



### FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

AustCham's activity this week underlines our purpose: convening government, business and industry so Australia and Hong Kong can work together more effectively as ties deepen and opportunities multiply.

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### NEWS | CURRENT AFFAIRS & TRADE INSIGHTS

#### China and Australia Vow More Contact Amid Global Tension

Premier Li Qiang and Prime Minister Anthony Albanese held a phone call on 8 April to discuss energy security amid the US-Israel war against Iran. Li pledged to expand bilateral trade, accelerate the review of the China-Australia Free Trade Agreement, and import more high-quality Australian products. ([Read more](#))

#### Asia Economic Growth to Slow Even If Oil Stabilises, ADB Warns

The Asian Development Bank has warned that developing Asia's economic growth will slow to 5.1% in 2026 and 2027, down from 5.4% last year. The ADB's April 2026 outlook identifies the prolonged Middle East conflict as the single biggest risk to the region, potentially leading to persistently high energy and food prices, with regional inflation expected to rise to 3.6% this year. ([Read more](#))

#### Australia and Singapore Sign Emergency Fuel Security Pact

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese visited Singapore for emergency talks with Prime Minister Lawrence Wong, culminating in a joint statement on 10 April regarding economic resilience and essential supplies. ([Read more](#))

### COMMUNITY | MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

[Woolworths Group International](#) recently celebrated their "20th Wooliversary", honouring their Hong Kong origins to a global presence across seven countries. We congratulate our Bronze member on their 20 years of excellence, with their General Manager, People - International, [Kaine Williams](#), also co-chair of AustCham HK Talent Committee, leading a dedicated and diverse team.

### EVENTS SPOTLIGHT

[AUSTCHAM 38TH GALA DINNER - SOUTHERN SKIES SOIREE](#)



This year, AustCham Hong Kong transforms its traditional annual dinner into something truly unforgettable. A highlight of the AustCham calendar, the 38th Gala Dinner will bring together approximately **200 business and community leaders from more than 30 industries** across the Australia–Hong Kong corridor for an elegant evening (*black tie or cocktail attire*), celebrating the very best of Australia.

Inspired by the Southern Cross that has long guided those in the southern hemisphere, the Southern Skies Soirée embodies distinction and the enduring spirit of Australia within Hong Kong's international business landscape.

The evening will commence with curated welcome **cocktails & mocktails**, followed by a **premium dining experience** featuring a bespoke menu crafted by the Island Shangri-La culinary team, showcasing exceptional Australian produce. **Fine Australian wines, live entertainment**, and a **silent auction** and **raffle draw** will complete what promises to be a memorable and highly engaging occasion.

More than a dinner, this is a gathering of business leaders, innovators, creatives, and change-makers who shape the dynamic Australia–Hong Kong connection. It's a night to celebrate shared achievements, forge new relationships, and toast to a bright future under southern skies.

**TICKETS NOW ON SALE**

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### Mix at Six: An evening of Networking & Artisanal Wine Tasting

Join us on Tuesday, **5 May** for an unforgettable evening of discovery and indulgence as we explore the world of **Artisanal Wines & Producers of Australia** in collaboration with **Oz Terroirs** and hosted by AustCham's Food, Beverage & Hospitality committee.

Experience **12 unique tastings** featuring red, white, and sparkling wines handpicked from over six exceptional Australian wineries, with celebrated winemaker Ray Nadeson from Lethbridge Wines as special guest.

Limited tickets, get yours today [here](#).

## Coffee & Connect



Join us on Thursday, **30 April** for our next **Coffee & Connect** session, designed for new and prospective AustCham members.

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.

Thank you to our **exclusive sponsor: EY** & our coffee in collaboration with **FINEPRINT**.

Register [here](#).

Click [HERE](#) for all Upcoming Events.

## SUPPORTED EVENT

**Resourcing Tomorrow Hong Kong** will be taking place on **16 – 17 April 2026** at the **Four Seasons Hotel**.

We are privileged to feature **Jason Chang**, Chairman of AustCham HK and CEO of **EMR Capital**, among the distinguished speakers from a powerhouse lineup of experts delivering strategic perspectives on market evolution, investment dynamics and APAC resource opportunities.

**RESOURCING TOMORROW**  9:50am, 16 April 2026  
Four Seasons Hotel Hong Kong

Keynote Panel:  
**Urgently Unlocking Mining Finance and Investment in the Resources Sector: What Do Global and Asian Investors Look for?**



**Calvin Ho**  
Partner, Mainland China  
Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer



**Jason Chang**  
Co-Founder, CEO and Managing Director  
EMR Capital  
Chair  
Australian Chamber of  
Commerce Hong Kong



**Warwick Grigor**  
Chairman  
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**Mark Frayman**  
Managing Partner  
Orion Industrial Ventures



**Gerard Farley**  
Founder & Principal  
Empire Securities

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Tickets are still on sale. Register [here](#).

# 1st Hong Kong 5's International Wheelchair Rugby



**At Kai Tak Sports Arena**  
Tuesday, 13 April  
Wednesday, 14 April  
**Free Admission**

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You are invited to the **1st Hong Kong 5's International Wheelchair Rugby**.

Experience the excitement of world-class wheelchair rugby as teams take the court at Kai Tak Sports Arena on 13 April and 14 April.

An Aussie team will be competing in Hong Kong's International Wheelchair Rugby Tournament.

**Admission is free**, so sign up today. For more information, contact [Rodney@bsfasia.org](mailto:Rodney@bsfasia.org) or visit [www.asiawheelchairrugby.org](http://www.asiawheelchairrugby.org).

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