

Sydney to host World Chambers Conference



The World Chambers Federation Congress is coming to Sydney in September 2017. Uniting more than 12,000 Chambers, the Congress is the must-attend event for business networking.

NSW Business Chamber CEO Stephen Cartwright said Sydney should be proud of the winning bid. "This is an incredible coup for Sydney. It is important to acknowledge not only the incredible hard work and dedication of our bid team from the NSW Business Chamber and Sydney Business Chamber, but the highly professional support of the NSW Government through Business Events Sydney, which was vital to our success."

Held every two years, the World Chambers Federation Congress is expected to bring more than 1000 Chamber leaders and business executives from 130 countries to Sydney. It is the first time the Congress has been held in the NSW capital. It will be staged at the International Convention Centre at Darling Harbour.

Mr Cartwright said Australia's unique reputation as credible, trustworthy and green had not only helped their bid but also increased international business interest, particularly from consumers in Japan.

The Chamber took a trade delegation to Japan in October 2014, which garnered huge interest in Australian products from Japanese buyers.

Trade delegate Jasper Parkes said the trade delegation proved invaluable for his company. "There's no doubt the Japanese are fascinated by our product, and it's certainly a great door opener for us over here," he said. "Now the hard work begins to ensure that the 2017 ICC World Chambers Federation Congress is an unforgettable experience for all attendees," said Mr Cartwright. ■

CEO and Chair Symposium

Associations Forum's CEO & Chair Symposium was held at Grand Chancellor Hobart on 12-13 February 2015. The event provided two days of stimulating and insightful discussion from a range of industry specialists. Delegates enhanced the dialogue by actively participating in question time.

Former Leader of the Australian Greens, Bob Brown opened the Symposium, creating many conversations between delegates, both in person and on social media.

Thank you to all of this year's speakers, delegates and sponsors including, APT Solutions, Guild Insurance, Mills Oakley Lawyers, New Zealand Business Events, Hotel Grand Chancellor, Saxton Speakers Bureau, Business Events Tasmania, BrandQuest and Ozacomm+. ■

AFNC to be held in Adelaide

Australia and New Zealand's premier event for the associations and charities sector, the Associations Forum National Conference (AFNC) will be held 14-15 July 2015 at the expanded Adelaide Convention Centre (ACC).

"AFNC will provide two days of thought-provoking panels, engaging presentations and lots of networking. The impressive ACC extension adds to the appeal of Adelaide as an association events destination," said Jessica Cleary Associations Forum's Event Manager.

Proudly sponsored by the Adelaide Convention Bureau and the Adelaide Convention Centre, registrations are open at afnc.associations.net.au ■