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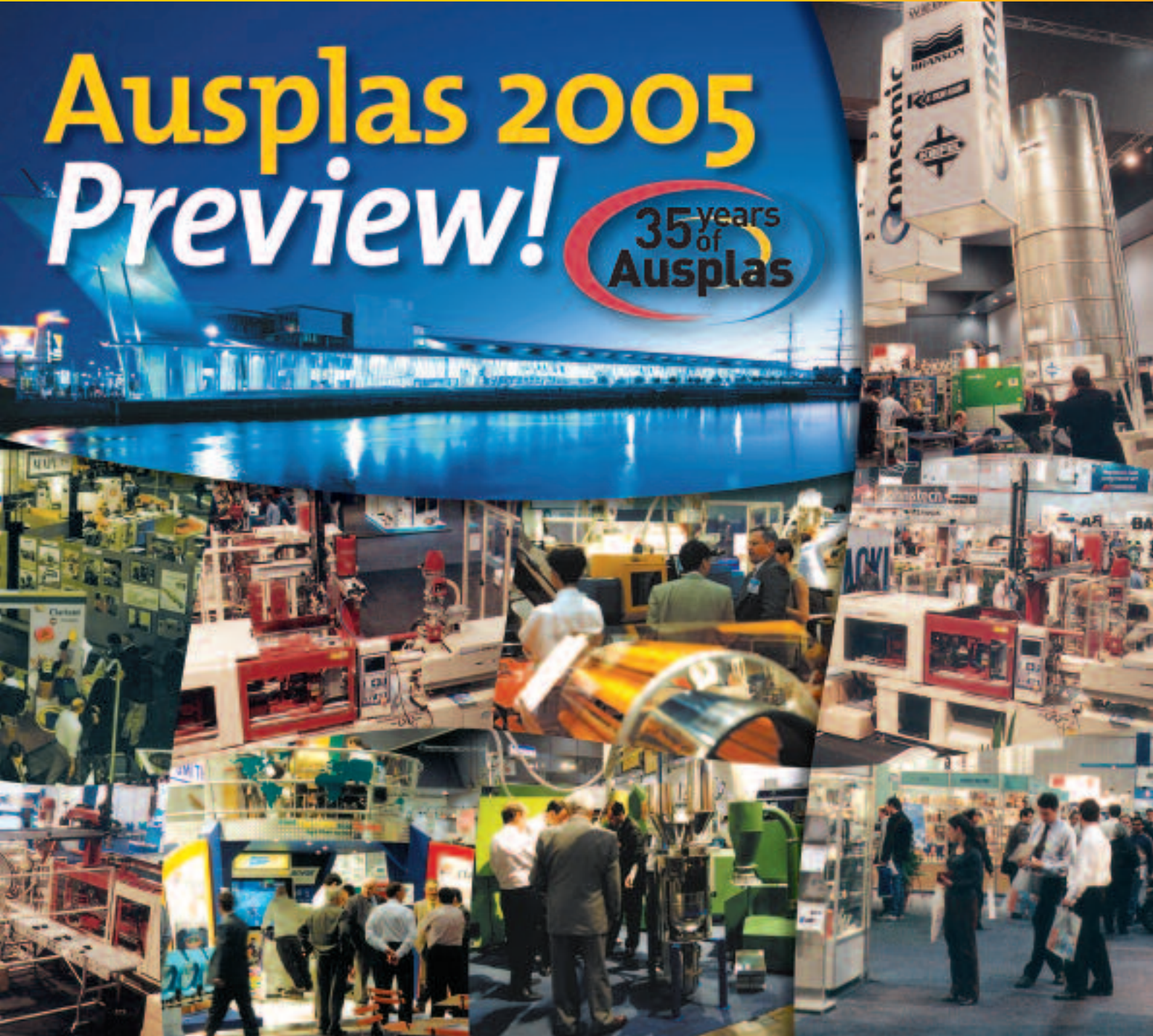
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## Ausplas 2005 Preview!

35 years  
of  
Ausplas



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# It's AUSPLAS time again!



With over 120 individual exhibitors representing some 450 companies from around the world, it's just as well AUSPLAS is open four days to enable visitors to take it all in.

For the thousands of interstate and overseas industry people intending to attend the show, it's well worth planning right now to maximise the value of your visit.

The first thing to do is pre-register to gain fast-lane entry and avoid the delay from long queues when you wait to register on arrival.

It's simple! Just go to the AUSPLAS website [www.ausplas.com](http://www.ausplas.com) and complete the ID badge order form. Do this by September 19 latest and you will receive your badge within a few days.

When you order your free trade pass, you will be automatically signed up to the Free Visitor Matching Service. This allows you to nominate the products/ services of greatest interest to you.

Two weeks prior to the show you will receive a list of exhibiting companies that match your fields of interest... a great aid for targeting companies you would like to see.

Here's a bonus offer for intending visitors: If you pre-register and then attend the show, you will go into a draw to win one of four HP IPAQ H6365 pocket PCs, each valued at \$1100.

## All work and no play...

AUSPLAS comes around only once every three years, and it's an event not to be missed.

For all the particulars about travel and accommodation, visiting hours, associated seminar and social programs, etc, turn to the AUSPLAS Visitors' Guide on page 8.

Subsequent pages of this month's PNI contain details of the presentations AUSPLAS visitors can expect to see on some of the exhibitors' stands.

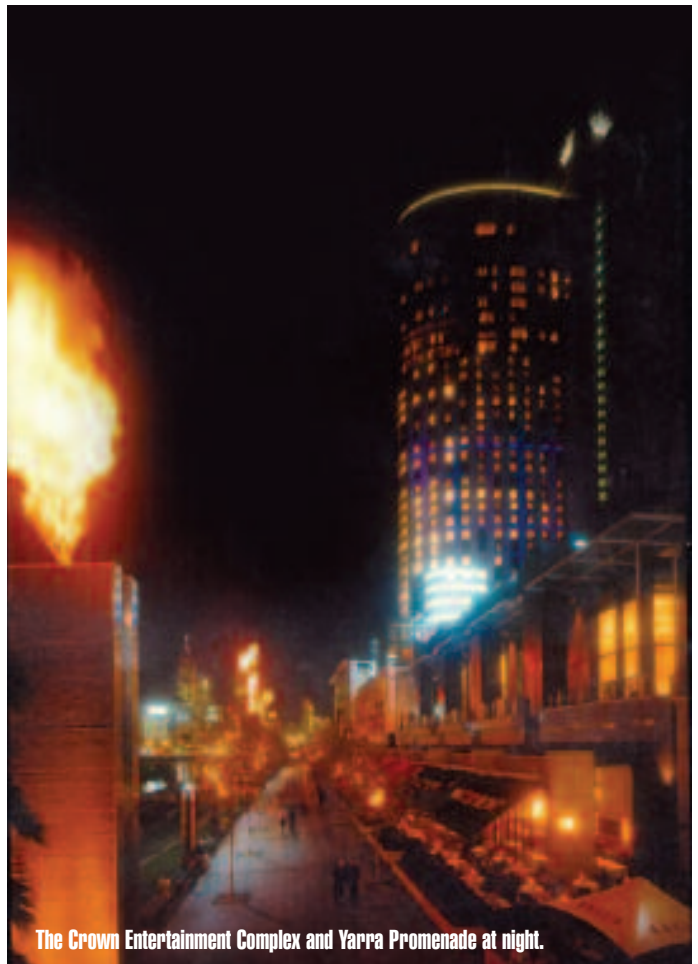
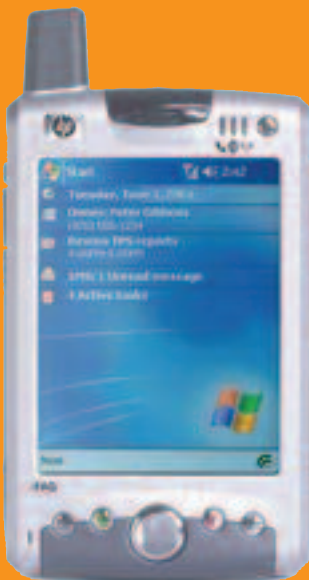
But an event such as this offers up loads of opportunities for plastics industry people to mix business with pleasure. Here are some suggestions.

## AFL Grand Final

Melbourne is famous as Australia's 'Event City'. And one of those events in September is of course the Toyota AFL Grand Final. This spectacular sporting event will be held over the weekend of the AUSPLAS 2005 move-in and so provide a fantastic opportunity for client hospitality and networking activities for those who plan ahead.

The world renowned Crown Entertainment Complex is immediately opposite the AUSPLAS 2005 venue, within walking distance of all recommended hotels and serviced apartments. More than 30

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The Crown Entertainment Complex and Yarra Promenade at night.

bars and nightclubs and 22 restaurants riverside on Southbank offering an incredible variety of world-class cuisine. Visit [www.crowncasino.com.au](http://www.crowncasino.com.au) and [www.southbankinfo.com.au](http://www.southbankinfo.com.au)

Your visit to AUSPLAS 2005 can be complemented by enjoying any of the following events. Arrive a few days early or extend your stay. Tourist brochures and maps are available at Melbourne Airport and your hotel.

**Melbourne Fringe Festival**

The 2005 Melbourne Fringe Festival will flourish as a score of vibrant artists showcase their talents. From comedians to cabaret, the Festival will transform the cityscape.

This year the festival will feature over 200 fresh acts, which will be unveiled in more than 100 Fringe venues across Melbourne. Further information? Visit [www.melbournefringe.com.au](http://www.melbournefringe.com.au)

**Victorian food and wine**

The Mornington Peninsula's hinterland hills and rich, fertile coastal plains produce an abundance of grapes at more than 170 vineyards, 50 with wineries with cellar doors open for tastings.

Most are concentrated in the hinterland area around Red Hill, Merricks, Main Ridge, Balnarring, Moorooduc and Shoreham, making touring and tasting easy. Pinot noir and chardonnay are the specialities of the region.

A visit to the area offers more than just the opportunity to enjoy award-winning wines. There is no shortage of dining establishments

offering outstanding food and wine served against a backdrop of breathtaking bay and country scenery.

**Take a tour**

How about a customised luxury day or weekend in the vineyards with your own chauffeur... the only ones in Australia schooled in Rolls-Royce Chauffeur Etiquette? Or you can choose from set packages covering five star restaurants, theatre, exclusive health spas or experience the best in shopping.

You'll be treated like royalty as your hosts attend to your every whim along with red carpet and a bottle of exquisite sparkling or table wine. How many chauffeur services offer such refined luxury? Visit [www.shadowsinthevineyard.com.au](http://www.shadowsinthevineyard.com.au)

**Play golf**

Golf and Melbourne go together like a birdie putt finds the hole. With a local population devoted to golf, the Victorian capital is home to Royal Melbourne, more than a dozen of Australia's top 100 courses, the famed 'sand-belt' region in the south-eastern suburbs and some of the nation's best public links. The leading courses offer year-round, high quality play.

There are many other public and

private courses located close to the city that are well maintained. They range from resort-style layouts through to challenging suburban courses. Many have public access and cater for all handicaps and levels of experience.

So do not leave home without your golf clubs when you come to Melbourne, as you will be spoilt for choice. For further information visit [www.golfvic.org.au](http://www.golfvic.org.au)



Melbourne's Chinatown.

**Federation Square.**





The beautifully restored Regent Theatre, where *The Lion King* is being staged.

**Explore and dine in Chinatown**

It was the discovery of gold in 1851 that attracted Chinese immigration to Victoria on a large scale. Chinatown's cabinet makers and lodging houses may now be gone but eating houses and top class restaurants have taken their place. It remains a busy and important social and economic centre for the Chinese Community and proudly stands as one of Melbourne city's most popular venues. Throughout the year, there are many traditional festivals and activities, making Chinatown a popular destination in the city centre. Visit [www.melbournechinatown.com.au](http://www.melbournechinatown.com.au)

**Options galore**

Within Melbourne itself, you could go shopping in the city's renowned arcades, stroll through the Royal Botanic Gardens, take a winter cruise across to Williamstown or around to Docklands' New Quay restaurants, or go visit the controversial Federation Square.

If you have a car, the historic cities of Bendigo and Ballarat, the Yarra Valley and the Dandenongs, a drive along the spectacular Great Ocean Road are within reach.

**How about a night at the theatre?**

Disney's award-winning Broadway musical *The Lion King* is a spectacular visual feast transporting audiences to the heart and soul of Africa. The adaptation of the much loved film explodes with glorious colours, stunning effects and amazing tribal rhythms.

Performed at Melbourne's famous Regent Theatre, this is just one of the many productions staged at the time of AUSPLAS 2005. For further theatre options visit [www.visitvictoria.com](http://www.visitvictoria.com)

For the art lovers, here's an irresistible opportunity and an exhibition you will not see elsewhere in Australia.

It's the Dutch Masters from the Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam at the National Gallery of Victoria, featuring over 100 works by such artists as Rembrandt and Vermeer. Check out [www.ngv.vic.gov.au](http://www.ngv.vic.gov.au)



Al fresco dining at a Yarra Valley winery.

**Further information?**

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