

**Invitation to Southern Cross Group Open Meeting
18 June 2001**

Dear fellow expatriate,

A date for your diary!

You are warmly invited to join Southern Cross Group and learn first hand about issues which affect expatriates and current developments in relations between the European Union, Australia and other countries. Come and listen to two short speeches and take part in the question and answer session, followed by a reception for more informal discussion.

Her Excellency Ambassador Mrs. J.M. Hewitt, the Australian Ambassador to the EU, will speak on the current status of relations and will be joined by James Nicholson, Member of the European Parliament and head of the Delegation for Australia and NZ.

Date : Monday 18th June
Time : 6:30pm
Venue : Australian Embassy,
Rue Guimard 6-8
Brussels, Belgium
(Metro Stop Arts Loi)

Complimentary wine and cheese will be served, anyone is welcome and there is no charge for this event. This is an excellent opportunity to come and have your questions answered by those who are in the know and up-to-date on the status of expatriates living in the EU.

Significant barriers to the mobility of individuals continue to inhibit their free movement between the EU, Australia and other countries. We have been campaigning, since our formation in Jan 2000, against the non-recognition of non-EU (or "Third-Country") nationals under EU-level legislation, to promote bilateral social security agreements, and for removal of barriers to dual nationality.

Come and meet fellow expatriates from all parts of Belgium and share your concerns and experiences. We look forward to seeing you there!

Best regards,

The SCG Management Committee

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