

## About Aussies in Phuket

Aussies in Phuket (AIP) is an informal group of like-minded expats, originally from Australia & New Zealand, but now included a host of others, who have banded together to create the AIP community. We invite all nationalities to join in the fun, why not become a member – details below, and look forward to meeting you at one of our many Aussie style social and networking functions throughout the year.

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## Welcome to AIP

### Shout out to new members

The committee and members would like to welcome the following new members:

- *Sandra Kloprogge, Holiday Inn, Patong*
  - *John Lindsay*
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## Future Events

### August Sundowner Drinks

**What**

Come and enjoy Aussie hospitality right here in Phuket. The new designate Australian Honorary Consul for Phuket Michelle Hawryluk & Trudi McGowan from the Australian Consul in Bangkok will try and take time out of there busy schedules to join the fun. All welcome!

**When**

Fri Aug 08, 2014. From 6 pm

**Where**

Holiday Inn Patong

**Cost**

Members - B200. Non members - B300. Includes 1 drink and a great selection of substantial finger food.

**Further Information** - <http://aussiesinphuket.com/events.shtml>

<http://www.thephuketnews.com/events.php>

### September - AFL Grand Final

**What**

Come and cheer for your favourite team amongst AIP members and friends!

**When**

Sat Sept 27, 2014

**Where**

To be confirmed

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## Event wrap up

We were pleased to welcome a range of guests from a variety of ex-pat backgrounds at our recent events. We would like to thank everyone for joining us and extend an invitation for them to become a

member of AIP too! The theme is still Australian, but no matter where you come from we'd love to invite you to become honorary Aussies :-)

## Anzac Commemoration 25 April 2014



The AIP family gathered together at Lady Pie Cherngthalay to honour our Aussie Diggers and to make a day of camaraderie and remembrance. [http://www.thephuketnews.com/archive-view.php?listing\\_archive\\_id=02-05-2014&Page=33#p33](http://www.thephuketnews.com/archive-view.php?listing_archive_id=02-05-2014&Page=33#p33)

## Sausage Sizzle 06 June 2014



We had an enjoyable June sundowner gathering. With a yummy sausage sizzle around the pool at Shades in Chalong, this relaxed party was the perfect opportunity to get together with old friends and meet new people. A big thanks to Graeme Chuck (Shades) for hosting the evening and donating the beverages. A good time was had by all! [http://www.thephuketnews.com/archive-view.php?listing\\_archive\\_id=13-06-2014&Page=33#p33](http://www.thephuketnews.com/archive-view.php?listing_archive_id=13-06-2014&Page=33#p33)

## Australian Business Forum Event 13 June 2014



Hosted in Phuket this year, there was a strong turn out from AIP members. With a wide local, national and international business presence it was an optimal place to do some successful networking. [http://www.thephuketnews.com/archive-view.php?listing\\_archive\\_id=20-06-2014&Page=32#p32](http://www.thephuketnews.com/archive-view.php?listing_archive_id=20-06-2014&Page=32#p32)

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## Events Suggestions

The full 2014 events schedule is work-in-progress. There are going to be opportunities to organise activities at the beach, in the bush, on boats, ATV, Go Karting, watching football or perhaps even a pub crawl! We would love to hear what you would like to do, so please get in touch with Nirelle Bennett [Nirelle@phuketshoppingtours.com](mailto:Nirelle@phuketshoppingtours.com) to have your say!

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## News Bite - Aussies in Phuket Press

### New Aussie Honorary Consul

Michelle Hawryluk is set to replace Larry Cunningham as Australian Honorary Consul, but Thai governmental confirmation is still pending. The reason given for delays is the current unstable political situation. Watch this space for the official green light! Mrs Hawryluk is a legal advisor in Phuket and although Canadian, holds a license to practice law in New South Wales, Australia and New York State in the US. The company offers advice on immigration matters, retirement visas, family cases, real estate and corporate law. Mrs Hawryluk and her husband also assist and care with fostering some young boys, demonstrating their positive family and societal values. Mrs Hawryluk can be contacted by calling her office at 076 510 111

See more at: <http://www.thephuketnews.com/canadian-is-new-australian-honorary-consul-in-phuket-46305.php#sthash.uPvQW7zt.dpuf>

### AustCham Update

AustCham Thailand held a briefing about why international, including Australian; homebuyers are attracted to the United States. Conducted by Dr Christopher Thornberg (Founding Partner of Beacon Economics and one of California's leading economists) it was a fascinating insight into the global property market. Stay tuned for more informative events offered by AustCham Thailand.

Head to the AustCham Thailand website <http://www.austchamthailand.com/> to see their July E-Advance Magazine with articles covering hot topics such as:

BUSINESS BRIEF: Tweet or Meow? Using Technology to Pick Stocks

AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS FORUM: A Simple Guide to Driving Business in Thailand

EMBASSY NEWS: Australia-Thailand Forum: Urban and Public Transport Development

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## Membership Drive

AIP is still in its infancy and needs your support to increase our membership base, so please spread the word and encourage your mates to join. Membership is open to Aussies and the wider expat community regardless of where they call home.

### Why join AIP?

Aside from the great networking opportunities both online and in person, member benefits include discounts around the island and a free listing business listing on the AIP website. Business listings include a logo on the directory page and a link to your website.

**Membership Fee:** 250 baht per family paid up until the end of 2014 (*500 Baht for a full year annually*)

**Membership form:** <http://www.aussiesinphuket.com>

**Payments can be made to:**

- Siam Commercial Bank
- Acc No. 897 216191 4
- Acc Name: Richard Graeme Chuck/Robert Heijstraten
- Branch: Thanon Chaofa 2

**IMPORTANT:** When a payment is made please inform the Treasurer by text: **084 184 5162** or fax: **076 367 565**.

**Take advantage of AIP MEMBER ONLY benefits**

- Kids Club is offering 50 Baht off the daily entry ticket for their amazing indoor playground - just mention that you are a member of Aussies in Phuket <http://www.thekidsclubphuket.com/>
- Sue Ulmann from the Baan Rim Pa Group comprising Baan Rim Pa, Joe's Downstairs and Da Mauizio Bar Ristorante offers 15% of F&B (you will require a Baan Rim Pa Group Residents Card. ring Sue 0818117613 for a card)
- Graeme Chuck from Shades Asia is offering discounts.
- Ian Hewitt from phuketvacationapartments.com
- Harry and Sue Usher from Lady Pie 'Aussie Pies' 10% discount on purchases.
- Brian and Val are doing extra special webpages at great prices for members.
- Slushy Party Hire Puts the fun in the party with the coolest machines 15% discount.
- Nirelle Bennett from Phuket Shopping Tours is offering a 15% discount on full day tours.

**Important Information**

Urgent After Hours Consular Assistance. If you are in Thailand phone the Australian embassy on +61 2 344 6300 and select option 1 to be transferred to the 24 hour Consular Emergency Centre in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Canberra. If your call is not automatically transferred, you can call the Consular Emergency Centre direct on +61 2 6261 3305 (international call charges apply).

**Committee Members**

President	Robert Heijstraten	Slushy Party Hire
Vice President	Jason Beavan	Class Act Media
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