



Perth USAsia Centre

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2016

**STRENGTHENING RELATIONSHIPS
AND CULTIVATING STRATEGIC
THINKING ACROSS
THE INDO-PACIFIC AND
THE UNITED STATES**





Perth USAsia Centre



OUR VISION

The vision of the Perth USAsia Centre is to become an influential institution recognised in Australia, across the Indo-Pacific region and the United States as contributing significantly to strategic thinking, policy development and strengthening relationships across a dynamic region.

OUR MISSION

The Perth USAsia Centre is a non-partisan, not-for-profit institution that promotes stronger relationships between Australia, the Indo-Pacific and the United States by contributing to strategic thinking, policy development and enhanced networks between government, the private sector and academia. The Perth USAsia Centre is also a conduit for greater communication and understanding across the Indo-Pacific region.

OUR HISTORY

Under the leadership of the Australian and Western Australian Governments and the American Australian Association (AAA), the Perth USAsia Centre was an initiative built on the successes of the United States Studies Centre at the University of Sydney (USSC), to develop a USSC related presence on the nation's West Coast in response to the growing strategic importance of Western Australia in the Indo-Pacific region.

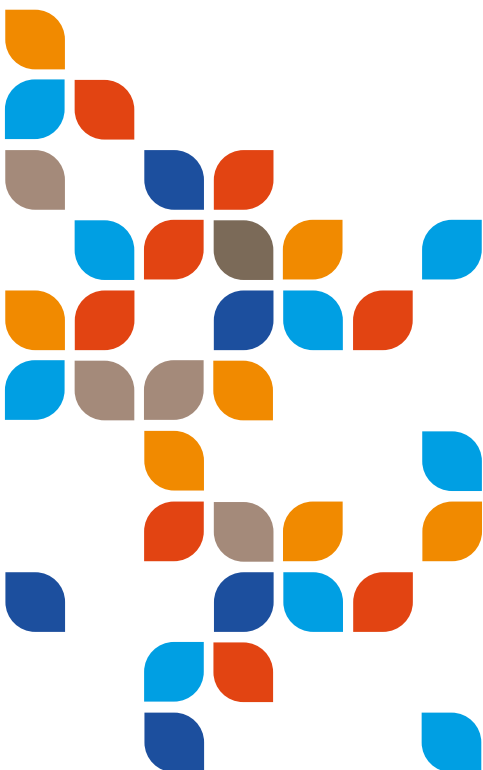
On 13 November 2012, US Secretary of State, Hillary Rodham Clinton, launched the Perth USAsia Centre, as a globally significant research institution and leading think-tank on the Australia-Asia-US strategic and economic relationship. Being located at The University of Western Australia (UWA), the Centre is uniquely positioned to serve as a world class research and policy development hub encouraging a deeper Australian understanding of business, culture, history, politics and foreign policy in the Indo-Pacific and the US.

The Centre was formally established in June 2013 with the generous support of the Australian and Western Australian Governments, AAA and UWA.

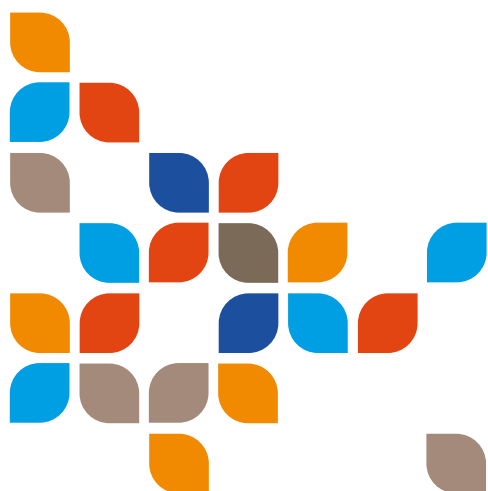


“ This is a wonderful opportunity for me to be here at The University of Western Australia ... to be part of helping to launch this Centre that will shape strategic thinking in this dynamic region.”

– Hillary Clinton



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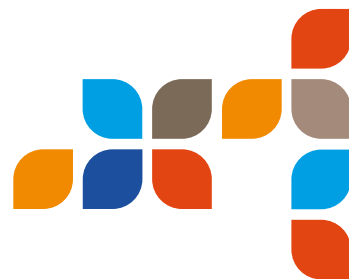
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An Overview of the Perth USAsia Centre



ABOUT US

The Perth USAsia Centre, located at The University of Western Australia, is a non-partisan, not-for-profit institution strengthening relationships and strategic thinking between Australia, the Indo-Pacific and the United States. The Centre is a leading think tank focusing on geo-political issues, policy development and building a strategic affairs community across government, business and academia. Since the Centre's inception, we have collaborated with over 30 partners to convene more than 400 events across 11 cities in seven countries, engaging a world class community network of more than 4,500 strategic thinkers and leaders.

In just over three years the Centre has successfully embedded itself as an influential thought leader, recognised in Perth, Australia and across the wider Indo-Pacific region for contributing significantly to strategic thinking, analysis and commentary on international relations across our dynamic region. The Centre has exceeded expectations in building a strategic affairs community in WA and has developed as a regional hub for Indo-Pacific thought leadership and international engagement. The Centre has advanced Australia's interests in both the region and, in collaboration with our sister Centre the United States Studies Centre (USSC) at the University of Sydney, with the United States.





An Overview of the Perth USAsia Centre



OUR PEOPLE

Board Members / Trustees

**The Honourable
John Olsen, AO**

Chairman

Appointed September 2013



Professor Paul Johnson

Board Member

Appointed June 2013



**The Honourable
Dr Elizabeth Constable**

Board Member

Appointed April 2014



**The Right Honourable
Lisa Scaffidi**

Board Member

Appointed April 2014



Mr Mark Baillie

Board Member

Appointed February 2016



Professor Stephen Smith

Board Member

Appointed February 2014



Ms Deidre Willmott

Board Member

Appointed April 2014



**The Honourable Kim
Beazley, AC**

Board Member and
Distinguished Fellow

Appointed April 2016



Professor Gordon Flake

Board Member and CEO

Appointed CEO Board Member April 2014



Professor Simon Jackman

Board Member

Appointed April 2016



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OUR PEOPLE

Employees

Professor Gordon Flake

CEO and Board Member

Appointed CEO January 2014



Madeleine King

Chief Operating Officer

Ended April 2016



Tracy Baker

Finance Manager

Appointed December 2013



Dr Lisa Cluett

Communications and
Outreach Director

Appointed August 2016



Shelby Crookes

Chief Operating Officer

Appointed May 2016



Kyle Springer

Program Manager

Appointed June 2014



Janeen Robertson

Office Manager

Appointed October 2013



Lisa Leitch

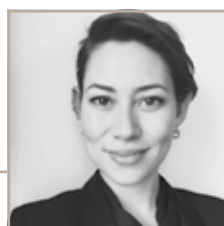
Accounts Officer

Appointed February 2016

Fiona Considine

Events Manager

Appointed June 2014



Natalie Sambhi

Research Fellow

Appointed February 2016



Reggie Ramos

Research and Program

Assistant

Appointed December 2016



Courtney Pelkowitz

Research and Program
Assistant

Appointed February 2016



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OUR PEOPLE

2016 Fellows

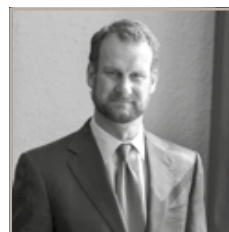
**His Excellency
Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono**
Distinguished Fellow

AFFILIATIONS: Sixth President of
the Republic of Indonesia
EXPERTISE: Indonesian Statecraft, Politics,
International Relations and
International Security



Professor Kent Anderson
Senior Fellow

AFFILIATIONS: UWA Deputy Vice-
Chancellor Community and
Engagement
EXPERTISE: Asian Legal Systems



**The Honourable Kim Beazley,
AC**
Distinguished Fellow

AFFILIATIONS: Former Deputy Prime
Minister, Leader of the Opposition and
Ambassador to the United States
EXPERTISE: Politics, US politics,
Defence and Security



Mr Serge DeSilva-Ranasinghe
Research Fellow

AFFILIATIONS: Australian Industry and
Defence Network
EXPERTISE: Geopolitics, Military Affairs,
and Maritime Security



Mr Ian Satchwell
Senior Fellow

AFFILIATIONS: Perth USAsia Centre
EXPERTISE: Minerals, Energy, Trade and
Development Policies and Indonesian
Energy Markets

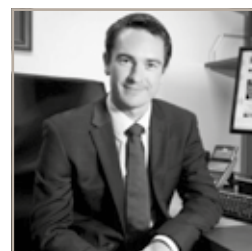
Ms Elena Douglas
Research Fellow

AFFILIATIONS: Knowledge Society and UWA
Business School
EXPERTISE: Social and Economic Policy



Mr Daniel Milford
Research Fellow

AFFILIATIONS: Private Sector
EXPERTISE: Military Affairs, Defence
Policy, Capability Development and
Naval Strategy



Ms Jaqui Halliday
Research Fellow

AFFILIATIONS:
Perth USAsia Centre
EXPERTISE:
China's Relations with Japan, and China's Relations
with the United States and Australia





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Dr Sarah Percy
Research Fellow

AFFILIATIONS: UWA and Oxford University's
Centre for International Studies

EXPERTISE: Unconventional Combatants,
Mercenaries, Private Military Companies
and Somali Piracy



Mr Andrew Pickford
Research Fellow

AFFILIATIONS: Perth USAsia Centre
EXPERTISE: Electricity Utilities,
Commodity Trends and
Industry-Driven Applied Research



Dr Greta Nabbs-Keller
Research Fellow

AFFILIATIONS: Dragonminster Consulting
and Griffin University

EXPERTISE: Indonesian Foreign Policy,
Indonesian Defence Policy and
Australia-Indonesia Relations

Dr Jeffrey Wilson
Research Fellow

AFFILIATIONS: Murdoch University

EXPERTISE: International
Resource Politics and Economic
Regionalism in the Asia-
Pacific Region



Peter Nicholls
Research Fellow

AFFILIATIONS: Country Director for
Mining Innovation – State of Play
EXPERTISE: India's Energy Sector,
Mining and Socio-Economic Issues in
Developing Countries



An Overview of the Perth USAsia Centre



OUR SUPPORTERS

Founding Funding Partners



THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN
AUSTRALIA



AMERICAN AUSTRALIAN
ASSOCIATION LIMITED



Australian Government



GOVERNMENT OF
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT

GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN
AUSTRALIA

Founding Corporate Partners

RioTinto

RIO TINTO

Other Major Collaborative Partners



THE UNITED STATES STUDIES
CENTRE



IN THE ZONE



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Governance



STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

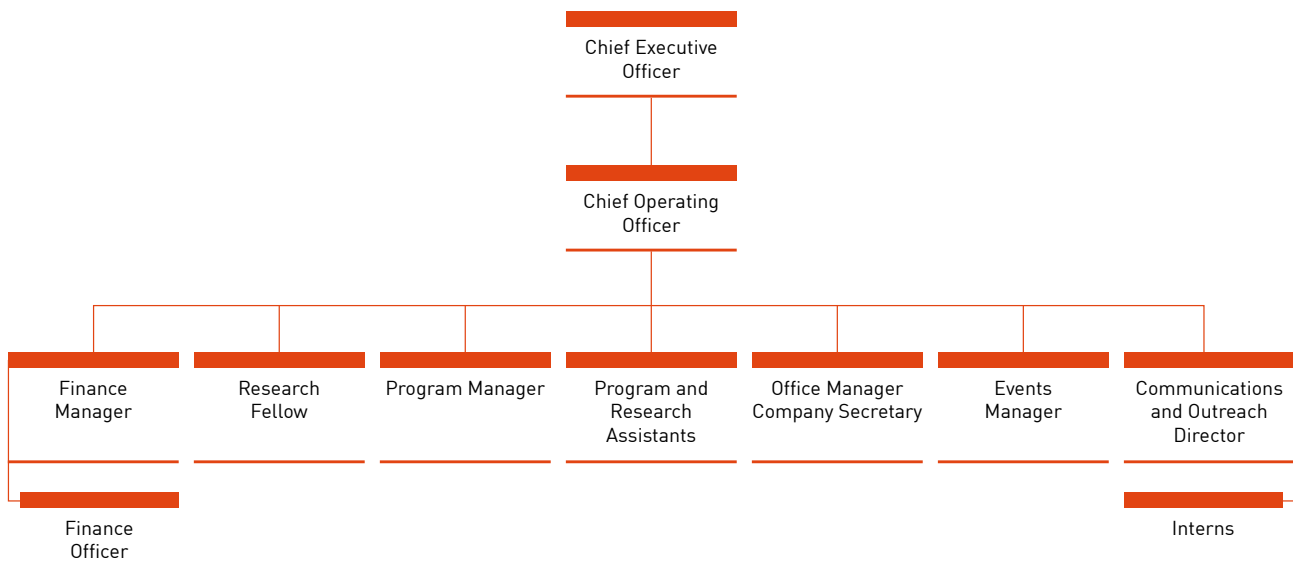


The Perth USAsia Centre Limited is an Australian public company, limited by guarantee. The Members of the Company are The University of Western Australia, the American Australian Association Limited and the United States Studies Centre. The Perth USAsia Centre Limited commenced operations in June 2013.

The Board of Directors monitor the Company's overall performance and its implementation of the Annual Business Plan (approved at the December Board meeting each year), which includes the Annual Budget and Operating Plan. The Business Plan is developed by the CEO with the contribution of Centre

staff and follows the 2015 – 2019 Strategic Plan approved by the Board in March 2015. In addition the Centre has an Audit, Risk and Remuneration Committee which advises and assists the Board in the effective discharge of its responsibilities under Corporations Law and other applicable legislation at Federal and State level for financial reporting, internal control structures, risk management and internal and external audit functions.

The Perth USAsia Centre is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC).



CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Entering in to my second year as Chair of the Perth USAsia Centre (Centre), I note that in only its fourth full year of operations the Centre has already established itself as a nationally significant leader in strengthening understanding of and relations between Australia, the Indo-Pacific and the United States.

At this time of significant change in global politics, especially within the Indo-Pacific region, there is more than ever a need for a shared understanding of how these changes and developments will affect Australia's national and regional interest. The Centre remains focused on fostering relationships, cultivating strategic thinking and educating the community on geo-political issues.

Following recent changes at The University of Western Australia (UWA), former Vice-Chancellor Professor Paul Johnson stepped down from the Board in February of this year. On behalf of the Board I would like to express our gratitude to Professor Johnson for his support, insight and contribution to the establishment and success of the Centre. Professor Johnson embraced the concept of the Centre and has been an influential and integral leader. I would like to take this opportunity to formally welcome newly appointed Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dawn Freshwater to the Board. We look forward to the Vice-Chancellor's active contribution towards the Centre's development and growth, and continuation of our collaborative relationship with UWA.

Turning to the financial performance and stability of the not for profit Centre, I acknowledge the generous support of the Federal and Western



The Honourable John Olsen, AO

Australian Governments, UWA, the American Australian Association (AAA) and Rio Tinto. As the Centre's initial host funding agreement will expire at the end of 2017 we are, together with the United States Studies Centre (USSC), in discussions with Federal and State governments seeking a further tranche of base funding.

In 2016 the AAA commissioned an independent evaluation of the Centre and USSC in accordance with the Federal Funding Agreement. The report was prepared by Mr Peter Varghese AO, Chancellor of the University of Queensland and former Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and Mr David Ritchie, former senior officer of DFAT and Ambassador to France. I am very pleased to report that the Report highlights the success achieved by both USSC and the Centre over the funding period.

Through the leadership of the Board, CEO and the continued commitment of staff at the Centre, the initiatives that are underway will ensure the Centre

is the pre-eminent resource in WA on foreign policy, security and business as they relate to the Australia-Asia-US strategic and economic triangle.

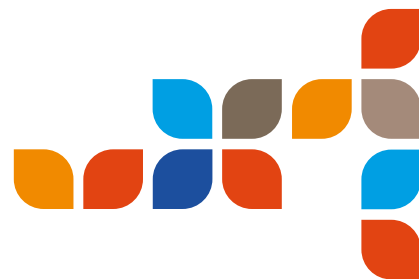
As a Board, we acknowledge the importance of engaging with the broader community and being a platform to facilitate strategic dialogue. The Board is committed to leading an organisation where educating and informing the community is a key priority.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to take this opportunity to thank

our people, our supporters and the community for their continued support and interest as we continue to navigate, educate and understand the unique geo-political environment we find ourselves in.



John Olsen
Chairman
MARCH 2017



CEO'S REPORT

Despite the unpredictable and unprecedented turn of events that unfolded in the global political arena, we at the Perth USAsia Centre (Centre) have numerous reasons to celebrate 2016.

We began the year with the challenging aim of continuing our accomplished performance in outreach activities, seeking to further develop the Perth based network and expanding our extensive links into the region through the delivery of an expansive program of high-quality events.

2016 Event Highlights:

- Convened 130 Events
- With over 30 Collaborative Partners
- Held across 10 Cities in six Countries
- To a collective audience of approx. 5,000
- Held "ITZ – Feeding the Zone" in Jakarta
- Published ARN – ARAP Survey findings

The extent, reach and vibrancy of our programs continued to grow, and 2016, included many important achievements. Our high-performing staff delivered an increase in the number of events to 130 (in 2016) from 100 (in 2015). The number of stakeholders engaged via our subscriber list increased by nearly 1,000 over the year. This year also marked the first time 'In The Zone (ITZ)' was held internationally as The University of Western Australia's (UWA) premier forum on questions of regional significance. By collaborating with Foreign Policy Community Indonesia, the Centre was able to co-host this landmark event in the heart of the Indo-Pacific, Jakarta. By all accounts it was the biggest and best ITZ conference held to date.

Together with our international partners in the Asian Research Network, including the United States Studies Centre (USSC) at Sydney University, the results of the Survey on America's Role in the Asia Pacific were published. The survey considered a wide range of issues including: security and defence; US-China relations; foreign policy; soft power instruments and regional issues. The Centre held a number of events to discuss the thought provoking results.

2016 also saw the Centre conduct the second Indo-Pacific Executive Education Program for a targeted cohort of Perth based leaders. We also had the honour of hosting Mr Richard Fontaine, the President of the Center for a New American Security (CNAS) as part of the Alliance 21 Fellowship established with the support of the United States Department of State, USSC and the Centre.

A particular highlight of 2016 was the continued success of the Ambassadors' Dialogue series featuring senior Australian diplomats and their foreign counterparts. With their extensive experience in the Indo-Pacific, guest speakers drew impressive and significant audiences at private roundtable and public lectures to discuss the challenges and opportunities in the region. The Ambassadors' Dialogue has been successful in raising awareness across all sectors of Perth and contributing to the greater understanding among the ambassadorial and diplomatic community of the strategic location and importance of Perth in the Indo-Pacific.

Although we are a small team, we retain a commitment to our employees, promoting team work and team spirit always with the certainty that they are our most valuable resource. In the past year we have seen both senior management and staff renewal, bringing an added depth of experience and diversity to our business. We said goodbye to founding Chief Operating Officer (COO) Madeleine King who was instrumental in the creation, development and success of the Centre. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Madeleine for her vision, dedication and leadership in establishing the Centre and creating a framework within which the Centre could thrive and develop. We very much support and look forward to watching Madeleine's career in Federal Parliament. With the departure of Madeleine I welcome our two most recent senior appointments, Shelby Crookes as Chief Operating Officer and Dr Lisa Cluett, Communications and Outreach Director.

2017 will start to see the end of some of our initial supporting arrangements. A primary focus for this year will therefore be to continue on the work



Professor Gordon Flake

already being done to renegotiate the generous agreements we have with the Federal and WA State Governments and UWA. However, to function as an institution we need substantial community support, not only from the academic and student communities here on campus, but also from leaders in the broader political, civic and business communities. Despite having secured support from the WA global resources sector through Rio Tinto, we will be actively embarking on a private sector fundraising campaign in 2017.

As part of our values and objectives we will continue to foster a culture of relationship building and strategic thinking by providing multiple platforms to communicate insights and analysis that our stakeholders need to keep informed. I am confident that 2017 will be a milestone year for our Centre on this front, and we will put WA on the map as a place to "roll up your sleeves" for meaningful, serious policy discussion.




After this year of great accomplishments, I express my gratitude and acknowledge all those who contribute to the Centre's performance: Board of Directors, the Federal and State Governments, UWA, the American Australian Association, Rio Tinto, collaborative partners, the broader community and, especially, the team of hugely valuable employees at the Centre.

Gordon Flake
CEO
MARCH 2017



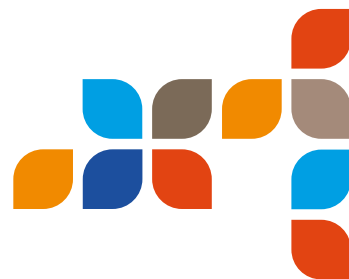
OUR OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Centre's program of events is the core of the Centre's operations and is the primary platform by which the Centre delivers its agenda. The Centre's agenda is designed to support the following regional topics of importance.

Indo-Pacific Strategy 	Australia–Asia–US Strategic Triangle 	Education and Outreach 
<p>Perth sits in a unique position at the fulcrum of the Indo-Pacific region. Recognising Perth as the gateway to the Indian Ocean, the Centre will continue to leverage the geopolitical position and economic significance of Western Australia, shaping strategic thinking and encouraging stronger relationships within the dynamic Indo-Pacific region.</p>	<p>It is impossible to understand Australia–US relations without understanding the shared concerns and interests in the Indo-Pacific region which drive the increasing integration of our economies, militaries and intelligence communities. Likewise, Australia–US ties and cooperation on a full spectrum of issues, underpin Australia's relations in the region. Following the 2016 election of President Trump in the United States, it is more important than ever for Australia to understand and shape these trilateral relationships.</p>	<p>Programs which focus on issues relating to the region raising awareness of Australia's unique and strategically important position in the Indo-Pacific region by innovatively engaging with students and the broader community.</p>

In 2016, the Centre further increased its outreach into the community and conducted an expansive program of 130 events, held across 10 cities in six countries. The Centre continued to publish thought leadership pieces and provided a forum for emerging voices in Indo-Pacific discussion.

The events were a dynamic combination of public forums, open panels, academic workshops, seminars, private luncheons, breakfasts, roundtable leadership discussions and a business and political leaders' summit held in conjunction with UWA. With the extensive number and variation of events, the Centre has successfully built upon its presence in Perth, promoting its vision and mission to a wider audience.



OUR OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

2016 Publications

AUTHOR:

Gordon Flake, Simon Jackman

PUBLICATION NAME:

The Asian Research Network: Survey on America's Role in the Asia-Pacific

PUBLISHED IN COLLABORATION WITH:

The United States Studies Centre, The Asahi Shimbun, The Asan Institute for Policy Studies, Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Shanghai Institutes for International Studies

LINK:

<http://perthusasia.edu.au/our-work/the-asian-research-network-survey-on-america-s-ro>

AUTHOR:

Andrew Pickford

PUBLICATION NAME:

Energy Security in the Indo-Pacific Region Challenges and Outlook

LINK:

<http://perthusasia.edu.au/our-work/energy-security-in-the-indo-pacific-region-challe>

AUTHOR:

Jeffrey Wilson

PUBLICATION NAME:

The Changing Architecture of the Asia-Pacific trading system: Implications for the Indonesia-Australia Comprehensive Economic IA-BPG Submission by Dr Jeffrey Wilson - Briefing Paper for the Australia-Indonesia Business Partnership Group (IA-BPG)

LINK:

<http://perthusasia.edu.au/our-work/the-changing-architecture-of-the-asia-pacific-trad>

AUTHOR:

Jeffrey Wilson

PUBLICATION NAME:

Can the Trans-Pacific Partnership Multilateralise the 'Noodle Bowl' of Asia-Pacific Trade Agreements

LINK:

<http://perthusasia.edu.au/our-work/can-the-trans-pacific-partnership-multilateralise>

AUTHOR:

David Kennedy

PUBLICATION NAME:

Horizon - Feeding Asia: Innovation in Indo-Pacific Agriculture

PUBLISHED IN COLLABORATION WITH:

Knowledge Society, In The Zone, The University of Western Australia

LINK:

<http://perthusasia.edu.au/our-work/horizon-feeding-asia-innovation-in-indo-pacific>

AUTHOR:

Perth USAsia Centre

PUBLICATION NAME:

In The Zone - Feeding the Zone: International Cooperation, Innovation and Investment in Indo-Pacific Agriculture

Hard copy brochure only

AUTHOR:

Perth USAsia Centre

PUBLICATION NAME:

In The Zone - Feeding the Zone: Program Brochure

PUBLISHED IN COLLABORATION WITH:

Foreign Policy Community of Indonesia

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AUTHOR:

Ian Satchwell, Jim Redden

PUBLICATION NAME:

Sharing the Benefits: Enhancing Australia's Global Leadership in the Mining Value Chain

PUBLISHED IN COLLABORATION WITH:

Centre for Exploration Targeting

LINK:

http://www.cet.edu.au/knowledge-base/publications/133506_sharing-the-benefits-report

AUTHOR:

Jeffrey Wilson

PUBLICATION NAME:

Submission to Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Inquiry on the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement

Hard copy brochure only



OUR OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES



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Indo-Pacific Strategy

Leveraging off the geopolitical position and economic significance of Western Australia, the Indo-Pacific Strategy Program shapes strategic thinking and encourages stronger relationships within the dynamic Indo-Pacific region.



2016 PROGRAM

2016 OUTPUT

ITZ 2016 in Indonesia: Feeding the Zone

A strategic forum for business, policymakers, and researchers to grapple with the great economic and strategic transformations occurring in the countries encompassed by the time zone shared with Perth, WA.



- Worked in partnership with UWA and the Foreign Policy Community Indonesia (FPCI) to deliver the biggest ITZ conference held to date in Jakarta
- Approximate audience of 1,000, with a delegation of 100 VIPs, featuring Centre Distinguished Fellow and former Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono (SBY)
- Addressed the food production problem that is accompanying the rise of the middle-class in Asia and their changing food consumption habits
- Examined how government and international policy, research and innovation, and private investment can be harnessed to transform the agriculture sector in the Indo-Pacific region
- Launch of the first, in what will be a series, of at least five "Horizon" reports focused on issues of shared concern in the region
- Pull-out section and follow-on articles in *The Australian*
- CNN interviews
- Articles in Indonesia's largest online newspaper *Detik* - 12 million daily readers
- A front page article in *Rakyat Merdeka* - one of Indonesia's largest tabloids
- SBY tweeted pictures and commentary to his 8.9 million followers
- SBY posted pictures and commentary on his Facebook page with 5.5 million "friends" with more than 14,600 "likes" on his post
- Perth USAsia Centre tweets made 33,000 impressions and the hashtag #ITZ 2016 reached nearly 450,000 accounts
- Held a Public Panel discussion at UWA with Academics who presented in Jakarta, providing the Perth Community an opportunity to share in the insights and knowledge gained from ITZ Jakarta

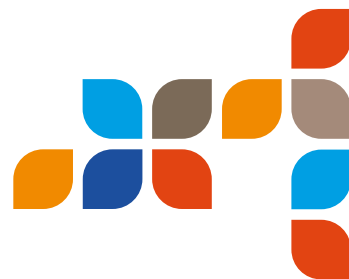
Indonesia Relations

The Centre recognises the importance of Indonesia to Australia and these programs focus on Indonesia's domestic and international affairs and bilateral relations with Australia.

- Held a number of events promoting awareness of domestic political and social trends within Indonesia that affect international affairs in the Indo-Pacific region, including a private roundtable with Jakarta-based terrorism expert Sidney Jones
- May and July engaged closely in deliberations on two key trade agreements for Australia – the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) and Indonesia-Australia Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (IA-CEPA)
- Hosted a dinner for Indonesian and Australian government personnel involved in RCEP and the IA-CEPA negotiations, plus Indonesian and Australian business representatives
- Provided input to discussions of the Indonesia-Australia Business Partnership Group (IA-BPG), assisting in the preparation of a detailed position paper presented to Trade Ministers in early August
- The ITZ conference held in Jakarta in May included extensive discussion on opportunities for cooperation in agriculture and food supply chains

OUR OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Indo-Pacific Strategy 	
2016 PROGRAM	2016 OUTPUT
Indonesia Relations <i>Continued</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institutional roundtable held in Perth in June provided input to two submissions to the IA-CEPA process • Held a roundtable with Ambassador to Indonesia, HE Paul Grigson • Senior Research Fellows led preparations of a detailed submission from the Australia-Indonesia Business Council to the IA-CEPA • Research Fellows made a submission to IA-CEPA discussions • Invited Distinguished Fellow, HE Dr SB Yudhoyono to Perth – which will occur in 2017
MIKTA <p>Following on from the 2014 “Smart Power” edition which focused specifically on the informal grouping of countries known as MIKTA (Mexico, Indonesia, Korea, Turkey and Australia), the Centre continues to conduct research on MIKTA as a tool for Australian Foreign Policy.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Xu Wang joined the Centre as a resident Visiting Research Fellow from China’s Yantai University • MIKTA related discussions held in Seoul, Washington D.C, and Jakarta • Meetings held with the MIKTA branch of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Canberra during August • Report in collaboration with Prof. Xu Wang for the Korean Foreign Ministry published in January 2017
China Matters <p>Realistic and nuanced discussion of China among Australian business, government and security establishments. The goals are to expand awareness and understanding; inform public and elite opinions; recommend solid policy on the complexities, opportunities, and challenges of Australia’s relationship with China.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In September the Centre hosted the fourth National Meeting of China Matters • This was the first time the CEO level national meeting was held in Western Australia • In June hosted two lead up events with Founder and Director Linda Jakobson and another in September, discussing Chinese Investment and Australia-China relations



OUR OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Indo-Pacific Strategy



2016 PROGRAM

2016 OUTPUT

Energy Security Program

A program that recognises that with rapid changes in energy demand and consumption patterns in the Indo-Pacific, energy security is a significant policy issue for Australia and the region.

- Hosted five highly engaging roundtable discussions and published two Energy Security publications (two still being produced) resulting from the dialogue that took place

Ambassadors' Dialogue

Events raising awareness in the Perth community, contributing to a greater understanding of the strategic location and importance of Perth in the region.

- This series attracts both Australian Senior Diplomats representing Australia in the Indo-Pacific and the United States, and Senior Diplomats from Indo-Pacific nations and the United States that represent their countries in Canberra

Event	Guest
Breakfast with Australian Ambassador to Mongolia	Mr John Langtry Australian Ambassador to Mongolia
"How to upgrade the relationship between Australia and the Republic of Korea"	His Excellency Bong-hyun Kim Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Australia
"Japan-Australia Relations"	His Excellency Sumio Kusaka Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Australia
"The Relationship between Australia and the Republic of Korea"	Mr Bill Paterson PSM Australian Ambassador to the Republic of Korea
"India-Australia Relations: A new Momentum"	His Excellency Navdeep Suri High Commissioner of India to Australia
"India-Australia Ties: Insights from a Diplomat's Diary"	His Excellency Navdeep Suri High Commissioner of India to Australia
Private Roundtable with Mr Philip Green	Mr Philip Green High Commissioner to Singapore



OUR OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Australia–Asia–US Strategic Triangle

Programs that concern Australia-Asia-US relations and seek to promote an understanding of the role the United States plays in upholding security and economic norms in the Indo-Pacific region, as well as the importance of the Indo-Pacific to Australia–US relations.



2016 PROGRAM

2016 OUTPUT

Alliance 21 Fellowship

A multi-disciplinary examination of Australia's relationship with the United States across a wide range of policy domains, but focused on Australia's defence relationship with the United States.

- Collaborated with USSC to identify the first Alliance 21 Fellow for 2016 – Mr Richard Fontaine the President of the Center for a New American Security (CNAS)
- Richard Fontaine spent a week at the Centre conducting research, heavily engaging in a number of outreach activities and hosted three security and defence events with leaders in the WA Community

Research Network on America's Role in the Asia Pacific (ARAP)

A multi-year public-private research initiative examining the Australia–US relationship and the challenges and opportunities ahead as it evolves in a changing Asia.

- Worked with regional partners to form the Asian Research Network;
 - › Perth USAsia Centre
 - › The United States Studies Centre
 - › Shanghai Institute for International Studies
 - › The Asan Institute for Policy Studies
 - › Asahi Shimbun, one of five national Japanese newspapers
 - › Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Jakarta
- In June the Network published the results of the survey conducted in October 2015, measuring the impact and influence of the United States in the region from an Asia-Pacific perspective, covering the following topics;
 - › Security and defence
 - › US-China relations
 - › Foreign policy
 - › Economics, trade and investment, energy and resources
 - › Soft power instruments such as education
 - › Regional issues
- The publication facilitated nascent discussion at events held in;
 - › Sydney, Perth, Washington DC, Jakarta, Seoul and Tokyo
- It is hoped the Network will grow to include Japan, Singapore and India

US Election Watch 2016

Events analysing the lead up and subsequent outcome of the 2016 election.

- 15 events were held trying to understand the 2016 US election including;
 - › 11 events in the lead up, with renowned experts Tom Switzer, Dan Twining, Kim Beazley and Don Watson
 - › Hosting of the US Consulates signature Election Day public event in collaboration with the US Consular Office, UWA, USSC and the National Press Gallery
 - › Four post-election day events with Rory Medcalf, Kim Beazley, Simon Jackman and Stephen Smith assessing the impact the result will have on Australia

OUR OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Education and Outreach

Being known as a primary resource on issues relating to the region and raising awareness of Australia's unique and strategically important position in the Indo-Pacific region by innovatively engaging with the broader community.



2016 PROGRAM

2016 OUTPUT

Indo-Pacific Executive Education Program

A high-level course aimed at senior business executives and senior officials who are seeking to engage strategically with Asia to achieve better outcomes for their organisation.

- Delivered a three day intensive course across October, November and December
- Engaged numerous renowned scholars to deliver programs on China, Korea, Japan, Indonesia and India;
 - › Dr George Gilboy – Chief Economist, Woodside
 - › Professor Peter Robertson – Head of Economics, UWA
 - › Rory Medcalf – Head of College, ANU National Security College
 - › Shiro Armstrong – Co-Director, Australia-Japan Research Centre
 - › Professor Graham Brown – Head of Social Sciences, UWA

Study Abroad

Study abroad programs led by USSC open to UWA and University of Sydney students.

UCLA Program

- June and July: 30 UWA students in the Study Abroad Program at UCLA
- Students returned to UWA for their Semester 2 studies
- Scholarships were awarded to five UWA students for merit and equity

Los Angeles and Washington DC Placement Program

- January to March 2016: 11 students participated in the intensive 9-week Los Angeles and Washington DC Placement Program studying and interning in the US
- Scholarships were awarded to three UWA students

Internship Program

A prestigious internship program that focuses on innovative work integrated and service learning.

- Developed and implemented a program with the following time schedule;
 - › Semester 2 Program Sep to Nov – three interns commenced
 - › End of Year Program Nov to Dec – one intern commenced
- Established the following program outline for 2017;
 - › Summer Program – Jan to Feb
 - › Semester 1 Program – Mar to Jun
 - › Winter Program – Jul to Aug
 - › Semester 2 Program – Sep to Nov
 - › End of Year Program – Nov to Dec

Teaching Collaborations

Collaborations with Academic staff at UWA and USSC to enrich the student experience by supporting and enhancing current UWA teaching programs.

- Partnered with UWA and USSC to arrange for Dr Gorana Grgic from USSC, to deliver an intensive US Foreign Policy unit as part of the UWA Masters of International Relations program in mid Semester break

OUR OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Education and Outreach



2016 PROGRAM

Public Lecture Series

Working with other organisations such as the US Embassy and DFAT, this program brings to Perth guests and leaders providing insights to a broader public community.

Event	Guest	Collaboration
"East Asian Territorial Disputes and International Law"	His Excellency Tetsuya Toyoda Associate Professor, Institute for Asian Studies and Regional Collaboration, Akita International University, Japan	UWA
"Law against justice over the Island disputes in East Asia - Why can't Governments negotiate?"	His Excellency Tetsuya Toyoda Associate Professor, Institute for Asian Studies and Regional Collaboration, Akita International University, Japan	UWA
Presentation on "Legal action and decisions to be made in Perth regarding Climate Change" Panel Discussion "Legal action and decisions to be made in Perth regarding climate change"	Prof. David Hodgkinson Associate Professor, Law School, UWA	UWA - Law Faculty
"The Political Economy of North Korea: Implications for Re-Unification"	Mr Marcus Noland Executive Vice President and Director of Studies, Peterson Institute for International Economics	
"How to upgrade the relationship between Australia and the Republic of Korea"	His Excellency Bong-hyun Kim Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Australia	
"The Challenges of Confronting ISIS in Indonesia"	Dr Sidney Jones Ms Navhat Nuraniyah Director Associate Research Fellow, Institute for Policy Analysis of Conflict Centre for Excellence for National Security	Murdoch University Asia Research Centre and Indonesia Institute
2016 Leadership Dialogue Scholar Road Show "Will the real USA and Australia Please Stand Up"	Prof. Cynthia Schneider Distinguished Professor in the Practice of Diplomacy Co-Director Laboratory for Global Performance and Politics, Georgetown University	Australian American Leadership Dialogue
Public presentation and panel discussion for students and young professionals on "Trans-Pacific Partnership"	Dr Jeff Wilson Research Fellow, Perth USAsia Centre	Envoy
Australian Institute of International Affairs 70 th Anniversary	Hon. Kim Beazley, AC Former Deputy Prime Minister of Australia and Australian Ambassador to the USA, Australian Government	Australian Institute of International Affairs and UWA
Promote Quarterly Article "Firing Line: Australia's Path to War"	Mr James Brown Research Director, USSC	USSC and Boffins Books
"Towards an Australian Maritime Strategy for the 21 st Century"	Prof. Mike Evans General Sir Francis Hassett Chair of Military Studies Professor in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Australian Defence College, Deakin University	

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2016 PROGRAM

Public Lecture Series

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Event	Guest	Collaboration
"Korean strategic choices: Between Washington and Beijing"	Mr Scott Snyder Senior Fellow for Korea Studies Director of the Program on US Korea Policy, Council on Foreign Relations	
"China's economic potential and implications for Australia"	Prof. Bob Carr Professor in International Relations Director, University of Technology Sydney Australia-China Relations Institute (ACRI)	Australia-China Relations Institute
Convene Panel for 4 th Annual International Criminal Law Workshop "The Politics of International Criminal Law"	Hon. Stephen Smith Hon. Kim Beazley, AC Former Minister for Defence, Australian Government Former Deputy Prime Minister of Australia and Australian Ambassador to the USA	UWA - Law Faculty
Collaborative Event with AIIA	Dr Michael Wesley Former Director, Lowy Institute	Australian Institute of International Affairs
Book Launch "A Partnership for Change: Australia-China Joint Economic Report 2016"	Prof. Peter Drysdale Hon. Dr Mike Nahan Emeritus Professor and Visiting Fellow Treasurer for WA, Crawford School of Economics and Government in the College of Asia and the Pacific, ANU Australian Government	
Presentation with Australian Journalist and correspondent for Sky News Australia	Mr Stan Grant Australian Journalist and Correspondent, Sky News Australia	City of Perth



OUR OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Education and Outreach



2016 PROGRAM

2016 OUTPUT

Foreign Policy Roundtables

Informal gatherings, exploring current affairs in international relations and of particular concern for Australia's foreign policy development.

Event	Guest
"Future policy perspectives on foreign investment, update on changes to the Foreign Investment Review Board (FIRB) framework and how this seeks to strengthen foreign investment and the importance of intermediary actors"	Mr Alex Hawke, MP Assistant Minister to the Treasurer, Australian Government
"Arms and Influence in Southeast Asia"	Mr Alexander Alden Research Analyst - Strategic Initiatives Group, Centre for Naval Analyses
"The Political Economy of North Korea: Implications for Re-Unification"	Mr Marcus Noland Executive Vice President and Director of Studies, Peterson Institute for International Economics
"What attracts Indonesians to ISIS"	Dr Sidney Jones Founder and Director, Institute for Policy Analysis of Conflict
Host Hon. Tanya Plibersek, MP	Hon. Tanya Plibersek, MP Deputy Leader of the Opposition and Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Development, Australian Government
"The Long Shadow of Iraq and Australia's strategy in Asia"	Mr James Brown Research Director, USSC
"South Korean strategies for achieving national unification"	Mr Scott Snyder Senior Fellow for Korea Studies, Director of the Program on US Korea Policy, Council on Foreign Relations
"Australia and the Challenge of China"	Prof. Bob Carr Professor in International Relations, Director, University of Technology Sydney Australia-China Relations Institute (ACRI)
Host Chinese People's Liberation Army Delegation	Major General Li Guang Deputy Director of Strategic Planning Office, Central Military Committee
Host Prof. Peter Drysdale	Prof. Peter Drysdale Emeritus Professor and Visiting Fellow, Crawford School of Economics and Government in the College of Asia and the Pacific, ANU
Dr Shiro "What's happened to Abenomics?" and other issues in Japan's economy	Dr Shiro Armstrong Co-Director Fellow, Australia-Japan Research Centre Crawford School
Host Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy of Japan	Mr Takashi Katae Deputy Chief, Mission of the Embassy of Japan
Host Greg Earl, Former Asia Pacific Editor Financial Review	Mr Greg Earl Former Asia Pacific Editor, Financial Review

OUR OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Education and Outreach



2016 PROGRAM

2016 OUTPUT

Perspective Series

Podcast series capturing insights of guests, scholars, thought leaders in the community involved in international relations.

Topic	Guest
North Korea's Missile Test Launch - Attitude is Everything	Prof. Gordon Flake CEO, Perth USAsia Centre
How China views the Disputes in the South China Sea	Mr Andrew Chubb UWA Researcher
India and its Role in the Indo-Pacific	Ms Darshana Baruah Research Analyst, Carnegie India
Australia's New Defence White Paper	Mr Reed Foster Military Capabilities Analyst, IHS Jane's
An American (Political Scientist) in Perth - Perspectives on the 2016 US Presidential Primary Season	Prof. David Denemark Political Science and International Relations, UWA
A Diplomatic Debrief with Kim Beazley	Hon. Kim Beazley, AC Former Deputy Prime Minister of Australia and Australian Ambassador to the US
The Overlooked History of Religious Persecution in America	Dr David Smith Senior Lecturer in American Politics and Foreign Policy and USSC Academic Director
Indonesia's "Blow up the Boats" Policy	Mr Brian Kraft Former Researcher in the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)
Indonesia's Struggle with ISIS	Dr Sidney Jones Founder and Director, Institute for Policy Analysis of Conflict
Japanese Politics and Article 9	Prof. Rikki Kersten School of Arts Dean, Murdoch University
Inside the Arms Trade in the Indo-Pacific	Mr Alex Alden Analyst, Center for Naval Analyses
WA's Economy, Asia and Women in Leadership	Ms Diedre Willmott CEO, Chamber of Commerce and Industry
What Happened at this year's Shangri La Dialogue	Hon. Kim Beazley, AC Former Deputy Prime Minister of Australia and Australian Ambassador to the USA
Reflecting on Perth as a Diplomatic Posting	Ms Cynthia Griffin Former US Consul General
US Politics, Foreign Policy and Impressions of Australia	Mr Richard Fontaine President, Center for a New American Security and Alliance 21 Fellow
Visited Pyongyang, North Korea over a Dozen Times	Mr Scott Snyder Director of the Program on US Korea Policy
Born in Australia, made in Syria and Loved Working for Kevin Rudd	Ms Ranya Alkadamani Founder, Impact Group International

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2016 PROGRAM

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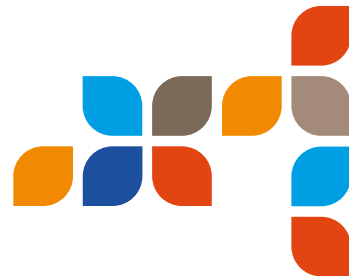
Perspective Series

Continued

Topic	Guest
Women in Politics and Military	Senator Linda Reynolds Liberal Senator for WA
We need to Accept the Realities of China's Rise	Prof. Bob Carr Director, Australia-China Relations Institute
What it's like working as a Republican Foreign Policy Advisor	Mr Dan Twining Director, Asia Program with the German Marshall Fund
Lessons the case of former Yugoslavia might hold for the Syrian Crisis	Dr Gorana Grgic Lecturer, United States Studies Centre







PERTH USASIA CENTRE LIMITED

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FINANCE REPORT

Summary of Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2016

The following financial statement has been extracted from the Perth USAsia Centre's Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2016.

Revenue

In 2016 total revenue increased by 32 per cent compared with the previous year. This is due to In The Zone being transferred from UWA to the Centre for 2016 in addition to AAA providing an underwriting contribution.

The Centre received grants from the Australian and West Australian Governments, UWA and Corporate partnership funding from Rio Tinto.

Expenditure

In 2016 the 41% increase in the Centre's expenditure compared to 2015 is directly related to the significant increase in Centre Programs, Research, and Development when compared to that of 2015. This is offset by the revenue increase. This additional expenditure highlights that the Centre is delivering on Phase Two of its Strategic Plan, Content and Contribution. The Centre has begun to expand the content it provides to national and international discussions on international relations and strategic relationships across the Indo Pacific.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Statement of comprehensive income for the year ended 31 December 2016

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Revenue from continuing operations	2,025,850	1,531,159
Expense from continuing operations	2,184,531	1,550,029
OPERATING RESULT FOR THE PERIOD	(158,681)	(18,870)

Statement of financial position as at 31 December 2016

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
Current assets	998,162	1,072,508
Non-current assets	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS	998,162	1,072,508
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities	(209,728)	(120,389)
Non-current liabilities	(29,587)	(34,591)
TOTAL LIABILITIES	(239,315)	(154,980)
NET ASSETS	758,847	917,528
EQUITY		
Retained earnings	758,847	917,528
TOTAL EQUITY	758,847	917,528

RETAINED EARNINGS

The Centre had a reduced surplus in 2016 as a result from increased activity. The retained earnings will be directed towards growth in the following years.

UNUSUAL ACTIVITY

During the period covered by this report, there was no unusual activity evident in either income or expenditure.

NOTE: Full copies of the Audited Financial Statements are available on request; please contact the Company Secretary.

AUDITOR'S REPORT



Auditor General

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of Perth USAsia Centre Limited

Opinion

I have audited the financial report of Perth USAsia Centre Limited (the company), which comprises the Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2016, the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Equity and Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended, and notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration.

In my opinion, the financial report of Perth USAsia Centre Limited is in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 31 December 2016 and of its performance for the year then ended; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001.

Basis for Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of my report. I am independent of the company in accordance with the Auditor General Act 2006, the Corporations Act 2001 and the relevant ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to my audit of the financial report. I have also fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

I confirm that the independence declaration required by the Corporations Act 2001, which has been given the directors of the company, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's report.

Responsibility of the Directors for the Financial Report

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001*. The directors' responsibility also includes such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Report

The objectives of my audit are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report. As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit.



AUDITOR'S REPORT


I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

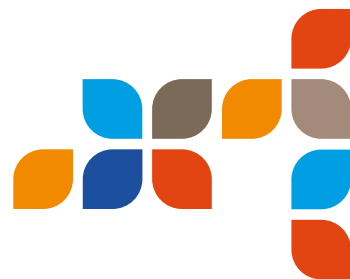
I communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

Matters Relating to the Electronic Publication of the Audited Financial Report

This auditor's report relates to the financial report of Perth USAsia Centre Limited for the year ended 31 December 2016 included on the company's website. The company's management is responsible for the integrity of the company's website. This audit does not provide assurance on the integrity of the company's website. The auditor's report refers only to the financial report described above. It does not provide an opinion on any other information which may have been hyperlinked to/from this financial report. If users of the financial report are concerned with the inherent risks arising from publication on website, they are advised to refer to the hard copy of the audited financial report to confirm the information contained in this website version of the financial report.



GLEN CLARKE
DEPUTY AUDITOR GENERAL
Delegate of the Auditor General for Western Australia
Perth, Western Australia
5 April 2017



ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND THANK YOU

In 2016 we had over 30 different collaborative partners that we worked alongside enabling us to deliver our impressive and rigorous programming and events schedule.

Grants and funding

Federal Government
State Government
American Australian Association
The University of Western Australia
Rio Tinto

Volunteers

Hugo Seymour
Inaugural Interns

- Alex Horton
- Alex Whitebrook
- Bhagya Karunarathne
- Kate Gray

Rosemary DeVries
Samuel Kitchen

Board Members

We are fortunate to have an outstanding Board of Directors, who bring a wealth of knowledge, advice and inspiration. Their support, guidance and oversight is pivotal to the success of the Centre.

Corporate and Community Partners

Australian Institute for International Affairs
Akita International University
American Australian Association
American Chamber of Commerce
Australian Defence College
Asia Link
Australia Indonesia Business Council
Australian Federal Government
Australian Financial Review
Australia-China Relations Institute
Australian-Japan Research Centre
Australian American Leadership Dialogue
Australian National University
Boffins Books
Australian Institute of International Affairs
Centre of Excellence for National Security
Centre for Naval Analyses
Crawford School of Economics and Government
Center for Strategic and International Studies
Central Military Committee
Carnegie India
Chamber of Commerce and Industry
City of Perth
Council on Foreign Relations
Curtin University

CSIS
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Deakin University
Dignitaries (Ambassadors/High Commissioners)
Embassy of Japan
Envoy
Ernst & Young
Foreign Policy Community Indonesia
G'Day USA
Impact Group International
Global Shapers Community
I.H.S. Jane's
Institute for Asian Studies and Regional Collaboration
Institute for Policy Analysis of Conflict
Indonesia Institute
International Association for Energy Economics
Laboratory for Global Performance and Politics (Georgetown University)
KPMG
Leadership WA
Murdoch University
Murdoch University Asia Research Centre
Murdoch University Indonesian Institute
National Press Club
Notre Dame University
Peterson Institute for International Economics
Rio Tinto
Squire Patton Boggs
Australian State Government
Strategic Initiatives Group
The Asan Institute for Policy Studies
The United States Studies Centre
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UWA - Law Faculty
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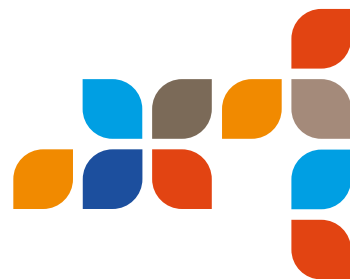
Special Mention

We would like to acknowledge the highly valued support the Centre received from the following UWA services:

- Financial Services
- Human Resources
- Business and Information Technology Services
- Theatres and Venues
- Parking
- Campus Management
- The Centre for Education Futures



Other Important Information



GET INVOLVED

There are lots of ways you can get involved with the work we do at the Perth USAsia Centre.

Become a subscriber

Register your details to stay connected and receive invites to our events and regular updates about issues in the Indo-Pacific.



<http://perthusasia.edu.au>

Education and Outreach

The Centre has an active involvement in a range of educational opportunities. To find out more about our Indo-Pacific Executive Education Program, Study Abroad Programs, Internships, Teaching Collaborations and School Engagements please check our website.



<http://perthusasia.edu.au/Opportunities>

Collaborate on an event

We frequently collaborate on our program of events. Our annual ITZ conference is an ideal opportunity to get involved in a range of ways. Contact our events team to chat about how you can work with us.



events@perthusasia.edu.au

Become a corporate partner

We welcome enquiries from organisations who have a vested interest in the work we do. To discuss how the Perth USAsia Centre can be a platform for your business to engage in dialogue on geopolitical issues of direct relevance to WA and Australia's national interest, contact our CEO.



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Other Important Information



LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

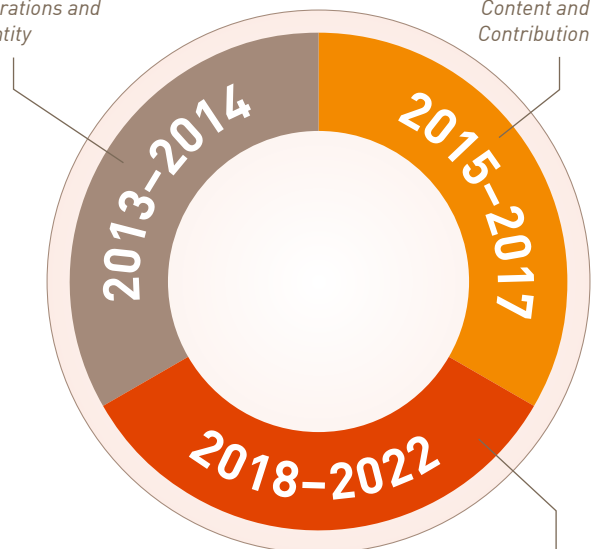
In 2017 the Centre will continue to focus on building a strategic affairs community in Western Australia and strengthening strategic relationships across the Indo-Pacific region.

In line with phase 2 of the Centre's development, the Centre will consolidate its efforts to expand its contribution and deepen the content it provides. The base of our programs will continue with a particular focus on:

- Developing content relevant to policy development
- Initiating and supporting targeted research and accompanying publications which is accessible across a wider spectrum of interest and contributes to international dialogue
- Directly contributing to the understanding of issues and trends in the Indo-Pacific. The Centre will continue to consolidate its impressive outreach and public engagement program, with a clear focus on events that are in line with the 2017 Business Plan. Refer to our 2017 Program Agenda below and Looking to the Future on page 34.

PHASE ONE
Operations and
Identity

PHASE TWO
Content and
Contribution



PHASE THREE
Leadership and Insight

Education and Outreach

Focussing on issues of direct relevance to Australian, and Western Australia's, position in the region

Public Lecture Series
Collaboratively working with other organisations such as the U.S. Embassy and Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, bringing to Perth high profile guests and leaders providing insights to the broader public community.

Big Think Breakfast
Establishes a sense of community amongst Western Australian academics to collaborate and discuss topics in international relations, international trade and emerging topics of concern.

Business Leaders' Luncheon
Engaging business leaders to seek input on topics of importance to their companies they would like examined and discussed.

Indo-Pacific Executive Education Program
A high-level course aimed at senior business executives and senior officials seeking to engage strategically with Asia to achieve better outcomes for their organisation providing an up-to-the-minute analysis of regional developments as well as a deeper understanding of the economies, domestic political systems, international relations, history and cultures of countries in the region.

Indo-Pacific Insight Series
Reports of considered analysis and fresh thinking on issues including regional security, energy, economics and political changes.

Research Fellows
A cross-disciplinary team with high level expertise in Indo-Pacific issues that supports the innovation and world class education missions for Western Australian Universities.

Teaching Collaborations
Collaborations with The University of Western Australia (UWA) and USC designed to enrich the student experience by supporting and enhancing current teaching programs.

Internship Program
A prestigious internship program that focuses on innovative work-integrated and service learning. Roles are focused on Research/Programs and Media/ Communications, recruiting high calibre and passionate students.

Study Abroad
UWA undergraduate students are offered the life-changing opportunity to live, study, and work in the United States through the Los Angeles and Washington DC Placement Program and the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Study Abroad Program.

Perspective Series
An innovative podcast series capturing the insights of guests, scholars and thought leaders focusing on international relations.

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2017 AGENDA

The Perth USAAsia Centre located at The University of Western Australia is a non-partisan, not-for-profit institution strengthening relationships and strategic thinking between Australia, the Indo-Pacific and the U.S.A. The Centre is a leading think tank focusing on geo-political issues, policy development and building a strategic affairs community across government, business and academia. Since the Centre's inception, we have collaborated with over 30 partners to convene more than 400 events across 11 cities in 7 countries, engaging a world class community network of more than 4,500 strategic thinkers and leaders.

The Centre's agenda is designed to support the following regional topics of importance

Indo-Pacific Strategy

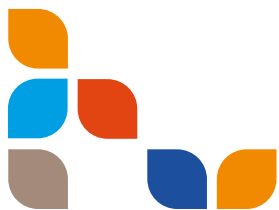
Perth sits in a unique position at the fulcrum of the Indo-Pacific region. Recognising Perth as the gateway to the Indian Ocean, the Centre will continue to leverage the geo-political position and economic significance of Western Australia, to shape strategic thinking and encourage stronger relationships within the dynamic Indo-Pacific region.

Australia-Asia-U.S. Strategic Triangle

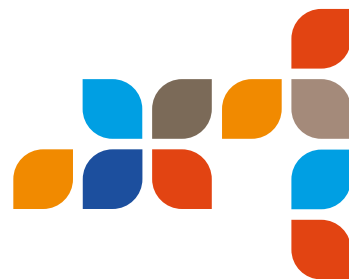
It is impossible to understand Australia-U.S. relations without understanding the shared concerns and interests in the Indo-Pacific region which drive the increasing integration of our economies, militaries and intelligence communities. Likewise, Australia-U.S. ties and cooperation on a full spectrum of issues in the region, underpin Australia's relations in the region. Following the 2016 election of President Trump in the United States, it is more important than ever for Australia to understand and shape these trilateral relationships.

Education and Outreach

Programs focus on issues relating to the region which raise awareness of Australia's unique and strategically important position in the Indo-Pacific region by innovatively engaging with students and the broader community.



Other Important Information



LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

foundational support the Centre will continue its extensive collaboration with UWA, AAA, Rio Tinto, USSC and the Federal and State Governments. These relationships will play a critical ongoing role in the strategic and ongoing development of the Centre.

The first quarter of 2017 has already seen the following;

- 20 events hosted
- Launch of our rebranded and refreshed website <http://perthusasia.edu.au>
- Three volumes of the newly released Indo-Pacific Insight Series – short dynamic reports from our experts examining current regional issues
- The launch of the CEO's "Context in the Indo-Pacific" – insights from the CEO, along with updates on Centre activities and latest publications
- Release of two podcasts in the Perspective Series
- Publication of two dynamic reports;
 - MIKTA: The Search for a Strategic Rationale
 - Trumping Trade: Understanding the Australia-United States Economic Relationship
- Four Government submission papers



Indo-Pacific Strategy

An Australian institution, upholding Australian values and interests across a dynamic region

In the Zone (ITZ)
The University of Western Australia established In the Zone in 2009 as a strategic forum for business leaders, policymakers and researchers. This globally-significant conference provides an ideal setting for regional leaders, both current and next generation, to grapple with the issues facing nations throughout the Indo-Pacific region. Since its launch, In the Zone has attracted more than 5,000 participants from the Indo-Pacific to Perth, Western Australia. This year's event – The Blue Zone – will focus on the Indo-Pacific maritime realm.

South Asia Program
As the Indo-Pacific system continues to grow in importance and India emerges as an increasingly important strategic player, we will need to understand more about how Delhi's plans will shape the region.

Southeast Asia Program
Recognising that Australia is a part of Southeast Asia and has a national interest in the security and prosperity of its closest neighbours, this program seeks to enhance Australia's relations with Southeast Asia and facilitate the development of sound policy towards the countries and emerging issues in the region.

Indonesia Working Group
Provides a constructive channel of communication that works to improve Australia-Indonesia relations in a meaningful way and to make sure policy pathways towards this goal remain priorities on public and government agendas in both countries.

Northeast Asia Program
This program will build on the Australia-Japan relationship and raise Australia's profile in Korea to help strategic thinkers in Korea recognise the important role Australia will play in the coming decades.

Natural Resource Governance
Australia is the leading resources economy in the Indo-Pacific region and has an opportunity to help shape resources governance policy in emerging economies throughout the region by building consensus on leading practices, exchange information and natural resource governance frameworks.

Energy Security Program
With rapid changes in energy demand and consumption patterns, this program recognises energy security as a significant policy issue for Australia and the Indo-Pacific region.





Australia-Asia-U.S. Strategic Triangle

Strengthening relationships and cultivating strategic thinking across the Indo-Pacific

Alliance 21 Fellowship
A multi-disciplinary examination of Australia's relationship with the United States across a wide range of policy domains, focused on Australia's defence relationship with the United States. Established with the support of the United States Studies Centre (USSC) and the United States Department of State, the program involves a three to ten month exchange of senior scholars and policy analysts between Australia and the United States.

America's Role in the Indo-Pacific (ARIP)
A multi-year, public-private research initiative examining the Australia-U.S. relationship, challenges and opportunities ahead. Following on from the successful publication and launch of the previously titled America's Role in the Asia Pacific publication in 2016, the Centre continues to work with USSC, Canon Global Institute, Asan Institute for Policy Studies, Foreign Policy Community of Indonesia, Shanghai Institutes for International Studies and Brookings India to deliver and publish the latest survey results.

Australia-U.S. Partnership in Emerging Asia
The Perth USAsia Centre supports the G Day U.S.A. program of events - the premier public and economic diplomacy program promoting Australian capabilities in the U.S.. In collaboration with USSC, the Centre will promote Track Two discussions with a focus on structural changes in the U.S.-Australia Alliance.

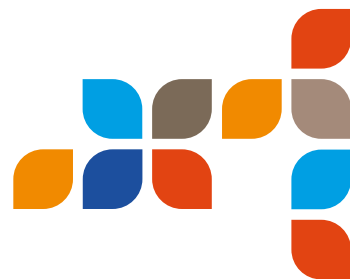
Ambassadors' Dialogue
Raising awareness in the Perth community and contributing to a greater understanding of the strategic location and importance of Perth in the Indo-Pacific, this combination of public and private events attracts both Australian Senior Diplomats and those from Indo-Pacific nations that represent their countries in Canberra.

Foreign Policy Roundtables
Informal, invitation only gatherings exploring current affairs in international relations, particularly those of concern for Australia's foreign policy development.





Other Important Information



LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Keep an eye out on our events page, in particular as we work towards convening the 2017 ITZ Conference: The Blue Zone – Resources, Environment and Security in the Maritime Realm.

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