

JETAASYDNEY - March 2007 MINUTES



Held: Friday 9th March, 2007
Location: Japanese Consulate
Time: Start 6:25pm, End 7.35pm

Next Meeting: **Friday 13th April, 2007**
Location: Japanese Consulate, Level 33,
52 Martin Place, Sydney
Time: **Friday 13th April, 2007 6:15pm**
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Present - Mike Adams, Julio Santana, David Boyd, Sasha Anderson, Tammie Lee, Michelle Fox, Sharon Van Etten, Yvonne Adams, and Sam Ishizuka.

Guests – Motoko san

Apologies – Melissa Yorizane, Miss Arai

1. Welcome and Apologies

2. Confirmation of Minutes of previous meeting – All accepted

3. Events and activities for 2007 - 08 – The committee made clarifications on ideas for events this year and also discussed the process of organization and invitation:

- David will post tentative dates on the Sydney JETAA website.
- Letters of Iwo Jima – Michelle to organize movie outing for dates 19-30 March, 2007.
- Barefoot Bowling - Mike to organize – to be held 16 March, 2007.
- Trivia night to be held Friday 20 April, 2007 at the Blakett Hotel - Tammie to organize and confirm. Committee to create trivia questions and make available to all JETAA chapters in Australia? – committee to confirm.
- Taiko 26 May, 2007 – Tammie to organize through TaikOz.
- Pre-departure 2007 – JETAA responsible for setting date, which has been decided as 23 June, 2007. Time will likely be 12.30pm – 5pm, with afternoon tea (tea, coffee, muffins) provided. Suggestion made to head on to a local pub at the conclusion of pre-departure afternoon for a casual get-together for both JETAA members and the 2007 JET Programme participants.
- Yum cha to be held on 1st July, 2007 (1 week after pre-departure) for lunch or dinner. David to organize.
- Goshu brewery trip to be organized (by Michelle) for first weekend in August. Possibility of staying over in a guest house at the Blue Mountains.
- Shabu shabu – to be held after Orientation – Sam to check with Miss Arai.
- Yukata and Tea Ceremony – to be held around 29th September, 2007. Tammie to organize through Honma sensei. More promotion is needed. Sharon knows a few Japanese people who are interested in attending.
- Regional conference to be held in New Zealand this year on 22nd October, 2007. Sam to look into airfares. Possibility of sending 3 committee members (Michelle + 2 others).
- Careers day – to be held mid October, 2007 (before the regional conference). Mike suggested Careers event first, followed by networking session. AJS might like to be involved with these events.
- Christmas party – 1st December, 2007 (or 30th November – as back up). Michelle to obtain quotes, especially from GPO bar.
- **Annual budget** – beginning April 2007, funds available \$6000 (\$2600 in account now, with additional \$3400 from CLAIR by end of March). Mike re-iterated that funding for JETAA activities ought to be self generating.

4. (a) JETAA committee meishi – suggestion made for JETAA committee members to have JETAA meishi as a more suitable introduction (rather than using private business cards). Yvonne to organize? Idea is to obtain generic business cards and clear plastic cover slips with a members' details imprinted.

(b) Newsletter articles – decision made to wait until Melissa returns before processing newsletter.

5. **Important upcoming dates** – 13th March, 2007 – dinner with CLAIR Sydney, ARIA restaurant, 6.30pm.
6. **Next meeting** – to be held on Friday, 13th April, 2007.
7. **End of meeting**

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