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NEWSLETTER

March 2007

Dear Members & Friends

We hope you all well and that 2007 will bring much peace and happiness to all.

As we face into another year at the IAWB we pledge to continue to do all we possibly can to assist the needy in our community.

We are delighted to announce that the Sydney St Patrick's Day Parade Committee has named us as their Charity partner and as such they are organizing a collection in Hyde Park on the 11th March with the funds going to the IAWB. We are very grateful to the SSPDPC for this.

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 play a game of cards or bingo if you so wish.

Our next meeting will be held on 14 March 2007 commencing at 11 am. Please come along and join us in celebrating St Patrick's Day.

Following the success of the Christmas lunch for seniors we plan to organize a mid year lunch in July – the date will be confirmed later.

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

All are welcome!



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.

WEBSITE

Visit our website at www.iawb.org.au. Please contact us if you wish to put something on our website.

Volunteer bus driver

We require a volunteer driver to enable us to pick up seniors at their homes who are unable to travel by public transport and bring them to our Drop In Centre. The requirement is that the volunteer will have a Class C Licence.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

11 March 2007

We look forward to you visiting our tea tent and joining us for a 'cuppa' in Hyde Park at the St Patrick's Day Family concert.

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. More details on the 200 Club Draw and fund raising dance later.

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.

ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE & CONCERT

We are looking forward to another very successful St Patrick's Day Parade and family concert in Hyde Park again this year. Congratulations to the St Patrick's Day Parade Committee for their dedication and hard work to ensure this will happen.

As the IAWB will take part in the parade we invite you to walk with us and show your support for your welfare bureau.

We will have two tents in Hyde Park at the family concert following the Parade.

We will have our usual hospitality tent where we will serve tea, coffee etc.

In our second tent we will have information regarding the IAWB and our wristbands will be on sale.

ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS

The Annual St Patrick's Day Mass will be celebrated in St Mary's Cathedral commencing at 10 am on Saturday, 17 March 2007.

GET WELL WISHES

We send our best wishes for a speedy recovery to three of our members, Bernard Donohue, who is recovering from surgery, Gerry Moore and John O'Reilly who both are recovering from recent illness.

We also send our best wishes for a speedy recovery to members of Tir na nOg, Jean Keating, Muriel Dash and Alice Massey. We hope to see you back at the Tir na nOg meetings very soon.

BEREAVEMENTS

We extend our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of the late John Clements who passed away recently.

BATCHELOR OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Ben Van Dijk who is Batchelor of the Year 2007.

What a difficult job the judges had last Saturday night when judging 12 very fine lads all competing in this year's contest for the Batchelor of the Year.

Many thanks to the St Patrick's Day Parade Committee for once again organizing this event.

MEMBERSHIP

This is a reminder to those members who have not renewed their membership for 2007. Membership is due to be paid on or before 31 March 2007.

A message from the President

Dear Members & friends

Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig.

St Patrick's Day is always a great time when we get together in our '40 shades of green' and show how proud we are to be Irish. I ask you all to show how proud you are to be members and friends of the IAWB by joining us in the parade on 11 March.

Our committee members, Terence (of Irish Bachelor fame 2007 – Mr October), and Bernie have been very innovative and have added some unique touches to our marching group. However, we need all of you to join and walk with us. Please give us your support.

You will be supplied with tshirts, thanks to the generosity of our sponsors this year, New Century Renovations. We sincerely thank them.

NOTE! The parade this year starts at the cinema strip in George Street.

Please join us for a cuppa in our tent in Hyde Park. We look forward to seeing you there and showing your support to the broader Irish community.

Thank you for your continued support.

Michael O'Sullivan

NEED INFORMATION?

NEED HELP?

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO NEEDS HELP?

Call Margaret on 02 9300 8019

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