



Dear Members and Friends,

AustCham has recently met with a wide-range of government representatives from China's Central Government, Hong Kong Government, Australian Federal and State Governments. This engagement is aimed at ensuring that governments understand the importance of Hong Kong for international business, the importance of the Hong Kong-Australia business, trade and investment relationship, and our members' interests and concerns. Where those meetings are part of a broader event, they also provide a platform for members to better connect with government programs and understand government support available for business.

We look forward to continuing this representation into March with a **Private Briefing with Australia's Ambassador to China**, Scott Dewar, upon the occasion of his first visit as Ambassador to Hong Kong. With recent developments on the Australia-China relationship, including an invitation to the Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi to visit Australia, the Briefing provides a timely opportunity to hear directly from Australia's most senior representative. All members are invited to join the Briefing and can register [here](#).

Our work on Australian tax advocacy continues with a submission to the Hong Kong Government supporting Australia as a potential Comprehensive Double Tax Agreement partner with Hong Kong. A copy of our submission can be found online [here](#).

AustCham is also continuing its industry-led advocacy work through our Construction, Property and Infrastructure Committee with the release of the findings from our Decarbonising Hong Kong's Built Environment Conference. On 27 March we will launch the **Net Zero Playbook**, developed in collaboration with Knowledge Partner Savills and consolidating insights from more than a dozen leading international, regional and local experts. The Playbook provides a strong direction for Hong Kong's net zero future. With the support of our launch sponsor Turner & Townsend we look forward to an evening of great networking, drinks and canapés. We hope to see you there at this milestone celebration, open to all members and friends of the Chamber. Register [here](#) to join.

Finally, our Early Bird offer for our exclusive **Rugby Sevens Cocktail** on 2 April continues for one more week. Secure your tickets to meet the Australian Sevens teams, join the fun to bid on

Australian team and Hong Kong Rugby Sevens memorabilia, and the opportunity to win Lucky Draw prizes, including the **Grand Prize from Cathay Pacific of two full-tournament passes to the 2024 Cathay/HSBC Hong Kong Sevens!** Members can bring up to three guests at Member Price. Get your tickets [here](#).

Stefanie Evennett
Chief Executive
AustCham Hong Kong

NEW MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES WITH AUSTCHAM

AustCham has introduced two new membership categories to further expand your network and support Australia-Hong Kong business, trade and investment.

SME / Start-Up Membership

Developed especially with smaller companies in mind, this membership provides you with access to AustCham Corporate Member benefits as well as the opportunity for two representatives to join the Chamber.

Associate Membership

If you are living off-shore from Hong Kong, want to access industry insights through Committees and online programs, join our events in-person at member-pricing, and support the work of the Chamber – this is the category for you.

AustCham Hong Kong represents the largest Australian business community in Asia and is one of the most active international Chambers of Commerce in Hong Kong. Membership of AustCham Hong Kong offers benefits including:

- Advocacy
- Social and Business Networking
- Sponsorship Opportunities
- Speaking Opportunities
- Professional Learning
- Committee Membership
- Business Referral Service

- Branding, Marketing and Advertising
- Exclusive Member Offers
- Endorsement Letter for APEC Card

Find out more about the benefits of belonging to AustCham [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUSTCHAM EVENTS:

- TUE 26 MAR | IN-PERSON | [Private Briefing with Australia's Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, Scott Dewar](#)
- WED 27 MAR | IN-PERSON | [Decarbonising Hong Kong's Built Environment: Net Zero Playbook Launch](#)
- TUE 2 APR | IN-PERSON | [Rugby 7s Cocktail](#)

SAVE THE DATE:

- FRI 7 JUN | IN-PERSON | [AustCham Community Awards](#)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: [\(Members Only\)](#)

- TUES 19 MAR | HYBRID | [Finance, Legal & Tax Committee Meeting: Offshore Law and it's Relevance to Hong Kong and Greater China](#)
 - FRI 22 MAR | HYBRID | [AustCham People Forum Committee Meeting](#)
 - WED 10 APRIL | IN-PERSON | [ESG Night: A Cross-Chamber Mixer with a Quiz Game Evening](#)
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**PRIVATE BRIEFING WITH AUSTRALIA'S AMBASSADOR TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA,
SCOTT DEWAR**

**TUE 26 MAR | IN-PERSON | 8:00AM - 9:30AM
HONG KONG CLUB, CENTRAL**

AustCham Hong Kong invites Members to join us for an exclusive Private Briefing with Australia's Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, His Excellency Mr Scott Devar.

Mr Devar's appointment as Ambassador was announced in September 2023. Mr Devar is a senior career officer with the Australian Public Service and was most recently Deputy Secretary, International and Security Group, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. He has previously served overseas as Consul-General in Honolulu and had postings in China and the Republic of Korea.

Ambassador Devar will provide members with a briefing and participate in Q&A. The event includes breakfast, tea/coffee and networking with the AustCham community.

This is a strictly **Members Only** event and conducted under Chatham House Rules.

[Register Here](#)



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DECARBONISING HONG KONG: NET ZERO PLAYBOOK LAUNCH

WED 27 MAR | IN PERSON | 6:00PM - 8:00PM
CHINA CLUB, CENTRAL

In November 2023 AustCham initiated presentations and discussions with industry, in partnership with the Hong Kong Green Building Council and the Business Environment Council, to share the **opportunities, challenges and priorities for decarbonising Hong Kong's built environment, and develop a Decarbonisation Roadmap.**

Developed in collaboration with event Knowledge Partner Savills, the Net Zero Playbook **summarizes the outcomes** of the Decarbonising Hong Kong event and seeks to answer:

- Where do we go from here?
- How can we unlock the potential of Hong Kong's built environment?
- What are the meaningful next steps?

The Playbook includes recommendations for government, industry and built environment investors to accelerate Hong Kong's decarbonisation and net zero ambitions.

The Playbook Launch event will include remarks from the Co-Chairs of the Construction, Property and Infrastructure Committee on the key findings, as well as the opportunity for high-quality networking featuring canapes and drinks.

The Net Zero Playbook Launch is sponsored by Turner and Townsend. This event is open to Media.

Places are limited - RSVP now to secure your place at this milestone launch event!

[Register Here](#)



RUGBY 7S COCKTAIL 2024

TUE 2 APR | IN-PERSON | 6:00PM - 8:00PM

OFFICIAL RESIDENCE OF THE AUSTRALIAN CONSUL GENERAL IN HONG KONG

With the last of the Sevens tournament to be played at the Hong Kong Stadium, we are thrilled to invite you to join us for an exclusive event on Tuesday 2 April, 2024 with members of the Australian Men's and Women's teams and coaches, at the Official Residence of the Australian Consul General in Hong Kong.

Early-bird tickets are on-sale until Friday 15 March!**Member Tickets: HK\$650 - early bird; HK\$800 - standard**

Members can bring up to 3 guests at member price.

Non-Member Tickets: HK\$800 - early bird; HK\$1000 - standard

This event will sell out - get your tickets now and join us as we kick off the Hong Kong Seven's festival.

There is always strong demand during the Sevens season and this event will be a standout for attracting AustCham members, Hong Kong Sevens fans and overseas visitors. The event will provide an opportunity to meet with and hear insights from the players and coaches, and experience quality networking in a relaxed, exclusive setting. At the event you can expect great food, and free-flow Australian beer and wines sponsored by **Auld Family Wines**.

We recognize the benefits sport can have for everyone in society and will be raising funds for the **Australian Rugby Foundation** through the auction of signed Australian team kit. Guests are asked to bring their generosity (and their wallets!) to support rugby in the Australian community.

We're delighted to offer guests the opportunity to win **Lucky Draw** prizes at the event, including Hong Kong Sevens memorabilia, wines from Auld Family Wines, and a **Grand Prize** of **2 x 3-Day Cathay Pacific Rugby 7s Weekend Tickets** Valued at \$1950 each *sponsored by Cathay Pacific*.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to be a part of this highly anticipated event!

You can showcase your company, entertain clients and experience AustCham's unique hospitality by joining us as a sponsor. Sponsorship packages include extensive pre- and post event brand exposure, in-event hospitality and recognition, and opportunities for player meet and greets.

Sponsorship Opportunities Include:

- Gold Sponsor (\$40,000) - limited to two companies
- Silver Sponsor (HK\$15,000)
- In-Kind Sponsors (Minimum value HK\$3,000)

For more information on sponsorship **opportunities and benefits** you can view the sponsorship proposal document below and contact **AustCham** to secure your company's involvement.

[Register Here](#)



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