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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



Dr. Ashutosh Misra

As the Institute for Australia India Engagement completes five years, it gives me great joy and pride to write another the CEO's note for the Annual Report 2022. It is a matter of great satisfaction to see IAIE continuing to scale greater heights since its launch in September 2018 by the Indian High Commissioner Dr A.M. Gondane. The Institute continues to promote greater mutual country understanding and complement the objectives of the Australia India Comprehensive Strategic Partnership through policy research, policy dialogues and multi-disciplinary engagements. The regularly updated IAIE website www.iaie.org.au has recorded over 135,000 hits expanding our outreach constantly. Our ever-growing engagements with institutions,

scholars and experts in Australia, India and around the world testifies IAIE's growing leadership as the first independent policy think-tank in Australia focused on Australia-India bilateral relations. The credit for IAIE's ever-growing profile goes to the Executive Committee, the Board members and our international panel of advisors, for their continued stellar support and wisdom. In 2022, we were delighted to welcome Michael Sing as our new Board member, Varun Gupta as our new legal advisor and Ronak Shah as our Accounts advisor. Their coming on board has definitely given the Institute more strength and confidence in undertaking its functioning on a daily basis and engaging with all the stakeholders and regulators, and keeping us up to date with all compliance and regulatory obligations.

Our members and affiliated scholars have continued to publish thought-provoking articles and delivered lectures across the world and shaped strategic thinking on a wide range of affairs. Our 2021 MoU with Bennett University led to a successful Student Mentoring and Research Training (SMART) program for their students in 2022. We also organised a stimulating Triveni policy dialogue on India @ 75 — commemorating India's 75 th Independence Day — in which serving diplomats, retired military generals, sports journalists, film-makers and economists

reflected upon India's journey in foreign policy, economy, defence, sports and cinema. Our Multicultural Community Inclusion and Engagement "Goodwill Cup" with Queensland Police made another big splash, this time at the Home of Cricket—the Allan Border Field, with the support of Queensland Cricket. It continues to be our major event of the year bringing government, community, corporate and sports stakeholders together and building deeper inter-community engagements and also with government stakeholders. We also successfully hosted a sold out event with Queensland Cricket, the Australia India Business Council and Bravus Mining, felicitating the Indian cricket legend Sunil Gavaskar for his 50 years of test career debut, during the ICC T20 World Cup last year. Besides, like previous years, our members also organised another successful International Day of Yoga, mental health walk and Bridge to Brisbane run raising funding for various charities. We are delighted to share that our Goodwill Ambassador to India Matthew Hayden was felicitated by the Indian Prime Minister for his role in building bilateral ties and friendship with Indian diaspora in Australia. We also congratulate our Board member Sarah Kelly for being appointed an independent director on the Board of the Organising Committee of the 2032

Olympic and Paralympic by Queensland Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk. In addition, Shaun Star was appointed a Non-Executive Director of Judo Australia and Nandkumar Janardhanan was appointed Salzburg Global Fellow, 2022. I must also thank Cricket Australia for appointing me ICC T20 World Cup Champion and help promote the event across our diverse multicultural communities.

As Australia-India bilateral ties reach historic heights, we look forward to work more closely with the Australian, Indian and international partners and stakeholders, and make Australia India Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, one of the most vibrant of partnerships in the international

system. We remain ever so resolute in our commitment to help the Australia India Comprehensive Strategic Partnership realise its full potential in the years to come. With limited resources we continue to deliver impactful outcomes, for which I thank everyone for their continued support, without which IAIE would not have achieved what it has in five years.

Thank you.
Sincerely,



(Ashutosh Misra)
Brisbane, 30 October 2022

OVERVIEW, VISION & GUIDING PRINCIPLES

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OVERVIEW

The idea of IAIE germinated in 2017 after several rounds of discussion with academics, policy practitioners, business leaders and strategic experts in Australia and India who shared a strong yearning for establishing an institution which enriched our mutual understanding and appreciation of the underlying interests, opportunities and challenges in the Australia-India Strategic Partnership (AISP).

AISP provides the policy framework for furthering bilateral engagements in field of defence, policing, security, business, energy, education and sports among others which forms the nucleus of self-sustaining intellectual churning at IAIE to be harnessed through policy-relevant research, multi-track dialogues, academic and practitioner's exchanges, research collaborations, capacity building pro-

grammes, public lectures and international events.

IAIE constitution would also enshrine the provision for establishing nodes or chapters in other states and territories in Australia and India to achieve greater institutional outreach, ideational synergy, community involvement, stakeholder interactions and policy impact.

IAIE represents a vibrant conglomeration of academic experts, research analysts, policy-practitioners, corporate professionals, and sport leaders in Australia and India, who have left an indelible mark in their respective fields with their writings, performances and achievements over the years. They are the leading lights who share a common and strong yearning for deeper mutual understanding and engagements between Australia and India and complement the objectives of AISP.

IAIE's uniqueness rests in the rich perspectives of its members, shaped over the years through lived experiences in both countries, and first-hand knowledge of socio-political culture, language, history, bureaucratic processes and government functioning. This uniqueness inspires our vision: the deeper we understand each other, better we engage.

Vision

The deeper we understand each other the better we engage.

Mission



To strengthen Australia-India Strategic Partnership through evidence-based research, exchange of new knowledge, targeted policy dialogues and innovative business solutions for the government, corporate and community stakeholders.

Objectives

1. Build policy-relevant project collaboration with government, academic and business stakeholders in Australia and India in the field of security, policing, defence, business, energy, education, sports and culture.
2. Prioritise delivering capacity development and business solutions in partnership with government, corporate and community stakeholders in both countries.
3. Produce high-impact research publications to shape strategic thinking in Australia and India.
4. Generate new ideas to inform public policy, shape strategic discourse and stimulate intellectual churning on current affairs through distinguished person's oration, public lectures and seminars.
5. Organise multiple-track dialogues involving policy makers, strategic experts, academics and business leaders to complement the objectives of Australia-India Strategic Partnership.
6. Strengthen the multicultural ethos of Australia through dialogues, public events and inter-community engagements.
7. Develop and synergize a transnational network of area and subject experts, retired policy-makers and diplomats, business leaders and community members, particularly those possessing cultural, language and lived understanding of India, to facilitate a more meaningful policy formulation, engagement strategies and research outcomes.
8. Provide policy advice and institutional support to government, academic and business stakeholders in Australia and India in forging bilateral engagements, exploring opportunities and organising public events.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Amalgamate national and insti-

tutional visions

Consciously endeavour to sync IAIE's institutional objectives with the priorities of the Australia India Strategic Partnership to help Australia-India bilateral ties grow rapidly and meaningfully.

- **Build policymaker-academic bridge**

A successful syncing of the national and institutional visions will build a mutually complementary policy-maker-academic bridge wherein research knowledge and business solutions will not only contribute to informed policy-making but also be shaped by policy imperatives.

- **Shape strategic thinking**

IAIE's research agenda, critical thinking and policy dialogues are expected to shape strategic thinking in Australia and India generating new ideas, alternative discourses and fresh policy paradigms.

- **Encourage empirical understanding and first-hand experiences**

IAIE is a foci of country/area experts possessing a rich repository of language skills, cultural competencies and socio-political understanding gained over the decades through lived experiences in Australia and India.

- **Foster collaborations and networks**

IAIE will not only forge research and policy-driven collaborations with the government, corporate, academic and civil-society stakeholders but also

foster a network of the Indian diaspora in Australia to draw upon their knowledge, experiences and needs in shaping the our engagement agenda.

- **Facts and evidence driven approach**

IAIE's research outcomes and business solutions for stakeholders will be based on facts and evidence, in order to impact policy-making more effectively and build its standing as a leading policy institution on Australia-India relations in the region.

- **Maintain policy continuum**

Institutional adhocism leads to premature termination of initiatives and engagements, generating despair and frustration among the stakeholders, which IAIE will address by maintaining medium and long-term engagement continuum.



GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP



Dr Ashutosh Misra
CEO and Executive Director



Mr Matthew Hayden AM,
Former Australian Cricketer
IAIE's Goodwill Ambassador for India

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INSTITUTIONAL MEETINGS AND MILESTONES

IAIE's Fourth Foundation Anniversary Celebrations, 4 September 2022

IAIE celebrated its fourth foundation anniversary at the Sip N' Dine restaurant, Woolloongabba on 4th September 2022. The occasion was well attended by the IAIE executives directors, board members, program directors, advisors along with members

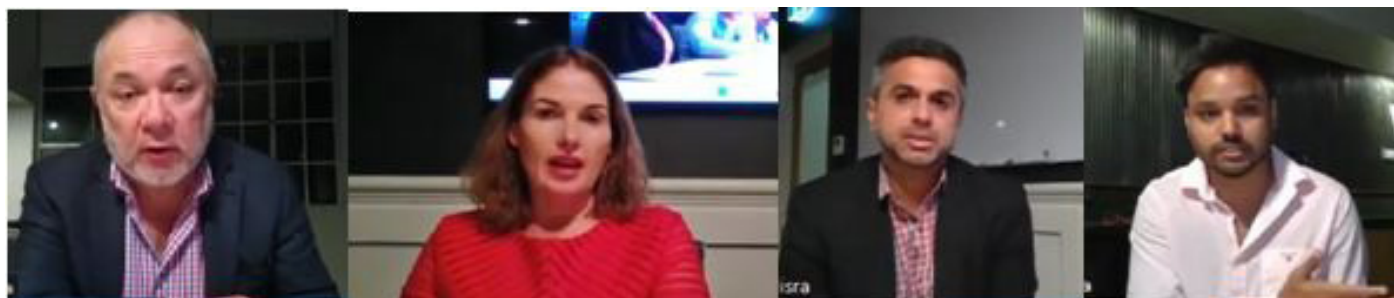
of the local community, media, academia, corporate houses (co-sponsored by Rostron Carlyle Rojas), government and sporting associations. On the occasion IAIE CEO delivered a speech and cut a cake along with other IAIE executives.



Annual General Meeting

IAIE's Annual General Meeting was held on 25 November 2023 hosted by Dr Michael Drew at Drew & Co. Officer at Spring Hill. It was attended by Dr Misra, Dr Jacqueline Drew, Dr Waghlikar, Mr Shaun Star, Dr Amy Illidge, Mr Michael Sing, Mr Varun

Gupta, Mr Paras Sharma, Mr Ronak Shah, Ms Sweta Misra, Prof. Srikanth Kondapalli (Jawaharlal University), Associate Prof. Rajiv Ranjan Chaturvedy (Ashoka University), Mr Kartik Pratap Singh, Dr Michael Drew and Mr Stephen Illidge.



Board Meetings

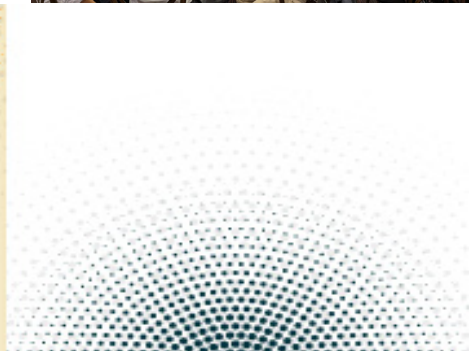
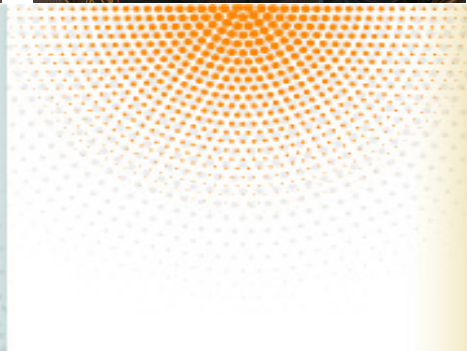
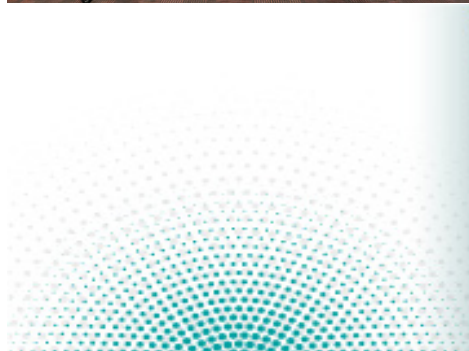
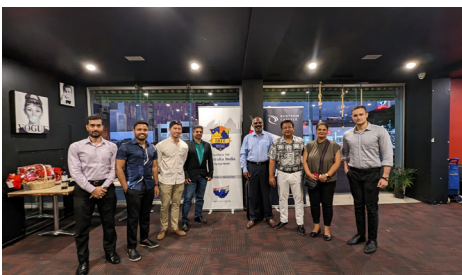
10 June 2022, 391, Wickham Terrace, Springhill, QLD 4000



14 October 2022, 391, Wickham Terrace, Springhill, QLD 4000



End of Year Christmas Party, Sip N'Dine restaurant, Woolloongabba, 16 December 2022



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LECTURES AND WEBINARS

Health and Wellness



Dr Amol Wagholikar, IAIE Program Director — Sports and Wellness Initiative was invited to deliver a guest lecture at Sankara Nethralaya's Medical Research Foundation in Chennai on 4 January 2023 on "Ancient Indian practice inspired lifestyle intervention in the technology-driven modern world". Dr Wagholikar is a collaborator with Sankara Netharalaya – a leading eye care and research institution in India with Global recognition. The lecture discussed on the importance of ancient Indian lifestyle methods such as practice of Bramha Muhurta in today's modern world. The lecture illustrated

research findings on lifestyle intervention called Rise and Smile. The intervention combines ancient practice of waking up early around Bramha Muhurta- a time before Sunrise and experience outdoor physical activity during Sunrise time supported by modern smart phones. The early and encouraging research findings were discussed with the audience. The audience primarily consisted of medical students and researchers. The talk was well received by the Audience. This talk also strengthens IAIE's collaboration with prominent research institutions in India in the areas of health and wellness.

POLICY DISCUSSIONS

Triveni Dialogue on India @ 75, 16 August 2022

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IAIE in conjunction with the Australia India Business Council and O.P. Jindal Global University organised “India @ 75” Triveni Dialogue to commemorate 75 years of Indian Independence Day. The international webinar featured an impressive line-up of panellists recounting India journey and achievements since 1947.

Shaun Star, Professor and Associate Dean and Director, CIAS gave the inaugural remarks while Dr Ashutosh Misra, CEO, IAIE and Chief Editor, India News delivered the introductory-cum-welcome address. Congratulating the Indian diaspora on reaching the milestone of 75 years of sovereignty replete with remarkable success stories, Dr Misra went on to refer to the commencement of the

Amrit Kaal, which in Hindu mythology means an auspicious time for new initiatives, thereby echoing Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Lauding India’s role in the international forum as the guardian of global peace, he went to hammer home the message that India has been the recipient of resounding appreciation for its multidimensional role. He also applauded India’s humanitarian approach in extending a generous helping hand to economically vulnerable nations during the Covid-19 pandemic and in this lived up to its maxim “Vasudev Kutumbakam” which means, “the world is one family”.

Dr Misra then welcomed Mr Jim Varghese AM, National Chair, AIBC who moderated the event and reminded that it is a time to reflect on the history of the largest democracy in the world and the sacrifices made by millions of people. He commented, “The most significant advantage of the growing Indian diaspora is the high skill level of men and women, which is driving their contribution to the economic growth of Australia in many fields such as education, health, manufacturing, finance, agriculture, start-ups, and Information and Communication technologies.” He added, “India has been and will continue to be a significant partner in Australia's economic growth. The cultural and economic engagements with India have always received bipartisan support in Australia over the last decades. India is emerging as a

strategic partner for Australia. Australian businesses at all levels now have an unrivalled opportunity to view India as a market to supply rather than just a consumption market.”

Speaking on India’s economic journey Dr Rajiv Kumar, the former vice chairman of the NITI Aayog and the Chancellor of Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune, declared the 21st century as the Indo-Pacific century, and noted the tremendous potential that lies in the evolving relationship between India and Australia as trade partners. He observed that the democracies of the world, especially in the Indo-Pacific need to come closer and create a synergy that would act as an impetus to ensure a dynamic environment which also takes into account several burning issues such as environmental sustainability. One of the key challenges that India faces is to strengthen India’s resilience by the year 2047, he said.

Reflecting upon India’s military journey, Lt Gen (Dr) Rakesh Sharma, commissioned in Gorkha Rifles in 1977, and served for forty years, began his remarks by recounting India-Australia’s military collaboration in the Gallipoli battle during the First World War. He said India has had a checkered military history which entailed staving off hostile insurgents both from Pakistan and China along its borders in Jammu and Kashmir as well as the North-East. He em-

phasised on the need to show more preparedness in terms of modern warfare in the light of rising belligerence by hostile elements, for which military reforms have been initiated. In this regard, he appreciated the efforts of the authorities concerned to reduce Indian armed forces’ dependence on the public sector as it moves towards privatization.

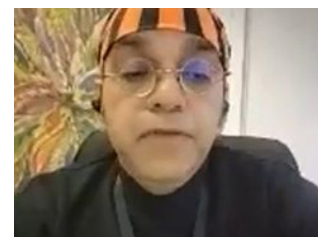
On India’s sports and cricket journey, eminent sports journalist and author, Mr Vijay Lokapally expanded upon India’s gradual but steady rise to dominance in the game which was predominantly an “English sports”. Mr Lokapally praised the robust sports infrastructure that the country has been successful in providing which also reflects India’s growth in all other sectors. He made a special note of the Indian Premiere League as an invaluable asset which has not only helped the Board of Control for Cricket in India to generate the much-needed revenue to strengthen sports infrastructure but also to tap into the vast talent pool that India has apparently.

On Bollywood’s 75 years of journey, Mr Anupam Sharma, an illustrious Indian-born Australian film director, actor, film producer, and author has pioneered film links between India and Australia since 1997. Mr Sharma was appointed as an Australia Day Ambassador and named one of the fifty most influential professionals in the Australian film industry. He spoke about the way films have been used

by the tourism sector and even education sector to promote ties between the two countries. He mentioned about QANTAS airlines being referred to in one of Amitabh Bachhan's movies and how actor Feroze Khan had discovered Australia as a destination for Indian movies. Sharma also went on to talk about the potential that cinema has in building cultural affinity between the two nations.

Last but not the least, recounting India's diplomatic journey and

rise, Ambassador of India to the Philippines, Palau and Micronesia, Mr Shambhu Kumaran shared his thoughts on three strategic areas in which India has witnessed fundamental transformation. These are essentially changes in the way in which India's foreign policy is structured. The areas are namely, India's role as a leading international power, India's emerging technological and economic integration with the globe and strong emphasis on India's civilizational aspect.



IAIE Team Budget Breakfast with Queensland Treasurer, 21 July 2022

Dr Ashutosh Misra was invited to the Budget breakfast with Treasurer of Queensland Cameron Dick to be briefed on a slew of measures to rebuild Queensland's economy, boost GDP, generate more jobs, and invest in infrastructure, health, education, safety and mental health among other

areas. Some of the key guest included Shayne Neuman MP, Charis Mullen MP, Lance McCallum MP, Jim Madden MP, Jennifer Howard MP, Ipswich Mayor Teresa Harding, Kartik Pratap Singh, Sri Lankan community leader Anu Perera and Afghan community leader Rita Anwari.



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Discussion with Australia's Chief Negotiator Frances Lisson PSM, 7 July 2022



IAIE CEO Dr Ashutosh Misra and Board member Mr Shaun Star and media advisor Dr Ram Mohan held a productive discussion with Australia's

chief negotiator Frances Lisson PSM and DFAT Queensland Director FTA Services Branch Stephen Dietz on the way forward on Australia India Interim Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement at the DFAT office in Brisbane. The event was organised by the Australia India Business Council. The discussion covered a wide range of issues including, services, agriculture investment, tariffs nontariff barriers supply chain and how IAIE and its affiliate institutions such as India News continue to complement the Australia India Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.

Discussions in India

Dr Ashutosh Misra travelled to India in March 2022 and met with the two prominent leaders of the Government of India Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir H.E. Manoj Sinha and Ed-

ucation Minister Hon. Dharmendra Pradhan. Dr Misra profiled the activities of the institute and explored possibilities for future cooperation in the discussions.



H.E. Manoj Sinha



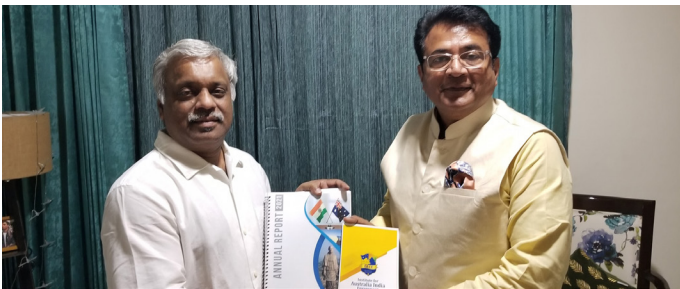
Hon. Dharmendra Pradhan



Dr Ashutosh Misra met with Additional Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Chief of Protocol, Government of India, and former Ambassador to Tunisia Mr Puneet Kundal and presented the IAIE Annual Report 2021. Both had a very productive discussion on India's Foreign Policy and IAIE's activities in that space



Dr Misra met with the former Ambassador Virendra Gupta, and Member, IAIE International Board of Advisors and President, Antarashtriya Sahyog Parishad and presented a copy of the annual report 2021.



Dr Misra met with Dr Uttam Sinha, Member, IAIE International Board of Advisors and Senior Fellow, Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses and presented a copy of the annual report 2021



Dr Misra met with Dr Vijay Chauthaiwale, In-charge, Department of Foreign Affairs, Bharatiya Janta Party and presented a copy of the annual report 2021



Dr Misra also met with Brett Galt-Smith, Counselor, International

Education, Australian High Commission New Delhi, presented a copy of the annual report 2021 and discussed a range of education and training opportunities, especially in the state Uttar Pradesh.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Multicultural Community Inclusion and Engagement Goodwill Cup, 17 September 2022, Allan Border Field, Queensland

The Multicultural Community Inclusion and Engagement Goodwill Cricket Cup (T20) between the Institute for Australia India Engagement

(South Asia XI) and Queensland Police Commissioner's XI was held at the Allan Border Field, Albion in Brisbane on Saturday, 17 September.

Venue Scouting (Allan Border Field), 4 August 2022

The IAIE team visited the iconic and refurbished Allan Border Field at Albion and inspect the facilities and also do a media chat along with our Queensland Police officers Wayne Clayton and Raymond Atkinson, Wolston Park team coach and IAIE XI

coach Anu Perera , IAIE Board member and AIBC committee member Shaun Star, Amol Waghlikar IAIE Sports and Wellness Program Director and Queensland Cricket CEO Terry Svenson.



Pre-event Media Publicity

India News



4EB Radio Brisbane



On air with IAIE crew at **4EB**
Brisbane Radio – Sri Lankan Group
for the Goodwill Cup T20
encounter at **Allan Border Field** on
the 17th of September 8.30am



The Goodwill Cup Curtain Raiser

<https://www.youtube.co/watch?v=bQhsVGSnsgc>

Goodwill Cup Messages

<https://www.youtube.co/watch?v=bQhsVGSnsgc>

Queenslan Police Commissioner's message

<https://www.facebook.com/541211692vios/764569371499820/>



Poster Launch, Sip N' Dine Restaurant, Woolloongabba



The poster and promotional video launch of the Multicultural Community Inclusion and Engagement Goodwill Cup between IAIE XI and QPS XI was held on 4th September at the Sip and Dine restaurant at Woolloongabba. In the event players of the Goodwill cup were presented

Summary of the match

The proceedings kickstarted started with Brother Adrian Coolwell of the Queensland Police performing the Acknowledgement to the Country, followed by welcome remarks from IAIE Goodwill Ambassador to India Matthew Hayden, QPS Acting Inspector Wayne Clayton and former Australian cricketer Ryan Harris, who also did the toss.

The toss was won by IAIE XI Captain Amila Withthesingha who asked his counterpart Paul Bonney to bat first. Batting first, QPS XI scored 129 for the loss of 5 wickets. Jake Coolwell who was adjudged the man of the match in 2021, was again the top scorer for QPS scoring 41 (39), followed by Captain Bonney 33(23), Justin Kersey 27(25) and Raymond Atkinson 18(21). For IAIE XI Chintaka Gunawardana took 2 wickets, whereas Rabin Khadka, Rohit Haldar, Oshane Perera and Krishna

with their caps and welcomed by the IAIE CEO Ashutosh Misra and IAIE XI coach Anu Perera. On the occasion the promotional video featuring messages from Queensland Police Commissioner Katarina Carroll, Senior Sergeant Wayne Clayton, Queensland Cricket CEO Terry Svenson, Shaun Star, Amol Wagholikar, Anu Perera and Ashutosh Misra. The event also marked the 4th foundational anniversary of the Institute for Australia India Engagement. A large number of community leaders and members attended the event who launched the poster the big fanfare.

took one wicket each.

In response, IAIE XI got off to a blazing start with former Australian cricketer Matthew Hayden scoring a blistering 74(39) including 5 sixes and 4 fours. But the QPS XI made a good fight back, taking the game to the penultimate over and preventing IAIE from having an easy win. It was a hard fought match which IAIE XI won by 4 wickets in which Ash Loganathan, Amit Lohani and captain Amila also played a key role in ensuring victory in 18.4 overs.

Matthew Hayden received the Man of the Match award, while Jake Coolwell received the best batsman award and Chintaka the best bowler award, adjudged by match referee John Bell, former Queensland Bulls coach. Commentary for the match

was provided by Dr Rajesh Khunjeri of the Indian Medical Association of Queensland. A note of acknowledgement goes to the groundsmen —Tony Potter, Sam Raymond, Sean Brackin and Luke Wilmot for preparing an

Outcome

Queensland Government's Publicity

Goodwill Cup also saw a large number of community champions, dignitaries and legends of the game participating in the presentation ceremony including the Chief Guest Hon'ble Minister for Tourism, Innovation and Sport and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympics and Paralympics Sport and Engagement Stirling Hinchliffe MP, who spent four 4 hours at the event to lend his stellar support. Other dignitaries included Assistant Minister for Hydrogen Development and the 50% Renewable Energy Target by 2030 Lance McCallum MP who delivered the message from Hon Leanne Linard—Minister Minister for Children

Presentation and Participation

The presentations ceremony was emceed by Ms. Ree Ali of the Indian Communities of Gold Coast, with inputs and assistance from Mrs. Clayton and Sweta Misra. Matthew Hayden, former Australian seamer Carl Rackemann, John Bell also gave away the key awards along with other dignitaries. Federal Parliament Speaker Hon. Milton Dick provided Commonwealth certificates for the players and key officials and staff.

international standard ground and pitch, and Queensland Cricket offering the new swanky digital scoreboard, live streaming and historic dressing rooms and facilities for the two teams.

and Youth Justice and Minister for Multicultural Affairs, Jess Pugh MP for Mount Ommaney, Jim Madden MP – Ipswich West, James Martin MP for Stretton, Goodwill Cup Ambassador Henry Palaszczuk, Councillor Charles Strunk (Forest Lake ward) , Vicki Howard (Central Ward) and David McLachlan (Hamilton ward), AIBC immediate past National Chair Jim Varghese, Dr Ram Mohan India News Chairman, Mr Samir Vora, COO Bravus mining, and Dr Nik Senapati AIBC Queensland president.

The logo of the department was featured prominently in flyers, news coverage, media wall and other publicity material.

Dr Neeraj Khanna, Dr Sunil Sharma and Dr Cyril Fernandez also felicitated Hon. Minister Stirling Hinchliffe, QC CEO Terry Svenson and IAIE CEO Dr Ashutosh Misra.

Queensland Police Service

The Goodwill Cup made a huge impact with the invaluable support of QPS officials representing the First Nations and Multicultural Affairs Unit, Police Recruiting Team, Mem-

bers of the Police, Mounted Unit, the Police Dog Squad, North Brisbane District Crime Prevention Unit and the North Brisbane District Police Liaison Unit.

Queensland Cricket

A special vote of thanks goes to Terry Svenson, CEO of Queensland Cricket, who led a team of outstanding QC staff and professionals including Adam McDonald, John Butterworth, Nathan Spencer in ensuring a first-class experience to players and guests at the Field. Similarly, a big thank you to Mr. Michael Hennessy, Cricket Australia T20 World Cup representative for flying in from Sydney to support the event.

Multicultural Community

Ms. Nayda Hernandez was of im-

mense help in coordinating the raffles and cultural performances by Torres Strait Islander Group, Samoan Dance Group, Bollywood Dance Group led by Ms. Anu and the Aboriginal Group led by Jahmarley Brown Dawson which also performed the smoke ceremony and didgeridoo.

Amongst the community partners a special acknowledge must be made for the Multicultural Australia, Bengali Society of Queensland, Kshatriya Society of Brisbane, Australia Pakistani National Association, Women Empowerment and Leadership, Nepalese Cricket Club Brisbane and Wolston Park Cricket Club, whose head coach Anu Perera was not only a co-coordinator of the Goodwill Cup but also coach of IAIE XI. Musical entertainment by DJ Peter was very special in keeping the crowd entertained. The trophies were made by Boomerang trophies, Camira.





At the end, the Goodwill Cup was presented by Hon Stirling Hinchliffe

to the winning IAIE XI, followed by Dr Ashutosh Misra's vote of thanks.

Glimpses of the Goodwill Cup





SCORE CARD

IAIE VS QPS

ALLAN BORDER FIELD, 17 SEP 2022 - ONE WIN

QPS		IN HANDS		5/129	
JANE CORNWELL	46	CHINTARA BUNWONGSANA	2-21		
PAUL BOWNEY	33	RAJAN PANDIA	1-16		
JUSTIN KERRLEY	27	OSAHAN PERERA	1-15		
ROY ATKINSON	18	MOHIT HALLSAR	1-10		
IAIE		IN HANDS		6/133	
MATTHEW HAYDEN	74	MITCH CHABA	2-74		
JOEY LORIAN	74	SHARVY JOHNSON	1-8		
ADAM LORANATHAN	12	DAN FIELD	1-22		
KETAN PAHALAN	9	LUKE FELLOMAN	1-23		



IAIE Felicitates Legendary Indian Cricketer Sunil Gavaskar for 50 Years of Test Debut, 18 October 2022, Stamford Plaza Hotel

The Institute for Australia India Engagement in conjunction with the Australia India Business Council, Queensland Cricket, Indian Medical Association of Queensland and Bravus Mining hosted the Indian cricket legend Sunil Gavaskar on 18 October at the Stamford Plaza Hotel in Brisbane to commemorate his 50 years of test debut. Dr Misra, as National Sports Chair AIBC, ICC T20 Cricket World Cup Champion and leading Project Multicultural at Queensland Cricket moderated the event. Later, Mr Sunil Gavaskar shared memorable insights from his first tour to Downunder. On the occasion a bat signed by Mr Sunil Gavaskar and Brisbane Heat stars was auctioned for a whopping \$7,000 and bought by Mr Ashwani Soni of Holistic Home Care and Program Director Youth Engagement IAIE, and the proceeds

went go to the Queensland Cricket Foundation to support community cricket initiatives. In the event Immediate Past National Chair AIBC Dr Jim Varghese, AIBC Vice President Tony Denholder, IAIE Board Member Michael Sing, Mr Adam Dale from Queensland Cricket and Mr Mayoor Thakeria (friend of Sunny Gavaskar) shared their thoughts and felicitated Mr Gavaskar. On behalf of the Indian Medical Association of Queensland Dr Neeraj Khanna and Dr Cyril Fernandez felicitated Mr Gavaskar. The vote of thank was delivered by Mr Samir Vora, Managing Director, Bravus Mining. Australian Football League legend Simon Black also participated in the event along with Star Sports executive Jatin Sapru. AIBC Queensland secretary Kritika Bansal managed all the necessary arrangements and welcome of the guests.



Mr Sunil Gavaskar



The signed bat



Bat auction winner Mr Ashwani Soni



Mr Adam Dale and Dr Misra felicitating Mr Gavaskar



Gavaskar Dr Shunil Sharma and Dr Neeraj Khanna felicitating Mr



Dr Misra and Mr Michael Sing felicitating Mr Gavaskar



Mr Simon Black greeting Mr Gavaskar



Dr Jim Varghese



Mr Samir Vora



Mr Mayoora Thakeria



Mr Tony Denholder



Mr Michael Sing



Mr Adam Dale

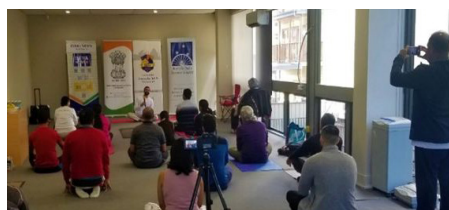
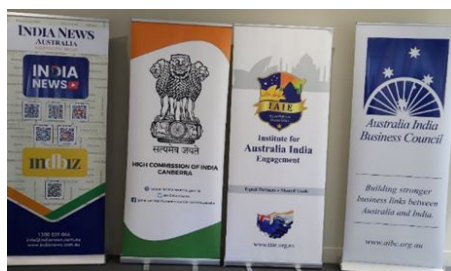




IAIE and AIBC International Day of Yoga 2022

The International Day of Yoga 2022 was organized by the Institute for Australia India Engagement in association with the Indian High Commission, Australia India Business Council and Australia India News at Spring Hill, Brisbane on 19 June 2022. Like the previous years, noted health and wellness institution the Art of Living led by Yoga teacher Sri Avinash conducted the session which was enjoyed by the yoga enthusiasts. The proceedings started with the enchanting Yajurveda mantra recital by the prodigal Araanya and Aarna, followed by a brief welcome by IAIE CEO and AIBC's National Sports Chair

Dr Ashutosh Misra; IAIE Sports and Wellness Program Director Dr Amol Waghlikar and Australia India News Chairman and AIBC Executive Committee member, Queensland Dr Ram Mohan. Our sincere thanks to the Government of India and Ms Seema Latkher at the Art of Living for their support. Despite the last-minute flu and covid sickness impacting many of the invitees, a good bunch of yoga enthusiasts turned up to commemorate this wonderful and eagerly-awaited event. Also, a special note of thanks goes to Krishnendu Bhattacharya for the wonderful photos.



Queensland Cricket

Summer of Cricket Lunch, Gabba, 19 November 2022

Dr Misra along with IAIE Legal Advisor Varun Gupta, Program Director – Youth Engagement Ashawani Soni, Program Director – Sports and Wellness Dr Amol Waghholikar was invited to attend the Summer of Cricket

Lunch hosted by Queensland Cricket at the Gabba featuring Matthew Hayden, Ryan Harris, Usman Khawaja, Michael Kasprovicz and Carl Rackemann.



Mr Matthew Hayden



Mr Ryan Harris



Dr Waghholikar, Dr Misra and Mr Gupta



Mr Kirti Vyas, Mr Hayden and Dr Misra



Mr Gurtej, Mr Vyas, Mr Gupta, Dr Misra, Mr Soni and Mr Kush Ghai



Mr Gurtej, Mr Soni and Dr Nik Senapati, AIBC



Mr Greg Rowell, Mr Carl Rackemann, Mr Ghai, Mr Hayden, Mr Michael Kasprovicz, Mr Gurtej and Dr Misra



HONOURS & APPOINTMENTS

Prime Minister Narendra Modi honours Mr Matthew Hayden AM

The Institute for Australia India Engagement's Goodwill Ambassador to India and Board member Matthew Hayden AM was felicitated by India's Honorary Consul Archana Singh in Brisbane, on behalf of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Matthew Hayden received a personal letter of appreciation from PM Modi for his role in building bilateral ties, friendship with India and the Indian people and Indi-

an diaspora in Australia, and standing with India in tough times. He was accompanied by his parents and daughter. Matthew Hayden remains connected with Sadguru and Isha Foundation and calls Tamil Nadu his spiritual home. He has played for the Chennai Super Kings IPL Franchise, and nowadays commentates in the tournament.



Dr Sarah Kelly, IAIE Board Member coveted appointment



Dr Sarah Kelly OAM, IAIE board member has been appointed an independent director on the Board of the Organising Committee of the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic by Queensland Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk. Dr Kelley is the Deputy Chair of The Brisbane Lions AFLFC and Tourism and Events Qld, Managing Director of Brisbane Lions and Queensland Chapter Leader of the Minerva Network and an influential advocate of women in sports.

IAIE CEO Appointed World Cup Champion

IAIE CEO Dr Ashutosh Misra was appointed ICC T20 Cricket World Cup 2022 Community Champion along-side cricketing legends namely, Jason Gillespie, Usman Khawaja, Morne Morkel, Daren Ganga, Mel Jones OAM, Lisa Sthalekar, Kath Koschel and Fawad Ahmad, and other Australian champions for the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup in Australia in 2022. As a part of his role Dr Misra was honored to carry the World Cup trophy on to the field with Giri Sivaraman of Mul-

ticultural Australia in the Australia vs Netherlands match at the Gabba. Dr Misra also travelled across Australia supporting the World Cup trophy tour and launch, galvanising community support and meeting and greetings cricketing stars. He was also invited to attend the launch of the World Cup in Brisbane and Gold Coast along with Shane Watson, Adam Zampa, Kane Richardson, Lisa Sthalekar, Cruicket Australia CEO Nick Hockley, World Cup CEO Michelle Enright and NRL legend Wally Lewis among others.



At the Gold Coast World Cup trophy tour and launch



With Fellow Champion Mr Giri Sivaraman



With the T20 CEO Michelle Enright



With the Former Australian cricketer Lisa Sthalekar



With the National Rugby League legend Wally Lewis



With former Australian cricketer Shane Watson



With Australian cricketer Adam Zampa



With Indian supporters at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.



With the Brisbane Barmy Army coordinator George Gallantree and Councillor Krista Adams.



With the Sri Lankan supporters at the Gabba



Dr Misra and Dr Waghlikar with Mr Shane Watson



With Mr Virat Kohli



With Mr Raashid Khan



Mr Shaun Star

IAIE Board Member appointed to Judo Australia Board

Mr Shaun Star, who is a Board member of IAIE was appointed a Non-Executive Director of Judo Australia in January 2022. Shaun is a sports law expert and a professor and deputy dean at the Jindal Law School, O.P. Jindal Global University, India.



Dr Nandkumar Janardhanan

IAIE Fellow Appointed Salzburg Global Fellow

Dr Janardhanan was appointed Salzburg Global Fellow, 2023 and Visiting Professor, Federal University of Bahia, Brazil, 2023.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS

Felicitation by BAPS Swaminarayan

Dr Ashutosh Misra was invited as a Guest of Honour by the BAPS Swaminarayan family at the launch of the BAPS Swaminarayan Research Institute at Kingston, Brisbane on 8 August 2022. On the occasion Dr Misra alongside Australia's Treasurer Dr Jim Chalmers and UQ academic Dr Adam Bowles were felicitated by Parampujya Mahamahopadhyaya Swami Bhadrashdas ji. On the occasion Dr Misra delivered a riveting oration in Hindi on the significance of the In-

stitute for the study and research on India's history, arts, culture, Vedic philosophy, languages, literature, Hindu scripture and performing arts here in Australia. On the occasion Dr Misra also felicitated Parampujya Mahamahopadhyaya Swami Bhadrashdas ji with a letter of commendation on behalf of IAIE for his invaluable contribution to the India's culture, arts, ancient literature and sanatan philosophy.





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