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Dear Members and Friends,

As I prepare to conclude my tenure as Chief Executive of AustCham Hong Kong, I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for an extraordinary journey over the past two years. It has been an honour to serve this remarkable community, to make lasting friendships, and to help accelerate our Chamber to new heights.

Together, we have achieved tremendous progress, growing our membership base by 11.2% over the past year and continuing that strong momentum today. We have expanded our business initiatives, strengthened engagement across our committees, and hosted an array of events that truly reflect the dynamism and resilience of our community.

I would like to extend my deepest appreciation to our Chair, Jason Chang, for his outstanding leadership, to our dedicated Board Directors for their unwavering commitment, and to our Committee Chairs whose energy and expertise form the backbone of this Chamber. Most and foremost, my heartfelt thanks go to our Secretariat team, who work tirelessly behind the scenes to deliver the very best service and experience to our Members and Friends. Their professionalism and dedication are at the heart of everything we do.

As we move into this exciting new chapter, I am delighted to work closely with Mary Simpson, our incoming Chief Executive, to ensure a seamless transition and continued business continuity. I have the utmost confidence in Mary's leadership and in her vision to take AustCham to the next level, in full alignment with our strategic goals.

I will remain a friend of the Chamber and a proud member of this community. My journey with AustCham has grown far beyond the professional, it has been deeply personal. For that, I am profoundly grateful.

As we welcome the Year of the Fire Horse, I wish you all good health, happiness, and prosperity. May this year bring renewed energy and continued success for our Chamber and community.

Warm regards,

Patricia Slawinska
Chief Executive
AustCham Hong Kong

CURRENT AFFAIRS & TRADE INSIGHTS

- **Hong Kong Budget 2026–27:** The Budget will be delivered this Wednesday, 25 February. Financial Secretary Paul Chan Mo-po has signalled a prudent approach in light of external economic uncertainties and Hong Kong's ongoing economic transformation. ([Source](#))
- **ACBC report – Australia's China Gap:** The Australia-China Business Council has released a new report, Australia's China Gap: A National Benchmark of Australian Business China Capability, providing data-driven insights into Australia's strengths and capability gaps in doing business with China. ([Source](#))
- **MTR green bond milestone:** Hong Kong's MTR Corporation has priced A\$2 billion in inaugural Australian dollar senior unsecured green bonds, the largest-ever AUD corporate green bond and dual-tranche corporate bond issuance, with proceeds earmarked for eligible projects under its Sustainable Financing Framework to support low-carbon transport and infrastructure. ([Source](#))

EVENTS CALENDAR

Events *Calendar*

2026

Thursday
February

26.02

[Waitlist Only] Coffee & Connect

Tuesday
March

03.03

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

Wednesday
March

11.03

**[Save The Date] Joint Chamber Networking
Drinks (w/ guest AmCham Australia CEO)**

Tuesday
April

14.04

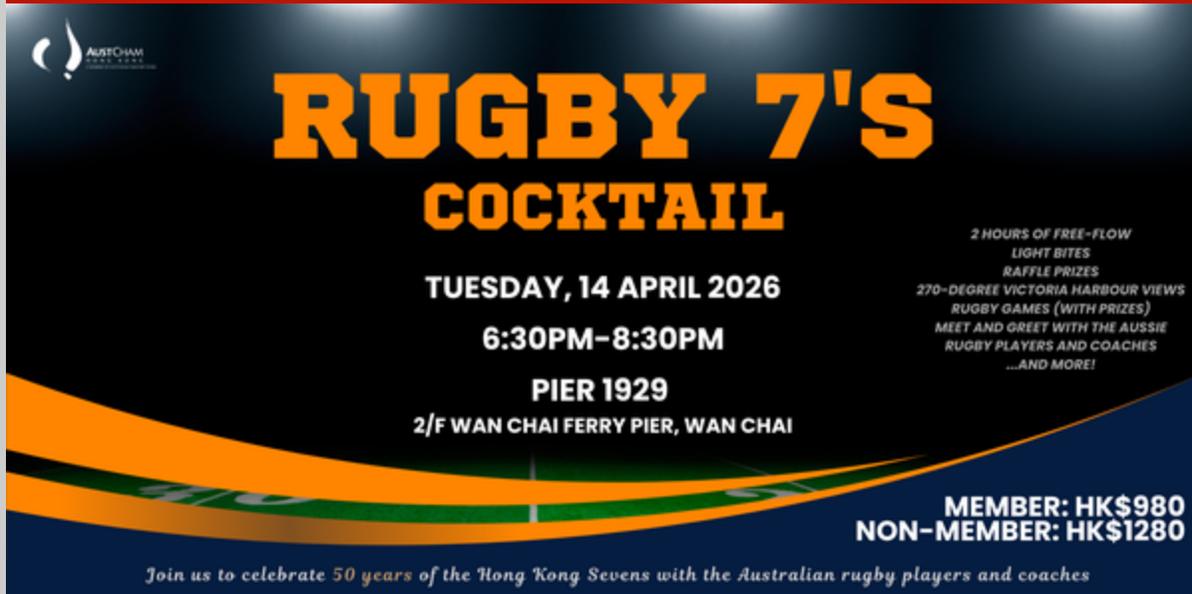
[Save The Date] Rugby 7s Cocktail

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

-  25 Feb: Talent Committee Meeting with HKTE Register [here](#)
-  27 Feb: Sustainability Committee Meeting. Register [here](#)
-  05 March: Innovation & Tech Committee Meeting: Applied AI Panel + Google Tour.
Register [here](#)
-  10 March: Finance, Legal & Tax Committee Meeting: Economic Outlook. Register [here](#)

EVENTS OVERVIEW:



The poster features the AustCham logo in the top left corner. The main title 'RUGBY 7'S COCKTAIL' is written in large, bold, orange letters. Below the title, the date 'TUESDAY, 14 APRIL 2026' and time '6:30PM-8:30PM' are displayed in white. The location 'PIER 1929' and '2/F WAN CHAI FERRY PIER, WAN CHAI' are listed below. On the right side, a list of activities includes: '2 HOURS OF FREE-FLOW LIGHT BITES', 'RAFFLE PRIZES', '270-DEGREE VICTORIA HARBOUR VIEWS', 'RUGBY GAMES (WITH PRIZES)', 'MEET AND GREET WITH THE AUSSIE RUGBY PLAYERS AND COACHES', and '...AND MORE!'. At the bottom right, the pricing is shown: 'MEMBER: HK\$980' and 'NON-MEMBER: HK\$1280'. At the bottom, a tagline reads: 'Join us to celebrate 50 years of the Hong Kong Sevens with the Australian rugby players and coaches'.

Join us on Tuesday, 14 April 2026, from 6-8 PM at Pier 1929, Wan Chai, for an unforgettable evening as we celebrate 50 years of the Hong Kong Sevens in true Aussie style!

Mix and mingle with Australian rugby players and coaches against a stunning 270-degree backdrop of Victoria Harbour. Enjoy two hours of free-flow drinks and light bites as you soak in the atmosphere.

This year's cocktail takes the fun up a notch with rugby-themed games and prizes, exciting raffle draws, and exclusive meet-and-greet moments with our Aussie rugby stars. It's the ultimate prelude to the Sevens weekend – filled with great company, vibrant energy, and the true spirit of the game.

Don't miss your spot at AustCham's biggest rugby celebration yet - book now!

[Register Here!](#)

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JOINT CHAMBER NETWORKING DRINKS

with April Palmerlee, CEO of AmCham Australia

11 March 2026
6:00pm-8:00pm

Members: HKD280
Non-Members: HKD380

AmCham HK Community Hub
The American Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong
22/F Hong Kong Diamond Exchange Building, 8-10 Duddell Street

Join members and friends from AustCham & AmCham for an evening of networking, connection, and community as we welcome **April Palmerlee - Chief Executive Officer of AmCham Australia**, to Hong Kong.

This InterCham Networking Drinks will bring together professionals from across Hong Kong's vibrant business community for an evening of engaging conversation, new connections, and shared insights in a relaxed setting. Enjoy some wine, light bites, and a chance to strengthen ties between the AmCham and AustCham communities.

We hope to see you there!

[Register Here!](#)

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