

Dear Members and Friends,

We're delighted to report on the tremendous success of our recent ANZ Melbourne Cup event, held in collaboration with the Australian Association of Hong Kong. Building on this momentum, we're excited to announce the imminent launch of our [members-exclusive loyalty programme](#).

To make this initiative truly valuable, we're reaching out to businesses interested in offering special discounts or exclusive deals to our members. Whether you operate in the B2B or B2C sector, this presents an excellent opportunity to promote your products and services to our diverse membership base. If you'd like to participate, we invite you to complete our brief survey [here](#).

At AustCham Hong Kong, our mission is to connect business, people and ideas. To enhance these connections, we kindly request that you update [your membership profile in the GlueUp system](#). This will significantly improve your visibility within our network and facilitate easier connections among members.

We're enthusiastic about the growth of our business community and the opportunities this loyalty programme will bring. Your participation will play a crucial role in strengthening our network and fostering mutually beneficial relationships.

We look forward to your engagement and to the positive impact this initiative will have on our vibrant business community.

Kind regards,

Patricia Slawinska
Chief Executive
AustCham Hong Kong

CURRENT AFFAIRS & TRADE INSIGHTS

- Donald Trump will be the next US President. He will be formally sworn in on Monday 20 January 2025. Speculation remains high about the global impact. Trump has threatened tariffs of 60% on Chinese goods and 20% for the rest of the world. Financial Secretary Paul Chan has said that Hong Kong would need to be fully prepared for the “profound impacts” on the global economy. National Australia Bank chief Andrew Irvine has said he is worried that a trade war will erupt between the United States and China. Meanwhile, Australian Treasurer Jim Chalmers will tell the Australian Institute for International Affairs’ gala dinner on Monday night, “Treasury’s analysis demonstrated that we should expect a small reduction in our output and additional price pressures, particularly in the short term,” ([Source](#))
- In Hong Kong the HKMA has lowered its base interest rate to 5% following a cut from the US Federal Reserve – and Morgan Stanley are predicting that residential property prices will rebound next year ([Source](#))
- Hong Kong’s Third runway has now been completed and is due to formally start operating on 28 November – this is expected to increase the airport’s capacity by 50% to accommodate 120

million passengers and 10 million tonnes of cargo annually.

- This week is the 29th Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP29) – the UN’s annual climate change summit in Baku, Azerbaijan. Hong Kong’s Secretary for Environment and Ecology will link up with the Chinese delegation. The conference is expected to focus on the funds needed to reach the Paris Agreement targets. Australia’s delegation will be led by Climate Change Minister Chris Bowen and there is a likely announcement that Australia will host COP31 in 2026.

QUICK EVENT OVERVIEW

AUSTCHAM EVENTS

- MON 25 NOV | IN-PERSON | [The Forest Maker Documentary Screening with AmCham](#)
- TUE 26 NOV | IN-PERSON | [Women in Business Spotlight event: Sue Kench, Global Chief Executive, King & Wood Mallesons](#)
- FRI 29 NOV | IN-PERSON | [Coffee & Connect](#)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: (Members Only)

- TUE 12 NOV | HYBRID | [Finance, Legal & Tax Committee](#) - HKEX on IPOs and Peter Hutchins of property advisory firm Charter Keck Cramer
- TUE 12 NOV | IN-PERSON | [AustCham People Forum Committee](#) - a networking drinks meet-up at Orchard
- THU 14 NOV | IN-PERSON | [Food, Beverage & Hospitality Committee](#) - meet Alchemy Coffee founder Peter Law
- MON 18 NOV | IN-PERSON | [AustCham Young Professionals Committee](#) - co-organised with CA ANZ’s YCA subcommittee, a networking drinks meet-up at The Daily Tot
- THU 28 NOV | IN-PERSON | [Innovation & Technology Committee](#) - meet and network over lunch at Basehall
- THU 12 DEC | IN-PERSON | [Construction, Property, Infrastructure Committee](#) - annual social Christmas breakfast at Mr Wolf

COMING UP THIS MONTH



 

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DOCUMENTARY SCREENING

November 25, 6-8pm
AmCham Hub
22/F, Hong Kong Diamond Exchange
Building, 8-10 Duddell St, Central

Join AustCham and AmCham's Sustainability Committees for an evening of drinks, networking and a screening of Volker Schlöndorff's **The Forest Maker** Documentary featuring world-renowned Australian agronomist Tony Rinaudo.

The screening will last 40 minutes, followed by a Q&A with Tony Rinaudo and World Vision Hong Kong CEO Amy Fung moderated by David Mundy, Global Head of Sustainability Technology and Transformation, Fidelity International.

Refreshments will be provided and delicious gourmet popcorn sponsored by **Feste Group** will be available to eat while watching! This event is open to both members and non-members.

[Register Here](#)



Women in Business
Spotlight
Sue Kench, Global Chief Executive
King & Wood Mallesons

Tuesday 26 November, 5-7PM
King & Wood Mallesons, 13/F Gloucester Tower,
The Landmark, 15 Queen's Road Central

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Join AustCham's Women in Business Network for an evening 'in conversation with Sue Kench', Global Chief Executive for Asia's leading international law firm King & Wood Mallesons.

Hear from Sue reflect on her career as well as the significant contribution she has made to Sino-Australian business and legal ties over a fireside chat with AustCham Chair Josephine Orgill followed by networking drinks.

This event is open to members and guests.

[Register Here](#)



COFFEE & connect

**NOVEMBER 29TH 2024
9-10 AM
MACQUARIE, LEVEL 22 & 23
ONE INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CENTRE**

Welcome to The Australian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong!

AustCham is holding a 'Coffee & Connect' event on Friday 29 November at 9:00am, hosted by our new Chief Executive, Patricia Slawinska.

This is an informal event that we hold three times a year for new and prospective AustCham members. Come along to learn more about the Chamber and network with other AustCham members, representatives from the AustCham Board of Directors, AustCham Committee Chairs, and AustCham staff.

In the spirit of the event, we'll also be inviting a few new members to give a short introduction to themselves and their company's products and services.

[Register Here](#)

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