

# International Business Council

The Department actively assists Western Australian businesses to enter global markets through its ongoing support of the International Business Council of Western Australia and its members.

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## About the International Business Council

The International Business Council of Western Australia is an incorporated member-based council whose membership consists of bilateral chambers of commerce or business councils and/or associations who are actively involved in local and international trade activities.

The Council encourages and facilitates communication and co-operation among its members and provides additional contact and networking opportunities for individuals, companies and groups within those member organisations.

The International Business Council aims to:

- promote the development of international trade and business opportunities for Western Australia
- provide a forum for the exchange of information between members
- enhance co-operation between members
- assist members access grant schemes
- provide a focal point for government, business and overseas visitors wanting to explore international trade and commerce opportunities.

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# The International Business Council Management Committee

The International Business Council is managed by a member-elected management committee. Only an endorsed financial member of a member organisation is eligible to be on the committee. The current management committee is:

## **President**

Margaret Hall, Australian British Chamber of Commerce

## **Vice President**

Penelope Williamson, American Chamber of Commerce

## **Treasurer**

Achim Burmeister, West Australian-German Business Association

## **Secretary/Executive Officer**

Mike Hall, Secretary

## **Committee**

Lisa Browne, Australia-Africa Business Council of Western Australia

Edmund Damouni, Australian Arab Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Danny Tam, Hong Kong Australia Business Association

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# The International Business Council Member Organisations

The International Business Council membership is open to all incorporated Western Australian business Groups representing individual or corporate interests in international commerce and trade. Individuals and companies can participate in the International Business Councils activities by becoming members of any of the Chambers or Associations. Current members include:

- American Chamber of Commerce in Australia
- Australia India Business Council
- Australia Poland Business Council
- Australia-Africa Business Council
- Australia-Indonesia Business Council
- Australia-Malaysia Business Council
- Australian Arab Chamber of Commerce in Australia
- Australian British Chamber of Commerce
- Hellenic Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry

- Hong Kong Australia Business Association
- Italian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Perth Inc
- Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce of Western Australia
- Turkish Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Western Australia
- West Australian Croatian Chamber of Commerce
- West Australian Vietnam Business Council
- West Australian-German Business Association
- Western Australian Chinese Chamber of Commerce
- Western Australian Korean Chamber of Commerce
- Western Australian Singapore Business Council.

For contact details and website addresses download the [International Business Council Members List](#) (PDF 90 KB).

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## International Business Awards

Since 1996 the International Business Council of Western Australia has presented annual awards to acknowledge the contribution made by individuals who develop international business which benefits Western Australia. The valued International Business Awards are divided into four categories to recognise contributions made to a range of business situations. The categories are:

- Home Operated Business Award
- New Exporter Award
- International Business Award
- Presidents Award of Distinction.

### 2008 International Business Award Winners

More than 200 people attended the 2008 International Business Awards Gala Dinner at Perth's Government House Ballroom.

It is the thirteenth year of the awards which are an opportunity to recognise those outstanding achievers who have contributed to international business benefiting Western Australia.

The awards embrace the many facets of international business and encourage international enterprise.

The winners of the 2008 International Business Council awards were:

- **Home Operated Business Award:** Jill Yelland, Designmergers
- **New Exporter Award:** Peter Hutchison, Smart Burn Pty Ltd
- **International Business Award:** Terry Barclay, Barclay Engineering
- **Presidents Award of Distinction:** Paul Afkos, Afkos Industries.

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## Trade Events

[Austrade](#) coordinates, promotes and participates in a range of international and local trade events.

[The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's](#) website contains a guide to diplomatic representation of foreign governments in Canberra as well as representatives of international organisations in Australia.

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