

WHAT IS THE AUSTRALIA PAPUA NEW GUINEA BUSINESS COUNCIL?

The APNGBC was established in 1980 with the aim of providing a framework within which the private sector can communicate with the Australian and Papua New Guinea 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 Papua New Guinea. The Council has a single secretariat with offices in Australia (Brisbane) and Papua New Guinea (Port Moresby).

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 annual 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 Papua New Guinea, and the holding of trade, and investment and information seminars on Papua New Guinea. To keep members informed of developments in Papua New Guinea we distribute information to members regularly on current political, economic and social issues. Of particular value to members whose interests in Papua New Guinea are in the early stages of development is that the Council provides access to a network of Australian businesses with long experience in Papua New Guinea.

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 Papua New Guinea.
- (b) To maintain, support, promote and encourage trade, investment, technical and economic co-operation and tourism between Australia and Papua New Guinea.
- (c) To maintain, promote and extend industrial and commercial relations between individuals, firms, companies, corporations, institutions and associations of Australia and Papua New Guinea.
- (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 Papua New Guinea.
- (f) To encourage and sponsor education, personnel exchange, and training schemes at the private sector level between Australia and Papua New Guinea with the aim of mutually enhancing experience, education and capabilities.
- (g) To maintain liaison with the Governments of both Australia and Papua New Guinea in order to promote any of the above objects and to provide those governments with information on the state of trade relations between Australia and Papua New Guinea.
- (h) To co-operate with an appropriate body established in Papua New Guinea 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 – a relationship which understands the national heritage and aspirations of both countries and a relationship which will draw together regional neighbours and trading partners in a growing bond of friendship.
- (k) Generally to enter into, execute and carry out all contracts and agreements of any kind whatsoever and to do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to all or any of the above objects.
- (l) Except as hereinbefore provided, to apply the income and property of the Council solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Council

HOW MUCH DOES MEMBERSHIP COST?

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

Full Member – (\$2,550 per annum including GST)*

- A Member who carries on business in or between Australia and/or Papua New Guinea;

* a Papua New Guinea Kina rate of PGK5,750 is available on request for applicants domiciled in Papua New Guinea.

Associate Member – (\$675 per annum including GST)

- A person who is a nominee of a department of the Government of Australia or Papua New Guinea or of the governments of any of the States or Territories of Australia, or of the Provinces of Papua New Guinea, or a nominee of a university, college or similar institution and such other persons or corporations as the Executive Committee shall from time to time approve.

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.apngbc.org.au

HOW DO I JOIN?

New Membership applications are welcome. Prospective members can be processed by filling out the form below and sending to the Secretariat Office at info@apngbc.org.au or online at [Membership Application Form | Australia Papua New Guinea Business Council \(apngbc.org.au\)](#).

For more information contact the secretariat office at:

Telephone: 61 7 3348 5142

E-mail: info@apngbc.org.au

We accept payment via credit card or direct deposit. Should you wish to pay using another method please contact us to discuss.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP 2024 AND GST INVOICE

Please complete this form and email to info@apngbc.org.au including payment details.

Name of Company:

Postal Address:

Street Address:

Nature of Company/Business:

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Please indicate how you became aware of the Council:

Attendance at function Business colleague Website Advertisement in.....

Other (please specify)

Member's Representative to the Council:

First Name: Last Name:

Designation: Position:

Telephone: E-mail:

I/we wish to apply for membership of the Australia Papua New Guinea Business Council in the membership classification indicated above.

Please debit my credit card as follows (2.6% processing fee applies):

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Direct deposit to Australia Papua New Guinea Business Council.

Westpac Banking Corporation, Cnr Bay Terrace & Edith St, Wynnum, QLD 4178. BSB: 034-053 Account No: 392066.

If paying by international bank transfer (from outside of Australia) please add AUD20 to cover international transfer fees.

Papua New Guinea account details can be provided on request for applicants domiciled in Papua New Guinea.

