

# German Australian Business Council



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## Welcome as a Patron to the German Australian Business Council

Dear Mr Tebbutt, *dear Dan,*

We are delighted that you have accepted our invitation to become co-patron of the German Australian Business Council.

The following is a brief overview of the German Australian Business Council:

### What is the German Australian Business Council?

As you may be aware, the German Australian Business Council is an international business networking organisation, providing a forum for the generation of business opportunities, contacts and information exchange relevant to Australia and Germany, in an interesting and enjoyable environment. The German Australian Business Council also provides the platform for those interested in bilateral trade and investment between Germany and Australia to establish contact, networking Australian and German businesses.

We cooperate with, and are supported by, the Australian government, including the Australian Trade and Investment Commission and the Australian Embassy. The German Australian Business Council operates on a purely voluntary basis. We currently have over 120 individual members, approximately 600 friends and 31 corporate members.

→ *The Australian Ambassador to Germany, and the Australian Consul-General in Frankfurt traditionally have been our patrons.*

### What does the German Australian Business Council do?

The German Australian Business Council hosts a range of networking events designed to keep members up-to-date with business, political, and cultural developments occurring in Australia. The events extend from business breakfasts and lunchtime roundtables, to classical evening presentations with networking. Events include the Australia Day Luncheon, the Annual Ambassador's Dinner, a leadership series and a range of others from a variety of industries.

Our events are primarily held in the Frankfurt region, with increasingly more events being held in Munich and Berlin. We are part of the Australian Business in Europe (ABIE) network which allows our members to attend events organised by our sister organisations at member's price. In an effort to increase the profile of ABIE we will hold our first joint event in July this year with a focus on the proposed EU-Australia Free Trade Agreement.

→ *The German Australian Business Council is an organisation of individual and corporate members: We work closely with major Australian Corporates in Europe and with Australian Government Offices, as well as with SMEs. We are also increasingly working with German companies and corporations.*

## Who are the corporate members of the German Australian Business Council?

Our corporate members include:

• 2esystems GmbH	• Adina Apartment Hotels	• AXA Investment Managers-Real Assets
• ANZ	• Australian Trade and Investment Commission	• Bird & Bird
• CMS Hasche Sigle	• The Commonwealth Bank of Australia	• CSL Behring
• DekaBank	• Emirates	• First State Investment
• FORUM Rechtsanwälte	• FrankfurtRheinMain	• Government of Western Australia
• HengelerMueller	• KfW IPEX-Bank	• Macquarie Group
• mic AG	• Monash University	• Qantas
• Trade & Investment Queensland	• SCHUBERT + Nasse Rechtsanwälte	• Sonic Healthcare
• Squire Patton Boggs	• Victoria State Government	• Telstra Global
• The University of Queensland	• Vitronic	• Western Union Business Solutions

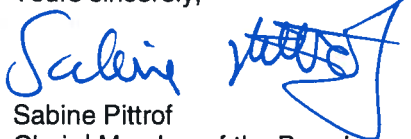
Further information is available from our website: [www.gabc.eu](http://www.gabc.eu)

The German Australian Business Council has always been privileged to have strong support from Australian government entities in Germany. In previous years, the Australian Ambassador served as a Patron and the Australian Consul-General and Senior Trade and Invest Commissioner was a member of the board or served as a co-patron of the council. The expertise and guidance of your predecessors has been highly appreciated and valued.

We are delighted that you are willing to continue this tradition of service to the Australian German business community by taking up the role of Co-Patron of the German Australian Business Council.

We very much look forward to working with you in your new position.

Yours sincerely,



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*In 2017 the German Australian Business Council is celebrating 20 years of connecting Germany and Australia*

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