

## **WHAT IS THE AUSTRALIA PACIFIC ISLANDS BUSINESS COUNCIL?**

The APIBC was established in 2000 with the aim of providing a framework within which the private sector can communicate with the Australian and Pacific Islands governments at the highest political and policy advising levels with a view to finding solutions to trade and investment issues. It also provides members with an unparalleled network to help further their business goals in the Pacific Islands region. The APIBC works in close co-operation with the Australia Fiji Business Council and the Australia Papua New Guinea Business Council, which perform similar functions for business between Australia and those two countries.

## **WHO ARE THE MEMBERS?**

Membership of the Council includes a wide range of industry groups, from large corporations to small family companies.

Some of the industries represented are: shipping, trading companies, freight forwarding, manufacturing, transport, airlines, accountancy/audit, management and business consultancy, insurance, building & construction, tourism, banking, petroleum, tobacco, food/confectionery, and legal services.

## **WHAT ACTIVITIES DOES THE COUNCIL OFFER ITS MEMBERS?**

The Council's activities include participation in regular meetings with Australian Government ministers and policy officials to discuss major policy issues of concern to Australian business, the receiving and sending of trade and investment delegations between Australia and Pacific Island economies, and the holding of trade, investment and information seminars on the Pacific Island economies. To keep members informed of developments in the Pacific Island economies we distribute information to members regularly on current political, economic and social issues. Of particular value to members whose interests in the region are in the early stages of development is that the Council provides access to an unparalleled network of Australian businesses with long experience in the region.

## **WHAT ARE THE COUNCIL'S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES?**

The Council's objectives, set out in its constitution, are as follows:

- (a) To promote friendship, goodwill and understanding between the business communities of Australia and Pacific Islands economies.
- (b) To maintain, support, promote and encourage trade, investment, technical and economic co-operation and tourism between Australia and Pacific Islands economies.
- (c) To maintain, promote and extend industrial and commercial relations between individuals, firms, companies, corporations, institutions and associations of Australia and Pacific Islands economies.
- (d) To carry out objective research studies on any matters affecting or concerning any of the above objectives.
- (e) To arrange for regular and effective consultation between business enterprises in Australia and Pacific Islands economies.



- (f) To encourage and sponsor education, personnel exchange and training schemes at the private sector level between Australia and Pacific Islands economies, with the aim of mutually enhancing experience, education and capabilities.
- (g) To maintain liaison with the Governments of both Australia and Pacific Islands economies in order to promote any of the above objectives and to ensure that the concerns, views and plans of the Australian and Pacific Islands economies commercial sectors are clearly conveyed to the governments of both countries.
- (h) To co-operate with an appropriate body established in each Pacific Islands economies and to arrange for regular and effective consultation, communication and meetings with it.
- (i) To provide a forum for contacts and discussions of questions of common interest and information, advice and services.
- (j) To seek to ensure the continuation of a stable relationship between the two countries.

### **HOW MUCH DOES MEMBERSHIP COST?**

There are three classes of membership available for businesses or individuals to join the Council. These are:

#### **Full Member** - (AUD1670 per annum)

A company or person who registers an interest in more than three of the countries covered by the Council.

#### **Limited Member** - (AUD1115 per annum)

A company or person who registers an interest in either two or three of the countries covered by the Council.

#### **Associate Member** - (AUD590 per annum)

A company or person who registers an interest in one of the countries covered by the Council. A Single Country Member has no rights to participate in the management of the Council as an Executive Committee member or to vote at general meetings of the Council.

### **WHERE CAN I OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION?**

Organisations, companies and individuals who are interested in obtaining more detail on the activities and issues currently being progressed by the Business Council should contact the Secretariat.

You can also learn more about the Business Council online at [www.apibc.org.au](http://www.apibc.org.au).

### **HOW DO I JOIN?**

New Membership enquiries are welcome, we are currently developing an online membership subscription and renewal portal and members will be advised when this function is available. Prospective members can be processed by filling out the form below and sending to;

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We accept payment via credit card or direct deposit, should you wish to pay using another method, please contact us to discuss.

