



December 2008

Events

The eNews Connection

Attention:

Where did the year go...it is hard to believe that once again the festive season is upon us. I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your support of the Western Sydney Business Connection over 2008. We have had a fantastic year with our events attracting record numbers - the Connection is going from strength to strength!

Our 2009 program will be finalised early in the new year, with our first event being the 2009 Lunar New Year Dinner and Showcase on the 5th February - please put this date in your Diary. Our guest speaker is Ms Lee-Lin Chen, SBS News Presenter.

Our office will be closed for the Christmas and New Year Period (19th December - 2nd January 2009).

On behalf of the Connection Team, Boards and Committees, I would like to wish you and your families a wonderful and safe festive season, and we look forward to seeing you at a Connection event in 2009.

Best Wishes,

Keren Lavery, Samantha Hickson and Yvonne Secchiaroli

A big welcome to our new members...

Silver Members :	Gold Members:
CoverForce	Australian Institute of Financial Services and Accounting (AIFA)
Breakthru	
Employment	

Connection Members - are now listed in the Members Business Directory which will be updated and printed five times per year and distributed at all Connection events. our online directory can be found - [Here](#)

Please support the Organisations that support us.

For all membership enquiries please contact
Keren Lavery on (02) 9687 7270.

What's Happening in Western Sydney...

Don't forget to keep up to date with what is happening in Western Sydney with Red Dwyers – Western Sydney Updates. Want to take a look? press [HERE](#).

Just a few pics from previous events...

WSBC events calendar

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John O'Neill Luncheon



Global Financial Crisis Briefing with ANZ's Deputy Chief Economist Tony Pearson



2008 Christmas Race Day

[More images here](#)



Important Dates For Your Calendar

Dates not to be missed for 2009.

2009

Asia Business Connection's - Lunar New Year Dinner and Showcase (*Sponsored by Parramatta City Council, MBF Australia, Alcoa Australia, Gray & Perkins Lawyers and Parramatta City Council Celebrations*)

5th February
2009

Venue: Crowne Plaza Parramatta
Guest Speaker: Ms Lee-Lin Chen, SBS News Presenter

[Register for this event here](#)

February 2009 **Connection X Launch**

Novotel Sydney Olympic Park and Pullman

at Sydney Olympic Park



Novotel Sydney Olympic Park and Pullman at Sydney Olympic Park have registered as donors with OzHarvest, a non-denominational charity operating food rescue programs in Sydney, Wollongong and Canberra. OzHarvest collect excess fresh food that would otherwise be thrown away by corporate offices, delis, restaurants, caterers, function centres; and provide the food to charities which support the disadvantaged and at risk communities in Sydney, Wollongong and Canberra at no cost to the recipients. [Read more here](#)

Claxton Speakers International would like to wish all at the WSBC a wonderful Christmas and new year



We are also proud to announce the following new exclusive speakers to our roster:

[Nick Rowley](#) (former senior advisor on Climate Change to UK Prime Minister Tony Blair)

[Eleanor Hall](#) (Presenter of ABC's "The World Today Program)

[Ruben Meerman](#) (The Surfing Scientist and ABC personality)

[Dr Dina McMillan](#) (Social Psychologist and guest expert on SBS series "The Nest")

Congratulations also to [Dr Karl Kruszelnicki](#) on the success of his newly released book "Science is Golden" and his (as yet unofficial) world record of 62 media interviews in one 24 hour period.

As 2008 draws to a close it's time to start work on events in the new year. We'd like to thank you for your support through 2008 and we look forward to working with you to make 2009 a great year.

MatthewsFolbigg Lawyers Wins 'Parramatta Business of the Year Award'; donates \$10,000 prize to Parramatta Mission and the Salvation Army



At a function on 2 September for the 'Suncorp Parramatta Regional Awards for Business Excellence', held in conjunction with Parramatta Council, MatthewsFolbigg won the overall category 'Suncorp Business of the Year' and the 'Excellence in Customer Service' and 'Moore Stephens Excellence in Administration and Financial Management' awards. [Read more here](#)

Northcott is a dynamic and innovative organisation that provides support and services to more than 6,000 people with disabilities, their families and carers across NSW and the ACT by offering a range of quality programs that promote a genuine inclusive society. Northcott provides services to people with a broad range of disabilities including physical, intellectual, sensory, acquired and degenerative disabilities, as well as challenging behaviours. Some clients with rare or lesser known disabilities find Northcott to be the only provider of appropriate support and services.

As we all prepare to spend time with friends and family and make our New Year resolutions, people with disabilities need the support of Northcott and kind supporters like you. Your support will enable them to participate in activities this festive season and achieve their aspirations and dreams.

[Letter from CEO continued... and more stories about Northcott here](#)

VIRGIN'S PRIVATE WILLIAMS HELPS KEEP THE PEACE



In the sweltering heat of the Solomon Islands Carl Williams watches over Rove prison.

But this isn't Carl Williams of Underbelly notoriety but Private Williams, an Army Reservist who has taken leave from his job as a baggage handler with Virgin Blue to deploy on his first Army operation.

Private Williams is one of 140 Army Reservists from New South Wales who have deployed as part of the Australian contribution to the Regional Assistance Mission to the Solomon Islands (RAMSI). [Read more here](#)

Thales Naval Systems located at **Rydalmere NSW**, design, manufacture, integrate, test and support sonar and underwater warfare systems for Australian and International Defence Forces



Thales Naval Systems employ 300 staff including 150 professionally qualified engineers, making them Australia's largest employer in undersea technology, accounting for 80% of the Australia's industrial capability in underwater warfare systems for surface warships and submarines. [Read more here](#)

Parramatta Mission says thank you



Parramatta Mission has been actively transforming the lives of those in need who are living in the Western suburbs for nearly forty years.

Each day we have many single women and children, youth, single men, single women, homeless people and people living with a mental reach out to the Mission for help.

Our vision is to create "a community where all are included, valued and enabled." We have over thirty services within the Mission where we assist those seeking our support.

The Mission is assisted by many volunteers, some who have been volunteering for over twenty years. Along with our volunteers we also have numerous people and organisations within the community who; give up their time at our Meals Plus or Lifeline services, donate food items or gifts especially during the festive season or by contributing financially.

We would like to say a big thank to everybody who has helped the Mission this year, without their dedication and generosity we would not be able to provide to those less fortunate.

If you would like more information or if you would like to help in anyway please contact Parramatta Mission on 9891 2277.

Have you covered your most valuable assets?



Bupa Australia is pleased to introduce a new range of quality overseas visitors covers – including options specifically designed to help meet employer visa sponsorship obligations.

As a sponsor of an overseas employee, your obligations include providing basic cover for their hospital and medical expenses; as they have little or no access to Medicare. So it makes sense to cover them through a Bupa Australia Health Plan, which can reduce any unnecessary sponsorship risks or costs to your business. [Read more here](#)

Part of Our Everyday Lives



Aluminium is everywhere

From kitchen foil, to drink cans, to aluminium in transport - aluminium is integral to our everyday lives.

Aluminium is used largely in the transport industry for cars, boats, planes, motorbikes, push-bikes and trucks. One of the main benefits of aluminium, over other metals, is that it's incredibly light which means there are significant benefits including improved performance, fuel efficiency and lower greenhouse emissions. [Read more here](#)

AIFA is an established nationally recognised qualification and professional development training specialist in

accounting & bookkeeping, financial services, and mortgage/ finance broking, and have been operating successfully from their head office in North Sydney, and their Learning Centre in Parramatta.



New offices in Parramatta to satisfy the demand

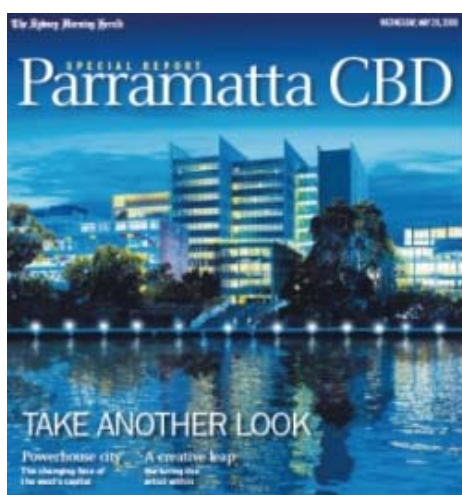
Due to surge of demand for our training courses, AIFA is expanding our presence in Parramatta by opening a full branch from 2009. A number of AIFA staff will be re-located to our new Parramatta office, to be able to service the training needs of the business community in Western Sydney.

[More information on AIFA here](#)

Economic Development Awards 2008



The 2008 Economic Development Awards were presented at a Gala Dinner in Brisbane on October 8, attended by more than 250 economic development managers from local government, regional development agencies and state departments, as well as councillors from across Australia. Run by Economic Development Australia - the peak industry body for economic development practitioners in Australia - the Awards are a recognition of excellence across a number of economic development disciplines. [Read more here](#)

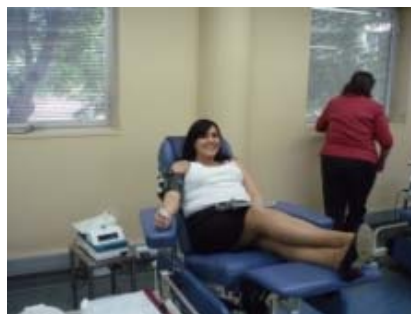


Crowne Plaza Parramatta supports Blood Donation



Staff at Crowne Plaza Parramatta supported the local community recently with a visit to the Red Cross Blood Donation Centre at Parramatta on Wednesday 5th November. With the low supply and shortages of blood available throughout Australia, this was a great time for the donation to take place, and each donation potentially saved 3 lives. The employees

were supported by Sam Davies, the General Manager, who encouraged staff to spare an hour of their work day to donate blood, which he also joined the group for. This will become a regular activity for the hotel staff, and it is hoped the group will continue to grow into the future with hotel support.



**AUSTRALIA INDONESIA BUSINESS
COUNCIL (NSW)
TRADE DELEGATION TO INDONESIA
19 – 26 OCTOBER 2008
POST ACTIVITY REPORT**



Introduction

The NSW branch of the Australia Indonesia Business Council (AIBC) arranged a trade delegation to visit Indonesia during the period 19 – 26 October 2008. The delegation of 18 members represented a range of NSW, SA, WA and NT-based businesses, and the NT government. These businesses were drawn from mining, business consulting and project management, commercial law and intellectual property law, agriculture, cattle and livestock, cement, corporate art, security services and cattle and livestock. The delegation was led by the Hon John Murray, NSW Chair.

[Read the rest of the report here](#)

**CAN YOU AFFORD TO BE
UNDERINSURED?**

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Small business owners invest their lives into building their business, yet many very astute and successful owners fail to protect this asset.

No one likes to think about things going wrong, but an important part of your growth strategy must be about contingency. Imagine if your office burnt down, was flooded, or key equipment was damaged in an electrical storm? Would your current insurance cover the cost of rebuilding your business?

If you fail to invest time, money, effort and seek the right guidance, then you may find yourself underinsured. Suddenly, you hit some unexpected bumps in the road and you discover just how easily your business can unravel without the right protection and advice. Do you know today's

replacement costs for your business would be? Have you factored in the 'hidden' costs such as downtime and building approval costs? Realistically, would your business survive? [Read more here](#)

ROSEHILL GARDENS WINS COVETED 'BEST VENUE TEAM' AWARD



The staff of Sydney's Rosehill Gardens were recognised as the Best Venue Team at the 2008 EAAA Awards for Excellence celebrated in Melbourne on Tuesday night.

Judged by a panel of industry experts, the annual EAAA Awards for Excellence honour outstanding achievement in the Australasian exhibition and events industry.

Rosehill Gardens, buoyed by the opening of the impressive new \$30 million Grand Pavilion in April this year, has played host to some of Sydney's leading events including the NSW Caravan, Camping 4WD & Holiday Supershow, Children's Hospital Westmead Teddy Bears Picnic and thoroughbred racing's prestigious Golden Slipper Festival. [Read more here](#)



Out with the old and in with the new as CROWNE PLAZA TERRIGAL ANNOUNCES NEW ROOMS



Fresh from a multi-million dollar refurbishment of the ground floor of the hotel, Crowne Plaza Terrigal has announced it will fully renovate all guest rooms from 1 February 2009, with the first floors completed by March.

This highly anticipated project will see the hotel's 196 rooms transformed by May 2009 to make the most of the outstanding ocean views, private balconies and spacious floor plans. Design elements include orienting layout to take best advantage of the views, with finishes and a colour palate chosen to reflect the coastal surroundings. [Read more here](#)



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