

Friday April 30th, 2010

President's Report
Annual General Meeting 2010



Executive Summary

This year the Society made efforts to focus more on our support of local charity by allocating proceeds from each of our annual events, rather than solely allocate the proceeds of our annual Australia Day Ball. In what was a challenging year for the Ball, this certainly proved a smart move and has allowed us to accrue ¥4.5 million for charity. While payment is yet to be made, the Executive Committee has approved this amount for payment and expects to finalize this donation by the Annual General Meeting. This would not have been possible without the outstanding generosity of all our sponsors.

Membership has also been a challenge this year with the number of active members now just over 100. This is something that the Executive Committee has spent a lot of time discussing over the past six months, and are actively now looking at changes to the Society and the events that it hosts to bolster its attractiveness to potential new Members.

Even with the declining Membership, the Australia Society Tokyo continues to be in a great financial position with just over ¥3.5 million cash balance at year end. The Treasurer's Report highlights full details of the Society's financial position. A special mention should be made to William Young, who has been very supportive of my efforts to make the Society more transparent and accountable in order to ensure we are in a position to abide by new Japanese NPO standards.

The Executive Committee this year has seen several changes and I would like to thank all of them for their outstanding contributions. A special thanks also needs to go out to Ambassador Murray McLean, and the Embassy Representative that sits on the Executive Committee, Christiane Aigner.

Executive Committee 2009-2010

President	Michael Marlay	Melbourne Cup	Tony Sciminello
Vice President	David Taylor	Kids Events	Jodie Riley
Secretary	Alison Reynolds	Coffee Mornings	Bindi Codrington
Treasurer	William Young	Editor	Sophie Lappin
Sponsorship	Judy Taylor-Boland	Ball	Mary Hanami
Membership	Jacqui Bayne	Auditor	Kiniko Noguchi
Webmaster	Kristen McQuilin	Embassy Liaison	Kiren Richardson
Adult BBQ	Tracey Northcott		Jason Buckley
			Christiane Aigner

As I complete my second term as President today, I would finally also like to thank all Members who have helped make each and everyone of our events this year a success, and uniquely Australian.

Cheers and thank you

MICHAEL J. MARLAY
President