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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Members & Friends

We are delighted to report that we had a very successful fund raising function at the Penrith Gaels Club on Saturday 23 June 2007. Judging from the crowd, music, laughter and the craic I'm sure everyone enjoyed the evening. Our guests were entertained by Celtic Country who donated their services free of charge. We were also entertained by Aidan and Brandon Sutton who performed their best Irish dancing. Our best wishes go to them as they progress in Irish Dancing Championships.

It was a pleasure to have the Sydney Rose of Tralee, Katy O'Donovan, join us and of course draw the winning tickets of our 200 Club Raffle.

We extend our gratitude to our sponsors for the evening who were: Penrith Gaels Club, Celtic Country, Sutton Irish Dancers, Harrigan's Irish Pub & Accommodation, J & P Flaherty, Finn Warner & Associates, P J O'Briens, Liam Brady – The Irish Butcher and TasteIreland.

We thank all who donated raffle prizes and the wider community who bought tickets, attended the evening and supported the IAWB.

We were joined on the day by Louise Kelly, Vice Consul; Katy O'Donovan, Sydney Rose of Tralee; and Michael Lyons, Sydney Irish Radio Program. We have received many requests since to host another similar lunch.

Many thanks to Celtic Airport Transport Service for providing the transport for our seniors to attend this lunch and also to the drivers on the day, Brendan and Tim, also David Vaughan and Fr Tom.

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.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 1 August commencing at 11 am.

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

All are welcome!



To the winners of our 200 Club Raffle Winners who are:

1st Prize	Ticket No 139	Clara Pizzi	\$2,000
2nd Prize	Ticket No 50	Melissa Banks	\$750
3rd Prize	Ticket No 30	Frank Mitchell	\$250

DROP IN CENTRE

80 seniors enjoyed a three course meal at our mid year lunch here at Bondi on Wednesday, 4 July 2007. Many thanks to the wonderful Tír na nÓg singers who provided great entertainment. A very enjoyable afternoon was had by all.



BUS FOR DROP IN CENTRE

We are very grateful to Celtic Airport Transport Service and volunteer drivers who provide transport for people who are unable to travel by public transport to our drop in centre.

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. Please contact us if you wish to put something on our website.



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 guests.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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. Tír na nÓg will hold their AGM on Tuesday, 4 September 2007.



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Congratulations to Alice Massey who recently celebrated her 90th birthday. Alice, we wish you a very happy birthday from the committee and members of the IAWB.

Penrith Gaels Club is celebrating it's 10th birthday. Congratulations! Enjoy a wonderful celebration.



HOLIDAYS

We wish Father Tom Devereux who leaves for Ireland in August a very happy holiday. Father Tom enjoy your well earned holiday and have a very safe journey.

We also wish Pat & Sonia Foley, Bernie Chamberlaine, Brendan Keaveney & his family who

are all traveling to Ireland a very safe and happy holiday.

BEREAVEMENTS

We extend our deepest sympathy to family and friends of the late William Hill who passed away recently. William who was born in Dublin lived in Pymont. His ashes will be buried in Dublin.

KERRY ASSOCIATION

Congratulations to Katy O'Donovan who was chosen to represent Sydney at the Rose of Tralee this year. We wish Katy good luck in this contest.

A message from the President

Dear Members & friends

The feedback we have received from so many of those who attended our mid year lunch has been great. Obviously all enjoyed meeting up with old and new friends. Why not therefore come along on alternate Wednesdays to our centre in Bondi where you can enjoy morning tea and light lunch while having a chat with fellow country people. Transport can be arranged for those of you who are unable to travel by public transport. Please phone Margaret to arrange this transport.

We are very grateful to all of you who helped on the day of our mid year lunch.

Our rooms are available to any group, club or association in our community to hold meetings. Perhaps you might consider forming a new group – drama, craft etc. Please contact us if you wish to avail of our rooms and we will be happy to accommodate you.

Michael O'Sullivan

NEED INFORMATION?

NEED HELP?

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO NEEDS HELP?

Call Margaret on 02 9300 8019

Mission Statement

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

Newsletter Contributions

For contributions to this newsletter email the Editor on iawb@bigpond.net.au or phone 9300 8019

If you have any events you would like publicized in our newsletter or articles you would like to contribute, they would be very welcome. Send them to iawb@bigpond.net.au

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