



MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

2026



A Message from the ANZCham President, **Benjamin Romualdez**

As we step into a new year, it's a timely moment to pause and reflect on what was truly a standout year for ANZCham and our members. 2025 was defined by strong engagement, shared learning, and a full calendar of activities that brought together the Australian, New Zealand, and Philippine business communities. From policy discussions to networking events, the strength of our Chamber continues to be driven by the active involvement of our members.

With that momentum behind us, we're excited for what 2026 holds. The year ahead promises to be another busy and impactful one, with opportunities to deepen connections, share insights, and support our members as they navigate an evolving business environment. ANZCHAM will continue to focus on creating platforms for meaningful engagement and practical value for our community.

It was a pleasure to see so many of you at the Australian Embassy in the Philippines' Australia Day Reception on 28 January. We joined the wider community in celebrating Australia's national day and marked 80 years of diplomatic relations between Australia and the Philippines.

We will kick off our 2026 events calendar next week 10th February with our first major event of the year, proudly co-presented by InfoTech. This session spotlights how AI is delivering real, measurable results for businesses, featuring practical use cases and real-world applications.

We look forward to connecting with each of you in the months ahead and to another strong year for ANZCham.

Warm Regards,

Benjamin Romualdez

President, **ANZCham** and **AustCham ASEAN**

ANZCham's Got Talent 2025 | Christmas Party



Lights up. Music on. Spirits high.

ANZCham's Got Talent 2025 was a whirlwind of creativity, community, and pure December magic. From powerhouse vocals to showstopping choreography, the evening shimmered with performances that had the entire ballroom buzzing long after the final bow.



And taking center stage with a performance that brought the house down...

🏆 Talent of the Year:

BHP Indak Club with BHP Off Duty Club Singers who went home with a Roundtrip **Qantas** ticket to Australia! ✨

A well-deserved standing ovation to every performer who gave the stage life, color, and holiday cheer.

Proceeds from the evening's raffle supported families in Cebu recovering from recent typhoons, through [Telstra Foundation](#) and partner [Caritas Manila](#). Together, we are helping communities rebuild and rise again.

We were especially honored to celebrate the night with H.E. [Marc Innes-Brown](#), **Australian Ambassador to the Philippines**, and H.E. [Dr Catherine McIntosh](#), **New Zealand Ambassador to the Philippines**.



A Massive Thank You to our **INCREDIBLE PARTNERS**, thank you for lighting up the gala:

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If this gala proved anything, it's that **ANZCham** knows how to **rethink the ordinary, reimagine the memorable, and reinvent the way a Christmas celebration can bring people together.**

With every laugh, cheer, and act of generosity, we ended the year not just entertained, but energized for what comes next.

January Was a Month of Member and Partner Engagements

ANZCham Meeting with Makati Shangri-La Hotel



ANZCham reaffirmed a **long-standing partnership** with [Makati Shangri-La Hotel](#) grounded in shared values of excellence, service, and meaningful engagement.

[Makati Shangri-La](#) has been a **trusted venue partner for ANZCham** and a **valued member** of the ANZCham community, hosting from our Monthly Members Meetings (MMMs) to the Chamber's largest signature events with over **200 attendees**. These events have consistently **provided a platform for leaders** from the Australian, New Zealand, and Philippine business communities to connect, exchange insights, and build lasting partnerships.

The meeting was attended by [Jonathan Reynolds](#), General Manager of Makati Shangri-La Hotel, together with ANZCHAM's [Ina Azarcon](#), Director of Operations, and [Katherine Ynzon](#), Marketing and Events Lead.

This **renewed commitment** marks a strong start to the year, reflecting on the success of past collaborations and identifying opportunities to work even more closely in the months ahead. Discussions focused on how ANZCHAM and Makati Shangri-La can further **enhance event experiences** and **create added value for members and partners**, with Makati Shangri-La also sharing its plans for the year, including a strong focus on wellness-driven initiatives.

As ANZCham enters the new year with an exciting lineup of events and a growing membership, **partnerships such as this remain central to the Chamber's mission**—to foster collaboration, elevate engagement, and strengthen business connections across the Australian, New Zealand, and Philippine communities.

ANZCham Courtesy Meeting with the Clark Development Corporation



We continued our engagements in January with a courtesy meeting with the [Clark Development Corporation \(CDC\)](#) to explore opportunities for collaboration and partnership in advancing **investment, trade, and business engagement** in the **Clark Freeport Zone (CFZ)** and **Clark Special Economic Zone (CSEZ)**.

CDC presented Clark as a competitive and preferred business and investment destination in the Asia-Pacific region, citing its strategic location, excellent connectivity via major expressways and Clark International Airport, investor-friendly regulatory environment, and attractive incentives— **a strong value proposition for Australian and New Zealand businesses**. CDC also noted the growing presence of Australian investors in Clark, particularly in tourism, ICT, and services.

ANZCham and CDC discussed potential areas for collaboration, including **investment promotion, business matching, sector-focused engagements, and joint initiatives** that connect Australian and New Zealand enterprises with opportunities in Central Luzon.

Setting the tone for a productive year, **ANZCham continues to expand pathways for trade and investment**, and for its members to participate in high-growth regions across the Philippines.

ANZCham Engagement with Clinique de Paris, Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA), and Department of Tourism (DOT)



ANZCham facilitated a strategic engagement between [Clinique de Paris](#), a highly regarded ANZCHAM member, and the [Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority \(TIEZA\)](#), the investment arm of the [Department of Tourism \(DOT\)](#), to explore opportunities to strengthen the Philippines' **medical and wellness tourism sector**.

Present at the meeting were leading voices in the field: [Dr. Rafael Fortus](#) and [Ludovic Branellec](#) of Clinique de Paris, [Dr. Paulo Benito S. Tugbang](#), Director for the Health and Wellness Tourism Program and concurrent Director for Product Development at the Department of Tourism, and [Atty. Karen Mae G. Sarinas-Baydo](#), Assistant Chief Operating Officer for the TIEZA-TEZ Management Sector. Representing ANZCham were [Ina Azarcon](#), Director of Operations, and [Katherine Ynzon](#), Marketing and Events Lead.

The discussion focused on identifying potential strategies to **promote medical tourism in the Philippines**, with particular attention on positioning the country as an attractive destination for the **Australian market**, leveraging Australia–Philippines travel flows and growing demand for high-quality healthcare experiences.

Leveraging its network of partner clinics, hotels, and transport providers, [Clinique de Paris](#), through this engagement with [TIEZA](#), aims to collaborate on coordinated, sector-wide initiatives that enhance the visibility, credibility, and accessibility of medical tourism offerings in the Philippines.

The meeting opened the door to innovative ways to elevate the Philippines' medical tourism landscape, bringing together private sector expertise and government-led investment and promotion efforts that are intended to strengthen the Philippines' positioning as a **world-class yet cost-competitive destination** for medical and wellness travelers.

ANZCham and IMS Global Meeting



ANZCham President **Benjamin Romualdez**, Director of Operations **Ina Azarzon**, and members of the ANZCham secretariat met and warmly received **Julie Fouad**, Chief Operations Officer for UK, EMEA, and APAC at **IMS People Possible**, on her first visit to Manila, along with **Martina Bugarin**, Associate Vice President to discuss the year ahead.

The conversation focused on ANZCHAM's 2026 events, including the Australia Roadshow, the Chamber's signature trade and investment mission to Australia, designed to showcase the Philippines' talent and capabilities while promoting the country as an attractive investment destination.

Both IMS and ANZCHAM explored potential ways to collaborate and support **business growth** in the Philippines, reflecting the Chamber's ongoing mission to connect members, create opportunities, and strengthen regional business partnerships.

ANZCham Attends the Nezda Ball: A Celebration of Partnership and Shared Purpose



ANZCham was honored to attend the **Nezda Ball: A Night of Shifting Horizons** on 23 January 2026, an evening that beautifully **celebrated partnership, purpose, and shared impact**.

As a long-standing and actively engaged member of ANZCham, **Nezda** has long championed opportunities that **strengthen communities** and connect talent across borders. It was both a pleasure and a privilege to be recognized as part of **Nezda's** community of partners and to celebrate this relationship in such an inspiring setting.

The evening offered an opportunity to connect with like-minded organizations and reaffirm the importance of collaboration in shaping meaningful, lasting impact. ANZCham extends its sincere thanks to **Nezda** for the warm hospitality, and looks forward to continuing a partnership grounded in shared **purpose, mutual respect, and a collective commitment** to shifting horizons—for organizations, communities, and talent across borders.

**Strengthening Alumni Engagement in Support of Invested: Australia's
Southeast Asia Economic Strategy to 2040**



ANZCham had the pleasure of meeting with the Australian Embassy in the Philippines and Australia Awards Philippines to explore potential alumni engagement initiatives that support the recommendations of **Invested: Australia's Southeast Asia Economic Strategy to 2040**.

The conversation centered on identifying meaningful ways to collaborate in 2026, particularly through initiatives that spotlight **Australia Awards alumni as thought leaders**, foster stronger people-to-people links, and create platforms that connect business, policy, and talent across the region.

The discussion was joined by **Rollie Dela Cruz**, Portfolio Manager, and **Miguel Roberto Borromeo**, Portfolio Manager (Scholarships and Alumni), of the Australian Embassy in the Philippines, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; together with **Milalin Javellana**, Program Director, and **Gel Ferrer**, Senior Project Manager, of Australia Awards and Alumni Engagement; and ANZCham was represented by **Ina Azarcon**, Director of Operations; **Katie Ynzon**, Marketing and Events Lead; and **Samantha Sta. Maria**, Membership Associate.

ANZCham is grateful for the open exchange and shared vision with the Australian Embassy and Australia Awards Philippines. **Conversations like these remind us that alumni are**

more than graduates—they are connectors, leaders, and catalysts for collaboration across borders.

ANZCham Celebrates Australia Day 2026



28 January 2026 — ANZCham was honored to attend the **Australia Day 2026 Reception**, hosted by the Australian Embassy in the Philippines, marking a historic milestone—80 years of diplomatic relations between Australia and the Philippines.

The reception was graciously hosted by His Excellency [Marc Innes-Brown](#), Australian Ambassador to the Philippines, together with Mrs. Neda Alemohammed, and brought together distinguished representatives from the Philippine government, business sector, civil society, and diplomatic community. **ANZCham was proud to be among the partners present**, celebrating #AustraliaDay2026 and the enduring friendship between our two nations.

The evening was both a tribute to shared history and a reaffirmation of a forward-looking partnership. It was an opportunity to reflect on eight decades of collaboration, deep people-to-people and institutional ties that bind Australia and the Philippines, and celebrate the continued growth of bilateral engagement across diplomacy, trade, investment, and community.

As a platform connecting businesses, policymakers, and stakeholders—and representing the Australian business community in the Philippines—ANZCham remains committed to initiatives that strengthen economic cooperation and advance Invested: Australia's Southeast Asia Economic Strategy to 2040, fostering trade, investment, and meaningful business-to-business and business-to-government engagement."

ANZCHAM extends its sincere appreciation to the Australian Embassy in the Philippines for hosting a memorable evening that celebrated the strong and evolving partnership between our two countries. **Mabuhay!**



February Monthly Members' Meeting

HEAR FROM THE PHILIPPINES' MOST
INFLUENTIAL BUSINESS ORGANISATIONS

AI THAT DELIVERS

From Use Cases to Business Impact

Turn AI ideas into real operational results



Glenn Myers

Executive Counselor
Info-Tech Research Group



Winnie Rebanocos

Chief Information Officer
Coca-Cola Europacific Aboitiz
Phils. (CCEAP)



Wolfgang Merkt

Chief Technology Officer
Aboitiz Group

10 FEBRUARY 2026

05:30-8:00 PM

MAKATI SHANGRI-LA

ANZCHAM CORPORATE MEMBER:

One Complimentary Seat

COST PER SEAT:

ADDTL. MEMBER: P2,900

NON MEMBER: P3,500

REGISTER NOW

 **Ambition sets direction. Impact comes from action.**

Join ANZCham's **February Monthly Members' Meeting** for a focused discussion on turning strategy into results, featuring [Info-Tech Research Group](#) and senior leaders from [Aboitiz Group](#) and [Coca-Cola Europacific Aboitiz Philippines](#).

 **Over 100 participants already registered and counting.**

Be part of the conversation. Register early to secure your seat.

 Glenn Myers (GAICD) – Executive Counselor, [Info-Tech Research Group](#)

📍 Winnie Talosig-Rebancos – Chief Information Officer, [Coca-Cola Europacific Aboitiz Philippines \(CCEAP\)](#)

📍 Wolfgang Merkt – Chief Technology Officer, [Aboitiz Group](#)

10 February, 2026

5:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Makati Shangri-La

[Register for February MMM](#)

TICKET

- ANZCham Members – Free (one complimentary seat)
- Additional Members – ₱2,900
- Non-Members – ₱3,500

ⓘ *Please note: Payment is required upon registration regardless of attendance. Tickets for no-shows are non-refundable*

[Register for February MMM](#)

Annual International Women's Day 2026

Give to Gain EDUCATE. EMPOWER. ELEVATE.

3 MARCH 2026 | 12:30- 5:00 PM | MAKATI SHANGRI-LA

OPENING ADDRESS



Lloyd Robson
Senior Vice President
Aristocrat Gaming

KEYNOTE ADDRESS



H.E. Dr. Catherine McIntosh
New Zealand Ambassador
to the Philippines

KEYNOTE ADDRESS



H.E. Marc Innes-Brown PSM
Australian Ambassador
to the Philippines



Elizabeth Hermosura
Owner & Founder
DysrupIT



Cara Wilson
Co-founder & President of
Board of Trustees
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Michelle Alarcon
President & Board of Trustees
Analytics and AI Association of
the Philippines (AAP)



Dr. Fay Lauraya
President
University of Nueva Caceres



Adam Brimo
Founder & CEO
OpenLearning



Angeline Tham
Founder
Angkas



Luisa Rust
ANZCHAM Board Director;
Senior Trade & Investment Commissioner
Austrade



Benjamin Romualdez
President
ANZCham & AustCham ASEAN



Ma. Cecilia Cruzabra
ANZCHAM Board Director;
Group Treasurer,
ACEN Renewables

MODERATOR

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Get a chance to win
A ROUNDTRIP TICKET TO AUSTRALIA

COST PER SEAT:
MEMBER: P5,200
NON-MEMBER: P5,900
TABLE OF 10: P50,000

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Register for IWD 2026

At ANZCHAM's **International Women's Day Luncheon 2026**, with **Aristocrat Gaming** as our Principal Event Partner, we bring together distinguished leaders, experts, and advocates to share insights, challenge thinking, and inspire action across sectors. Guided by the theme **Give to Gain**, this conversation highlights how **Learning**, **Leadership**, and **Opportunity**, when shared, create collective progress for people, organizations, and industries.

Experience it on March 3.

 Distinguished Keynote Speakers

H.E. Dr. Catherine McIntosh

New Zealand Ambassador to the Philippines

H.E. Marc Innes-Brown PSM

Australian Ambassador to the Philippines

 Opening Address

Lloyd Robson

Senior Vice President, [Aristocrat Gaming](#)

 Featured Speakers

- **Elizabeth Hermosura** – Owner & Founder, [DysrupIT](#)
- **Cara Wilson** – Co-founder & President of Board of Trustees, [FTW Foundation](#)
- **Michelle Alarcon** – President & Board of Trustees, [Analytics and AI Association of the Philippines \(AAP\)](#)
- **Dr. Fay Lauraya** –President, [University of Nueva Caceres](#)
- **Adam Brimo** – Founder & CEO, [OpenLearning](#)
- **Angeline Tham** – Founder, [Angkas](#)

 Moderators

- **Luisa Rust**

[ANZCham](#) Board Director

Senior Trade and Investment Commissioner, [Austrade](#)

- **Benjamin Romualdez**

President, [ANZCham](#) and [AustCham ASEAN](#)

- **Ma. Cecilia Cruzabra**

[ANZCham](#) Board Director

Group Treasurer, [ACEN Renewables](#)

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 **One inspiring afternoon could take you further.**

Get a chance to win a **roundtrip ticket to Australia**, courtesy of [Qantas](#), our Official Raffle Partner.

 03 March 2026

 12:30 PM to 5:00 PM

 Makati Shangri-La, Manila

When we give access to education, invest in empowerment, and commit to lifelong learning, everyone moves forward.



ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY Luncheon

PRINCIPAL EVENT PARTNER



Give to Gain

EDUCATE.
EMPOWER.
ELEVATE.

3 MARCH 2026 | 12:30- 5:00 PM | MAKATI SHANGRI-LA

Elevate your professional presence across social and professional platforms...

where *First Impressions* often start before conversations do

at ANZCham's
ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY LUNCHEON
we're making it *easy*.

- ✓ Access a **COMPLIMENTARY** professional headshot
- ✓ Book a 5-minute photo slot in advance
- ✓ Skip the hassle! Photos are taken onsite during the event



SECURE YOUR SLOT

Walk-ins are available but can't be guaranteed



COST PER SEAT:
MEMBER: P5,200
NON-MEMBER: P5,900
TABLE OF 10: P50,000

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Book your Headshot

Confidence starts with how you show up. 🌸

In today's professional world, your profile photo is often your first introduction.

At ANZCHAM's Annual International Women's Day Luncheon, all guests will have access to a **COMPLIMENTARY professional headshot photo service**.

Why your profile photo matters:

- It tells people you're credible
- It reinforces your personal brand
- It sets you apart in a digital-first world

What's included:

- 📷 A professional headshot, on us
- 🕒 5-minute photo slot
- 📍 Taken onsite during the event

You're Already in the Room. Make Sure You're Seen.

📄 *Please note: Walk-ins are welcome but slot can't be guaranteed.*

[Book your Headshot](#)

45th Annual General Meeting 2026



Australian-New Zealand
Chamber of Commerce Philippines

45th AGM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

ANZCHAM is proud to celebrate its **45-year Sapphire Anniversary** by recognizing member organizations that demonstrate outstanding contributions to the community



24 MARCH 2026

4:00 PM - 10:00 PM
MAKATI SHANGRI-LA

ANZCHAM CORPORATE MEMBER:
ONE COMPLIMENTARY SEAT

COST PER SEAT:
ADDTL. MEMBER: P5,700
NON MEMBER: P6,500
TABLE OF 10: P55,000

REGISTER NOW

AWARDS NIGHT

MULTIPLY
Business Connections

SHARE
Knowledge and Insights

STRENGTHEN
Partnerships with
Government Agencies

GIVE BACK
to the Community

Registration for 45th IGM

Join us as we reflect on the **past year's achievements, recognize member organizations** that have made outstanding contributions to the community, and **elect the 2026–2027 Board of Directors.**

We look forward to seeing you there as we continue building a stronger, more connected business community.

REGISTER FOR THE 45TH IGM

More details to come, *stay tuned!*

Registration for 45th IGM

ANZCHAM Corporate Member: One complimentary seat

COST PER SEAT:

Addtl. Member: ₱5,700

Non-Member: ₱6,500

Table of 10: ₱55,000

ⓘ Please note: Payment is required upon registration regardless of attendance. Tickets for no-shows are non-refundable

ANZCHAM 2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS is HERE!

2025 was a milestone year! With **record-breaking attendance**, new partnerships, and impactful conversations that brought our community closer than ever.

In **2026**, we're raising the bar once again! 🗓️ Expect another dynamic lineup of **Monthly Members' Meetings (MMMs)**, **key forums on Innovation and Leadership**, as well as **industry roundtables and international missions** that strengthen business connections across the Australia, New Zealand, and Philippine communities.

AUSTRALIAN-NEW ZEALAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PHILIPPINES				ANZCHAM Philippines			
2026 CALENDAR							
JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
28 Australia Day Reception with Australian Embassy	* Waitangi Day Reception 10 MONTHLY MEMBERS' MEETING: co-presented by Info Tech (5:30PM-8PM)	03 ★ International Women's Day (IWD) Forum: Give to Gain. Principal Event Partner: Aristocrat Gaming 24 ★ 45th Annual General Meeting (AGM) (4:30PM-8PM)	21 MONTHLY MEMBERS' MEETING: co-presented by TOA GLOBAL (5:30PM-8PM) 23 Roadshow 2026: Info Session	12 MONTHLY MEMBERS' MEETING: (5:30PM-8PM) ✦ Sustainability	9 MONTHLY MEMBERS' MEETING: (5:30PM-8PM) + NEW MEMBERS' NIGHT (5:15PM - 6PM) * Philippines-Australia Friendship Day Celebration	14 MONTHLY MEMBERS' MEETING: PH Government x Business Community (5:30PM-8PM)	11 MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING: (5:30PM-8PM)
SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER				
* ★ Outbound Mission to Australia * MONTHLY MEMBERS' MEETING: (5:30PM-8PM)	13 MONTHLY MEMBERS' MEETING: (5:30PM-8PM)	10 MONTHLY MEMBERS' MEETING: (5:30PM-8PM) + NEW MEMBERS' NIGHT (5:15PM - 6PM)	01 ★ ANZCHAM Christmas Party				

* Dates: to be confirmed ✦ Sustainability Initiatives ★ Signature/Special Events

💡 Want to be part of the program?

If your organisation would like an opportunity to **showcase your capabilities, share your values, and bring industry insights to our community**, we'd love to hear from you!

✉ Reach out to katie.ynzon@anzcham.com to express your interest in becoming a speaker at our 2026 events.

✨ There's never been a better time to connect, collaborate, and create impact with **ANZCHAM Philippines**.



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