



EDUCATING AND EMPOWERING OUR COMMUNITY TO BETTER UNDERSTAND CRITICAL ISSUES FACING OUR REGION





















INTRODUCTION

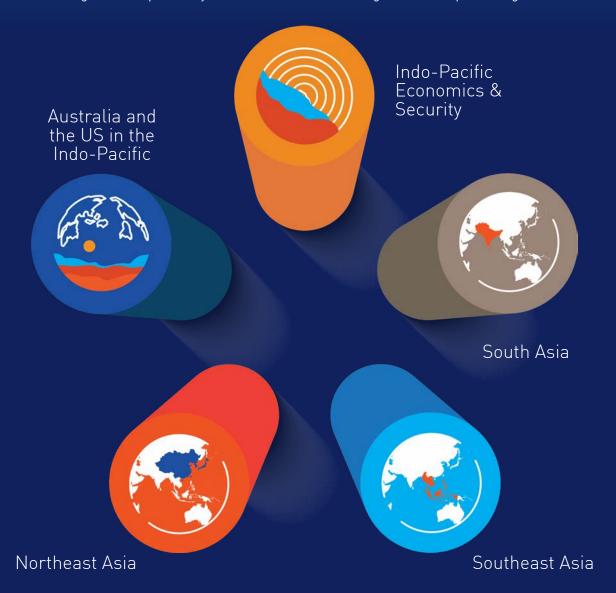
The Perth USAsia Centre is a leading foreign policy think tank focused on Indo-Pacific strategy. We foster stronger connections, educate and empower our government, business, academic and civil community to better understand the critical issues facing our region.

In 2022, with continued support from our partners, the Australian and Western Australian Governments, The University of Western Australia, the American Australian Association Limited, Rio Tinto, INPEX, Wesfarmers, Austal, Chevron and Woodside, the Centre continued its support of Australia's Indo-Pacific engagement agenda, producing a steady stream of commentary, research and analysis.

With increased travel throughout 2022 the Centre reconnected with our neighbours across the Indo-Pacific, delivering a diverse program of events and producing resources for our community in Australia and throughout the region.

To expand the Centre's reach and bring together new perspectives on the region's most important issues, we were delighted to welcome to the team Research Director Dr Kate O'Shaughnessy and Principal Policy Fellow Dr Huong Le Thu.

Throughout 2022 we maintained our reputation for delivering high-calibre events. At our 40 events hosted during the year, an audience of over 2,000 from across 60 countries took the opportunity to hear insights and expert analysis from more than 110 thought leaders representing 11 nations.

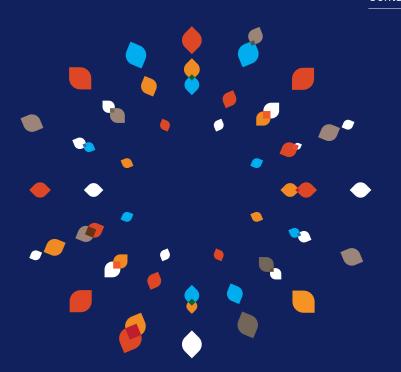


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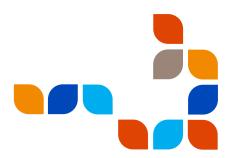


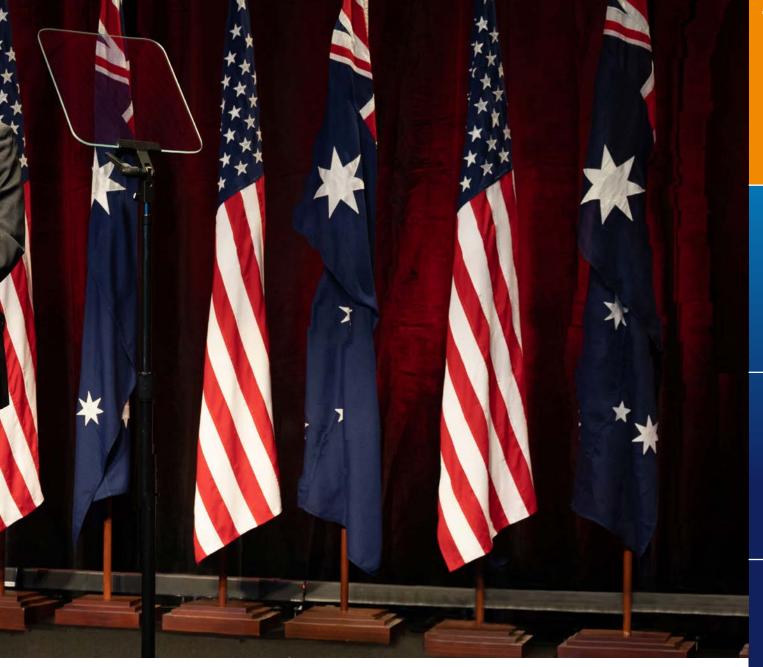
OUR PURPOSE

The Perth USAsia Centre is an independent think-tank that connects Australia to the Indo-Pacific to advance the public interest. We build stronger relationships and educate through research, networks, engagement, and analysis.

OUR VISION

The Perth USAsia Centre will be an influential and independent think-tank, that is collaborative, forward leaning and sustainable. We will build our diverse community by driving knowledge sharing, impactful engagement, and innovative programming between Australia, the Indo-Pacific and the United States.





OUR HISTORY

Under the leadership of the Commonwealth and Western Australian Governments, and the American Australian Association (AAA), the Perth USAsia Centre was an initiative to build on the successes of the United States Studies Centre (USSC) at the University of Sydney. The development of a similar centre on the nation's west coast was to enhance the focus on the growing strategic importance of Western Australia and the Indo-Pacific region.

On 13 November 2012, on the sidelines of "AUSMIN" in Perth, the Perth USAsia Centre was launched as a globally significant research institution and leading think tank on Australia-Asia-U.S. strategic and economic relations. 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 U.S. and across the Indo-Pacific region.



The Perth USAsia Centre has proceeded to advance its impact and status as a leading strategic policy institute, providing state-of-the-art analysis and shaping regional policy issues. As the COVID-19 pandemic subsided and international travel resumed, the Centre continued to maintain vital connections across the Indo-Pacific.

The Centre's ninth year was marked by new and continuing geopolitical tensions, including the war in Ukraine, tensions in Taiwan and growing Chinese influence in the Pacific. At this critical time, the Perth USAsia Centre contributed significantly to the public dialogue on how Australia should respond to regional issues. It continues to fulfil its mandate to enrich the strategic affairs community and build relationships across Australia, the United States, and the Indo-Pacific at a time when new ideas and clear thinking are needed most.

By continuing to reach its audience through innovative platforms, the Centre has been able to engage at a mass scale at a time when the Indo-Pacific has increased in importance. The Perth USAsia Centre continued to strengthen its in-house research capacity by welcoming two new experts to the team. The Centre continues to prove itself as an organisation indispensable to Australia's national interest by providing the highest quality events, commentary and analysis to educate a broad and diverse community.

The Centre has been at the forefront of developing new and creative ways to deliver its events to a broad audience, providing event attendees with a high quality and streamlined experience. In 2022, the Centre convened 17 online and hybrid events, as well 24 in-person events in Australia and India. It continued to host overseas guests, facilitating over 30 activities

with Ambassadors based throughout the region and delivered analysis from experts through its Indo-Pacific Fellows program. The Centre's programs served to maintain Australia's policy links with the United States and the Indo-Pacific during a challenging time.

The Centre is proud to partner with the American Australian Association, The University of Western Australia, and the United States Studies Centre. Furthermore, continued core funding support from the Commonwealth and Western Australian Governments, and The University of Western Australia ensures the sustainability and performance of the Centre. In 2022, the Centre continued its well-established relationships with corporate partners Rio Tinto, Wesfarmers, INPEX, Austral, Chevron and Woodside.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank Professor Gordon Flake and the Centre's staff for their commitment to the organisation and its mission to drive knowledge sharing, impactful engagement and innovative programming between Australia, the Indo-Pacific and the United States. I have full confidence as 2023 unfolds the Perth USAsia Centre will continue to go from strength to strength.

The Honourable John Olsen, AO

Chairman, Perth USAsia Centre and American Australian Association Limited



The Perth USAsia Centre's ninth year of operations proved to be one of our organisation's most successful yet. Marked by a period of transition out of COVID-19 restrictions, we ended this year more connected with the Indo-Pacific region than we've ever been before.

Through anticipating trends and developments, our team produced cutting-edge research and analysis and engaged a larger and more diverse audience, fulfilling our role as one of Australia's most valuable think tanks. Our location in Perth, the geopolitical nexus of Australia in the Indo-Pacific, allowed us to provide expert analysis and commentary at a time when interest in the Indo-Pacific was at an all-time high to help Australian and regional audiences to better understand unfolding events and strategic challenges.

As the world began to return to normalcy after the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, we resumed international travel and saw the Centre strengthen vital connections throughout Australia and across the world in India, Indonesia, Korea, the Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, the US, Vietnam and Belgium. We continued to deliver our programs using innovative methods, convening over 40 in-person, virtual and hybrid events, engaging a much broader audience than anticipated. In 2022, we hosted over 110 thought leaders from 11 different countries, reaching audiences in over 60 countries.

Major Centre highlights included hosting distinguished leaders from throughout the region, including Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs Tim Watts, Member of the Japanese House of Representatives and Former Japanese Defence Minister Taro Kono and East Java Vice Governor Emil Dardak. We successfully held our Japan Symposium for the fifth year running and delivered a series of Ambassador's Dialogues attracting senior diplomats both representing Australia in the Indo-Pacific, and nations representing their countries in Canberra.

This year we bolstered our research capacity with the appointment of a new Research Director and Principal Policy Fellow. Our Indo-Pacific Fellows continued to deliver crucial, on-the-ground updates on developments in India, Indonesia, Japan, Vietnam and the US. This work has been reinforced by the production of 17 publications providing analysis on regional trends including clean energy, economic integration, and supply chains.

2022 also saw the Centre contribute to global discussions with analysis and commentary on a range of regional issues including the impacts of the war in Ukraine and the Australian Federal Election. Centre experts contributed to highly impactful and widereaching domestic and international media outlets including Foreign Policy, Bloomberg, Nikkei Asia, The Guardian and the Australian Financial Review.

Enabling our success this year has been the growing Perth USAsia Centre community that has withstood the challenges of a global pandemic and, like ourselves, adapted and continued to participate, engage and learn from our Centre activities.

At the end of 2022 the Centre bid farewell to three key members of our Board of Directors each of whom has served since our first year; our Chair the Hon. John Olsen, the Hon. Stephen Smith, and the Hon. Elizabeth Constable AM. They each contributed greatly to the success of the Centre in our first decade and we thank them for their service and many contributions.

Professor Gordon Flake

Chief Executive Officer, Perth USAsia Centre



OUR SUPPORTERS

Founding Funding Partners









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Major Collaborative Partners







BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THE HONOURABLE JOHN OLSEN, AO

Chairman, American Australian **Association Limited**



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MR MARK BAILLIE Chairman, United States Studies Centre



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Former Deputy Prime Minister and leader of the Labor Party; former Ambassador of Australia to the United States; 33rd Governor of Western Australia

PROFESSOR GORDON FLAKE

Chief Executive Officer, Perth USAsia Centre



PROFESSOR SIMON JACKMAN

Chief Executive Officer, United States Studies Centre (resigned June 2022)



PROFESSOR AMIT CHAKMA

Vice-Chancellor, The University of Western Australia



THE HONOURABLE **STEPHEN SMITH**

Former Minister for Defence and Minister for Foreign Affairs



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Director

DR MICHAEL J. GREEN Chief Executive Officer,

United States Studies Centre (Commenced June 2022)





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OUR TEAM





PROFESSOR GORDON FLAKE

Chief Executive Officer

LEADERSHIP TEAM



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Outreach Director



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RESEARCH TEAM



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JAMES BOWEN
Policy Fellow



HAYLEY CHANNER Senior Policy Fellow (to December 2022)



GEMMA KING Research and Program Associate



KYLE SPRINGER Policy Fellow (to March 2022)



DR HUONG LE THUPrincipal Policy Fellow (commenced June 2022)

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Officer



TEGAN VAN GRAMBERGStakeholder Relations
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ALIAH BOGDANICH Digital Communications Officer (commenced August 2022)

OPERATIONS TEAM



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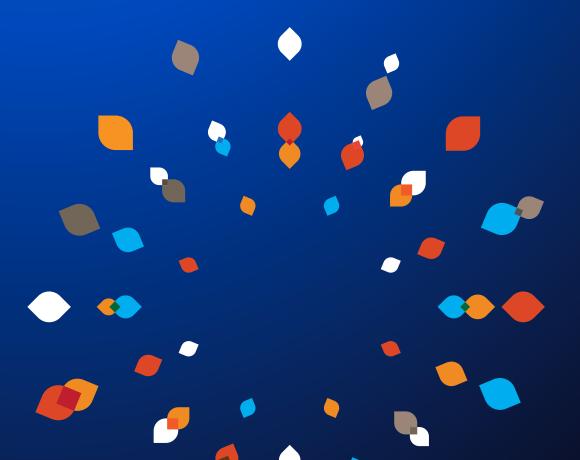


HANH TRAN Finance Manager (to May 2022)



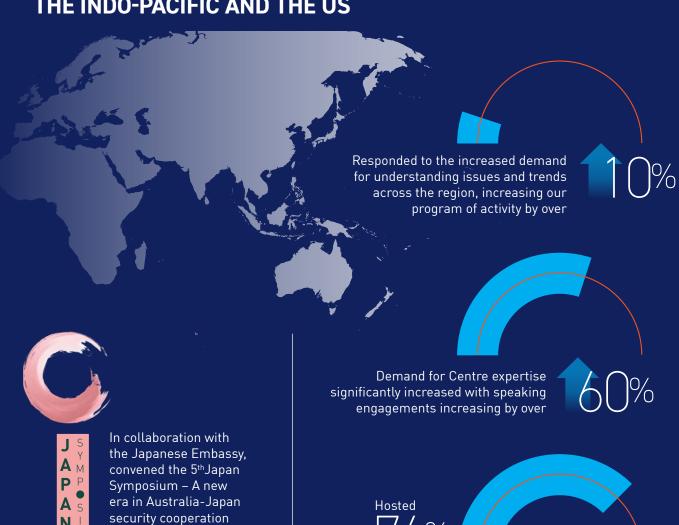
THERESE SANDERSBusiness Advisor
[commenced May 2022]

Impact and Influence



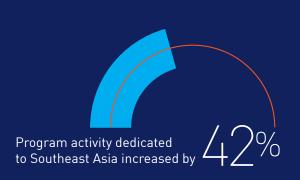
BUILDING REPUTATION: aim to have a network of government decision makers to strengthen understanding of and the significance for WA and Australia

IMPACT AND INFLUENCE ACROSS THE INDO-PACIFIC AND THE US



Expanded the Centre's portfolio of commentary and analysis focused on South Asia by

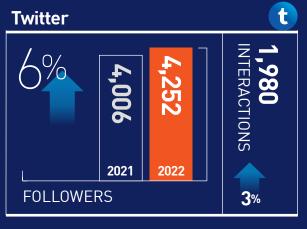
150%



more US expert speakers at our events

informed business leaders, academics, public leaders and issues and trends across the region

IMPACT AND INFLUENCE ON OUR ONLINE AUDIENCE



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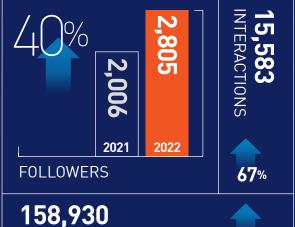
71% of our audience is located outside Perth

57% of all community members are based outside Australia, with Indonesia representing our largest international audience.

Linked in

IMPRESSIONS







Website



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TOP WORK PUBLISHED ON THE CENTRE WEBSITE

An investmentled strategy for building Australia-India economic relations













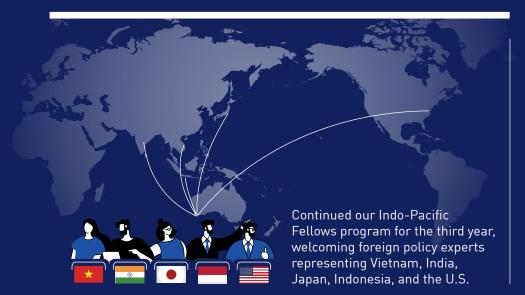
Professor Gordon Flake interviews Ho Thai Binh



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EDUCATION AND AWARENESS RAISING: aim to have and connected to issues and trends within the region and

IMPACT AND INFLUENCE ON THE FIELD/STUDY OF **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**



Collaborated with over

sector partners to deliver events and content across the globe including the Foreign Policy Community of Indonesia, the Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam, amongst many others

Advanced understanding of Australia throughout the Indo-Pacific increasing external representation by at over

national and international events, forums and conferences in 23 cities across 13 countries



Led a delegation of next generational leaders, professionals, and academics to Hawaii to further educate them on the Future of the U.S. Australia Alliance

Significantly increased content

driven programs with

of all events resulting in original content being published.

Commenced the development of our first micro-credential



AUSTRALIA AND THE INDO-PACIFIC

understanding our strategic connections to Asia

a greater portion of the community be more informed understanding the significance for WA and Australia

IMPACT AND INFLUENCE ON STUDENTS AND EMERGING LEADERS



Increased intern placements by

Continued to provide mentoring opportunities for young leaders to engage with Centre experts Increased engagement with young leaders with Centre experts presenting at 175% more youth-based events and worked with institutions such as Hale School, Perth; Perth Asian Professionals;

the UWA Arts Union; UN Youth and Dandjoo Darbalung at St Catherine's College

With the support of DFAT for the first time worked with global leading think tank Observer Research Foundation on their "Future of Diplomacy" forum that bought together early 45 career diplomats from across the world



Australian Government

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Expanded
engagement
with the
national and
international education
sector with a

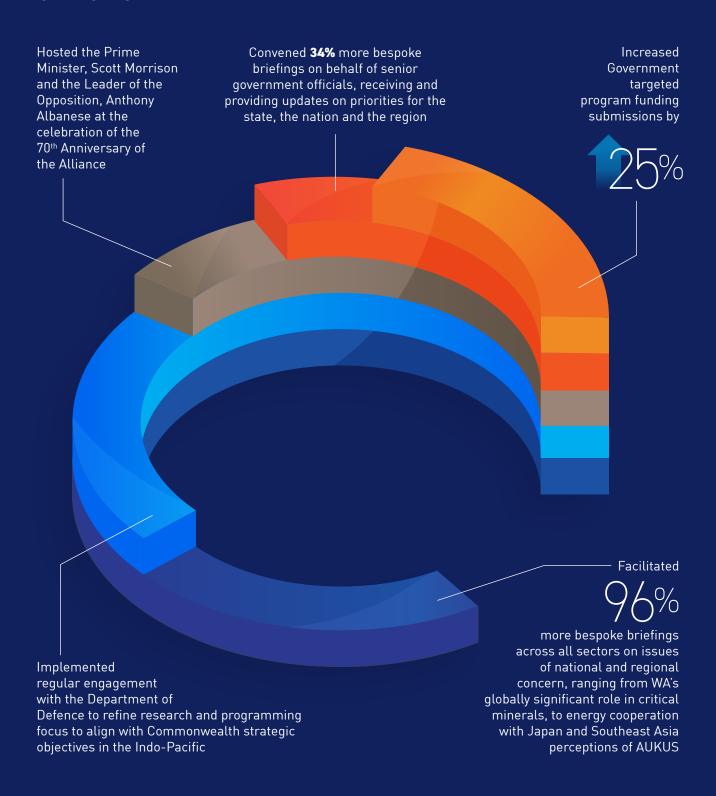
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increase in the delivery of lectures and teaching to students at institutions such as KDI School Public Policy and Management, South Korea; UTA '45 University, Jakarta; Stanford University, California; ANU National Security College, Canberra and Brussels School of Governance, Belgium



ENABLING AND INFLUENCING POLICY: aim to keep key of WA's relationships with the region and its significant

IMPACT AND INFLUENCE ON POLICY



OVERVIEW

Government decision makers informed of the importance contribution to national policy

IMPACT AND INFLUENCE ON GOVERNMENT (STATE AND FEDERAL)

Government sector speaker representation increased by

Played a key role to deliver the WA Governments' successful Invest and Trade WA tour to India



reflecting our commitment to our role in the advocacy of Government objectives to the public



Supported the Western Australian government department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation (JTSI) with their Indonesia Connect conference

Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation



Partnered with the WA
State Government and the
UWA Defence and Security
Institute on the 2022 Indian
Ocean Defence and Security
Conference at Optus Stadium

Increased collaborative activity with DFAT by

166%

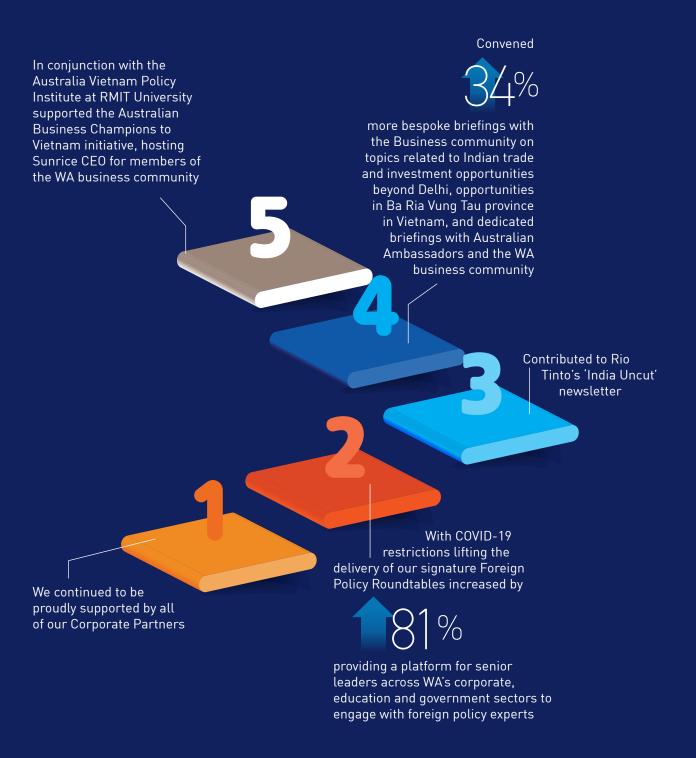
through hosting of and attendance at events and briefings



STRENGTHENING WA AND AUSTRALIA

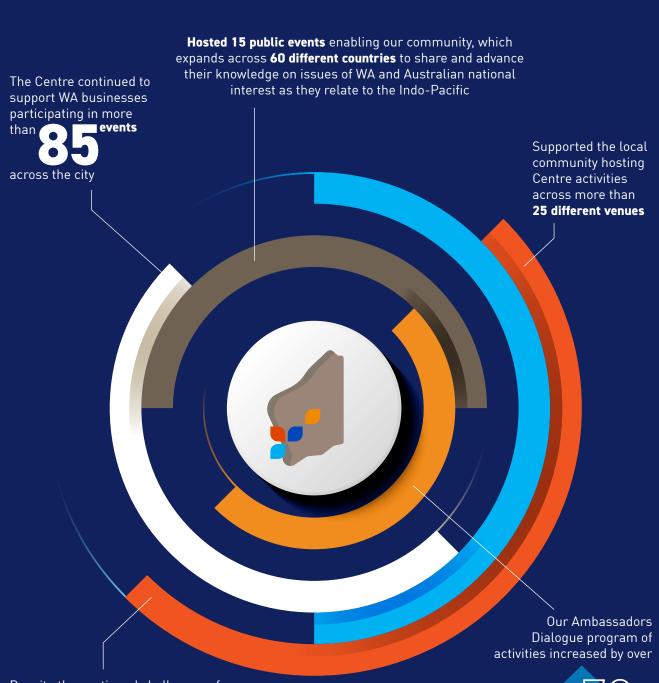
diversification by building stronger and more productive

IMPACT AND INFLUENCE ON THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY



INTERNATIONALLY: aim to enable opportunities for project relationships between WA and the region

IMPACT AND INFLUENCE ON PERTH/WA



Despite the continued challenges of COVID-19 limiting our ability to bring high profile speakers to Perth we were still able to host speakers from **11 different countries**, promoting WA as a significant geopolitical thought leader

showcasing the importance of WA to 25 different HOM's across the region

Research program

OUR PRIORITIES ARE:

- LEAD the development of ideas for the future
- Develop **IMPACTFUL** research for the region
- PRODUCE content on topics and countries of national and international importance
- Serve as a platform of ideas, knowledge, and impact through COLLABORATION
- Build a COMMUNITY by embracing knowledge sharing



INDO-PACIFIC ECONOMICS AND SECURITY



SOUTH ASIA



SOUTHEAST ASIA



NORTHEAST ASIA



AUSTRALIA AND THE US IN THE INDO-PACIFIC



AMBASSADORS' DIALOGUE



INDO-PACIFIC FELLOWS



PUBLICATIONS



COMMENTARY AND ANALYSIS



INDO-PACIFIC ECONOMICS & SECURITY

The Indo-Pacific remains a region of enormous opportunity for Australia. At the same time, it is facing unprecedented strategic uncertainty.

In this context, Australia's partnerships were more important than ever. The Indo-Pacific Economics and Security program produced over 55 pieces of content and delivered 11 events examining challenges to security and the rules-based order, and opportunities for Australian partnerships.

The Centre hosted roundtable discussions with senior Australian and Indo-Pacific security officials and experts including:

- Michael Pezullo, Secretary of the Department of Home Affairs
- The Hon. Tim Watts, Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs
- Project 2049 Institute Chairman and Cofounder the Hon. Randall "Randy" Schriver and Avascent International Senior Advisor Lieutenant General Wallace



✓ Centre representatives also attended key conferences across the region focused on security. Principal Policy Fellow Dr Huong Le Thu attended expert seminars on the South China Sea and presented the ASEAN perspective on AUKUS at Western Australia's inaugural Indian Ocean Defence and Security Conference in September. Professor Gordon Flake attended numerous virtual and in- person events examining security dynamics on the Korean peninsula.





AMBASSADORS' DIALOGUES

The Centre is committed to fostering stronger connections, educating and empowering our government, business, academic and civil communities to better understand critical issues facing our region.

Our Ambassadors' Dialogues are the lynchpin of this rich, ongoing conversation. Through roundtable discussions and public panel events our Ambassadors' program facilitates practical conversations between senior Australian and Indo-Pacific diplomats and the Western Australia's strategic affairs community.

In 2022, the Centre was pleased to host more than 30 Ambassadors' Dialogue activities drawing in speakers from Australia, the Indo-Pacific and Europe. We delivered this program in close partnership with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, as well as a broad range of Indo-Pacific diplomatic missions.









DIGNITARIES AND HEADS OF MISSION HOSTED BY THE PERTH USASIA CENTRE

Abigail Ho, First Secretary (Political) of the Singapore High Commission in Australia

Andrew Goledzinowski, Designate Ambassador of Australia to Vietnam

Dame Annette King, High Commissioner of New Zealand to Australia

Angela MacDonald, Designate Ambassador of Australia to Thailand

Arthur Sinodinos, Ambassador of Australia to the United States

Brian Hoyt, Deputy Political Counsellor, United States Embassy in Canberra

Emil Dardak, Vice Governor of East Java

Garry Cowan, First Assistant Secretary of North and South Asia Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Helen de la Vega, Ambassador of the Philippines to Australia

HK Yu, Ambassador of Australia to the Philippines

Jan Adams, Ambassador of Australia to Japan

Justin Hayhurst, Designate Ambassador of Australia to Japan

Listiana Operananta, Consul-General of Indonesia in Perth

Marc Knapper, Ambassador of the United States to Vietnam

Manpreet Vohra, Ambassador of India to Australia

Marion Derckex, Ambassador of the Netherlands to Australia

Michael Pezzullo, Secretary of the Department of Home Affairs

Mohammad Sufiur Rahman, High Commissioner of Bangladesh to Australia

Mr Nguyen Tat Thanh, Ambassador of Vietnam to Australia

Paul Stephens, Designate High Commissioner of Australia to Sri Lanka

Rebekah Grindlay, Assistant Secretary of North and South Asia Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Robyn Mudie, Ambassador of Australia to Vietnam

Shingo Yamagami, Ambassador of Japan to Australia

Siriana Nair, Consul-General of the United States in Perth

Siswo Pramono, Ambassador of Indonesia to Australia

Sundaresh Menon, Chief Justice of Singapore

Tim Watts, Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs

Toru Suzuki, Consul-General of Japan in Perth

William Hodgeman, High Commissioner of Australia to Singapore

Yasushi Naito, Consul-General of Japan in Perth





SOUTH ASIA

The Centre's South Asia Program recognises India's global importance as the world's largest democracy, and one of its fastest-growing economies. Understanding this complex and significant country has never been more important.

In 2022, the Perth USAsia Centre made major contributions to building connections between Australia and India, and to advancing the national conversation about priorities for the bilateral relationship.

To help stakeholders better understand the breadth and depth of opportunities in India, the Centre produced 10 pieces of content and hosted 7 virtual and in-person events.

Events

- → The "Beyond Delhi" public event series showcased economic and commercial opportunities across India, in collaboration with Austrade.
 - "Australia-India Collaboration in Space: Opportunities in Telangana"
 - "Australia-India collaboration in METS"
- Roundtable discussions with our community including:
 - The Hon Shri Piyush Goyal, Indian Minister of Commerce and Industry
 - Finance Minister of Tamil Nadu, Dr Palanivel Thiagarajan

















The Centre hosted a public event in Mumbai, "Unlocking the Quad: Understanding the opportunities for Australia-India Cooperation in the Quad Agenda" whilst supporting the WA Governments' Invest and Trade tour in India.

In collaboration with the Australia India Institute the Centre produced an edited collection celebrating India's 75th anniversary of independence - *Innovation*, *Security, Culture: The Next 75 Years of Australia*-

India Relations - that looked at the two countries' collaboration in areas ranging from indigenous diplomacy to space.

The Centre partnered with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and global leading think tank Observer Research Foundation on the "Future of Diplomacy" forum delivering a panel on Geostrategic Dynamics of the Indian Ocean Maritime Domain.







SOUTHEAST ASIA

The Centre's Southeast Asia program recognises the significance of the region to Australia's long-term prosperity and security.

ASEAN countries account for 13 per cent of Australia's two-way trade – more than the US or Japan. Just one of their members, Indonesia, is expected to overtake Australia's economy in market value by the end of this decade. In parallel, Southeast Asia is concerned to find itself caught in the middle of US-China

competition. And groupings like AUKUS and the QUAD have received mixed views from the region.

As a result, explaining Australia's strategic motivations for building strong relationships throughout Southeast Asia has been the core objective of the Centre's work under this program.

We produced 15 pieces of content, facilitated more than 25 events and briefings covering the full spectrum of Australia's strategic and economic interests in Southeast Asia.









AUSTRALIA AND THE US IN THE INDO-PACIFIC

This program focused on Australia-US collaboration in the Indo-Pacific. It highlighted key opportunities for partnership including on critical mineral supply chains, hydrogen development, and regional defence and security, including through AUKUS and the Quad. Through this program we delivered more than 13 targets events and activities, publishing 10 pieces of content.

Highlights included "The Alliance at 70" Anniversary Dinner in the Great Hall of Parliament House.





The Centre's expertise was called upon for briefings at the US Department of Defense regarding AUKUS and presentations at the inaugural American-Australian Indo-Pacific Strategic Dialogue at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in Washington DC.











NORTHEAST ASIA

Northeast Asia – including China, Japan, South Korea, North Korea and Taiwan – is highly significant to Australia. Not only are Australia's trade and strategic interests deeply rooted in this region, increasingly our partnerships with Japan, South Korea and Taiwan are presenting new opportunities for critical technology development, supply chain resilience and climate change action.

Key events included a public interactive forum with Taro Kono, Member of the Japanese House of Representatives and former Minister for Defence and Minister for Foreign Affairs and the visit of Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida to Perth with Professor Gordon Flake attending his private address.

As a world-leading expert on developments on the Korean peninsula, Professor Flake continued to provide media commentary and analysis on strategic developments in the region.













Japan Symposium

In partnership with the Consulate-General of Japan in Perth, the Centre was honoured to host the Japan Symposium for the fifth consecutive year. In recognition of the greater security role Australia and Japan have been playing in the Indo-Pacific and the signing of a Reciprocal Access Agreement, the theme of the Symposium was "A New Era in Australia-Japan Security Cooperation".

Delivered across three days including both private and public components, the Symposium brought together senior officials, analysts and academics from Australia, Japan and the region. Together, they discussed how deepened Australia-Japan security cooperation can contribute to a more stable Indo-Pacific.

At the major public event, Australia's Ambassador to Japan, Jan Adams AO PSM provided opening remarks, followed by a keynote address by Japan's Ambassador to Australia, Yamagami Shingo, and Major General Natasha Fox, Deputy Chief of Army. Attended in-person by more than 80 people and an additional 90 online, the event connected and informed individuals from a wide cross- section of the international affairs community.



Japan and Australia are... on the cusp of a more dynamic, robust security relationship reinforced by decades of steadily build cooperation. What would have seemed inconceivable to generations past has become a reality through the dedication and commitment of Japanese and Australians determined to see this security cooperation succeed."

Ambassador Yamagami Shingo





INDO-PACIFIC FELLOWS

Our Indo-Pacific Fellows program, supported by Lennon Family Foundation, continues to expand our research expertise capability. Importantly it provides a platform for foreign policy thought leaders to provide on the ground perspectives on regional challenges impacting their home country.

In 2022 we welcomed experts from Vietnam, the US, Japan, India and Indonesia, who produced a series of "Indo-Pacific Analysis Briefs".



BINH HO THAI
CO-FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR, SURVIVAL SKILLS VIETNAM

Binh is a social entrepreneur working in public health in Vietnam. Before his entrepreneurial career, Binh worked as an investment promotion specialist in the Department of Industry and Trade of Ba Ria-Vung Tau Province.



DEREK GROSSMANSENIOR DEFENSE ANALYST, RAND CORPORATION

Derek's work focuses on a range of national security policy and Indo-Pacific security issues. He is particularly interested in China's relationships with Taiwan, Vietnam, Japan, India, Pakistan, the Pacific Islands, and the Koreas.



MEGUMI YOSHITOMI ANALYST, ROTHSCHILD AND CO

Megumi woks in investment banking covering cross-border merger and acquisition advisory. She specialises in cellular agriculture, with an interest in emerging technology and Japan's global food industry.



NATASHA JHA BHASKAR GENERAL MANAGER, NEWLAND GLOBAL GROUP

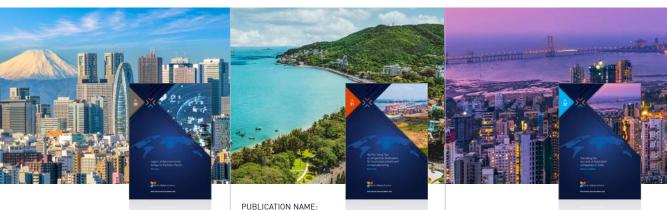
Natasha specialises in Australia-India trade and investment where she seeks to build connections, insights, and capabilities to enable Australian companies to utilise trade and investment opportunities in India.



RAINIER HARYANTOCO-FOUNDER, 2 WHEELS ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Rainier has held various roles in the private sector, state-owned enterprise, and public sector. By training, he is a civil engineer and a professional with over twenty years of senior management experience working in infrastructure development.





PUBLICATION NAME:

Japan: India's economic bridge to the Indo-Pacific

ALITHOR

Ritika Passi

PUBLISHED:

March 2022, Volume 30

India's absence from RCEP raises concerns over its economic participation and regional leadership in the Indo-Pacific. To remain a regional economic player, India can leverage its strong relationship with Japan to advance an economic agenda.

https://perthusasia.edu.au/our-work/japanindia%e2%80%99s-economic-bridge-to-the-indopacific

Ba Ria -Vung Tau: A competitive destination for Australian investment in manufacturing

Binh Ho Thai

PUBLISHED:

May 2022, Volume 31

Ba Ria-Vung Tau Province offers unparalleled advantages for Australian companies seeking to diversify and strengthen their value chains with an endowment of natural resources, a skilled workforce and a pro-investment government.

https://perthusasia.edu.au/our-work/ba-riavung-tau-a-competitive-destination-for-aus

PUBLICATION NAME:

Decoding the success of Australian companies in India

Natasha Jha Bhaskar

PUBLISHED:

June 2022, Volume 32

As India experiences an economic transformation. Australian businesses remain reluctant to enter the India market. To build confidence, these businesses can apply lessons learned by others operating in India to successfully invest in the growing market.

https://perthusasia.edu.au/our-work/decodingthe-success-of-australian-companies-in-in



PUBLICATION NAME

America's Pacific Island Summit: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

AUTHOR:

Derek Grossman

PUBLISHED:

November 2022, Volume 34

Amidst increased Chinese engagement in the Pacific Islands, the US hosted the first ever Pacific Islands Summit in Washington. As the US seeks to improve its relationships with Pacific countries, it must consider a more genuine diplomatic approach.

https://perthusasia.edu.au/our-work/america%e2%80%99s-pacific-islandsummit-the-good,-the-bad



PUBLICATION NAME:

Unlocking the solution to Indo-Pacific food insecurity: Japan's leadership potential in cellular agriculture

Megumi Avigail Yoshitomi

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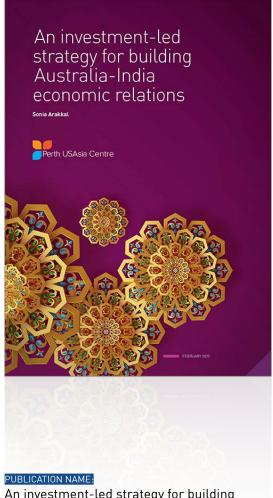
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Cellular agriculture is a new technology that offers an attractive alternative to traditional food production methods. This brief explores Japan's expanding global presence in the sector.

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An investment-led strategy for building Australia-India economic relations

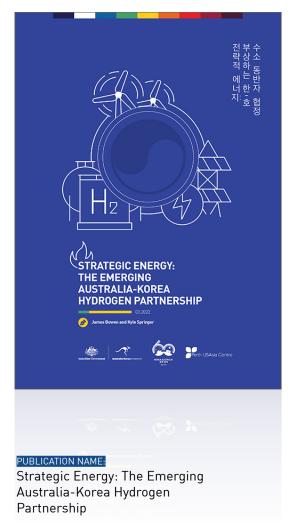
AUTHOR:

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India's size and economic dynamism present a major opportunity for Australia. The Australian Government's India Economic Strategy and the Indian Government's Australia Economic Strategy detail 'the where and the what' for the future economic relationship. Our focus must now turn to the how.



AUTHORS

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Hydrogen is emerging as a strong foundation for the future of the Australia-Korea partnership. Korea's growing hydrogen demand complements Australia's potential to become the region's hydrogen supply superpower. This transition from 'peers' to 'partners' can also advance more strategic aims, including broader regional leadership and influence.

https://perthusasia.edu.au/our-work/an-investment-led-strategy-forbuilding-australia

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Recalibrating Australia's engagement with Indo-Pacific groups

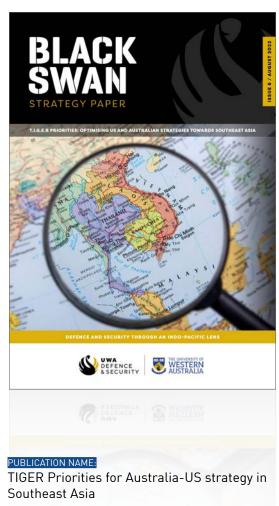
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Australia now belongs to upwards of twenty separate Indo-Pacific institutions. While many of these institutions are core to Australia's regional engagement, some older regional groupings face declining relevance, yet they continue to compete for attention and resources with new and more effective mechanisms.



AUTHORS:

Principal Policy Fellow **Dr Huong Le Thu** in partnership with UWA's Defence and Security Institute

PUBLISHED:

15 June 2022

The US and Australia have distinct roles, strategies, and contributions to the Indo-Pacific, but there are areas to join efforts and make a stronger impact. It is important to understand the strengths and weaknesses of each country individually and coordinate where cooperation would be welcome. This paper explores the areas where Washington-Canberra cooperation and coordination in the region would be positive and well-received.

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Enhancing Australia's engagement with the Indian Ocean region

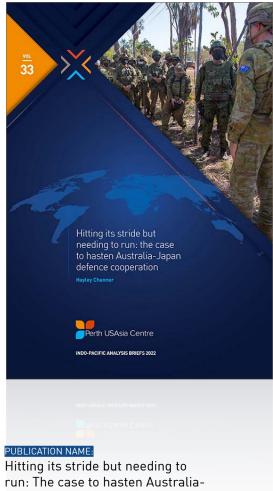
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Policy Fellow James Bowen

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The Indian Ocean is vital to Australia's future, but its significance has been overshadowed by the economic heft of our Northeast Asia relationships, and security preoccupations in the Pacific and South China Sea. With major power competition ramping up in the Indian Ocean, Australia will need to decide how it should engage in the region.



Japan defence cooperation

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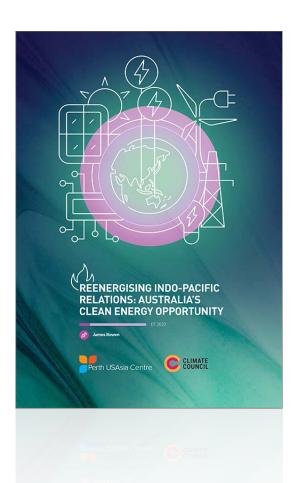
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Reduced strategic warning time for conflict has put a premium on hastening Australia and Japan's collective defence ability. Australia and Japan must speed up cooperation to increase their military preparedness and deterrence ability.

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PUBLICATION NAME:

Reenergising Indo-Pacific relations: Australia's clean energy opportunity

AUTHOR:

Policy Fellow James Bowen

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11 July 2022

The need to tackle the climate crisis and growing economic advantages of renewable energy are driving an unprecedented global energy transition. Australia is well placed to benefit from the transition but it will need to work closely with allies and partners to secure its opportunities.



Innovation, Security, Culture: The Next 75 Years of Australia India Relations

AUTHORS:

Policy Fellow Sonia Arakkal

PUBLISHED:

15 August 2022

As 2022 marks the 75th anniversary of India's independence, both India and Australia are celebrating 75 years of diplomatic relations and one need only look at the ambitious and widereaching agenda articulated by Quad Leaders to get a sense for the growing potential for our bilateral relationships.

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Principal Policy Fellow Dr Huong Le Thu and Policy Fellow Sonia Arrakal

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As we approach 50 years of Australia-Vietnam relations, the countries' bilateral relationship continues to deepen. Vietnam's impressive growth trajectory and regional leadership present a valuable opportunity for Australia and Vietnam to strengthen their economic ties and contribute to wider economic resilience in the ASEAN region.



29 August 2022

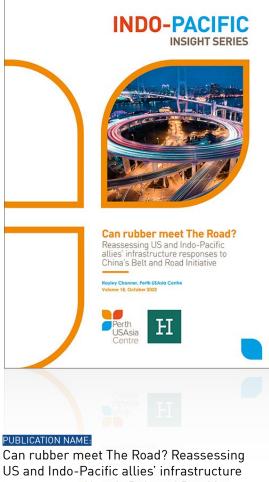
There is a globally recognised need to invest in improving the resilience of defence supply chains. Developed with the support of the Department of Defence's Strategic Grants Program, this report by the Al Group and Perth USAsia Centre takes stock of the security of Australia's defence supply chains, and maps a resilience agenda for the industry's future.

https://perthusasia.edu.au/our-work/engaging-a-proactive-vietnam-apragmatic-economic

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responses to China's Belt and Road Initiative

Senior Policy Fellow

Hayley Channer

PUBLISHED:

1 November 2022

As the world's fourth most populous nation, set by 2050 to be the world's fourth biggest economy, Indonesia is critical to Australia's future. Such growth in our near neighbour, just four hours flight from Perth, offers enormous opportunities to both countries. But despite political will, the Australia-Indonesia economic relationship is still yet to realise its promise. Why is this, and what are the options for Western Australia?

October 2022

For years, the US, Australia, Japan and their partners have been developing a counter-proposal to China's BRI. However, their offering has been unfocused and slow to gain traction. The US and its allies need to refocus efforts and speed-up US and allied infrastructure delivery.

https://perthusasia.edu.au/PerthUSAsia/media/Perth_USAsia/Publications/ Indonesia-Connect-Opportunities-for-WA-Indonesia-Engagement.pdf

https://perthusasia.edu.au/our-work/can-rubber-meet-the-road



COMMENTARY AND ANALYSIS

The Perth USAsia Centre is committed to promoting bold ideas and stimulating constructive discussions on how to tackle the critical issues facing the Indo-Pacific. Our commentary and analysis is central to these efforts.

In 2022 we produced 19 podcast episodes (15 Minutes in Canberra), provided commentary to numerous media outlets (print, broadcast and digital) and continued with the production of our CEO In Conversation video interview series (publicly available at https://perthusasia.edu.au/our-work). Topics covered ranged from AUKUS and the Quad, to how Southeast Asia is responding to China, to Indonesia's battery manufacturing aspirations.

Diversity of perspectives is a key performance indicator in the Centre's commentary and analysis. Our podcast series for example included experts from different cultural backgrounds, Japanese, Korean, Indian and American. We prioritise making space for both established and emerging voices and are pleased to have featured interviews with many of our Indo-Pacific Fellows.









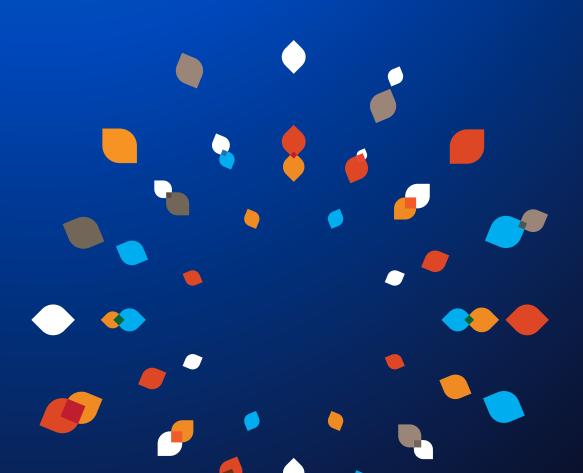
I always get a buzz when a new episode of 15 minutes in Canberra appears in my podcast feed – I know it will be 15 minutes that challenge groupthink"

Martin Walker, Assistant Secretary, US and Indo-Pacific Strategy Division, DFAT

Educating our community

OUR PRIORITIES ARE:

- - Prioritise **OUTREACH** to our diverse stakeholders







COMMUNITY OUTREACH

All Centre activities are centered around educating and empowering our community to better understand critical issues facing our region. Fostering stronger connections with our government, business, academic and civil community is an essential element in being able to deliver value and create positive change.

The Perth USAsia Centre builds community and provides education by ensuring open access to our programs to individuals and organisations from all sectors and locations. We also deliver bespoke activities for businesses, for-purpose organisations and community groups.

There is interest and demand from a wide variety of business disciplines and industries including defence, resources, infrastructure, agriculture, critical minerals, manufacturing, consulting and energy. In 2022 the Centre provided the following:

- → A range of bespoke business briefings, boardroom discussions and industry events that sought our expertise
- Collaborations with business and membership organisations aligned with our mission and values to build capacity and understanding of the Indo-Pacific. Collaborators have included Australia-Taiwan Business Council, American Chamber of Commerce, Chamber of Commerce and Industry Western Australia, Australia Philippines Business Council, Singapore Chamber of Commerce Western Australia, Australia-China Business Council, and the Australia-Israel Chamber of Commerce WA
- ✓ A series of events and activities with organisations specifically working in the international relations discipline nationally and internationally including the Australia-India Youth Dialogue, the United Nations Youth Western Australia, the Young Australians In International Affairs, and the Japan Institute for National Fundamentals







GOVERNMENT OUTREACH

The Centre greatly values its partnerships with the WA State Government, Commonwealth Government and its connections to local and international government stakeholders. Supporting government engagements with Indo-Pacific countries and organisations is an essential aspect of achieving the Centre's goal of strengthening relationships in our region.

Some highlights in the Centre's 2022 program of events were:

- Hosting Project 2049 Institute Chairman and Co-founder the Honourable Randall "Randy" Schriver and Avascent International Senior Advisor Lieutenant General Wallace "Chip" Gregson on behalf of the Department of Defence. The program included a tour of HMAS Stirling, visits to defence industry leaders and a roundtable discussion with senior members of the defence and defence industry communities. as well as state and federal government and the private sector. The Perth USAsia Centre's program contributed to the Institute's work to develop a joint US-Australia strategy for the Indo-Pacific which seeks to guide global decision-makers towards a more secure Asia by 2049.
- Supporting the Western Australian government department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation (JTSI) in their Indonesia Connect conference.

- Providing a pre-departure briefing to delegates ahead of the Invest and Trade WA tour to India, and in Mumbai delivered a panel discussion on "Unlocking the Quad: Understanding the opportunities for Australia-India Cooperation in the Quad Agenda".
- Partnering with the WA State Government and the UWA Defence and Security Institute for the 2022 Indian Ocean Defence and Security Conference at Optus Stadium - Beyond Transits: The emerging security relevance of the Indian Ocean. Centre staff featured prominently across the program, attended by over 500 thought leaders and decision makers across government, academia, and the defence industry.
- On the behalf of the Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, hosted a panel discussing geostrategic dynamics of the Indian Ocean maritime as part of the Raisina Forum for the Future of Diplomacy.













EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

Next Generation Leaders

With the support of the Department of Foreign Affairs, worked with global leading think tank Observer Research Foundation on their "Future of Diplomacy" forum that bough together early career diplomats from across the world, and with the support from the US Embassy and in partnership with the UWA Defence and Security Institute, led a delegation of next generation leaders, professionals and academics to Hawaii to further educate them on the Future of the U.S. Australia Alliance.

Student Engagement

The Centre developed a student targeted newsletter "The Run Down", continued to provide mentoring opportunities, hosted a public student led interactive forum with Taro Kono, Member of the Japanese House of Representatives and former Minister for Defence and Minister for Foreign Affairs and expanded teaching engagement with national and international institutions.

Internship Program

13 students were given opportunities to work alongside policy and communications experts on major Centre initiatives and attended high-profile industry events. Our interns published analysis on various Indo-Pacific issues including clean energy, space technology and diaspora communities. Since completing the program, many of our interns have secured prestigious work placements or further higher education

SUMMER BREAK	
Emily Hoare	The University of Western Australia
Faiza Samatar	The University of Western Australia
Hamish Sneyd	The University of Western Australia
Alexandra Flynn	University of Notre Dame

SEMESTER 1	
Amber Anderson	The University of Western Australia
Conor McLaughlin	Edith Cowan University
Lara Coleman	The University of Western Australia
Thu Nguyen	The University of Western Australia

WINTER BREAK	
Isaac Blackbourne	The University of Western Australia
Nhi Tran	The University of Western Australia

SEMESTER 2	
Briana Hay Leon	The Australian National University
Ching Wei Sooi	The University of Western Australia
Isabella Karelis	The University of Western Australia

One of the highlights of my internship was the opportunity to see the inner machinery of how a research organisation actually works. You hear so much about think tanks during university studies, but as a student you don't get much of a chance to experience what it's like the 'real world'. This was one of the most valuable takeaways of my time with the Perth USAsia Centre."

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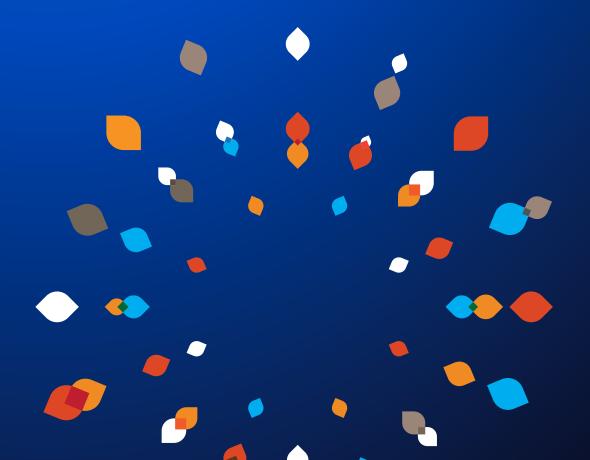








Additional Information





FINANCIAL SUMMARY



Perth USAsia Centre Limited

ACN: 164 086 882 ABN: 23 164 086 882

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	2022 \$	2021 \$
Revenue and income from continuing operations	3,399,067	2,712,856
Expense from continuing operations	(3,267,483)	(3,098,396)
OPERATING RESULT FOR THE PERIOD	131,584	(385,540)

ASSETS	2022 \$	2021 \$
Current assets	1,648,656	1,494,626
Non-current assets	-	974
TOTAL ASSETS	1,648,656	1,495,600
LIABILITIES	2022 \$	2021 \$
Current liabilities	(439,421)	(430,620)
Non-current liabilities	(58,854)	(46,183)
TOTAL LIABILITIES	(498,275)	(476,803)
NET ASSETS	1,150,381	1,018,797
EQUITY	\$	\$
Retained earnings	1,150,381	1,018,797
TOTAL EQUITY	1,150,381	1,018,797

AUDITOR'S REPORT

My independence and quality control relating to the report on financial report

I have complied with the independence requirements of the *Auditor General Act 2006* and the relevant ethical requirements relating to assurance engagements. In accordance with ASQM 1 Quality Management for Firms that Perform Audits or Reviews of Financial Reports and Other Financial Information, or Other Assurance or Related Services Engagements, the Office of the Auditor General maintains a comprehensive system of quality management including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with athical requirements.

In connection with my audit of the financial report, my responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or my knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, I am required to report that fact. I did not receive the other information prior to

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Auditor General

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT 2022

To the Members of Perth USAsia Centre Limited

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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 2022, and 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
- Notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information
- the directors' declaration.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial report of Perth USAsia Centre Limited is in accordance with the Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012 (ACNC Act)*, including:

- giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 31 December 2022 and
 of its financial performance for the year then ended
- complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Regulation 2013.

Basis for opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with 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 believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Company's annual report for the year ended 31 December 2022 but does not include the financial report and my auditor's report.

My opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly, I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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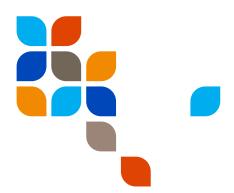
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GET INVOLVED

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.

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STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

The Centre has an active involvement in a range of educational opportunities. To find out more about our Study Abroad Programs, Internships, Teaching Collaborations, school engagements, attending our invite-only roundtable, writing and competitions, please check our website.

perthusasia.edu.au/students

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES

Learn about Australia's strategic and economic role in the world's most dynamic region with a fully online, eight-week micro-credential course by the Perth USAsia Centre. "Australia and the Indo-Pacific: understanding our strategic connections to Asia" covers key themes for professionals seeking to build their knowledge of our international relationships. \$300+GST with concessions for group bookings

bit.ly/Micro_credential

COLLABORATE ON AN ACTIVITY

We frequently collaborate on our program of activities. Contact our program team to chat about how you can work with us.

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BECOME A CORPORATE PARTNER

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

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ATTEND AN EVENT

The Centre hosts events throughout the year aimed at providing education, raising awareness and building a strategic affairs community. Our events are open to people working across sectors and across the region and are provided free of charge.

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