



Australian American  
Chamber *of* Commerce

BUSINESS + CULTURE + EDUCATION

# AUSTRALIAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TEXAS

Connecting Australia and the US through business, culture  
and education for over 30 years.



# About the AACC

Connecting Australia and the US through business, culture and education since 1988.



The Australian American Chamber of Commerce (AACC) is a non-profit organization committed to fostering business relations between Australia and the United States, promoting cross-cultural understanding, and enhancing the quality of life of Australian expatriates who live and work in the U.S. In light of AACC's mission, the Chamber arranges regular business and social events throughout the year. Events focus on Australian-US business relations and interesting and current aspects of Australian art and culture.

**Membership in the AACC is open to all** - not just Australians. We have members from all over the world representing companies from across a variety of industries including oil & gas, renewable energy, healthcare, technology, government, real estate, finance, logistics, hospitality, travel, sports, and more.



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## Annual events included:

- Annual Innovation and Investment Conference (AUSii Forum)
- Annual Australia Day BBQ
- Business Speaker Events
- Down Under Sounds music showcase
- ANZAC Day Service & Lunch
- Australian-Texas Fall Dinner
- Monthly Networking /Happy Hour Events
- Member Sporting Events
- Houston-Perth Sister Cities Events & Programs
- Joint Partner Programs with community organizations

*All of our programs and events are made possible through sponsorship contributions and volunteer hours.*

# Board of Directors

AACC's Board is a voluntary board comprised of Houston based professionals drawn from Australian and U.S. organizations engaged in or promoting Australian and U.S. trade, investment, and cultural understanding.



**Christina Staib**  
*AACC President*  
Tarcoola Ventures LLC



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*AACC Vice President*  
JLL



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University of Houston  
Downtown



**Nana Booker**  
Ex-Officio Member  
Booker-Lowe Gallery



**Peter McGauran**  
Ex-Officio Member  
Australian Consulate



**Amy Conacher**  
Ex-Officio Member  
AACC Executive Director

# DID YOU KNOW?

The Australian American Chamber of Commerce is made up of individuals from all over the world representing companies from across a variety of industries including oil & gas, renewable energy, healthcare, government, real estate, finance, logistics, hospitality, travel, sports, and more.

200+

## MEMBERS

The AACC is proud to provide networking opportunities, business events and year-long programming to its 170+ members, sponsors, and partners. Connections made within the Chamber have led to many professional and personal interactions.

80+

## COMPANIES REPRESENTED

In 2019, our membership was comprised of individuals representing 88 different companies across Australia and the US.

15+

## PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

Recognizing the importance of continuing close relationships between partner organizations, AACC members enjoy reciprocal member benefits with many of our promoting partners.

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## EVENTS PER YEAR

The AACC hosts a wide range of programs and events throughout the year that focus on the close relationship between Australia and the US.

Events include business speaker events, conferences, networking events, cultural events, family gatherings, and collaborative events with our sponsors and partner organizations.

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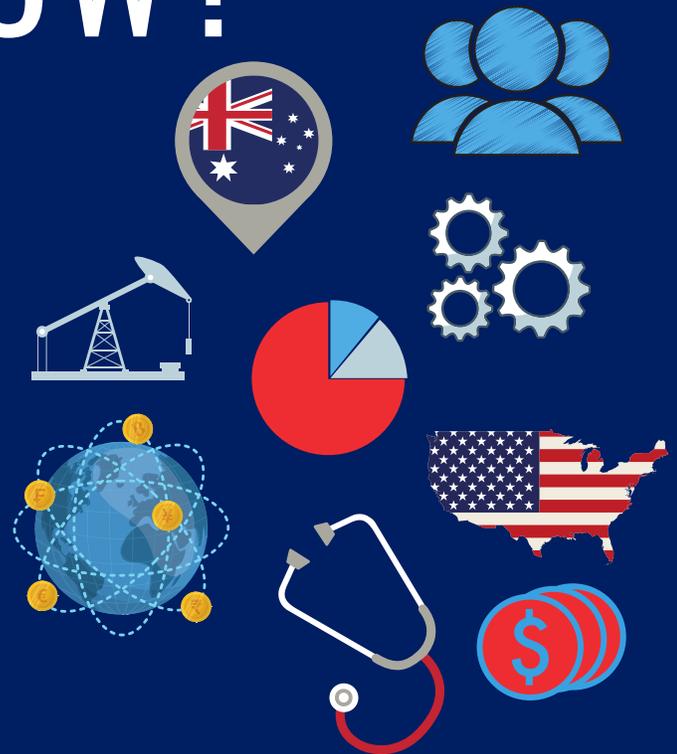
## NETWORKING SUNDOWNERS

The Chamber holds a monthly networking event EVERY month! These happy hours provide a great chance for members to mix and mingle with sponsors, members and friends of the Chamber. Many business collaborations began at an AACC Sundowner!

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## LEVELS OF MEMBERSHIP

Whether you want to improve your business network, learn more about the opportunities for trade and investment between the US and Australia or you're looking for an excuse to have fun with Australians and Americans, the Australian American Chamber of Commerce provides members at both corporate and individual levels with many opportunities throughout the year to network and improve business and social links between the US and Australia.



# Member Benefits

**AACC members have access to many benefits as part of their annual membership, and receive invitations to all of our Chamber events, including social, cultural and corporate programs and activities.**

**If you are an employee of an AACC sponsor you and your spouse are entitled to complimentary membership.**



**As a valued member of AACC, you will receive benefits including but not limited to:**

- Access to our membership directory
- Access to member-only offers, such as airfare, hotel, sporting and cultural events discounts
- Member rate on all AACC event tickets
- Discounts to AACC reciprocal partner events
- Information and advice on living in the Texas
- Networking events with sponsors and cooperating organizations
- Monthly professional networking mixers/happy hours - "Sundowners"
- Young Professionals (YP) Speaker Series, Professional Mixers, and Social Events
- Special events with visiting Australian political and industry dignitaries
- Business lunches with featured business and government speakers
- Annual Innovation and Investment Conference (AUSii)
- Australia Day celebrations and family picnic
- Facilitation of Australian International NAPE and OTC delegations and other groups
- Perth-Houston "Sister Cities" events in conjunction with Sister Cities International, the City of Houston, and the City of Perth

Our events focus on Australian-US business relations, as well as current and interesting aspects of Australian art and culture.

We have also partnered with many other local chambers of commerce, business and sporting organizations and Houston businesses to provide members with even more offers and benefits.

Individual Memberships are valued at over \$120 per year.

**Take advantage of your membership TODAY!**



# AACC Events

## Business. Culture. Education.



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Over 40 events per year fulfilling the AACC mission.

Mix | Mingle | Network

AUSTRALIAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

### SUNDOWNER

2ND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

11TH ANNUAL AACC CONFERENCE

### 2019 AUSii FORUM

Australia US Innovation and Investment Forum

The AACC in collaboration with the Asia Society Texas Center present

### The Importance of LNG in Asia's Sustainable Future

Mix | Mingle | Network

THE AUSTRALIAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & THE BRITISH AMERICAN BUSINESS COUNCIL INVITE YOU TO

### HealthTech Mixer

WITH GUEST SPEAKER DR. ROLF MONTALVO

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### DOWN UNDER SOUNDS 2020

sunday march 22 1pm-5pm  
platypus brewery

quivers alexander biggs & more tba

### AUSii Series

AUSTRALIA U.S. INNOVATION AND INVESTMENT

LET'S TALK

AUSTRALIAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

### YP MEETUP & TRIVIA NIGHT

Tuesday February 18, 2020  
7:00pm Meet your team, 7:30-10:00pm Trivia  
Platypus Brewing  
1902 Washington Avenue | Houston  
REGISTER ONLINE BY TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT ON THE TEAM @ [WWW.AACC-TEXAS.ORG](http://WWW.AACC-TEXAS.ORG)

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### Virtual Sundowner

Thursday April 9 | 6:00-7:00pm

Register HERE

### AACC MEMBER NIGHT OUT

HOUSTON DYNAMO  
MAY 18, 2019  
7:30PM

DISCOUNTED TICKETS FOR AACC MEMBERS

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### Special Sundowner & Presentation

MANTA RAYS AND WHALE SHARKS...OH MY!

Come to our pre-happy hour presentation with guest speakers equi Stanley & Emma Hickerson as they discuss two very special species and Australian reefs - the Flower Garden Coral Reef (US) and Ningaloo Reef (AUS).

THURSDAY JANUARY 9, 2020  
5:00PM  
[WWW.AACC-TEXAS.ORG](http://WWW.AACC-TEXAS.ORG)

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### AUSTRALIA DAY BBO

COME JOIN US!

SUNDAY JANUARY 26 | BEAR CREEK PARK | HOUSTON

### AUSTRALIA

AUSTRALIA'S OIL & GAS RESOURCES: CURRENT AND EMERGING OPPORTUNITIES

MONDAY | FEBRUARY 3, 2020  
3:00pm - 6:30pm  
Houston, TX

RESERVE YOUR SEAT AT [WWW.AACC-TEXAS.ORG](http://WWW.AACC-TEXAS.ORG)

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### TEXAS TAPAS & AUSSIE VINO

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### AUSii Series

AUSTRALIA U.S. INNOVATION AND INVESTMENT

LET'S TALK BUSINESS

### OIL & GAS UPDATE: THE IMPACT OF COVID-19

SPECIAL GUEST JOHN HOFMEISTER  
Former President, Shell Oil Company; Founder, Chief Executive, Citizens for Affordable Energy

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### HOUSTON-PERTH Sister Cities Association

### CELEBRATING 35 YEARS

HOUSTON-PERTH SISTER CITIES ASSOCIATION  
Established 1984

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AUSTRALIA U.S. INNOVATION AND INVESTMENT

LET'S TALK BUSINESS

### Corporate Real Estate Disposition Strategies During Recessions

Houston

[www.aacc-texas.org](http://www.aacc-texas.org)

"The annual conference was exceptional. I also loved the speakers who were very high quality."

*American Chamber of Commerce Australia*

**"It's all about connecting people, and that is ultimately what the Chamber does - they connect individuals because it's people that do business, it's not not companies that do business".**

*Australian State Government*

"Involvement in the AACC has provided me with many opportunities to connect with other professionals from across a range of industries, and has lead to new business connections and possibilities."

*SVP Energy Company*

## 2020 AACC SPONSORS

Platinum



Gold



**Australian Consulate General**  
Houston, Texas



Silver



Bronze



RYSTAD ENERGY





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