

# newsletter

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## CHRISTMAS-IN-JULY DAY TRIP Monday 25th July 2011



Centre members are invited to come on our very popular annual Christmas-in-July bus trip on Monday 25th July.

The bus departs Juniors at the Junction, (formerly Maroubra RSL), cnr Anzac Parade and Haig Street, at 8:30am, and returns at approximately 5:30pm. There will be a full commentary from Guide Paul Innes on the coach.

Morning tea will be at the Glenbrook Information Centre followed by a tour of the Carrington Hotel, the hotel of royalty! Lunch will be at the charming old world Metropole Guesthouse where you will enjoy a two-course traditional Christmas lunch with entertainment—pianist and sing-a-long. The cost is \$68 per person. There are a few seats remaining so be quick and book today!

## WHAT'S ON NEXT?...



Norma Taylor as "Mae West", Barry Whitaker & Denise Byron as "Marilyn Monroe" on Concert Day

### JULY—DEC 2011 EVENTS CALENDAR

Tue 12 July	Bastille Day BBQ
Mon 25 July	Christmas-in-July Bus Trip
Fri 26 Aug	Daffodil Day
Mon 29 Aug	Fashion Parade
Mon 12 Sept	AGM
Wed 21 Sept	Bowral Bus Trip
Mon 24 Oct	Pink Ribbon Day
Sun 23 Oct	Open Day
Fri 18 Nov	Men's Health Forum
Mon 12 Dec	Christmas Luncheon

## HISTORIC BBQ—BASTILLE DAY

On Tuesday 12 July the Centre will be celebrating Bastille Day (two days early!) by holding a barbeque at 12noon. For the first time we will be offering a delicious vegetarian meal—corn and zucchini fritters! Also, there will be a raffle and the French classes are calling for donations of French products to make up a hamper to be raffled. Tickets are on sale now for \$5.



## BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Congratulations to all the classes who held a morning tea for the 2011 *Australia's Biggest Morning Tea*. This year nearly \$1,000 was raised for The Cancer Council, with our biggest morning tea hosted by Annette Gardners' Line Dancers who raised over \$500. Bridge raised \$200 and great efforts were made by Folk Art, Painting-in-Oils, Beading, Crochet, Candlewicking, French and Italian.

## DONATION from Macquarie Fields Community Care Inc.

Our neighbours and friends at Mark Moran's at Little Bay and MFCC kindly gave the Centre \$5,000 in June to assist our volunteers with activities and events.



MFCC Manager Marion Anderson presents cheque to Acting President Malcolm Sullivan, with Sue Bolous, Judy Pearson, Manager Linda Mearing, and John Tindall on Thursday 23 June.

## CONCERT DAY

Monday 6 June was a great day. Eighty stars from seven classes thrilled their audiences and brought smiles to a packed house. Joy Hruby and the actors were outstanding, as were the tappers, line, Zumba and middle eastern dancers, choir and creative writers. Special guests, Hazel Hinton and Jim Sturgeon, showed us how to jive and cha-cha. Producer and director Robina Beard did a wonderful job co-ordinating a winning program. Ticketing was handled by our cheerful and efficient volunteers, Judy Pearson, Malcolm Sullivan, Mercia Barry and Helen Fatouros. Between them they sold \$320 in raffle tickets. Backstage work was covered by Robert Mills, Lee Barwick and Manager, Linda Mearing. While conditions were less than Opera House standard, everyone was very patient and shared dressing rooms, make-up mirrors and in some cases even costumes. Well done! Morning tea was a triumph too, serving 175 happy people in record time. Credit for this goes to Sue Bolous, Nancy Cowan, Eva Minny, Maisie Launt and special volunteer guest extraordinaire Raymond. The Concert generated a profit on the day of \$1,000. Well done everyone!



Rose McMillan introduces the Choir

## FAREWELL TO DEAR FRIENDS

### Colin McMillan

Members have been deeply shocked by the sudden death of long-time friend and member Colin McMillan. Colin and Rose McMillan have been with the Centre for many years, giving many hours of their time to management, classes and events. Colin's recovery from surgery saw him cycling around Little Bay and most recently watching Rose perform with the Drama class, as "Grace Kelly" at the Concert on 6 June. Colin was deeply admired by his Painting-in-Oils colleagues. He is survived by Rose and a loving family, and will be greatly missed.

### Bob Brooks OAM

The Centre was saddened recently by the death of long time member Bob Brooks. Bob was a leading member of the Choir and the Drama Group who lived an extraordinary life. He joined Wesley Central Mission in 1976 and later moved on to the Association of Rehabilitation Facilities for some eight years following which he was honoured with an OAM for his twenty years of work assisting the disabled in the community. In 1986 Bob was recruited by the American Board of the Christian Children's Fund to establish that organisation in Australia. At this time he met Cheryl with whom he was to spend the next happy 23 years of his life. Bob is mourned by loved-ones and is remembered with much respect and kindness across a broad section of the Randwick Community.