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The Institute's National Office is located at Te Herenga Waka Victoria University of Wellington (VUW). It holds events in a variety of formats: from short form panel discussions to longer full day seminars, to conversations on social media, to breakfast functions and conferences. It strives to bring differing viewpoints on important global issues so that New Zealanders can gain different perspectives and make better decisions. It publishes books on international relations and a bi-monthly journal, the *New Zealand International Review*.

Separate programmes, mainly regular talks by visiting speakers, are run by the eight regional branches in Auckland, Waikato, Hawkes Bay, Palmerston North, Wairarapa, Wellington, Nelson and Christchurch.

The Institute was founded in 1934, at a time of great social and economic upheaval worldwide. At the time, many saw only the local effects, but the visionary founders of the Institute placed them in an international context. The need for New Zealanders to see things from a global perspective has never been as true as it is today.

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E Tena Koutou Katoa

I write this for the 2021 Annual Report, about three weeks before our Annual General Meeting, and in a week where the Institute has delivered online, two well attended events which represent the capacity and resilience that is needed in a country dealing with onset of the Omicron pandemic with thousands of new cases each day. The two events have been about Space and about the Russia Ukraine hostilities. The total number in attendance was into the hundreds and the delivery was a webinar with chairing and presentation from people in different parts of the country. The reaction to both events has been both positive and complimentary.

Similarly, the webinar organised by the National Office in early November where the Minister of Foreign Affairs Hon Nanaia Mahuta outlined government thinking on engagement with the Pacific and partnering for resilience was an occasion for the Institute to reach a wide audience not only in New Zealand and the Pacific but more widely. The National Office and branches alike have adapted to the pandemic restraints in order to maintain their programmes as best they can.

It cannot go unremarked that the Institute continues to rely on the strong support from a number of organisations in order to maintain an office, an on-line presence, and to provide support for branch activities. I reference, in particular, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and Te Herenga Waka Victoria University of Wellington, as well as those who contributed to the cost of running our excellent national conference last July.

My report last year had a central message of change up ahead and it seems desirable to note what has occurred. The first aspect is governance with a newly elected Board of eight people, two from places outside Wellington having settled to its work on a Strategic Plan and reorganisation of finances.

I have been really pleased to see the diversity of talent and experience which the Institute can bring to bear as a result of the election and placement in office. Our Vice Chair, Dr Dick Grant is a retired senior diplomat and Chair of the Hawkes Bay branch of the Institute, Suzannah Jessep is Research Director at the Asia New Zealand Foundation, Serena Kelly teaches European Politics at the University of Canterbury in Christchurch, Dr James Kember is also a former diplomat and has been closely engaged with me and former Vice President Professor Rob Rabel (now in Poland) in achieving the governance changes, Raylene Liufalani is a present senior member of the MFAT based in Wellington, Luke Qin is an International Trade Banker within the ANZ Group who will be shifting to work out of Auckland rather than Wellington, and Andrew Wierzbicki, a former civil servant and now consultant is a long term supporter and office holder in the Institute of the past.

This change has been provided by a new Constitution to replace one that had worked well enough in the past but which had exhibited signs of inadequacy for a number of aspects suitable for a 21st century operation. Registration as an Incorporated Society and a Charity have been achieved. New processes have been installed, for example for payment of subscriptions. Although the last mentioned experienced some teething difficulties, things look to be in place for the future.

Another major change has been the recruitment of a new Executive Director to replace Melanie Thornton who has left Wellington for a new chapter of life in Gisborne. Melanie will be missed but her replacement, Dr Hamish McDougall, is a returning New Zealander from the United Kingdom where he has completed a doctorate at the London School of Economics. Dr McDougall has a number of strengths and experience in the International Relations field, including publication, and he will be of immense assistance as the Institute develops further its presence on the web as well as in the traditional areas. It is anticipated that he will work out of Wellington as well as Auckland.

Despite Covid-19 restrictions affecting the New Zealand way of life in many ways, there has been a great deal occurring in international relations, with

the New Zealand Government entering into a Free Trade Agreement with the United Kingdom and pursuing others with vigour. As a consequence, the Annual General Meeting will be followed by an address from Hon Damien O'Connor the Minister of Trade and Export Growth as well as Minister for Agriculture, in what promises to be an important and well-attended item.

With Branch membership substantially being drawn from people of senior age, there has been an entirely understandable reticence on the part of many about meetings in groups, causing a lessening of activity in those settings. Added to this has been a number of requirements for exhibiting vaccine certificates, masking and distancing. To meet this in part, there have been efforts made to advance material being published on the Institute website, including recording of sessions and these have been well received. Steps are in hand to connect with Branches to offer encouragement and assistance for locally based events once the effects of the Covid virus are diminished and things return to normal.

A major item ahead of us will be a decision on the future direction taken by the *New Zealand International Review* now in its 45th year of production – in electronic as well as hard copy form. I refer presently to protest activity causing a shutdown of our offices. This caused an entire issue to be delivered electronically rather than on paper because of inability to distribute hard copies. The effect of that and other matters will require close attention this coming year.

At the centre of a great deal of the activity referred to, the service of Yvonne Palmer as the Institute's Administrator has continued despite a number of unexpected hurdles being placed in her way including relocation of office within the Victoria University of Wellington's Rutherford House and the shutdown of access and use during the occupation of Parliament grounds and nearby buildings by protestors in February. Yvonne's loyalty and thoroughness has been exemplary.

In the final paragraph of last year's report, I signalled a wish to step back from being President of the Institute once the series of changes had taken place.

That time is now approaching and I wish to advise that when the annual elections for Chair and Vice-Chair take place at the next meeting of our Board, I will not be presenting my candidature. My association with the Institute and interest in its success will remain undiminished, including through the completion of my current term on the Board, that continues through to next year.

Nga Manaakitanga

Rt Hon Sir Anand Satyanand

President



I am very pleased to write my first annual report as Executive Director. I should note, however, that I started the role in January 2022, so the accomplishments outlined in these pages are those of my predecessor Melanie Thornton, who finished last September, administrator Yvonne Palmer, members of the Board, branch committees and others who contributed greatly to the continued smooth running of the Institute in challenging circumstances.

From the perspective of the National Office, three major achievements stand out in 2021. The first is the implementation of the new governance structure, which Sir Anand Satyanand has outlined in his report. The new Board has a broad range of expertise and experience and has been immensely encouraging to me in my first few weeks in the job. The enhanced structure will be a significant advantage for the Institute as it evolves to meet the needs of members and the broader public in the coming months and years.

One of the new Board's first tasks was to set a strategic direction for the Institute for the next three years. This includes ensuring that the Institute:

- Provides opportunities for expert discussion of international relations
- Disseminates information relating to international relations
- Supports public involvement in the discussion of international issues as they relate to New Zealand
- Improves the administration and financial position of the Institute

The board has tasked me with creating and delivering operational plans to deliver on these areas of strategic focus. You will hear more about these plans at the 2022 AGM.

The second major achievement of 2021 was the implementation of the new website, membership database and financial payment system. These

changes aim to improve communications, allow new members to sign-up and manage their data online, reduce administrative burden on the branches, ensure greater consistency in managing branch affairs, and improve our governance, reporting and compliance with the Charities Commission requirements. This new system essentially inverts the old one, in that it involves National Office collecting membership subscriptions and reimbursing the Branches accordingly. There is no net change to the financial position of the branches from the change, and branch committees will retain the primary relationship with their members. In time both the branches and National Office will benefit. Implementing this project has been complex and is due in no small part to the patient dedication of Yvonne Palmer and those in branch committees.

The new website has been complemented by improvements in the ways that the Institute communicates. Our stable of social media channels continues to grow, and we began to produce podcasts thanks to the work of Alex Murray, who led our engagement with younger members alongside Patrick Mills-Munday and others. These podcasts can be accessed on Spotify or via our website and are very much worth a listen. Thanks are also due to Ian McGibbon for his continued stewardship of the *New Zealand International Review*, and to Marçal Sanmartí who contributed as a researcher.

Thirdly, the 2021 annual conference was a major success. Films of the conference sessions have been placed on the NZIIA YouTube channel, and I encourage you to review these. Several external stakeholders have commented on the impressive quality of the event. This is a credit to Melanie Thornton's organisation, and all involved, including the speakers. A high bar has been set for the Institute's next annual conference, which is likely to be in the first half of 2023. In addition to the conference, there was a range of well attended online and in-person events in 2021 despite the challenges posed by COVID-19 safety requirements. We aim to build on these in 2022.

In my short time in the role, I have been struck by the immense privilege it is to be part of a near 90-year-old organisation. I am also struck by the dedication of people on the Board, branch committees, or those volunteers

who help the Institute in other ways, including publishing the *New Zealand International Review*. Such people make the Institute a valuable and organic part of communities around Aotearoa New Zealand, and deserve our thanks.

I also want to echo Sir Anand's thanks and acknowledgement of our major supporters, including Manatū Aorere Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington, along with all other sponsors of our events last year.

2021 was a challenging year, both for the Institute and international affairs generally. The start of 2022 has proved no different. This makes it even more important for the Institute to foster understanding of international affairs, especially as they relate to New Zealand. I thank all our members for being part of this effort in 2021, and for your continued involvement in 2022.

Ngā mihi nui

Dr Hamish McDougall

Executive Director

2021 National Office programme of events

- 02-Feb Panel Discussion – Wellington: *Nuclear Weapons – From Arms Control to Abolition* – Professor David Capie, Director of the Centre for Strategic Studies, Angela Woodward, Deputy Executive Director VERTIC (the Verification Research, Training and Information Centre based in the UK), and Sirous Amerian, a PhD candidate and Tutor at the Centre for Defence and Security Studies at Massey University, Palmerston North with 60 participants
- 29 Mar Public Lecture – Wellington: *Beyond Covid, Enduring Relationships and Transformative Partnerships* - Prime Minister of the Cook Islands Hon Mark Brown with 143 participants
- 8 Apr Public Lecture – Auckland: *Navigating Global Challenges: British High Commissioner to New Zealand Laura Clarke OBE* with 163 participants
- 22 Jun Public Lecture – Wellington: *The Governor-General Reflects on the International Dimensions of Her Role* - Her Excellency the Rt Hon Dame Patsy Reddy, Governor-General of New Zealand with 88 participants
- 14 Jul Conference – Wellington: *Standing in the Future: New Zealand and the Indo-Pacific Region* - Keynote Address: Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern, Prime Minister of New Zealand

Guest speaker: Dr Kurt M Campbell

Moderators and speakers: Professor Seven Ratuva, Dewi Fortuna Anwar, Associate Prof Nicholas Khoo, Ben Bland, Prof Anne-Marie Brady, Jerry He, Kayo Sakey, Jorge Sahd, Olivia Shen, Teresa Tepania-Ashton, Dr Alan Bollard, Sarah Salmond, Brad Olsen, Prof Siah Hwee Ang, Prof Michael Baker, Jay Marlowe, Ryley Webster, Prof Andreas Neef, Dr Sung-Young Kim, Prof Robert Patman, Dr Oriana Skylar Mastro, Nguyen Khac Giang, Dr Rueban Steff, Prof Natasha Hamilton-Hart, Rob Scollay, Stephanie Honey, Nikora Ngaropo and Gabrielle Armstrong-Scott

MCs: Ziena Jalil and Tim McCreedy with 380 participants

- 3 Nov Keynote Address – Webinar: *New Zealand's Pacific Engagement: Partnering for Resilience* – Hon Nanaia Mahuta, Minister of Foreign Affairs with 573 participants

Ma pango, ma whero, ka oti te mahi.

In 2021 the NZIIA Auckland Branch held 15 meetings, featuring nine diplomats, three opposition MPs, one mayor and one New Zealand ministry official as speakers. The branch also held its AGM. Attendance at these events ranged from 20 to 50 people.

A trial breakfast session proved a success, with the other speaker sessions held on weeknights at 6pm.

Branch Chair Greg J Thwaite decided to step down, and the NZIIA Auckland Branch Committee acknowledge his dedicated contribution.

The new Auckland Committee held its first meeting after the AGM on January 22nd 2022 and established roles for Secretary, Treasurer, talk recorder and youth liaison.

The Committee looks forward to delivering a programme of talks in 2022, with the support of the new NZIIA Executive Director, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

A survey of Auckland members identified a need to maintain high levels of interest through social sessions after each formal talk, providing the opportunity for speakers, members and other event attendees to mix informally.

In 2022 we also aim to host 2-3 panel sessions, allowing question and answer sessions, as requested in feedback from members.

He manga wai koia Kia kore e whitikia.

Nga Mihi

Gary Russell
Chair

Chair: Sandeep Sharma

Secretary: Courtney Murray

Treasurer: Paul Grainger

Committee Members: Chris Jones; Paul Grainger; John Richardson; Sally Carlton; Serena Kelly; Toby Heale; Sareth Kumaresan; Bella Paotonu; Adam Griffin (co-opted); Alexander Malkov (co-opted); Thomas Sayers (co-opted); Xiwen Wang (co-opted); Xiyin Liu (co-opted).

2021, like the previous year, presented a number of uncertainties, for the Christchurch Branch of the New Zealand Institute of International Affairs (NZIIA). Only three events were held through the year as New Zealand moved between COVID-19 level restrictions. All events were organised via Zoom (using the University of Canterbury's technology); or a mixed platform. The uncertain times, and changing alert levels in the country meant that it was difficult to get speakers, due to change in circumstances at their end. The second and third waves around the world meant that some of our international speakers had to cancel their session with us.

We had few changes in the branch committee with our previous Chair Dr Serena Kelly joining the NZIIA Board, and election of Mr Sandeep Sharma as the new Chair. The branch secretary Maisie Blakeborough, who was working remotely from Nelson, decided to step down from her role due to personal circumstances. This led to the appointment of Courtney Murray as our new branch secretary. The Chair extends their gratitude to the support and hard work of the Committee. In particular, to Dr Serena Kelly and Associate Professor Chris Jones who continue to support the branch in many capacities. The Treasurer, Paul Grainger, continues to be a reliable and important committee member, whose work is much appreciated. Toby Heale's advice on potential speakers and support to the chair is also noted. I also wish to acknowledge the on-going support of other long-term committee members: Dr Sally Carlton and John Richardson.

Throughout the lockdown and beyond, we were fortunate to have Masie Blakeborough, as our secretary, who was also a student of International Relations and Diplomacy from the University of Canterbury. She went above and beyond her role, Maisie took on the position of Branch Secretary

and carried out a series of tasks related to marketing and outreach as well as preparing banners for promotions. Our student members Sareth Kumaresan and Courtney Murray were active in getting more young students involved with the branch. Courtney submitted a marketing and promotional plan to be implemented this year to increase the visibility of the branch amongst students from Political Science, International Relations and HOD's of various departments.

The highlights for the chair include collaboration with organisations like the NCRE and Australia Institute of International Affairs on hosting joint events. This has also led to both organisations sharing NZIIA events amongst their members, increasing the awareness of NZIIA and increase in participation. We were also fortunate to have a virtual presentation by Climate Change Commission, Chairperson Dr Rod Carr who gave an important analysis on the climate change challenges and opportunities for New Zealand. Resulting in a high level of participant engagement and follow up questions on this very important issue of our time.

Sandeep Sharma

Chair

Branch report – HAWKE’S BAY

The Branch had a good year underway until the Delta variant got loose and brought the programme to a crushing halt. The last three events of the year were cancelled as a result.

By that date, we had held nine meetings, which was above our target. If Covid had not intervened we should have held 12 meetings in the year, which would have been a record.

The membership of the Branch stayed pretty consistent, which was a pleasing factor. And when we had events, people turned up in good numbers. There is definitely an appetite in Hawke’s Bay for a programme of speakers on international events.

The reform to the constitution of the Institute, and the creation of a new governance model, were well supported by the Branch.

Dr Richard Grant

Branch Chair

Events 2021

- 25 Feb *A French view of the Asia-Pacific region* – HE Sylvaine Carta-Le Vert, Ambassador of France
- 16 Mar *Coping with international business in turbulent times* – Mr Stephen Jacobi, Executive Director, APEC Business Advisory Council
- 1 Apr *What's happening in Asia – a Singapore view* – HE Mr Sudesh Maniar, High Commissioner for Singapore
- 27 Apr *Staying the course in a liberal democracy in an increasingly illiberal world* – Patrick Smellie, Editor, Business Desk
- 20 May *The Changing relationship between New Zealand and China: people matter* – Distinguished Professor Paul Spoonley, Massey University
- 17 Jun *International Terrorism: what does it mean to New Zealand* – Andrew Renton-Green, Associate Fellow, Centre for Strategic Studies, Wellington
- 8 Jul *Making New Zealand's foreign policy in a world hit by Covid* – Mr Ben King, Deputy Chief Executive, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- 3 Aug *North Korean and sanctions-busting: the inside story* – Angela Woodward, Deputy Executive Director of VERTIC
- 12 Aug *Putin's Russia* – Mr Ian Hill, former New Zealand Ambassador to Russia

Our second year of Covid, and the fourth full year since our founder Hugo Judd died. A year of postponements and negotiations aimed at keeping our members safe.

In the event, we were able to host six events including an excellent Christmas function. All speakers were of high quality and the talks were well attended. During the year our venue (the Nelson Golf Club) was upgraded so the issues with sound have hopefully been eliminated. Despite the difficulties our members remain loyal, enthusiastic and supportive. Our membership is close to 200 consisting of 75 doubles and 40 singles. Interest in the 'Review' is still high.

The change of dates for our financial year to suit the requirements of the National Office has been achieved without any serious concerns. On the other hand, the changeover to enable the National Office to collect our subscriptions, did not work, and we believe that it is in the best interests of our members to revert to the former system.

We increased the size of the committee by the addition of Steve Green. This was done in anticipation of retirements at the end of the current year. The team consists of Paul Willis, Richard Griffin, Oke Blaikie, Steve Green, Gay Hervey (Secretary/Treasurer) and Bill Unwin (Chairperson).

Bill Unwin

Chair

Events 2021

- 11-Feb *The Global Pandemic – What are the Lessons?* – Dr Lance Jennings
MSc, PhD
- 18-Mar *A Seat at the Table – The Security Council and the Veto* – Nicola Hill, Assessments Manager Department of the Prime. Minister and Cabinet
- 22-Apr *Ed Hilary, Humanitarian, Adventurer and Friend* – Dr Jimmy Wilson, PhD
- 20 May *Relations with China in the 21st Century* – Ford Hart, former U.S. Diplomat
- 17 Jun *Interpreting Russia: Continuity and Change* – Ian Hill, MA, former Ambassador
- 2 Dec Cocktail Party

Branch report – PALMERSTON NORTH

The branch organized six public events at the beginning of 2021 including public talks at the City Library of Palmerston North and one international digital conference. Speakers were ambassadors, academics, and special invitees from other fields.

The Covid-19 pandemic seriously affected the events program during the second half of the year. The branch did not organize events from September to March due to lockdowns, and health measures (e.g the limited number of people allowed in public spaces), significantly decreased the number of students attending the Massey University campus. As a result, events planned were postponed and some of them will be moved to online events.

At the end of 2020 the branch had 17 members. During 2021, some members resigned but new members joined the team. Currently, the branch has **12 active members**. The branch is now planning future events starting in May 2022. The branch has also been creating synergies with other groups and associations, such as the Manawatu Youth Chamber, the Rotary Club, and the Latin American Community of Palmerston North. In addition, members of the branch are planning a social media campaign to attract new members.

Priscila Pilatowsky

Chair

Events 2021

- 26 Feb Public talk *“Challenges and New Horizons in the New Zealand /Europe relations”*, with HE Ms Nina Obermaier, Ambassador of the European Union to New Zealand, HE Mr Peter Ryan, Ambassador of Ireland to New Zealand, and Dr Jeff McNeill (Massey University)
- 27 Feb Stall of the NZIIA PN at the Festival of Cultures, Palmerston North
- 3 May *“Global Food System roundtable”*, in the framework of the NZ AgriFood week, with HE Sudesh Maniar High Commissioner of Singapore to New Zealand, Professor Nicola Shadbolt (Massey University), Associate Professor Warren McNabb (Riddet Institute), Dr Nick Smith (Riddet Institute), Professor Jaspreet Singh (Massey University), and Mr Murray Holdaway (President Federated Farmers, Manawatu Rangitikei Province), at The Globe Theater
- 13-14 May International virtual workshop *“China Belt and Road Initiative”*, with Dhengua Zhang, Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs, College of Asia and Pacific, ANU, Canberra, Australia, Dr Khuram Iqbal, Department of International Relations: National Defence University, Islamabad, Pakistan, Filippo Boni, Department of Politics and International Studies, Open University (UK), Dr Tayyab Safdar, Department of Politics, University of Virginia; Charlottesville, Virginia, USA, Dr Eyck Freymann, Oxford School of Global and Area Studies, University of Oxford, UK, Muhammad Waqar Anwar, Centre for Defence and Security Studies, Massey University, New Zealand, and Kulani Wijayabahu, Department of Politics, University of Otago
- 21 May Public talk *“Women, children, and soldiers in contemporary peace and security challenges”*, with Associate Professor Bethan Greener (Massey University), Terry Johansson (Massey University), and Vanessa Bramwell (Massey University)

12 Aug Public talk *“Diplomacy and security in the digital age”*, with HE Alfredo Pérez Bravo (Ambassador of Mexico to New Zealand), Dr. William Hoverd (Massey University), and Dr Priscila Pilatowsky (Chair of the NZIIA Palmerston North branch)

(August-March) No events

Future events:

“International business in the Covid-19 era” (provisional title), with the Manawatu Youth Chamber, July 2022.

Branch report – WAIKATO

No report was received from the Waikato Branch.

Branch report – WAIRARAPA

At the end of 2021, the branch had 92 financial members (27 couples, 37 singles, and one complimentary) compared to a total of 90 financial members in 2020. We have a committed core group of members who attend most meetings, and this number is supplemented by members of the public interested in particular topics. Despite the Covid complications, which have altered during the year, meeting attendances have been strong, usually in the 40 to 70 range.

Non-members contribute a \$5.00 door charge and may join our affiliates email list, which currently has 99 entries compared to 87 at the end of 2020.

Previous chairs, Paul Harris and Ian Grant have co-chaired the branch during the year. Members of the committee – Chris Peterson, Chris Pinfold, Scott Thompson, Derek Milne, Robert Miller and co-opted member Richard Jackson – have all contributed and Aileen Weston has once again played a vital role as the secretary-treasurer.

Condolences are expressed to the families of two members – Bill Aitchison and Ewen Cameron – who died during the year.

Meetings moved to another Masterton venue when the Copthorne Hotel decided to raise their previously generous meeting rates very sharply.

Ian Grant was elected a life member of the Institute at the national body's AGM in May. This acknowledged over 20 years on the branch committee and stints as chair, co-chair and deputy chair.

Our financial position is healthy although showing a deficit for the 2021 year. Subscription adjustments made and agreed to the previous year partially took effect in 2021, with the full effect in 2022. There was some confusion following the Wellington office's decision to handle subscriptions from 2022 onwards. Hopefully it will be resolved without too much inconvenience.

The *Wairarapa Times-Age Midweek* has continued to run an 'Internationally Speaking' column about the upcoming speaker each month.

The branch committee conducted a survey among members in late 2021, covering methods of communicating with members, meeting formats, and regional and topic areas of interest. About a third of member households responded. The committee will take the results of the survey into account in planning the branch's programme for 2022 and beyond.

We have appreciated the Zoom events arranged by National Office and other branches.

Ian F. Grant/Paul Harris

Co- Chairs

Events 2021

Despite Covid, the branch managed a full and varied programme in 2021.

- 10-Feb *Museums: are they the vanity projects of an intellectual elite?* – Ken Gorby, International Museum Consultant
- 07-Apr *War – and its relationship to nation making* – Colin James, noted commentator and author
- 27-Apr *A journey from Iraq to New Zealand via Greece: A remarkable life from Refugee to immigration consultant* – Anna Gailani, Immigration Advisor
- 12-May *The Challenges Facing the Global Aid Industry* – John Norton, Aid Industry Consultant
- 16-Jun *Prospects for peace in Yemen: A matter of mediating historical issues* – Eric Jeunot, PhD candidate, focusing on Yemen tribal governance
- 22-Jul *The New Strongmen: The Rise of Modern Despotism and the Decline of Democracy* – Dr Xavier Márquez, Senior lecturer in Political theory and Political science, Head of school of history, philosophy, political science and international relations at the Victoria University of Wellington
- 12-Aug *The outlook for New Zealand's relationships with Asia* – Simon J Draper, Executive Director, Asia New Zealand Foundation
- 21-Oct *The Russian Enigma* – Life member Scott Thomson and long-time committee member Ray Stewart shared their knowledge and different perspectives on Russia
- 18-Nov *Pugwash: Let's talk Nuclear Disarmament* – Professor Kevin Clements, Director of the Toda Peace Institute, Tokyo, Japan, and former Foundation Chair of the National Centre for Peace and Conflict at the University of Otago, Dunedin

02-Dec *The Challenges of living and working in Canada's Arctic region –*
Grant Redvers, was Operations Manager, Canadian High Arctic
Research Station (CHARS). Currently, Science Support Manager at
Department of Conservation (DOC), Wellington

Branch report – WELLINGTON

The Wellington Branch hosted 22 events in 2021, including two Government Ministers and two overseas Ambassadors who visited during a brief period of trans-Tasman quarantine-free travel.

Total membership was 356, of this 146 were fee-paying members and 210 students. The total marked an increase of 124 members on 2020 numbers – a pleasing result given the downward trend seen in recent years.

Attendance levels varied depending on the format of the event. Two highly attended events included the Director-General of Security – New Zealand Security Intelligence Service, and the Representative of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office. Both speakers attracted over 100 registrations and 90 plus attendees on the day.

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 the six diplomatic missions (Saudi Arabia, India, Egypt, Cuba, the Philippines and Hungary) where we held events through the year. These provided members with a new experience and were run on an expression of interest basis. The Branch hosted several hybrid events for the first time, affording Institute members outside of Wellington the opportunity to join our in-person events virtually.

The Branch partnered on two events during the year. These were the APEC 2021 Preview with the Southeast Asia Centre of Asia-Pacific Excellence, and our end-of-year networking function which we co-hosted with the Wellington Diplomatic and Consular Club and Royal Thai Embassy.

Increased promotion on our social media channels (LinkedIn, Twitter and Facebook) enhanced the Branch's profile and extended our audience reach. The Committee values participation and has sought to make events as open and accessible as possible. The Branch opened the year with Members' Account Balance of \$5,013.78 (as of 1 January 2021). At the year-end (as of 31 December 2021) this had increased to \$5,636.14. With a YTD surplus of \$622.36. This was against a budgeted surplus of \$530.00.

The contributions of Angus Middleton, Joshua Tan, Helen Waghorn, Alexis Wang, Luis Lillo, Daniel Tai, Calvin Pleydell, Kate Butler and Dan Harwood-Jones were greatly appreciated. The Committee values the input of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade's ex-officio members. We were fortunate to have the excellent support of Sam O'Connor and Andrea Beadle, who attended our meetings and liaised with MFAT colleagues.

The student sub-committee, led by Kate Butler and Dan Harward-Jones, organised a number of student events and strengthened membership numbers. Careers Without Borders was postponed due to the COVID-19 lockdown.

Despite the challenges posed by COVID-19, we were pleased to offer members a full programme of events in 2021.

Karim Dickie

Chair

Events 2021

- 11-Feb *Space Faring New Zealand – an International Endeavour* – Mr Dimitri Geidelberg, Principal Advisor – New Zealand Space Agency
- 23-Mar *Indonesia's Foreign Policy Priorities in the Pacific* – His Excellency Mr Tantowi Yahya, Ambassador of Indonesia to New Zealand
- 12-Apr *Is peace achievable in Yemen?* – Mr Eric Jeunot, former Head of Mission of Doctors Without Borders in Yemen
- 28-Apr *Myanmar – Towards failed state Status?* – His Excellency Mr Steve Marshall, Ambassador of New Zealand to Myanmar
- 6-May *Navigating Domestic Security Threats in a World of Uncertainty* – Ms Rebecca Kitteridge, Director-General of Security, New Zealand Security Intelligence Service
- 26-May *Navigating Taiwan-New Zealand relations, COVID, economy and beyond* – Representative Mr Bill Chen, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office
- 14-Jun *Norwegian Foreign Policy in a Time of Transition* – His Excellency Mr Paul Gulleik Larsen, Ambassador of Norway to New Zealand (Resident in Canberra)
- 16-Jun *Saudi Arabia Roundtable Discussion* – His Excellency Mr Abdulrahman Al Suhaibani, Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to New Zealand
- 24-Jun *Costa Rica in the World Today* – His Excellency Mr Armando Vargas Araya, Ambassador of Costa Rica to New Zealand (Resident in Canberra)
- 28-Jun *An address by Hon James Shaw, Minister for Climate Change, and Branch AGM* – Hon James Shaw, Minister for Climate Change
- 17-Aug *The Aotearoa view from Manila* – His Excellency Mr Peter Kell, Ambassador of New Zealand to the Philippines

- 16-Sep *Afghanistan: An economics and development perspective* – Mr Tobias Haque, World Bank Senior Country Economist for Afghanistan*
- 4-Oct *Afghanistan: A Journalist's on the ground perspective* – Ms Charlotte Bellis, Senior Producer - Al Jazeera Media Network*
- 6-Oct *India Roundtable Discussion* – His Excellency Mr Muktesh K Pardeshi, High Commissioner of India to New Zealand
- 26-Oct *Egypt Showcase* – Her Excellency Mrs Dina El Sehy, Ambassador of Egypt to New Zealand
- 27-Oct *Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty* – What next for the nuclear “grand bargain”? – Hon Phil Twyford, Minister for Disarmament and Arms Control*
- 28-Oct *APEC 2021 Preview* – Andrea Smith, Deputy Secretary APEC New Zealand with Professor Siah Hwee Ang (co-hosted with the Southeast Asia Centre of Asia-Pacific Excellence)*
- 2-Nov *Cuba Roundtable Discussion* – His Excellency Mr Edgardo Valdés López, Ambassador of Cuba to New Zealand
- 4-Nov *Challenges and Opportunities for Inter-Korean Cooperation* – Dr Leonid Petrov, International College of Management Sydney and Australian National University*
- 24-Nov *Philippines Roundtable Discussion* – His Excellency Mr Jesus Domingo, Ambassador of the Philippines to New Zealand
- 2-Dec *The Future of Europe – The Hungarian Perspective* – His Excellency Dr Zsolt Gabor Hetesy, Ambassador of Hungary to New Zealand*
- 14-Dec *End-of-year Networking Function* (co-hosted with the Wellington Diplomatic and Consular Club and the Royal Thai Embassy)

*Denotes virtual or hybrid event.

The *Review*, which completed its 46th year of publication in 2021, is recognised as an authoritative source of commentary on international affairs generally and New Zealand foreign policy in particular.

As previously, the voluntary contribution of the members of the Editorial Committee was a major element in the regular appearance of the magazine. Its membership was: Andrew Wierzbicki (chairman), Paul Bellamy, Bob Bunch, Gerald McGhie, Malcolm McKinnon and Rob Rabel. Anthony Smith made his usual very important contribution as book review editor. Marcal Sanmarti played an active and valuable role as research assistant.

The National Office provided excellent support for the *Review*. We are indebted in particular to Yvonne Palmer for her excellent administrative efforts in the financial arrangements and distribution of the magazine.

Circulation

Circulation details for 2021 are provided in the attached statement. The total circulation of 648 represents a reduction of 25 on the previous year. It includes 315 digital subscribers. A fall off in Hawke's Bay branch numbers was offset by a pleasing rise in Christchurch's figure. Wellington and Wairarapa had small increases.

Production

Sea Star Design continued to produce the magazine and Thames Pivotal to print it.

Advertising

Attracting advertising remained a problem.

Distribution

There was no change to distribution arrangements.

Finance

A statement of finance is appended. These show a deficit of \$4,215, which is a little below the forecast figure. It should be borne in mind that a significant part of the deficit is essentially the subsidy that the Institute provides to members' subscriptions to the magazine. The projected deficit for 2022, at \$4,450, reflects an assumption that circulation will remain essentially the same as in 2021.

Ian McGibbon

Managing Editor, New Zealand International Review

| NZIR STATEMENT OF CIRCULATION 2021 | | | |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| CATEGORY | Dec 2019 | Dec 2020 | Dec 2021 |
| Non-Branch* | 118 (81) | 108 (77) | 102 (73) |
| Overseas* | 51 (2) | 46 (3) | 44 (3) |
| Members: Auckland | 29 (51) | 24 (36) | 24 (36) |
| Christchurch | 23 (24) | 15 (16) | 23 (17) |
| Hawke's Bay | 46 | 37 (4) | 29 (1) |
| Nelson | 32 (78) | 27 (80) | 22 (75) |
| Palmerston North | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Waikato | 6 (3) | 4 (2) | 4 (2) |
| Wairarapa | 45 (20) | 40 (22) | 29 (39) |
| Wellington | 64 (77) | 66 (66) | 67 (69) |
| Total subscriptions/copies distributed | 420 (336) | 367 (306) | 333 (315) |
| *Includes Corporate, Institutional members, Life Members, Subscriptions (NZ & Overseas), Complimentary, editor and exchange copies Figures in parentheses are digital subscriptions | | | |

| NZIR STATEMENT OF FINANCE 2021-22 | | | |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| | 2021 Estimate | 2021 Statement | 2022 Estimate |
| REVENUE | | | |
| Subscriptions: | | | |
| NZIR – Advertising & Royalties | 1,500 | 1,242 | 1,250 |
| NZIR – Branch Sales | 15,000 | 9,412 | 9,600 |
| NZIR Subscription – Corporate/Institutional | 3,500 | 7,760 | 8,000 |
| NZIR – Sales Miscellaneous | 300 | | 200 |
| NZIR – Postal Recovery | 3,000 | | 2,500 |
| Total NZIR Income | 23,300 | 18,414 | 21,550 |
| EXPENDITURE | | | |
| NZIR – Artwork & Printing | 18,000 | 17,629 | 18,000 |
| NZIR – Honorarium | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| NZIR – Postage | 7,000 | | 3,000 |
| Total NZIR Expenditure | 29,500 | 22,629 | 26,000 |
| PROFIT (LOSS) | -5,600 | -4,215 | -4,450 |

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 2021 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. I have conducted my review in accordance with the International Standard on Review Engagements (New Zealand) [“ISRE (NZ) 2400, Review of Financial Statements by an assurance practitioner who is not the auditor of the entity”]. ISRE (NZ) 2400 requires me to conclude whether anything has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the financial statements taken as a whole are not prepared in all material respects in accordance with the applicable accounting policies. This Standard also requires me to comply with relevant ethical requirements.

A review of financial statements in accordance with IRSE (NZ) 2400 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.

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 2021 and the financial results for the year ended on that date, in accordance with the applicable accounting policies.

My review was completed on 11th April 2022, and my opinion is expressed at that date.



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NEW ZEALAND INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERS' FUND

for the year ending 31 December 2021

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| REVENUE | | |
| Grant from NZ Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade | 133,761 | 102,761 |
| Specific Grant from MF&T – web site & communications | 40,000 | 42,609 |
| Branch membership \$16,183 ex sales of Review (note 1) | 6,771 | - |
| Corporate & Institutional membership | 16,118 | 16,498 |
| Sponsorship from Victoria University | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Interest received and other income | 2,264 | 4,733 |
| Publication sales | 126 | 296 |
| Surplus from annual conference and seminars (note 2) | 4,317 | 9,276 |
| | \$ 213,357 | \$ 186,173 |
| EXPENDITURE | | |
| Staff salaries | 114,489 | 126,251 |
| Operating expenses (note 3) | 49,769 | 41,190 |
| Deficit for NZ International Review (note 4) | 4,215 | 9,398 |
| Depreciation of web site asset – 20% of cost for 6 mths | 7,803 | - |
| | \$ 176,276 | \$ 176,839 |
| SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR | \$ 37,081 | 9,334 |
| Add funds from branches | 45,949 | 3,800 |
| Add total Fund at beginning of the year | 180,797 | 167,663 |
| MEMBERS' FUND AT END OF YEAR | \$ 263,827 | \$ 180,797 |

NEW ZEALAND INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 December 2021

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Cash at bank held by NZIIA branches (note 1) | 47,564 | - |
| Cash at bank held by National Office | 113,265 | 89,109 |
| ANZ Term Deposits for 6-month term at 0.8% | 150,000 | 200,000 |
| Accounts receivable and prepayments | 4,130 | 8,772 |
| Web site and office assets, at cost less depreciation | 67,721 | 24,804 |
| | \$ 382,680 | \$ 322,685 |

LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' FUND

| | | |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| Accounts Payable | \$ 33,266 | \$ 50,767 |
| MFA&T Operating Grant and other income in advance | 85,587 | 51,121 |
| MFA&T Specific Grant received in advance | - | 40,000 |
| Members' Fund | 263,827 | 180,797 |
| | \$ 382,680 | \$ 322,685 |

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1 Inclusion of branch circumstances in 2021

In 2021, for the first time these financial statements incorporate the circumstances of the NZIIA branches. As a result, the Balance Sheet for 2021 shows Cash held by the branches at the end of the year at \$47,564, with no amount for the previous year. The total membership subscriptions received by branches are shown in the Statement of Activities, for the first time, at \$16,133. To be consistent with the previous year, that part of the membership subscription that is for sale of the *New Zealand International Review* (\$9,412) has been transferred to the financial statement (note 4) showing the result for publication and sale of the NZIIA Journal.

Note 2 Surplus from Annual Conference and Seminars

The surplus from the Annual Conference and all seminars is shown in the Statement of Activities at \$4,317. The most significant event included in that total in 2021 was the Annual Conference, which recorded a surplus of \$11,070, as follows.

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Revenues received from sponsors | \$ 73,000 |
| Revenues received from registrants | <u>41,921</u> |
| Total revenues | 114,921 |
| Less Conference expenses | <u>103,851</u> |
| Surplus from Annual Conference | <u>\$ 11,070</u> |

Contributions from Sponsors were: MFAT \$25,000, Centre for Asian Pacific Excellence \$20,000, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet \$20,000, and the Ministry of Defence \$8,000. Around 50% of the registration fees were from NZIIA members. The remainder of the registrations were from non members and students. Due to Covid 19, the Annual Conference was not held in 2020.

Note 3 Analysis of Operating Expenses

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Office at Victoria University | \$ 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Web site activity written off | 10,799 | 13,323 |
| Contracting services and internships | 11,475 | 5,598 |
| Accounting services | 2,581 | 2,099 |
| Other Office costs | 14,914 | 10,170 |
| Total Operating Expenses | \$ 49,769 | 41,190 |

Note 4 The New Zealand International Review

The result for the publication and sale of the *New Zealand International Review* has been determined on a basis consistent with previous years, as follows:

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|---|-----------------|--------------|
| Publication and delivery expense | | |
| Artwork and printing | \$ 17,629 | 18,047 |
| Honorarium for editor | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| Postage and mailouts | - | 5,690 |
| Total expense | 22,629 | 28,737 |
| Revenues received | | |
| Advertising and royalties | \$ 1,242 | 1,545 |
| Branch sales | 9,412 | 10,391 |
| Subscriptions, corporates and others | 7,760 | 7,403 |
| Total revenues | 18,414 | 19,339 |
| Deficit from publication & sale of NZIR Review | \$ 4,215 | 9,398 |

| Income | Budget 2022 | Actual 2021 | Budget 2021 |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Annual Conference Registrations | - | 41,921 | 36,500 |
| Annual Dinner & National Council | 3,200 | - | - |
| Corporate/Institutional Membership | 10,000 | 16,118 | 18,993 |
| NZIIA Membership – Individual | - | 16,182 | - |
| Interest Received | 4,500 | 1,459 | 4,500 |
| MFAT Grant | 167,000 | 133,760 | 105,000 |
| Special Grant | - | 40,000 | 40,000 |
| NZ International Review Income | 21,550 | 8,881 | 37,996 |
| Publication Sales | 100 | 126 | 100 |
| Seminars & Sponsorship | - | 73,000 | 73,000 |
| VUW Sponsorship Income | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Other Income | 10,000 | 805 | |
| Seminar & Function Income | 5,000 | 325 | |
| Total Income | 231,350 | 342,580 | 326,089 |

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Expenses | | | |
| Wages | 137,000 | 110,492 | 117,092 |
| ACC Levy | 320 | 389 | 320 |
| KiwiSaver Employer Contributions | 3,600 | 3,607 | 3,600 |
| Annual Conference Expenses | - | 102,774 | 98,000 |
| Annual Dinner Expenses | 5,000 | - | 2,500 |
| Accounting Fees | 2,000 | 2,581 | 1,500 |
| Accounting Review Fee | - | - | - |
| Administration | - | - | - |
| Advertising | 2,000 | 2,714 | 2,000 |
| Bank fees | 1,000 | 1,170 | 1,000 |
| Board Expenses | 2,500 | 1,305 | - |
| Contractors | 20,000 | 227 | 11,415 |
| Internship/Contract Services | 3,500 | 11,475 | 3,500 |
| IT Expenses | 800 | 174 | - |
| General Expenses | 834 | 810 | 834 |
| Gift to Speakers | - | 1,077 | - |
| Hospitality | 1,000 | 3,010 | 1,000 |
| Interest Expenses | - | - | - |

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Lease of Office Equipment | 1,500 | 1,304 | 1,500 |
| National Council Expenses | - | - | 2,500 |
| NZIR Expenses | 26,000 | 20,699 | 32,200 |
| Postage & Courier | 300 | 40 | 300 |
| Publication Costs | - | - | - |
| Seminar & Roundtable Expenses | 5,000 | 7,077 | 2,300 |
| Special Projects | 4,000 | 50 | - |
| VUW Sponsorship Expense | 10,000 | 10,500 | 10,000 |
| Stationery & Printing | 2,500 | 651 | 2,500 |
| Stripe Fees | - | 65 | - |
| Subscriptions | 800 | 2,388 | 800 |
| Telephone | 600 | 173 | 600 |
| Travel | 1,000 | 2,135 | 934 |
| Track II Expenses | - | - | 4,000 |
| Website Costs | 16,000 | 10,798 | 4,500 |
| Less Depreciation | 684 | 7,802 | 684 |
| Total Operating Costs | 247,938 | 305,499 | 305,579 |

Budget Summary

| | | | |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Income | 231,350 | 342,580 | 326,089 |
| Expenses | 247,938 | 305,499 | 305,579 |
| Surplus/(Deficit) | -16,588 | 37,080 | 20,510 |

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