

2026 CANBERRA NETWORKING DAY

THURSDAY 15th October 2026

Canberra Networking Day Program - Main Committee Room - Parliament House

9:30am	Registration
9:55am	WELCOME MC David Speers, Host <i>Insiders</i>
10:00am-10:15am	Minister for Foreign Affairs Senator the Hon. Penny Wong
10:15am – 10:25am	INTRODUCTION Rhys Roberts National President ACBC
10:25am – 10:40am	The Renewed Case for Asia Capability Tim Watts MP
10:40am – 11:00am	Ministerial keynote Speaker to be confirmed
11:00am – 11:20am	Leader of the Opposition Angus Taylor
11:20am – 11:35am	Shadow Minister response Speaker to be confirmed
11:35am – 12:00pm	Chinese Embassy speech Speaker to be confirmed
12:00pm – 12:15pm	ACBC China Capability Program Launch Speakers to be confirmed
Lunch	

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1:20pm – 2:00pm	Keynote – Executive Hot Seat: How to build China strategy Christine Holgate AM
2:00pm – 2:40pm	Building Boardroom Demand for China Capability Speakers to be confirmed
2:40pm – 3:10pm	Lost in localisation – the challenge of adapting to Chinese market Speakers from Australian Chambers of Commerce in China to be confirmed
3:10pm – 3:30pm	The bridge between education and business in China capability Speakers to be confirmed
3:30pm- 3:40pm	Closing remarks Rhys Roberts National President ACBC
3:40pm	Event concludes

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2026 EXECUTIVE DINNER

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Executive Dinner – National Gallery of Australia (Gandel Hall)

6:00pm	Registration & pre-dinner drinks Networking – including Fen Jiu baijiu cocktails
7:00pm	Dining Room Doors Open Guests enter Gandel Hall
7:15pm -7:20pm	Welcome and Housekeeping MC David Speers, Host ABC <i>Insiders</i>
7:20pm-7:30pm	Introductory remarks Rhys Roberts, National President ACBC
7:30pm-7:35pm	Sponsors Welcome Speaker to be confirmed
7:35pm –7:40pm	DFAT host welcome Speaker to be confirmed
7:40pm – 7:45pm	Penfolds Wine Tasting Notes – menu intro TWE speaker to be confirmed
7:45pm	Dinner service starts – Main course Featuring sponsored protein & matching Penfolds wines
8:20pm-8:40pm	KEYNOTE SPEECH Speaker to be confirmed
8:45pm	Speaker thanks & ACBC remarks ACBC CEO
8:55pm	MC Closing Remarks & Dessert served (formalities conclude) David Speers, Host ABC <i>Insiders</i>
9:10pm	Hellyers Road whisky bar open Guest to access bar outside Gandel Hall
10pm	Event close

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