

Members

Correspondence from some of our members telling us their future and past career changes and the adventures along the way. Many thanks to them for keeping us up to date.

Australian ExpatriateConnect.com Launched in London

Some 450 Australians gathered at the Australian High Commission in London on the evening of Wednesday 9 June 2004 for the international launch of ExpatriateConnect.com, Australia's new national expat database

In launching the project, Nobel Laureate and former Australian of the Year, Professor, Peter

Doherty told those assembled that ExpatriateConnect is an exciting opportunity to create something that few, if any, other countries have attempted, with the potential to vastly enrich Australia in a number of ways.

"We should be thinking of Australia today as the sum of all Australians, no matter where they roam in the world", he said. "Providing an enabling interface between Australian businesses, researchers and others at home and the approximately one million Australians overseas will facilitate networks, interactions and transactions across oceans. ExpatriateConnect is a highly innovative tool which will help the Australian nation to be the best it can be in a globalised world."

Professor Doherty urged all overseas Australians and other individuals with educational, personal or other ties to Australia who reside abroad to support the project by visiting the www.expatriateconnect.com website to sign themselves up and to tell all their friends, family and colleagues about it.

He stressed that the success of those in the venture long term will depend upon participation by significant numbers of those in the Australian diaspora. "Every individual expat Australian is an asset for Australia", he said.

ExpatriateConnect is an initiative of the Australian Institute for Commercialisation (AIC), an independent not-for-profit company established in 2002 as a \$10 million Queensland Smart State initiative to improve the commercialisation of Australian research.

www.ExpatriateConnect.com
www.ausicom.com
www.southern-cross-group.org



Jump for Free!!

Have you ever wanted to feel the ultimate adrenalin rush? Here is your chance!

The British Wheelchair Sports Foundation is looking for adventurous able bodied volunteers to make a fundraising parachute jump for free!

There are two types of jump available - a Tandem Skydive, from 10,000 feet attached to a professional instructor and a Static Line jump which is performed solo from up to 3,000 feet.

You can jump from any one of over twenty British Parachute Association approved airfields across the UK on the date of your choice, plus no experience is necessary as all training is given.

If you would like to make a thrilling skydive, give us a call at the office on 01296 395995 or email: info@bwsf.org.uk and we will send you a full information pack so that you can experience the rush of your life.

Fundraiser Kate Nicholls said "By jumping you will be improving the lives of thousands of children and adults with disabilities. And, the jump is free to everyone who raises enough sponsorship".

Editor's Note: The information for Members Forum and Correspondent is extracted from communications from members of Expat Network.

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Forum Bytes

The following security alert is courtesy of Symantec and is of particular interest to those of us who bank online.

Trojan.Gletta.A

This virus steals internet bankpasswords by logging keystrokes and sends them to an external e-mail account in Russia. Both the TO and FROM addresses have the domain "mail.ru". The subject line is "Business News From...". Further information regarding the virus removal and other threats can be found on the Symantec web site.

<http://securityresponse.symantec.com/avcenter>

Guest house UAE

Anyone know of any cheap guest houses or places to stay in UAE I am going there next week to look for employment and I dont need an expensive place to stay I will be there for about a week.

Thanks Bill

Get a room in the International Hotel on Hamdam Street for DH150 (23 squid) a night, includes entry to Scorpius upstairs and can meet expats downstairs in Red Lion.

Members on the Move

If you read the British press you could be forgiven for thinking that there is a mass exodus of British expatriates from Saudi Arabia. To the contrary there are a small percentage of workers leaving the area but a steady flow of traffic entering to begin contracts also. Quite how the situation will affect us all in the long term - who knows!

First up this month is **Mark Berry** who has moved out of Hong Kong and in to Valenzuela City, Philippines. **George Ross** ran into some trouble recently when trying to change his address on the internet. He moved from Qatar

to Oman (with Parson, seconded to PDO) in February but could not check details because he couldn't get an internet connection - he says in Oman getting a telephone line in the house is painfully slow. Now that the problem has come to light George we will sort it out.

Our best wishes to **Alan Cox** who made a short visit home to Australia but has been taken ill and is having treatment - Allan, we all wish you well and hope that the treatment is 100% successful. **Robert Steadman** moves to Paphos, Cyprus from his home in Bedfordshire.

Ivan Porritt goes off to Afghanistan for six

months, **Scot Coulter** moves from Canada to Italy, **Arlene Sutherland** is now Lead Project Engineer on a contract in Glasgow, leaving Newfoundland, Canada. **J.W. Armstrong** has now taken up residence in Chonburi, Thailand, he leaves Langtau Island, Hong Kong.

John Wallace is now with International Assignment Services in Houston, Texas, **Melvyn Gibson** writes he is now working for Marubeni on a Coal Fired Power Station in Vietnam. **Anthony Stocks** supplies a change of address, he is now in Mexico.

Oster Malambo moves out of Chingola in