,000
Staff Training	1,000
Stationery & Printing	2,000
Stripe Fees	1,000
Subscriptions	3,500
Telephone	650
Travel	8,000
VUW Sponsorship Expense	10,000
Wages	180,000
Website Costs	15,000

<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b><u>559,650</u></b>
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#### **Budget Summary**

Income	567,350
Expenses	<u>559,650</u>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b><u>7,700</u></b>



## Corporate members

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Asia New Zealand Foundation  
Australian High Commission  
Beca Ltd  
Beef + Lamb New Zealand Ltd  
Business New Zealand  
Centre for Defence & Security Studies  
Chapman Tripp  
Department of Internal Affairs  
Dept of the Prime Minister & Cabinet  
Government Communications Security Bureau  
LawAid International Chambers  
Massey University

Ministry of Defence  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade  
Ministry of Justice  
Ministry of Social Development  
MinterEllisonRuddWatts  
New Zealand United States Council  
Pattillo  
Saunders Unsworth  
The Office of the Ombudsman  
Te Herenga Waka - Victoria University of Wellington  
Wellington City Council

## Institutional members

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Apostolic Nunciature of the Holy See  
British High Commission  
Centre for Strategic Studies  
Consulate of the Republic of Croatia  
Consulate of the People's Republic of China  
Cook Islands High Commission  
Council for International Development  
Delegation of the European Union in NZ  
Embassy of Brazil  
Embassy of France  
Embassy of Hungary  
Embassy of Ireland  
Embassy of Israel  
Embassy of Italy  
Embassy of Japan  
Embassy of Spain  
Embassy of Switzerland  
Embassy of the People's Republic of China  
Embassy of the Republic of Chile  
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