



## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Members & Friends

It's been a busy year to date and as always, we thank our members and colleagues for the continued support. A highlight of the year so far was the opening of our Geneva Chapter and we look forward to our community growing in the Romandie region.

We also welcomed H.E. Elizabeth Day, Australian Ambassador to Switzerland as our guest of honour where members and guests had the opportunity to get to know Ambassador Day in a more intimate environment. AusCham's Board have since had several meetings with the Ambassador with the joint objective of furthering bilateral relationships between Australia and Switzerland.

This year we introduced quarterly networking gatherings - an informal opportunity to meet and connect with long standing members and new colleagues. At the most recent one in September, we were delighted to welcome Martin Scarpino, CEO of our sister organisation, SwissCham, along with their trade delegation. These have proved very popular and we look forward to seeing you at the final one of the year on 6th December. Until then...



Kind regards

Vicki Tanner  
President @Australian Swiss Chamber of  
Commerce

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# upcoming events

Save these dates! Look out for more details to follow.

- 12th October - our corporate member, [Adina Hotel Geneva](#) is hosting an afterwork event - a great opportunity to network. AusCham members can also take advantage of the corporate rate!
- 22nd November - e-mobility and the technology behind it
- 6th December - Network. Meet. Connect. - our final networking drinks for the year

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## geneva chapter launch



AusCham's plans to open a Geneva Chapter finally came to fruition in early 2023.

We were delighted to host our first event in Geneva with guests, including H.E. George Mina, Ambassador and Permanent Resident to the WTO, enjoying an evening of friendship and hospitality.

Special thanks to Geneva Chapter Head, Patrick Canion from corporate members, Kenwell FLP for his pivotal role in the organisation and success of the event.

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## past events



**29th March 2023**

The Australian Swiss Chamber of Commerce (AusCham) had the pleasure of hosting a special event in



**25th May 2023**

Preceded by our Annual General Meeting, the evening continued with an informative and thought

Zurich to welcome the recently appointed Australian Ambassador to Switzerland, **H.E. Elizabeth Day**. [Read more.](#)

provoking presentation by **Andrea Dorjee-Good**, Partner at Schellenberg Wittmer, on the recent changes to the Swiss Inheritance Law.. [Read more...](#)



### 19th September 2023

For our second event in Geneva, we were privileged to have join us as guest speakers, Ambassador Erwin Bollinger, Head of the Swiss Permanent Mission to the WTO and EFTA in Geneva and Mr Jeremy Green, Deputy Permanent Representative to the World Trade Organization, Geneva. [Read more.](#)

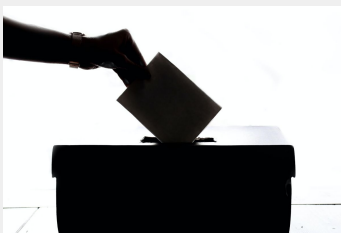


### 24th September 2023

Along with our friends at the [German Australian Business Council](#), we were delighted to provide our members the opportunity to attend the Oktoberfest in Munich along with other international groups. [Read more.](#)

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## the voice referendum



On 14th October, Australians will be asked to vote in a referendum to alter the Constitution to recognise the First Peoples of Australia by establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice. [More information...](#)

The Australian Embassy in Bern and the Australian Consulate in Geneva will be an in-person voting centre and postal vote collection centre. To be eligible to vote, you must be enrolled. [More information...](#)

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## responsible business conduct



On 8th June 2023, the OECD launched updated [Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises on Responsible Business Conduct](#) which provide a comprehensive set of responsible business conduct standards covering topics such as human rights, the environment, use of technology, anti-corruption and more.

The Guidelines provide useful advice on where companies should focus their due diligence efforts when they operate internationally. While the Guidelines are voluntary for multinational companies to follow, the Australian Government expects multinationals operating in Australia, or headquartered in Australia, to adhere to them, including the need for a human rights policy and to conduct human rights due diligence.

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## congratulations!



Huge congratulations to AusCham member Dr [Kynan Eng](#), co-founder and CEO of [iniVation](#) for being awarded Global Australian GameChanger 2023 in the category of Technology & Entrepreneurship! The Global Australian Awards presented by [Advance](#), recognise the work of remarkable Australians making an extraordinary impact on the global stage in industry sectors that are of particular importance to Australia.

At an event Kynan attended through his AusCham membership, his achievements in the field were noticed, leading to selection as a finalist for the award, culminating at the Awards presentation on 13th September. [More information](#) on the nomination and award.

"Thanks to AusCham for providing the community that made it possible!," said Kynan.

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## tax residency submission



AusCham is part of Australian Business in Europe (ABIE), a network that brings together multiple organisations representing Australian and Australian-interested organisations across Europe.

AusCham have participated with these organisations within the ABIE network to present, on behalf of its members, a [submission](#) in response to the Consultation

## welcome new corporate members

A warm welcome to our newest corporate members...



[Turner & Townsend](#) is a global consultancy business serving clients in the real estate, infrastructure and natural resources sectors.



[Zürcher Kantonalbank](#) is the largest cantonal bank and fourth largest bank in Switzerland, as well as the leading financial services provider in the Greater Zurich area, with total assets of over CHF 150 billion.

ZKB, as an independent, incorporated public-law institution, is wholly owned by the Canton of Zurich.



[Adina Apartment Hotels](#) are part of an Australian hospitality chain and have just opened their first hotel in Geneva, Switzerland. AusCham members have been offered a corporate rate discount for your next stay - please contact us at [AusCham](#) for further details.



The Victorian Government Trade and Investment Office (VGTI) UK & Europe opens UK & Europe to Victorian businesses and welcomes the UK & Europe business community to Victoria.



Founded in 2017 in Switzerland and now expanding business to more countries, Spadoom has offices in Italy, Switzerland, and Austria yet is offering their premium SAP Customer Experience and Cloud Services in all of Europe.

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JANE FINE FOOD stands for pleasure and a world of culinary delights. Join Jane for a tasty special experience through one of her cooking lessons, team events or for private and corporate catering. Jane is the only importer in Switzerland of specialty spices only found in the Australian bush, which are combined with everyday meats and fish to create a delicious fusion of tastes and cultures.

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## your feedback

At AusCham, our in-person networking events have always been a great platform to connect and expand your business contacts.

How can AusCham help you?

- do you have anything you would like to promote - a milestone, a new initiative?
- do you have any ideas for in person events or webinar topics?
- do you have any special offers to share with fellow AusCham members?
- would you like to join AusCham as an individual or corporate member? More information on [membership and how to join](#).

Your feedback on how we can better provide our services is important to us. Please contact us at [AusCham](#) and don't forget to follow us on [LinkedIn](#).

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