

# ANNUAL REPORT



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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 issues and emerging trends, particularly 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 Aotearoa New Zealand.

The Institute delivers events, research projects and other initiatives, including public addresses by visiting experts and dignitaries, workshops, roundtable events, Track II dialogues and a flagship conference. The National Office and Branches host an active programme of more than 80 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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## Office holders

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The international scene continues to be threatening. The war in Ukraine, and the implications for the international order remain a challenge for the global community. The outbreak of war in Gaza dominated the news in the latter part of the year. In Southeast Asia, the situation in Myanmar deteriorated considerably as the regime found itself under pressure from its

own citizens. The World Trade Organisation remains deadlocked in key parts of its work, a major disappointment for New Zealand and other like-minded countries which rely on clear international trade rules. The arduous negotiations on climate change in Doha showed the continuing difficulties in getting the international community united in a response to the threat climate change imposes on us all. Particularly is this the case in the South Pacific where New Zealand's strategic interests lie.

2023 was the second year of the Board's new strategic plan for the Institute. I set out in my last report the four key areas of activity which the Board focuses on: expert discussions and events; communications and publications; administration; and finance.

In terms of expert discussions and events, the conference held in Auckland in June was a highlight, attracting a large audience who attended in person, and a substantial virtual following. The topic – "Aotearoa New Zealand's Place in a Troubled World" – attracted particular attention. We had an impressive line-up of speakers both from New Zealand and internationally. The then Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hon Nanaia Mahuta, gave the keynote speech. The Prime Minister of Fiji, Hon Sitiveni Rabuka made a major presentation on his country's view of the Asia-Pacific region. And, the US Assistant Secretary of State for East Asia and the Pacific, Daniel Kritenbrink, was also able to address the conference during his brief visit to New Zealand. Feedback on the conference from participants and the media response was positive and pleasing.

In early July the Institute was pleased to host the then Prime Minister, Rt Hon Chris Hipkins, who gave a speech on his government's foreign policy before a large audience in Wellington.

The number of events for members and the public continues to rise. This has been helped by the deliberate decision of the Board to get the National Office to hold meetings and other public-facing events as a way of strengthening our presentation. Equally, Branches around the country play an important role in fostering debate and hosting speakers. The total number of events run across the Institute in 2023 was 87.

The New Zealand International Review, edited by Ian McGibbon, remains the only major publication of its type in the country. In the course of the year the Board reviewed ways of increasing the attractiveness of the Review in both its layout and format, and these changes will be rolled out over the next editions.

The website and social media are a critical part of our communication work, and I am happy to record that throughout the year the uptake and the number of participants continued to grow. The Board is hoping to be able to develop this work further in the course of 2024.

Without our Branch network, the reach of the institute would be much less. The Board is grateful to the Branch chairs for their ongoing work, and to the many members outside Wellington who participate in NZIIA meetings.

2023 saw the second elections for Board membership under the new Constitution. Members will recall that elections to the Board are now staggered in time to allow the possibility of rotation of Board members. The election in 2024 will mean that the term of office of the other half of board members expires in 2026.

As far as the Institute's financial situation is concerned, I am pleased to report that the case we made to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade for an increase in our funding was successful. This has given us a necessary shot in the arm. I am grateful to the Ministry for responding as generously as they did to our request. We have also continued to attract counterpart funding from other institutions for specific events, for which we are also grateful.



In November 2023 the Institute signed an affiliation memorandum with Te Herenga Waka Victoria University of Wellington to formalise our existing collaboration with our host, and to agree to work together in the future, particularly with the University’s academic staff and students. We remain very grateful to the University for its ongoing commitment to the Institute. I should also like to thank our other key partner, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, not only for their funding but also for their assistance throughout the year in the work of the Institute.

The Institute acknowledges the sad passing of a former Patron, Rt Hon Sir Michael Hardie Boys, who died in December.

My Board colleagues and the Executive Director and Administrator have been key to the achievements of the year. My thanks go to them.

**Dr Richard Grant**

*Chair*



International events continued to be tumultuous in 2023, but the Institute has made good progress on several fronts. We are two years into a three-year strategic plan designed to foster expert discussion and understanding of international affairs as they relate to New Zealand. This plan focusses on four key areas, which I cover in turn below.

### Events

The Institute hosted 87 events across the network in 2023, up on the previous year, thanks in large part to the excellent work by Branch committees. Highlights included our flagship conference in Auckland last June, attended by nearly 300 people hearing more than 40 expert speakers discussing ‘International Solutions: Aotearoa New Zealand’s Place in a Troubled World.’ Special thanks to conference sponsors Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Centres of Asia Pacific Excellence, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Asia New Zealand Foundation and the EU Delegation to New Zealand.

The conference was followed soon after by then Prime Minister Rt Hon Chris Hipkins’ major foreign policy address to the NZIIA at Parliament buildings; and by a pre-election debate hosted with CID featuring foreign affairs spokespeople from the Parliamentary parties. The NZIIA Annual Lecture delivered by *Washington Post’s* Anna Fifield, with comments from Prof David Capie was an additional highlight. We have made good progress in aligning both large and small events with our strategy, and broadening the diversity of our speakers and audiences, although further work remains.

### Research and publications

Subscriptions to the *New Zealand International Review* are up and we are really pleased to have invested in design improvements, including full colour in the magazine for the first time in its nearly half-century history. Thanks, as ever, to long serving Managing Editor and NZIIA Life Member Ian McGibbon. Additional thanks are due to the Latin America Centre of Asia

Pacific Excellence, who sponsored a Latin America-themed edition at the start of 2024, guest edited by Priscilla Pilatowsky.

## **Communications**

Nearly all of our communications targets were achieved in 2023, helped in large part by utilising the excellent content generated by the conference and other high-profile events. Social media interaction, followers, website visitors and film and podcast audiences all grew. We continued to expand our audio-visual content and to reach new audiences, including busy working professionals.

## **Finance, administration and governance**

As the Chair noted in his report, we are exceedingly grateful to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, which provided additional one-off funding in 2023 to pursue a range of strategic projects, several of which will be delivered in the coming year. The NZIIA is modestly funded overall, yet produces a remarkably large body of work that all members can be proud of.

We are also pleased that our corporate and institute memberships were up last year, a net gain of 12. This is due in part because of the conference and a better definition of member benefits. We are also putting infrastructure and resource in place for the Institute to grow and diversify its revenue through project work.

We sincerely thank all our sponsors in the past year, large and small, in particular Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Te Herenga Waka Victoria University of Wellington, whose support is fundamental to the future of the Institute.

We note, however, that the funding environment will remain challenging in the near term. With this in mind, it is pleasing to note that net assets (primarily cash in the bank) are up for the third successive year, reflecting prudent financial management by the Board.

## **Planning for 2024**

2024 will see further efforts to improve the Institute’s delivery in the above areas. These will include keynote events on strategic topics, preparation for the next national conference in 2025, and greater diversity of speakers and audiences. We will also progress the next volume of *New Zealand in World Affairs*, NZIIA’s flagship research publication in collaboration with Te Herenga Waka University Press.

Additional projects for 2024 will include assembling a NZIIA Advisory Network, engaging experts to create public discussion and understanding on geostrategic competition in the region, and applying greater resource to communications and event management.

Ngā mihi nui

**Dr Hamish McDougall**

*Executive Director*

## 2023 National Office programme of events

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15 Feb Public Address – Wellington: *An Address by the Papua New Guinea Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hon Jutin Tkatchenko* – Cancelled due to travel disruption caused by Cyclone Gabrielle

21 Feb Public Address – Wellington: *Small Nations and International Relations: Ireland’s Approach to Foreign Policy* – Joe Hackett, Secretary General, Ireland Department of Foreign Affairs with 55 participants

27 Feb Public Address – Wellington: *Latin America and Regional Trade: Trans-Pacific Views on Current Developments* – Dr Deborah Elms, Asian Trade Centre and expert panel

This event was organised by the Latin America Centre for Asia Pacific Excellence in association with the New Zealand Institute of International Affairs

11 Apr Public Address – Wellington: *The Implications of the War in Ukraine on Regional Security in the Indo-Pacific*: Dr Benedetta Berti, Head of Policy Planning, Office of the Secretary General at NATO with 70 participants

This event was collaboratively organised by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the High Commission of the United Kingdom, NZIIA and Massey University's Centre for Defence and Security Studies.

14 Apr Public Address – Auckland: *‘Navigating a Stormy Ocean: New Zealand and Regional Politics in the Pacific’*: David Vaeafe, Pacific Cooperation Foundation, Sandra Tarte, Associate Professor, University of the South Pacific and Dr Anna Powles, Senior Lecturer, Centre of Defence and Security Studies, Massey University with 45 participants.

27 Apr NZIIA National AGM and Annual Lecture – *Address by Anna Fifield*, Asia-Pacific Editor, Washington Post with 61 attending the AGM and 140 attending the evening talk.

18 May A workshop discussion was facilitated with MFAT Deputy Secretary Ben King and international affairs experts at Bell Gully in Wellington

8 Jun Conference – Auckland: *International Solutions: Aotearoa New Zealand’s Place in a Troubled World*

Keynote Speakers: Hon Nanaia Mahuta – Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hon Sitiveni Rabuka – Prime Minister of Fiji, Daniel J. Kritenbrink – US Assistant Secretary of State, Max Boot - historian and foreign policy analyst

Moderators and speakers: Dr Manjeet Pardesi, Dr Bryce Wakefield, Professor David Capie, Dr Luqman-nul Hakim, HE Marc Abensour, Marg Joiner, Edward Carr, Josie Pagani, Sir Peter Gluckman, Charlie Gao, HE Nina Obermaier, Sarah Salmond, Prof Natasha Hamilton-Hart, David Vaeafe, Carrie Stoddart-Smith, Teresa Tepania-Ashton, Hon Chris Finlayson KC, Vernon Rive, Golriz Ghahraman MP, Peter Rudd, Schannel van Dijken, Stephanie Honey, David Reid, Janine Grainger, Prof Rouben Azizian, Prof Bethan Greener, Tim van den Molen MP, Randy Rotte, Colin Keating, Prof Cheng-Chwee Kuik, Prof Richard Whitman, Victoria Hallum

MC: Ziena Jalil

With 251 in-person participants, and 40 online participants.

7 Jul Address by the Prime Minister of New Zealand – Wellington: *Aotearoa New Zealand’s Foreign Policy in a Complex World* – Rt Hon Chris Hipkins, Prime Minister of New Zealand with 180 participants

25 Jul Public Address – Wellington: *Development, Trade and Security in the Pacific: A European Perspective* – David McAllister MEP, Chair of the European Parliament Foreign Affairs Committee with 40 participants

3 Aug Pre-Election Debate – Wellington: *Navigating Global Uncertainty: Aid, Trade and Foreign Affairs* – Panelists: Labour Party – Dan

Rosewarne MP; National Party – Hon Gerry Brownlee MP; Green Party – Golriz Ghahraman MP; and Act Party – Brooke van Velden MP with Josie Pagani as moderator. 120 participants. Organised in collaboration with the Council for International Development

17 Aug Public Address – Dunedin: *The Strange Life and Death of Global Britain: New Zealand-EU-UK Relations in the AUKUS Era* – Ben Wellings, Associate Professor, Monash University, Melbourne with 20 participants

11 Sep Interactive Online Discussion: *Southeast Asia's Multipolar Future: Averting a New Cold War* – Thomas Parks, Country Representative in Thailand the Asia Foundation with 30 participants

This event was hosted by the Asia New Zealand Foundation in collaboration with the New Zealand Institute of International Affairs

4 Oct Public Address – Wellington: *How Cold War Economists Shaped the Modern World* – Dr Alan Bollard, Professor of Practice, School of Government, Te Herenga Waka Victoria University of Wellington, chaired by Prof Roberto Rabel and comments from Malcolm McKinnon and Esther Guy-Meakin. 40 participants

27 Oct Roundtable discussion – Auckland: *Reconceptualising French Foreign, Trade and Security Policy in the Indo-Pacific* – Dr Antoine Bondaz, Director, Indo-Pacific Observatory, Paris with 18 participants

14 Dec Roundtable discussion – Wellington: *Long-range repercussions of the war in Ukraine* – HE Vasyly Myroshnychenko, Ambassador of Ukraine to Australia and New Zealand, with 15 participants

### **Branch Office Holders:**

**Co-Chairs:** Gary Russell and Rouben Azizian (March-August)

**Chair:** Rouben Azizian (from August)

**Treasurer:** Jodi Johnston

**Administrator:** Francesca Long

**Events Coordinator:** Alan Chan

**Public relations:** Maria Batista

The Branch had a very successful year marked by a considerable number of innovative activities. It experienced a significant increase in membership from 68 (36 paid and 32 students) to 124 (58 paid and 68 students) by the end of 2023. The Branch committee, which included 7 new and 3 previous members, worked as a tight and motivated team. The committee included experienced practitioners and academics as well as several students. It had 7 male and 3 female members. While five members of the committee held office positions, the other members had specific responsibilities or coordinated special projects.

Jose Miguel Trabanco, for example, initiated a very productive webinar with Ukraine's Foreign Policy Association which was attended by more than 100 participants from New Zealand and Ukraine. Gary Russell organised and hosted several events at the Kinder House. Kathy Errington regularly provided useful MFAT updates and assisted with the use of MFAT's facilities for the Branch events. Boguslaw Nowak facilitated the Branch interaction with the consular corps and the use of the Europe House at AUT. Maria Batista enhanced social media promotion efforts by opening a LinkedIn page which has been attracting a good number of viewers. The committee provided strong support to the NZIIA conference in Auckland in June 2023.

Throughout the year the Branch committee consistently worked on developing partnership relationships and diversification of events and speakers. The Branch partnered with Ukraine's Foreign Policy Association,



Asia New Zealand Foundation, Pacific Cooperation Foundation, New Zealand Asia Institute of Auckland university, the Centre for Defence and Security Studies of Massey university, Beca, Auckland Business Chamber, and MinterEllisonRuddWatts law firm. The speakers' list included senior diplomats, international and local academics, strategic analysts, business representatives and members of NGOs.

The Branch was in regular contact with the National office and received valuable support from the Executive Director Hamish McDougall and Administrator Yvonne Palmer. The Branch exchanged information and coordinated events with the Wellington Branch. The Chairs of the two branches met several times and attempted to establish an online group of branch chairs. The successful year was a result of joint efforts by all Branch committee members with administrator Francesca Long making a particularly valuable contribution.

Ngā mihi

**Rouben Azizian**

*Chair*

## Events 2023

- 01 Mar *AGM and 'the good, bad and ugly of Washington politics'* – Jodi Johnston, Deputy Chair, NZIIA Auckland Branch
- 12 Apr *Why Ukraine matters – a NATO perspective* – Dr Benedetta Berti, Head of Policy Planning, Office of the Secretary General at NATO
- 14 Apr *Navigating a Stormy Ocean: New Zealand Regional Politics in the Pacific* – David Vaeafe, Pacific Cooperation Foundation and Associate Professor Sandra Tarte, University of the South Pacific, Anna Powles, Massey University
- 9-Jun *Roundtable: Experts from Malaysia and Indonesia* – Professor Cheng-Chwee Kuik, Head of the Centre for Asian Studies at Malaysia's National University, and Dr Luqman-nul Hakim, Department of International Relations at Universitas Gadjah Mada of Indonesia
- 25 Jul *Countries and international organisations in times of turmoil* – His Excellency Dr Zsolt Hetesy, Ambassador of Hungary
- 10 Aug *Post-Ukraine war world order* – Emeritus Professor Ramesh Thakur, Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University
- 14-Sep *Collaborative Meeting: Potential partnership with Ukraine Foreign Policy Association* – Ukraine Foreign Policy Association
- 26-Oct *Address by US Ambassador* – HE Thomas Stewart Udall, Ambassador of United States of America to New Zealand
- 27-Oct *Roundtable: France in the Indo-Pacific* – Dr. Antoine Bondaz, Director of the Indo-Pacific Observatory in Paris and Research Fellow at the Foundation for Strategic Research
- 31 Oct *An address by the AIIB President* – Jin Liqun, President of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)
- 02 Nov *A journey into Ukraine* – Peter Macky, Author and retired lawyer

- 14 Nov *What you need to know about Ukraine: the past present and future* – Professor Natalia Chaban, University of Canterbury; Dr Olga Dodd, Auckland University of Technology; and Mr Kyrlo Cyril Kutcher, Massey University
- 30 Nov *State of Threat: The Challenges to New Zealand National Security: Meet the Contributors* – Rouben Azizian, Chair of NZIIA Auckland Branch (2023), Massey University, and William Hoverd, Director of the Centre for Defence and Security Studies of Massey University, and Damien Rogers, Associate Professor at Massey University, and Dr. Germana Nicklin, Massey University, and Jose Miguel Alonso-Trabanco, Massey University
- 15-Dec *Roundtable: Experts from Institute of World Economics at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences* – Zou Zhibo, Deputy Director-General and Senior Research Fellow, and Song Jin, Division Head and Senior Research Fellow, and Xiao He, Deputy Division Head and Associate Research Fellow, and Jiang Fanggei, Deputy Division Head

**Chair:** Sandeep Sharma

**Secretary:** Courtney Murray

**Treasurer:** Paul Grainger

**Committee Members:** Paul Grainger; John Richardson; Serena Kelly; Toby Heale; Sareth Kumaresan; Adam Griffin (co-opted); Alexander Malkov (co-opted); Thomas Sayers (co-opted); Xiwen Wang (co-opted); Mel Haworth

The branch remained actively engaged throughout the year, organising a variety of independent and collaborative events. Our discussions spanned a wide array of topics, ranging from India's relations with New Zealand to United States efforts to Combat Russia. These events were conducted in a hybrid format, allowing members from other branches to participate via the NZIIA Zoom account. Although attendance for most events remained strong, the committee is diligently exploring strategies to attract more students and young professionals to join NZIIA and become active participants in our branch activities. Situated on the campus of the University of Canterbury, which experienced significant growth in student enrolment for 2024, both domestically and internationally, we aim to draw more students to become members of our organization.

We experienced a few changes in the branch committee, with Adam Griffin relocating to Wellington. Additionally, our branch secretary, Courtney Murray, decided to step down as she secured a full-time role with MBIE. Consequently, Max Mitchell has been appointed as our new branch secretary. The Chair expresses sincere gratitude for the support and hard work of the Committee, particularly acknowledging Dr. Serena Kelly for her assistance to the Chair and collaboration on events with NCRE. The Treasurer, Paul Grainger, remains a reliable and valued committee member, and Toby Heale's contributions in advising on potential speakers and supporting the Chair are duly noted. We also extend our appreciation to all other long-term committee members for their ongoing support.

Highlights for the Chair include successful collaborations with organizations such as the NCRE and the University of Canterbury in hosting joint events. This has not only facilitated the sharing of NZIIA events among their respective members but also increased awareness of NZIIA and boosted participation. We were privileged to host HE Ms. Harinder Sandhu, Australian High Commissioner to New Zealand, whose insights into the Trans-Tasman relationship garnered significant participant engagement and stimulated follow-up discussions on this crucial contemporary issue.

As we reflect on the past year, we extend our gratitude to branch secretary Courtney Murray for her dedicated service. Courtney's contributions to the branch were exemplary, extending beyond her role to encompass marketing, outreach, and promotional activities, including collaboration with partners such as NCRE, UCPOLS, and the University of Canterbury. We wish Courtney all the best in her future endeavours, particularly in her important projects with New Zealand Immigration at MBIE.

**Sandeep Sharma**

*Chair*

## Events 2023

- 15 Mar *India's ties with New Zealand and other Pacific countries: on an upward trajectory* – Her Excellency Ms Neeta Bhushan, High Commissioner of India to New Zealand
- 31 May *New Zealand and the United States – old friends in a changing world* – Ambassador Rosemary Banks, Chair of the New Zealand Security Sector Professional Development Programme
- 07 Jun *Presentation on New Zealand's "Māori foreign policy" and China* – Nicholas Ross Smith, Senior Research Fellow, University of Canterbury
- 17 Aug *A Roadmap for the future: Taking the Trans-Tasman relationship forward* – Her Excellency Ms Harinder Sidhu, Australian High Commissioner to New Zealand
- 08 Dec *Navigating a Shifting World – New Zealand's place in a heightened geostrategic environment* – Joanna Anderson and Hannah Miller, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 11 Dec *United States' Continued Efforts to Combat Russia's Illegal War Against Ukraine* – Deputy Chief of Mission, David Gehenbeck

## Branch report – HAWKE’S BAY

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If one thought one were through the disruption of Covid, then Cyclone Gabrielle in mid-February threw another spanner in the works. A meeting planned for the day after the cyclone had to be cancelled – a challenge with no power and no communications and a speaker in Wellington – and we paused other meetings for two months out of respect for those in Hawke’s Bay whose lives had been overturned.

Luckily the rest of the year went ahead pretty much as planned, and we were able to get in nine meetings, instead of the planned eleven. We continued to attract speakers to Hawke’s Bay so that members had access to informed commentaries from interesting speakers.

Branch membership continued to grow, and attendance at meetings remained constant, which is satisfying. The development of NZIIA activities online was also a plus for Hawke’s Bay members.

At the end of the year I stepped down after 12 years as Branch chairman and handed over to Ian Hill. Although it is slightly out of the scope of this review, I should record the death of Ken Aldred OBE, the founding chairman of the Hawke’s Bay Branch in January 2024. Ken not only established the Branch, he remained a regular attendee at our meetings until recently.

**Dr Richard Grant**

*Branch Chair 2023*

## Events 2023

- 4 Apr *Russia-Ukraine War: What it means, where it leads* – Mr Ian Hill, former New Zealand Ambassador to Russia 2009-12 & 2016-20 (80 attendees)
- 24 Apr *The Sources of a future Taiwan crisis* – Professor Iain Johnston, Harvard University (90 attendees)
- 23 May *The world of wine and the implications for New Zealand* – Mr Philip Gregan, CEO, New Zealand Wine Growers (66 people)
- 2 Jun *Does the World matter? The view from the Terrace* – Mr Patrick Smellie, founder Business Desk NZ and political commentator
- 29 Jun *What's going on in the climate change negotiations, and New Zealand's role* – Kay Harrison, New Zealand Climate Change Ambassador, MFAT (60 attendees)
- 20 Jul *Challenges and Opportunities in Europe: the Hungarian Perspective* – HE Zsolt Hetesy, Ambassador of Hungary (75 attendees)
- 15 Aug *New Zealand's trade security: Finding some more baskets* – Mr Stephen Jacobi, Executive Director, New Zealand international business Forum (82 attendees)
- 22 Aug *Keeping the Pacific above water: climate change, strategic competition and other challenges for our near neighbours* – Professor Bruce Wilson, RMIT, Melbourne (65 attendees)
- 2 Nov *Australia and the World: a place for the Trans-Tasman relationship* – HE Harinder Sidhu, Australian High Commissioner, Wellington (80 attendees)



## Branch report – NELSON

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It is my pleasure to present this brief Nelson branch NZIIA final report for the year.

Thanks to the members who completed the circulated questionnaire earlier in the year. We have been able to gauge your preferences and have identified some of you who have offered to help. We hope these offers will continue.

In February we formally farewelled and thanked Richard Griffin as a long-standing committee member.

We add those thanks to Paul and Deborah Willis a committee team of 5 years standing. Bill Unwin, our very popular and successful chair is also resigning from the committee.

Members are to be thanked for their excellent support and attendance at our speakers' presentations. The numbers have seldom been less than 90 and several times over 100.

Some of our presentations have been absolutely outstanding.

Our branch is fortunate to enjoy and experience a positive and cooperative relationship with NZIIA national office in Wellington together with several members of MFAT. We have received feedback indicating that Nelson is a popular venue for visiting speakers. Your attendance in support is a factor in this good association.

Currently we have a total of 70 family members and 47 individual members. We have a waiting list of about 20 and will invite these to join as end of year memberships are confirmed.

Our overall membership numbers are capped given the chairs and accommodation limitations at our golf club venue.

We tried a variation of making drinks available before and after each presentation. The Nelson golf club agreed to allocate additional staff. The post speaker drinks idea was not a success and then abandoned.

On the IT front we are delighted Chris Feltham has offered his expertise which we and the speakers greatly appreciate. Under his experienced eye, the use of speaker microphones, the sound qualities and power point presentations have been excellent.

Finally, I wish to thank the committee, particularly Gay as our efficient secretary, for their enthusiastic and talented help during the year. Earlier we welcomed Judy Finn to the team of Steve Green, Gay and myself. Alison McAlpine and John Fitchett have lately joined the committee. A very warm welcome is extended to them both as well.

**Oke Blaikie**

*Chair*

## Events 2023

- 26 Jan *British politics* – Professor Sir Malcolm Grant
- 09 Feb *The UK political scene: after three tumultuous years* – Simon Walker CBE
- 23 Mar *The United States at a time of change and what that means for New Zealand* – Rosemary Banks, Former New Zealand Ambassador to the United States
- 27 Apr *Partners in Turbulent Times* – Her Excellency Mrs Nina Obermaier, European Union Ambassador to New Zealand
- 11 May *The sources of a future Taiwan Crisis* – Professor Alistair Iain Johnston, Professor of China in World Affairs, Harvard University – visiting Kippenberger fellow
- 20 Jul *Fake news, Conspiracy Theories and Half Truths: Combating political dis- and misinformation on social media in NZ in the digital age* – Dr Mona Krewel, Senior Lecturer, Te Herenga Waka – Victoria University of Wellington
- 28 Sep *Antarctic futures (drivers of international developments, competition, and governance within the Antarctic region)* – Daniela Liggett, Associate Professor, University of Canterbury
- 12 Oct *Putin’s war of choice and its meaning for the world* – Emeritus Professor Roberto (Rob) Rabel, Professorial Fellow, Centre for Strategic Studies, Te Herenga Waka – Victoria University of Wellington
- 23 Nov *Diplomatic Godwits* – David Melville, Ecologist

**Chair:** Ramola Duncan

**Vice-chair:** Sean Chapman

**Treasurer:** Noor Fatima

**Marketing and Communications Coordinator:** Michelle Thanh Nguyen

Reflecting on the past year as the Chair of the New Zealand Institute of International Affairs (NZIIA) | Palmerston North, I am grateful for the journey that NZIIA Palmerston North has embarked upon. Our collective endeavours have fostered meaningful dialogues and highlighted the importance of collaboration and partnership.

A personal highlight and an initiative I spearheaded was the "Mapping Trade Horizons: Analysing NZ-UK Trade Agreement in the Global Context" event on 2 October, featuring Hon. Tim Groser and Hamza Haidon. We would like to thank the British High Commission, Palmerston North City Council, Manawatū Business Chamber with special mention to Her Excellency Ms. Iona Thomas, Mayor Grant Smith and all our supporters and partners who played an important role in this event's success.

Our outreach event at Massey University and the subsequent outreach aimed at the IPU New Zealand Community were important in engaging students with international affairs, echoing our commitment to fostering a well-informed and proactive community.

The panel discussion on "Geopolitics in Asia: Navigating Sustainable Development and Diplomacy" on was another highlight, bringing to light the critical role of SDGs in international diplomacy and development.

Each of these events, from our engagement in sustainable fashion advocacy to our celebration of international women's leadership, has contributed significantly to our mission. They have enabled us to foster a deeper understanding among our members and the community at large.

I would like to thank our committee members, partners, volunteers and sponsors for their support and commitment. Your contributions have been instrumental in our achievements and will continue to be the foundation of our future successes.

**Ramola Duncan**

*Chair*

## Events 2023

- 08 Mar *International Women’s Day – Panel Discussion celebration as a part of celebrating Poland – NZ’s 50 years of diplomatic relations* – HE Grzegorz Kowal, Ambassador of Poland to New Zealand
- 03 Apr *Current market opportunities in Vietnam* – His Excellency Ambassador NGUYEN Van Trung
- 20 Sep *Charting Global Horizons: Massey Community Meets NZIIA* – Outreach event aimed to get students interest to join NZIIA Palmerston North
- 02 Oct *Mapping Trade Horizons: Analysing the NZ-UK Trade Agreement in the Global Context* – Hon Tim Grosser, Former NZ Ambassador to the US, Former Minister of Trade, Minister Climate Change and Hamza Haidon, Unit Manager of the Trade Policy Engagement Unit New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade
- 16-Oct *Charting Global Horizons: IPU New Zealand Community Meets NZIIA* – Outreach event aimed to get students interested to join NZIIA Palmerston North
- 30-Jan *Geopolitics in Asia: Navigating Sustainable Development and Diplomacy* – Toni Grace, Senior Policy Advisor at Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, Prof, Siah Hwee Ang – Professional Chair of Business in Asia, Director of Southeast Asia Centre of Asia-Pacific Excellence and Hayden Montgomerie, Country Manager – New Zealand, United Nations Global Compact

## Branch report – WAIRARAPA

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The Wairarapa Branch had a busy year during 2023. The committee suggested a wide array of speakers during the year and to our delight most of them were available to visit Masterton and speak to our Branch.

Our membership totals over 70, with a trickle of new members joining throughout the year. Sadly, we must record the passing of a former life member, patron and stalwart of our Branch, Gerald Hensley, who passed away during March.

As Branch Chair I enjoyed a supportive committee and under the guidance of our long serving Secretary-Treasurer, Aileen Weston, the Branch was financially sound and well administered. She has since stepped down and we will miss her expertise.

Our regular meeting place is 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 has been willing to run an appropriate feature article each month, before our meeting, advising their readers of the speaker and the topic. We have appreciated Ian Grant's consistent willingness to write and submit each article before the necessary deadlines.

The newspaper advice of our meetings led to a dramatic evening when Dr Michael Daubs spoke on Disinformation. We had a very large audience that night, over 60, compared with our usual 40 or so. The visitors, it turned out, were well organized and took over the question time, monopolizing the microphone, while others confronted the speaker before he could leave the podium. At least three people filmed the disruption. It took about half an hour to settle things down and encourage people to leave the venue. Inevitably, there was no useful question time!

The unforeseen disruption has made us more aware of such possibilities and subsequently we set out our ground rules clearly at each meeting.

Our Branch's annual fundraiser was held in August when the dramatic documentary, Beyond Utopia, about an escape from North Korea, was

shown, in conjunction with the NZ International Film Festival and the management of the Regent 3 theatre.

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

**Richard Jackson**

*Chair*



## Events 2023

- 16 Mar *Pacific Matters* – Luther Toloa
- 20 Apr *The impact of Recent Changes to the Law of the Sea* – Dr John Mansell, International Maritime Law
- 01 Jun *China's on a more authoritarian path* – Dr Jason Young, Director of the New Zealand Contemporary China Research
- 22 Jun *The Truth about Disinformation* – Dr Michael Daubs, Senior Lecturer in Media and Communication, Te Herenga Waka – Victoria University of Wellington
- 27 Jul *Three American Presidents: Nixon, Reagan and Trump* – Commander (Rtd) Richard Jackson served in the USA alongside the US Navy in two postings. He is Chair NZIIA Wairarapa Branch
- 17 Aug *Film Fundraiser – Beyond Utopia* – A film fundraiser for the Branch in conjunction with the NZ International Film Festival
- 28 Sep *Cyber warfare: manipulation, information assaults and espionage?* – Dr Cathy Downes, Centre for Strategic Studies, Te Herenga Waka – Victoria University of Wellington
- 26 Oct *Cracking the India code* – Suzannah Jessep, Director of Engagement and Research, Asia New Zealand Foundation
- 30 Nov *Antarctica, Sea ice and the world-wide climate crisis* – Dr Bella Duncan, Antarctic Research Centre, Te Herenga Waka – Victoria University of Wellington

## Branch report – WELLINGTON

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The Wellington Branch is delighted to have hosted a record 23 events in the 2023 calendar year, with the average attendance per event increasing to 59, more than double the average of 24 in the previous year.

The branch has widened our event proposition to include public lectures, embassy and student roundtables, expert panel events, diplomatic community events, member social evenings and collaborative events with other Wellington based institutes. Speakers to the branch in 2023 have included Ambassadors and High Commissioners, CEOs, Professors, Economists, Members of Parliament, Government and Defence officials. We welcomed 8 speakers visiting from overseas in 2023, including Jennifer Morgan, State Secretary of Germany and Climate Change Envoy, and the Federal Councillor and Foreign Minister of Switzerland Ignazio Cassis.

Highlights of 2023 include our collaboration with the High Commission of India for the first Half Day India Symposium comprising four panel sessions, with the final NZIIA Diplomacy panel commencing with a keynote from the Hon Damien O'Connor, MP and Minister of Trade. Another highlight, held on a windy and rainy Wellington day was our inaugural diplomatic tree planting event in Owhiro Bay, replicating similar events held overseas, where a number of Ambassadors planted native Rata and Totara trees with children from the local primary school.

The branch intends to increase collaboration with other institutes and councils in 2024 after successful events were held with the Caribbean Council of New Zealand and the McGuinness Institute.

The Wellington student sub-committee organised 6 great events in 2023 and after the impacts of Covid-19 on the university it is pleasing to see this growth in events and student attendance. Events included student roundtables, an International Relations quiz night, Q&A with the British High Commissioner and the very successful annual Careers without Borders event.

Wellington branch membership at the end of 2023 totalled 424 up from 397 in the previous year, continuing the upward trajectory of the last four years.

At 31 December 2023 total Branch assets were \$17,597 up from \$15,522 at the start of the year.

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. The branch appreciated the warm hospitality extended by four diplomatic missions (Poland, Mexico, India and France) where we held events through the year and thank the embassies of the European Union and Germany for their respective support at our tree planting and climate change panel events.

The committee values the support of MFAT and our MFAT ex-Officio representative Matthew Ayers, as well as the continued support from the immediate past Chair and NZIIA Board member Karim Dickie. I would particularly like to thank the significant contributions over the past year of Celia McDowall in the NZIIA Student Committee and Jackson Calder who sadly leave the committee in 2024.

Ngā mihi

**Angus Middleton**

*Chair*

## Events 2023

- 28 Feb *Embassy Roundtable: Celebrating 50 years of NZ-Poland Diplomatic Relations* - HE Mr Grzegorz Kowal, Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to New Zealand
- 1 Mar *Life as an Israeli Arab: A perspective on building links across Israeli society* – Mr Youssef Haddad, CEO of Together-Vouch-for-Each-Other
- 22 Mar *Expert Panel: Shaping New Zealand’s Burgeoning Space Industry* - Mr Dimitri Geidelberg, Principal Advisor New Zealand Space Agency; Dr Maria Pozza, Principal Lawyer and Director of Gravity Lawyers; and Dr Nicholas Borroz, Founder of Rotoiti Consulting
- 22 Mar *Student Roundtable: Dr Jason Young, Director, NZ Contemporary China Research Centre*
- 31 Mar *Roundtable: Opportunities in the Mexico-New Zealand association, within the framework of the 50th Anniversary of diplomatic relations* - Mr Fernando González Saiffe, Director-General of Asia Pacific at the Mexican Foreign Ministry
- 29 May *An address by the Acting Chief of the New Zealand Army, and Branch AGM-* with Deputy Chief of the New Zealand Army, Brigadier Rose King
- 31 May *Half Day Symposium: Forging a new age in India-New Zealand Relations, with an address by Hon Damien O’Connor, Minister of Trade with expert Panel-* with HE Neeta Bhushan, India High Commissioner to New Zealand; Suzannah Jessep, CEO Asia NZ Foundation; Mark Talbot, Division Manager- South Asia, MFAT; moderated by Angus Middleton
- 6 Jun *The death of Global Britain? A new normal in UK foreign policy-* Professor Richard Whitman, Professor of Politics and International Relations, Global Europe Centre, University of Kent
- 12 Jul *Student Quiz Night-* International Relations

- 8 Aug *Collaborative science diplomacy: Overcoming global challenges together* – Federal Councillor Ignazio Cassis, Foreign Minister of Switzerland
- 21 Aug *Sustainability and International Relations in the Pacific: A European Union perspective* - Professor Bruce Wilson, Director of the European Union Centre of Excellence, RMIT University in Melbourne
- 22 Aug *Student roundtable:* Dr Van Jackson, Senior Lecturer in International Relations, Te Herenga Waka-Victoria University of Wellington
- 23 Aug *Expert panel: Magnitsky’s Legacy: Empowering Global Sanctions for Justice-* with Sandra Gantenbein, Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of Switzerland to New Zealand; Simon O’Connor, MP for Tamaki, National Party; and Dr Anton Moiseienko, Lecturer in Law at the Australian National University (ANU) in Canberra
- 6 Sep *Self-determination or territorial integrity? Mixed interpretations from the war in Ukraine-* Professor Rouben Azizian, Massey University Centre for Defence and Security Studies & NZIIA Auckland Chair
- 13 Sep *Student Q&A with the British High Commissioner* – HE Iona Thomas, British High Commissioner to New Zealand
- 14 Sep *New Zealand’s First National Security Strategy: What is it and what does it mean?* - Tony Lynch, Deputy Chief Executive of the National Security Group at Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC); and Dr Julia MacDonald, Principal Policy Advisor at DPMC
- 15 Sep *Diplomatic Tree Planting at Owhiro Bay, supported by the European Union Delegation to NZ-* Attended by NZIIA Patron and Ambassadors (or designates) of France, Germany, Poland, Spain, European Union, Hungary, India, Switzerland and Australia

- 28 Sep *Student Roundtable: Tony Lynch, Deputy Chief Executive of the National Security Group at Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC)*
- 29 Sep *Careers without Borders- Speakers from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Ministry of Defence and UNICEF*
- 2 Nov *Reconceptualizing French foreign, trade and security policy in the Indo-Pacific, in collaboration with the Embassy of France – Dr Antoine Bondaz, Foundation for Strategic Research, Paris*
- 8 Nov *Ahead of COP 28: What do we need to do now to keep a 1.5°C world in reach – Keynote with Jennifer Morgan, State Secretary of Germany and Special Envoy for Climate Change; with Expert Panel including Dr Danielle Shanahan, CEO of Zealandia and Adjunct Professor at Victoria University of Wellington; Dr Eric Crampton, Chief Economist at the NZ Initiative; and Kaeden Watts, Wellington City Council and 350 Aotearoa*
- 29 Nov *Our region is now a strategic theatre”: New Zealand’s Balancing Response to China – Dr Reuben Steff, Senior Lecturer of Geopolitics and International Relations, University of Waikato*
- 14 Dec *Christmas Event- Nation Dates launch with Wendy McGuinness, in collaboration with the McGuinness Institute - Attended by Ambassadors (or designates) of India, USA, Poland, Peru, Timor Leste, Iran, China, Germany, France, European Union and Malaysia*

The *Review* underwent a momentous change last November near the end of its 48th year of publication. The Board’s decision to go full colour throughout the magazine has transformed its appearance. It is to be hoped that this will give opportunities to expand its readership and revenue.

As previously, the magazine 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 and Rob Rabel. Anthony Smith as ever performed excellently as book review editor, finding and overseeing a broad range of reviewers.

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 below statement indicates, the total circulation rose to 1,059 in 2023, a considerable increase on 2022’s 928. Wellington Branch’s rise of 85, which includes student members, accounts for a large part of this increase, while Auckland Branch also rose 22. There were smaller rises in several other branches. The total includes 720 digital subscribers (67 per cent of the total, up from 56 in 2022).

### **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 third of subscribers now take hard copies.

## **Finance**

The appended statement of finance shows a deficit of \$6,607 which is below the forecast figure. Production costs came in above estimate mainly because one 2024 full colour issue (January–February 2024) was included in the 2023 figures, since it was produced before Christmas. The sponsorship figure relates to the March–April 2024 special issue on Latin America, the money for which was received in 2023. The 2024 forecast deficit reflects decisions taken in November relating to full colour and the editor’s honorarium and a very conservative estimate of postage costs. An increase in advertising is essential to compensate for the resulting expenditure increases.

## **Dr Ian McGibbon**

*Managing Editor, New Zealand International Review*



## New Zealand International Review – Statements

<b>NZIR STATEMENT OF CIRCULATION 2022</b>			
<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>Dec 2021</b>	<b>Dec 2022</b>	<b>Dec 2023</b>
<b>Non-Branch*</b>	102 (73)	114 (67)	92 (79)
<b>Overseas*</b>	44 (3)	33 (3)	26 (3)
<b>Members:</b> Auckland	24 (36)	19 (48)	21 (68)
Christchurch	23 (17)	17 (24)	17 (37)
Hawke’s Bay	29(1)	31 (11)	32 (12)
Nelson	22 (75)	32 (67)	34 (50)
Palmerston North	-	0 (10)	2 (10)
Waikato	4 (2)	0 (2)	-
Wairarapa	29 (39)	20 (34)	15 (37)
Wellington	67 (69)	65 (303)	62 (391)
National Office		0 (18)	2 (22)
Total subscriptions/copies distributed	<b>333 (315)</b>	<b>331 (587)</b>	<b>339 (720)</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>2023 Estimate</b>	<b>2023 Statement</b>	<b>2024 Estimate</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>			
<b>Subscriptions:</b>			
NZIR – Advertising & Royalties	2,000	999	1,000
NZIR – Branch Sales	11,000	11,551	12,000
NZIR Subscription – Corporate/ Institutional/ NZIR NZ/NZIR OS	7,000	9,400	8,400
NZIR – Sponsorship		4,000	4,000
NZIR – Sales Miscellaneous	200	372	394
NZIR – Postal Recovery	500	-	-
<b>Total NZIR Income</b>	<b>20,700</b>	<b>26,322</b>	<b>25,794</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
NZIR – Artwork & Printing (200A)	18,000	23,130	29,000
NZIR – Honorarium (200H)	5,000	5,000	10,000
NZIR – Postage (200E and 200P)	8,000	4,799	11,000
<b>Total NZIR Expenditure</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>32,929</b>	<b>50,000</b>
<b>PROFIT (LOSS)</b>	<b>-10,300</b>	<b>-6,607</b>	<b>-24,206</b>

## Statement of Service Performance

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### Description and Quantification of Outputs

<b>Outputs</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
# National Office events	14	15
# average in-person attendees per National Office event	80	67
# of Branch events	73	64
# average attendees per Branch event	51	50
NZIIA Membership Subscriptions		
– Individual Membership (Paid)	486	447
– Corporate / Institutional (Paid)	73	61
– Student (Free)	521	280
– Life (Free)	13	13
Annual Conference attendees	290	N/A
AGM and Annual Lecture attendees	140	75
New Zealand International Review publications	6	6
New Zealand International Review subscriptions		
– Hard copy subscribers	343	323
– Email subscribers	679	453
Combined National Office social media subscribers (X, LinkedIn, Facebook, YouTube, Instagram)	6,464	5,176
Individual website users (Google analytics)	16,000	12,000

# Review from an Independent Chartered Accountant

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## 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 2023 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 2023 and the financial results for the year ended on that date, in accordance with the applicable accounting policies.

15th April, 2024



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**NEW ZEALAND INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE AND MEMBERS' FUND**  
**for the year ending 31 December 2023**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Grant from NZ Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade (MFAT)	200,000	167,000
Additional grant from MFAT	216,500	-
Branch membership	15,685	8,111
Corporate & Institutional membership	17,252	16,262
Sponsorship from Victoria University	10,000	10,000
Contract services	-	6,025
Interest received	9,838	4,086
Donations received	2,500	2,788
Publication sales	252	9
	<b>\$ 472,027</b>	<b>214,281</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Staff salaries	172,577	138,805
Operating expenses (note 3)	69,070	55,530
Deficit from AGM & annual lecture	4,044	1,746
Deficit from seminars (note 2)	4,205	9,313
Deficit for Annual Conference (note 2)	777	-
Deficit for NZ International Review (note 4)	6,607	11,741
20% Depreciation of web site asset	17,067	15,215
	<b>\$ 274,347</b>	<b>232,350</b>
<b>SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 197,680</b>	<b>(18,069)</b>
Add funds from branches		3,214
Add total Fund at beginning of the year	248,972	263,827
<b>MEMBERS' FUND AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 446,652</b>	<b>248,972</b>

**NEW ZEALAND INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**as at 31 December 2023**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash at bank held by NZIIA branches (note 1)	\$ 53,479	52,835
Cash at bank held by National Office	378,268	139,203
ANZ Deposits for 6 month term to Jan '24	150,000	150,000
Accounts receivable and prepayments	1,985	6,473
Web site at cost (\$76,076) less depreciation	37,290	52,506
	<u>\$ 621,022</u>	<u>401,017</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' FUND</b>		
Accounts Payable	\$ 43,890	42,118
MFAT Operating Grant received in advance	100,000	83,500
Other income received in advance	30,480	26,427
Members' Fund	446,652	248,972
	<u>\$ 621,022</u>	<u>401,017</u>

## NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 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 Seminars and National Conference

	Seminars 2023	Seminars 2022	Conference 2023
Revenues received from sponsors	\$ -	5,000	81,430
Revenues received from registrants	6,698		35,467
Total revenues			116,897
<u>Less expenses</u>	<u>10,903</u>	<u>14,313</u>	<u>117,674</u>
<b>Deficit from activity</b>	<b>\$ <u>4,205</u></b>	<b><u>9,313</u></b>	<b><u>777</u></b>

Because of an outbreak of Covid 19, there was no Annual Conference in 2022

### Note 3 Analysis of Operating Expenses

	2023	2022
Office at Victoria University of Wellington	\$ 10,000	10,000
Website activity written off	14,393	15,598
Contracting services and internships	10,322	8,122
Accounting services	3,656	4,300
Other Office costs	30,699	17,510
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ <u>69,070</u></b>	<b><u>55,530</u></b>

## NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – continued

### Note 4 The New Zealand International Review

	2023	2022
<b>Publication and delivery expense</b>		
Artwork and printing	\$ 23,130	18,091
Honorarium for editor	5,000	5,000
Postage and mailouts	4,799	7,403
Total expense	<u>32,929</u>	<u>30,494</u>
<b>Revenues received</b>		
Advertising and royalties	\$ 999	1,909
Branch sales	11,551	11,112
Subscriptions, corporates and others	9,772	5,732
Sponsorship	4,000	
Total revenues	<u>26,322</u>	<u>18,753</u>
<b>Deficit from publication &amp; sale of NZI Review</b>	<b>\$ 6,607</b>	<b>11,741</b>

### Note 5 – Branch Revenue and Expenses 2023

NZIIA Branch	Revenue	Expenses	Cash balance as at 31 December 2023
Auckland	1,352	1,521	1,998
Christchurch	981	495	10,983
Hawke's Bay	749	435	6,657
Nelson	4,150	4,141	5,927
Palmerston North	904	5,282	1,250
Wairarapa	4,895	3,431	5,038
Wellington	3,595	1,826	17,597

# Budget 2024

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<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Budget 2024</b>
AGM and Annual Lecture Income	-
Contract Services	10,000
Conference	0
Grants – Ministry of Foreign Affairs	200,000
Interest Received	9,000
NZIIA Membership – Corporate/Institutional	10,000
NZIIA Membership – Individual	1,100
NZIR – Advertising & Royalties	1,000
NZIR - Branch Sales	12,000
NZIR – Sales Miscellaneous	400
NZIR Sponsorship	4,000
NZIR Subscription – Corporate/Institutional	6,000
NZIR Subscriptions – New Zealand	1,300
NZIR Subscriptions – Overseas	1,100
Publication Sales	100
Sponsorship – Seminars & Functions	5,000
Sponsorship – Victoria University of Wellington	10,000

## **Total Revenue**

**271,000**

## **Less Operating Expenses**

ACC Levy	400
Accounting Fees	2,500
Advertising	5,000
Conference Expenses	-
AGM and Annual Lecture Expenses	4,500
Bank fees	500
Board Expenses	3,500
Contractors – Social Media	25,000
Contractors – Sundry	20,000
Depreciation	15,300
Donations to Branches	1,300
General Expenses	500
Hospitality	1,000
Insurance	2,000
IT Expenses	1,500
KiwiSaver Employer Contributions	5,100
National Conference Expenses	-
NZIR – Artwork & Printing	29,000
NZIR – Honorarium	10,000
NZIR – Mailouts	1,000
NZIR – Postage	10,000



Training and development	2,000
Postage & Courier	500
Seminar & Function Expenses	5,000
Special Projects	25,000
Stationery & Printing	2,000
Stripe Fees	800
Subscriptions	2,300
Telephone	1,200
Travel	3,000
VUW Sponsorship Expense	10,000
Wages	185,000
Website Costs	15,000
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b><u>389,900</u></b>
<b>Budget Summary</b>	
Income	271,000
Expenses	<u>389,900</u>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b><u>-118,900</u></b>

NB. The projected 2024 Budget deficit is financed by a one-off grant of \$200,000 received from MFAT in 2023, which resulted in a \$197,680 surplus that year.

## 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  
HQ New Zealand Defence Force  
LawAid International Chambers  
Massey University

Ministry of Defence  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade  
Ministry of Justice  
Ministry of Social Development  
MinterEllisonRuddWatts  
New Zealand Police  
New Zealand United States Council  
Pattillo  
Saunders Unsworth  
Science New Zealand  
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  
Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia  
Embassy of the Republic of Korea  
Embassy of the Republic of Poland  
Embassy of the Republic of Turkey  
Embassy of the United States of America

Government of New Caledonia  
High Commission for Pakistan  
High Commission for the Republic of Fiji  
High Commission of Canada  
High Commission of India  
International Inter-Parliamentary Team  
Konrad Adenauer Stiftung  
Latin America Centre of Asia-Pacific Excellence  
Massey University Students' Association  
Ministry for the Environment  
New Zealand Red Cross Inc  
North Asia Centre of Asia Pacific Excellence  
New Zealand Horticulture Export Authority  
ORB 360 Pacific  
Prior Group  
Public Policy Institute, University of Auckland  
Singapore High Commission  
Soka Gakkai International of NZ  
South African High Commission  
South East Asia Centre of Asia Pacific Excellence  
Taipei Economic & Cultural Office  
The Economist  
United Nations Association of New Zealand  
Volunteer Service Abroad (Inc)



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