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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Members & Friends

We have been very busy at the Bureau since last we wrote. We are very pleased to report that we moved into our new offices on 26 June 2006, one week ahead of schedule. As reported in our last newsletter there was lots of renovations and refurbishment required in the rooms before we were able to occupy them. Under the watchful eye of Pat Costello a wonderful job was done to make the rooms habitable, so here we are enjoying the fruits of Pat's work and his hard working band of helpers. Many thanks to Pat for his time and dedication to this project.

200 CLUB DRAW & FUNDRAISING DANCE

On 17 June 2006 we held a very successful fundraising dance at Penrith Gaels Club. Many thanks to the President and Board of Penrith Gaels Club for providing us with such a pleasant venue. Our appreciation to the staff for the wonderful service they provided to our guests.

We were very surprised when Ray & Ethel Moore who were visiting Sydney joined us with Kevin and Katie McGrath. Ray Moore is an uncle to the late Christopher Furey who passed away following an accident at Revesby Railway Station in February 2006. Ray Moore, a well-known musician in Omagh, presented a cheque for \$10,000 to the IAWB, a donation from the Furey family.

Our gratitude to the Furey family for this very generous donation.

We are very grateful to Laura-Jean Bradley, the Sydney Rose of Tralee, to take time out from her very busy schedule to join us on the evening and to draw the winning tickets in our 200 Club Raffle.

Congratulations to our winners who were:

1st Prize: \$2,000 Victor Hemphill
2nd Prize: \$750 The Galway Association
3rd Prize: \$250 Tim Garvey.

We wish Laura-Jean every success at the Rose of Tralee Competition in Kerry.

We were also delighted that our Consul General, Pat Scullion was able to join us that evening.

Thank you to our sponsors for the evening:

Penrith Gaels Club

Harrigans Irish Pub & Accommodation

J & B Duffield

Liam Brady – The Irish Butcher

P J O'Brien's

The Irish Echo

Irish Consulate

The Shamrock Bistro

Nuova Café

Denise Fitzpatrick

M & P Boyle

TasteIreland

SENIORS MEETING

We have now opened our Drop In Centre for seniors at 2 Wellington Street, Bondi. This is open every second Wednesday from 11 am.

We invite all seniors to come along for fun, friendship, a cuppa and a chat with fellow country people.

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

All are welcome!

BEREAVEMENTS

Since our last newsletter we had the untimely death of Caroline Reilly from Fermanagh. Caroline, 25 years old, was involved in an accident on the Parramatta Road. Her body was repatriated to her native Fermanagh for burial. Our gratitude to Robert Power for his assistance.

We also had the sad death of Michael Murphy from Glebe. Michael was formerly from Cork. Michael's body was laid to rest in the IAWB burial plots in Rookwood Cemetery.

We express our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of both Caroline Reilly and Michael Murphy.

Fathers Tom Devereux & Paddy Gleeson

Father Tom left us last week to enjoy a well earned break in Ireland. He will be away for 6 weeks. We wish him a safe and happy holiday.

We are delighted to welcome Father Paddy Gleeson back to Bondi. Father Paddy will be in Bondi for 4 weeks. We hope Father Paddy enjoys his stay here with us.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

5 November 2006

Our Annual Mass for the deceased will be held in the Sacred Heart Chapel, Rookwood on 5th November 2006 at 2pm.

1 December 2006

Our major fund raising function will be held at Harold Park on Friday, 1 December 2006. Admission \$70 which includes a wonderful buffet meal.

For bookings please phone 9300 8019 or email: iawb@bigpond.net.au

NEPEAN SUB BRANCH

The sub branch of the IAWB which covers the Nepean area has a group for seniors which is called Tír na nÓg. These people meet every second Tuesday at the Penrith Gaels Club.

Any queries regarding this group please phone Paula on 0423 831 955.

All are welcome!

A message from the President

Dear Members & friends

You will have heard and read a lot recently about the increasing number of accidents and fatalities in Sydney area – particularly among the young people here on holidays or working visas. We currently have a number of young people in hospitals here and in some cases family members have travelled from Ireland to be with them. The IAWB is helping in a number of ways and it is only with your continued support and help that we can continue to do so.

Another group of people we support are the seniors who in most cases are men who are living alone. As we continue to widen our data base on those requiring support we also need some more volunteers to visit these people in their homes and nursing homes.

There are two (2) ways you can help:

- 1. Become a volunteer*
- 2. Tell us about anyone you know who needs any support.*

Remember it is not always financial support – a friendly face, chat and cuppa very often makes a big difference.

If you can assist please contact us on 02 9300 8019.

We express our gratitude to those dedicated volunteers who are currently helping us in our work. We appreciate your time and assistance with this work.

Michael O'Sullivan

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Mission Statement

Our aim is to provide confidential, sympathetic, caring support and service to needy individuals and groups within the extended Irish community.