



# CITCSA Flash

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## Vale Frank Spinelli

CITCSA and the South Australian export community is saddened at the news that Mr Frank Spinelli has suddenly passed away.

Frank was a Vice President of the Italian Chamber of Commerce and Industry Adelaide, and was Export and Corporate Direct Manager for RM Williams Pty Ltd. Frank was a respected and well liked person who had a real zest for life.

Our condolences to the Spinelli family and his many friends. We will miss you Frank.

## Australian Citizenship Test Review

The Minister for Immigration and Citizenship Chris Evans, has announced the appointment of an independent committee, chaired by Richard Woolcott AC, to conduct an independent review of the Australian citizenship test since its implementation on October 1st 2007.

This review has been commissioned to examine the operation of the citizenship test since its introduction on October 1st 2007 and whether there are ways to improve its operation and effectiveness as the pathway for residents to become Australian citizens. The review will consider all aspects of the content and operation of the citizenship test, the experience of the applicants, the impact on citizenship applications and any other related issues.

You can lodge your comments/submissions online [www.citizenshiptestreview.gov.au/content/form/htm](http://www.citizenshiptestreview.gov.au/content/form/htm) or by mail to Citizenship Test Review Committee, PO Box 1179, Belconnen ACT 2616.

The deadline for comments and submissions is 30th May 2008.

## “The Many Parts of the SABAN Picture” Exhibition

On 17 April 2008 the Lieutenant Governor of South Australia, Mr Hieu Van Le, officially opened “The Many Parts of the SABAN Picture” an outstanding photographic exhibition now open to the public at the Kerry Packer Civic Gallery, Adelaide.

This exhibition of non traditional portraits and reflective words pays tribute to, celebrates and acknowledges the contribution of the diverse and exciting group of people who make up the South Australian Business Ambassadors Network (SABAN). SABAN is a unique and innovative global network promoting South Australia as a great place to: live, visit, study, work, invest, and do business. SA Business Ambassadors additionally use their spheres of influence and personal connections to identify or create business opportunities to benefit the State

The exhibition features the SABAN “class of 2006” who in 2008 complete their first 2 year term as SA Business Ambassadors. Mr Ray Najar, National Vice President of the Australia Arab Chamber of Commerce is featured in the exhibition.

The visual Arts is a powerful form of communication and photographer Heidi Linehan has captured the **diversity, sensitivity, beauty and soul** of the people who, **put all together**, make **one** SABAN.

The Exhibition runs until June 6<sup>th</sup> at the Kerry Packer Civic Gallery, Level 3, The Hawke Building, Uni SA (West Campus) 70 North Terrace, Adelaide. Open 9am-5pm Monday-Friday.



l-r The late Frank Spinelli with Barry Salter, Executive Manager CITCSA in August 2006.

## Wine and Food Fair

The Hong Kong Australia Business Association are seeking interest from South Australian wine and food companies interested in attending the Hong Kong Wine and Food Expo in Hong Kong from August 14 – 18. This new event has been organised by the Hong Kong Trade and Development Council in response to the reduction in the import duties on wine into Hong Kong.

Contact Mr Ian Mathison from HKABA in Adelaide for more information about the event and the assistance available for exhibitors on ph 0411519757 or email [ian\\_mathison@linet.net.au](mailto:ian_mathison@linet.net.au)

Ian can also provide information about the Hong Kong Forum coming up in October 26<sup>th</sup> – November 1<sup>st</sup> 2008.

## New Changes to Temporary Work Visa 457

The Rudd Government is moving quickly to implement the recommendations made by an External Reference Group (ERG) established to improve Australia's temporary skilled migration program.

The Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, Senator Chris Evans, announced that the group of industry experts had made 16 recommendations in its final report. 'We have already begun work to implement 14 of the 16 recommendations designed to make the temporary skilled migration (457 visa) program scheme more effective and responsive to industry needs,' Senator Evans said. Click here to read the media release.

<http://www.minister.immi.gov.au/media/media-releases/2008/ce08044.htm>

If you would like more information about the Temporary work visa 457 to bring in skilled workers from overseas, please contact John Haren, phone 0434076437, Business SA's Industry Outreach Officer. Think Migration, Think Business SA"

## Mission to Italy September 2008

The Italian Chamber of Commerce and Industry SA and DTED are organising a South Australian mission to Italy in September 2008. The mission will be centred around the "Fiera Del Levante 2008" general trade expo in Bari, Puglia in Italy from September 13 – 21 2008, and market awareness missions into Emilia-Romagna September 17 -19 and Toscana September 22 – 24.

South Australian companies and organisations that specialise in food/wine, horticulture, machinery, automation, food processing machinery, renewable energy (geothermal especially for Tuscany) , fashion, leather/hides processing, environment and stone/construction are particularly encouraged to be involved.

Last years mission to the "Fiera Del Levante" trade expo when South Australia was the featured region was very successful. Over a million people visit this 8 day expo.

Businesses interested in attending or being represented at the expo and the mission in Italy should contact Mr Teo Spiniello, Secretary General of the Italian Chamber in Adelaide on ph 82324022 or 0411181048 or email [teo@italianchamber.net.au](mailto:teo@italianchamber.net.au)

## Asia Pacific Defence and Security Exhibition in Adelaide in November 2008

The Asia Pacific Defence and Security Exhibition and Conference will be held in Adelaide at the Adelaide Convention Centre from November 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> 2008. The event will showcase an outstanding range of naval, aerospace, land and security products and services – providing an unparalleled opportunity for the major players in the Asia Pacific Defence and security sectors to see and be seen. The event is aiming to attract over 4000 attendees from over 40 countries.

APDS will also be running a series of focused half day forums on subjects that are topical and linked to the exhibition show days. CITCSA member organisations will be inviting international delegates involved in the defence and security industries.

For more information, see [www.apds2008.com](http://www.apds2008.com) or contact Ms Suzy Pallett at APDS Exhibition ph 0450 363908 or email [spallett@apds2008.com](mailto:spallett@apds2008.com)



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## MEET THE FACES BEHIND THE PLACES:

### Australia Singapore Business Council

Mr Ernie Goh, President of the Australia Singapore Business Council spoke to Sarah Newman, Marketing Officer at CITCSA on why Singapore is offering big trade opportunities for SA businesses.

#### **What opportunities exist for exporters in Singapore at the moment?**

The food and beverages sector offers a lot of opportunity for SA businesses at the moment. Supermarkets and specialist retailers are very interested in Australian produce, and the food services sector, which includes hotels, restaurants, airline catering and ship handling, is chewing up Australian products at a rapid rate. For example, Changi Airport has a network of 83 scheduled airlines. While the product categories demanded by the food services sector is more specific, it is far more significant in size than the retail sector. Domestic manufacturing is also a great market to get into, due to Singapore's enormous production of F&B products coupled with a need to import virtually all raw materials. In addition to the food and beverages opportunities, there are also opportunities in the fields of education, biotechnology, defense, manufacturing, R&D and Intellectual Property Management, just to name a few.

#### **What market factors are pertinent?**

The Singapore economy is very robust; the nation posted a GDP of 7.9% in 2006. Consumer purchasing power is extremely strong, with a projected average wage increase (over and above inflation) of 2.1% for 2007. It really is a fantastic market for gourmet and specialty consumer goods. The Singapore-Australia Free Trade Agreement doesn't hurt, either! Singapore is a vibrant, global nation, and will be hosting the F1 Night Race this September which is the first in the world. Two Integrated Resorts (IR) are being built, not to mention the recently completed Singapore Flyer (165m), towering the London Eye (135m) as the tallest observation wheel in the world.

#### **What difficulties might an exporter encounter in Singapore?**

Difficulties in trading with Singapore are minimal. The Singapore-Australia FTA was one of the easiest to negotiate, as Singapore is a very business-friendly environment, which is familiar to all Australians.

#### **How can the Australia Singapore Business Council (SA) assist exporters in overcoming these hurdles?**

As in all markets, networks are extremely vital, and Singapore is not different. The ASBC has extensive networks with organizations such as the Economic Development Board of Singapore, and local government agencies. Our relationships with these organizations will put Australian businesses in touch with the right links without wasting important resources and time.

For more information about joining the Australia Singapore Business Council, contact Mr Ernie Goh ph 0409799933, email [ernieg@winedistributor.com.au](mailto:ernieg@winedistributor.com.au)

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