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Dear Members and Friends,

AustCham Hong Kong, in collaboration with our Sports & Entertainment Committee, was delighted to welcome the Hon. Rosanna Law, Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism, for an exclusive members' briefing yesterday.

The session offered fascinating insights into Hong Kong's next chapter as a world-class hub for culture, sports, and tourism. Secretary Law shared encouraging data, visitor numbers climbed by 12% last year to reach 15 million, including 470,000 Australians. With the Kai Tak Stadium alone hosting over 50 events in 11 months, and a vibrant calendar ahead featuring the Rugby Sevens, the World Snooker Grand Prix, and the World Fencing Championship, the momentum is unmistakable.

The discussion also explored how the Greater Bay Area's growing integration with 86 million people within easy reach is reshaping opportunities for business, tourism, and cross-border collaboration. Sport, entertainment, and tourism are deeply intertwined in Australia, acting as a major economic driver and a core cultural pillar that defines the nation's identity. As we celebrate sport being part of the Australian DNA, it's inspiring to see 53 Australian athletes heading to Italy for the 2026 Winter Olympics, an impressive team featuring 33 women and 20 men.

With the nets now down after another thrilling Australian Open, attention turns to the 2027 Rugby World Cup, which Australia will proudly host and where Hong Kong will make its World Cup debut. Looking further ahead to 2032, the Olympic spirit will once again return to Australian shores, as Brisbane follows in the footsteps of Melbourne and Sydney to host the Summer Games, this time as a regionally led celebration. Members appreciated the open dialogue and the chance to connect directly with a key policymaker shaping Hong Kong's cultural and economic landscape.

A huge thank you to our board director, Scott Harmer, and the entire team at **Macquarie Group** for their generous support in hosting this important conversation.

Want to help shape the agenda of AustCham's Sports & Entertainment Committee? Join us now and reach out to our office. Your ideas and expertise can help guide how we connect business, culture, and sport across our community.

Moments like these are just one of the many benefits of being part of AustCham Hong Kong, where business meets influence, and ideas lead to action. Missed this one? Make sure you're part of the next. Join or renew your membership today and stay connected to the people and insights that matter.

We're looking forward to seeing many of you this Friday at our *G'Day HK Outback Sizzle*, the perfect way to kick off February with great company and classic Aussie hospitality.

Warm regards,

Patricia Slawinska  
Chief Executive  
AustCham Hong Kong

## CURRENT AFFAIRS & TRADE INSIGHTS

- Hong Kong Chief Executive John Lee has announced he will lead a new taskforce to draft the city's first five-year development plan aligned with China's 15th five-year plan, signalling a stronger government role in shaping Hong Kong's medium-term direction. ([Source](#))
- Australian farming and export groups are urging the Albanese government to handle the Darwin Port dispute with China carefully, warning that a misstep could trigger new Chinese trade retaliation and hurt regional communities already hit by past tariffs. ([Source](#))
- The Albanese government has reaffirmed support for fuel excise credits for mining companies, with Resources Minister Madeleine King rejecting calls from Labor's environment wing and the Greens to scrap the scheme ahead of the federal budget. ([Source](#))
- Hong Kong-based private asset manager C Capital has acquired a 507-hectare strategic landholding in Beveridge, Victoria, within the planned Northern Freight Precinct, its first large-scale infrastructure-focused project in Australia, with Lendlease as Master Development Partner and an estimated end value of around A\$4.5 billion across logistics, industrial and data-centre assets. ([Source](#))

## EVENTS CALENDAR - SIGNATURE EVENTS

# Events *Calendar*

2026

Friday  
February

**06.02**

G'DAY HK - Outback Sizzle  
**[SOLD OUT]**

Thursday  
February

**26.02**

Coffee & Connect

Tuesday  
March

**03.03**

International Women's Day  
Multi-generational Workplaces

Tuesday  
April

**14.04**

**[Save The Date]** Rugby 7s Cocktail

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## EVENTS CALENDAR - COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS (*FREE and open for all AustCham Members*)

-  5 Feb: Construction, Property & Infrastructure Committee Meeting. Register [here](#)
-  10 Feb: Webinar on IP Valuation. Register [here](#)
-  11 Feb: Women in Business Network - 2026 Kick-off Socials. Register [here](#)
-  12 Feb: Food, Beverage & Hospitality - 2026 Kick-off Socials. Register [here](#)
-  25 Feb: Talent Committee Meeting with HKTE Register [here](#)
-  27 Feb: Sustainability Committee Meeting [here](#)

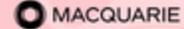
## EVENTS OVERVIEW:



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# INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

## MULTI-GENERATIONAL WORKPLACES

HOSTED BY AUSTCHAM'S WOMEN IN BUSINESS NETWORK & TALENT COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 3 MARCH 2026

6:30PM - 8:30PM

MACQUARIE OFFICES - LEVEL 22, ONE IFC, CENTRAL

MEMBERS: HK\$350 | NON-MEMBERS: HK\$450

YOUNG EXECUTIVE: HK\$300

\*MEMBERS CAN BRING A GUEST AT MEMBER PRICE



PREMIUM  
PASS EVENT

AustCham Hong Kong, Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CAANZ), and the New Zealand Chamber of Commerce Hong Kong invite you to join us for a special evening in celebration of International Women's Day. This year, we'll come together under the theme "Multi-Generational Workplaces" to honour and connect women from across Hong Kong and the AustCham community.

The evening will feature an inspiring fireside chat with female leaders and male allies, sharing their views from across the generations, on gender equality in the workforce, followed by networking drinks. This event offers a meaningful opportunity to connect with fellow women and male allies, share experiences, hear from thought-provoking speakers, and learn more about AustCham's Women in Business Network (WiBN), Talent Committee, and our diversity and inclusion initiatives for 2026.

We warmly welcome male allies, colleagues, friends, and partners to join the celebration. AustCham members may bring a guest at the member rate, while Young Executive members can enjoy a special discounted price.

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# WEBINAR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY VALUATION

Valuing and Amplifying  
IP Assets

Speaker: Tim Heberden, Managing Principal | QANTM Valuations

Tuesday, 3 Feb 2026  
via Zoom



COMMITTEE EVENT

Globally, intangible assets contribute about USD80 trillion to the market value of listed companies. Although the bulk of this value does not appear on balance sheets, IP assets play an increasing role in:

- Funding: For growth-companies, success in raising equity is enhanced by quantifying IP value. Reliable valuations are essential for debt funding.
- Transactions: Scenario valuations of IP assets can be pivotal to the success of M&A, joint ventures and licenses.
- Tax & disputes: Clarity of IP economics helps structure effective and defensible multinational IP arrangements.

For each of these applications, the webinar will provide an example of how IP value can be amplified. A broad overview of valuation approaches will also be provided.

This event is supported by the Innovation and Technology Committee, as well as the Finance, Legal, and Tax Committee of AustCham HK.

Members: Free

Non-Members: \$100

[Register Here](#)



Venue partner: 

Join us on Thursday, 26 February for AustCham's first 'Coffee & Connect' event of 2026, hosted at the Knight Frank office.

This informal gathering is designed for new and prospective AustCham members to connect over coffee, learn more about the Chamber, and network with fellow attendees.

During the event, you will have the opportunity to meet representatives from the AustCham Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, and staff who will share insights about the Chamber's activities and upcoming events. We will also invite a few of our new members to briefly introduce themselves and their companies.

Tickets are complimentary for AustCham members and available for HKD 50 for non-members. We look forward to seeing you there!

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