CURRENT AUSTRALIA-KOREA FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERS

Mr Peter Coleman, Chair
Appointed: 11 December 2014
CEO and Managing Director of Woodside, Senior Vice President of the Australia-Japan Business Cooperation Committee, Member of the Advisory Council of the Asia Society Australia, Member of the Australia-India Cooperation Council and Fellow at the Australian Institute of Science and Technology.

Ms Jacinta Thompson
Appointed: 1 August 2018
Executive Director of The Bob Hawke Prime Ministerial Centre, University of South Australia. Former Artistic Director of the OzAsia Festival and former Executive Producer for the Adelaide Cabaret Festival. Former Education Manager for Sydney Theatre Company, Regional Arts Victoria and the 1994 and 1996 Adelaide Film Festivals. Previously served on the Adelaide Film Festival Board and is on the steering committee of The Asia Pacific Centre for Arts and Cultural Leadership and a member of the Association for Asia Pacific Performing Arts Centres (AAPPAC).

Associate Professor Ruth Barradough
Appointed: 1 August 2018
Teaches at the College of Asia and the Pacific at the Australian National University and specialises in contemporary Korean history, gender studies and literature; translator of Korean literary fiction; second book Factory Girl Literature was translated into Korean and spent 19 weeks on the history bestseller list and nominated for the President’s summer reading list and named one of the top ten books of 2017 by Kyungwha Shinn. Her new project is a book on North Korea’s glamorous early communist women. Ruth grew up in Queensland and first visited South Korea in the 1980s on a student exchange program.

Ms Georgina Carnegie
Reappointed: 1 May 2018
Managing Director of Carnegie Enterprises, Member of the Executive Board of the Australia Korea Business Council, the Australia Taiwan Business Council and a Member of the Advisory Council of AsiaLink at Melbourne University.

Mr Christopher Raciti
Appointed: 1 August 2018
CEO for ANZ Korea, responsible for leading the Korean franchise, driving Korean corporate relationships across the region and growing ANZ’s access to Korean liquidity; having been with ANZ for more than 15 years, primarily within the Institutional business in Australia, Korea, Singapore and Hong Kong; Chairman of the Board at Australian Chamber of Commerce in Korea; holds a Bachelor of International Business and a Bachelor of Commerce from Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia.

Dr Naomi Mathers
To be extended from 24 November 2018
Australian representative at the Asia Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum (APRSAF) and on the International Space Education Board (2009-2012) and active member of the International Astronautical Federation, since 2005. Currently Chair of Space Education and Outreach. Awarded two Women in Industry awards for Industry Advocacy and Excellence in Engineering (2014). Former Member of the Australian Government Space Industry Innovation Council (2010-2013).

Mr Richard Maude
(Ex-officio Member)
Deputy Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Australia-Korea Foundation

The Australia-Korea partnership

Australia has important geopolitical and economic interests in Korea which need to be sustained by a closer relationship that promotes an increased awareness of Australia in Korea and Korea in Australia. This requires a widening and deepening of the areas of contact and collaboration between the two countries and their peoples. The Australia-Korea Foundation was established to support the exchange and dissemination of information, and to provide a source of advice and strategic guidance, in relation to the ways in which such relations may be encouraged, strengthened and developed.

Much has been accomplished since its establishment in 1992 but much also remains to be done to continue to develop the relationship to a level which matches its strategic importance.

The Australia-Korea Foundation

The Australia-Korea Foundation (AKF) was established by the Australian Government in 1992 to promote bilateral relations between Korea and Australia. The objectives of the Foundation are to:

• raise awareness of Australia in Korea, and of Korea in Australia and increase understanding in both countries of Australia’s and Korea’s shared interests and importance to each other;
• increase knowledge and recognition in Korea of Australian excellence and expertise;
• promote exchanges of individuals and groups between the two countries across a broad range of fields, including international relations and trade, science and technology, education, society, culture and sports and the media;
• encourage the development of institutional links, including between universities, research institutes, professional organisations, cultural establishments, museums, libraries, community groups and other non-government organisations;
• support Australian studies in Korea and Korean studies in Australia.

The AKF’s mission is to enhance awareness and understanding in both Australia and Korea of the importance and mutual benefits of the bilateral relationship into the future.

The AKF offers annual grant funding to organisations and individuals to support projects or activities which advance Australia’s engagement with Korea, including exchanges, partnerships and other collaborations in the general fields of business, education, academia, arts, culture and society.

Eminent Australians are appointed to the board, providing a range of expertise and input to Australia’s foreign and trade policy.

The AKF has its headquarters in Canberra and is supported by an office at the Australian Embassy in Seoul.

Current AKF Funding Priorities

The Board has agreed on four long-term priority areas:

• Trade Diplomacy and Geopolitics
• Technological and Scientific Innovation
• Building Cultural Understanding
• Reciprocal Australian and Korean Studies

AKF Grants Rounds

Each year, the AKF provides funds in the form of grants, under the International Relations Grants Program administered by DFAT, to suitably qualified individuals and organisations in Australia and Korea. The grants support projects across the AKF’s priority funding areas that build sustainable networks and increase mutual understanding and goodwill between the two countries. Ronda open around February with successful applicants notified around mid-July. Ronds are advertised on the AKF, DFAT and Embassy websites, facebook pages and the websites/newsletters of key interest organisations.

Meet some of AKF’s Grant Recipients

AKF grant amount: $25,000

AKF grant amount: $20,000

AKF grant amount: $28,000

AKF grant amount: $22,970

AKF grant amount: $19,000

AKF grant amount: $20,000

AKF grant amount: $64,855

AKF grant amount: $50,000

AKF grant amount: $25,000

AKF grant amount: $30,000

For further information and how to apply: Australia (AKF Secretariat)

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