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Future Summit 2006 – Business Leaders Urged to Think Seriously About Australia’s Role in Asia, Global Warming and Public Health and International Security.

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Top business leaders chairing the Future Summit 2006, to be held in Brisbane on May 11 and 12, are urging other business leaders to use this year’s Summit to provide frank and robust views on critical issues for Australia – including Australia’s role in Asia, global warming and public health and international security.

Introducing the Future Summit 2006 program, chairman of ADC (Australian Davos Connection) Michael Roux says this year’s over riding theme, **Re-inventing Australia in the Age of Asia**, is intended to ensure a broad discussion among the Summit’s 450-plus participants.

The Summit’s topics, which include national identity; sustaining prosperity in a warming world; public health and international security; adapting to emerging technologies; the globalisation of Asia; and talent for a knowledge economy, were selected as key issues of national importance.

The Summit program and content is designed for emerging and established leaders from business, government, academic and community circles in Australia to engage with established commentators and leaders from both the Australian and global scene.

“We’ve arranged a program covering all the big issues on Australia’s agenda, and which allows these issues to be discussed in a systematic way,” says Mr Roux. “With participants from many walks of life attending the Summit it’s a unique opportunity for government, corporate, academic and community leaders to meet and develop actionable options for a sustainable, desirable and prosperous future.”

The two-day Summit will include a variety of keynote addresses, panel and facilitated discussions, workshops, and opportunities for informal networking.

Roy Morgan Research, the Summit’s official Knowledge Partner, will provide public opinion polling data specific to the issues being discussed. Leading up to the Summit Roy Morgan Research will provide international comparisons on attitudes towards globalisation, the environment and emerging technologies. They will also interview Australians to gather relevant data on the issues facing Australia and the world.

“Australians have views about all of these issues. It is vitally important that leaders listen to these views and take them on board,” says Michele Levine, Chief Executive, Roy Morgan Research.

Prime Minister of Australia, the Hon. John Howard has thrown his support behind the Summit, saying it provides a wonderful opportunity for both new generation and experienced leaders from across the nation to come together to reflect upon and discuss the key issues and challenges facing Australia now and into the future.

Taskforce chair Dr. Alan Dupont, Senior Fellow for International Security at the Lowy Institute, hailed the Summit as a great place to network with business leaders and people you would not normally meet. "The sessions and discussion held in the two-day event can offer a lot of new ideas and provide a better understanding of what is going on outside your own world."

According to one of the Summit's keynote speakers, Australian of the Year 2006 and world-renowned immunologist Ian Frazer, it's imperative that we learn how to unleash our creative potential to tackle the world's – and our own - problems. "To meet the challenges we face will require an extraordinary collective response. At the centre of the response will be a greater emphasis on human imagination, innovation and creativity. If leaders in business, government and community are to remain effective and credible they must learn how to best adopt new policy designs and innovative approaches."

Another Summit speaker, Dr Kenneth Courtis, Vice Chairman – Asia, Goldman Sachs in Japan, says it's time for Australia to assess the role it wants to play in Asia.

"The rise in the developing world, particularly of India and China, is reshaping economic and political order. At this very moment we're witnessing an unprecedented emergence of new wealth and a massive shift in the dynamics of global consumption to Asia. It's also a period when some see the re-emergence of China - and perhaps later India – not just as drivers of the world economy, but also as threats to the maintenance of the standard of living in the West, including in Australia. The policy and corporate issues that flow from these developments are monumental, and are right at the top of any agenda for Australia's future. These issues need to be discussed in an informed and relevant manner," says Mr Courtis.

The Future Summit is an initiative of ADC, a wholly Australian, non-political, not-for-profit leadership organisation. ADC was founded in 1996 and held the inaugural Future Summit in Sydney in 2004.

The **Future Summit 2006 Leadership Awards**, to be announced leading up to this year's Summit, were established to support and inspire new generations of leaders in Australia. They recognise outstanding leaders, aged between 25 and 45, who have demonstrated a commitment to promote economically, socially and culturally important issues in Australia.

"We've received a large number of nominations for this year's awards, across a number of industry sectors," says Mr Roux.

For more information about the Future Summit program and booking details, go to: **www.futuresummit.org**

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Future Summit Speakers List

Waleed Aly	Executive Committee Member, Islamic Council of Victoria
Mehrdad Baghai	Managing Director, Alchemy Growth Partners
Charles Brass	Chairman, The Futures Foundation
Tony Burke MP	Shadow Minister for Immigration, Member for Watson
Sharan Burrow	President, Australian Council of Trade Unions
The Hon. Robert Carr	Former Premier of New South Wales
Professor Edward KY Chen	President & Chair, Professor of Economics, Lingnan College (Hong Kong, Peoples Republic of China)
Rui Chenggang	Director and Anchor, China Central Television (China)
General Peter Cosgrove AC MC (Retd)	Consultant, Deloitte; Board Member, Qantas
Dr Ken Curtis	Managing Director and Vice Chairman – Asia, Goldman Sachs (Japan)
David Dale	Author of "Who We Are - A Miscellany of the New Australia"; Anthropology Writer for The Sydney Morning Herald
Professor Paul Davies	Professor of Natural Philosophy, Australian Centre for Astrobiology, Macquarie University
Dr Richard Denniss	Strategic Adviser to the Australian Greens
Dr Alan Dupont	Senior Fellow for International Security, Lowy Institute
The Hon. Alexander Downer MP	Minister for Foreign Affairs
Scott Featherston	Investment Officer, International Finance Corporation
Oliver Freeman	Co-Founder, Neville Freeman Agency
Robert Gell	Chairman, Access Environmental; Environmental Ambassador, Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games
Paul Gilding	Founding Partner, Ecos Corporation
Nik Gowing	Main Presenter, BBC World TV (United Kingdom)
Nick Green OAM	President of the Victorian Olympic Council, Dual Olympic Gold Medallist & Member of the "Oarsome Foursome"
Paul Hameister	Joint Managing Director, Hamton Property Group & 2005 Leadership Awardee
Dr Richard Hames	Honorary President, The Hames Group
Dr Tom Hatton	Director, Water for a Healthy Country, CSIRO
Professor John Horvath AO	Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health and Ageing, Australian Government
Jackie Huggins AM	Co-Chair, Reconciliation Australia
Greg Hunt MP	Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Environment & Heritage
Bronwynne Jones	Consultant, LookOut Futuring Services
Peter Joseph OAM	Chairman, BT Financial Group & Chairman, St James Ethics Centre
Professor George Kailis	Foundation Dean of Business at Notre Dame's Sydney Campus
Commissioner Michael Keelty APM	Commissioner, Australian Federal Police

Michele Levine	Chief Executive, Roy Morgan Research
Professor Andrew MacIntyre	Professor of Political Science, and Director: Asia Pacific School of Economics and Government
Jenny Macklin MP	Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Shadow Minister for Education
Professor Tom McKaskill	Richard Pratt Chair in Entrepreneurship, Australian Graduate School of Entrepreneurship, Swinburne University
Professor Tony McMichael	Director, National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health, ANU
David Moffatt	Group Managing Director, Consumer & Marketing, Telstra Corporation Limited
Paul Monk	Director, Austthink
Terrance Moran	Secretary, Department of Premier & Cabinet, State Government of Victoria
Samantha Mostyn	Group Executive, Culture & Reputation, Insurance Australia Group
Kerry O'Brien	Editor and Compere, 7:30 Report ABC TV
Les Owen	Group Chief Executive, AXA Asia Pacific Holdings Limited
Ted Pretty	Senior Consultant Macquarie Bank
Rob Roe	Acting Managing Director, Industry & Government Telstra Business & Government.
Michael Roux	Chairman, Australian Davos Connection
Kevin Rudd MP	Shadow Minister For Foreign Affairs & International Security
Dr Gary Saliba	Director, Strategic Journeys
Bernard Salt	Partner, KPMG Renowned Social Demographer
Dr Peter Saul	Director, Strategic Consulting Group Pty Ltd
His Excellency Mr Prabhat Prakash Shukla	High Commissioner of India
Mr NK Singh	Chairman, Indian Institute for Management and Development (India)
Dr Christopher Sneddon	Academic Coordinator Centre for Defence and Strategic Studies (CDSS), Faculty of Arts, Deakin University
John Stanley	Executive Director, Bus Association of Victoria
Senator Natasha Stott Despoja	Senator for South Australia
Dorjee Sun	Navigator, Honeyroasted TV; 2005 Leadership Awardee
Professor Han Sung-Joo	Director, Ilmin International Relations Institute, and President, Korea University (South Korea)
Guy Templeton	Chief Executive, Minter Ellison
Evan Thornley	National Secretary, Australian Fabians
Alison Watkins	Executive Chairman, Mrs Crockets
Professor Jonathan West	Director, Innovation Research Institute, University of Tasmania
Professor George Williams	Director, Gilbert + Tobin Centre of Public Law, UNSW
Professor Glenn Withers	Professor of Public Policy, ANU
Dr David Wright-Neville	Co-Convenor, Global Terrorism Research Unit, Monash University
Professor Tan Kong Yam	Director, Asian Research Centre, Nanyang Technological University (Singapore)
Dato' Dr Michael Yeoh	CEO Asian Strategy and Leadership Institute (Malaysia)