



# IRISH AUSTRALIAN WELFARE BUREAU & RESOURCE CENTRE NSW INC

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## NEWSLETTER

April 2007

Dear Members & Friends

We hope you all had a very enjoyable St Patrick's Day and enjoyed all the festivities.

Congratulations to the St Patrick's Day President and committee for organizing such a brilliant parade and concert in Hyde Park on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2007.

Many thanks to Terence and Bernie, our two committee members who organized our participation in the Parade. Our proud sponsors for the Parade were **New Century Renovations** who sponsored our Tshirts and **Mercedes Benz** who donated the use of their three beautiful Smart Cars. We express our appreciation to them.

We had a very busy and enjoyable day in both our tea tent and information tent. Both tents were donated by the **SSPDPC** for our use on the day for which we are very grateful.

Many thanks to **all our volunteers** who assisted in the Information tent and also poured endless cups of tea and coffee for all to enjoy.

We thank you all for supporting us on the day.

We also express our appreciation to the **SSPDPC** for the donations collected in Hyde Park on behalf of the IAWB.

### **DROP IN CENTRE**

Our drop in centre is open every second Wednesday at 2 Wellington St, Bondi. All seniors are welcome to come along for fun, friendship, a cuppa and a chat with fellow country people. You will also have the opportunity to participate in a game of cards, bingo etc if you so wish.

Thank you to Louise Kelly, Vice Consulate, for taking the time out of her busy schedule to visit our Drop In Centre recently.

Our next meeting will be held **9 May 2007** commencing at 11 am.

Any queries regarding the Drop In Centre please call **02 9300 8019**.

**All are welcome!**



### **BUS FOR DROP IN CENTRE**

We are delighted to announce that we have the use of a bus supplied by Celtic Airport Transport Service and volunteer drivers, Brendan McLaughlin and David Vaughan. This will enable us to pick up people at their homes who are unable to travel by public transport and bring them to our drop in centre and take them home again.

We ask you please to let us know the names of people who would like to avail of this service.

### **WEBSITE**

Visit our website at [www.iawb.org.au](http://www.iawb.org.au). Please contact us if you wish to put something on our website.



### **200 CLUB RAFFLE**

Our annual 200 Club Raffle will be drawn at our annual fund raising dance which will be held at Penrith Gaels Club on 23 June 2007.

The prizes in this raffle are:

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$2,000**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$750**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$250**

As the number of tickets is strictly limited to 200, we encourage you to return the attached form with your payment as soon as possible to avoid any disappointment to : The Irish Australian Welfare Bureau, P.O. Box 346, BONDIE 2026.



## LIBRARY

We have a wide range of books and videos available in our library. People are welcome to borrow any of these for a period of time.

We are very grateful to all the people who donated these books and videos to the IAWB for the use of our members and clients.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### **23 June 2007**

We will hold our annual fund raising dance at Penrith Gaels, The Irish Club where our annual 200 Club Draw will take place.

### **11 November 2007**

The IAWB's annual Mass will be celebrated in Rookwood Cemetery.

### **7 December 2007**

Following the success of our annual fund raising function which was held last December at the Trots at Harold Park we have booked the same venue again this year.

## TÍR NA NÓG

We wish members of Tír na nÓg who are or have recently been in hospital a full and speedy recovery.

## BEREAVEMENTS

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of the late David Colhoun from Co Galway and also the late John McDonnell from Co Mayo who passed away recently.

The remains of the late David Colhoun was repatriated to his native Co Galway while the remains of the late John McDonnell was laid to rest in the IAWB burial plots at Roodwood Cemetery.

Many thanks to all who assisted/attended both funerals.

## KERRY ASSOCIATION

We send our best wishes all the entrants for the Sydney 2007 Rose of Tralee.

The selection Ball will be held on Saturday, 26 May 2007 at the Westin Hotel.

For bookings please call Carol Fahey 02 4735 1015.

### *A message from the President ....*

#### *Dear Members & friends*

*You will have read earlier that we have achieved one of our major goals in providing a bus service to pick up and drop off our clients to our Drop In Centre.*

*We are most grateful to Celtic Airport Transport Services, Brendan McLaughlin and David Vaughan and appreciate their generosity in providing this service.*

*If you or somebody you know would like to avail of this service please contact Margaret on 02 9300 8019.*

*Please give thought to the less mobile in our community – maybe living at home or in a nursing home/retirement village who will benefit by getting out and socializing with fellow country people. We believe this service will play a big role in helping the isolated members of our community.*

*We need your support in promoting this great opportunity and make life a little bit more enjoyable for our less mobile friends.*

*Will you help, please?*

*Michael O'Sullivan*

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**NEED INFORMATION?**

**NEED HELP?**

**DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO NEEDS HELP?**

**Call Margaret on 02 9300 8019**

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