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# Chairman's Message

The 2022-23 financial year saw the National Foundation for Australia-China Relations (the Foundation) capitalise on opportunities presented by the post-COVID environment and stabilisation of the Australia-China bilateral relationship. The Foundation confirmed its status as an asset of government supporting constructive engagement with China in the national interest and as a national platform that bring together diverse stakeholders, from community groups to big business, to promote practical connections with China and across greater China.

The Foundation delivered its largest single grants round in 2022-23, funding 39 projects totalling \$6 million across community engagement, education, science, health, sport, the arts and business. I have been pleased to see the steady improvement in both the grants management processes of the Foundation, and the quality of applicants interested in supporting practical engagement in the national interest.

I congratulate Peter Cai CEO, and the Foundation Executive team on their achievements in 2022-23. I also want to thank the Foundation's many partners who are working in support of the Foundation's strategic objectives - your activities are the stories on which the success of the Foundation is built.

2022-23 was an important year for our Advisory Board. In May 2023, the Foreign Minister announced the appointment of seven new members. The new Advisory Board brings together distinguished Australians with diverse perspectives and expertise across business, community, education, the arts, academia and national security. I was pleased to Chair the first meeting of this new Advisory Board in June 2023, and meet with Ministers to discuss the Foundation's work and priorities for the year ahead. I thank those outgoing Advisory Board members for their significant contributions guiding the Foundation through its first years of operation.

Governance remains an important issue for me. That's why I was pleased that the Advisory Board at its June 2023 meeting agreed to establish a Risk Committee, to complement the work of the Business Engagement Committee and the Communities and Communications Committee, to provide independent and objective advice, assistance and recommendations to the Foundation Executive and Advisory Board.

Looking ahead to 2023-24, the resumption of international travel will provide opportunities for the Foundation to share its stories overseas, including the delivery of grant activities that were delayed by COVID. I look forward to seeing the contributions the Foundation can make to the Australian Government's agenda in the next 12 months.

Pru Bennett

Chairman

November 2023



# CEO's Message

I was privileged to lead the Foundation Executive team in 2022-23 during a productive and successful year. The highlight was hosting the official government event to mark 50 years of Australia-China diplomatic relations. In the decades since 1972, China has grown to become Australia's largest trading partner, and strong people-to-people, cultural and business links have delivered significant benefits to both our countries. Over 200 senior stakeholders attended, including government ministers and senior officials, business leaders and vice-chancellors. The Foreign Minister, Senator the Hon Penny Wong, delivered the keynote speech, noting "close cooperation between our two peoples is both natural and beneficial".

The Foundation also successfully delivered its second annual Wang Gungwu Lecture, in partnership with the ABC. This program has become an established flagship program that celebrates nationally the contributions of Chinese-Australians. Gabrielle Wang, Australian Childrens Laureate 2022-23, delivered a moving speech covering cultural diversity and storytelling to children. I look forward to the 2024 edition.

In July 2022 I held an introductory meeting with the President of the Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs (CPIFA), Wang Chao. CPIFA and the Foundation are the official hosts of the High-Level Dialogue – the premier 1.5 track dialogue between Australia and China. In December 2022, Foreign Minister Wong visited China and agreed with her counterpart, Wang Yi, to deliver the High-Level dialogue in 2023. I was pleased to attend the High-Level dialogue in Beijing in September 2023 and had constructive discussions with Chinese participants.

The Foundation also played an important role in bringing together leading experts. In 2022-23 the Foundation hosted at its Sydney headquarters Foreign Minister Wong, Assistant Foreign Minister the Hon Tim Watts, the Hon Dr Kevin Rudd AC, former Singapore Foreign Minister George Yeo AO and numerous other CEOs and senior government officials.

During my travels I met key stakeholders across key sectors, including 29 vice-chancellors of Australian universities. The university sector is a key component of Australia's engagement with China, whether through students studying on our campuses or the myriad of research partnerships with China. The Foundation supported many projects, including bringing Chinese researchers to Australia to study with the most popular living Nobel Laureate, Western Australia's own Professor Barry Marshall, and showcasing Australian excellence in newborn hearing through support for Macquarie University. Most Chinese experts in newborn hearing studied in Australia. This leads to better health for newborns, better recognition of Australian expertise in China and commercial benefits to Australian companies, such as Cochlear. A great example of mutual benefit.

With a mixture of sadness and excitement I will leave the Foundation at the end of 2023 after four years, including the last two as CEO. Although departing, I will always be a supporter of this enduring national project.

Peter Cai

CEO

November 2023



# The Foundation Annual Update 2022-23

In 2022-23, the Foundation expanded its work with a range of stakeholders to support practical and resilient engagement with China in the national interest, while acknowledging and supporting the contribution of diverse Chinese communities to Australian society.

## Mission Statement

The Foundation's mission is to promote and coordinate enhanced cooperation between Australia and China, in support of Australia's national interests and the Australia-China Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.

## What we do

Constructive engagement is central to the Foundation's work. Through stakeholder engagement, capability programs, research, events and grant programs, the Foundation pursues four strategic priorities:

- Promoting connections and practical cooperation
- Building understanding and exchange
- Showcasing Australian excellence
- Engaging Australia's diverse communities

As a national platform, the Foundation seeks to work across all levels of government, business, community groups, culture and sporting bodies, universities and think tanks to achieve these outcomes. Much of the benefit of the Foundation comes from the expertise within its [Advisory Board](#) members and Executive team, helping build connections that cross a wide range of sectors of engagement.

## Advisory Board Update

In financial year 2022-23, three Advisory Board meetings were held:

- 21 July 2022
- 30 November 2022
- 15 June 2023

On 15 May 2023, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Senator the Hon Penny Wong, announced the appointment of Advisory Board members for the Foundation and reappointed Ms Pru Bennett as Chairman. The new Advisory Board welcomed seven new members with rich expertise in business, academia, the arts, national security, education, health and science. The new members appointed are:

- Ms Yin Cao, curator of Chinese Art, Art Gallery of New South Wales
- Dr Courtney Fung, Associate Professor, Macquarie University
- Ms Marina Go, Non-Executive Director Transurban, Energy Australia and others
- Dr Jade Little, Chair, Australia-China Youth Dialogue
- Professor Sharon Lewin AO, Director, Peter Doherty Institute for Infection and Immunity
- Professor Duncan Lewis AO DSC CSC, former Secretary Department of Defence
- Mr Richard McGregor, Senior Fellow for East Asia, Lowy Institute

The above members complement the below existing members, who were reappointed:

- Mr Rowan Callick OBE, author and journalist
- Ms Wesa Chau, CEO, Cultural Intelligence
- Mr Philip Chronican, Chair, National Australia Bank
- Mr Douglas Gautier AM, CEO and Artistic Director, Adelaide Festival Centre
- Professor Rory Medcalf AM, Head, National Security College, Australian National University
- Professor Brian Schmidt AC, Vice Chancellor, Australian National University
- Ms Jan Adams AO PSM (ex officio), Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

The Chairman and Foundation Executive would like to thank the outgoing Advisory Board members, each playing a pivotal role in guiding the Foundation during its first years of operation and navigating the challenges of COVID-19.

- Ms Helene Chung
- Ms Swati Dave (since appointed Chair of the Centre for Australia-India Relations)
- Prof John Fitzgerald AM
- Ms Maree Ma
- Mr Jason Yeap OAM
- Dr Wai-Ling Yeung

The Foundation would also like to thank the contribution of a/g CEO and Deputy CEO, Mr Gareth Williams, who played a key leadership role in managing the Foundation from 2020 to 2023. On 29 September 2023, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Senator the Hon Penny Wong, announced Mr Williams as Australia's next Consul-General in Hong Kong.

The refreshed Advisory Board convened in Canberra in June 2023, meeting: the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Senator the Hon Penny Wong; Minister for Trade and Tourism, Senator the Hon Don Farrell; Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Hon Tim Watts MP; Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs, the Hon Andrew Giles MP; and Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Australia, H.E. Mr Xiao Qian.



*Advisory Board members with Foreign Minister Penny Wong and Trade and Tourism Minister Don Farrell.*



*Minister Don Farrell with Foundation Chairman Pru Bennett*



*Advisory board members Richard McGregor, Wesa Chau and Yin Cao with Assistant Foreign Minister Tim Watts.*



# Foundation Highlights 2022-23

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Australia-China Diplomatic Relations dinner, Art Gallery of NSW

On 13 November 2022 the Foundation and the East Asia Division of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) hosted the official Australian Government event to mark the 50th Anniversary of Australia-China diplomatic relations at the Art Gallery of New South Wales.

Over 200 senior representatives attended from Federal, state and territory governments and parliaments, the Chinese Embassy and consulates across Australia, Foundation Advisory Board members, business, education and cultural institutions, as well as former DFAT Secretaries and Ambassadors to China.

Prime Minister the Hon Anthony Albanese MP provided a video message and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Senator the Hon Penny Wong delivered the keynote address. Remarks were also delivered by the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China, H.E. Mr Xiao Qian, and Opposition Spokesperson for Foreign Affairs, Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham. Notable attendees included Her Excellency the Governor of South Australia, the Hon Frances Adamson AC, who was Secretary of DFAT when the Foundation was established.



*Clockwise from top left: Foreign Minister Senator the Hon Penny Wong delivering the keynote speech; 50 years banners; inaugural Wang Gungwu keynote speaker Dr John Yu AC; CEO Peter Cai with artist Zhou Xiaoping.*

## Prime Minister visits the Museum of Chinese in Australia

At 9pm in Paris, France on 21 December 1972, the Australian Government, under then Prime Minister Gough Whitlam, formally recognised and established diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China through the signing of a joint communiqué by the respective Australian and Chinese ambassadors.

Prime Minister the Hon Anthony Albanese MP marked this historic occasion with a visit to the Foundation's grant recipient, the Museum of Chinese in Australia (MOCA) on 21 December 2022, exactly 50 years after the signing in Paris. The Prime Minister used this visit to highlight the contributions of Chinese-Australian communities.

The Prime Minister met with MOCA inaugural chairman Dr John Yu, Foundation Chairman Pru Bennett and CEO Peter Cai at the museum in Haymarket, and was given a tour of its 'Stories of Home' exhibition.

MOCA CEO Tony Stephens highlighted MOCA's appreciation for the Foundation's ongoing support. The Foundation's grants have played an important part in the establishment of the museum.



*Prime Minister the Hon Anthony Albanese MP with MOCA board members, Foundation Chairman Pru Bennett and CEO Peter Cai.*



## Foreign Minister visits the Chinese Australia Social Services Society

In May 2023, CEO Peter Cai accompanied the Minister for Foreign Affairs on her visit to the Chinese Australia Social Services Society (CASS), where she spoke positively about the Foundation's support for Chinese-Australian communities. CASS is a NSW-based community organisation offering a wide range of social services to the multicultural community. CASS employs approximately 450 staff from different cultural backgrounds. Engagement with the diaspora community is a major part of the Foundation's mandate.



*From left: CEO Peter Cai, MP Jerome Laxale, Foreign Minister Penny Wong*

## The 2023 Wang Gungwu Lecture

On 31 January 2023, the Foundation hosted the second Wang Gungwu Lecture in partnership with the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC).

Named after pre-eminent Australian academic and expert on overseas Chinese communities, Professor Wang Gungwu AO CBE, the lecture promotes the substantial and longstanding contributions of Chinese-Australians to Australian life. The event was hosted by writer and comedian, Jennifer Wong.

This year's keynote speaker was Gabrielle Wang – author, illustrator, and Australian Children's Laureate for 2022 and 2023. Gabrielle delivered a heartfelt keynote speech on her experience as a Chinese-Australians. As an author and illustrator, she creates characters from diverse cultural backgrounds to reflect modern Australian society.

Minister for Foreign Affairs, Senator the Hon Penny Wong, delivered a video address noting that 'for over 200 years, Chinese-Australians have made enduring contributions to Australian life'. This address is available [here](#).

The lecture was broadcast on ABC 1 on 5 July and is available on ABC iView [here](#).



*To left: 2023 Wang Gungwu keynote speaker Gabrielle Wang with host Jennifer Wong. To right: attendees.*



## Beach Smarts 2022 – Coogee beach

The Foundation ran the second instalment of its 'Beach Smarts for Life' program over two weekends in November and December 2022. A cohort of 40 international students came together to learn about water and beach safety awareness from certified trainers at Coogee Surf Lifesaving Club in Sydney. The first instalment was successfully held in 2021 on the Gold Coast and plans are underway to deliver the program nationally from 2024.

Thanks to our partners – Coogee Surf Life Saving Club, Surf Life Saving NSW and Royal Life Saving NSW, ACT, Tasmania. SBS Chinese and SBS World News covered the event. Learn more [here](#).



*International students participating in the 'Beach Smarts for Life' program 2022 at Coogee.*

## Shepparton community visit

In October 2022, the Foundation's Communities and Communication team visited Shepparton for consultations with the Goulburn Valley Chinese Association, established in 1999. The Foundation also watched Australia play football against China in the U17 Asian Cup Qualifiers, hosted by Foundation grantee Football Australia, and discussed future grants and practical engagement with China with the Shepparton City Council Mayor and councillors.



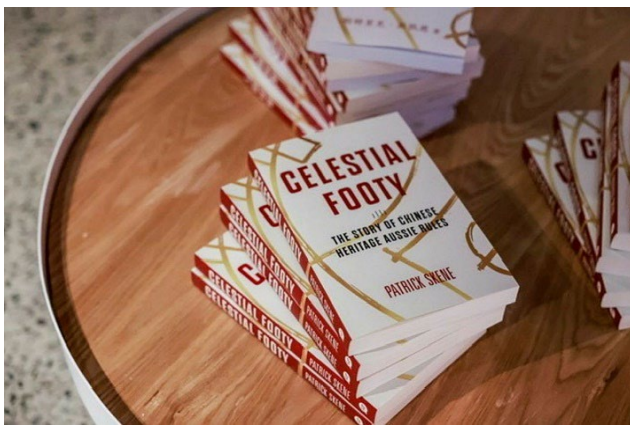


*The Foundation with Shepparton community members*

## Chinese Heritage in Aussie Rules

The Foundation supported the publication of [Celestial Footy: The Story of Chinese Heritage Aussie Rules](#), by Patrick Skene, which chronicles the participation and passion of Chinese-heritage immigrants and their descendants in AFL. Access the digital hub featuring these stories [here](#). The AFL hosted the launch event at [Sydney Swans](#) headquarters in June 2023, with Foundation CEO Peter Cai as master of ceremonies, and Assistant Defence the Hon Minister Matt Thistlethwaite MP delivering the keynote speech in English and Mandarin.

The Sydney Swans and West Coast Eagles played a match at the SCG on 24 June 2023, which featured half-time entertainment that highlighted Chinese-Australian culture. Read more about the events and Chinese heritage players in related media coverage - [The Guardian](#), [The Age](#) and [SBS](#).



## Darwin International Dragon Boat Festival

The Foundation supported the City of Darwin to deliver its inaugural International Dragon Boat Festival on 4 June 2023. The race included teams from Australia and China, as well as international delegations from Indonesia, and Timor-Leste. The related festival supported City of Darwin to engage its sister cities with a series of sport, cultural and trade events, and showcased Darwin's multicultural origins with over a century of Chinese migration.

Foundation CEO Peter Cai gave an opening address and was interviewed for a news story by [Phoenix TV](#). The Festival was nominated for the 2023 Chief Minister's Export Awards and won the Chambers Excellence in Events and International Trade Delegation in supporting Northern Territory export activities and businesses.



## Assistant Foreign Minister Watts visits Foundation HQ

In April 2023 Assistant Foreign Minister Tim Watts visited the Foundation's Sydney headquarters. The Foundation briefed Minister Watts on our strategic plan and gave an overview on past and upcoming activity.

Watch the [video](#) to see an overview of the Foundation's work.



*Assistant Foreign Minister Watts and some of the Foundation team in Sydney.*



## Social Media Capability Program

On 28 November 2022, the Foundation hosted its first Capability program on engaging Chinese-Australian communities through social media.

The program focused on challenges facing Chinese-Australian communities, Chinese social media platforms, and key insights from experienced practitioners. It featured speakers from ABC Chinese, the Australian Strategic Policy Institute, Bastion Insights, DFAT, the Lowy Institute, Tourism Australia and University of Technology Sydney.

The program ran in a hybrid format, with over 30 officials from a range of federal agencies convening in-person in Canberra and another 30 dialling in online from state and territory governments. This followed the Foundation's success convening two separate China Capability programs for state and territory officials during the course of 2022.



*Speakers Isabel Zhang (Bastion) and Jennifer Hsu (Lowy) with Foundation team members Stacy Bruce and Anthony Kneipp..*

## Foundation and Business Council of Australia China Economic Update

In May 2023, the Foundation and the Business Council for Australia (BCA) co-hosted a China Economic Update following the Federal Budget 2023.

The briefing was co-hosted by Foundation Chairman Pru Bennett and the Hon Warwick Smith AO, BCA Global Engagement Committee Chair.

Speakers shared their insights on China's economic trends and implications for the Australian economy and organisations engaging with China.

Attendees included senior business and government representatives.



*The China Economic Update hosted at Foundation HQ.*

## ACBC Canberra Networking Day

Foundation CEO Peter Cai, Chairman Pru Bennett and the Foundation team were pleased to join government and business leaders at the Australia China Business Council's (ACBC) Canberra Networking Day in September 2022, highlighting current and emerging business opportunities with China.

Special thanks to the Foundation's Chairman, Pru Bennett, for facilitating a productive conversation with a panel of experts on Australia-China collaboration in the transition to net-zero.

The Foundation is pleased to have supported ACBC's Green Channel Initiative on climate collaboration, where Australian and Chinese leaders in the field will explore further partnerships to achieve our respective climate change and decarbonisation goals.



*Pru Bennett facilitating discussions at the ACBC Canberra Networking Day*

## Melbourne Symphony Orchestra

The Foundation supported Melbourne Symphony Orchestra's (MSO) 2023 'East Meets West' concert in September 2022. Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs the Hon Tim Watts MP delivered the keynote address, highlighting the MSO's long relationship with China, noting their commitment to growing cultural networks and providing opportunities for Chinese Australians to stay connected with their ancestral cultures.

Foundation CEO Peter Cai, together with Minister Watts, witnessed the signing of a new three-year partnership between the MSO and the Sichuan Symphony Orchestra. The agreement will create new opportunities to collaborate and exchange. The Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister & Cabinet, Glyn Davis, AC, also attended.



*Assistant Foreign Minister Tim Watts and CEO Peter Cai at the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra*



## Charles Darwin University Indigenous immersion program

Charles Darwin University's Indigenous cultural immersion program connects Chinese international students with Indigenous culture and Elders through a series of activities and tours.

In June 2022, students visited Litchfield National Park, where they heard Indigenous stories, learnt about traditions and the deep connection between First Nations people and Country.



*International students from Charles Darwin University explore Litchfield National park, the traditional lands of, among others, the Marrathiel, Marranunggu, Werat, Warray and Koongurrukun peoples Country.*

## National Gallery of Victoria Ambassador Program

The National Gallery of Victoria (NGV) ran a highly successful Chinese Ambassador program, supported by Foundation grant funding, which saw Chinese international students in Melbourne engage with the collection and deliver weekend tours in both Mandarin and English. The first tour conducted during Lunar New Year had over 70 attendees. In June, Foundation CEO Peter Cai attended a ceremony at the NGV to hand out thank you certificates to the volunteers. Of the 22 volunteers, 19 will continue on as volunteer guides, with the others desiring to do so but returning home to China.



*National Gallery of Victoria Community Ambassadors*



## Beijing International Film Festival and The Drover's Wife

Iconic Australian film, *The Drover's Wife* was selected to be part of the Beijing International Film Festival's Panorama Section. The translation of the film was supported by a grant from the National Foundation for Australia-China Relations to the Australian Film Institute. In recognition of it as the first Australian First Nations film to be part of the biggest film festival in China, the Australian Embassy hosted a reception on 24 April. The reception included an online Q&A with director and writer Leah Purcell. Attendees at the event included senior film industry stakeholders, which provided opportunities to discuss further collaboration on film events, and increased interest in Australian filmmaking and First Nations cultures and history.



*Australian Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, HE Graham Fletcher*

## Foundation visits the Chinese Embassy

In March 2023 Chairman Pru Bennett and CEO Peter Cai met Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Australia, HE Xiao Qian, to discuss the Foundation's activities and scope for practical Australia-China collaboration for mutual benefit. The Ambassador and Foundation discussed future collaboration, including on dialogue, climate change and culture.



*Chairman Pru Bennett with Chinese Ambassador to Australia HE Xiao Qian.*

## Meeting with the Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs

On 8 July 2022, Foundation CEO Peter Cai held a virtual meeting with Wang Chao, President of the Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs (CPIFA). Wang is a former Vice Minister of China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Commerce. CPIFA co-organises the 1.5 track Australia-China High Level Dialogue.



*Wang Chao, CPIFA President meeting Foundation CEO Peter Cai and Deputy CEO Gareth Williams*



## Launch of Australia's China Knowledge Capability by the Australian Academy of Humanities

In March 2023, the Australian Academy of Humanities, through a grant provided by the Foundation, launched their report into Australia's China Knowledge Capability. This report explored how Australia can best support its national interest by getting to know China better. The report received substantial media coverage, and proposed Australia step up its understanding of China, universities train more people with expert China knowledge, and warned Australia's China expertise is slipping and 'there are serious questions around our ability to generate core capability for stakeholders.' Former DFAT Secretary, Peter Varghese, played a key role in this report and presented its findings with relevant Federal Government Ministers. Building China literacy and capability is a key part of the Foundation's mandate.



## 12<sup>th</sup> Australia-China Youth Dialogue

The Foundation supported the 12th Australia-China Youth Dialogue (ACYD 2022) - a track II dialogue to build people-to-people links between Australia and China and delivering the ACYD Alumni Program. The Dialogue - which was also an official 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations event - was held in Perth from 18 – 21 November 2022. It brought together emerging Australian and Chinese leaders from government, business, academia, media and the arts to discuss key aspects of the bilateral relationship. Topics covered included regional security and prosperity, mining and resourcing for the future, people-to-people links, community and the arts, and public diplomacy in practice. Speakers included Australian Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, H.E. Mr Graham Fletcher, Chinese Consul-General in Perth, Long Dingbin, Former Prime Minister of Australia the Hon Dr Kevin Rudd AC and Nobel Laureate Professor Barry Marshall.



*Delegates at the 12<sup>th</sup> Australia-China Youth Dialogue*

## Launch of LinkedIn

The Foundation continued to expand its communications efforts through its website and social media channels. In addition to its Facebook page, the Foundation launched its LinkedIn page in September 2022. The page has quickly grown and now has nearly 1,300 followers representing a diverse array of industries including education, international trade, NGOs, professional services, research, banking, finance and more.

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/australiachinafoundation>



# Advisory Board Members

## Ms Pru Bennett (Chairman)



Ms Pru Bennett is a senior business leader with extensive experience working across greater China and Asia, and has a deep understanding of China's economic relationships.

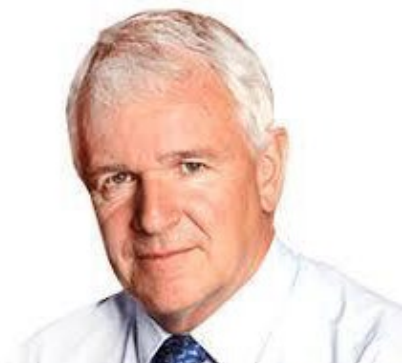
Having held roles engaging at senior levels in business and advising key economic and financial regulators in Hong Kong and Singapore, Ms Bennett has an insight into the challenges and opportunities of managing business, trade and investment between greater China and the region, and in corporate and board governance.

Until recently, Ms Bennett was a Managing Director and Head of Investment Stewardship for the Asia-Pacific region for BlackRock, the world's largest asset manager, with over US\$9 trillion under management. She is now a Partner at the global strategic advisory firm, Brunswick Group.

She is a director of Global Compact Network Australia, a member of the Monetary Authority of Singapore's Corporate Governance Advisory Committee, the Financial Reporting Council, the Asian Corporate Governance Association, and Deakin University's Integrated Reporting Centre Advisory Board. Ms Bennett is a Fellow of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand, a graduate of

the Australian Institute of Company Directors, and has a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of New South Wales.

## Mr Rowan Callick OBE



Mr Callick is an Industry Fellow at Griffith University's Asia Institute, an Expert Associate at the National Security College, ANU, and Vice Chair of the Australia Taiwan Business Council. He was The Australian's Beijing-based China correspondent for two terms, following 20 years with The Australian Financial Review including as China correspondent based in Hong Kong. Mr Callick has written three books on contemporary China, published in both English and Chinese. *Comrades & Capitalists: Hong Kong Since the Handover*, *Channar: A landmark venture in iron ore*; and *Party Time: Who Runs China and How*. He won the Graham Perkin Award for Journalist of the Year for 1995, two Walkley Awards for Asia-Pacific coverage in 1997 and 2007 and was awarded an OBE in 2015.

## Ms Yin Cao



Ms Cao is the curator of Chinese art at the Art Gallery of New South Wales. She is a board member of the newly established Museum of Chinese in Australia (MOCA) in Sydney.

Ms Cao studied and worked as an art and museum management professional in China, the US, Japan and Singapore. She trained as an archaeologist at Harvard University and Peking University.

## Ms Wesa Chau



Ms Chau is CEO of Cultural Intelligence, a research, training and consulting firm helping organisations harness the power of cultural diversity. She has served on the Multicultural Business Ministerial Council and the Ministerial Council for Women's Equality and is an experienced director on boards.

Ms Chau has received several awards for her contribution to the community, including the prestigious Victorian International Education Internationalisation Award in 2016 and was a 40 under 40 Most Influential Asian Australian in 2020.

## Mr Philip Chronican



Mr Philip Chronican is Chairman of National Australia Bank Limited (NAB) and has more than 38 years of experience in banking and finance in Australia and New Zealand. Mr Chronican is also Chairman of the Westmead Institute for Medical Research.

Mr Chronican is passionate about better banking, leadership and ethics, as well as supporting healthy communities through medical research. He served on both the Banking and Finance Oath and Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation until December 2018.

In his previous executive career, Mr Chronican was responsible for the Retail and Commercial Business of the Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited (ANZ) in Australia. Prior to joining ANZ, Mr Chronican had a long career at Westpac Banking Corporation, where he established his role in Australian banking as Group Executive Westpac Institutional Bank and Chief Financial Officer.

## Dr Courtney Fung



Dr Fung is an Associate Professor in the Department of Security Studies & Criminology at Macquarie University. She is concurrently a Non-Resident Fellow at the Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard University and at the Lowy Institute.

Dr Fung has previously held positions at the University of Hong Kong and with the Columbia-Harvard China and the World Program.



## Mr Douglas Gautier AM



Mr Douglas Gautier is the CEO and Artistic Director of the Adelaide Festival Centre, where he has worked to position the Centre as a hub for Asian-Australian cultural engagement.

He is Chair of the Association of Asia Pacific Performing Arts Centres (AAPPAC), a member of the Australia-Singapore Arts Group and of the Board of Global Cultural Districts Network (GCDN), an advisor to the Hong Kong Arts Festival, a Flinders University Councillor, and an adjunct professor at the University of South Australia. He is strongly involved in the UNESCO Creative Cities movement, particularly in Asia Pacific.

A resident of Asia for 25 years, he remains closely connected and active in fostering Asian-Australian cultural engagement. His international experience includes Director of the Hong Kong Arts Festival, Deputy Executive Director of the Hong Kong Tourism Board and Director of Corporate Affairs and Marketing for STAR TV. He was founding Vice-Chairman of the Asian Arts Festival Association, and a board member of the Asian Cultural Council (Rockefeller Foundation).

## Ms Marina Go AM



Ms Go is an experienced Director who serves as Chair of Adore Beauty. She is also a non-executive director of Energy Australia, Transurban and the Australian Institute of Company Directors and serves on the governing committee of the Australian Republic Movement. Ms Go is a former Chair of the Walkley Foundation, Ovarian Cancer Australia, Netball Australia and the West Tigers NRL club and has previously worked at Fairfax and Bauer Media.

## Professor Sharon Lewin AO



Professor Lewin is an infectious diseases physician and is the inaugural Director of the Peter Doherty Institute for Infection and Immunity. Her research focuses on finding a cure for HIV. She is the President of the International AIDS Society. She also co-chairs the National COVID Health and Research Advisory Committee and has overseen important medical research collaboration with China.



## Duncan Lewis AO DSC CSC



Professor Lewis is a former Director General of Security, ASIO, Secretary of the Department of Defence and Australia's Ambassador to Belgium, Luxembourg, the EU and NATO. Mr Lewis is a retired Major General of the Australian Army. He served as the Australian National Security Adviser to two Prime Ministers. He was appointed as the Professor in the Practice of National Security at the ANU National Security College in June 2021.

## Dr Jade Little



Dr Little is the Chair of the Australia China Youth Dialogue, a track two dialogue for emerging leaders in the Australia-China relationship, and a past participant in the Australia-China High Level Dialogue. Dr Little is currently Chief Advisor to the Chief Operating Officer at Newmont Corporation. She previously worked for BHP, UBS and McKinsey & Company. She was The Australian Financial Review BOSS Young Executive of the Year in 2019.

## Richard McGregor



Mr McGregor is a Senior Fellow for East Asia at the Lowy Institute. He is a former Beijing, Shanghai and Washington bureau chief for The Financial Times and was posted in Japan, Taiwan and Hong Kong for Australian media outlets. He was also a visiting scholar at the Wilson Center and George Washington University in Washington DC from 2014-2016. Mr McGregor has authored a number of highly acclaimed books on China and East Asia, most notably *The Party: The Secret World of China's Communist Rulers*.

## Professor Rory Medcalf AM



Professor Rory Medcalf is Head of the National Security College at ANU. He has three decades of experience across diplomacy, intelligence analysis, think tanks, academia and journalism. In government, Professor Medcalf worked as a senior strategic analyst with the Office of National Assessments. He was also an Australian diplomat, with experience in India, Japan and Papua New Guinea, and he continues to lead informal strategic dialogues with a range of Indo-Pacific powers. Under his leadership, the National Security College has become a go-to institution for whole-of-nation capability development and policy contestability. In 2022 he was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia for services to international relations and tertiary education.

## Professor Brian Schmidt AC



Professor Schmidt was the Vice-Chancellor of the Australian National University from 2016 until 2023. Winner of the 2011 Nobel Prize in Physics, Professor Schmidt was an astrophysicist at the ANU Mount Stromlo Observatory and Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics before becoming Vice-Chancellor. Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science, The United States Academy of Science, and the Royal Society, he was made a Companion of the Order of Australia in 2013.

## Ms Jan Adams AO PSM (ex-officio)



Secretary Adams was appointed Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in July 2022. Prior to this, Ms Adams was Australia's Ambassador to Japan from November 2020 to June 2022 and before that Australia's Ambassador to China from 2016 to 2019. In 2016, Ms Adams was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) for distinguished service to international relations through the advancement of Australia's diplomatic and free trade relationships, particularly with the United States of America, South Korea, Japan and China.

*The Foundation thanks the contributions of Ms Helene Chung, Ms Swati Dave, Prof John Fitzgerald AM, Ms Maree Ma, Mr Jason Yeap OAM and Dr Wai-Ling Yeung who departed the Advisory Board in 2022-23.*

# List of 2022-23 grant recipients

Grant recipient	Project	Location	Amount
Australian National University	The delivery of workshops to enhance the ability of Australian companies and state and territory governments to engage with China.	ACT	\$250,000
Walter and Eliza Hall Institute	Demonstrating Australian excellence in biomedical research through the InSPIRE research internship program and facilitating deeper Australia-China research collaboration.	VIC	\$150,000
Macquarie University	Sharing knowledge and showcasing Australian excellence in Newborn Hearing Screening through workshops across China and at the Australian Hearing Hub in Sydney.	NSW	\$150,000
Museum of Chinese Australian History	Delivery of a visual arts exhibition on untold stories of Australians with Chinese and Aboriginal ancestry two publications chronicling historic interactions between Chinese and Aboriginal people in Australia.	VIC	\$250,000
University of Adelaide	Promoting Australian indigenous culture and supporting artistic collaboration through musical performances and seminars in Hong Kong and Adelaide.	SA	\$94,000
Monash University	Promoting Australian excellence in children's literature in China through a bilingual website, hosting a translation symposium, a stakeholder event and social media promotion campaign.	VIC	\$100,000
Flinders University	Expansion of the iSupport program for carers of dementia sufferers. Program will involve facilitator teaching; producing training material in Chinese language and developing an iSupport community of practice platform.	SA	\$100,000
State Library of New South Wales	Support for the re-examination of the George Ernest Morrison archives and its significance, including a website and research symposium.	NSW	\$160,000
University of New South Wales	Support to improve Australia's ability to understand China's legal and regulatory systems through two bilateral forums and bilingual communications materials.	NSW	\$130,000
University of Queensland	Build understanding and exchange in China of Australian beef, sheep meat, dairy and feed agricultural sectors through policy and institutional mapping research, workshops run in Australia and China, and a future leaders program.	QLD	\$297,000
University of Technology Sydney	Development of a network of Australia and China organisations to explore solutions to carbon and phosphorus constraints for food security in Australia and China.	NSW	\$150,000
Australian National University	Three hybrid 'Australia-China decarbonisation roundtables' in Beijing, Shanghai, and Canberra to facilitate bilateral dialogue and cooperation on low-carbon technology transitions.	ACT	\$250,000

University of Technology Sydney: Australia China Relations Institute	A visit by Chinese academic and industry representatives to support practical Australia-China cooperation in green energy through two public webinars, a closed-door roundtable and a public report.	NSW	\$47,000
Asialink Business	The China Digital Economy Academy which builds capability of Australian businesses to understand and engage with China's digital economy.	VIC	\$100,000
Sydney Childrens Hospital	Delivery of advanced paediatric expertise to rural Chinese medical practitioners and translation of resources.	NSW	\$100,000
Marshall Centre	The Australia-China Helicobacter Fellowship program is a joint initiative between Australian and Chinese specialists in researching the bacteria Helicobacter pylori (H. pylori).	WA	\$100,000
Victoria University	A project to support Chinese international students connect with the Australian community through introducing First Nation cultures, sport activities and a mentorship program.	VIC	\$100,000
Chinese Australian Historical Society	A national survey to identify Chinese heritage materials in Australia and create a national database and virtual museum.	NSW	\$150,000
Education Association of Australia	Support to connect stakeholders within the Australian and Chinese school sectors to promote collaboration and build understanding of policy frameworks, markets and best practice.	VIC	\$97,000
Australia China Youth Association	Supporting Australia-China Youth Association chapters across Australia and greater China and key events and competitions.	Nationwide	\$144,500
Australia China Youth Dialogue	Support for the 13th Australia-China Youth Dialogue (ACYD 2023) - a track II dialogue that builds people-to-people links between Australian and Chinese emerging leaders, and delivery of the ACYD Alumni Symposium.	Nationwide	\$65,000
Tasmanian art gallery	A social history exhibition 'Home: Here and Now, from China to Tasmania' at the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery (TMAG) with public programs for the community, schools and a tour of regional Tasmania.	TAS	\$100,000
University of Western Australia	Building engagement resources and activities to publicly celebrate Chinese heritage in Western Australia, including a digital portal, podcast, illustrated collection of stories and a touring exhibition.	WA	\$150,000
Foundation for Australian Studies in China	Support for the 2022 and 2023 Australian Studies Programs which offer grant opportunities to researchers and Australian studies centres across China.	Nationwide	\$50,000
Surf Life Saving NSW	Delivery of Surf Lifesaving training to the Haikou Emergency Medical Centre and production of a bilingual aquatic rescue education manual.	NSW	\$100,000
Australian National University	A 3-day Elite Scholars Program providing high-performing Chinese students in Australia with an	ACT	\$350,000



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WA Ballet	Support for production of 'Swan Lake,' interweaving a Noongar story and classical ballet, to Chinese-Australian communities and potential tour of China.	WA	\$50,000
Queensland University of Technology	The development of a research network for analysis of infectious disease transmission, supporting dialogue and institutional exchange between China and Australia.	QLD	\$300,000
National Museum of Australia	Extending the exhibition tour of the National Museum of Australia's Ochre and Sky which celebrates the Australian landscape, its diversity and the First Nations concept of Country.	ACT	\$250,000
Flinders University	The project will develop translated shared resources of cancer survivorship in Australia and China and produce a documentary showcasing cancer research cooperation	SA	\$300,000
Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts	Support for concert delegations and performances in Perth and Nanjing to showcase Australian musical excellence in jazz and classical music.	WA	\$65,000
Queensland Ballet	Support for an Australian production of the White Snake Ballet.	QLD	\$50,000
Melbourne Symphony Orchestra	Support for 12 concerts and culture exchange with the National Centre of the Performing Arts in Beijing.	VIC	\$100,000
Fred Hollows Foundation	Supporting the Fred Hollows Foundation build capacity in cross-sector eye health services in Inner Mongolia through knowledge exchange.	NSW	\$200,000
Australian and New Zealand School of Government	Exchange program between Australian and Chinese public administration schools to build mutual understanding on approaches to public administration.	VIC	\$200,000
Australian Academy of Humanities	Program of exchanges and policy dialogues between the Australian Academy of Humanities and Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.	ACT	\$150,000
Sydney Dance Company	Support for Sydney Dance Company's tour of four cities in China.	NSW	\$150,000
OzAsia	Support for three artistic commissions featuring Chinese Australian artists and stories as part of the Adelaide OzAsia Festival in 2023	ACT	\$50,000
Lowy Institute	A Track II Strategic Dialogue with a leading Chinese think-tank to help deepen substantive exchanges on foreign policy issues between Australia and China	NSW	\$150,000