



FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

International Women's Day was marked globally on Sunday, 8 March, and it was a privilege to celebrate IWD 2026 with many of you at our sold-out AustCham event last week, on just my second day as CEO. Our theme, "Multi Generational Workplaces," sparked a thoughtful conversation about how we "Give to Gain." When we invest in mentoring, allyship and opportunity, we strengthen not only individuals, but our entire business community.

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ADVOCACY | 2026-2027 HK BUDGET OVERVIEW & OPPORTUNITIES

Hong Kong's 2026–27 Budget presents clear opportunities for Australian business - from deeper capital-market access and new trading and financing pathways for resources to a sustained infrastructure pipeline and growth across services, technology, sports and events. AustCham's 2026 advocacy efforts will focus on realising these opportunities.

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NEWS | CURRENT AFFAIRS & TRADE INSIGHTS

Australia's Reserve Bank Governor, Michele Bullock spoke at the AFR Business Summit in Sydney last week on the forces shaping the Australian economy, how they are shifting and how the Monetary Policy Board is responding. ([Read more](#))

Australia's goods trade surplus narrowed in January as exports, mainly to China, fell and imports rose. Gold trade stayed volatile. Middle East conflict is likely to push oil import costs higher but may also provide opportunities for Australian exporters. ([Read more](#))

China's consumer inflation at three-year high – consumer prices rose 1.3 per cent in February due to lunar new year timing and demand. While China's CPI has increased 0.8 per cent since the beginning of 2026, long-term deflation risks persist. ([Read more](#))

COMMUNITY | MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

We are pleased to congratulate AustCham Gold Member MA Financial Group (ASX: MAF) on its newly announced partnership with CMBI International to jointly manage the MA CMBI APAC Credit Opportunities Fund, targeting USD600 million.

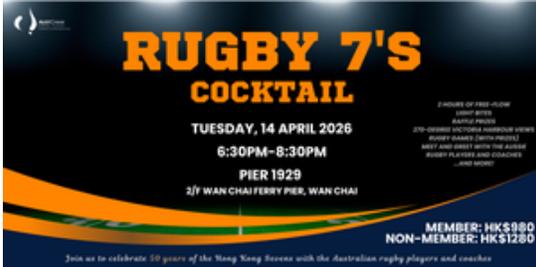
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EVENT SPOTLIGHT



The Annual General Meeting (“AGM”) will be held both online and in-person (Macquarie Offices) from 6:00 p.m. on Thursday 27 March 2026.

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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.

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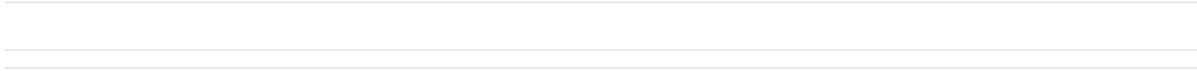


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