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## Wool Shed Ball photos are now online



[Visit the ANZACC website](#) and look back at the 2008 Wool Shed Ball..

New for this year! - you can purchase prints and enlargements of your favourite photos

★ **Next Thursday**  
**February 12, 6:30pm**



## Tax Advantages for Expat Aussies

You're invited to a free seminar in Atlanta, hosted by SMATS, to let you know about unique tax advantages available to Aussie expats.

Your Australian tax questions answered.  
**Registration required**  
[Download full event details \(PDF\)](#)

News from SMATS:  
"The Reserve Bank of Australia has reduced rates by a full 1% to make the new Official Cash Rate 3.25% which is the lowest in 45 years..."

Already most banks have passed on the full 1% ... the standard variable rate will reduce to approximately 5.90%pa ... For some clients this will mean their interest rate may even be under 5%"

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## New US Entry Requirements for Australians and New Zealanders visiting the US under the Visa Waiver Program

The United States government has introduced a mandatory **Electronic System for Travel Authorisation (ESTA)** which applies to all Australian and New Zealand passport holders visiting or transiting the United States under the Visa Waiver Program.

The Visa Waiver Program allows passport holders from participating countries to be admitted to the United States for a 90 day visit.

See these websites for more information:  
(AUS) [SmartTraveller.gov.au](#)  
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## QANTAS Freight adds US-NZ route to network



(from *AmCham News*, a publication of the [American Chamber of Commerce in New Zealand](#)...)

Qantas Freight announced that it would introduce a direct weekly

Boeing 747-400 freighter service between the United States and New Zealand from February 2009.

The new freighter service will provide main deck capacity between the US east coast and New Zealand as well as from New Zealand into Australia, with connections to Asian ports including Bangkok, Hong Kong and Shanghai.

The service will initially operate every Friday from New York (JFK) and Chicago (ORD) through to Auckland (AKL) and Melbourne (MEL) and then extend direct from Melbourne into Asia.