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**48<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

**THE AUSTRALIAN MEMBER COMMITTEE OF THE  
COUNCIL FOR SECURITY CO-OPERATION IN THE ASIA  
PACIFIC (Aus-CSCAP)**

**in association with the Australian Institute of International Affairs**

**TOPIC**

***The ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF)***

**Wednesday 14 March, 2018**

*Australian Institute of International Affairs (AIIA)  
Glover Cottages, 124 Kent Street, Millers Point (Sydney city)*

## **AusCSCAP /AIIA Meeting – 14 March 2018**

**09.30 – 15.30**

The Australian Member Committee of the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific (AusCSCAP), in association with the Australian Institute of International Affairs, will be holding a meeting on the theme:

### **THE ASEAN REGIONAL FORUM (ARF) AT 25**

#### **(1) ITS ROLE IN THE PREVAILING SECURITY ARCHITECTURE**

*Major developments in membership, procedures and objectives.*

#### **(2) CAN IT BE MADE MORE EFFECTIVE?**

*Linkages to other regional security processes.*

The ARF was the first multilateral forum dedicated to the security agenda in Asia

- how has it approached security issues since its inception 25 years ago;
- how effective has it been, and how can its effectiveness be advanced;
- can synergies with other regional security processes be developed.

Our co-chairs, Tony Milner and Ric. Smith will encourage an open, collegiate and informal discussion under Chatham House rule.

**AGENDA** (a coffee break will be called mid-morning)

- 09.00 Registration and coffee
- 09.30 Co-chairs to open meeting
- 09.35 Ian Lincoln, President, AIIA NSW, to welcome participants
- 09.45 Introduction of topic- Ron Huisken
- 09.55 Questions for open discussion?
- has the ARF done what ASEAN hoped and expected of it;
- has the reputation of the ARF undergone significant fluctuations over the 25 years;
- what are the prevailing attitudes towards the ARF within and outside ASEAN;
- is reform needed, and is there a preparedness to consider reform; and
- have the recommendations of the 2015 CSCAP memorandum on regional architecture had an impact.
- 12.15 Lunch
- 13.00 Continue discussion
- 15.00 AusCSCAP business report
- 15.10 Annabel McGilvray, Director of Communications, AIIA National Office
- Vote of thanks
- 15.15 Findings and conclusion

This meeting follows the ASEAN-Australia Dialogue in Sydney on 12-13 March.

A number of Southeast Asian analysts attended the Dialogue will take part:

### **Overseas Guests:**

Her Excellency Astanah Abdul Aziz, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia.

Mr Kavi Chongkittavorn, Editor-in-Chief, Myanmar Times.

Dr Dang Cam Tu, Deputy Director General, Institute for Foreign Policy and Strategic Studies, Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam.

Tan Sri Dato' Seri Mohamed Jawhar Hassan, Senior Advisor, Asia-Europe Institute, University of Malaya. Former Chair, Institute of Strategic and International Studies, Malaysia.

Ambassador Ong Keng Yong, Executive Deputy Chairman, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Singapore. Former Secretary General, ASEAN.

Dr Phillips Vermonte, Executive Director, Centre of Strategic and International Studies, Indonesia.

Our overseas guests will be joined by senior Australian academics and other specialists in an open, informal and collegiate debate under Chatham House rule.

Participants will be welcome at Glover Cottages from 09.00 on Wednesday 14 March, with discussion from 09.30 to 15.30.

A light lunch and refreshments will be served.

A member of the media may be available to interview at the conclusion of the meeting.

## **AusCSCAP 48<sup>th</sup> Meeting-Participants**

### *Overseas Guests – (alphabetical)*

Ambassador Astanah Aziz, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia

Mr Kavi Chongkittavorn, Editor-in-Chief, Myanmar Times

Dr Dang Cam Tu, Deputy Director General, Institute for Foreign Policy and Strategic Studies, Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam

Tan Sri Dato' Seri Mohamed Jawhar Hassan, Senior Advisor, Asia-Europe Institute, University of Malaya. Former Chair, Institute of Strategic and International Studies, Malaysia

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### *Participants – (by acceptance)*

John Blaxland; Graeme Dobell; Cameron Hawker; Alan Dupont; Reynaldo Ilete; Geoff Miller; Frank Frost; Allan Gyngell; Huong Le Thu; Candice Meszes

### **AIIA**

Ian Lincoln; Thom Dixon, Colin Chapman, Annabel McGilvray, Zia Khan, Cameron Allan

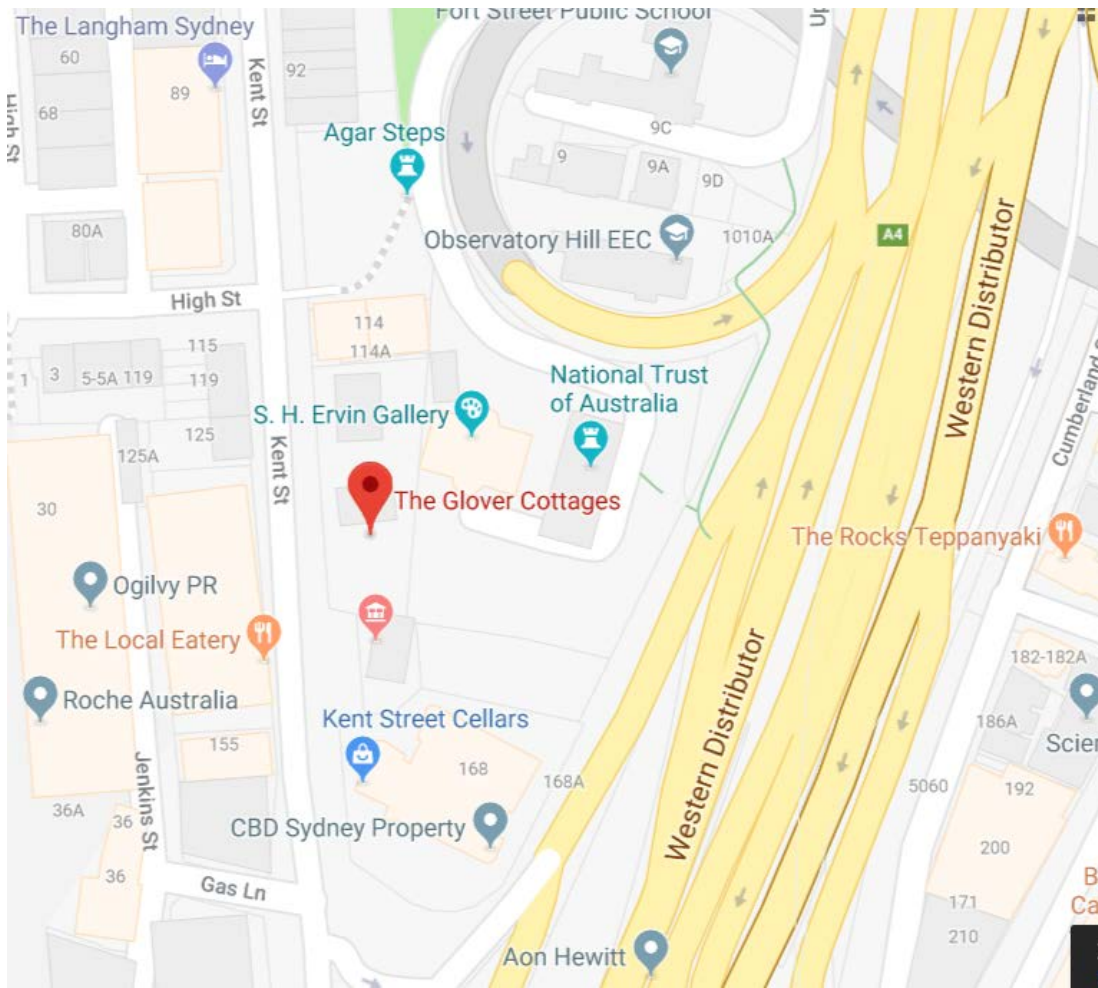
### **AusCSCAP Executive**

Tony Milner; Ric Smith; Ron Huisken; Angus Macdonald

### **Apologies**

David Hegarty; James Goldrick; Carlyle Thayer; Bill Tow; Alexey Muraviev; David Lovell; Rob Walls; Michael Wesley; Clive Williams; Anthony Forester; Peter Grabosky; Richard Tanter; Andrew Forbes; John Mc Farlane; Ian Sinclair

## GLOVER COTTAGES



*Limited timed street parking is available.*

*A nearby hotel has (expensive) parking.*

*A taxi may be preferable.*

## Notes

