

# Slovenian Australian Chamber of Commerce

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## Chairman's Report

We are a young organisation, operated by dedicated volunteers who have an interest in promoting business between Slovenia and Australia.

Although run by volunteers who work and have other important roles, we have still managed to promote SACC and engaged in a variety of events to ensure Slovenia is well represented.

Some key events that SACC was represented at this year have been

- April 2016, Mark stariha represented SACC at a reception with Tany Plibersek MP
- May 2016, HC Adrian Vatovec represented SACC at the EU day held at the Hawke EU Centre in SA.
- August 2016, Mark Stariha represented SACC at the Sydney Boat Show where Elan yachts were on display.
- August 2016, HC Adrian Vatovec represented SACC at the Migration Crisis, the Importance of the Schengen Zone presentation
- August 2016, Robert Walters and Lara Cernetic presented for SACC at the Central European Business Forum in Melbourne.
- Sept 2016, Lara Cernetic represented SACC at the Geographic Indication (GI) Seminar – The Benefits of a System of Geographical Indications (GIs) for Agricultural Products presented by The delegation of the European Union to Australia
- Sept 2016 Robert Walters represented SACC at the Small Business Festival Victoria 2016
- Sept 2016 Mark Stariha represented SACC at the roundtable discussion on the Free Trade Agreement with the EU organized by the European Australian Business Chamber at the Department of Foreign Affairs Sydney.
- Sept 2016, Harvey Norman join SACC
- Oct 2016, Mark Stariha represented SACC at the NSW Business Chambers lunch to promote the World Chambers Congress to be held in Sydney Sept 2017
- Oct 2016, ASKO/Gorenje join SACC

- Oct 2016, HC Adrian Vatovec presented at the European Climate Diplomacy week to promote Slovenia's Green heritage
- Oct 2016 Robert Walters represented SACC at the International Chamber House in Victoria which encourages strong collaboration between government agencies and bilateral international chambers and business associations
- Oct 2016 HC Nevenka Golc-Clarke and HC Adrian Vatovec visited Spirit Slovenija in Ljubljana. The operation and services offered by Spirit were discussed as well as financing in regard to the Slovenian Australian Chamber of Commerce. The meeting was arranged by Jana Grilc at the Slovenian Embassy in Canberra.
- Oct 2016, HC Adrian Vatovec with the Australian Aerospace Alliance visited Pipistrel, a leading manufacturer of light planes, in Slovenia
- Jan 2017, Robert Walters and Lara Cernetic worked with the Slovenian Australian Academics Association to organize an event Australian and Slovenian Current and Future Research Projects
- Mar 2017, HC Adrian Vatovec of SACC attends The Great Convergence: Information Technology and the New Globalization
- Mar 2017, HE Helena Drnovsek Zorko, HC Anthony Tomazin and HVC Mark Stariha meet with the European Australian Business Council (EABC) and European Australian Advisory Group (EAAG) to discuss double taxation and a way forward

In addition, HC Adrian Vatovec has continued his great work in posting articles and news of interest on the SACC Facebook page which has a great number of followers, and HVC Mark Stariha has continued to maintain our SACC website.

I would like to sincerely thank the committee and our membership for their continuing support.

My best regards to all members

HC Anthony Tomazin  
Chairman, Slovenian Australian Chamber of Commerce