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**An evening with Mark Wiseman,
President and CEO, Canadian
Pension Plan Investment Board**

Chamber sponsor KPMG has arranged for Mark Wiseman, President and CEO of the Canadian Pension Plan Investment Board to speak at an evening event in Sydney on September 16. Details of the event will be sent to CACC members shortly.

Mark assumed the role of President and CEO in July 2012 and is responsible for leading the CPP Investment Board and its investment activities.



Mark Wiseman
President & Chief Executive Officer,

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Mark joined the CPP Investment Board in June 2005 as the organization's Senior Vice-President, Private Investments. He was later named Executive Vice-President, Investments, responsible for managing all of the investment activities of the CPP Investment Board – Public Market Investments, Private Investments and Real Estate Investments.

Prior to joining the CPP Investment Board, Mark was responsible for the private equity fund and co-investment program at the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan. Previously, Mark was an officer with Harrowston Inc., a publicly traded Canadian merchant bank and a lawyer with Sullivan & Cromwell, practicing in New York and Paris. He also served as a law clerk to Madam Justice Beverley McLachlin at the Supreme Court of Canada. From 2004 to 2007, Mark was Chairman of the Institutional Limited Partners Association, a non-profit organization committed to serving limited partner investors in the global private equity industry.

Born in Niagara Falls, Ontario, Mark holds a BA from Queen's University and a law degree and MBA from the University of Toronto. He was also a Fulbright Scholar at Yale University, where he obtained a masters degree in law and is a certified member of the Canadian Institute of Corporate Directors.

In 2006, Mark was named to Canada's Top 40 Under 40. He is a Board member for the Canadian Coalition for Good

Governance (CCGG) and serves on the board of several not-for-profit organizations, including the Capital Markets Institute, Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto and Right to Play International. He is the United Way Toronto Campaign Chair for 2015. He is also a past Chairman of Youth Without Shelter, an emergency shelter for homeless youth.

Looking for Volunteers

The CACC is relaunching its committee network and is looking for volunteers to get involved and help share the workload.

At its recent meeting, the Board approved the establishment on two new committees: one for Membership and Communications to be chaired by Scott McClellan, and an Events Committee chaired by Ross Campbell. The Board plans to launch two more committees, one for Small to Medium Enterprises, and one for Corporate Engagement, once suitable chairs have been identified.

At the May planning meeting (details below) there was considerable interest from attendees in volunteering their time and energies to help support the mission of the Chamber to build business connections and assist trade – bringing Canada and Australia closer together.

Anyone member wishing to get involved should register their interest by contacting john.secker@cacc.com.au

The Chamber's next step is to hold a planning meeting to rally people to



volunteer their time and expertise to help the CACC fulfil its mission. The aim is to appoint people to identified positions that enable the Chamber to better engage with the business community both in Australia and in Canada. One of the key activities of this group will be to rethink the CACC's approach to funding its activities

Event Rallies the Troops in Pursuit of Chamber Mission

CACC Patron and distinguished Canadian Jack Cowin (Hungry Jacks) probably said it best when he told a lunch seminar of 40 invited guests, many of them Canadian expats, they had "an obligation" to help pursue the Chamber's mission.

"Business is really about relationships," he said. "When I came to this country 46 years ago, I had a dream and a desire to build a business. The Chamber of Commerce didn't exist then, but a lot of people helped me. Today I think we Canadians who are in business here have an obligation to try and help one another. The fact that we are all kind of pioneers, we moved here, re-developed our lives, we're influencing others, I think the goal of the Chamber should be to try and help establish relationships so that we can make things happen." He explained the crucial importance of building business relationship in growing small businesses into large and successful enterprises.

The event was hosted by Mike McGrath, Managing Partner, PWC and Chamber Board Director, and PWC sponsored the luncheon held at their Sydney offices on 15 May. In his opening remarks, he

suggested it is the smaller to medium sized companies that stand to benefit most from the sort of networking opportunities the Chamber creates. "A lot of the very large multinationals that sit within both countries can capitalise on the (business) opportunities with their own resources. But there are thousands of smaller businesses that could benefit from some assistance. Is there a role for the Chamber there?"

Canadian Consul General Mario Ste Marie emphasised the advantages flowing from the close affinity Canadians enjoy with Australians, as compared with other countries in Asia Pacific. He said, "We need to change the perception of Australia being so far away. You can come here three times, for a week at a time, and you will probably be able to do business."

Commonwealth Bank GroupSuper CEO and CACC Director Doug Carmichael emphasised the synergies between the work of Canadian and Australian trade commissions and the Chamber. "The Chamber has a role to play in supporting communications amongst stakeholders with an interest in the Mission. As a business community, we can often speak more openly than the government agencies who are bound by certain protocols. The conversation between the business communities in both countries is one the Chamber plays a critical role in supporting. Not to diminish the work that takes place between government bodies, but we can multiply the effectiveness of those conversations.

"Our role as the Chamber is to leverage the genuine good will that exists between the business communities of both countries. It's important to



recognise that we are a bilateral Chamber, with resources in Canada as well as in Australia. Whilst we talk a lot about the Australian business environment, it's equally important that we think of ourselves as a bilateral organisation.

"Corporate sponsorship is critically important to us because we would prefer not to have to charge members a fee to take advantage of these networking opportunities. This is especially important to our younger members and start-ups."

David Howard, General Manager Established Markets International Operations, Australian Trade Commission (Austrade) emphasised the importance of involving larger Canadian companies and pension funds who are active in Australia. "I think they need to share in this community, this obligation and discussion. If we can engage those folks, then it starts to move into a different dimension; you start to be able to engage with the politicians in Canberra."

Building on Mr. Howard's comments, Angus Armour Deputy Secretary Industry, Innovation, Hospitality & the Arts, NSW Trade & Investment, added, "Using the North American vernacular, it's a 'ground game' and you've got to dig in and keep going back. It's not that the Australian business environment is hostile – quite the opposite – they'd love to do more. We just have to keep working on these relationships and develop them wherever we can."

The CACC Board has identified the need to rebuild its management infrastructure, its volunteer community

of people who are prepared to come together and take responsibility for organising events and driving corporate membership

2015 Australia-Canada Economic Leadership Forum

The 4th Australia-Canada Economic Leadership Forum will return to Canada and take place in Vancouver July 6-8, 2015. The Forum brings together leaders from private and public sectors to discuss trade, investment, economics and the political priorities of both countries.

The Forum will be high level and limited to 150 participants on an invitational basis. The issues that will be addressed are top of mind in both countries: Global Natural Resources; Engaging a Dynamic Asia; Energy; Key Factors in Australian and Canadian Competitiveness; Pensions and Australia and Canada as Global Partners. To view the speakers and relevant sessions of previous Forums please click [here](#).

The Forum will run concurrently with a Symposium on infrastructure featuring panel discussions on: Transportation Trends in Canada and Australia; Asset Recycling; Infrastructure Opportunities for Canada and Australia in the Asia Pacific, and Global LNG Developments. The 2015 Co-Chairs and Mark Romoff, President and CEO of The Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships and Amanda Farrell, President and CEO of Partnerships BC.

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Tax Planning Seminar

A recent tax planning seminar in Brisbane and Sydney for Canadians living abroad was presented by Arun (Ernie) Nagratha, a Canadian Chartered Professional Accountant specializing in expatriate taxation as it relates to Canadians living and working around the world. The seminar focused on the following topics:

- Canadian residency for tax purposes
- Canadian filing and reporting requirements
- Tax planning for Canadian expats, either departing Canada or arriving in Canada
- Ownership of property in Canada and the tax implications for Canadian non-residents
- Tax implications for the ownership of investments in Canada and abroad for Canadian non-residents

[Arun provided CACC with a copy of his presentation.](#)

<http://trowbridge.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/Ernie-Nagratha-sm1.jpg>

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