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About us



We are Australia's largest and most representative member-based business association focussed on the Australia China business and economic relationship. We help shape Australia's business engagement with China. Since our formation in 1973, we have provided unmatched information, networking, events, and advocacy for the benefit of our members.

At a time of uncertainty in the global, economic and business environment, we remain determined to help our members develop nuanced understandings of Australia's bilateral relationship with China, inform decision making, and provide a platform for ongoing engagement, networking, and advocacy.

We exist to support and bring together individuals and firms to strengthen and build new relationships, share best practice, foster new opportunities, and provide practical support to help member businesses trade, invest and engage productively and successfully in and with China.



OUR VISION AND STRATEGIES

Our vision is to be Australia's peak and most influential business council dedicated to the promotion of Australia's capabilities and resources through constructive and sustainable Australia China trade and investment relations, for the benefit of our members and the Australian community.

We have branches across 7 states and territories in Australia, representing over 500 companies, collectively engaging with thousands of people across Australia, China, and the region.

Our members range from small and medium size enterprises to the largest corporations and institutions in Australia, across all industries and sectors.

We deliver value to our members by providing relevant and contemporary knowledge and insights, building networks, advocating on their behalf, and creating and supporting initiatives that foster cooperation and collaboration.

We do this through engagement with a wide range of stakeholders, including our members, governments and their trade offices, industry associations, think tanks, research institutes, universities, industry working groups, the media, and the business community in general.

Our online and social media communications connect to over 15,000 individuals and are amplified by our collaborative partnerships in Australia and China.

A portrait of David Olsson, an older man with grey hair, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a patterned tie. He is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera.

President's Message

David Olsson

Shaping the next phase of
Australia–China engagement.

The past year has seen a renewed rhythm in the Australia–China relationship. Ministerial visits, the Prime Minister's mission to China and the reopening of key trade channels have reminded us that sustained dialogue delivers results. For ACBC, these milestones reaffirm our role as the trusted platform for business and government to engage constructively on shared priorities.

China remains one of Australia's most important economic partners. The removal of the final barriers on wine and seafood in 2024 was a welcome outcome and proof that persistence and pragmatism work. The priority now is to engage in ways that strengthen competitiveness and generate sustainable opportunities for Australian enterprises.

Building capability

ACBC's focus this year has been to equip members with the clarity and capability needed to operate confidently in a complex environment. The launch of our China Capability Program, supported by a three-year grant from the National Foundation for Australia–China Relations, lies at the heart of this effort. Engagement today demands more than access. It requires literacy, judgement and a deep understanding of context. Building this capability across our business community will be central to Australia's long-term competitiveness.

Green economy and opportunity

Our expanding work in the green economy reflects this same commitment to foresight and adaptability. Decarbonisation, green iron and steel, clean technology and energy storage are transforming industries and supply chains. Through the Green Economy Forum, the AgriTrade Forum, and through our many working groups, ACBC has helped position members to connect commercial opportunity with national priorities in sustainability and productivity.

Regional context

Australia's domestic transformation, through sovereign capability initiatives, the "Future Made in Australia" agenda and deeper engagement with ASEAN, cannot be separated from our relationship with China. Each development interacts with regional dynamics that will shape Australia's economic future. ACBC's role is to help members interpret these shifts and identify where Australian strengths can contribute to regional growth.

Connections and contribution

Engagement is, above all, about people. The goodwill and contribution of the Chinese diaspora, and the return of tourism, education and cultural exchange, remind us that trust and understanding remain the foundation of the relationship.

That same spirit of connection defines ACBC itself. Across our national and branch teams, the energy and professionalism of our volunteers and staff have been central to our success. Our sponsors and partners, and key government stakeholders, continue to give strength to our programs, and our members, the businesses and individuals who make up this organisation, remain the source of our credibility and influence. Together, they have built a network that reflects the best of Australia's engagement with China.

Looking ahead

As I complete my six-year term as National President and Chair, I am proud of what ACBC has achieved: national reach, trusted influence and a clear sense of purpose. We have shown that principled, fact-based engagement can thrive even in a contested environment. ACBC is well positioned for its next chapter, continuing to build capability, foster openness and shape Australia's engagement with China with clarity, confidence and conviction.

David Olsson AM
National President & Chair



CEO's Report

Tom Parker

Delivering value through a strong national network and growing capability.

FY2025 has been a year of delivery and momentum for ACBC. Across the country, our branches have hosted hundreds of events, welcomed new members and sponsors, and supported trade and investment delegations in both directions.

Our reach extends across almost every state and territory, with the re-establishment of our Tasmanian branch adding to national coverage. The Northern Territory continues under the WA branch. Branches have shown agility in tailoring programs to local priorities - resources in WA, agriculture in SA and TAS, health, education and med-tech in VIC, services and education in NSW and QLD and education, and high-level diplomatic and government relations in ACT. The commitment of our branch presidents, executives and volunteers has been central to our success.

The scale of our activity has been significant. In the past year, ACBC delivered more than 250 events nationwide, engaging over 3,000 attendees. Highlights included our **Canberra Networking Day 2025**, which connected business and government leaders, the Health Summit in Victoria, and clean tech roundtables in WA and QLD. Each provided members with practical insights and stronger connections.

We launched two major new programs that reflect member priorities. The **Australia-China Green Economy Forum** has positioned ACBC as a leader in discussions on decarbonisation, green iron and steel, renewables and clean technology. The new **Australia-China AgriTrade Forum** has given a stronger voice to agriculture and seafood exporters, promoting more unified approaches to market access and industry innovation.

Another milestone was the launch of our **China Capability Program**, supported by a three-year **National Foundation for Australia China Relations (NFACR)** grant. Early work has included baseline research and the Engaging China workshop held in

conjunction with DFAT's Peak Bodies Consultations. This program will build the skills and knowledge Australian business needs for longterm success in China.

Partnerships remain central to our work. ACBC has collaborated closely with **DFAT, Austrade, NFACR**, the **Chinese Embassy** and consulates, the **Chinese Chamber of Commerce in Australia**, **CCPIT** in China, and our **AustCham** partners.

These partnerships extend our reach and amplify members' voices. We are equally grateful for the support of our national sponsors - **Rio Tinto, Treasury Wine Estates, HSBC, MA Financial, King & Wood Mallesons** and **Cathay Pacific** - whose commitment strengthens our ability to deliver value for our members.

Membership has remained steady with an increase across our corporate member category. This reflects both the confidence of Australian businesses in engaging with China and the tangible value of ACBC membership. Work is also under way to refresh our membership framework to provide more tailored benefits and flexibility.

Community engagement has also deepened. Events such as the **Duanwu "Friendship Through Sport"** match at the SCG highlighted the importance of people-to-people links and the contribution of the Chinese diaspora. These cultural and sporting initiatives complement our commercial and policy work, reinforcing trust and connection.

Thank you to our members, sponsors, partners and staff. It is your trust and involvement that make ACBC the dynamic organisation it is.

Tom Parker
National Chief Executive Officer

National Impact Highlights



250+

Events delivered nationwide



22k+

Networking event attendees



500+

Member organisations across Australia



15k+

Newsletter subscribers



18%

Membership growth



40+

Inbound delegations hosted



KNOWLEDGE

We share knowledge and insights about business opportunities and issues in China and Australia.



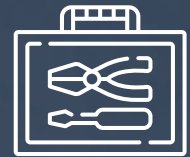
NETWORKS

We facilitate a growing and high-quality network of businesses and relationships.



ADVOCACY

We advocate for our members to support productive two-way trade and investment between China and Australia.



CAPABILITY

We develop practical insights and resources that build China capability for businesses across Australia.

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ACBC Australian Senior Business Leaders' Delegation to Beijing

As Australia-China engagement improved during 2024, ACBC led a high level Australian Senior Business Leaders Delegation to Beijing on 31st October and 1st November, marking a positive step in the ongoing renewal of Australia China relations. The group was led by ACBC National President and Chair David Olsson AM, and the delegation brought together senior executives from major Australian companies across mining and resources, energy, health, logistics, finance and legal services.

The two day visit provided a unique opportunity to meet directly with Chinese government leaders, officials and business representatives at an important moment in the bilateral relationship. Key engagements included meetings with the All China Federation of Industry and Commerce, the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade and a private briefing with Australia's Ambassador to China. The centrepiece of the visit was a 90 minute meeting in the Great Hall of the People with Vice Premier He Lifeng, Commerce Minister Wang Wentao and senior leaders from the National Development and Reform Commission.

Across these discussions, Australian business leaders explored opportunities for deeper cooperation in trade, investment, industrial decarbonisation, health, professional services and renewable energy. Dialogue also focused on opportunities to modernise ChAFTA, strengthen supply chain resilience, expand digital trade systems and advance joint work on green technology and low carbon industry development.

This was the first Australian delegation connecting business to leadership since the stabilisation of ties, helping to engage high level commercial dialogue and laying important groundwork for renewed cooperation during 2025 and beyond.

Delegation participants included:

- David Olsson AM, National President, ACBC
- Jakob Stausholm, Chief Executive, Rio Tinto
- Geraldine Slattery, President Australia, BHP
- Dig Howitt, Chief Executive Officer, Cochlear
- Dino Otranto, Chief Executive Officer, Fortescue
- Renae Lattey, Chief Executive Partner, Australia, King & Wood Mallesons
- Thomas Horn, China Country Head, Macquarie Bank
- Chris Raciti, Country Head China, ANZ
- Craig Pasch, Country Chair, China Chief Representative, Woodside Energy
- Leigh Petschel, Chief Financial Officer, Port of Melbourne
- Tom Parker, Chief Executive Officer, ACBC
- Jingmin Qian, Vice President, ACBC
- Jenny Chen, President ACBC ACT



Canberra Networking Day 2025

28-29 October 2025

ACBC's Canberra Networking Day (CND) 2025 once again brought together Australia's political, business, and academic leaders to explore the future of Australia-China economic engagement. The two-day program reinforced CND's position as the nation's premier platform for bilateral dialogue and collaboration.

Proceedings began on Tuesday evening with the HSBC Executive Dinner at the National Gallery of Australia. MC'd by David Speers, the dinner featured a keynote by The Hon. Mark McGowan AC, former Premier of Western Australia, who spoke on leadership, principles, and the need to stand firm on Australia's economic and security interests while deepening constructive international partnerships. Guests enjoyed a menu by Adam Liaw, supported by Harmony Agriculture & Food Company, Penfolds, and Hellyers Road Distillery as Premier Dinner Partners.

The Wednesday sessions at Parliament House opened with remarks from ACBC National President David Olsson AM, followed by The Hon. Tim Watts MP, who made the renewed case for building Asia capability as a national economic priority. Mr Li Fanjie, Minister and Deputy Head of Mission at the Chinese Embassy in Australia, also addressed delegates, underlining the importance of sustained dialogue and cooperation.

Business leaders shared cross-sector insights, including Tsen Wong (ANZ), Dale Harris (Hancock Iron Ore), Eric Gao (Boman Group), and Leo Lian (Lion Media Group). A panel of AustCham Chairs: Josephine Orgill, Heidi Dugan, and Vaughn Barber, provided on-the-ground perspectives from Greater China.

ACBC welcomed senior government representatives from both sides of Parliament. Senator The Hon. Don Farrell and The Hon. Matt Thistlethwaite MP spoke to the importance of stable economic engagement and Australia's trade ties with China. Later in the program, The Hon. Sussan Ley MP and

The Hon. Kevin Hogan MP addressed delegates. Their remarks reinforced bipartisan recognition of the trade relationship's strategic value and the benefits of ongoing cooperation across key sectors. The program concluded with Gary Cowan, CEO of the National Foundation for Australia-China Relations, who emphasised the enduring strength of people-to-people links.

A reception hosted by the Chinese Embassy provided a fitting finale to the day, with remarks by Mr Li Fanjie and David Olsson AM. Guests enjoyed a menu by Hao Chen from Canberra's Raku Dining, supported by Harmony Agriculture & Food Company, Penfolds, Fenjiu and Hellyers Road Distillery as Dinner Supply Partners.

ACBC thanks its Principal Partners: Hancock Iron Ore and Boman Group, Premier Partners: Bunnings, ANZ, Lion Media Group, and to Supporting Partners: AIDE Education and Migration, CITIC CLSA, and Fenjiu Australia for their significant contributions to the event.





Green Economy & AgriTrade Forums

ACBC's Green Economy program advanced significantly in 2025, marked by the transition of the long-running Green Channel initiative into the new **Australia-China Green Economy Forum**. Through regular forum meetings and reports to members, ACBC is supporting practical, sector-focused dialogue. This is aligned with the Australia China Climate Cooperation MOU and the Shared Outcomes from the Annual Leaders Meetings in Perth (2024) and Beijing (2023). Together, this work positions ACBC as a key vehicle for collaboration on climate transition, technology and sustainable growth.

The **Green Economy Forum** held its inaugural meeting on 3 April. Chaired by Patrick Suckling, Australia's former Ambassador for the Environment, the session brought together senior leaders from business, finance, academia and government. Members highlighted strong complementarities between Australia's critical minerals, research and renewable resources, and China's technology and investment leadership. Discussion focused on moving from passive opportunity recognition to active cooperation through joint research, clearer investment settings and pilot projects. Suggested lighthouse projects included green iron and steel collaboration in the Pilbara, climate partnerships linked to Brisbane 2032 and opportunities associated with COP31.

Momentum continued at the second Forum meeting on 5 August, shortly after Prime Minister Albanese's visit to China.

Participants noted a shift from stabilisation to structured re-engagement, with climate and decarbonisation emerging as a strategically aligned space for cooperation.

Opportunities were identified across green finance, battery storage, circularity standards and supply chain transparency. Members also discussed progressing an **Australia China Steel Decarbonisation Policy Dialogue** and using regional mechanisms such as RCEP to support collaboration.

This agenda connects closely with **Australia-China Agri Trade Forum**, chaired by Patrick Hutchinson, former CEO of the Australian Meat Industry Council. The Forum held its first virtual meeting on 21 August and its second in Canberra on 29 October, involving senior leaders from key agricultural export sectors. Discussions focused on market access, sustainability alignment, food security priorities and opportunities to rebuild agricultural soft power in China. At the Canberra meeting, Forum members met with the Hon Julie Collins MP, who acknowledged the importance of Australia's integrity systems and invited structured proposals on agricultural soft power, investment pathways and a national Agricultural Integrity Export Platform.

Together, the **Green Economy Forum** and **Agri Trade Forum** provide coordinated platforms for climate, technology and sustainable trade cooperation. ACBC will continue to refine lighthouse projects, deepen participation and support practical outcomes that strengthen Australia China collaboration.



Reports & Submissions

ACBC engages closely with federal government departments and agencies on a range of trade and investment issues and prepares and provides submissions to parliamentary enquiries on issues that represent the interests of our members.

These submissions and reports provide opportunities for member company executives to voice their positions directly to policymakers, and to engage with senior government officials.

Examples of reports and submissions released or made during FY25 include:

2025 Doing Business in China Report AustCham, UTS ACRI, ACBC (Report)

ACBC Decarbonisation Submission to WA Parliamentary Inquiry (Submission)

ACBC Submission to Building Asia Capability Inquiry, Parliament of Australia (Submission)

Federal Parliament's Joint Standing Committee on Trade and Investment Growth's inquiry into the understanding and utilisation of Free Trade Agreements (Submission)



Roundables & Industry Forums

Business roundtable discussions and industry forums are a key feature of ACBC's program of activities. They are convened either as events which are run on a national basis or at a branch level. Over the year we convened, hosted and supported over 250 events of various types (webinars, hybrid and in-person events) in venues around Australia, in Mainland China and Hong Kong SAR.

Participants included leaders from business, academia, and government, policymakers, ambassadors, trade officials, representatives of

AustChams and industry associations, experts from think tanks and research institutions.

These opportunities provide timely and relevant information for all our members and contribute in invaluable ways to assisting members to better understand the China market and opportunities, and in shaping the relationship between Australia and China.

Examples of our program activities include:

2024

18 Jul	ACBC NSW - Entrepreneurs & SMEs in the Australia-China Space: Setting Up Your Business for Success' Workshop with SAP Concur
6 Aug	ACBC NSW & Austrade Health Sector Online Update
14 Aug	ACBC VIC - 17th Education Forum 2025
30 Aug	ACBC NSW & Bankwest Curtin Economics Centre 'Economic impact of trade with China on Australian households' briefing
5 Sep	ACBC NSW HSBC Breakfast Roundtable with Hong Kong Financial Secretary Paul Chan
9 Sep	ACBC NSW China-Australia Cross-Border E-Commerce Development Summit
16 Sep	ACBC NSW Roundtable with Minister Counsellor Gao Feng
16 & 19 Sep	HSBC ACBC Roundtable with Hong Kong Monetary Authority Senior Advisor Rami Hayek (NSW & VIC)
19 Sep	ACBC NSW - Australia-China Business Networking Reception at Chinese Friendship Garden with CCCA and Consulate
16 Oct	ACBC NSW Foreign Investment Roundtable
19 Oct	ACBC NSW Appearance before Federal Parliament's Joint Standing Committee on Trade and Investment Growth
8 Nov	ACBC WA Inaugural Business Dialogue with the Chinese Consul General in Perth
15 Nov	China-Australia High Quality Development & Economic Cooperation Forum & Lunch with CCCA
19 Nov	ACBC NSW UNSW CIBEL Chatham House digital trade roundtable
3 Dec	ACBC VIC / Global Victoria Women Leaders - Driving Business with China Forum at Government House



2025

4 Mar	ACBC ACT VIP Chinese New Year Luncheon with H.E. Xiao Qian, Chinese Ambassador to Australia
6 Mar	ACBC VIC International Women's Day Lunch - 'March Forward' and Shattering the Glass Ceiling'
7 Mar	ACBC NSW International Women's Day Panel and Lunch 2025
Mar/ Apr	ACBC NSW, VIC Roundtable with Dr Timothy Kendall Australian Consul General to Guangzhou
14 Apr	ACBC TAS China-Capability Roundtable, with Tasmanian Premier and Business Leaders
1 May	ACBC TAS Hong Kong - Gateway to China Roundtable with HKTDC
22 May	Made in Australia ChAFTA 10 Year Celebration – two panel discussions + Gala dinner
22 May	ACBC NSW VIP Roundtable, Lavo and the China National Petroleum Corporation 'Opportunities for Australia-China Renewable Energy Cooperation, and Australia's Energy Market.'
25 May	ACBC WA Roundtable with CEO of Universities Australia, Luke Sheehy
31 May	Duanwu 'Friendship Through Sport' event
4 Jun	ACBC NSW Briefing with Investment NSW, Jasmine Zhu, Director of Trade & Investment in Shanghai
4 Jun	ACBC VIC Business Frontiers - Tourism Briefing
10 Jun	ACBC VIC / Global Victoria Export Forum - Navigating challenges and building China capability
18 Jun	ACBC Agribusiness & Food Summit 2025 (VIC)
19 Jun	ACBC QLD - Green Economy - Opportunities for Australia and China
8 Jul	ACBC NSW Dinner with Chinese Consul General in Sydney at the Chinese Consulate
16 Jul	ACBC Australia-China Health Summit 2025 (VIC)
17 Jul	ACBC NSW support for Australia China Cleantech Collaboration Roundtable with Boson Ventures
22 Jul	ACBC VIC FIRB Roundtable with Mr Chris Tinning, First Assistant Secretary of the Treasury's Foreign Investment Division
8 Aug	ACBC NSW Roundtable with NSW Trade Minister on renewable energy (batteries, EVs & recycling)
14 Aug	ACBC NSW support for ACBC National luncheon with HKTEO and MA Financial to mark the visit of Mr Algernon Yau, JP, Hong Kong Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development
20 Aug	ACBC NSW FIRB roundtable with NFACR
28 Aug	ACBC VIC Property Forum - Pre-fabrication and Sustainable Development
28 Aug	ACBC VIC & ANU - Australia-China Decarbonisation Roundtable
22 Sep	ACBC WA - The 7th Premier of Western Australia's China-WA Strategic Dialogue
23 Sep	ACBC WA attending 10th Zhejiang-Western Australia Exchange Committee Meeting in Hangzhou
26 Sep	ACBC NSW The Future of AI & China's Advancements Roundtable with UNSW, Empathetic AI & NSW Government
30 Sep	ACBC NSW roundtable lunch with HE Scott Dewar Australian Ambassador to the PRC at KPMG
Sep / Oct	ACBC Roundtables with HE Mr Scott Dewar, Australian Ambassador to China (NSW, WA)
3 Oct	ACBC WA Roundtable - WA Parliamentary inquiry into decarbonisation
6 Oct	ACBC VIC Future Leaders Forum Mid-Autumn Networking
7 Oct	ACBC NSW - HSBC Luncheon with Hong Kong Monetary Authority
17 Oct	ACBC QLD Gold Coast Business Hub & Young Leaders Committee Launch
21 Oct	ACBC WA & NFACR Roundtable I China Briefing with HE Mr. Scott Dewar
23 Oct	ACBC NSW Seminar on Innovation and Technology in Hong Kong and the GBA with Invest Hong Kong and HKETO at ICBC

Working Groups

Our working groups serve as knowledge hubs and information exchanges for our members as well as drive program content and industry advocacy for our broader community. The working groups raise the profile of participants and promote the strength of Australian capabilities in their respective fields.

While most of the working groups operate at branch level, some events are offered to all members.

Following is a listing of national and branch working groups in FY25:

Australia China AgriTade Forum

Australia China Green Economy Forum

VIC Branch

- Agribusiness & Food Working Group
- China Capital Markets Working Group
- Education & Training Working Group
- Energy & Resources Working Group
- Executive Women's Forum
- Future Leader's Forum
- Health and Medical Research Working Group
- Property & Development Working Group
- Tourism & Visitor Experience Working Group

NSW Branch

- Financial Services Working Group
- Health & Aged Care Working Group
- Property & Construction Working Group
- Tourism Working Group

QLD Branch

- Education Industry Working Group
- Financial Services Industry Working Group
- Food & Agriculture Industry Working Group
- Mining & Energy Industry Working Group
- Tourism Industry Working Group

WA Branch

- Education & Tourism Subcommittee
- Food & Agriculture Subcommittee
- Resources & Energy Subcommittee
- Media & Culture Subcommittee
- ESG Subcommittee



Government and Diplomatic Briefings and Relationships

In 2025 ACBC strengthened its role as a national platform connecting business with government leaders and diplomatic counterparts across Australia and China. Throughout the year we supported a steady flow of briefings with DFAT, Austrade, and Australia's Embassy and Consulates in China, giving members clear updates on policy settings, market conditions and strategic developments. These sessions ensured businesses had access to timely insights while keeping government representatives informed of the commercial priorities of ACBC members.

ACBC played an active supporting role during the Prime Minister's visit to China in July 2025, which marked a renewed period of economic focused diplomacy. We worked closely with Australian and Chinese officials in the lead up to the visit, assisted with member representation at associated business dialogues, and helped amplify the outcomes of the Annual Leaders Meeting. ACBC National President David Olsson participated in the CEO Roundtable discussions in Beijing, ensuring that the perspectives of Australian business were clearly communicated to Chinese counterparts.

This work built on the high level Senior Business Leaders Delegation that ACBC led to Beijing in November 2024, the first Australian business mission to meet Chinese leadership since the stabilisation of bilateral ties. The delegation brought together senior executives from major Australian companies for direct discussions with Chinese counterparts, focusing on trade, investment, decarbonisation and long term industry cooperation. These engagements helped reset senior-level commercial dialogue and laid important groundwork for the renewed momentum in 2025.

Across the year ACBC branches also hosted and coordinated meetings with numerous Chinese provincial and municipal delegations, giving members opportunities to reconnect with key agencies and industry zone authorities. These engagements strengthened sister state and sister city relationships and opened practical pathways for collaboration in agriculture, education, resources, technology, healthcare and services.



We recognise the ongoing efforts of branch members to engage with State and Federal government representatives throughout the year to support Australia-China engagement. Examples of related activities include:

- China Briefing with CEO of the National Foundation of Australia-China Relations (NFACR), Gary Cowan, and the 1st Assistant Secretary of the East Asia Division DFAT, Michael Growder in Melbourne, 10th September 2025.
- Facilitating the Premier of Western Australia's 7th Western Australia-China Strategic Dialogue in Shanghai. Event included signing a renewed MOU between ACBC WA and CCPIT Zhejiang in Hangzhou, building on the existing economic complementarity between WA and its sister province of Zhejiang, exploring opportunities across many of WA's priority diversification sectors, including energy, primary industries, mining & METS, health & medical technology, international education, and tourism, events & creative industries.
- Hosting ACBC WA & CCCA's China National Day celebrations in Perth.
- Welcoming Australia's Ambassador to China, H.E. Scott Dewar, together with Gary Cowan and the team from the NFACR to Perth for a roundtable, sundowner, and private viewing of the spectacular "Terracotta Warriors: Legacy of the First Emperor" exhibition at the Western Australian Museum.



- Hosting a Chinese Key Distribution Partner (KDP) famil as part of WAITOC's Ancient Cultures Meet research collaboration with ECU, supported by the NFACR. This important project aims first to understand why there is not greater engagement between Australia's number one tourism export market (China) and our First Nations tourism operators, and second to provide industry recommendations to foster deeper cultural and commercial exchange.
- ACBC NSW luncheon in partnership with KPMG Australia, hosting Australia's Ambassador to China, HE Mr Scott Dewar, featuring insights from Hon Warwick Smith AO & Dr Craig Emerson.
- ACBC Queensland Roundtable with HE Mr Scott Dewar, Australia's Ambassador to China.
- Relaunch of ACBC Tasmania & Premier's China Capability Roundtable in Launceston, featuring Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP, ACBC National CEO Tom Parker 裴仁杰, Acting Consul General Liu Dongyuan and key industry leaders.
- Treasury Wine Estates ACT VIP Luncheon, Year of the Snake Edition at King & Wood Mallesons' Canberra office, hosting H.E. XIAO Qian, Chinese Ambassador to Australia.
- ACBC Victoria support of Australia-China Economic Trade and Investment Expo in Victoria.



Issues Briefings & Industry Updates

Throughout the year, ACBC delivered a comprehensive program of high-quality issue briefings and industry updates across our national network. These included large-scale summits, forums, and symposiums, as well as smaller, more focused roundtables and executive briefings.

Our events featured a diverse mix of speakers - from China specialists, economists, and academics to industry leaders, business professionals, and member representatives. Together, they explored emerging developments, challenges, and opportunities in the China market, alongside key geopolitical and sector-specific insights.

On average, ACBC hosted at least two events per week nationwide, covering themes as varied as health and biotechnology, e-commerce strategy,

international education, social media and marketing in China, and developments in agribusiness. With branches operating across every state and territory, we are uniquely positioned to tailor programs to local priorities while connecting them to national and regional trends.

Information about upcoming events and opportunities is shared via our website and monthly national and branch newsletters. To enhance accessibility, selected sessions are recorded and available to members through the members-only section of our website. Many of these briefings are complimentary for members, with sponsorship opportunities available for organisations seeking to deepen their engagement with ACBC's extensive network.





Cultural Celebrations

Throughout the year, we leveraged our national platform, connections, and networks to promote, facilitate, and strengthen people-to-people and cultural links. Recognising the critical role these connections play, we remain committed to maintaining them as a vital stabilising force in our bilateral relationship.

In partnership with the Chinese Chamber of Commerce in Australia (CCCA) and other Chinese community organisations, ACBC branches hosted events celebrating the diverse aspects of the Australia-China relationship that underpin commercial ties and strengthen our people-to-people links.

Duanwu VIP Dinner event



A key cultural highlight for ACBC this year was our third annual Duanwu 'Friendship Through Sport' VIP Dinner event at the Sydney Cricket Ground, delivered in partnership with MA Financial Group on the 31st of May. Held on the day of the Dragon Boat Festival, one of Asia's most significant cultural traditions, the event celebrated the contribution of Chinese Australians to the nation's social and sporting life and recognised the growing momentum in the bilateral relationship.

A VIP dinner before the Sydney Swans and Adelaide Crows match brought together leaders from government, business and the community, reflecting the broad coalition of organisations committed to strengthening ties. Governor-General the Hon. Sam Mostyn AC, Trade Minister Don Farrell, Ambassador Xiao Qian and senior representatives from the AFL and Australia-China business community all emphasised the value of cultural connection as the foundation of a modern and resilient partnership.

Ambassador Xiao spoke to the deep heritage of the Duanwu (Dragon Boat) Festival, its inclusion in UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage list, and its symbolism of loyalty, harmony and collective wellbeing. He also drew attention to the historical links between Chinese migrants and Australian Rules Football, from early players on the southern goldfields to contemporary athletes and the AFL's matches in Shanghai. These stories offered a timely reminder of the enduring impact of cultural exchange and sports diplomacy between the two nations.

For ACBC, the annual Duanwu event reflects our commitment to supporting the human connections that underpin strong trade, investment and diplomacy. By bringing cultural heritage and Australian sport together, the event showcased the shared pride, goodwill and cooperation that shape the future of Australia-China engagement.



Key highlights include:

1. Government and diplomatic recognition

- The Chinese Embassy noted that no other Australian sports and cultural diplomacy event has reached this level of media exposure in China. It's a strong acknowledgment of the unique visibility and influence this event has built.
- The Australian Governor General, Her Excellency the Honourable Ms Sam Mostyn AC, shared the event on her personal Instagram.
- Both the Chinese Embassy and Ministry of Foreign Affairs posted event multiple times across their official channels, showing strong diplomatic recognition on both sides.

2. Live streaming across platforms

For the first time, the event was live-streamed on both the Australia Impressions app and YouTube, drawing more than 10,000 online viewers, online audiences across mainland China, Australia, HK and America. The live stream received more than 23,000 likes, and total views were 20% higher than last year.

3. National TV coverage in China

The event was for the first time on CCTV Sports (CCTV5), the national broadcaster of China, with an estimated 12 million viewers. The news also reported on CCTV's Radio APP called Yuting, where it got 3.958 million total listens, a huge boost to awareness and reach.

4. Strong social media presence

The event was widely shared by attendees and partners on LinkedIn, Instagram, WeChat, WeChat Video Channel, TikTok, and Bilibili (a leading video app for Gen Z and Millennials in China). It was also featured in newsletters from sponsors and supporters, helping it reaches wider audience.

5. Deep engagement with Chinese community

We invited 10 prominent leaders from Chinese community organisations in Australia for the first time. This helped deepen ties and align with our strategy of strengthen relationships within the local Chinese community.

6. Meaningful conversations and brand exposure

The event generated quality conversations and leads. It also helped ACBC connect more deeply with existing MA clients, while introducing MA Financial to a much broader audience, supporting the firm's long-term goal of becoming a household brand across both Australia and China.

7. Interviews on leading Australian Chinese community program

This year's new episode featured Sydney Swans COO Drew Arthurson, who gave a tour of the swans' HQ. It was the first time the Swans' story has been introduced to a Chinese media audience. The three Duanwu episodes with Richard Colless have reached over 70,000 views and continue to grow.





WA Ping Pong



Annual Ping Pong Friendship Games

On Thursday 5 December 2024, ACBC WA and CCCA (Perth Branch) hosted the 9th annual Ping Pong Friendship Games at the Top Spins Table Tennis Club in Perth.

Teams from the membership of both organisations took part in a full-day competition, which resulted in a win for a team from ACBC WA. The day culminated with a special exhibition match between the Premier

of Western Australia the Hon. Roger Cook MLA and Consul General of the People's Republic of China in Perth, Mr Long Dingbin.

ACBC WA and CCCA (Perth Branch) thank all participants and spectators. A special thanks to our event partner Fenjiu International, for their support of the 9th annual Ping Pong Friendship Games.



Branch Operations

Across Australia, our branches are led by dedicated managers who bring deep experience in Australia-China engagement.

They work closely with local organisations, peak bodies, industry partners and government departments to deliver programs that reflect state priorities while contributing to ACBC's national impact. Their efforts drive our events, strengthen commercial and community links, and support the steady growth of our membership base.

This past year has been one of increasing activity, and the commitment of our branch leaders and their support staff and interns, has been central to that momentum. We recognise the long hours that goes into receiving delegation groups, coordinating roundtables, and supporting members across throughout a wide variety of sectors. ACBC could not deliver against our pillars of Knowledge, Networks and Advocacy for our members without the dedicated work of our branch teams. The following pages cover highlights of this branch activity throughout FY25.

We also acknowledge and thank Virginia Birrell, who has recently retired as Victoria Branch CEO after 11 years of service. Her leadership built ACBC Victoria into our largest branch and supported the return of the Tasmania branch to full operations. Her contribution has played an important role in strengthening ACBC national capability and we are deeply grateful for her dedication and efforts.

ACBC National Office

- Tom Parker, National CEO
- Edward Tai, CFO / Systems Manager
- Gil Roseby, Office Manager

ACBC Branch Management

- Phoebeanca Luong, VIC Branch GM
- Patrick Mayoh, NSW Branch CEO
- David Morris PhD, Tasmania Branch CEO
- Jenny Chen, ACT Executive, Branch President
- Gerard Robb, QLD Branch CEO
- Kelly Li, WA & NT Branch GM
- Sean Keenihan, SA Executive, Branch President

as at 24 November 2025

Branch Highlights - VIC



60

EVENTS
HELD

12

DELEGATIONS
HOSTED

1800

NETWORKING
EVENT
ATTENDEES

ACBC Victoria continued to engage through major forums, delegations, and dialogues, driving collaboration and advocacy.

MAJOR EVENTS

- Delivered over 40 high-profile events reaching 18,000+ attendees, including the Australia-China Economic Trade & Investment Expo, Health, Education, and Agribusiness Summits, and the Chinese New Year Gala Dinner, advancing Knowledge and industry collaboration.
- Hosted the Women Leaders – Driving Business with China Forum at Government House, featuring the Governor of Victoria and 100 women leaders, strengthening bilateral people-to-people Networks and gender advocacy.
- Facilitated 12 inbound Chinese delegations from Jiangsu, Suzhou, and Wuxi, enabling B2B matchmaking and new Victoria-China partnerships. Curated expert-led Business Frontiers roundtables on AI, Energy, Tourism, and Property, offering members forward-looking insights into China's market trends and policy direction.

“We have a vibrant program of events, sector focused working groups and strong high level business networks. ACBC Victoria champions supporting and advocating for companies to achieve their Australia/China business goals.”

- Virginia Birrell,
Former ACBC VIC CEO
(Retired 1 Nov 2025)





NEW PARTNERSHIPS OR SPONSORSHIPS

- Partnered with MinterEllison to co-host the FIRB Roundtable and Geoff Raby AO's Great Game On discussion, fostering policy Networks between business and government.
- Collaborated with Invest Hong Kong, Pinsent Masons, and China Construction Bank for major forums on the Greater Bay Area and energy transition, strengthening ties with key institutional partners.
- Secured corporate sponsorships from RSM Australia, Gadens, and Treasury Wine Estates, supporting flagship summits and member engagement initiatives.
- Expanded collaboration with ACASE, Global Victoria, and City of Melbourne, co-delivering trade briefings and innovation exchange programs.

SPECIAL INITIATIVES

- Launched the Business Frontiers Series, a new platform exploring emerging technologies and China's role in AI, energy, and tourism - positioning ACBC as a Knowledge leader on future industry trends.
- Expanded the Future Leaders Program with networking events and internships, nurturing young professionals engaged in Australia-China business.
- Strengthened cultural and community diplomacy through events like Engaging Influencers in the Australian Market and the Mid-Autumn Networking Forum, enhancing cross-cultural Networks.
- Supported bilateral health innovation through the Australia-China Health Summit, which spotlighted AI in medicine and generated new research collaborations.



Branch Highlights - NSW



48

EVENTS
DELIVERED

15

DELEGATIONS
HOSTED

1200

NETWORKING
EVENT
ATTENDEES

Continuing to deepen Australia-China relations through strategic forums, government engagement, and events, helping members navigate change and opportunities.

- Preparing our members for the opportunities in an era of shifting geopolitical dynamics: from roundtables on geopolitical risk to seminars on China's capital market trends and workshops for entrepreneurs navigating new market openings.
- Elevating ACBC's exposure and impact in the community, including through hosting 500 corporate and government leaders at our Chinese New Year Gala with special guest the Governor-General Her Excellency Ms Sam Mostyn AC.

“Delivering value for our members. That has been our resolute focus this year. We have made ACBC NSW a powerful network that anyone with Australia-China equities needs to be part of to get ahead.”

- Patrick Mayoh, ACBC NSW CEO





- Providing platforms for our members to share insights with top government officials, diplomats and decision makers: from an intimate renewable energy boardroom lunch with the NSW Trade & Industry Minister to roundtable lunch with H.E. Scott Dewar Australian Ambassador to the PRC and the FIRB team to enhance Australia's foreign investment review framework.
- Celebrating success and providing a powerful networking platform for our members: from our International Women's Day Panel and Lunch at MA Financial to our networking drinks at HSBC and an Australia-China CEO's dinner at the Chinese Gardens with the China Chamber of Commerce in Australia.

- Driving stronger relations with the NSW Government and leaders: working closely with Investment NSW to support NSW businesses entering the Chinese market and engaging the NSW Trade & Industry Minister on renewable energy cooperation & the Joint Economic Meetings with Guangdong.
- Supporting our members and stakeholders host delegations (a strong focus on renewable energy) and convening trade and investment cooperation forums with senior leaders including Hong Kong Finance Secretary Paul Chan and the Chinese Ambassador to Australia (at the China-Australia Economic Forum).



Branch Highlights - WA



28

EVENTS
DELIVERED

2

DELEGATIONS
HOSTED

1200

NETWORKING
EVENT
ATTENDEES

Western Australia's partnership with China remains one of the State's most important and enduring international relationships, founded on trust, trade, and collaboration, and continually evolving as both economies diversify and innovate.

This year ACBC WA continued to champion this vital connection, helping members navigate a changing global landscape and promoting sustainable economic engagement between the two markets. Guided by an experienced Executive Committee, ACBC WA strengthened commercial links, deepened mutual understanding, and underscored China's ongoing significance to Western Australia's prosperity.

BILATERAL ENGAGEMENT & COLLABORATION

• 7th China-WA Strategic Dialogue (Shanghai, 22 Sep 25):

- A flagship platform for high-level exchange, co-led by Premier Hon. Roger Cook MLA and Minister Hon. David Michael MLA.
- 50+ senior delegates from mining, energy, shipping, manufacturing, finance, agri & tourism.
- First inclusion of tourism and airline representatives, underscoring the importance of travel and connectivity.
- Discussions on regulation, investment, innovation, sustainability, and tourism.

• Zhejiang-WA Sister-State Relations:

- ACBC WA joined Premier Cook's delegation to Hangzhou for the 10th Zhejiang-WA Exchange Committee Meeting, marking 38 years of partnership.
- Renewal of the MOU with CCPIT Zhejiang, reinforcing two-way trade and investment.
- Hosted inbound delegations from Guangdong and Jiangxi, deepening state and sectoral ties.

"The partnership between Western Australia and China continues to be one of stability, reliability, and mutual benefit - a relationship built on more than 50 years of friendship and cooperation."

- James Clarke,
ACBC WA President





LEADERSHIP, DIALOGUE, AND INSIGHT

- **“Great Game On” Luncheon** (Ritz-Carlton Perth, 7 May): featured Dr Raby, Professor Gordon Flake, and Professor James Laurenceson discussing global trade dynamics and Australia’s role in the shifting geopolitical landscape.
- **China Masterclass**: Immersive full-day program in June and August 2025 under the China–Australia Cross-Cultural Series, equipping business leaders with practical cultural fluency tools.
- Roundtables and briefings, including Foreign Investment Review Board, Dr Geoff Ray AO and Universities Australia CEO Luke Sheehy.

COMMUNITY & CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT

- **Chinese New Year Gala Dinner 2025** – Optus Stadium, 400+ guests, cultural performances, premium WA food and wine.
 - Honorary Award presented to Mr Adam Handley for exceptional service to WA–China relations.
- **9th Annual Ping Pong Friendship Games** – cohosted with CCCA Perth each December, fostering informal diplomacy and community connection.



Branch Highlights - TAS



4

EVENTS
DELIVERED

1

DELEGATIONS
HOSTED

200

EVENT
ATTENDEES

We re-launched the ACBC in Tasmania in 2025, with a series of events and activities focused on providing China market knowledge, unique networking and opportunities and direct connection to the China market.

Our re-launch featured the Premier and business leaders who shared experience of doing business with China, in an event in Launceston. In Hobart, we provided a China market briefing that engaged business leaders and prominent economists.

We hosted a delegation from the Hong Kong Trade Development Council and signed an MOU for a partnership, which resulted in a successful ACBC delegation to Hong Kong, with a Tasmanian Pavilion of nine whisky distillers at the International Wine & Spirits Fair.

We have enjoyed strong growth in membership across Tasmania's diverse industries and have formed powerful partnerships with the Tasmanian Department of State Growth, Brand Tasmania, the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Austchams throughout greater China.

We have engaged with government and opposition in Tasmania to advocate for risk-informed engagement with China and our CEO has appeared regularly in local media promoting Tasmanian business with China.

"We're delighted to have re-charged the ACBC in Tasmania and we are backing Tasmanian businesses in accelerating pathways to success with China."

- David Morris,
ACBC TAS CEO





Member Focus

Hellyers Road Distillery

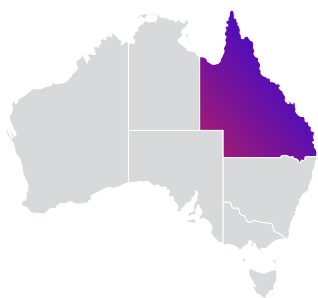
One of Australia's leading producers of fine whisky, Hellyers Road Distillery was built in 1997 beside some of Australia's richest farmland, in remote North West Tasmania with the world's purest air and rain. It is a brand well-known and loved in Tasmania and ACBC has introduced Hellyers Road to national business and government leaders, a whisky sponsor of the Executive Dinner for Canberra Networking Day, and to Chinese and Asian buyers and media as one of the members of the ACBC Tasmanian Pavilion at the Hong Kong International Wine and Spirits Fair.

"As relatively new members of the Australia China Business Council the benefits of joining have been material and immediate. The Canberra Networking Day provided not just outstanding business connections in both Australia and China but recognition of the trade potential of Tasmanian whisky at the highest levels of both countries. The ACBC coordinated, multi-producer Tasmanian Whisky Pavilion at a key Hong Kong trade fair has provided all nine distilleries with immediate opportunities and market exposure that would take months or years to build alone."

-Derek Charge, CEO, Hellyers Road Distillery



Branch Highlights - QLD



15

EVENTS
DELIVERED

5

DELEGATIONS
HOSTED

750+

EVENT
ATTENDEES

Strengthening our position as a hub for Australia-China engagement and expanding our reach across Brisbane, the Gold Coast, and Sunshine Coast through new partnerships and community initiatives.

KEY UPDATES

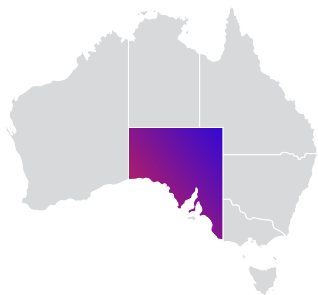
- **Major events:**
CNY Gala, GBA round table, Gold Coast expansion, Sunshine coast expansion
- **Advocacy outcomes:**
Reinvigoration of Southport China Town – ACBC – on committee
- **New partnerships or sponsorships:**
Port of Brisbane, AustCham HK
- **Special initiatives:**
Scott Dewar Hosting, MOU Signing extension to 2027, Young Leaders committee launch

“说到做到 shuo dao zuo dao” As per the chengyu, “do what you said we were going to do.” We have done just that. We’ve expanded onto the Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, and run multiple roundtables to great success. We’ve consolidated the financial position, moving back into the black, and maintained membership base, and now looking to expand with a more streamlined operation model now in place. We look forward to pushing through financial year 2026 to further success.”

- Gerard Robb, ACBC QLD CEO



Branch Highlights - SA



8

EVENTS
DELIVERED

300+

EVENT
ATTENDEES

“This year, our focus at the ACBC SA Branch has been on providing our members with exclusive and high-impact events delivering unique insights, and engagement opportunities while supporting a collaborative business/government development of a refreshed approach to South Australia-China economic engagement.”

- Sean Keenihan, ACBC SA CEO

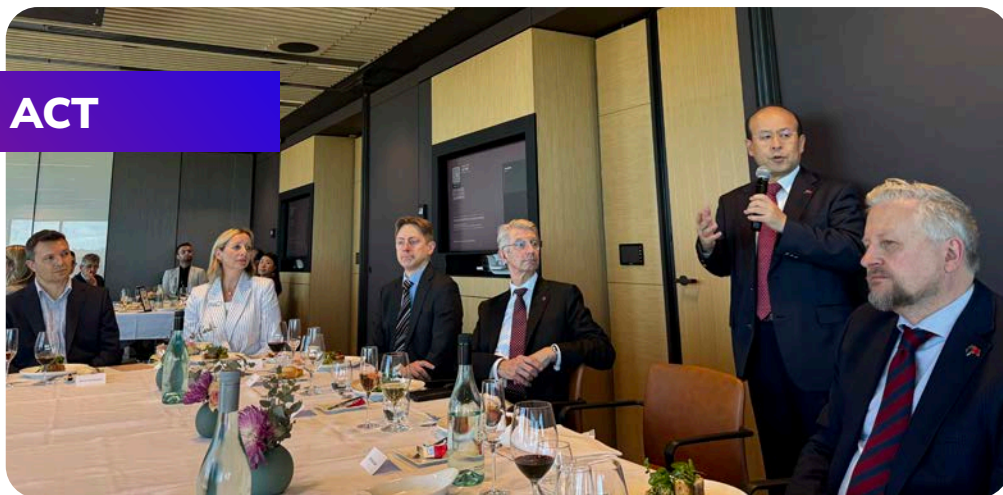
Our key outcomes and activities include:

- Hosting an invitation only function in conjunction with the China Chamber of Commerce in Australia SA Branch to celebrate the 2025 Lunar New Year, where the Premier of South Australia, the Honourable Peter Malinauskas MP, played the Consul-General of the People's Republic of China to Adelaide, Mr. Li Dong, in a friendly match of Ping Pong.
- Facilitating with DFAT SA a briefing with H.E. Mr Scott Dewar, Australia's Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, where our members had the opportunity to hear from and ask questions of the Ambassador about the current state of affairs between Australia and China.
- Supporting a landmark event co-hosted with the China Chamber of Commerce in Australia SA Branch, providing our members with the opportunity to hear case studies highlighting new models for successful business collaborations between South Australian businesses and their PRC counterparts.
- Running an exclusive South Australia-China industry roundtable program focused on key priorities within the Australia-China economic and trade relationship, including sustainable agriculture, industrial decarbonisation and skills and education. This has informed recommendations that ACBCSA will present to government to support a refresh of South Australia's approach to economic engagement with China.

We also continued to provide our members with opportunities to participate in the ACBC National Program, including our China Capability Program and annual Canberra Networking Day.



Branch Highlights - ACT



10

EVENTS
HELD

6

DELEGATIONS
HOSTED

1000

NETWORKING
EVENT
ATTENDEES

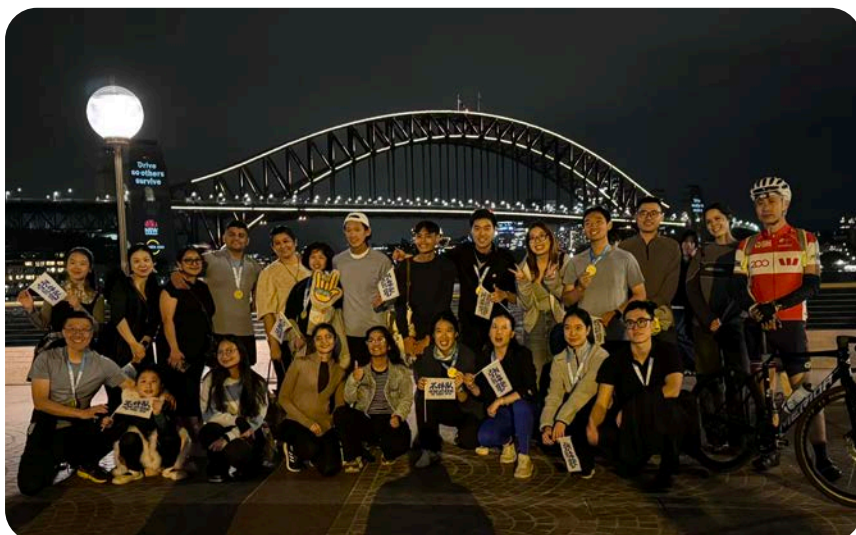
The branch continues to build strong connections in Canberra with government, industry, and diplomatic stakeholders to advance Australia-China relations.

ANNUAL REVIEW SUMMARY – EVENTS & OUTCOMES

- **Knowledge | Advocacy:** Delivered a landmark joint project with ANU highlighting international students' voices through the Parliament House to Opera House Ultra-Run (340.78 km / 36 hours), showcasing resilience and shifting national narratives on international education.
- **Networks:** Celebrated community and business ties through the Lunar New Year – Year of the Snake Penfolds Edition, and supported Canberra Networking Day 2025, strengthening engagement across government and industry.
- **Advocacy:** Supported and joined the high-level Vice Premier He Lifeng Beijing Delegation and host members regularly at National Press Club Addresses amplifying Australia-China dialogue.
- **Partnerships:** Secured new collaborations with AIE, Lululemon, Study NSW and Foton Mobility.
- **Special Initiatives:** Advanced inclusion and recognition for international students and migrants as vital contributors to Australia's future.

“From Parliament House to the Opera House, our journey celebrates resilience, diversity, and shared purpose.”

- Jenny Chen,
ACBC ACT President



Looking Ahead



As we look to the year ahead, ACBC continues to build momentum from a renewed and stabilised trade relationship. Our priorities are clear: supporting members to implement the outcomes of the Prime Minister's 2025 visit to China, embedding long-term capability through the National Foundation for Australia-China Relations (NFACR) China Capability Program, and expanding our Green Economy and AgriTrade Forums to address the next phase of bilateral cooperation.

In 2026, we will deliver a refreshed membership framework to ensure greater flexibility, value, and alignment with member needs. National shared services will be strengthened to improve efficiency and consistency across our operations, enabling branches to focus on what matters most - serving members and growing networks.

The next stage of our China Capability Program will be guided by findings from the national survey, leading into targeted modules and regional delivery throughout the year. ACBC will also continue to deepen engagement across ASEAN and the Greater Bay Area, connecting Australian businesses into wider regional supply chains and policy dialogues.

Our signature events, including Chinese New Year Gala Dinners across the country early next year and the 2026 Canberra Networking Day, will continue to showcase ACBC's unique role as the operational engine of Australia-China business engagement, delivering knowledge, networks, advocacy, and capability for our members.

Thank you to our members, sponsors, partners, and staff. Your trust and involvement make ACBC the dynamic organisation it is - and together we will continue to shape the future of Australia-China business with confidence, clarity, and collaboration.

Tom Parker
ACBC National Chief Executive Officer

Collaborations & Partnerships

ACBC's work during the year was strengthened by close collaboration with partners across business, government, academia and the diplomatic community. These relationships were grounded in shared a practical commitment to improving Australia's economic engagement with China and the broader region.

They took many forms: speaking at major national and international forums, contributing to policy and business roundtables, participating in bilateral dialogues, and offering expert insights into the issues that shape commercial outcomes.

They also included publications, reports, podcasts and joint thought-leadership that helped advance public debate and sharpen understanding of the challenges and opportunities ahead.

These partnerships continue to reinforce the leadership role that ACBC plays in the bilateral relationship. They have helped elevate the voice of Australian business, brought new perspectives into national and regional discussions, and supported greater capability across the ecosystem of organisations working to build productive and resilient links with China.



Australia-ASEAN Business Forum - guest speaker at forum event

Australia & New Zealand School of Government - supported national government delegation to China

Asialink Business - supported leadership podcast, co-host of GBA Roundtable with Queensland Trade Minister June 2025 Brisbane, and speaker at Asialink Leaders Program

Asia Society Australia - Deciphering China Workshop, Panel Moderator Sydney February 2025, China China Primer speaker Sydney, co-host and panel moderator at M on the Bund documentary Australian premier held in Melbourne in October 2025

AustCham China - supporting partner for Business Sentiment Survey

Boao Forum for Asia, 2025 - attending and speaking at Australia China Senior Business Leaders Forum organised by Fortescue

Business Council of Australia - attending and speaking at CEO Roundtables in Perth 2024 and Beijing 2025

China Construction Bank - sponsor and speaking at Australia China Energy Transition Forum

China Chamber of Commerce in Australia (CCCA) - speaking at Annual General Meeting in Canberra

China Chamber for Promotion of Investment and Trade - 10th anniversary of ChAFTA in Melbourne, co-host and panel moderators

China Merchants Bank - panel moderator and keynote speaker at Melbourne office official launch in October 2025

State Grid and China Energy Transition Council - speaking at inaugural and 2nd Australia China Energy Transmission Dialogue held in Shanghai and Sydney

Smart Energy Forum 2025 - supporting partner for event organised by Smart Energy Council

Climate Energy Finance - supporting publications on clean tech

HKETO 30th Anniversary event - with Secretary Yau, supporting partner

National Foundation for Australia China Relations - supporting partner for Engaging China Business and Industry workshop

Supporting trade and investment negotiations and roundtables - organised by state and territory governments, and their respective trade and investment divisions in WA, VIC, QLD, NSW, ACT, SA and TAS.

Prime Minister's China Delegation

Prime Minister Albanese's visit to China in July marked an important shift in the bilateral relationship. ACBC played a role throughout the program, helping strengthen the voice of Australian business in the official delegation and supporting the progression from 'stabilisation' towards 'constructive engagement'.

The 8th Australia-China CEO Roundtable was a key event, co-hosted by the Business Council of Australia and the China Development Bank, and was attended by ACBC President David Olsson AM. The forum brought together senior leaders from major Chinese and Australian companies, including several ACBC member firms. Discussion focused on practical cooperation across energy transition, agriculture, education, health and professional services.

The invitation to the visit reflected years of commitment from ACBC and its members to maintaining strong commercial links and dialogue. It also reinforced ACBC's role in giving Australian business a meaningful place in high level engagement and supporting ongoing cooperation across key sectors.

ACBC supported the visit through active engagement before, during and after the delegation program. Our national forums, including the Australia-China Green Economy Forum and Australia-China AgriTrade Forum, provide ongoing platforms for key sector dialogue. Work is also progressing on the ACBC China Capability Program to help members interpret risk, understand the strategic environment and stay commercially engaged with confidence.



Governance Structure

ACBC NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As at 30 June 2025



David Olsson
National President
& Board Chair



George Yeung
VIC Branch Executive Director



Jingmin Qian
National Vice President



Helen Zhi Dent
NSW Branch Executive Director



Lucy Peng
National Treasurer



Stephen Abbott
QLD Branch Executive Director



Tom Parker
Company Secretary



James Clarke
WA Branch Executive Director



Laura Mattiazzi
Non-Executive Director



Jenny Chen
ACT Branch Executive Director

Retirees:

Mary Studdert, Non-Executive Director, February 2025, Laura McBain joined as TAS Branch Executive Director, June 2025



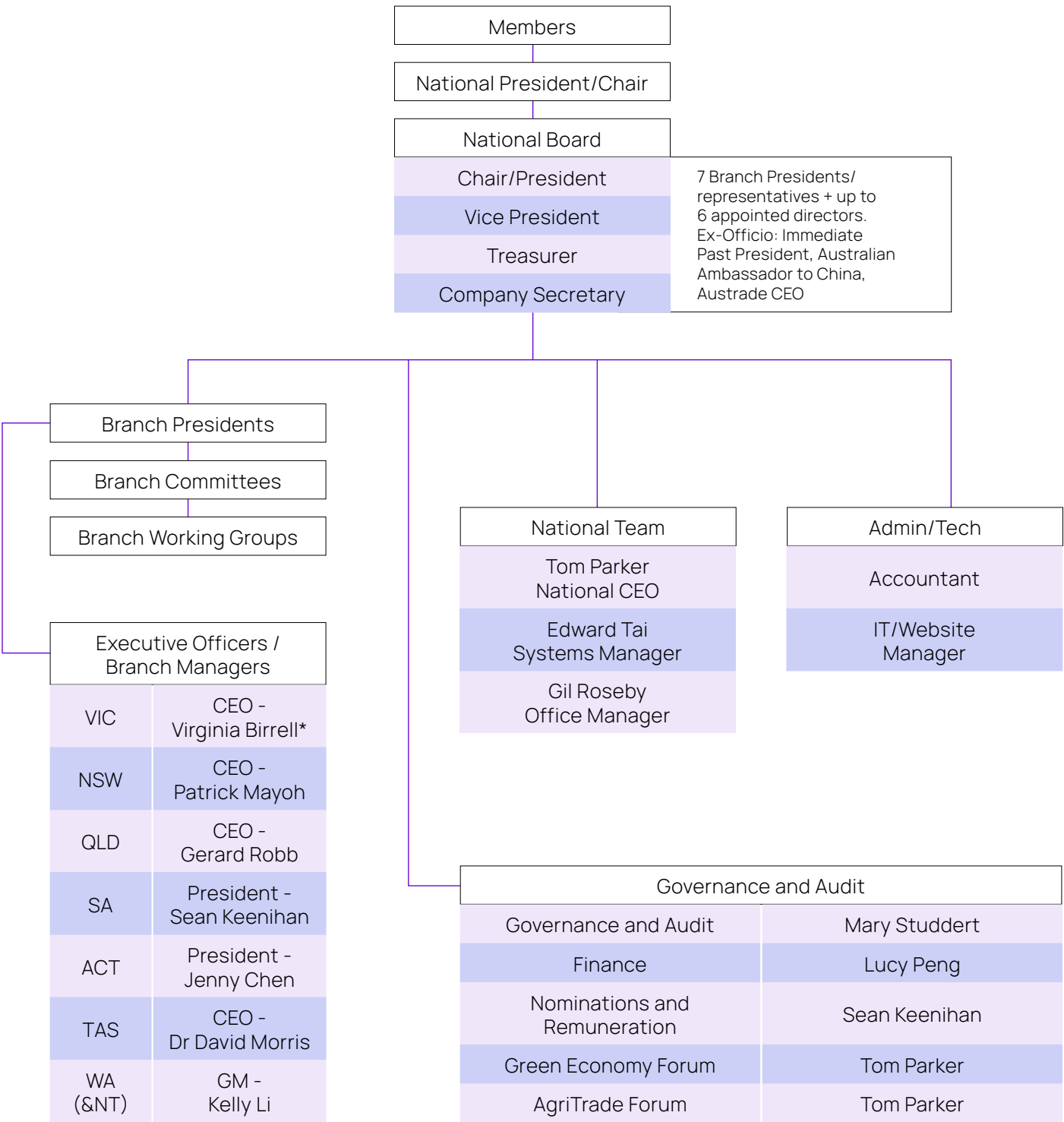
Sean Keenihan
SA Branch Executive Director



Laura McBain
TAS Branch Executive Director

Organisation Structure

The National Leadership Group as at 30 June 2025 comprised of:



*Virginia Birrell retired 1st Nov 2025, with Phoebeanca Luong taking over as GM.

Branch Executive Committees

Victoria

Following is a listing of our branch executive committees immediately following the 2024 branch annual general meetings:

Office	First Name	Last Name	Organisation
President	Rhys	Roberts	Robert Gray Lawyers
Executive Director / Vice President	George	Yeung	Harbour Group of Companies
Treasurer	Lisa	Wang	Pitcher Partners
Vice President	Liming	Huang	Corrs Chambers Westgarth
Vice President	Mary	Wang	RSM
Vice President	Dr Celina	Yu	Global Business College of Australia
Vice President	Isabel	Zhang	Bastion Insights
Vice President	Paris	Zhang	MinterEllison
Member	Hon. Bruce	Atkinson	Vynka Pty Ltd
Member	Dr Mona	Chung	Cross Cultural International
Member	Erjiang	Fu	ACASE
Member	Grace (Xinyu)	Ji	PwC
Member	Bill	Lang	Small Business Australia
Member	Lawrence	Lam	Lumenary Investment Management
Member	Professor Charles	Qin OAM	Chin Communications
Member	Theo	Sakell	Pitcher Partners
Member	Dr Susan	Su	Melbourne Airport
Member	Professor On Kit	Tam	Melbourne University
Member	Guy	Thompson	United Media Solution
Member	Penny	Tao	MaxCap Group

Retirees at October 2024:

Jene Liu, Director, Amanda Mao, Founder and Managing Director, Matthew Schofield, SW Accountants & Advisors, John Warmbrunn, EgoPharmaceuticals.

New South Wales

Following is a listing of our branch executive committees immediately following the 2024 branch annual general meetings:

Office	First Name	Last Name	Organisation
Branch President*	Helen	Zhi Dent	KPMG
Vice President & Treasurer	Tim	Hogan-Doran	Deloitte
Vice President	Vivienne	Yu	MVP Advisory
Special Advisor	Dr Jim	Harrowell AM	Hunt & Hunt Lawyers
Member	Steve	Zabeti	Accru Asia
Member	Jessie	Liu	ANZ
Member	David	Ingram	Bank of China
Member	Mark	Crean	NOTREVE
Member	Helena	Lang	Phronesis Link
Member	Bruce	McLaughlin	Sinogie Consulting
Member	Wayne	Porritt	Sun Hung Kai & Co. Limited

Retirees at October 2024:

Tim Regan, The George Institute for Global Health.

*Also serving as Branch Executive Director (representative to National Board).

Branch Executive Committees

Western Australia

Following is a listing of our branch executive committees immediately following the 2024 branch annual general meetings:

Office	First Name	Last Name	Organisation
President & Director	James	Clarke	James Clarke & Associates
Treasurer	Echo	Chen	EY
Vice President	Lili	Pan	HFW
Vice President	Noelene	Murray	Perdaman Global Services
Member	Jane	Caforio	Austrade
Member	Charles	Paraka	Australian Niugini Services
Member	Yong	Zhang	Baosteel Resources Australia
Member	Chen	Sui	CITIC Pacific Mining
Member	Rob	Newton	CITIC Pacific Mining
Member	Juan	Lu	Hancock Iron Ore
Member	Sally	Dawkins	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Member	Joan	Lim	Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development
Member	John	Li	EY
Member	Julie	Song	Fortescue
Member	Peter	Chong	Peter Chong Consulting
Member	Camille	Chen	Legend Media Group
Member	Adam	Handley	HFW
Member	Kelly	Smith	Murdoch University
Member	Oscar	Fong	Overtures
Member	Maree	Arnason	
Member	Tracey	Lim	

Queensland

Following is a listing of our branch executive committees immediately following the 2024 branch annual general meetings:

Office	First Name	Last Name	Organisation
President	Stephen	Abbott	KPMG
Vice President	Michael	Choi	Mercatus International Group
Treasurer	Zee	Zhang	MGI Accounting Firm
Member	Vickey	Wong	Brisbane Airport Corporation
Member	Laura	Chen	Lumen Capital Solutions
Member	Brodie	Paul	Anthony Paul Pty Ltd
Member	Matthew	Macdonald	Morgans Financial
Member	Michael	Lai	The Star Entertainment Group
Member	Dr John	Cowie	Brisbane Economic Development Agency
Member	Marianne	Lloyd-Morgan	McCullough Robertson
Member	Devinka	Wanigesekera	Trade and Investment Queensland
Member	Mark	Couchman	ANZ
Member	Carl	Hinze	K&L Gates
Member	Peter	Wei	Shaftston International College

Retirees at October 2024:

Johanna Roche, Johanna Roche & Associates, Ben James, Brisbane Airport Corporation.

South Australia

Following is a listing of our branch executive committees immediately following the 2024 branch annual general meetings:

Office	First Name	Last Name	Organisation
President & Director	Sean	Keenihan	Norman Waterhouse
Vice President	Richard	Dolan	Bec Hardy Wines
Vice President	Jane	Johnston	Study Adelaide
Treasurer	Jim	Gouskos	Pitcher Partners
Strategic Advisor	Kane	Robson	NW Alliance

Australian Capital Territory

Following is a listing of our branch executive committees immediately following the 2024 branch annual general meetings:

Office	First Name	Last Name	Organisation
President & Director	Jenny	Chen	St George/Westpac Bank
Vice President	Charles	Zhan	Moulis Legal
Vice President	Angela	Lehmann	The Lygon Group
Treasurer	Harry	Hoang	Tailored Accountants
Secretary	Eveline	Kuang	King & Wood Mallesons
Member	Ray	Hall	Rio Tinto
Member	Kent	Peters	Canberra Grammar School
Member	Jane	Golley	Australian National University
Member	Lawrence	Pratchett	University of Canberra
Member	Melissa	Lai	MinterEllison
Member	Stella	Wei	Aspen Medical
Member	Meegan	Fitzharris	University of Canberra
Member	Gonzalo	Vilches	Austrade
Member	Kimberly	Gu	Nexia Canberra
Member	Tracy	Cui	ACT Government
Member	Sung	Lee	PwC

Sponsors and Partners

We understand the value that working in partnership delivers and believe a broad range of partnerships across the breadth of the Australia China relationship are essential to achieving our vision and delivering on our purpose.

We rely on our sponsors and partners for the support and success of our programs. Our sponsors and partners provide funds and in-kind goods and services which we use to either raise funds or invest into our programs and infrastructure.

Thank you to all national sponsors HSBC, King & Wood Mallesons, Rio Tinto, MA Financial and Treasury Wine Estates, along with new sponsor Cathay Pacific, for their support during the year.



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Group



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Branch Sponsors

VIC

- Australia-China Economic & Trade Investment Expo (ACETIE)
- AusPacific Property Investment
- MinterEllison
- GlobalVictoria
- YEP AI
- Innovista Group
- International Chamber House



NSW

- BJEI Australia
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- Investment NSW



QLD

- Sofitel Brisbane Central
- Port of Brisbane



WA

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- Citic Pacific Mining
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