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## WEEKLY UPDATE

Dear Members and Friends,

Last week we held a number of excellent committee meetings where the topic of discussions inevitably turned to talent and the need for rebuilding Hong Kong's talent pool. This wasn't simply a numbers conversation - HK is undergoing a transformation as it attempts to shore up and innovate within its traditional industry pillars (IFC, Trade, Shipping, Aviation), while at the same time investing heavily in infrastructure, education and business support to grow new drivers of growth, especially Innovation and Technology, cultural exchange, dispute resolution and IP trading. Added to this is an incredible pipeline of works to deliver new housing and commercial centres through the Kau Yi Chau Artificial Islands and Northern Metropolis projects.

In our submission to the [Chief Executive's Policy Address](#) this year we made sixteen specific recommendations on talent, while also calling for further measures to attract business, investment and talent to Hong Kong, and support the delivery of its growth and infrastructure agenda. The Chief Executive John Lee will release his 2nd Policy Address on 25 October, with members invited to join an online briefing from the CE on 16 November [here](#). AustCham looks forward to hearing more on the specific talent attraction initiatives proposed by the Chief Executive and working with you all to further enhance Hong Kong's attractiveness as a destination for global talent.

One of the key issues for Hong Kong that AustCham also made significant recommendations on is the decarbonisation of the city and working hand in hand with business to achieve net-zero goals. Our Construction, Property and Infrastructure Net Zero Working Group have been working tirelessly to bring members and the industry an exceptional opportunity to hear from leading global and local experts on how to decarbonise Hong Kong's built environment. With support from our members— Silver Sponsor Link, Bronze Sponsors Sino Group, and Turner & Townsend - the event scheduled for 28 November promises to provide real solutions from business on a way forward. If you're interested in joining this event, please contact our [Events team](#) and see our website [here](#) for more information.

Finally, we are thrilled to bring members a fantastic networking opportunity with our annual Christmas Mix on Wednesday 6 December. Held at an exclusive private venue with views over

the city we look forward to welcoming 120+ guests to our favourite festive event. With Lucky Draws, Christmas carols, and plenty of Christmas cheer the event promises to be a cracker. Tickets are on-sale now – get them before they sell out!

**Stefanie Evennett**

Chief Executive  
AustCham Hong Kong

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**AUSTCHAM EVENTS:**

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TUE 7 NOV | IN-PERSON | [ANZ Melbourne Cup Lunch 2023](#)

THU 16 NOV | ONLINE | [The Hong Kong Business Community Welcomes The Hon John KC Lee, Chief Executive of the Hong Kong SAR](#)

TUE 28 NOV | IN-PERSON | [Decarbonising Hong Kong: Roadmap to a World Class Metropolis](#)

WED 6 DEC | IN-PERSON | [Christmas Mix 2023](#)

**SAVE THE DATE:**

FRI 2 FEB | IN-PERSON | [G'Day HK](#)

**SUPPORTED EVENTS:**

FRI 20 OCT | IN-PERSON | [The Hub Charity Gala 2023](#)

FRI NOV 3 - SAT NOV 11 | IN-PERSON | [Gay Games 11 / Hong Kong 2023](#)

**AUSTCHAM EVENTS**



## **Private Briefing with Daniel Boyer, Deputy CEO, Austrade**

**THU 2 NOV | IN-PERSON | 8:00AM - 9:30AM**

AustCham Hong Kong invites Members to join us for an exclusive Private Briefing with Australia's Deputy CEO of Trade and Investment at Austrade, Daniel Boyer.

With a flurry of new free trade deals and strategic partnerships, there's a significant commitment by the Australian Government to laying pathways to new markets for Australian companies and to attract investment to Australia from new partners. What does that mean in the context of China, Australia's biggest trading partner and one of our largest investors?

Daniel will provide members with a briefing and participate in Q&A. The event includes breakfast and networking with the AustCham community.

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

### Agenda

- 8:00am Registration and Networking (Tea and Coffee available)
- 8:15am Breakfast Service
- 8:30am Welcome by AustCham Chief Executive
- 8:35am Remarks by Austrade Deputy CEO, followed by Q&A
- 9:15am Closing Remarks, Photos and Networking
- 9:30am Events Ends

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# MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH 2023

**ALL OUR ELITE - TABLES OF 12 ARE NOW SOLD OUT!**

Due to high demand we have introduced **limited** tables of 10 for all our members.

**Package 1:**

**Premium Table of 10 - HK\$20,830**

**Benefits:** logo on table, premium beverage package, access to VIP Reception

**Package 2:**

**Mates Table of 10 - HK\$13,800**

*\*One member must be present to book*

To purchase tickets to the event please click here - <https://lnkd.in/gT6tUu7R> or contact [bookings@austcham.com.hk](mailto:bookings@austcham.com.hk)

Event Details: Tuesday 07 November 2023  
10am - 3:30pm  
Regatta Room, Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club  
Dress Code: Bold & Beautiful

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## ANZ Melbourne Cup Lunch 2023

**TUE 7 NOV | IN-PERSON | 10:00AM - 3:30PM**

The Race That Stops the Nation returns to Hong Kong! On Tuesday 7 November 2023, AustCham Hong Kong returns with its highly anticipated **2023 ANZ Melbourne Cup Lunch!**

Held at an exclusive harbour-side venue with entertainment and live streaming of all the day's races - **including the big one.**

AustCham's unique Melbourne Cup event presents a once-a-year opportunity for client hospitality and high-quality business networking. Our Charity Partner for the event is [The Fred Hollows Foundation](#) and we look forward to raising funds for this worthy Australian cause.

**The Event Includes:**

**VIP Reception** - The opportunity to hear from leading Australian industry champion, Mr Greg Carpenter, Head of Racing at Hong Kong Jockey Club and former Chief Handicapper at Racing Victoria.

**Private Corporate Lunch** – Round-table lunch with four-course meal and free flow beverages, includes invite to VIP Reception.

We are thrilled to announce we are **SOLD OUT** of all our **Elite Tables of 12**. With demand still high, we've decided to introduce a **Limited Offer of Tables of 10** for all our AustCham members!

**Package 1: Premium Table of 10 - HK\$20,830**

**Benefits:** logo on table, premium beverage package, access to VIP Reception

**Package 2: Mates Table of 10 - HK\$13,800**

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**General Admission Ticket Options (for group tickets please contact AustCham [here](#))**

**Members:**

Individual: HK1,500

Group of 5: HK\$7,000

Group of 10: HK\$13,800

**Non-Members:**

Individual: HK\$1,920

**To purchase tickets to the event please click [here](#).**

Sponsorship opportunities are now available. These are inclusive of pre- and post-event brand exposure, in-event hospitality and recognition, and event tickets. For more information on the **opportunities and benefits** you can view our sponsorship prospectus [here](#) and contact Events Manager, [Tiffany Chan](#) to secure your company's involvement.

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**The Hong Kong Business Community Welcomes The Hon John KC Lee, Chief Executive of the Hong Kong SAR**

**THU 16 NOV | ONLINE | 12:30PM - 2:00PM**

The Hon John KC LEE, GBM, SBS, PDSM, PMSM, The Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, will deliver his Policy Address to the Legislative Council in October.

We are deeply honoured that Mr Lee has accepted our invitation to speak to the Hong Kong business community on 16 November. Members can now sign up to virtually attend the event via Zoom.

Attendees will be able to hear Mr Lee explain the priorities of his first Policy Address, and learn more about his initiatives to tackle key issues such as the labour market, land and housing supply, and the environment, as well as his plans for closer integration with the Mainland, and engaging young people more in the development of Hong Kong.

Registration for online attendance is open now! Please note that this event is open to **Members only**.

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**DECARBONISING HONG KONG: ROADMAP TO A WORLD CLASS METROPOLIS**  
Hosted by the Net Zero Working Group of the Construction, Property and Infrastructure Committee  
Featuring Guest Speakers

**DATE**  
TUESDAY  
28 NOVEMBER 2023

**VENUE**  
QUARRY BAY

**TIME**  
8:30AM - 12:00PM

**Guest Speakers:**

- Diane Wong**  
Under Secretary for Environment and Ecology  
Government of HKSAR
- Russell Fortmeyer**  
Global Sustainability Leader  
Woods Bagot & US LEED Fellow
- Simon Ng**  
CEO  
Business Environment Council
- Eddie Tse**  
Head of Sustainability  
Gammon Construction
- Steve Lewis**  
Partner - Head of Infrastructure, Major Programmes and Construction Advisory  
EY

More speakers to be announced shortly!

**Event Partners:** HKGBC, BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL 商界環保協會

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**Venue Partner:** EY

## Decarbonising Hong Kong: Roadmap to a World Class Metropolis

**TUE 28 NOV | IN-PERSON | 8:30AM - 12:00PM**

On Tuesday 28 November 2023 AustCham's Construction, Property and Infrastructure Committee will host an event to bring together a cross-sector audience to share the opportunities relating to a low carbon economy, identify priorities for investment and jointly develop the built environment decarbonisation roadmap for Hong Kong.

Confirmed speakers include:

- Diane Wong - Under Secretary for Environment and Ecology, Government of HKSAR
- Simon Ng - CEO, Business Environment Council
- Russell Fortmeyer - Global Sustainability Leader, Woods Bagot & US LEED Fellow
- Eddie Tse – Head of Sustainability, Gammon Construction
- Steve Lewis - Partner - Head of Infrastructure, Major Programmes and Construction Advisory, EY

- Julian Bott - Managing Director, APAC, Cundall
- Hannah Jeong - Head of Valuation & Advisory, Colliers
- Melanie Kwok - General Manager Sustainability, Sino Group

### **About the Event**

The Hong Kong Climate Action Plan 2050 was released in October 2021. Since then, leading organisations have identified considerable opportunities for decarbonising Hong Kong's built environment, including the Hong Kong Green Building Council and Business Environment Council. To support the transition, the finance sector is moving to facilitate the flow of green and sustainable investment, with the Hong Kong Monetary Authority reviewing the implementation of a local green taxonomy and the Hong Kong Stock Exchange seeking market feedback on their proposal to enhance climate-related disclosures under its environmental, social and governance (ESG) framework.

So where to from here? How can we unlock the investment potential of Hong Kong's built environment? What are the meaningful next steps?

Developed in partnership with Hong Kong Green Building Council and the Business Environment Council, this AustCham-initiated event will bring together a cross-sector audience to share the opportunities relating to a low carbon economy, identify priorities for investment and jointly develop the built environment decarbonisation roadmap for Hong Kong.

Attendance to this event is **by-invitation**. Expressions of interest to attend the event and get involved as a sponsor are available - contact AustCham [here](#).

### **Sponsorship**

Sponsorship opportunities are now available. For more information on the opportunities and benefits, you can view our sponsorship prospectus [here](#) and contact [AustCham Hong Kong](#) to secure your company's involvement.

Thank you to our event sponsors for making this event possible:

Event Partners: [Hong Kong Green Building Council](#) and [Business Environment Council](#)

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Event Sponsors: *Silver:* [Link Assest Management Limited](#)

*Bronze:* [Sino Group](#) and [Turner & Townsend](#)

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## Christmas Mix 2023

**WED 6 DEC | IN-PERSON | 6:00PM - 9:00PM**

AustCham invites all Members, Friends and Guests to kick off your Christmas festivities!

Join us on **Wednesday 6 December 2023** for an evening full of high-quality, in-person networking with the AustCham community. Be ready to enjoy plenty of entertainment, including Christmas Carols, delicious food, and free-flow drinks to toast the year that was.

Our Christmas Mix is also a great opportunity to support some of Hong Kong's children in need with our annual Giving Tree, so please bring along gifts to donate to children supported by our CSR partner, [The Hub](#). Throughout November and December, we will also be collecting donations to provide the Hub with ongoing support. To donate, please click [here](#).

Don't miss out on our favourite festive networking event! All **members** can also bring a guest for member price.

Sponsorship opportunities are available.

- 1) Platinum Sponsor - HK\$50,000
- 2) Gold Sponsor - **SOLD**
- 3) In Kind Sponsor - Donate raffle prizes or gift bag goodies.

Thank you to our Gold Sponsors [Australian International School Hong Kong](#) and [JL Finance](#).

For more information on securing your companies involvement please contact AustCham Hong Kong [here](#).

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**SAVE THE DATE****G'Day HK****FRI 2 FEB | IN-PERSON | 11:30AM - 3:00PM****Save the Date!**

The Australian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong is pleased to present G'Day HK!

In 2024 AustCham is inviting leading Australian personalities to share stories that reflect Australia's diverse society and landscape, our remarkable achievements and our bright future.

Expressions of interest are welcome from companies seeking to showcase their food, beverage and lifestyle products at the G'day HK event. For more information on securing your companies involvement please contact [Tiffany Chan](#).

This is an event you wont want to miss out on!

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共襄澳洲悉尼港灣故事的篇章  
 BECOME A PART OF THE STORY  
 OF SYDNEY HARBOUR IN AUSTRALIA

One Circular Quay 坐落在悉尼的兩個標誌性建築物 - 歌劇院和海港大橋之間，重新定義了奢華住宅的新標杆，俯瞰作為世界榜首之一的美麗港灣全景。這個獨一無二的機會，讓您在傳世的尊貴地址上擁有一處非凡的住所，供您終身享受。

*Setting a new benchmark for residential luxury, One Circular Quay is situated between two iconic landmarks of Sydney, the Harbour Bridge and the Opera House with panoramic views overlooking one of the world's most beautiful harbours. This is an exclusive opportunity to purchase an extraordinary residence at a legacy address. Yours to enjoy, forever.*

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 YOUR VIP INVITATION

25-26 / 10 / 2023

第一日 Day1 | 6pm-9pm & 第二日 Day2 | 11am-9pm

奕居酒店，49樓天際廊，香港金鐘道88號太古廣場  
 The Upper House Hong Kong, Sky Lounge, 49/F  
 Pacific Place, 88 Queensway, Admiralty

活動期間將提供美味的小食，並於下午6點至晚上9點舉行雞尾酒招待會。  
 Enjoy canapés throughout the event with a cocktail reception from 6pm to 9pm.

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**Oct 25-26 | VIP Event at The Upper House by CBRE X Developer Lendlease**

CBRE is delighted to invite you to be one of the first to take an immersive, private journey through One Circular Quay's Hong Kong debut event. This once-in-a-lifetime residence offers an exceptionally rare opportunity to become part of the Sydney Harbour's story in Australia.

Setting a new benchmark for residential luxury, One Circular Quay is situated between two iconic landmarks of Sydney, the Harbour Bridge and the Opera House with panoramic views overlooking one of the world's most beautiful harbour.

This is an exclusive opportunity to purchase an extraordinary residence at a legacy address. Yours to enjoy, forever.

We look forward to meeting you for a personalized experience that showcases the magnificence of One Circular Quay and provides in-depth insight of the Australia market.

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**The Fred Hollows Foundation - World Sight Day**

This World Sight Day, transform twice as many lives with a matched gift. We are delighted to work with Michelle Loo, a renowned celebrity in Hong Kong, to help us raise awareness of the importance of eliminating avoidable blindness. From now until 31 October 2023, when you make a donation, our corporate partners will match it, doubling the donation and doubling the impact to restore sight for the needlessly blind.

This year, under the theme "Together, We See," The Fred Hollows Foundation aims to harness the power of the public, the community and corporates in ending avoidable blindness around the world.

For every \$1 donated, our corporate partners will match the amount, effectively doubling the positive impact we can create together.

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### The Hub Charity Gala

On 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023, The Hub Hong Kong will be hosting our 10th anniversary charity gala to support underprivileged children in our community. Join us for a dazzling, fun evening and meet our special Hollywood star in person while contributing to a meaningful cause!

This year marks the 10th Anniversary of The Hub Hong Kong. It is a significant milestone and they are delighted to invite you to celebrate this special occasion with us at the annual fundraiser, The Hub Charity Gala. The Gala helps to raise the ever-so-pressing funds needed to support our ongoing programs, as well as shaping the next decade of our services and beyond - to make a lasting impact on the children and our community!

To find out more about The Hub Charity Gala click [here](#) and to register online click [here](#).

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