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Tomodachi Newsletter

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President's message

Welcome to the first newsletter for 2011.

This year the Society's new website (www.ajsnsw.org.au) has been launched. I encourage you to have a look at it, particularly for news and upcoming events and give us any feedback.

Our email address has also been changed in line with the new website (info@ajsnsw.org.au). So please feel free to contact us if you would like to ask any questions, register for events or seek further information on any aspect of your Society.

The new website will be improved over time to provide members with an increased range of information and services. In the near future we will be exploring the provision of a secure payment facility so that members can pay for events or renew their membership online. This will be a big improvement for members and provide a great benefit to the Society's administrative processes.

The Society has a great range of events planned for this year and information on these will be released progressively throughout the year.

Philip Mitchell
President

Members enjoy New Year's Eve

Around the world Sydney is widely regarded as the city with the most impressive New Year's Eve due to the spectacular location, the huge crowds which come to enjoy the event and the amazing fireworks displays.

Around 30 members ventured to Kirribilli to the home of Leigh and Maureen McClintock which provided a spectacular location and view of the harbour and the NYE celebrations.

Maureen prepared a wonderful meal and the members enjoyed the opportunity to chat, meet new friends and take in the wonderful experience.

Many commented that the McClintock's home provided the best possible viewing for the NYE celebrations.

A selection of photos from the event is at the back of the newsletter.

Again very special thanks to Leigh and Maureen McClintock for making their home available for this wonderful event.

Grants for Projects to Strengthen Australia's relationship with Japan

The Australia-Japan Foundation (AJF) has invited applications for grants for projects which:

- 1) Increase understanding in Japan of shared interests with Australia;
- 2) Increase understanding in Australia of the importance of Japan to Australia as an economic and strategic partner; and
- 3) Increase recognition in Japan of Australian excellence and expertise.

The online application form and a copy of the funding guidelines can be accessed from the AJF website www.ajf.australia.or.jp/english/

The closing time for lodgement of applications is 10.00pm (AEDST) on Friday 18 March 2011.



On a lighter note

Origami lovers will be knocked out by the opulent folded red paper sculptures of Kaori Kato, a Japanese artist living in Melbourne.

The large organic forms lie strewn on the floor like crumpled bedding, hang over a wall and curl organically into cocoon-like shapes.

Watch the artist wrangle a wobbly, collapsible work in an accompanying video. Also on show are the elegant carvings of Masayuki Tsubota.

Where: Utopia Art, 2 Danks Street Waterloo

Tuesday – Saturday

10.00am to 5.00pm

Phone: 9699 2900

Only until February 19 so be quick.

Photos from the New Years Eve event at the McClintock home in Kirribilli

