



2021 Yearbook



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Who we are.
What we do.

The Australian British Chamber of Commerce

The Australian British Chamber of Commerce is the leading independent organisation in Australia promoting, fostering and furthering trade and investment between Australia and the United Kingdom.

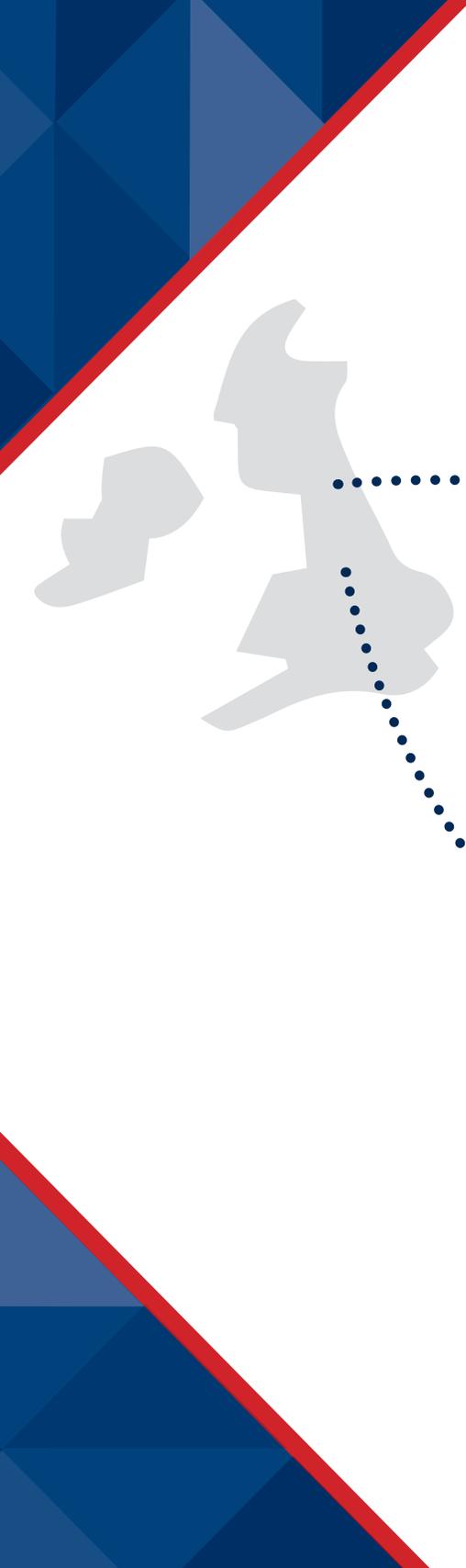
We are a link between the public and private sector, ensuring that our events, introductions, roundtables and public policy contributions provide a platform from which the bilateral relationship can continue to grow and strengthen.

Our organisation also helps to expand and diversify our Members' local business networks.

We believe that people-to-people connections are what drives great business. Through our varied programme of events our Members have the opportunity to learn from and engage with leaders and decision-makers from Australia and the UK.

Our network spans over 25,000 national contacts across a variety of sectors and sizes of business.

We are here to help.



History of the ABCC

Founded in 1910, the Chamber is built on the strength and resilience of the relationship between Australia and the UK.

The two nations share history, culture, government, legal and financial institutions, language and sporting ties. We have closely aligned strategic outlooks, interests and substantial trade and investment links. All this means that we at the Chamber are in a unique position to introduce people with common business goals through our programme of events, discussions and delegations.

Agreements such as the Fintech Bridge, the Space Bridge, the Defence and Security Co-operation Treaty, the International Tax Agreement, Reciprocal Health Care Agreement, Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters, Australia-UK Nuclear Co-operation and

Mutual Recognition Agreements have all contributed to the dynamic, modern and mutually beneficial relationship it is today.

2021 marked a particularly significant year in the relationship however, as Australia and the UK finalised a Free Trade Agreement.

This unique opportunity to deepen our trade and investment ties was central to the Chamber's programme throughout 2021.



A Message from our Chairman



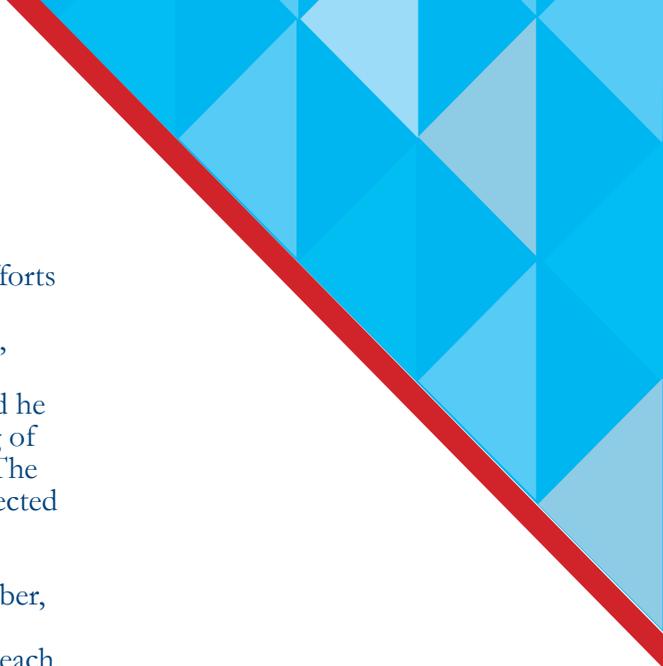
Andrew Low,
National Chairman

2021 will be remembered as an especially important year for the Australia/UK relationship, with the two countries now co-operating as closely as they have for more than 50 years. There were already very strong two-way investment flows and people-to-people links. To these have now been added a Free Trade Agreement (the most ambitious that either country has signed in recent times), a UK-Australia Space Bridge and the AUKUS co-operation across a range of strategic priorities for both countries.

Even these very substantial agreements do not tell the full story of how much discussion and interaction there has been across Government and business and between people this year. There have been multiple meetings of Prime Ministers and between other Ministers and Secretaries of State. There is regular and deep dialogue about shared policy challenges and opportunities across civil society. Both nations have embraced the chance to work more closely with each other, from vaccines to cybersecurity.

As in 2020, this year was not without challenges. The Chamber again had to move many of our events online and deal with the challenge of sometimes unpredictable border closures, even within Australia. We remain extremely grateful for the continued strong support of our Members throughout this period.

In 2022 we expect to return to mostly physical meetings and presentations (and to be able to again conduct our Health and Infrastructure Catalysts) but the Chamber will also, as many of our Members are doing, continue to use the online capabilities that have been developed over the last 18 months. By mixing in-person and online sessions we can make sure we are providing the broadest and most interesting speakers and content that we can.



I would particularly like to acknowledge the tremendous efforts of everyone working at the Chamber, and in particular our Chief Executive, David McCredie. For more than a decade, David has devoted himself to promoting greater trade and investment between Australia and the United Kingdom and he does so with energy, focus and an unrivalled understanding of the opportunities and people involved in the relationship. The Chamber is fortunate to have such a capable and well-respected Chief Executive continuing to drive the Chamber forward.

I would also like to thank the National Board of the Chamber, our State Chairs and the State Councils who also play an important role in making sure the Chamber has extensive reach across the country and into all sorts of businesses.

There has never been a more important time for the Australian-British relationship. Both countries are dealing with a challenging and changeable geopolitical landscape, including the transition to greater sustainability and renewable energy generation, and with the economic and supply chain issues that Covid has wrought. But we also both have diverse, modern, creative and services-driven societies that value free trade, open markets and the rule of law. Our shared commitment to fair and rules-based trade and investment and our shared values are an important link. They are a key reason that we will be able to succeed together.

We look forward to 2022 with confidence in the strength of the Chamber and enthusiasm about the implementation of the FTA. The Chamber will continue to serve our Members as they grow their individual businesses and to help to broaden and deepen the bilateral relationship.



Andrew Dawson

The CEO's Reflection



David McCredie OBE

CEO

2021 was a year of great achievement. Despite the challenges of lockdowns and closed State and International Borders, the Chamber continued to grow our Membership and influence across a broad variety of issues.

The greatest achievement of the bi-lateral year was the signature of the Australia-UK Free Trade Agreement on the 17th of December in Adelaide. I was honoured to be at the Australian end of the virtual signing, along with our Chairman, Andrew Low.

The details in the approximately 2000 pages of the Agreement reflect the significance of the Australia UK relationship and importantly, the input that we provided from our Members to the negotiating teams of both countries.

We are delighted to see the Agreement signed and are working hard in Australia and the UK to ensure both governments ratify the Agreement and set a date in the second half of the year for it to come into force.

The Chamber has written a summary brief of the Agreement and compiled an additional review of businesses reactions to the terms of the FTA (both available through our website, britishchamber.com). Together, these reports provide a clear outline of the opportunities the FTA will bring for both Australian and UK businesses, and demonstrate the active ways businesses look to take advantage of its outcomes.

Among the many terrific outcomes for both countries: from consumers to businesses both large and small, the availability of talent, technology, intellectual property and capital flows will even further enhance an already strong relationship.

In addition to the FTA, the announcement of AUKUS, the Clean Technology Partnership, and Space Bridge continue to build upon the linkages between our two countries. Indeed, the vaccine swap that was delivered between Australia and the UK was another great example of the outcomes of the close relationship that our nations are forging.

The Chamber hosted a significant number of events predominantly online, including a wide variety of leading figures across business, politics and public service, as well as our cultural and sports programme highlighted by our Ashes events with Lord Ian Botham OBE.

The Chamber was also lucky enough to be awarded runner up for the International Chamber of the Year 2021 award, recognising the remarkable work our team strives for and the strong culture we have fostered.

On that note, it has also been a year of change at the Chamber, with the departure of Helen Walford, Jennifer Cramond, Helen Maclean and Karen Brittain. I am indebted to their service to the Chamber and for their contributions to our Members over many years.

In line with these changes, we have had a number of new staff members join us, and on behalf of the Chamber, I would like to welcome these team members aboard. We look forward to another great year of Chamber activity.

As our borders reopen, visitors will be welcomed back into each other's countries and once ratified, the Free Trade Agreement comes into force.

The Chamber looks forward to continuing to partner with business and governments to share insights, build relationships, share leading practice and deliver increasing prosperity to both our countries through ever closer ties.



Board Members



Andrew Low
National Chairman

Andrew Low was appointed National Chairman of the ABCC in November 2020. He is also Chairman of Cobden Reid Advisory, Advance Global Australians and the Australian Finance & Technology Centre Advisory Group, and a Director of the Bell Shakespeare Company, Hunter Ferdinand Healthcare REIT and the Europe Australia Business Council. He was previously Chairman of PRP Diagnostic Imaging Limited and of CLSA Australia, Deputy Chairman of Asia Society and a Member of the Australian Takeovers Panel.

Prior to becoming a professional non-executive Director, Mr Low held a number of senior roles with Macquarie Group in Sydney, London and Hong Kong. He has also been the Global Head of Investment Banking for CLSA and the Chief Executive of RedBridge Grant Samuel. Mr Low is a Fellow of AICD and of the Financial Services Institute of Australasia.



Genevieve Overell AM
Deputy National Chair
and VIC Co-Chair

Genevieve is Chairman of the Victorian Opera. A lawyer by background, Genevieve has over 25 years' experience on public and private sector boards.

As Deputy Secretary in the Victorian Government responsible for land-use planning, building and heritage, Genevieve served as Head of Environment with the Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery Authority.

Before Government, Genevieve was a partner at KPMG, specialising in major infrastructure projects.

Other board appointments include State Revenue Office, Audit Committee (Chairman), Starlight Children's Foundation, Melbourne Primary Care Network, Australian Institute of Architects and German Australian Chamber of Commerce & Industry - Policy Advisory Committee.



Ross McClymont
VIC Co-Chair

Ross is Managing Partner of Ashurst's Melbourne office. Ashurst is a leading international law firm with offices across 16 countries.

Ross specialises in restructuring and insolvency matters.

Ross is a past president of ARITA, the leading professional body for insolvency practitioners in Australia.

He was also a board member for six years of Monash Health, Victoria's largest public health service.



Judith Crompton
NSW Chair

Judith is a highly experienced executive who has held senior executive positions within the insurance, airline and travel industry and has more than 30 years experience with some of the largest and most innovative companies in Australia, Switzerland, the UK and the United Arab Emirates. She has extensive experience in the key markets of Australia, New Zealand, UK/Europe, China, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia and India.

Judith has complemented her executive roles with board positions both in the private sector and not-for-profit.

Board Members



Steve Scudamore
WA Chair

Steve Scudamore is a Chartered Accountant. He was a partner with KPMG for 28 years and was WA Chairman until his retirement.

He is a Non-Executive Director of three ASX listed companies as well as various not-for-profit and community organisations.

Steve holds a Master of Arts from Oxford University, is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants Australia and England & Wales, is a Fellow of AICD and a Senior Fellow of the Financial Services Institute of Australia.



Kevin Leighton
Treasurer

Kevin has been with the Chamber for 10 years and acts as Treasurer. He is a senior audit partner with KPMG, having over 30 years' experience in both the UK and Australia.

He specialises in ASX listed and multinational group audits and the provision of advice in corporate transactions across a range of industries including manufacturing, consumer products, construction and education.

Kevin was formerly sector leader for KPMG's Building Materials practice in Australia and is currently a member of KPMG's Partner Remuneration and Nomination Committee.



David Slessar OBE
Director

David Slessar OBE started his early career in law, then investment banking. David left the city and became a business entrepreneur, establishing and developing companies in property services and later executive search. He is the founder and managing director of a leading executive search firm, The Walford Partnership.

David was National Chairman of the ABCC for 18 years until 2020. His work in developing the Chamber was recognised with an OBE in 2010.

David is the Chairman of the Governor Philip Scholarship created in memoriam of Australia's first Governor and founder of modern Australia. This has the bilateral focus of selecting post graduate Australian students to complete masters degrees at Oxford University and British students at leading Australian Universities.



Paul Lewis MBE
Director

Following 25 years in IT management, Paul spent 20 years with PA Consulting Group, the last 12 years as Managing Partner, Asia, based in Hong Kong.

While in Asia he served on several advisory boards. Since returning to Australia he has held Chair, NED or advisory roles with NAB Private and Business, Magellan Financial Group, Optal, ipSCAPE, Volt Bank, Grassroots, Growth Mantra, Hydrix Limited, Australian British Chamber of Commerce and Cure Cancer Australia Foundation.

He is a Fellow of the AICD. His work in developing the Chamber was recognised with an MBE in 2019.

Paul was the National Deputy Chair of the Chamber until 2020.

Board Members



Ticky Fullerton
Director, NSW

Ticky Fullerton is the Business Editor at Large for The Australian newspaper. Previously she was Business Editor of Sky News in Australia. She is an award-winning journalist and a household name in business after twenty years at NewsCorp and the ABC.

As a banker, Ticky worked at CS First Boston in Britain and Australia. Ticky has a law degree from Oxford where she was also Treasurer of the Oxford Union.



Louise Cantillon (ex officio)
British Consul-General

Louise Cantillon took up the role of Consul General in Sydney, and Deputy Trade Commissioner, Department for International Trade, Australia and New Zealand, in April 2021.

Her previous roles include Sector Director and Minister Counsellor, Creative, Consumer and Learning Industries for the Department of International Trade based in Shanghai, China; Head of Infrastructure, Creative and Sports for the Department of International Trade based in Shanghai, China; Head of Major Projects for the British Council and she has worked across Afghanistan, India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, and Malaysia.

A Chartered Surveyor by background, Louise brings a wealth of international experience in both the public and private sectors to the role.



Steph Lysaght (ex officio)
British Consul-General
VIC, SA AND TAS

Stephen Lysaght has been the British Consul General Melbourne covering South Australia, Tasmania and Victoria since November 2020. Asia Pacific has been at the heart of Steph's professional career since 2000 including time based in the Philippines and Vietnam. Steph has also been posted to the United States, Russia and Mexico.

Steph has two teenage daughters studying in the UK.

Council Members

Suzanne Ardagh, Director – Board Advisory,
Lester Blades
Frances Badelow, General Manager, Mott MacDonald
Ian Bailey, Managing Director, Kmart
Catriona Boyd, Deputy Consul General,
British Consulate General Melbourne (ex officio)
Darryl Bruce, WA State Manager, FIIG Securities
Sarah Built, General Manager, Australia and NZ, Etihad
Louise Cantillon, British Consul-General NSW
(ex officio)
Tim Cavill, Senior Vice President, NTT
Andrew Chick, Non Executive Director
Greg Davey, State Manager, Corporate Banking WA,
HSBC
Ian Dobbs, Chairman, RCM Services
Andrew Dudgeon AM, Partner, McKinsey
Joanne Freeman, British Consul-General
for Queensland and Northern Territory (ex officio)
Ticky Fullerton, Business Editor, The Australian
Sinead Hourigan, Global Head of Customer Experience,
Robert Walters
Steve Hughes, Head of Commercial Banking Australia,
HSBC Australia
Adam Humphries, Travel Advisor, Contal Services
Danni Jarrett, Acting CEO, Invest Victoria
Ken Jefferd, Executive Director,
The University of Melbourne
Brett Jollie, Managing Director, Australia, Abrdn
Ben Lannan, Partner, International Trade, PwC
Kim Lawrence, Director, KML Advisory
Kevin Leighton, Partner, KPMG
Paul Lewis MBE, Director, NSW, ABCC
Andrew Low, National Chairman, ABCC

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Amazon Web Services
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Global Chairman InterSearch Worldwide
Penny Walsh, Head of Public and Regulatory Affairs,
BP Australia
Jeremy White, State Manager Queensland,
HSBC Australia
Matthew Wiesner, Director - Automotive & Mobility IAG
Sharon Williams, CEO, Taurus Marketing
Richard Wise, Head of Communications
& External Affairs, BP Australia
Andrew Woolf, Financial Services Lead,
Australia and New Zealand, Accenture

British High Commissioner to Australia



HE Vicki Treadell CMG MVO

I signed off my contribution last year by stating that we would take our relationship with Australia to a new level for the mutual benefit of our two countries.

My Business Plan for Australia therefore set out to raise our relationship to a new level of strategic partnership across our economic, foreign policy and defence engagement.

We have delivered on that despite the ongoing challenges of Covid. This was a year of deals, ground breaking partnerships and global delivery.

It started with the conclusion of our world first Space Bridge, a partnership between the UK and Australian Space Agencies. On 24 February I hosted then Australian Minister for Science, Karen Andrews, at my Residence in Canberra to ink the deal.

At the UK end, our Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), Amanda Solloway, accompanied by my counterpart in London, George Brandis, did likewise. Each party was beamed into the presence of the other in respective venues and cities. It set a virtual signature moment and model we were to repeat later in the year!

Since then a number of projects have flowed including our first funding investments to projects in Earth Observation, Agriculture, Space Communications, and Quantum Technologies for Space.

There was a flurry of activity over the UK summer with our hosting of the G7 and the key outcomes from this. PM Scott Morrison was invited as one of our Indo-Pacific partner guests and unknown to the world then, in the margins of events in Carbis Bay in July, AUKUS was conceived.



We announced its arrival on 16 September in a three way live link up between President Biden and our two Prime Ministers. And just under 10 weeks later, I had the great privilege of signing the Information Sharing Agreement between the US, UK and Australia on behalf of the British Government in Australia's Parliament alongside Defence Minister Peter Dutton and the US Charge d'Affaires Michael Goldman on 22 November.

This unlocked the path for us to progress the study of options for Australia to secure a nuclear propulsion solution for future submarine capability. AUKUS also heralds further technology collaboration including on AI, Cyber, Subsea and Quantum computing.

Of course, following on from PM Scott Morrison's participation at the G7, he and PM Boris Johnson also reached Agreement in Principle on our FTA.

Just under five months later and the UK/Australia FTA was formally signed off by Trade Minister Dan Tehan and Secretary of State for International Trade Anne-Marie Trevelyan. He was in Adelaide with the backdrop of the Ashes at 9.30am local on Friday 17 December. She was in the Churchill Room at the Old Admiralty Building in London at 10.30pm Thursday 16 December.

A history making moment for us – the UK's first bespoke bottom up trade deal and the fastest one ever negotiated by Australia.

An amazing achievement by all involved, 2000 pages of treaty text, 1000s of hours of negotiation with night and early morning shifts via Zoom, two key in-person moments between our ministers, legal scrubs and behind the scenes activity right up to the day before when the first signatures were captured, witnessed, scanned and sent to respective teams so that each minister would, in the moment, ink in their signature next to the scanned version of their counterpart's.

In all this we had handovers of ministerial portfolios on both sides from Simon Birmingham to Dan Tehan and from Liz Truss to Anne-Marie Trevelyan yet momentum was maintained. Much credit must go to our chief negotiators, Vivien Life and Elisabeth Bowes, who provided the continuum and led their teams with great skill. I should pay tribute too to my own Trade Policy team led by Peter Harrington who played a crucial part in this story.

And then, of course, there was Climate Change and COP26. No easy task for us here in Australia but we worked across civil society, business and industry groups and government at both the Federal and State level.

Our programme of events kept momentum and secured partnership on initiatives like EV100 and Race To Zero. We were delighted to see PM Scott Morrison attend COP26, Australia's commitment to Net Zero by 2050 and Australia sign up to the Glasgow Climate Pact vital to keep 1.5 degrees alive.

The year of our Presidency now unfolds. Within our climate work we secured a further partnership - on 29 July, Australian Energy and Emissions Reduction Minister Angus Taylor and BEIS Secretary of State Kwasi Kwarteng signed a Letter of Intent for a UK-Australia Clean Technology Partnership.

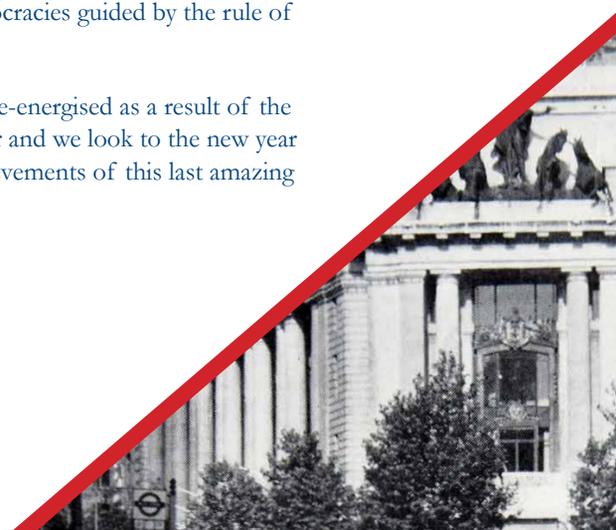
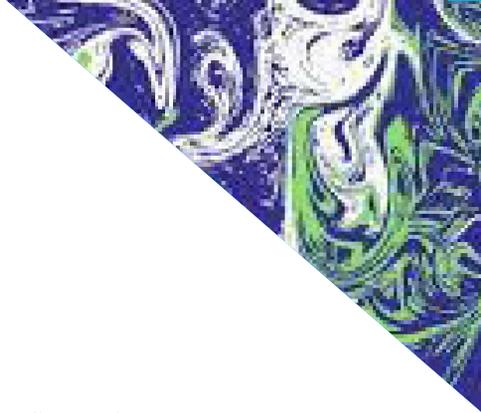
In between all this day to day diplomatic, foreign policy, trade and investment business continued apace.

UK business enquiries on the Australian market went up 30%. Our softpower was projected across a series of James Bond "No Time to Die" screenings and we launched the UK/Australia Season here in Australia in Melbourne on Thursday 9 December and then on Monday 13 December in Sydney. The UK launch had been hosted by George Brandis at The British Museum in October. Huge thanks must go to Helen Salmon and her team at the British Council for their tremendous work on this in partnership with DFAT.

The Season represents the largest ever cultural exchange between our two countries with some 200 events and addresses the theme "Who Are We Now?".

Indeed, as we look to the future, we see each other afresh, as countries that have changed but who remain the closest of friends. Our modern diversity enriches our societies offering us new links, understanding and possibilities. But at the very heart of who we are is a set of shared values as open liberal democracies guided by the rule of law.

Our relationship is re-energised as a result of the work of the last year and we look to the new year to build on the achievements of this last amazing year.



2021 Overview



94 events and webinars



over 9,805 attendees overall



3 new Principal Sponsors
96 new Member companies



173 Member to Member introductions



Of reported figures, over \$103 million of business could be attributed to Chamber introductions



Strategic Partnerships with the Victorian, Queensland and New South Wales State Governments



84% increase in social media engagement

Australian High Commissioner to the UK



HE The Hon
George Brandis
QC

As the world recovers from the political and economic shock caused by the coronavirus, we have been reminded in 2021 of the strength of the relationship between Australia and the United Kingdom.

When times are tough, our two countries have always been there for each other. I doubt there has ever been a year in peacetime when that relationship has been so strong and fruitful.

Across the board, we have seen even deeper levels of cooperation through, for example, new economic agreements to bridge our researchers, innovators and entrepreneurs in fields such as space exploration, financial technology and clean energy. But there are four particular moments of 2021 that I want to focus on.

First, in September of last year I signed a life-saving vaccine deployment agreement with the Secretary of State for Health. 4 million doses of Pfizer vaccine were delivered to Australia at a time when we had an urgent need to tackle our largest outbreak since the start of the pandemic. When that deal was signed at Australia House, we showed the world how close, practical cooperation between friends could make all the difference to saving lives and livelihoods. The United Kingdom's willingness to help Australia in an hour of need enabled us to end our lockdown sooner. It made it possible for families, separated for so long, to spend Christmas together. And it saved lives.

Secondly, Prime Minister Morrison and Prime Minister Johnson as well as President Biden announced a new trilateral security partnership – AUKUS. The first – and most widely publicised – initiative under AUKUS is to support Australia to acquire nuclear-powered submarines. But AUKUS is not just about submarines.

It is a framework under which our nations will also embark on further trilateral collaboration to enhance our joint capabilities and interoperability, focussing initially on cyber capabilities, artificial intelligence, quantum technologies and additional undersea capabilities.



Ultimately, AUKUS will enhance our collective efforts to meet the challenges posed by our strategic circumstances and ensure the Indo-Pacific remains stable, secure, prosperous and free from coercion.

Third, as the world addresses the global challenge of climate change, Australia joined Britain in signing the historic Glasgow Climate Pact and jointly entered into an ambitious clean technology partnership, which I signed with Kwasi Kwarteng in July, to ensure we are on a trajectory toward the technologies we need to deploy in pursuit of a net zero world by 2050.

And finally we, of course, rapidly moved to achieve a historic free trade agreement between Australia and the United Kingdom, which was signed in December. This deal is not just Britain's first post-Brexit new trade deal but Australia's most ambitious Free Trade Agreement with any country, other than New Zealand. It is a gold standard trade agreement which will deliver significant benefits to the whole economy. I commend the Australian British Chamber of Commerce for its invaluable advocacy work during the trade negotiations. We are all the beneficiaries of the thoughtful formal submissions and informal contributions from the Chamber and its members.

I look forward to continuing to work with the Chamber in 2022.

AU-UK FTA



Prime Ministers Scott Morrison and Boris Johnson at the signing of the Agreement in Principle, London, June 2021.

The Australia-UK FTA was signed virtually on 17 December 2021 by The Rt Hon Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP, Secretary of State for International Trade and President of the Board of Trade, and The Hon Dan Tehan MP, Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment.

This was a significant step in the Australia-UK relationship, heralding a new era of increased trade and interconnectivity.

While not yet in force, the signed trade agreement can be viewed from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's (DFAT) website and the UK Government's website.

As the peak Australia-UK business group, the Australian British Chamber of Commerce fully supports the terms and intent of the FTA and encourages businesses to step up and make the most of it.

The Chamber is also pleased that the respective negotiation teams have heard the input from our Members throughout this process, and the outcomes of the agreement have reflected this.

We will be sharing further observations and details throughout 2022, with a diverse range of events designed to build knowledge, establish connections and enable pathways for businesses to take advantage of the FTA.

Speaking of the agreement, David McCredie OBE said “I am very proud of the role of the Chamber over the last five years in supporting both Governments to come to this milestone. I would like to thank my Board and in particular my team for facilitating many sessions for discussions with Ministers, Negotiators and other officials in this process.”

In addition to a strengthened trading relationship, the AUKFTA is an important step in the continued growth and prosperity of Australia.

The removal of tariffs for 99% of Australian goods to the UK (~\$9.2 billion by value) is the most obvious positive example. However, while tariffs rightly attract attention, perhaps as important, are cross-sector provisions that will enable a broad base of businesses to trade more freely, including provisions to enable mobility of people, digital trade, and investment.

Amongst those which will reap the benefits will be the already vibrant services sectors, which generate almost 70% of Australian GDP, and employ ~80% of Australians, and where the UK is Australia’s 3rd largest services trading partner.



The Rt Hon Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP, Secretary of State for International Trade and President of the Board of Trade, and The Hon Dan Tehan MP, Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, London, October 2021.



The virtual signing of the FTA in Adelaide, December 2021. L-R: Andrew Low, Chairman, ABCC, Her Excellency Vicki Treadell CMG MVO, British High Commissioner to Australia, The Hon Dan Tehan MP, Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, David McCredie OBE, CEO, ABCC.

A year in the AU-UK relationship

In a year that saw the AU-UK relationship reach new levels of strength, we reflect on some of the agreements, events, appointments and discussions beyond the Free Trade Agreement that contributed to this.

At the beginning of the year, Defence Industry Minister Melissa Price met with her UK counterpart, Minister for Defence Procurement Jeremy Quin, to discuss the nations' shared commitment to building defence industrial base co-operation.

Australia's 2020 Defence Strategic Update and Force Structure Plan and the UK's ongoing reviews of national defence policies highlight the importance of like-minded co-operation on shared defence industry challenges and opportunities.

In March, the UK and Australia signed a new 'Space Bridge' partnership to increase knowledge exchange and investment across the two countries' space sectors.

The world's first Space Bridge will unlock improved access to trade, investment and academic research opportunities, better advice to businesses and innovative bilateral collaborations.



Then-Minister for Industry, Science and Technology Karen Andrews and British High Commissioner to Australia Vicki Treadell at Space Bridge partnership ceremony, Canberra

In April, The Hon Dan Tehan MP flew to Europe and the UK on his first international trip as Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment. The purpose of the trip was to secure a greater supply of coronavirus vaccines, further Free Trade Agreement negotiations and encourage investment in Australia.

In May, then UK Foreign Secretary the Rt Hon Dominic Raab MP met with the Minister for Foreign Affairs Senator the Hon Marise Payne during the G7 Foreign and Development Ministerial Meeting.

Both the Foreign Secretary and Foreign Minister agreed to work closely together on mutual priorities. In a statement, Senator Payne said "Australian-UK bonds are stronger than ever, as our partnership in the Indo-Pacific deepens."

In June, the UK and Australia identified priority areas for 2021 to 2026 to develop their historical close co-operation on Antarctic and Southern Ocean issues.

The UK and Australia delegations to the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting (ATCM), the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) and their National Antarctic Programmes agreed these priorities.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Prime Minister Boris Johnson published an in-principle agreement which set out the framework for the Free Trade Agreement.

The meeting followed the G7 Summit held in Cornwall, UK. The participants of the Summit included the leaders of the seven G7 member states as well as representatives of the EU. The main topics discussed were defeating COVID-19, global tax regime reforms, climate change, Russia, China and better funding for girls' education.

In a concluding speech, Prime Minister Johnson said: “What we as the G7 need to do is demonstrate the benefits of democracy and freedom and human rights to rest of the world.”



Prime Ministers Morrison and Johnson at the G7 Summit, Cornwall

In August, Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction the Hon Angus Taylor MP and UK Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy the Rt Hon Kwasi Kwarteng MP signed a Letter of Intent between Australia and the United Kingdom to establish a partnership on low emissions solutions.

Lord Ian Botham OBE, the former England cricketer and the crossbench peer, was appointed a UK Trade Envoy to Australia by Prime Minister Boris Johnson.

In September, Prime Minister Scott Morrison announced that in a deal with Prime Minister Boris Johnson, the UK would be sending 4 million doses of the Pfizer vaccine to Australia to assist in the shortfall of supply locally. This helped boost Australia’s defences against COVID-19 at a critical time.

The UK/Australia Season, the largest cultural exchange between Australia and the UK was launched.

A collaboration between the British Council and the Australian Government’s Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, under the patronage of Her Majesty the Queen, the UK/Australia Season is a unique programme of more than 200 live and digital events, collaborations and sector engagement symposiums, celebrating the diverse and innovative artist community and cultural sectors of each nation.

The Season centres on the theme ‘Who Are We Now?’ to reflect on our history, explore our current relationship, and imagine our future together.

In the same month, a historic new defence pact with the United States, Britain and Australia to develop nuclear-powered submarines was announced.

The “AUKUS” alliance is the most significant coalition in decades and will also involve co-operation on missile capabilities, artificial intelligence and quantum computing.

David McCredie OBE, CEO of the ABCC, said of the pact “we are entering a golden era between Australia and the UK and connecting with the US, it’s like three siblings sitting around the table getting together and figuring out how they are going to take on the world.”

The year concluded with the signing of the AU-UK Free Trade Agreement in December.



Prime Ministers Morrison, Johnson and President Biden announce AUKUS partnership virtually

COP26

The 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) took place in Glasgow, Scotland, from 1 to 12 November 2021 under the presidency of the United Kingdom. The COP26 summit brought parties together to accelerate action towards the goals of the Paris Agreement and the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Throughout 2021 in advance of this conference, the Chamber ensured that Climate Change remained a key focus of our event programme and thought leadership.

We partnered with the British High Commission and the UK Department for International Trade to work to align net zero targets between businesses and government. At the start of the year, we held a series of net zero workshops in Sydney and Melbourne to enable our Members to explore achievements, advice, challenges and how to plan their transition to support the net zero by 2050 ambition.

The British High Commissioner addressed over 150 guests at a Perth business lunch. We supported Principal Sponsor, BP, by enabling them to share the story on their transition

to net zero at this event, and at a business lunch in Melbourne featuring Frederic Baudry, President, BP Australia.

As noted in our event summary, we also hosted events with The Hon Angus Taylor MP, Federal Minister for Energy & Emissions Reduction, The Hon Matt Kean MP, NSW Minister for Energy & Environment, and The Hon Chris Bowen MP, Federal Shadow Minister for Climate Change & Energy.



Net Zero Workshop in Sydney



Vicki Treadell, British High Commissioner to Australia, addressing a Chamber Climate Change business lunch in Perth

Alongside the event programme, the Chamber highlighted the initiatives that our Members are undertaking to combat climate change and reach net zero by 2050 throughout our marketing and on our website.

The UK and Australia demonstrated a united commitment to drive low emissions solutions when, in July, Minister for Industry, Energy and Emissions Reduction, the Hon Angus Taylor MP, and UK Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy the Rt Hon Kwasi Kwarteng MP signed a Letter of Intent between Australia and the United Kingdom to establish a partnership on low emissions solutions.



Kwasi Kwarteng MP (L) and Australian High Commissioner to the UK, George Brandis, during the signing ceremony of the Letter of Intent on low emissions solutions in London

In address to the Policy Exchange in London following COP26, Minister Taylor remarked of Australia's ambition to reach net zero by 2050: "Importantly, we recognise we cannot achieve this alone and that international collaboration is essential to accelerate our efforts. In fact, a step up in global collaboration on practical solutions is the most meaningful and lasting impact this COP could have.

"That's why, in the lead up to COP26, we've been working hard to secure partnerships with our allies and partners over the last 12 months, including with the UK... Countries working together on real research, pilot and demonstration projects – with clear goals – will make a difference."

The Chamber will remain committed to highlighting our Members' endeavours and encouraging continued collaboration between Australia and the UK on the common goal of achieving net zero by 2050.

Changes in the AU-UK relationship

In a year of great progress in the Australia-UK relationship, we also saw new appointments in some of the most vital roles within it. The Chamber looks forward to working closely with these contacts in addition to the already fantastic team who work to strengthen AU-UK ties.

In March, Dave Stewart was appointed as Queensland's next Agent-General for the United Kingdom and Trade and Investment Commissioner Europe. Queensland Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk said "Dave Stewart is one of the best – he is widely respected as one of the most experienced public officials in this country having worked for governments of all persuasions."

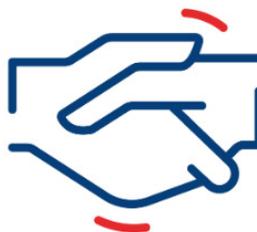
In April, Michael Ward, British Consul General, Sydney, and Trade Commissioner for the UK's Department for International Trade in Australia and New Zealand, concluded his four year posting.

We welcomed his successor Louise Cantillon. Louise's most recent roles include Sector Director and Minister Counsellor, Creative, Consumer and Learning Industries for the Department of International Trade based in Shanghai, China; Head of

Infrastructure, Creative and Sports for the Department of International Trade based in Shanghai, China; Head of Major Projects for the British Council and she has worked across Afghanistan, India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, and Malaysia.

In July, the Hon David Ridgway was appointed Agent-General to the United Kingdom for South Australia replacing Bill Muirhead. Mr Ridgway said the position was "more important than it has been at any time in the last 50 years."

"It's a huge opportunity for not only our existing products of food and wine, but areas like space and cybersecurity and of course the big defence contracts," he said.

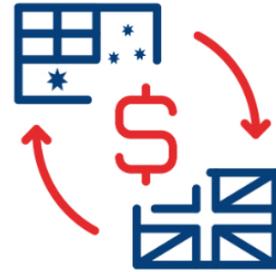


Our sister Chamber in the UK, the Australia-UK Chamber of Commerce, welcomed a new Interim Director, Joanne Holland, in August. Joanne is leading the AU-UK Chamber in Catherine Woo's absence as she takes maternity leave.

Originally from Australia, Joanne has had an impressive career in the UK and internationally, holding CEO and senior roles with organisations including Everest and Arthur Andersen.

In that month, it was also announced that John Langoulant AO had been appointed as the new Agent General for Western Australia in the United Kingdom/Europe region. He succeeds Commodore Mike Deeks CSC RAN (Rtd).

Lastly, in October we welcomed the announcement of Mr Stephen Cartwright OAM as the Agent-General Designate for the United Kingdom and Senior Trade and Investment Commissioner to Europe and Israel, representing the State of New South Wales.



The announcement marks an important step forward in NSW's engagement in the Trade and Investment relationship with the United Kingdom.

The Chamber has actively lobbied the NSW Government to re-establish the role, which is seen as an important interlocutor for business. It is a clear signal to the UK that the NSW economy is open for business and the relationship is of significant value. The UK is the second largest source of foreign investment in NSW, behind the USA.

Chamber Changes



Alan Millhouse
Former Queensland Chair

With some changes to the Australian British Chamber of Commerce team in 2021, we wanted to take the opportunity to bid farewell to colleagues past and introduce you to the new colleagues.

In August Alan Millhouse retired from the role of Queensland Chair. Alan held this position for 9 years.

Before his retirement, Alan was a consultant at Allens Linklaters; former banking and infrastructure partner of Allens Linklaters; former President of the Banking and Financial Services Law Association of Australia and New Zealand; former President of the Infrastructure Association of Queensland and a former Chairman of the Queensland Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Alan is an Adjunct Professor in law at the University of Queensland. He has served as a director of various public companies and statutory bodies.

In addition to Alan, we also bid farewell to Helen Walford, Jennifer Cramond, Karen Brittain and Helen Maclean in 2021. We thank everyone for their long-standing and valuable contribution to the Chamber.

Our most recent addition is Olivia Scullard, Digital Content and Marketing Coordinator, who joined us in December. Olivia previously worked for Content Security.



Olivia Scullard,
Digital Content and
Marketing Coordinator

Lynda Neoh, State Commercial Partnerships Manager, Western Australia, joined us in November. Lynda has experience in business development and event management for over 20 years in hospitality and corporate markets, and previously worked at Optus Stadium, Perth Convention & Exhibition Centre and PwC.



Lynda Neoh,
State Commercial Partnerships Manager,
Western Australia



Samantha Reichmann,
Queensland Commercial Partnerships
Manager

Samantha Reichmann joined us as Queensland Commercial Partnerships Manager in August. Sam comes from the UK with over 20 years' experience in marketing, sponsorship, events and fundraising.

This is a brand new role which was created to expand our Queensland Membership, develop connections and reach into the significant opportunities for Queensland/UK trade and investment in both directions. We are very excited about this role and encourage our QLD network to make contact with Sam.



Chez McKinney,
Event Manager



Amelia Swain,
Event Manager



Georgia Simpson,
Team Assistant and EA to the
CEO

In the same month, we welcomed Chez McKinney to the team as Events Manager, covering the markets in QLD, NSW and the ACT. Chez comes with an extensive events background from her time in London with stints at the City of London Corporation and most recently the Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology.

Georgia Simpson joined the Chamber as Team Assistant and EA to the CEO in July. Georgia has already been making a big impact in supporting our Members, as well as the team.

In March, we welcomed Amelia Swain as Events Manager covering the markets in VIC and SA. Amelia has previously worked at Sofitel Melbourne on Collins and the Victorian Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Even through a largely locked-down period, Amelia has done an excellent job of delivering a first-class Victorian event programme.

A year in Chamber events

Building on our experience in 2020, the Chamber developed a hybrid programme of events and webinars for 2021. With strong sponsor support and a diverse, high-level programme of speakers, we were delighted with the outcomes.

We worked closely with the British Government through the start of the year to bring you a virtual series on ‘Smart Cities’ alongside invite-only Free Trade Agreement updates and a series of workshops on progress towards Net Zero. These events engendered a more collaborative approach between Australia and the UK on these topics.

In February we held business lunches with;

- Jon Lamonte, Chief Executive, Sydney Metro, Transport for NSW
- Frédéric Baudry, president, bp Australia and SVP fuels & low carbon solutions, Asia Pacific

From March to June, we held our annual International Women’s Day Breakfasts in Melbourne and Sydney and events with;

- John Langoulant AO, Chair, Infrastructure WA

- Her Excellency Vicki Treadell CMG MVO, British High Commissioner to Australia
- The Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, Premier of NSW
- The Hon Dan Tehan MP, Minister for Trade, Tourism & Investment, amongst others

We were also delighted to reintroduce our International Catalyst programme with a series of virtual Infrastructure Catalyst in May and a virtual Health Catalyst in June. For both the Infrastructure and Health Catalysts, we will return to physical visits to each other’s countries in 2022, along with the continuing quarterly sessions. These Catalysts are a valuable link between Government, industry, academics, innovators, technology and research experts in Australia and the UK.

It is unfortunate that due to COVID restrictions, many of our June to September events were postponed. However, we still held a great variety of in-person and online events with speakers including;

- Louise Cantillon, British Consul General, Sydney, and Trade Commissioner for the UK’s Department for International Trade in Australia and New Zealand
- Andrew Liveris AO



- The Hon Andrew Hastie MP, Assistant Minister for Defence
- Sam Walsh AO
- Peter Verwer AO

The end of the Chamber's event year was packed with cross-sector expertise, particularly around the subject of climate change. Amongst the speakers, we heard from;

- The Hon Angus Taylor MP, Minister for Energy & Emissions Reduction
- The Hon Matt Kean MP, Minister for Energy & Environment
- The Hon Chris Bowen MP, Shadow Minister for Climate Change & Energy

We also hosted events with:

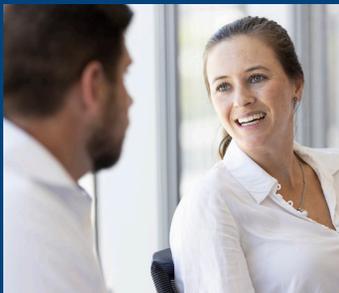
- Paul Bloxham, Chief Economist, HSBC
- The Hon Tim Pallas MP, Victorian Treasurer
- The Hon Andrew Constance MP, NSW Minister for Transport and Roads

- Andy Byford, TFL Commissioner
- Senator Fawcett, Chair of Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
- Romilly Madew AO, CEO, Infrastructure Australia
- Richard Yetsenga, Chief Economist, ANZ
- Alison Watkins, NED
- The Hon Victor Dominello MP, Minister for Digital and Customer Service
- Senator the Hon Jane Hume MP, Minister for Superannuation, Financial Services & the Digital Economy
- Peter Regan, CEO, Sydney Metro
- Andy Street CBE, Mayor of the West Midlands
- The Lord Mayor of the City of London
- Mike Deeks CSC, Former Agent General to UK, Europe & Israel for the Government of Western Australia
- The Hon Bill Johnston MLA, Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Energy & Corrective Services.

We look forward to continuing to provide a platform for insightful and meaningful thought leadership from business and government in 2022 and beyond.













Sponsorship & Membership

The Chamber is committed to creating opportunities to foster the growth and development of Australia's commercial relationships with Great Britain.

We are always looking to establish new partnerships with companies who share our commitment to the promotion of bilateral trade and who are seeking an effective way to promote their position and reputation to the Australian business community, especially if that community embraces British companies and networks.

We are extremely grateful to our existing Principal Sponsors and Members. Without their support and engagement, the Chamber would not have been able to make 2021 such a successful year in the Chamber.

We look forward to your continued engagement and wish to underline the message that we are here to help you.

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