



CITCSA Flash

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Aust New Zealand Business Council launched at International Rugby Sevens

The Australian New Zealand Business Council SA was launched on Wednesday April 4th by the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor Michael Harbison at the National Wine Centre.

Alistair McFarlane, inaugural President of the Australia New Zealand Business Council in SA, spoke of the importance of New Zealand as South Australia's major trading partner on a per capita basis, and how the Australia New Zealand Business Council plans to assist businesses in developing opportunities not evident through existing channels. He proposed new initiatives in education, biotechnology, IT, tourism and film production, and announced that Dr Richard Stewart will lead the Technology and R & D innovation node for the ANZBC.

He said that the ANZ Business Council will hold a series of regular business lunches and information sessions, and will coordinate an outbound mission to Auckland and Christchurch in September 2007.

Air New Zealand, represented by Ms Leanne Geraghty, National Sales Manager, was announced as the first sponsor of the ANZBC and donated the prize of an Adelaide- Auckland direct return air ticket which was won by Mr Jim Murphy of Quality Houseboats who receives good tourism business from New Zealand. Air New Zealand also flew the International Rugby Variety luncheon guest speaker and All Black legend Mr Eric Rush to Adelaide.

Call Alistair McFarlane on 0438373301 for more information about Australian New Zealand Business Council.

In the International Rugby Sevens Adelaide, reigning world champions Fiji won the final against Samoa, 21-7, in front of 13,947 fans at Adelaide Oval on the Easter weekend on April 7/8th. In the Plate Final, Australia produced their best performance of the season in their 31 -0 demolition of South Africa. The event will be held in Adelaide again next year in April as part of a five year deal.

Opportunities in France and new FABCSA committee

On Tuesday 6th March, the Australian Ambassador to France, Ms Penelope Wensley AO met with a cross section of Adelaide's business community at Austrade and was welcomed by Mr Don Hele, President of the French Australia Business Club and Mr Chris Rees, State Manager of Austrade.

Ms Wensley spoke about the exciting opportunities for Australian exporters to France, particularly in the areas of education (teaching English), biotechnology, fashion, gourmet foods, sea foods, wine & tourism.

The French Australian Business Club SA has elected a new committee at their recent AGM with Mr Jean-Michel Favre as President and Mr Philippe Gravier as Vice President.

We invite you to celebrate our first event on the 7th of May at 6.30pm at The Boho Bar.

Finger food will be provided by FABCSA and drinks will be available from the bar.

RSVP by the 1st of May to christelle@exportia.com.au

Venue: The Boho Bar: 27, Unley Road, Parkside

Admission: A\$20 incl. GST

For more information about FABCSA, contact Ms Christelle Damiens on 04311147520

Trade Takes Regions to the World

The Federal Minister for Trade, Warren Truss, has launched a series of 24 new brochures that illustrate how international trade and investment are benefiting regional Australia. Mr Truss said "exports, as well as overseas investment in Australia's regions, have created jobs in local communities, opened new industries and enable traditional industries to remain buoyant,"

"The Australian Government is pursuing significant reductions in international trade barriers at the multilateral, regional and bilateral levels, as well as vigorously promoting Australia's exports. Achieving a substantial result from the WTO Doha Round remains our top priority. This year regional trade policy will be highlighted through our hosting of the APEC meetings. We are also pursuing WTO-consistent free trade agreements to complement and support our multilateral liberalisation efforts.

He said that one in four jobs in regional and rural Australia are export related.

Brochures are available on the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's website

www.dfat.gov.au



L- R; Ms Shona Bleakly,
New Zealand Consul
General;
Mr Alister McFarlane,
President of Aust New
Zealand Business Council
SA and Lord Mayor
Michael Harbison at the
National Wine Centre



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Italian Chamber President re elected

Mr Robert Berton has been re elected President of the Italian Chamber of Commerce and Industry – Adelaide. Continuing Vice Presidents are Mr Frank Spinelli from RM Williams, and Ms Angela De Duonni from Waterfind. Ms Rosie Tripodi, Managing Director of the Travel House Group, is newly elected onto the committee of the ICCI.

Mission to Vietnam in June

The Australian Vietnam Chamber of Commerce is mounting a business mission to Viet Nam from June 11 – 15th 2007. The mission will visit both Ho Chi Minh City and Ha Noi, and will focus on opportunities in the food and beverage, training and education sectors.

Contact David Dean, Acting President, for details of the itinerary, costs and more information on 0439750030 or daviddean@kern.com.au

Launch of Australia-Brazil Chamber of Commerce in SA

The Brazilian market is one of the foremost emerging markets in the world today. To ensure South Australian businesses take advantage of opportunities present in the market, the Australia Brazil Chamber of Commerce is being launched in South Australia on Thursday, May 17th from 6PM until 8PM at Enterprise House, Ground Floor (Room 1BC), 136 Greenhill Road, Unley.

The launch will feature special guest, His Excellency Mr. Fernando de Mello Barreto, the Brazilian Ambassador to Australia and National President of the Australia Brazil Chamber of Commerce, Ms Cristina Talacko. The launch is a great opportunity to strengthen your networks in and knowledge of Brazil.

The famous Brazilian party spirit will ensure this launch is not to be missed. Finger food and drinks will be provided. For further information and RSVP by May 14th please contact Stephanie Glue, Marketing Coordinator, Austrade Adelaide, on 8202 7843 or Stephanie.glue@austrade.gov.au.

New President for Australian India Business Council SA

Mr Ken Meek has been elected State President for the South Australian chapter of the Australian India Business Council.

He replaces Mr Brian Hayes QC who has done an outstanding job and led last year's successful mission to India. Brian has recently been elected National President of the Australian India Business Council. Congratulations.

Shinnenkai paves the way for trade to Japan

A Japanese new year festivity, held by the Japan Australia Business Council of South Australia (JABCSA), was "valuable and a great success" according to JABCSA Chairperson Helen Paige. 'Shinnenkai' provided the perfect opportunity for attendees to discuss the importance of Australia's relationship with Japan and market opportunities for Australian businesses. The event was held on February 3rd, at Greenaway Art Gallery, and was supported by the Hardy Wine Company.

For support or information regarding Japan and Japanese business opportunities contact Helen Paige at JABCSA on +61 8 8271 1173 or at jabcsa@gmail.com.

New CITCSA Staff

Ms Angie Lewis is the new Administration & Events Officer for CITCSA who commenced in the full time role on April 26th. Angie was previously the Employee Association Coordinator for Coles Myer in SA.

Ms Sarah Newman has been the Marketing Officer for CITCSA since mid March and she works part time on Tuesdays and Fridays. Sarah is completing her studies in commerce and law at the University of Adelaide.

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