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# The Abbott Ministry

## Introducing Australia's New Government

**A**t federal elections held on 7 September 2013, the Liberal-National Coalition won 90 of 150 seats in Australia's House of Representatives. On 18 September 2013, the Hon Tony Abbott MP, leader of the Liberal-National Coalition, was sworn in as Australia's 28th Prime Minister.

Prime Minister Tony Abbott presented his cabinet to the public on 16 September. Some members have served as Ministers during the last Liberal-National government from 1996 until 2007. Short biographies of Australia's new Prime Minister, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Hon Julie Bishop MP, and the Minister for Trade, the Hon Andrew Robb AO MP are below.



Biography

### **The Hon Tony Abbott MP** Prime Minister of Australia

Tony Abbott was sworn in as the 28th Prime Minister of Australia on 18 September 2013. Prior to the election of the Coalition Government on 7 September 2013, Mr Abbott had been Leader of the Opposition since 1 December 2009. Mr Abbott was first elected as Member for Warringah in March 1994. He has been re-elected as Member for Warringah at seven subsequent elections.

During the Howard Government, Mr Abbott served as a Parliamentary Secretary, Minister, Cabinet Minister, and Leader of the House of Representatives. As Minister for Employment Services (1998–2001) Mr Abbott oversaw the development of the Job Network and a major

expansion of Work for the Dole. As Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations (2001–2003) Mr Abbott boosted construction industry productivity through the establishment of the Cole Royal Commission.

As Minister for Health and Ageing (2003–2007) Mr Abbott oversaw the expansion of Medicare rebates to allied health professionals such as dentists and psychologists and introduced the Strengthening Medicare reforms which delivered record levels of bulk billing for patients. Mr Abbott also introduced the Medicare safety net for people with big out-of-pocket expenses, increased hospital funding by \$2.2 billion, and resolved the medical indemnity crisis. At the 2010 election, the Coalition under Mr Abbott's leadership achieved the best result for a first term opposition since 1932.

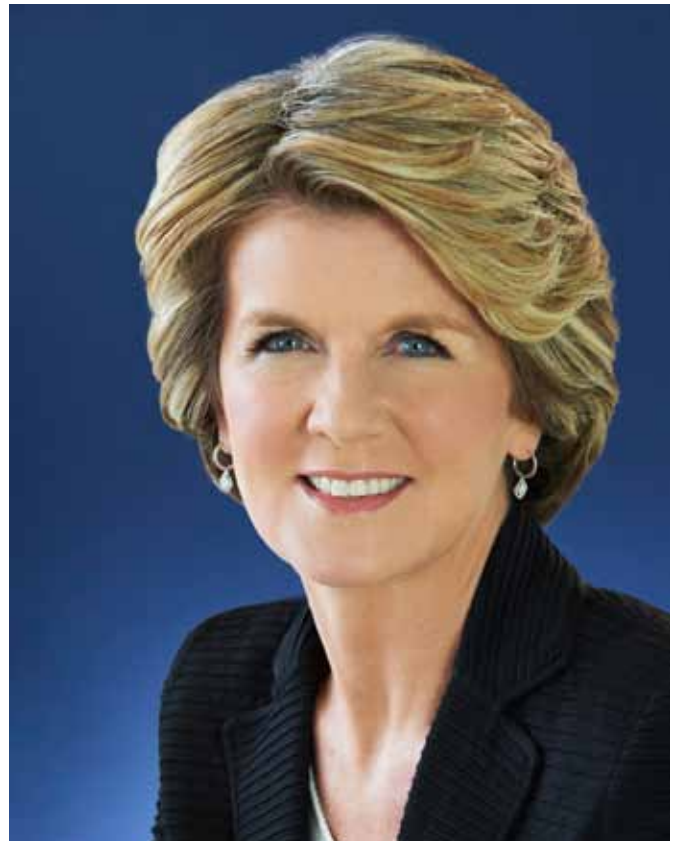
Since Federation, no Opposition Leader has been elected Prime Minister with more ministerial experience than Tony Abbott. As Prime Minister, Mr Abbott has promised to spend a week each year living and working in an indigenous community. In recent years, Mr Abbott has spent time working as a teacher's aide in Coen and as a truancy officer in Aurukun as well as participating in the Bush Owner Builder indigenous housing project near Hopevale on Cape York. Last year, Mr Abbott and a team of business leaders spent four days helping to refurbish the library of the local school at Aurukun.

Prior to entering parliament, Mr Abbott was a journalist with The Australian and The Bulletin. He was press secretary and political adviser to the Leader of the Opposition, Dr John Hewson, before becoming Executive Director of Australians for Constitutional Monarchy. Mr Abbott holds Economics and Law degrees from Sydney University. He is a Rhodes Scholar and holds a Master of Arts (Politics and Philosophy) from Oxford University. Mr Abbott is the author of four books.

Mr Abbott is a long term member of Queenscliff Surf Life Saving Club and the Davidson Brigade of the Rural Fire Service. He is married to Margaret. They are the proud parents of three daughters – Louise, Frances and Bridget.

## Biography

### **The Hon Julie Bishop MP** Minister for Foreign Affairs



Julie Bishop is the Minister for Foreign Affairs in Australia's Federal Coalition Government. She is also the Deputy Leader of the Liberal Party and has served as the Member for Curtin in the House of Representatives since 1998.

Ms Bishop was sworn in as Australia's first female Foreign Minister on 18 September 2013 following four years in the role of Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade. She previously served as a Cabinet Minister in the Howard Government as Minister for Education, Science and Training and as the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women's Issues. Prior to this, Ms Bishop was Minister for Ageing.

Ms Bishop has also served on a number of parliamentary and policy committees including as Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties. Before entering Parliament Ms Bishop was a commercial litigation lawyer at Perth firm Clayton Utz, becoming a partner in 1985, and managing partner in 1994.

Ms Bishop graduated with a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Adelaide in 1978 and attended Harvard Business School in Boston

in 1996 completing the Advanced Management Program for Senior Managers. She is also a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Management and has held a number of positions including Chair of the Western Australia Town Planning Appeals Tribunal, Member of Murdoch University Senate and the Anglican Schools Commission and Director of the Special Broadcasting Service and the Committee for Economic Development Australia. Ms Bishop was inducted into the WA Women Hall of Fame in 2011 and is currently the Deputy Chair of the Western Australian Museum Foundation and a Board Member of His Majesty's Theatre Foundation.

## Biography

### **The Hon Andrew Robb AO MP** Minister for Trade



Mr Robb has qualifications in Agricultural Science and a first class Honours Degree in Economics. In the 70s Mr Robb worked as an animal health officer and then as agricultural economist. In the 80s he was Executive Director of the Cattle Council of Australia, and later, Executive Director of the National Farmers' Federation. From 1990 to 1997 Mr Robb was the Federal Director and Campaign Director of the Liberal Party. The highlight of that time was directing the successful 1996 federal election campaign.

From 1997 to 2004 Mr Robb worked for Mr Kerry and James Packer, as well as advising

major companies around Australia and overseas. During this time he also built an Australia-wide direct marketing technology company, was on the investment team for the Gorgan Gas Project, and was a Board Member of Sinclair Knight Merz, Australia's largest consulting engineering company.

Mr Robb has also been a Board Member of the Garvan Medical Research Foundation, the Menzies Research Centre, the Big Brother Big Sister mentoring organisation, a member of the YWCA Leadership group and was honorary Treasurer of the Liberal Party in NSW. He also served as Chairman of the Australian Direct Marketing Association.

In 2003 Mr Robb was awarded the Office of the Order of Australia for his service to agriculture, politics and the community.

Mr Robb was elected to the Federal seat of Goldstein in October 2004, holding positions as Chairman of the Government's Workplace Relations Taskforce, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs and then Minister for Vocational and Further Education. In Opposition, he held positions as Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs, Shadow Minister for Infrastructure and Climate Change, Chairman of the Coalition Policy Development Committee and Shadow Minister for Finance, Deregulation and Debt Reduction.

Following the Coalition victory at the 2013 election, Mr Andrew Robb was appointed to the Cabinet as Minister for Trade and Investment.

Mr Robb lives in Brighton with his wife Maureen, and has three adult children Tom, Joe and Pip. Andrew is the author of "Black Dog Daze: Public Life, Private Demons" (Melbourne University Publishing).

For further information, please refer to the website of the Prime Minister of Australia at **[www.pm.gov.au](http://www.pm.gov.au)**

and the websites of the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and the Minister for Foreign Affairs at **[www.dfat.gov.au](http://www.dfat.gov.au)** and **[www.foreignminister.gov.au](http://www.foreignminister.gov.au)**

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### **The Hon Warren Truss MP**

Deputy Prime Minister & Minister for Infrastructure and  
Regional Development

### **The Hon Julie Bishop MP**

Minister for Foreign Affairs

### **Senator the Hon Eric Abetz**

Minister for Employment, Minister Assisting the Prime  
Minister on the Public Service

### **Senator the Hon George Brandis QC**

Attorney-General and Minister for the Arts

### **The Hon Joe Hockey MP**

Treasurer

### **The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP**

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### **The Hon Christopher Pyne MP**

Minister for Education

### **Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion**

Minister for Indigenous Affairs

### **The Hon Ian Macfarlane MP**

Minister for Industry

### **The Hon Kevin Andrews MP**

Minister for Social Services

### **The Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP**

Minister for Communications

### **The Hon Peter Dutton MP**

Minister for Health and Minister for Sport

### **The Hon Bruce Billson MP**

Minister for Small Business

### **The Hon Andrew Robb AO MP**

Minister for Trade and Investment

### **Senator the Hon David Johnston**

Minister for Defence

### **The Hon Greg Hunt MP**

Minister for the Environment

### **The Hon Scott Morrison MP**

Minister for Immigration and Border Protection

### **Senator the Hon Mathias Cormann**

Minister for Finance

# A Circle Closed

Australian Tim Bonyhady Traces His Austrian Heritage



**A**ustralian author and academic Professor Tim Bonyhady recently brought the fascinating story of his family to Austria, a Jewish family that escaped as refugees from Nazi Vienna in 1938 and settled in Australia. Professor Bonyhady wrote about the family's experiences in his award-winning book "Good Living Street – the Fortunes of my Viennese Family". The book was recently published in German by Austria's Zsolnay publishers as "Wohllebengasse. Die Geschichte meiner Wiener Familie". Professor Bonyhady visited Vienna and Salzburg to present it to Austrian audiences in early November.

The book, and the story told in it, is an example of how a migrant family has contributed to, and enriched, Australia's society. As it explores the history of Bonyhady's family, it brings to life the late 19th and early 20th century in Central Europe, in particular in Vienna, and the 1940s to 1970s in Australia.

The book describes an exceptional private col-

lection of turn-of-the-century art, furniture and design, including works by internationally renowned artists such as Gustav Klimt and Joseph Hoffmann. Miraculously, the owners of the collection were able to move much of it out of Austria under the eyes of the Nazis and to bring it safely to Australia. After being held privately, the collection, termed 'Gallia' after the family name of the collection's founder, is now owned by the National Gallery of Victoria (NGV). It was on display as part of the NGV's "Vienna: Art and Design" exhibition in 2011.

The book also tells the story of three generations: a Jewish family that made its wealth in the gas lighting business and became a prominent sponsor of the Vienna arts scene at the beginning of the 20th century (Gustav Klimt, for example, painted a full-size portrait of Professor Bonyhady's great-grandmother Hermine Gallia, which is now held at the UK's National Gallery); the grandmother and great-aunt who rescued the collection and a few months after the Nazis took power in Austria in 1938 were able to escape to Sydney, where they built up their lives under totally different conditions

from the ones they knew; and Tim Bonyhady's mother Anne, who as a teenage girl arrived in Australia with her mother and aunt, settled into Australia's society and became a teacher of German.

The book is of great interest to both Australian and Austrian readers. Australians learn about the experience of three migrant women in Australia, and what it was like for them to settle into an hitherto unknown environment. For Austrians, it is an insight into life in Vienna in the last decades of the Empire and in the troubled years of the 1920s and 30s. Fittingly, the presentation of the German translation of the book in Austria coincided with commemorations of the 75th anniversary of the Nazi Kristallnacht (9 November 1938 when Jewish synagogues were destroyed and looted throughout Austria and Germany, and 6,547 Jews were arrested alone in Vienna) and with the 75th anniversary of the family's escape from Austria.

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### **Australians overseas**

If you are leaving Australia to travel or relocate, you need to check how this might affect your income support payments, health care and child support arrangements.

For further information, please check the Centrelink online services page at <http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/subjects/australians-overseas>



# Australia continues to remain a partner for Afghanistan

Op-Ed by His Excellency David Gordon Stuart  
Australian Ambassador to Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina,  
Hungary, Kosovo, Slovakia, and Slovenia

**Australia's long-term commitment to Afghanistan is entering a new phase as we complete our mission in Uruzgan province in line with transition and shift our gaze to Kabul as the centre for our ongoing engagement. It is timely to reflect on what has been achieved, but equally to look to what role we should play to help the Afghan government and people overcome the challenges ahead.**

For much of the international community, relations with Afghanistan will enter a new phase as the Afghan National Security forces take security responsibility for the entire country from the end of 2014. There are still major security, political and economic challenges for Afghanistan: success is possible, but not assured.

In the southern province of Uruzgan, where Australian troops have been deployed, the Afghan National Security Forces will assume lead security responsibility at the end of this year. With this transition, Australia's role in Afghanistan will change with the end of our presence in the province. The Australian led, multinational Provincial Reconstruction Team completed its mission at the end of October with its remaining responsibilities moving to Australia's Embassy in Kabul.

Australian troops will have left the province by the end of 2013, with 1,000 returning home to Australia.

Australia's Prime Minister, the Hon Tony Abbot MP, at a recognition ceremony in the provincial capital, Tarin Kot on 28 October reflected on Australia's experience in Uruzgan



"For a year in 2001, and again since 2005, Australian soldiers have been in Afghanistan. Since 2005 a special operations task group, and subsequently a reconstruction taskforce have been deployed here in Uruzgan in support of the Provincial Reconstruction Team. Some 20,000 Australian men and women of our armed forces have served here in Afghanistan. Forty have died, 260 have been wounded, many more carry mental scars that may never heal. We salute their service. We mourn their losses and we honour their achievement."

"Thanks to Australia's presence here and that of our American, Dutch, Singaporean and Slovakian allies, there are now 26 girls' schools out of 200 schools in Uruzgan – that's a twentyfold increase since 2001. Up to 80 per cent of expectant mothers re-

ceive at least some prenatal care, care that was almost non-existent a decade ago and 200 kilometres of roads and bridges have been upgraded.”

“This is still a poor and a difficult province – even by Afghan standards – but it is richer and better governed than it was thanks to Australia and thanks to our allies. Afghanistan is a better place for our presence here. Australia is better too. The threat of global terrorism is reduced. Our reliability as an ally is confirmed and our commitment to the universal decencies of humanity that we fought for here is made obvious.”

The progress we have helped achieve in Uruzgan reflects the wider story in Afghanistan. Together with our Afghan partners, ISAF has helped to deny Al Qaeda safe haven and weakened the insurgent forces. International development programs and the Afghan Government’s own efforts have improved the living standard of ordinary Afghans, and this has in turn strengthened the Afghan Government’s legitimacy.

The educational and social changes in ten years are substantial: school enrolments from one million in 2001 to 7.7 million, including 2.4 million girls, in 2012; average expected years of schooling from 2.5 years to 8.1 years in that period; improved life expectancy and substantial reductions in maternal and infant mortality ratios; access to basic health services in districts covering 10 per cent of the population in 2001, now 85 per cent; 75 per cent of minefields cleared; and women’s rights enshrined in the Afghan Constitution (more than a quarter of Afghan MPs are women).

It will be a challenge to sustain this progress; nevertheless, these are fundamental

changes with an enduring impact.

Australia will remain a friend of Afghanistan in the period ahead. We remain committed to the International Security Assistance Force mission until its conclusion at the end of 2014, with up to 400 Australian Defence Force personnel continuing to train and advise Afghan security forces in Kabul and Kandahar. We have committed to contribute to the post-2014 NATO-led ‘train, advise, assist’ mission, will continue to provide funding to support a credible, accountable and sustainable Afghan security sector, and development assistance to build on the gains we have made so far.

Australia will also maintain a strong diplomatic presence in Kabul and continue to work, notably in our current position as a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council, to encourage international support for Afghanistan’s stability and to frame an ongoing mandate for UN assistance.

We finish our task in Uruzgan confident in the ability of the Afghan National Security Forces we have trained and proud of the development and governance progress we have helped achieve. But there are still challenges ahead.

From our partnership with them in Uruzgan, and more broadly, we are convinced that most Afghans want the chance of a life free from violent extremism and a future where they can live in peace with increased economic and social opportunities. Ultimately, it will be up to the Afghan government and people to shape such a future.

**Ambassador David Stuart is Australia’s Ambassador to Austria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Hungary, Kosovo, Slovakia, and Slovenia. Mr Stuart is also Australia’s Resident Representative and Governor on the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), and Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Vienna and Permanent Representative to the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBTO) Preparatory Commission.**



Reception for the Australian Connection in Austria (OZCON)

Review



On 12 December, **Ambassador David Stuart** held a reception for the Australian Connection in Austria (OzCON) and Australians working at the UN Vienna. The **Marryatville High School Choir** from Adelaide performed a selection of Christmas and Australian songs. First row, left: Singers from the **Marryatville High School Choir** and **Ambassador Stuart** and his wife, **Ms Anne Marie Ribas**. First row, right: **Mr Mark Alexander**, ANSTO; **Mr Gerry McGuire**, Deputy Head of Mission, Australian Embassy; **Mr James Stuart**, son of **Ambassador Stuart** with **Ms Sharon Stratton**. Second row, left: **Mr Kees van der Geest**, **Ms Gabrielle Costigan**, **Mrs Louise van der Geest**, OzCON; Third row, left: **Mrs Helen Woods** (spouse of **Mr Peter Woods**), **Mr Charles Morris**, **Mr Peter Woods** and **Mr Nick Dolgeris** - Australians working at the IAEA. Third row, right: **Ms Anne Marie Ribas** and **Mr Jason Hammond**, Marryatville High School Choir. **Bottom row, left:** **Mrs Diana Boal**, **Mr Peter Korcsek**, **Mrs Susanna Martin**, all OzCON. **Bottom row, right:** **Ms Lisa Kirchebner** in the middle and right **Mr Owen Huynh**, IAEA Seibersdorf with **Mr Ludovic Berndaudat**. © AusEmb



Reception for the Austrian-Australian Society and Farewell reception for Wolfgang Dobias



On 27 November, **Ambassador David Stuart** held a reception for the Austrian-Australian Society. **Dr Reinhold Lopaika**, President of the Austrian-Australian Society, also attended. During the reception, Ambassador Stuart farewelled **Mr Wolfgang Dobias**, a much valued long-term Embassy staff member, who for the past twelve years served as Senior Consular Officer. Wolfgang has been working at the Australian Embassy since 1995, and will retire by the end of 2013. The Ambassador expressed his appreciation for the work Wolfgang has done over the past years and wished him good luck for his retirement. First row, left: **Mr Hannes Taborsky** and **Mr Hans Dickinger**, both Austrian-Australian Society, and **Mr Wolfgang Dobias**. Third row, left: **Ms Elisabeth Jaquemar**, Australian Embassy; **Prof Hermann Mueckler-Liendl**, University of Vienna, and his wife **Mrs Rafaela Mueckler-Liendl**. Third row, right: **Ms Gabriele Weichhart**, Secretary General of the Austrian-Australian Society, and **Mr Mohan Mathews**, Australian Embassy. Bottom row, right: **Mr Vafa Ghazavi**, Australian Embassy, **Mr Hans Dickinger**, **Mr Rudolf Teichmann**, **Ms Rebveka Dötsch** and **Mr Peter Koulak**. © Hans Dickinger / AusEmb



# Bosnia and Herzegovina Universal Children's Day Reception

On 19 November, **Ambassador David Stuart** hosted a reception to mark Universal Children's Day in Bosnia and Herzegovina's (BiH) capital Sarajevo. The event was co-hosted with The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), and focused on disability-inclusive education. The event took place at the Art Gallery of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and attracted around 100 representatives of a wide range of relevant stakeholders from across the country – including government, heads of international and regional organisations in Sarajevo, members of the diplomatic community, aid officials, civil society leaders, as well as members of the Australian community in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The Deputy Minister of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, **Ms Denisa Sarajlić-Maglić**, spoke at the event. UNICEF's Representative to Bosnia and Herzegovina, **Ms Florence Bauer**, also spoke as a co-host. **Dr Nirvana Pištoljević** from EDUS - Edukacija za sve, and a mother and advocate with the NGO, Život sa Down sindromom, **Ms Maida Agić**, addressed what could be done to enhance the lives of children with disability in Bosnia and Herzegovina through inclusive education.

A photographic exhibition produced by EDUS as part of its advocacy efforts was also launched at the event. The event garnered extensive media attention with local media covering it and Australia's commitment to disability-inclusive education. © AusEmb/Klix/Presidency of BiH



First row, left: **Ms Denisa Sarajlić-Maglić**, Deputy Minister for Civil Affairs, held a speech at the opening of the Universal Children's Day reception on 19 November; standing on the right: **Ambassador Stuart** and **Ms Florence Bauer**, UNICEF Representative to BiH.

Second row left: During his visit to Bosnia and Herzegovina, **Ambassador Stuart** also met with the Bosniak Member of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina, His Excellency **Mr Bakir Izetbegovic**.



Bottom row, left: on 19 November 2013 Ambassador Stuart visited Mjedenica school in Sarajevo. Picture, from left to right: **Ms Sanela Lindsay**, **Dr Nirvana Pištoljevic**, **Ambassador Stuart** and **Mr Mirsad Asimovic**. © AusEmb

## Australian Literature at the University of Vienna

On 10 October, **Ambassador David Stuart** donated several novels by Australian author **Elizabeth Jolley** to the Anglo-American studies department at the University of Vienna.

**Elizabeth Jolley** is not only one of Australia's most defining writers, she is also the daughter of an Austrian mother (and an English father). All through her work there are references to German-language culture, such as to **Goethe** and to **Schubert Lieder**.

Raised in England, **Elizabeth Jolley** moved to Western Australia with her husband and three children in 1959. She wrote all her life, mainly novels and short-stories. Yet it was only when she was in her fifties that her work received the recognition it deserved. **Elizabeth Jolley** won several awards, including Officer of the Order of Australia for services to literature, the **Miles Franklin Award** for "The Well", and various honorary doctorates such as from Curtin University, formerly the Western Australian Institute of Technology. There she taught creative writing, including to accomplished Australian novelist **Tim Winton**.

Thanks to the continuous efforts of staff members at the University of Vienna such as **Professor Margarete Rubik**, the curricula of students at the Anglo-American studies department not only include language, grammar and linguistics courses, but also Australian studies and literature. Over the years, **Professor Rubik** has supported Australian guest lecturers to come to Vienna to teach Austrian students and to introduce some "exoticism" to a literature curriculum of **William Shakespeare**, **Thomas Hardy** and **Ernest Hemingway**. The Anglo-American study program continues to be popular. 1,500 students enrolled in the program in October this year.

The **Elizabeth Jolley** books will be stored at the AustralAsian Reading Room of the English and American Studies library. This publicly accessible library is dedicated to literature and cultural studies of Australia, New Zealand and Pacific countries, and was relaunched in 2012. It has a fine selection of some of the most important Australian writers.

We understand there is still space for more books on the bookshelves. If you thus have books by Australian authors that you no longer wish to keep, you may consider giving them to the English and American Studies library. For further information please see <http://bibliothek.univie.ac.at/fb-anglistik/>. © AusEmb



Image left: **Ambassador David Stuart** and **Prof Margarete Rubik**.

Second image, right (l-r): Ms **Gaia Puleston**, Australian Embassy; **Prof Margarete Rubik**; **Ambassador David Stuart**; Ms **Karin Lach** (first from right), librarian of the Australasian Reading Room, and students. © AusEmb

## Austria

### Austrade Business Seminar - "Doing Business in Australia"

On 4 and 5 November, Ambassador **David Stuart**, Mr **David Campbell**, Senior Trade and Investment Commissioner and Consul General at the Australian Trade Office in Frankfurt, and Ms **Gaia Puleston**, First Secretary, Australian Embassy, visited Styria to identify business and investment opportunities in Styria. On 5 November, the **Styrian Internationalisation Centre** (ICS – a joint initiative of the Chamber of Commerce of Styria; WKStmk), the **Styrian regional government** and the **Styrian Industrialists' Association**, hosted a seminar entitled "Doing Business in Australia". The seminar was aimed at Styrian businesses interested in developing business interests in Australia. Mr **Campbell** made a presentation outlining business and investment opportunities in Australia. Several businesses expressed specific interest in intensifying or building business with Australia.

Styria, which has been named by the European Commission as European Entrepreneurial Region for 2013, is the highest ranked EU region for research and development as a share of gross regional product. Styria has emerged as one of Austria's leading economic regions, due to the way it has successfully brought together business and research institutions to create a conducive business environment.

Styrian companies with a presence in Australia include **Voestalpine VAE** (a global leader in rail turnout manufacture, which has a subsidiary in Mackay, Queensland, and which is currently looking at further investment in Australia), **BioEnergy International** (a waste and bio-waste processing company with an affiliate, **Biodiesel Producers**, in Barnawartha, Victoria), **AVL** (the world largest independent powertrain development company with a transmission design centre, NTC Powertrain, in Castle Hill, Sydney) and **Andritz** (a global market leader for customised plant, systems and services for specialised industries with subsidiaries in Victoria and Western Australia). © AusEmb



Image, left: **Ambassador David Stuart**. Image, right (from left to right): Mr **David Campbell**, Austrade Frankfurt; **Ambassador Stuart**; Mr **Jürgen Roth**, Vice-President of the Styrian Chamber of Commerce. © Fischer/Graz

## Presentation of Credentials Review

On 16 October, **Ambassador David Stuart** presented his Letters of Credence to His Excellency Mr **János Áder**, President of the Republic of Hungary. **Ambassador Stuart** and **President Áder** agreed on the strong people-to-people links between the two countries. At the time of the 2011 Census, there were approximately 70,000 people in Australia of Hungarian ancestry. First image, left (l-r): **Ambassador Stuart** presenting his Letters of Credence to **President Áder** at Sandor Palace. Second image, right: **Ambassador Stuart** laying a wreath at Heroes' Square following the Presentation of Credentials Ceremony.

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United Nations Women's Guild Vienna Charity Bazaar and  
SILA - Slovenian International Ladies Association Bazaar



Image above, left top and bottom: On 30 November, the United Nations Women's Guild (UNWG) in Vienna organised the International Charity Bazaar at the Austria Center Vienna. The Australia/New Zealand stand, organised by **Ms Belinda Leslie** and **Ms Yvonne Le Heron**, sold more than 520 Pavlovas and 300 mini muffins, raising more than EUR 2,300 for the UNWG Children's Charities. Top picture (l-r): Australian Ambassador **David Stuart** and New Zealand Ambassador **Deborah Geels**. © Michelle Kay/Patrick Gout

Image above, right: On 30 November 2013, His Excellency **Borut Pahor**, President of the Republic of Slovenia, officially opened the Slovenian International Ladies Association (SILA) charity bazaar. 2013 marked the 20th anniversary of the SILA bazaar held at Gospodarsko razstavišče in Slovenia's capital Ljubljana. Mrs **Gabrijela Smuk** (first left) once again organised the Australia stand at the Bazaar. In 2013, 36 countries were represented, and more than 8,000 visitors helped to raise over EUR 83,000 EUR. © Gabrijela Smuk

## Australia Inspires Europe in River Management

In 1999, the **International RiverFoundation (IRF)**, Brisbane, first awarded the **Australian Riverprize**. Since then, the IRF Thies International Riverprize has been awarded annually in Australia and is the world's most important and financially attractive prize for river management.

This idea has really caught on. The IRF model for rewarding best practice in river basin management has been copied around the world. More recently, the IRF has partnered with the **International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR)**, which brings together 14 Danube-basin countries with its headquarters in Vienna, to launch the first **European Riverprize**. The first European Riverprize was awarded to the **river Rhine** in Vienna on 12 September 2013. **Ambassador David Stuart** attended with senior EU representatives including the EU Commissioner for Environment, **Janez Potočnik**, and national as well as local government and community representatives from across Europe.

**Ambassador Stuart** spoke about Australia's commitment to sustainable development, and its achievements in water management. Being the driest inhabited continent on Earth, Australia has developed innovative solutions to manage its water resources. As a result of its success, Australia is now exporting its expertise in riverine conservation. Underwater archaeology techniques developed for work in the Murray River, for example, are being applied in the muddy rivers of South-East Asia. Australia also partners with the World Bank and various European countries to improve management of the Ganges, Indus and Brahmaputra rivers under the South Asia Water Initiative.

Riverine research is carried out, among others, by **CSIRO**, Australia's national research agency. It has assembled the largest water research partnership in the country to address the challenge of delivering sustainable water supplies to communities and industry while minimising impacts on Australia's rivers and water-dependent ecosystems. CSIRO-developed "sustainable yield assessments" are being applied across the world. They quantify the potential impacts of climate change on surface water and groundwater availability across major river basins. Australian businesses are also actively converting new ideas for water management into a commercial success. Several companies have been exporting their technology, including to Europe such as Rubicon Water (management of water in open channels), WiSA Global (water saving technology) and Philmac (products for plumbers, municipalities and the mining industry). IRF continues its work of partnering around the world to fund and promote sustainable restoration and management of river basins. To do so, it has hosted the **16th International Riversymposium** in Brisbane from 23-26 September. As the winner of the First European Riverprize, the river Rhine has been invited to attend next year's symposium in Brisbane.

For further information, please refer to [www.riverfoundation.org.au](http://www.riverfoundation.org.au)



Image, left: **Ambassador David Stuart** speaking at the European Riverprize award ceremony in Vienna. Image, right: from left to right: Mr **Matthew Reddy**, Chief Executive, International RiverFoundation (IRF); Ms **Ulrike Sapiro**, Environmental Sustainability Director, Coca-Cola; Mr **André Weidenhaupt**, Chairman, International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine (ICPR); Mr **Ben van de Wetering**, Secretary General, ICPR; Dr **Anne Schulte-Wülwer-Leidig**, Assistant Manager, ICPR; Mrs **Ermina Salkičević-Dizdarević**, President of the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR) and Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations, Bosnia and Herzegovina; and **Ambassador Stuart**. Photo © International RiverFoundation (IRF)

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AS AT 19 DECEMBER 2013



The Calendar does not claim to be exhaustive. If you know about upcoming Australia-related events, please send us an email at: [austemb@aon.at](mailto:austemb@aon.at)

## Greengage in Concert - Christmas Session

**Thur 19 Dec at 20:00**

The new Viennese jazz formation „Greengage“ mixes various styles of music, including Tango, Bossa-nova, Funk, as well as Persian music. Greengage was founded by the Australian violinist Daniel Salecich in 2013, and features Alex Pinter (Guitar), Walter Bass (Piano), Michael Kröss (Bass), and Lukas Fellner (Drums) from Austria. For further information, please refer to <http://greengage-band.com>

**Venue: The Golden Harp, Irish Pub; Erdbergstrasse 27; 1030 Vienna; [www.goldenharp.at](http://www.goldenharp.at)**

## High School Stays in Australia and New Zealand

**Sat 25 Jan 2014 from 17:00 to 19:00 - Workshop**

**Sat 5 April 2014 from 10:00 to 15:00 - “Meet the Schools“ Information Fair**

At the 25 January workshop, Hausch & Partner, a specialist agent for Australia and New Zealand, will give an overview of the Australian and New Zealand schools system and introduce interested families to ways of how to best organize a High School Stay abroad. An Austrian alumni student, Kristine Hausch, Director of the company's High School Programme, will talk about academic opportunities, homestay and boarding options, the pastoral care system in these countries and extracurricular activities such as sport, music and other at the January event.

The “Meet the Schools!” event in April will provide an opportunity for high school students who are interested in spending some time in Australia and New Zealand to meet the “real people”! School principals and international directors of schools and education departments in Australia and New Zealand will be coming to Vienna to introduce their schools to the families. There will be brief lectures on the Australian and New Zealand school systems and on ways of how to best organize a High School Stay abroad. Free admission.

For further information, please refer to [www.hauschundpartner.de](http://www.hauschundpartner.de) and [www.facebook.com/hauschundpartner](https://www.facebook.com/hauschundpartner)

**Venue for both events: 25h Hotel Vienna/at Museumsquartier  
Conference Center: Freiraum 2; Lerchenfelder Straße 1-3  
1070 Vienna**



# Australian Pink Floyd Show - "Set the Controls Tour"

Thu 08 May 2014 at 19:30 - Stadthalle, Vienna  
Fri 09 May 2014 at 19:30 - Stadthalle, Graz  
Sat 10 May 2014 at 19:30 - Tipsarena, Linz  
Sun 11 May 2014 at 19:30 - Salzburgarena, Salzburg  
Mon 12 May 2014 at 19:30 - Olympiahalle, Innsbruck



Having sold over three million tickets to concerts in 35 countries, "The Australian Pink Floyd Show" is hailed as one of the best Pink Floyd tribute bands on the planet. "The Times" newspaper described them as "The Gold Standard", and David Gilmour engaged them to perform at his 50th birthday celebration. For further information, please refer to [www.aussiefloyd.com](http://www.aussiefloyd.com)

For tickets, please visit: [www.oeticket.at](http://www.oeticket.at)

**Venue Vienna:**  
Wiener Stadthalle  
Vogelweidplatz 14  
1150 Vienna

**Venue Styria:**  
Stadthalle  
Messeplatz 1  
8010 Graz

**Venue Upper Austria:**  
TipsArena Linz  
Ziegeleistraße 76  
4020 Linz

**Venue Salzburg:**  
Salzburgarena  
Am Messezentrum 1  
5020 Salzburg

**Venue Innsbruck:**  
Olympiahalle  
6020 Innsbruck



# USEFUL LINKS AND WEBSITES



Below links are provided for your information and convenience. The Embassy does not take responsibility, nor does it necessarily endorse the content of the websites listed below.

## Business

<a href="http://www.austrade.gov.au">www.austrade.gov.au</a>	Austrade - Australian Trade Commission
<a href="http://www.austrade.gov.au/germany">www.austrade.gov.au/germany</a>	Australian Trade Commission (Austrade) Germany
<a href="http://www.firb.gov.au/content">www.firb.gov.au/content</a>	"Buying a Home in Australia" FIRB Foreign Investment Review Board
<a href="http://www.daff.gov.au/biosecurity">www.daff.gov.au/biosecurity</a>	Biosecurity in Australia
<a href="http://www.daff.gov.au">www.daff.gov.au</a>	Department of Agriculture
<a href="http://www.asx.com.au">www.asx.com.au</a>	Australian Securities Exchange (ASX)
<a href="http://www.abs.gov.au/">www.abs.gov.au/</a>	Australian Bureau of Statistics
<a href="http://www.daff.gov.au/agriculture-food/food">www.daff.gov.au/agriculture-food/food</a>	Food Info Australia
<a href="http://www.abie.com.au">www.abie.com.au</a>	Australian Business in Europe (ABIE)

## Culture

<a href="http://www.arts.gov.au">www.arts.gov.au</a>	Ministry for the Arts
<a href="http://www.australiacouncil.gov.au">www.australiacouncil.gov.au</a>	Australia Council for the Arts
<a href="http://www.communications.gov.au">www.communications.gov.au</a>	Department of Communications
<a href="http://www.indigenous.gov.au">www.indigenous.gov.au</a>	Australian Government Indigenous Portal
<a href="http://www.aiatsis.gov.au">www.aiatsis.gov.au</a>	Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Studies
<a href="http://www.screenaustralia.gov.au">www.screenaustralia.gov.au</a>	Screen Australia
<a href="http://www.collectionsaustralia.net">www.collectionsaustralia.net</a>	Collections Australia Network
<a href="http://www.nla.gov.au">www.nla.gov.au</a>	National Library of Australia
<a href="http://www.nga.gov.au">www.nga.gov.au</a>	National Gallery of Australia
<a href="http://www.naa.gov.au">www.naa.gov.au</a>	National Archives of Australia
<a href="http://www.nma.gov.au">www.nma.gov.au</a>	National Museum
<a href="http://www.nfsa.gov.au">www.nfsa.gov.au</a>	National Film and Sound Archive
<a href="http://www.artbank.gov.au">www.artbank.gov.au</a>	Artbank - National Contemporary Art Rental Service

## Education

<a href="http://education.gov.au/">http://education.gov.au/</a>	Department of Education
<a href="http://www.studyinaustralia.gov.au">www.studyinaustralia.gov.au</a>	Study in Australia
<a href="http://www.aqf.edu.au">www.aqf.edu.au</a>	Australian Qualifications Framework
<a href="http://www.aei.gov.au">www.aei.gov.au</a>	Australian Education International

## Government

<a href="http://www.australia.gov.au">www.australia.gov.au</a>	Webportal of the Australian Government
<a href="http://www.dfat.gov.au">www.dfat.gov.au</a>	Department for Foreign Affairs and Trade
<a href="http://www.aph.gov.au">www.aph.gov.au</a>	Parliament of Australia
<a href="http://www.pm.gov.au">www.pm.gov.au</a>	Prime Minister of Australia
<a href="http://www.immi.gov.au">www.immi.gov.au</a>	Department of Immigration and Border Protection
<a href="http://www.aec.gov.au">www.aec.gov.au</a>	Australian Electoral Commission
<a href="http://www.ga.gov.au">www.ga.gov.au</a>	Geoscience Australia
<a href="http://www.csiro.gov.au">www.csiro.gov.au</a>	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation
<a href="http://www.dss.gov.au">www.dss.gov.au</a>	Department of Social Services
<a href="http://www.environment.gov.au">www.environment.gov.au</a>	Department of the Environment
<a href="http://employment.gov.au">http://employment.gov.au</a>	Department of Employment

## Media

<a href="http://www.newspapers.com.au">www.newspapers.com.au</a>	Australian Newspapers Online
<a href="http://www.abc.net.au">www.abc.net.au</a>	Australian Broadcasting Corporation
<a href="http://www.sbs.com.au">www.sbs.com.au</a>	Special Broadcasting Service
<a href="http://www.theage.com.au">www.theage.com.au</a>	The Age - Newspaper
<a href="http://www.smh.com.au">www.smh.com.au</a>	The Sydney Morning Herald - Newspaper
<a href="http://www.theaustralian.com.au">www.theaustralian.com.au</a>	The Australian - Newspaper
<a href="http://www.afr.com">www.afr.com</a>	Australian Financial Review - Newspaper
<a href="http://www.abyznewslinks.com">www.abyznewslinks.com</a>	ABYZ News Links
<a href="http://www.theguardian.com/au">www.theguardian.com/au</a>	The Guardian - Australia edition

## Tourism

<a href="http://www.australia.com">www.australia.com</a>	Australia's Tourism Webportal
<a href="http://www.visitcanberra.com.au">www.visitcanberra.com.au</a>	Australian Capital Tourism Cooperation
<a href="http://de.travelInt.com">http://de.travelInt.com</a>	Australia's Outback Northern Territory
<a href="http://www.southaustralia.com/de">www.southaustralia.com/de</a>	South Australian Tourism Commission
<a href="http://www.sydney.com">www.sydney.com</a>	Tourism New South Wales
<a href="http://www.queensland-australia.eu">www.queensland-australia.eu</a>	Tourism Queensland
<a href="http://www.discovertasmania.com">www.discovertasmania.com</a>	Tourism Tasmania
<a href="http://www.visitmelbourne.com">www.visitmelbourne.com</a>	Tourism Victoria
<a href="http://www.westernaustralia.com">www.westernaustralia.com</a>	Tourism Western Australia
<a href="http://www.customs.gov.au">www.customs.gov.au</a>	Australian Customs and Border Protection Service
<a href="http://www.daff.gov.au/agriculture-food/food">www.daff.gov.au/agriculture-food/food</a>	Food Info Australia

## Wine

<a href="http://www.wineaustralia.com">www.wineaustralia.com</a>	Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation
<a href="http://www.gwrdc.com.au">www.gwrdc.com.au</a>	Australian Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation

## Other

<a href="http://www.ozcon.at">www.ozcon.at</a>	The Australian Connection in Austria (OzCon)
<a href="http://www.australia-austria.at">www.australia-austria.at</a>	The Austria-Australian Society
<a href="http://www.australien-info.de">www.australien-info.de</a>	German Website with Information on Australia
<a href="http://www.ausport.gov.au">www.ausport.gov.au</a>	Australian Sports Commission
<a href="http://www.webwombat.com.au">www.webwombat.com.au</a>	Webwombat - Australian Search Engine
<a href="http://www.whitepages.com.au">www.whitepages.com.au</a>	Australian White Pages
<a href="http://www.yellowpages.com.au">www.yellowpages.com.au</a>	Australian Yellow Pages
<a href="http://www.lawyers.com.au">www.lawyers.com.au</a>	An Australian legal services directory
<a href="http://sochi2014.olympics.com.au">http://sochi2014.olympics.com.au</a>	Home of the Australian Olympic Team
<a href="http://www.akg.edu.au">www.akg.edu.au</a>	Australia's Knowledge Gateway
<a href="http://www.australienstudien.org">www.australienstudien.org</a>	Association For Australian Studies in German-speaking countries