



ANZO PROPERTY GROUP

The networking group for Australian (api) & New Zealand (pinz) Overseas property professionals in London and the UK

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Website: Standby for the announcement....

Welcome to the first edition for 2007 of the ANZO Property Group newsletter. As always, a warm welcome to any of you who have recently made it over to the UK.

Name Change

You would have noticed a bit of a name change from our previous PINZ (London branch) name to a more appropriate "ANZO Property Group". We've got a membership database of just on 180 people now (and growing!), with just about one third of you being Australians. The name is now more reflective of the membership and hopefully as a more identifiably "Aussie Friendly" organisation, more of our cork swinging cousins will feel comfortable coming along and joining in the fun. We do of course still also welcome any other 'Colonials' who are working somewhere within the UK's far reaching property industry.

Our Next Event

Our first event for 2007 is booked in for 6.00pm Friday 16th March at an **all new venue** – The Walkabout, 136 Shaftesbury Ave, London, W1D 5EZ. We've got our own private room called the "Red Room" (it's upstairs) with a big screen showing **New Zealand vs England in the Cricket World Cup**. Free beer, wine & food, and the opportunity to meet other New Zealanders and Australians that work in the various sectors within the UK property industry are usually all it takes to get you along, but this time we've got the cricket too!. We've had to stump up £750 for the bar tab to secure the private room, so please spread the word amongst your friends and colleagues who may not know about it and come and help us drink the tab. As it is a Friday night, it will be a great opportunity to knock off work early and come down for a few beers and a yarn. Bring along an English colleague too....if they are brave enough to venture right into the lion's den!

Website

We've been working hard to develop a website for the ANZO Property Group. We decided to do this for two main reasons – to have a place for new and experienced Antipodean property professionals to see what's is going on with the group; and to raise the presence of our little group. The website, which will be going live in the next few weeks will have lots of information including a full schedule of our planned events for 2007, current jobs both here in the UK and around the world, all of our past newsletters, as well as some general information for people who are 'fresh off the boat' or been here for years. Stand by for further details.

ANZO Property Ball 2007

Committee have got our act together and have decided on a date for the second annual ANZO Property Ball. Friday 26th October 2007 will be the date that we all come together to celebrate either New Zealand (very likely) or Australia (less likely than New Zealand, but still more likely than England) winning the Rugby World Cup the week before. We are still looking for a couple more people to help the committee with the organisation of this year's event. Since most of the hard work was done last year, we don't expect it will be as much of a challenge going forward. If you are interested, please call or email Philip or Sid to discuss.

Member Profiles

Member profiles give a little insight into the background of some of our members. Members are chosen at random and asked to give us a little background. This quarter we talked to Naomi Schilling and Kane Sweetman.

Naomi Schilling	
Age:	26
Marital Status:	Single
What is your hometown in NZ/Aus?	Perth, Western Australia
What University did you go to?	Curtin University
What degree did you do?	Bachelor of Commerce (Property & Accounting)
Where are you living in UK?	Clapham
How long have you been here?	A bit over 2 years
Who do you work for?	DTZ
What is your job title?	West End Office Agency Surveyor
What does that actually mean in plain English?	I acquire or dispose of office space for Landlords and Tenants
How long have you worked for them?	2 and a bit years
Is your current job different to what you did back home? Please explain.	Definitely, at home I worked in valuations so this involves a lot less report writing and more time out of the office.
How many jobs have you had since arriving?	I have worked for DTZ since arriving but initially I started in valuations and now I work in office agency.
Did you go through a recruitment company to get your current job?	No
If so, who was it?	N/A
If it wasn't for a career in property, what was next on your list?	Haven't really thought about it too much so I guess either Professional Party Organiser/Events Coordinator or Socialite

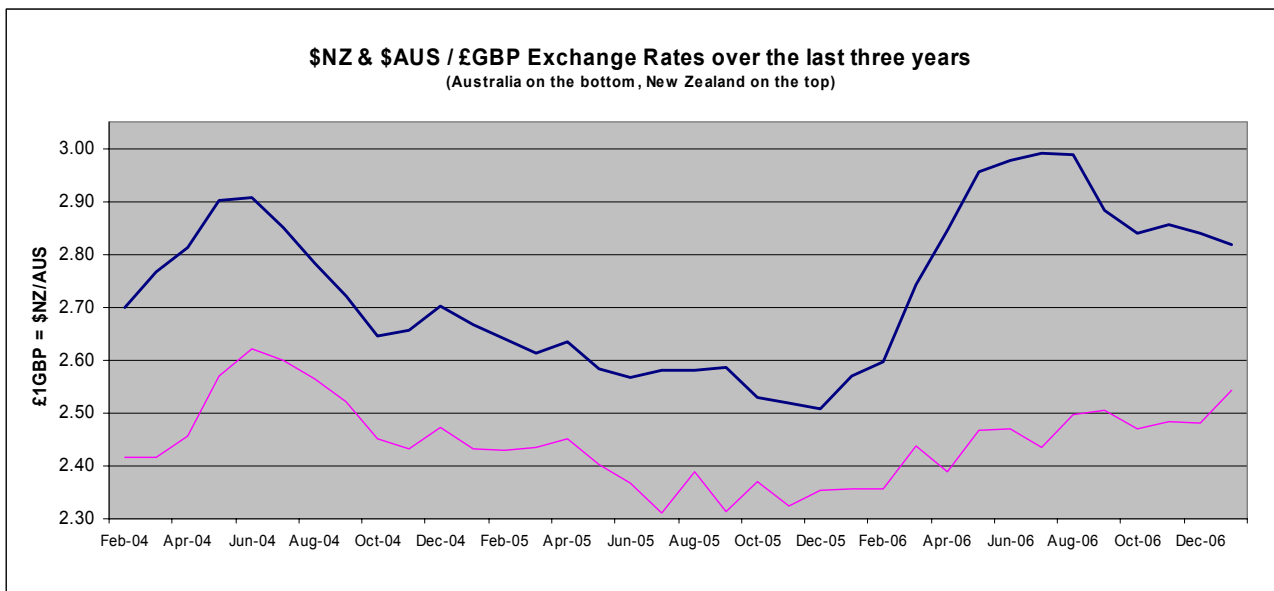
What are your top two tips for property professionals arriving in the UK?	Register with a recruitment agent and don't pigeon hole yourself into a particular field of property, as there are so many opportunities out there given the skills you have.
What is the best country you've been to while you have been in the Northern Hemisphere?	Egypt
Why?	Scenery was amazing, it was so culturally diverse and unbelievable how the Egyptian managed to construct such buildings with no machinery.
When was the last time you were back in NZ/Aus?	Three weeks ago
Apart from the weather, what is the biggest difference between the UK and Home?	Its close proximity to everything except home.
Apart from the weather, what's the worst part about living in the UK?	Public Transport
What's the best part?	Diversity - there is always something different to do, never a dull moment
What's your favourite website?	Don't have a fav - I use www.google.co.uk for most things
And finally the 'Heathrow Injection' question: As a percentage of the weight you were when you first arrived, how much have you gained?	I am not going to justify that question with an answer, that is plain rude (also if you print that I will kill you). (Editors note: We'll take that to be 40% then. Wow Naomi, sounds like you've really let yourself go!)

Kane Sweetman	
Age:	35
Marital Status:	Single
What is your hometown in NZ/Aus?	Havelock North
What University did you go to?	Auckland
What degree did you do?	Bachelor of Arts & Bachelor of Property
Where are you living in UK?	Parsons Green
How long have you been here?	Nearly 8 years
Who do you work for?	CBRE
What is your job title?	Director, Investment Valuation
What does that actually mean in plain English?	My role is focused on managing client accounts for major UK institutional investors in terms of their valuations and performance analysis.
How long have you worked for them?	The whole time I've been in the UK, so nearly 8 years
Is your current job different to what you did back home? Please explain.	At home I was focusing on valuations of specialist assets, so the role here is much more market linked
How many jobs have you had since arriving?	Just the one
Did you go through a recruitment company to get your current job?	No I just sent my CV to a few major firms
If so, who was it?	N/A
If it wasn't for a career in property, what was next on your list?	An architect

What are your top two tips for property professionals arriving in the UK?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The employment market is very strong at present so shop around a little. 2. Given the scale of the market and the level of specialisation I would get some advise from a recruiting firm about the market
What is the best country you've been to while you have been in the Northern Hemisphere?	Morocco
Why?	There's loads of culture and history, great food, excellent beaches and laid back locals
When was the last time you were back in NZ/Aus?	I've just got back from 3 weeks, the weather was great and the NZ cricket team beating Australia 3-0 was a nice bonus.
Apart from the weather, what is the biggest difference between the UK and Home?	After having just been home I notice how much more impersonal things are here, particularly in London
Apart from the weather, what's the worst part about living in the UK?	Tube Delays and the congestion when driving around London
What's the best part?	The pub culture and the long summer days
What's your favourite website?	Generally travel websites, anything to do with booking the next holiday
And finally the 'Heathrow Injection' question: As a percentage of the weight you were when you first arrived, how much have you gained?	About 10 to 15% depending on how many boozy lunches on any given week.

NZ and Australian Exchange Rate Trends

If only we could predict the future on the \$NZ/AUS vs £GBP. Then we'd all be millionaires! Here is the latest graph to show you how things are going.



Interesting News (c/- Stuff.co.nz)

'Fart bomb' closes North Shore postal centre

A smelly 'fart bomb' had postal staff and firefighters holding their breath in February when it burst at a postal sorting centre on Auckland's North Shore. The fart bomb was a giveaway in an internet magazine but when other postal items were placed on top of the magazines being posted out, the sachet bomb burst and released its contents shortly after daybreak.

Worried postal staff called the fire service and the New Zealand Post sorting centre in Albany was evacuated and roads in the area were closed. Acting deputy chief fire officer for the North Shore, Mike McEnaney, said the bomb was harmless but smell and staff had no choice when they called the fire service. "Until you can identify what the substance is you have got the potential there for a hazardous chemical incident". He said that once it had been identified, firefighters and postal staff kept their distance. "It was definitely a smell of sulphur. If you were a firefighter in Roturua it would have been a run of the mill day but to the postal staff in Tawa Drive they thought that someone was having a real bad day at work" he said.

The postal centre and surrounding roads were reopened when the smell was identified.

Surfs up for public servants

Government workers spend at least 35,000 hours a year on internet auction site Trade Me, a new investigation by The Dominion Post suggests. That's equivalent to a year's work for more than 18 full-time staff, and about \$1 million in lost productivity, based on average public sector hourly earnings.

And it is likely to be conservative, given that six of the 16 agencies surveyed either did not respond or were unable to measure the amount of time workers spent on the auction site.

Of the eight government agencies able to measure time spent on the site, the Justice Department was the worst offender.

Hangover for sale of Trade Me

Forget litres of water and Nurofen. One plucky Trade Me user came up with a novel way of getting rid of his hangover in February – selling it online. The hangover, which the seller claims is 'imported from Ireland' was listed under the online auction's alcohol-related collectables section. It has only had one owner, who is said to be 'in terrible condition'.

Prospective buyers questioned how bad the hangover really was. On the auction listing the seller wrote "(it) left me so delusional, that I thought auctioning it on Trade Me was the only way possible to get rid of it. Amazingly, people have actually bid for it...I wouldn't buy it. Well, maybe if I was drunk".

Some of the questions from potential purchasers included:

- * I have a severe case of diarrhoea. Would you like to swap?
- * Could you please post the dimensions of the hangover?
- * If I'm the lucky winner and am unsatisfied with the hangover can I return it?
- * Is this hangover good enough to give me an excuse to take sick leave from work?
- * I used to have a hangover, as recently as last weekend in fact, but the missus made me get rid of it and I have been afraid to get another one since. Is this the kind of hangover I can have and keep subtle or am I likely to get caught?

YouTube.com ANZO Property Group Favourite Video Pick

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O0bA3mh9hY8>

Member referrals

Don't forget that in recognition of the potential pool of new recruits that members of the ANZO Property Group have contact with, both here in the UK and also back home, Judd Farris have instigated an incentive program whereby any referrals that come from members and turn into jobs for these people, Judd Farris will give the ANZO Property Group a small wedge. Judd Farris are leading professionals in the Property Recruitment game and we strongly recommend that you use them if you or any colleagues are considering looking for a/another job. If something does eventuate, please drop either Philip or Ewan an email to let them know, so we can keep a track of how things are going.

Job Vacancies

If your company is looking for any property professionals and you would like this to go in the next newsletter (and eventually onto the website), please send a brief description through to either Sid or Philip for inclusion. Here are a couple of jobs from Judd Farris:

Property Manager – Temp to perm: West End – £££

Our client is one of the most highly regarded Consultancies in the UK. This is an ideal break for a Property Manager to take immediate responsibility and ownership of managing a number of prestigious buildings. You will be a confident and enthusiastic Property Manager who can use this opportunity to develop your account management skills, whilst also utilising your client liaison skills. It is a great opportunity for someone who is looking to develop their property and asset management skills.

Asset Manager for an Investment Manager: London £40k + benefits + bonus

An asset manager is required to work for an investment manager with \$30 billion under management invested in private real estate, both separate accounts and funds, and publicly listed real estate securities. You will be managing a £450million portfolio in an efficient and proactive manner in order to maximise investment returns. You will be undertaking the necessary professional work involved, dealing with rent reviews, lease renewals, assignments, underlettings, licences, regearing etc. You will be a surveyor, not necessarily qualified, with a minimum of 3 years management experience. Ref LA17243

For temporary and contract roles please contact Ros Ewart (ros.ewart@juddfarris.co.uk) or Charlotte Holmes (charlotte.holmes@juddfarris.co.uk) and for permanent roles please contact Lucy Ainsworth (lucy.ainsworth@juddfarris.co.uk) on 020 7494 2555

Mailing List / Missing Persons

Sid Kempton undertakes the role of keeping peoples contact details up to date. Every time a newsletter gets sent out, multiple emails get bounced back. These people then get deleted off the contact list unless we have new contact details. But before we do that, they get one last chance in the 'Missing Persons' section of the newsletter. If you happen to know the new contact details of these people, please let any of the committee members know.

Tim Rookes – ex Ernst & Young
Lisa Ottrey – ex ASDA
Sean Lockie – ex Faithful & Gould
Kim Liggins – ex Colliers CRE
Christopher Lanley – unknown
Michael Gibbons – ex Hays Property Consultants
Greg Condon – ex Atis Real
Sharron Ayre – ex Valuation Office Agency

Please remember to email Sid if you change jobs/email addresses so that you are kept up to date. Also, as always, if you know of New Zealanders, Australians, or any other Colonials working within the property industry who would like to be on the mailing list then please get in touch with Sid.

And now a few words from our sponsor, Judd Farris:

Currently the permanent market is incredibly busy with exciting and career progressing roles in property management, asset management, valuation and for people with a background in development. We also have a presence in Europe and the Real Estate Finance team have a number of opportunities to work in Germany, France, Eastern Europe and Scandinavia. The interim (a.k.a. temporary) market is very similar in its needs at the moment with roles in property management, asset management, valuation and development. The flexibility that the interim market offers can be beneficial to people wanting an immediate start without restrictions.

Judd Farris has opened up new offices in Edinburgh and Singapore this year. Whilst these offices have opened we mustn't forget our existing offices in Hong Kong, for those who fancy a change and also Sydney and Melbourne for those people returning home. If you are interested in exploring any of the above further please contact Lucy Ainsworth in the London office on 020 7494 2555 or lucy.ainsworth@juddfarris.co.uk

Committee Members

We've recently had a bit of an explosion in volunteers for the committee. Welcome to Ross Burns, Jeremy Gray, and Russell Harding.

Suggestions

We would welcome any comments, suggestions or even articles that people may like to submit. Please contact Sid Kempton at SidKempton@hotmail.com

Regards

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