



FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Last week's Annual General Meeting was an important milestone for AustCham. I am pleased to confirm that all resolutions were passed, reflecting the strong support and engagement of our membership. We were delighted to welcome [Shirman Crowther](#) to the Board and look forward to her contribution in the years ahead.

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NEWS | CURRENT AFFAIRS & TRADE INSIGHTS

Energy Markets Surge

Escalating conflict in the Middle East has pushed Brent crude above US\$100 per barrel, triggering a 400-million-barrel emergency release. Higher energy prices and shipping risk premiums are increasing volatility across Asia-linked trade flows, with implications for Hong Kong's logistics and financial sectors and Australia's inflation and LNG outlook. [Read more](#)

Hong Kong Markets Stable Despite External Shocks

Financial Secretary Paul Chan said Hong Kong's financial markets remain orderly and liquidity stable despite oil price pressures and geopolitical uncertainty, with energy supply supported by the mainland. [Read more](#)

EU–Australia Free Trade Agreement Finalised

On 24 March 2026, the European Union and Australia agreed on the final text of a long-negotiated Free Trade Agreement and announced a new defence partnership. The deal removes tariffs on key Australian exports including wine, seafood and horticulture, establishes new red meat quotas, and strengthens cooperation in critical minerals — reinforcing trade diversification amid global tariff uncertainty. [Read more](#)

Art Basel Hong Kong Returns at Full Scale

Art Basel Hong Kong (27–29 March) featured 240 galleries from 41 countries, signalling strong international participation and renewed momentum in tourism, luxury retail and private wealth activity. [Read more](#)

COMMUNITY | MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

We are pleased to welcome **Beacon Events** as our new Platinum Patron. Beacon is renowned for delivering world-class mining and resources events, having set the standard of excellence in this sector for well over two decades. [Read more](#)

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.

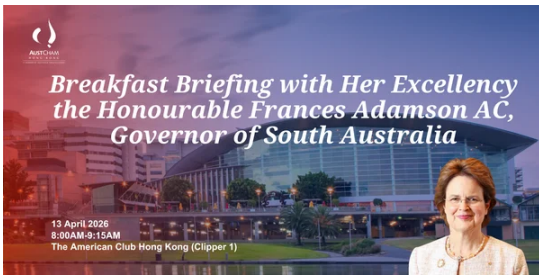
More than a dinner, this is a gathering of business leaders, innovators, creatives, and change-makers who shape the dynamic Australia–Hong Kong connection. It's a night to celebrate shared achievements, forge new relationships, and toast to a bright future under southern skies.

[TICKETS NOW ON SALE](#)

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Breakfast Briefing with Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia

Join us on 13 April 2026 for an exclusive Breakfast Briefing with Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia.



The Government of South Australia is committed to building fruitful international partnerships for the long-term, and considers Hong Kong to be a priority partner. Her Excellency will deliver an overview of South Australia's strategic priorities and explore opportunities for collaboration in Hong Kong across key sectors including energy, resources, agribusiness, education, the arts, and advanced industries.

Seats are limited. Register [here](#)

Rugby 7s Cocktail



Raffle Tickets on sale with amazing prizes to be won!

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.

Don't miss your chance to win some incredible raffle prizes on the night - see the full list [here](#).

**All AustCham members are eligible to purchase raffle tickets, regardless of event attendance.*

Purchase your tickets to the event [here](#).

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

NEW MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENT



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Beacons Mining Portfolio sets the global benchmark, showcasing unparalleled expertise and a legacy of industry leadership spanning over two decades. Their flagship events—including the International Mining and Resources Conference + Expo (IMARC), Resourcing Tomorrow, and the acclaimed Mines and Money series - serve as critical platforms that shape mining's global agenda, facilitate strategic connections, and drive significant investment and growth opportunities.

Backed by deep industry relationships and trusted by leading stakeholders worldwide, their mining events consistently deliver transformative experiences that empower businesses, influence markets, and drive innovation throughout the global mining and resources community.

Get in touch with them [here](#).

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



MTR-led Consortium Wins Major Sydney Metro West Contract for Train Supply, Operation and Maintenance

Building on its successful delivery of the Sydney Metro M1 Line, MTR has been awarded a major contract as part of a consortium for the Sydney Metro West project. The new 24-kilometre underground metro will connect Sydney's CBD with Parramatta and feature nine stations, with services expected to commence in 2032. Partnering with a subsidiary of CRRC Corporation Limited, the consortium will deliver driverless metro trains, advanced signaling and control systems, and undertake system integration, testing, commissioning, as well as ongoing operations and maintenance—supporting the delivery of a safe, reliable, and world-class transport service for Sydney.

To learn more MTR operations in Australia, click [here](#).

SUPPORTED EVENT

RESOURCING TOMORROW 
Investing in Metals and Minerals. Securing the Future
16 & 17 April 2026 | Hong Kong

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Beacon Events is pleased to announce that the [Australian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong](#) has joined as a Supporting Association for [Resourcing Tomorrow Hong Kong](#), taking place on 16 – 17 April 2026 at the Four Seasons Hotel.

Resourcing Tomorrow Hong Kong will provide a commercially focused platform designed to turn strategic dialogue into tangible outcomes. The event will convene senior-level speakers, global mining

companies, investors, governments and leading technical experts.

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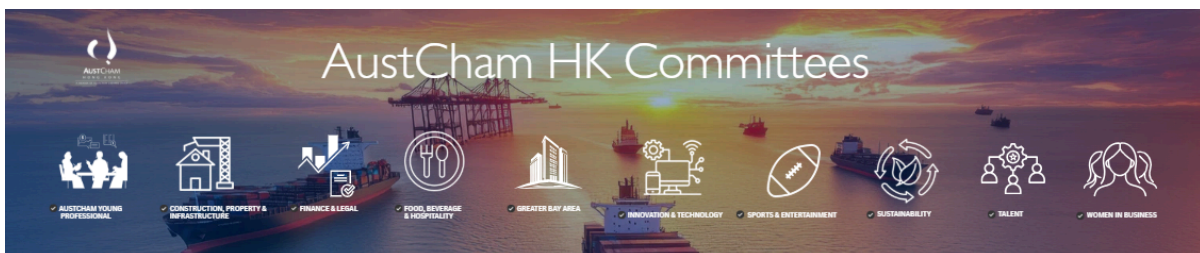
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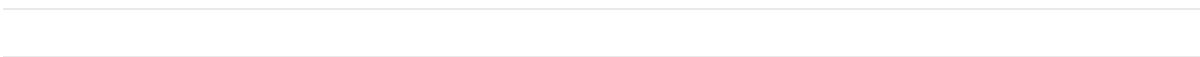


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