

JETAASyDNEY - SEPTEMBER 2006 MINUTES



Held: Monday, 18th September 2006
Location: Japanese Consulate
Time: Start 6:45pm, End 2:30pm

Next Meeting: **Wednesday 11th October 2006**
Location: Japanese Consulate, Level 33,
52 Martin Place, Sydney
Time: 6:15pm
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Present - Mike Adams, Kosumo Arai, Michelle Morita, David Boyd, Sharon Van Etten, Yvonne Adams, Sasha Anderson, Tammie Lee and Sam Ishizuka

Apologies – Julio Santana

- 1. Welcome and Apologies**
- 2. Confirmation of Minutes of previous meeting** – All accepted
- 3. Kure Kids** – Australian Japan Society is hosting 20 'Kure Kids' between **12th and 15th October 2006** to attend their annual general meeting and visit Sydney. These are the children of ex-Aussie servicemen that for social reasons were by and large not allowed to take their Japanese families back with them after WWII. Will discuss further donating money to the AJS to help with this extremely worthwhile cause.
- 4. Taiko** – Tammie has secured a date for the Taikoz workshop for **Saturday 25th November 2006**, between 2pm and 4pm. Maximum 15 people can attend, though Committee would like to go along and watch. Taikoz would like us to advertise for them so we will offer them a link to our website (David to action), VIP passes for our Xmas party, JAMs TV and Nichigo Press coverage (Arai-san to action) and an interview for our JETAA newsletter. To be held in Ultimo on Wattle Road.

Action: David to update website with link
Action: Arai san to help with organizing press coverage
- 5. Yukata Day** – Tammie has 11 confirmed for the day and enough yukatas to go around, so thanks for everyone's help. She has also made an awesome leaflet to give everyone instructing them how to put on a yukata and giving a little of the history of the art. Mike will MC the day **Saturday 23rd September 2006** which will start at 11.00am and go until 1pm. Mike will get a form from David at the Japan Foundation to make sure the room is secure for that day. Tammie has also secured tea for the day.

Action: Mike to confirm room booking with JPF
- 6. Canberra Regional Conference** – Tammie has volunteered to attend the conference from our chapter along with Sharon who is going on behalf of CLAIR and Michelle who's going as our Country Rep. The Conference will be between **22nd and 24th October 2006**, but the Canberra chapter would like everyone to arrive early to attend the Candle Festival 21st October.
- 7. International Meeting:** Mike has been very busy on the international meeting and coordinating with the international delegates and the travel agent during Michelle's absence. Seven delegates now have confirmed itineraries and flight bookings ready to come and most delegates are bringing partners with them as they see coming to Sydney as a once in a lifetime experience. Mike and Michelle will meet this week to plan what needs to be done next. Mike will also get an application form from the Japan Foundation to secure the room for the meeting. Tsugawa-san from Tokyo MOFA office is also coming for the conference and will stay in the same hotel as the JETAA International delegates. The meeting will be held between **2nd and 5th November 2006**.

- 8. Christmas Party:** Prizes will be donated from the Consulate and CLAIR for the Xmas party. Sam will ask

JL and Mike will ask his work for prizes too. Mike will ask the other companies we have asked in the past to donate too, like Sony, Canon etc. Christmas party will be held **Saturday 4th November 2006**.

- 9. Photo Competition:** Many thanks for all the entries so far. Mike will find out how much it costs to blow up the prints. Sam will communicate with the other chapter presidents so that all entries can be mounted for display during the International Conference and organise a final date for submission.

Action: Mike to look into printing & display costs

Action: Sam to help organise displays with Regional & Int'l Meetings

- 10. Careers Day:** Mike is happy to host the Careers Day at his work and go out for Tapas afterwards if the Japan Foundation is unavailable. David will get a form to Mike to apply for the room for **7th October 2006** from 1pm. Mimori-sensei from Macquarie University is happy to come along if we need her, and Michelle will contact her friend from KPMG again, who came along last year. Lucille, Yvonne's sister would be a good person to talk about resumes and interviews as she works for a recruitment company and we have confirmed Janine Kitson.

Action: Mike to ring all the returnees to gauge their interest

- 11. Newsletter:** Yvonne announced we have an online newsletter to be sent out at the end of September so submissions welcome.

Action: Tammie offered to write up about the Yukata workshop and Michelle about the Intn'l Meeting.

12. Upcoming dates:

- 16th October 2006 – CLAIR dinner at Caminetto Italian Restaurant for JETAA Committee Members
- 2nd November 2006 – CLAIR dinner on Sydney Harbour for International delegates and JETAA Sydney Committee members
- 3rd November 2006 – Consulate Dinner for International Delegates..
- 13th or 14th November 2006 – Consulate thank you dinner for JETAA Committee members - TBA

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