



Finland Australia
Chamber of Commerce

2022 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

8 DECEMBER 2022

Welcome

Welcome to the President's Report to the Finland Australia Chamber of Commerce Inc. (FACC) 2022 – the year when we started crawling out of the COVID-19 bubble!

Membership Status

The Chamber's membership stayed stable at 61, which is pleasing considering the difficult year it has been.

We warmly welcome our new corporate members, **Arcoona Consulting, Coredo, Project Matka** and **Tosibox**.

We thank our Platinum members **Wartsila**; as well as Gold members **Brisbanen Suomiradio Finnair, Glaston Finland, HWL Ebsworth, Marimekko Australia & New Zealand, Neste Australia and STENHOJ Australia** for their continued support.

Member Activities 2021-22

The 2021 **Annual General Meeting** was held face-to-face and virtually on 26 November 2021, followed by networking function.



In October FACC Celebrated our **20-year anniversary** with a member function attended by the Ambassador Satu Budich-Mattila. Our Treasurer Joakim Westerholm – founding member of FACC - also celebrated 20 years as Treasurer with FACC!

Sydney Networking Drinks were held in June & October. In Melbourne the popular **Nordic Engagement Lunches** continued after a COVID hiatus at the Denmark House.



The Annual **Nordic Open Golf Day** at Moore Park Golf was a huge sell out success. After a couple of rain cancellations, the event was finally held in May on a beautiful sunny day with the players and lunch participants fully enjoying the well executed day. The event is traditionally hosted by our Chamber in conjunction with the Swedish, Estonian and Norwegian Chambers – our FACC Secretary Anssi Paatero lead the planning and execution of this highly successful and fun event.



In April FACC members were invited to visit Nokia's new **Nokia 5G Futures Lab** innovation facility at University of Technology Sydney's Tech Lab in Botany, Sydney. The 5G Futures Lab is equipped to showcase the best of 5G technology available today, providing insight into the future of 5G. Featuring the largest permanent collection of Nokia Radio, IP and Optical equipment in Oceania, the lab is also directly connected to UTS' large Antenna Chamber, where Nokia can test the potential of its latest 5G radio technologies such as the Nokia 5G Smart Node, recently launched into the Australian market.



Big focus this year was on joining forces with our Nordic and European Chambers with joint functions including the annual **Cruise with Europeans; Nordic and Estonian After work Drinks** at the NSW Library rooftop bar; and **Euromix** events in Sydney, Melbourne and Perth.



Last function of the year was the **SUOMI 105 Independence** celebration dinner at the Green Moustache rooftop restaurant in North Sydney – with appropriate Sibelius tunes provided by the lovely Riikka Sintonen on the violin.



FACC Website

Updating the chamber website www.finland.com.au was one of the major tasks undertaken early in 2022. The site has now been brought to this century, and better reflects the chamber's mission.

Executive Committee Update

The FACC Executive Committee continued this year with a fully Finnish speaking board.

Anssi Paatero from Sydney and Jari Tuorila based in Perth joined as a new board members bringing the board to its maximum 10 person contingent.

2021-22 Executive Committee members are

Minna Monaghan, President
Sanna Ruuskanen, Vice-President
Anssi Paatero, Secretary
Joakim Westerholm, Treasurer
Heini Korhonen
Olli Mustonen
Katja Nexo
Jukka Sintonen
Eero Toivonen
Jari Tuorila



Minna Monaghan
President, FACC
Sydney 8 December 2022