



District Conference in Launceston March 12 – 14 2009

The cut off date for “Early Bird” Registrations is December 15th. Those who register by that date are entered into a draw for a “Free five nights package” from Federal Hotels in Tasmania. All “Early Bird” registrants will be invited to a Cocktail Party to draw the winner at the showrooms of Lexus of Blackburn on 11th February 2009.

The Board members will discuss this week, who amongst them is going to the Conference and will invite other members and their partners to join them.

Our “Onto Conference” Chairperson is Mick Leahy.



At the Healesville BBQ



President George with Pat



Kangaroos at the Sanctuary

Doug Walsh’s Role in Bagong Barrio

The whole Manila experience started with Doug Walsh spending some time there some years ago and bringing to the club the possibility of building the Medical Centre at Bagong Barrio for the extremely poor people, the rag pickers, who lived off the rubbish tip.

Doug brought to the club the idea of building the Centre and enlisted Tom Cross, whose company operated in the Philippines and lent his expertise and company’s, often generous, assistance to complete the project.

The project was initiated during Ron Paoli’s presidency (1994 – 95) and finished the following year when Max Fremder was president (1995 – 96).

Doug has kept his eye on developments over the year and stayed in contact with the people operating from the Centre. He has brought people to Australia, seen the development of out-stations, watched the staffing and evolving projects at the Centre, the sponsoring of children’s education and the development of the Angels Presence Kiddies Centre to facilitate it, as well as training older people so they can get employment.

Each child given a valuable start at the Angels Presence Kiddies Centre can potentially gain worthwhile employment and then assisting siblings with their education, which then geometrically progresses to the next generation.

Having co-operated with Tom, Ron and Max years ago in getting the Centre established, then keeping a personal presence, Doug was invaluable when last year’s President Cheryl Landolina and her Board decided to re-visit Bagong Barrio to what more could be done.

Using his contacts Doug and Warren Maloney went ahead of the Club’s representative group to establish useful communication, which evolved into the recent visit, signing a sister club agreement with the R.C. of Marikina and number of continuing contributions to the Centre and its operatives



The Christmas Party Christmas

The Christmas Party this year will be held on the evening of Friday 13th December on the Rooftop of National Storage 60 Dawson St, Brunswick commencing at 7 p.m.

Dinner, entertainment and drinks. Price to be confirmed. Limit of 60 attendees.

We are grateful to Timm for making the facility available and with limited space it will be first to respond will be guaranteed and ticket.



At the Glass House Hotel



The waterfall at Marysville

The Career Connections Programme

Six of our members and Cheryle's partner, Rohan Robinson, took part in the Career Connections Programme at the Darebin Arts Centre organised by our Vocational Director, David Earley, last Thursday (Oct 23rd).

We are grateful to them and thank them for their community interest, we trust the programme was worthwhile and hope it can be built on for next year.

There were a number of comments on the preparation by the students and their understanding of what was required and the reality of what they were applying for, was not always clear.

Programme

	Evening 5.45 for 6 p.m.	Board Meeting at INLLEN
Thursday 30 th October	Lunchtime meeting 12.45 for 1 pm	Meeting at Bridie O'Reilly's Guest Speaker – Peter Holdsworth "Wills and Powers of Attorney"
Thursday 6 th November	Breakfast Meeting 7.15 for 7.30 am.	Meeting at Poached Restaurant Fellowship Oaks Day
Thursday 13 th November	Lunchtime meeting 12.45 for 1 pm.	Meeting at Bridie O'Reilly's Guest Speaker – Dean Kennedy "Business Branding"
Thursday 20 th November	Lunchtime meeting 12.45 for 1 pm	Meeting at Bridie O'Reilly's Guest speaker – Mal Dubock "Funeral Services"
Sunday 7 th December	Homeless World cup	Roster to be issued separately
Friday 12 th December	Christmas Party 7 pm onwards	National Storage Rooftop, 60 Dawson St., Brunswick. Limit of 60