

Official Launch
of the Irish Chapter

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Bank of Ireland
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The Irish Australian Chamber of Commerce
welcomes you to the Official Launch
of our Irish Chapter



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A warm Irish Australian welcome to

Our Patron, Australian Ambassador to Ireland,
Dr. Ruth Adler

Alan McCarthy, New Zealand Consul-General

Our Chapter leadership, Peter Oakes
& Vincent Crowley and all our local volunteers

Our Foundation Members

Bank of Ireland, Commonwealth Bank of Australia,
CPL, Currency Fair, Eisner Amper, Ernst & Young,
Etihad Airways, Flight Centre, Fintech Ireland
& Pepper Ireland

Our Partners at Chambers Ireland
and our sister Chambers



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THE PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies – John Kennedy BL

Anthems – Christina Moloughney

Welcome from our Hosts – Bank of Ireland

Rob Clifford – President of the

Irish Australian Chamber of Commerce

Our Chapter Patron, Dr Ruth Adler,

Australian Ambassador to Ireland

Peter Oakes – Irish Chapter President



IRISH AUSTRALIAN CHAMBER of COMMERCE

The Irish Australian Chamber of Commerce is a modern, vibrant and inclusive membership based organisation that is committed to adding value and bringing opportunities to our members, drawn from a broad range of industry sectors and demographics across Australia and Ireland.

Our group is valued as the most suitable way to engage with Irish Australian professionals and those who do business with them.

Our activities & services include:

- Irish Australian Business Awards
- Business Mentoring Program
- Returning Migrants Program, the first of its kind within the Diaspora
- “Chamber Connect”. Technology Consulting, Research, Event Management, HR, Training and Trade Services
- Thought Leadership via White Papers
- “Horizons” (advanced, facilitated professional development program)
- Facilitating transactions supporting bilateral and inter-regional trade
- Supporting a number of existing partnerships with new Irish Australian businesses.

We see our role as helping to create opportunities for members locally, nationally and internationally. By being active in both jurisdictions, we believe that we will further enhance that, to the benefit of all parties. With strong technology and IP developed over a number of years in Australia, we bring innovation, quality and reliability to our activities in Ireland. As Charter Members of the European Australia Business Council, we support trade between our regions with Ireland as a gateway to Europe and Australia as a base for Asia-Pacific activity.

For more information on our Irish Chapter, please visit www.australianchamber.ie

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ROB CLIFFORD
IACC President

Welcome to the Official Launch of the Irish Chapter of the Irish Australian Chamber of Commerce. We are pleased to have this opportunity to gather here this evening with you, in the company of our Chapter Patron, the Australian Ambassador and our Foundation Members.

In this 70th year of diplomatic relations between Ireland and Australia, we look forward to the possibilities that the activities of this new Chapter represents. We welcome the growing interest from Irish companies looking at Australia as their preferred base in the Asia Pacific region. Additionally, through our charter membership of the European Australia Business Council, we support the goal of an Australia / EU FTA which we believe will encourage even more Australian businesses to consider Ireland, both as a destination market in its own right, and as a gateway to Europe.

Our team and volunteers have worked hard in recent months to make the aspiration of an Irish Chapter a reality and I would like to recognise them for their efforts, in particular our Chapter President Peter Oakes and my colleague Fergal Coleman from our Australian board.

I would also like to invite you all to become active in the Chapter as ultimately your support and engagement will contribute to its success. Together we can make a difference.



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DR. RUTH ADLER
Australian Ambassador to Ireland,
Patron of the Irish Chapter

As Australia's Ambassador to Ireland, I am delighted to be Patron of the Irish Chapter of the Irish Australian Chamber of Commerce.

The Australian Embassy has a productive relationship with the Australian business community in Ireland through its economic diplomacy agenda and welcomes the establishment of the Irish Chapter of the Irish Australian Chamber of Commerce.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Ireland on its strong economic performance in 2015. This was reflected in the growth of two-way trade and investment between our countries which is now worth almost Euro 19 Billion.

The process has commenced for the establishment of a comprehensive and high-quality Australia-European Union Free Trade Agreement (FTA). It is hoped that the scope and level of ambition of the FTA will strengthen further the Australia-Ireland bilateral relationship.

2016 also marks the 70th anniversary of Australia's diplomatic presence in Ireland. The year is a time to reflect on the history of our relationship and a time to celebrate the strong links between our governments and people in the arts, business, education and science communities.

I wish the Irish Chapter of the Irish Australian Chamber of Commerce every success in its activities in Ireland and look forward to collaborating with it.



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PETER OAKES
President (Irish Chapter)

As an Australian businessman living and working in Ireland for more than a decade, tonight's event is indeed something of a landmark. In recent years I have encountered a growing number of Australian companies and senior professionals in Ireland. I have had the privilege to help a number of them on their journey including one of our Foundation Members here tonight, Currency Fair. I've watched with interest as the collaboration between Australian and Irish businesses has grown and companies have successfully traded and moved between these two markets.

Until now many of those activities had to rely on personal contacts among our respective diaspora and without the significant structure, organisation and support that we will now have from the Chamber's presence in Ireland.

The launch of the Chapter sees a tremendous opportunity for effective engagement on a number of topics which are of shared interest and of fundamental importance to the continuing economic growth of both countries, including Innovation, Technology, Infrastructure and the Australia / EU Free Trade Agreement to name but a few.

Our activities will provide meaningful and far-reaching support to the growing Australian business community in Ireland, the ability to provide quality insights to Irish businesses considering Australian activities and to build business and professional ties across generations and geographies. It's an exciting time and I'm very proud to play my part in it. My sincere thanks to the Chamber for driving this excellent initiative.



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The Irish Australian Business Relationship

- Australian merchandise exports to Ireland were valued at \$55 million and imports from Ireland were valued at \$1.82 billion in 2014-15.
- Australia's trade in services with Ireland was valued at over \$1.5 billion in 2014-15.
- In 2014, Ireland's total investment in Australia was valued at \$16.28 billion, while Australia's investment in Ireland was valued at \$8.83 billion.

[Source: Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade]

- Dozens of Australian companies are now active in Ireland across many sectors.
- Enterprise Ireland is currently supporting over 150 Irish client companies from their Sydney office.
- A significant number of Irish professionals who had been working in Australia in recent years are looking at returning to Ireland as the economy recovers, many with Australian partners.

Guests at today's event include:

A&L Goodbody
Accenture
AIB
AirBnB
American Chamber Of Commerce Ireland
Australian Embassy
AvantCard Ireland Ltd
Aviva Ireland
Bank of Ireland
Banking & Payments Federation Ireland
Beach Hut PR
Beyond Distribution
Bike Exchange
Bord Bia
British Irish Chamber
C & C Group
Capita Asset Services
Capital Creation
CBA
Central Bank of Ireland
Chambers Ireland
Citibank Europe plc
Citywest Hotel
CPL
CurrencyFair
Deloitte
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation
Department of the Taoiseach
Depositify
Deutsche Bank
Diaspora Matters
Duff & Phelps Ireland
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Enterprise Ireland
Ernst & Young
Etihad Airways
FEXCO
Fianna Fail
Financial Services Ireland
Fintech Ireland
First Data International (Omnipay)
FleishmanHillard

Flexirent
Flight Centre
Fora
GAA
Galligan Johnston
German-Irish Chamber of Industry and Commerce
Global Reviews
Grant Thornton
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Harvey Norman Ireland
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IDA Ireland
Ireland Australia Association
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Irish Tech News
KBC Bank Ireland
Kerry Group
Kinsale Capital Management Limited
Law Society of Ireland
Law Society of Northern Ireland
Life & Balance Centre
LinkedIn
LK Shields Solicitors
Macquarie Group Limited
Matheson
McCann Fitzgerald
Meat and Livestock Australia
NZ Honorary Consulate
Ox Business Systems
PayPal
Pepper Ireland
Pipelink International
Primark
PwC
Science Gallery
Sinn Fein
South Dublin Chamber
Sunday Business Post
The Bar of Ireland
The Institute of Directors in Ireland
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