

**WHAT IS THE AUSTRALIA FIJI BUSINESS COUNCIL?**

The AFBC was established in 1986 with the aim of providing a framework within which the private sector can communicate with the Australian and Fiji Islands governments at the highest political and policy advising levels with a view to finding solutions to trade and investment issues involving the two countries. It also provides members with an all important network to help further their business goals in Fiji.

**WHO ARE THE MEMBERS?**

Membership of the Council includes a wide range of industry groups, from large corporations to small family companies.

Some of the industries represented are: shipping, trading companies, freight forwarding, manufacturing, transport, airlines, accountancy/audit, management and business consultancy, insurance, media, building & construction, tourism, banking, petroleum, tobacco, food/confectionery, legal services and mining.

**WHAT ACTIVITIES DOES THE COUNCIL OFFER ITS MEMBERS?**

The Council's activities include participation in regular bilateral Ministerial talks to discuss major policy issues of concern to Australian business, the receiving and sending of trade and investment delegations between Australia and Fiji, and the holding of trade, investment and information seminars on Fiji including a major annual conference co-hosted jointly with our Fiji-based counterpart, the Fiji Australia Business Council, held alternately in Australia and in Fiji. To keep members informed of developments in Fiji we distribute information to members regularly on current political, economic and social issues. Of particular value to members whose interests in Fiji are in the early stages of development is that the Council provides access to a network of Australian businesses with long experience in Fiji.

**WHAT ARE THE COUNCIL'S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES?**

The Council's objectives, set out in its constitution, are as follows:

- (a) To promote friendship, goodwill and understanding between the business communities of Australia and Fiji.
- (b) To maintain, support, promote and encourage trade, investment, technical and economic co-operation and tourism between Australia and Fiji.
- (c) To maintain, promote and extend industrial and commercial relations between individuals, firms, companies, corporations, institutions and associations of Australia and Fiji.
- (d) To carry out objective research studies on any matters affecting or concerning any of the above objectives.
- (e) To arrange for regular and effective consultation between business enterprises in Australia and Fiji
- (f) To encourage and sponsor education, personnel exchange and training schemes at the private sector level between Australia and Fiji, with the aim of mutually enhancing experience, education and capabilities.



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- (g) To maintain liaison with the Governments of both Australia and Fiji in order to promote any of the above objectives and to ensure that the concerns, views and plans of the Australian and Fiji commercial sectors are clearly conveyed to the governments of both countries.
- (h) To co-operate with an appropriate body established in Fiji and to arrange for regular and effective consultation, communication and meetings with it.
- (i) To provide a forum for contacts and discussions of questions of common interest and information, advice and services.
- (j) To seek to ensure the continuation of a stable relationship between the two countries.

### **HOW MUCH DOES MEMBERSHIP COST?**

There are three classes of membership available for businesses or individuals to join the Council. These are:

**Sponsor Member** – (\$2,200 per annum including GST)

A business or person engaged in trade and commerce between Australia and Fiji or in Fiji whose name shall be listed on appropriate Council printed and electronic material as a Sponsor Member.

**Corporate Member** – (\$1,100 per annum including GST)

A business or person engaged in trade and commerce between Australia and Fiji or in Fiji.

**Associate Member** – (\$650 per annum including GST)

Only companies with less than four employees are eligible for this class of membership. An Associate Member may only receive limited services from the Council and has no rights to participate in the management of the Council as an Executive Committee member or to vote at general meetings of the Council.

### **WHERE CAN I OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION?**

Organisations, companies and individuals who are interested in obtaining more detail on the activities and issues currently being progressed by the Business Council should contact the Executive Director.

You can also learn more about the Business Council online at [www.afbc.org.au](http://www.afbc.org.au)

### **HOW DO I JOIN?**

New Membership enquiries are welcome, we are currently developing an online membership subscription and renewal portal and members will be advised when this function is available.

Prospective members can be processed by filling out the form below and sending to;

Mr Frank Yourn  
Executive Director  
Australia Fiji Business Council  
Telephone: 61 7 3348 5142  
E-mail: [info@afbc.org.au](mailto:info@afbc.org.au)

We accept payment via credit card or direct deposit. Should you wish to pay using another method, please contact us to discuss. Cheques are NOT accepted.

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP 2024-25 AND GST INVOICE**

Name of Company: .....

Postal Address: .....

Street Address: .....

Nature of Company/Business: .....

**MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY:** (Please tick one) **Sponsor Member** (\$2,200 per annum including GST) **Corporate Member** (\$1,100 per annum including GST) **Associate Member\*** (\$650 per annum including GST)

\*Associate Membership is limited to individuals or corporations with less than four employees.

**Member's Representative to the Council:**

Hon/Mr/Mrs: ..... First Name: ..... Last Name: .....

Position: ..... Telephone: .....

E-mail: .....

I/We wish to apply for membership of the Australia Fiji Business Council in the membership classification indicated above.

 **Please debit my credit card as follows (2.6% processing fee applies):** Mastercard     Visa     American Express

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 **Direct deposit to Australia Fiji Business Council,**Westpac Banking Corporation, Brisbane, QLD 4178. **BSB: 034-053 Account No: 155722.****Please indicate how you became aware of the Council:** AFBC Event     Business colleague     Online     Other (please specify).....P O Box 422, WYNNUM, QLD 4178  
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