

JETAASyDNEY - JUNE 2007 MINUTES



Held: Friday 8th June 2007
Location: Japanese Consulate
Time: Start 6:30pm, End 7.40pm

Next Meeting: Friday 20th July 2007
Location: CLAIR Sydney
Time: 6.30pm
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Present – Atsushi Koike (Kintetsu International Express), Cosmo Arai, Andrew Brown, Sharon van Etten, Mike Adams, Michelle Fox, David Boyd, Yvonne Adams, Tammie Lee and Sam Ishizuka

Apologies – Sasha Anderson, Melissa Yorizane

- 1. Welcome and Apologies**
- 2. Confirmation of Minutes of previous meeting** – All accepted except Andrew, as his name was spelt with a small 'b'. We will correct this for next time.
- 3. Pre-Departure Orientation** – Sharon has put together the final draft schedule of the day and all is looking good. 11am set up at the Japan Foundation, starting at 11.30am. Koike-san from Kintetsu International Express will present the session on Travel Information with his colleague, Wendy Tan. They will be giving information on flights and luggage requirements. Michelle will look through the Culture Shock video of David Leary last year and take out important parts for the talk that Melissa will hopefully do. David will prepare an urn and a box for attendees to write their questions in and confirm the catering. Mike and Yvonne will make contact sheets for everyone to fill in and sheets for attendees to write their comments on to put in the box for the Q & A Panel. There are 26 JETs going this year and alternates are still to be decided. Everything is set for a fun and informative day.
- 4. Shabu Shabu Night** – This is to be held at Shiki Restaurant in the Rocks with ex-JETs and new JETs before they go to Japan. Michelle will finalise the invite and send out to all. Ex-JETs and committee members \$38 each and new JETs \$20 each. This night will be mentioned in the information the Consulate sends out about the Pre-Departure Orientation.
- 5. Christmas Party** – To be discussed at the next meeting, though anyone with good ideas for venues should email Michelle. Venue could be in Glebe or Newtown if a suitable location is found.
- 6. JET Pre-Departure Yum Cha** – David can't make the event so he will pass the details onto Michelle to book the Venue (Zilver) for Sunday 1st July.
- 7. Careers Workshop** – We will be working together with the AJS to do a joint Careers workshop this year. The AJS has a lot excellent public speakers in their network. Katrina, the Events Coordinator with the AJS and Sharon will be working this out with the possibility of the Rotary Exchange students and JET Returnees for the summertime.
- 8. Taiko** – Tammie has been working hard to organising this event and we now have two new dates for either 14th or 15th July. Tammie will confirm which is better for Taiko and prepare the flier.
- 9. Newsletter** – Melissa is putting together the newsletter but TBA as to when will be sent out to members.
- 10. Sake Tasting Onsen Tour** - \$45 per person, Michelle has made a flier and will ask Sasha to send out to members soon. Date is Saturday 4th August.
- 11. Oceania Regional Conference** – David and Sasha will be going to Christchurch in October representing JETAA Sydney at the Regional Conference. Congratulations to both.
- 12. Webmaster** – David would like to put photos of Japan up on the website and Tammie suggested making a section called, 'JET Life'. David will look into this but asked that everyone sends him their photos.

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