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AUSTCHAM HK NEWSLETTER



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Dear Members and Friends,

Last Friday, our community came together for G'Day HK: Outback Sizzle, a truly special evening that brought the spirit of the Australian outback to the heart of Hong Kong. Against the iconic Hong Kong skyline at the Grand Hyatt, we shared great conversations, new connections and a genuine sense of togetherness that defines AustCham.

Guests enjoyed an extensive Australian-inspired buffet featuring more than 12 stations, from premium Aussie Tomahawk, lamb chops and barramundi to fresh seafood, vibrant salads and beloved classics like pavlova and lamingtons. The atmosphere on the terrace with the grills firing, glasses clinking, and laughter carrying into the night reminded us how powerful it is when the Australia–Hong Kong business community comes together in person.



It was a pleasure to see so many of our Platinum and Gold C-suite leaders alongside members and guests from across sectors, all using the evening to strengthen relationships, explore new ideas and identify opportunities for collaboration. This is exactly the kind of connectivity and energy that will drive the next chapter of Australia–Hong Kong trade and investment.

Our sincere thanks to our Gold sponsor, MTR Corporation Limited and our Wine Partner Northeast Wines & Spirits, for their generous support, and to the Grand Hyatt Hong Kong for being such an outstanding partner in delivering this flagship event. We also extend our appreciation to Australia's Consul-General to Hong Kong and Macau, Gareth Williams, our Chair, Jason Chang, and board directors from both AustCham Hong Kong and AustCham Macau for joining us and championing our shared mission.



A special thank you as well to our Secretariat team. Our recent teambuilding on the padel courts was more than just a fun afternoon; it strengthened the trust, agility and collaboration that sit at the core of how we serve you, our members.



As we leave the final traces of the Year of the Snake behind, we look ahead to the Year of the Fire Horse with optimism and ambition. May this new lunar year bring you bold ideas, renewed momentum and the confidence to pursue new horizons – in your businesses, your careers and your

personal lives. We look forward to walking alongside you as you seize these opportunities and continue to make a positive impact in Hong Kong and across the region.



Please note that the AustCham Hong Kong office will be closed from Monday, 16 February from 2:00 pm, and we will reopen on Monday, 23 February.
Happy Chinese New Year – Kung Hei Fat Choi!

Warm regards,

Patricia Slawinska
Chief Executive
AustCham Hong Kong

CURRENT AFFAIRS & TRADE INSIGHTS

- Hong Kong forms autonomous vehicles working group. The Government will set up an Autonomous Vehicle Applications Promotion Group to coordinate AV testing, projects and licensing under its smart transport agenda. ([Source](#))
- Coalition reunified in Canberra; Liberal leader Sussan Ley and Nationals leader David Littleproud have agreed to reform the Coalition, with Nationals' shadow ministers reinstated from 1 March and senior Nationals attending Shadow Cabinet and leadership meetings ([Source](#))
- Australia's iron ore exports to China flagged as vulnerable. A Commonwealth Bank report warns exports could be at risk if Canberra were to "weaponise" iron ore supply, underscoring geopolitical sensitivities around the trade. Source: Australian Financial Review ([Source](#))
- Hong Kong to extend family office tax breaks to precious metals. Financial Secretary Christopher Hui plans legislation this year to expand tax concessions for funds and family offices so that qualifying investments cover precious metals, strengthening Hong Kong's wealth-hub ambitions. ([Source](#))

UPCOMING SIGNATURE EVENTS

Events *Calendar*

2026

Thursday
February

26.02

Coffee & Connect

Tuesday
March

03.03

[Waitlist Only] International Women's Day
Multi-generational Workplaces

Tuesday
April

14.04

[Save The Date] Rugby 7s Cocktail

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS - FEB 2026

-  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](#)

EVENT SPOTLIGHT:



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Coffee & Connect

A gathering of the Australian-Hongkong business community

 26 Feb 2026 | 8:30am - 9:30am

 Knight Frank HQ
4/F, Shui On Centre, 6-8 Harbour
Road, Wan Chai

 Members: FREE
Non-members: \$50

Venue partner:  Knight
Frank

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!

[Register Here](#)

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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

For the first time ever, our International Women's Day event is sold out more than a month in advance! If you're still interested to join, please add your name to our waitlist - we'll do our best to accommodate you should any spots become available.

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.

Thank you to our event sponsors: CLP Holdings Ltd & Woolworths

Venue sponsor: Macquarie

Gift Bag sponsor: Comvita

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- ✓ FOOD, BEVERAGE & HOSPITALITY
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- ✓ SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT
- ✓ SUSTAINABILITY
- ✓ TALENT
- ✓ WOMEN IN BUSINESS

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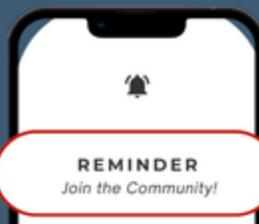
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