



Australian American
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San Francisco



The Australia Day Gala is an annual event presented by the Australian American Chamber of Commerce in partnership with G'day USA. This uniquely Australian event is attended by San Francisco's leading business and tech executives and provides an opportunity for networking while enjoying the best of Australian entertainment, food, and wine.

In 2017, the Australia Day Gala is set to outdo all previous years as we celebrate the 35th Anniversary. To mark this occasion, we have created two Australian Innovation Awards that will be presented to a company and individual who have shown a commitment to Australian Innovation. These awards will be presented at the gala alongside the Ambassador Bill Lane "Spirit of Australia Award.

The Innovation Awards will be presented to a company and individual that are considered to have exemplified innovation and advanced the environment and culture for innovation in Australia.

There are two categories open for nomination:

- Company
 - Advance the environment and culture for innovation in Australia
 - Company history that demonstrates excellence and proven impact in their market
 - An innovation driven start-up with a connection to Australian
- Individual
 - Advance the environment and culture for innovation in Australia
 - Participation in an innovation-based business that demonstrates excellence in its field
 - Proven impact in their field of work

This award will be judged by the Australian American Chamber of Commerce Committee and the following distinguished panel.

- Mr. Chris Oldfield, Australian Consul General and Senior Trade Commissioner
- Mr. Gower Smith, CEO Swyft Inc.
- Ms. Robyn Denholm, Board Member – Tesla & ABB.
- Mr. Andrew Roberts, CEO Ephox
- Mr. Sam Chandler, CEO Nitro
- Mr. Antony Ritch, COO Westfields Lab
- Mr. Shane Wall, Chief Technology Officer, HP Inc.
- Mr. Kurt Glaubitz, General Manager PGPA – CAPEP, Chevron