

G'day!

Our Sundowners each month is always very popular and well attended. Last month's networking event in Bangkok "Sundowners invites the Commonwealth" held at The Sukhothai Hotel, sponsored by Raimon Land and The Sukhothai deserves a special mention. This is the fourth year we have held this function and over 450 attended. Such a large turnout demonstrates the value you place on such networking occasions that was open to fourteen other Commonwealth related chambers' members. I would like to thank all the Commonwealth affiliated Chambers and their Executive Directors for so wholeheartedly supporting this joint networking.

On Wednesday, 6 August 2008 we intend to continue building on the success of our Sundowners program and we will invite members from all thirty foreign chambers in Bangkok. This will be for the second time this year and the fifth time overall that we have held an AustCham Sundowners inviting all foreign chambers – we hope to see you there.

The AustCham Thailand Business Awards are being sponsored this year by Al Jazeera Satellite Network, Austrade, OZ Minerals (previously known as Oxiana) and University of Queensland. I would like to thank all four event co-sponsors for their support of this iconic business focused event on our calendar, being held this year for the fourteenth time. Don't miss the black tie Awards Gala Dinner to announce the Business Awards recipients, being held on Wednesday, 20 August 2008 at the Grand Hyatt Erawan. Please book early as the limited number of tables will be taken up quickly.

Other important matters and events to diarise are as follows:



- **2008/9 AustCham Handbook** – this year we will again publish an ALL colour handbook. We are one of the few chambers in Bangkok to be producing a handbook with all sections in colour. This will give members a great opportunity to place advertisements next to your company listing in the Handbook. Don't miss out on the best pages for advertising – email our publisher: jim@veritasgraphics.com. Veritas will be contacting members to finalise their listings. It will assist timely publication of the Handbook if members review their corporate profile and other material on our website, and update it now.
- **AFL Grand Final** – Saturday, 27 September 2008. Whether you follow the footie or not, this is always a great all day event thanks to live coverage of the game and the sporting legend we fly in from Oz.

As always, I hope to hear from you! ■

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Calendar of Events

TUESDAY, 1 JULY

Breakfast Briefing: Challenges Facing HR Today in Thailand

07.30 - 09.00
Venue: AustCham office
Moderator: Al Lock, t+b solutions
Panelists: 3

WEDNESDAY, 2 JULY

Sundowners

18.00 - 21.00
Sponsor: Australia & New Zealand Banking Group
Venue: InterContinental Bangkok

THURSDAY, 3 JULY

Luncheon Meeting

12.00 - 14.00
Venue: The Sukhothai, Bangkok
Speaker: Hon Stephen Smith MP, Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs

FRIDAY, 4 JULY

Free Survival Thai Lessons

07.30 - 09.00
Venue: AustCham office
Teacher: Jentana & associates

FRIDAY, 11 JULY

AFG Seminar: Automation in Industrial Processing Plants

17.30 - 18.30
Venue: TBA
Speaker: Andre Geertsma, Thailand ZI-Argus

FRIDAY, 11 JULY

Eastern Seaboard Sundowners

18.00 - 21.00
Venue: Northpoint, Wong-amat Beach, Naklua Road Soi 18
Sponsor: Raimon Land

SATURDAY, 12 JULY

Voluntary English Teaching

07.30 - 16.00
Venue: Baan Khao Din School, Chonburi

TUESDAY, 15 JULY

Luncheon Meeting

12.00 - 14.00
Venue: Conrad Hotel, Bangkok
Speaker: Hon Joe Helper MP, Victorian Minister for Agriculture and Small Business

TUESDAY, 24 JULY

Information Bites Luncheon

12.00 - 13.00
Venue: Pan Pacific Hotel, Bangkok
Speaker: Prof Chris Findlay, University of Adelaide
Topic: New Wave in the Globalization of Education

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AustCham Blood Donor Registry

AustCham has set up a database of rare blood types: A neg; B neg; AB neg; and O neg. If you would like to volunteer as a blood donor, please email your name, address, mobile no., email and blood type to: admin@austchamthailand.com

Your name will remain confidential and volunteers will be approached in an emergency.