



## In Brief



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This **In Brief** will be emailed to members each month. Details of events can be found on the website.

## What's Coming Up?

### Morning Coffee

**Next:** Thursday December 7th 10:00~12noon at: Oakwood Residence Roppongi T-cube  
Level 22, 3-1-1 Roppongi, Minato-ku, Tokyo 106-0032 / T: 03-6229-3131.

Please rsvp to Anna Cock Gibson: [annacock@hotmail.com](mailto:annacock@hotmail.com)

*Cost:* FREE for members, 2000 yen for non-members. For inquiries, or to rsvp please contact Anna Cock,  
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**Christmas Party** – Adult Christmas Party – December 13<sup>th</sup> 7~9pm at Oakwood T-Cube Roppongi. More details out shortly. Children and younger members – December 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Annual Australia Day Ball** – 26<sup>th</sup> January 2007 – see page 8

### Diary Dates

Flyers with registration and payment details will be emailed to members and posted to the website.

Mark your diaries now so you don't miss out. Please check the flyers for the latest information in case there has been a change in details.

## Welcome to New Members

The Australia Society extends a warm welcome to new members:

Minesh Raniga  
James & Rebecca Busby  
John O'Shea & Patricia Pierini  
Yue Ma  
Paul & Rowena Grela  
Susan Reid & Justin Friemann  
Marisa & Mark Delahunt

Belinda Wood & Tyler McGee  
Vanessa Crouch  
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Jacqui Bayne  
Peter & Hikari Ness

Robert Quinlivan - President

# From the President

(Robert Quinlivan)



The Melbourne Cup has been run and won with Japanese horses in first and second places. A great day was had by all members and their guests attending the Society's luncheon at the Grand Hyatt and the various second and third parties around town. The Melbourne Cup luncheon has been organised by Tiffany Maughan for the last four years and during this time the event has become a fixture on the social calendar. This year's function was the biggest and best ever and my thanks and congratulations go to Tiffany, Cathy Edwards and team for another superb effort. Unfortunately (for the Society), Tiffany, husband David and family will be relocating to Hong Kong in December. Thanks for all your efforts over the years, best wishes for your move and we hope to keep in touch. We will miss Tiffany's energy, style and creativity - not only for the Melbourne Cup luncheon - but also her contributions to the Committee in general.

As soon as you recover from the Melbourne Cup, get ready to purchase your tickets for the Society's Australia Day Gala Charity Ball. This theme for 2007 is Lovestruck and Jasmin Kallas, Judy Taylor and the rest of the Ball Committee are busy creating what promises to be a fantastic event. Tickets will be on sale shortly and as this function has been a sellout in recent years be sure to get in early (tickets will go on sale to members for a limited period ahead of the general public). Also, if you are interested in sponsoring the event, it's not too late - please contact us for more details. As well as being one of the highlights on the Tokyo social calendar, the Ball makes a sizeable contribution to charities both in Australia and in Japan. Charities that will be supported in 2007 are Saalaa House for Women in Japan and Manly Warringah women's Resource Centre – a centre that aids victims of child abuse, domestic violence and sexual assault. Check out the ball flyer and additional details regarding the charities elsewhere in this edition.

When I walked into the lobby of my office this morning I heard Christmas carols; earlier than expected but a sure sign the year is drawing to a close.

Stay tuned for updates regarding our upcoming Christmas parties for adults and children - dates have been fixed and further details will be forthcoming in flash newsletters in the next couple of weeks.

A quick note on membership - although our numbers are up significantly on recent years, we always have room for more members. Members receive discounts on all functions, priority access to our events that sell out and regular copies of "In Brief". So if you know of potential members, direct them to the website and sign them up!

Cheers for now

Rob Q

## Important Message from the Treasurer (Cathy Edwards)

**New and separate bank accounts for the Australia Society and the Australia Day Gala Ball – Destroy your old Furikomomi Cards Today!!**

For the last 6 months the Society has been operating a new bank account with Shinsei Bank. On the whole people have used the new account without problem but some people still have old Furikomomi cards lying around and have used these to deposit to the old account at UFJ.

If you have any cards lying around for the Society at UFJ please destroy them ASAP.

This is particularly important with the Ball tickets about to go on sale. Please check the Ball Flyer and Booking Form carefully and use the bank account stated when purchasing your tickets as although this account is also at Shinsei it is separate from the main operating account.

# Fun in the Past

## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Qantas Melbourne Cup

(Tiffany Maughan)

Selected Photos courtesy of Kerry Raftis

Full selection of photos: <http://keyshots.smugmug.com/gallery/2099387>



Well we did it again; the 4th annual Qantas Melbourne Cup was another resounding success with 185 or so glamorous Tokyoites gathering at the Ballroom of the Grand Hyatt for a day of celebration, fun, fashion and laughter. The day started with a fashion show followed by the "Calcutta" to auction off the field culminating with the running of this years Melbourne Cup. The betting was fast and furious as was the consumption of copious amounts of champagne and wine- a fact that I'm sure many attendees will vouch for via their slow

hangover induced progress the next day !!!

There were prizes awarded for the best dressed Male and female and even the most stylish table, most stylish couple and of course the best hat. Bruce did an admirable job in fielding all bets from the bookmakers rails as did Cathy Edward's in collating all the money bet on the calcutta - great job guys. Once again on behalf of myself and the Australian Society I would like to sincerely thank our wonderful sponsors for their generous donations.



It was great to see two Japanese Horses Delta Blue and Pop Rock place first and second respectively and I am sure that this will generate even more interest in next years event here in Tokyo. It was a day of mixed emotions for me as I am sure many of you have heard that I am leaving for Hong Kong but hopefully I will be back next year to take part in yet another Fabulous day !!!



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## Melbourne Cup From the Member's Stand

(Rob Quinlivan)



The Melbourne Cup has grown dramatically from 40 ladies gathering at Las Chicas to this year's event where about 200 members and their guests celebrated "The race that stops a nation" in style at the Grand Hyatt in Roppongi. The initial room booking was for 140 people but overwhelming demand and some quick negotiations by organiser Tiffany Maughan and her team with the Grand Hyatt banqueting staff resulted in us moving to take over a half of the ballroom.

The guest list included former Tokyo residents Evan and Julie Armstrong, who journeyed from Melbourne to enjoy the Cup in Tokyo because they enjoy the day more in here than in Melbourne! Also in the crowd were some representatives our lead sponsors Qantas, Allied Pickfords, and the Japan Racing Association.

The room was magnificently laid out - thanks to the hard work by committee members and all the set up crew who made sure that room looked so spectacular. Guests were treated to a range of delicious wines sponsored by Hardy's wines and a sumptuous four-course luncheon which was provided with the usual Grand Hyatt flair.



In the lead-up to the big race, guests were entertained by a stylish fashion show provided by "Shopping at Tiffany's".

This was immediately followed by the Calcutta expertly organised by Bruce Symons. The yen flew thick and fast and bidders had to be bold to secure a horse for the Cup. Particular note must go to the fierce bidding war that erupted between Tony Justo of Allied Pickfords and Evan Armstrong from NAB as they traded bids for Pop Rock, one of the fancied runners. The Calcutta pool doubled last year's pool.



Bruce was particularly busy as they ran a book where guests could have a punt on the race.

And then it was on to the race - and what a race it was. The two Japanese runners shot to the lead in the home straight and went stride for stride with



Delta Blues just holding out Pop Rock by a nose. Visual coverage of the race was kindly provided by Assist Internet Television.

After the race, the traditional "fashions in the field" took place with awards for the best dressed lady, best dressed gentleman, best hat, and best couple.

Festivities moved from the Hyatt to Heartland for further celebrations. And some punters were even seen struggling into karaoke to round out the day.

Special thanks go to Tiffany Maughan, Cathy Edwards, Leanne Stone and Bruce Symons and Melissa plus all others who helped in some way to make this event the success it was. To our sponsors and supporters: Qantas spirit of Australia, Constellation wines-Hardy's, Allied Pickfords, Sirva Relocations, Lexus, State Government of Victoria, Estee Lauder, Oakwood Residence Roppongi T- Cube, e-Pearls Direct, Aero Asahi Corporation, Assist Solutions, Boudoir Day Spa, Sinden Japan.



## October Coffee Morning

(Anna Cock Gibson)

### NOVEMBER COFFEE MORNING

A small but lively gathering for the November 2 coffee morning welcomed one of our latest new members, Susan Reid, who arrived in Tokyo in September from Sydney. Susan, a lawyer, is mastering the Japanese language while her partner Justin Friemann sets up the first Japan office for CMC Markets. We also greeted Shirley Johnson, a long-term Tokyo resident who only recently joined the Australia Society. Check out Shirley's website [www.azabutap.com](http://www.azabutap.com) for details about "Oyako Tap", the tap dancing classes she teaches for parents and children. Thanks once again to Debbie Sorkin, from our sponsor Sirva Relocation, for dropping by. The next coffee morning will be held on Thursday December 7.



Susan Reid



Debbie Sorkin



Lorraine Weyman



Shirley Johnson

## Committee Profiles

We continue our series introducing the current committee members. This month features Donna Velliaris. If you are interested in becoming a committee member or organizing an event please contact any of these people or send an email to [editor@australiasocietytokyo.com](mailto:editor@australiasocietytokyo.com)

### Donna Velliaris

I grew up in Henley Beach in South Australia. My grandparents migrated there when my parents were young and established thriving market gardens. I attended local schools, including Saint Michael's College, where countless AFL footballers have been recruited.



After graduating high school, I was keen to be an exchange student to some faraway exotic locale and happen to be placed on the outskirts of Tokyo, namely Funabashi. I attended yet another highly famous sporting school, Ichiritsu Funabashi High School, as the only foreigner on a campus of 3000 students. I recall having to make a speech on my first day, trying to read the Romaji (Japlish) someone had composed for me. I had no idea what I was saying!

My year was incredibly interesting as I was hosted by six families. No, I was not mischievous, but rather I was the token gaijin back in the 80's when I looked and felt like a true alien...back when you needed to be finger-printed.

I then returned home to complete my first degree with a major in the Japanese language. Upon completion, I won an Adelaide University scholarship to work as an international liaison person at a ski resort in Gunma Prefecture that was nationally ranked Number 3. My translating skills were put to the test, but also was my ability to do "futon-shiki" make beds and scrub pots and pans.

Becoming a Japanese language teacher in Adelaide allowed me to gain full-time employment at the best schools.



During that time, I was asked to translate for a famous Japanese woman who was touring and ready to lecture university professors on her avant-garde artistic pieces. Her speech was incredibly

abstract and my supervisor and I accidentally placed many of her slides up-side-down. My Japanese was not so advanced as to easily translate reflective and refractive lighting off concave surfaces et al. I did my best, but geeeezzzz I remember the experience with great embarrassment.

I have returned to Japan many times and have lived here since 2002. I work 8-months of the year and travel the other 4-months. The centrality of Japan on the globe, as opposed to Adelaide, has been a great advantage.

I travel extensively and usually solo, doing things that most people avoid. I have whitewater rafted the Rio Torres in Costa Rica, canopied across the jungles of Nicaragua, paraglided over the Swiss Alps, parasailed over the Caribbean, trekked 42km over the Andes mountain ranges, hiked through the Amazon Jungle and motorbiked around Angkor Wat to name but a few things. I venture off the beaten track meeting locals and having an absolute blast!

I should have joined the Australia Society Committee several years ago. Please do not wait as long as me - get involved now !!



## Embassy Update

(from Damien Dunn)

Australian citizens are advised that the Victorian state election will be held on 25 November 2006. The Australian Embassy in Tokyo will provide voting services during normal business hours from 15 - 24 November. Further details will be provided in due course via a bulletin to all Australians registered on the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's website ([www.orao.dfat.gov.au](http://www.orao.dfat.gov.au)). Details are also available at [www.consular.australia.or.jp](http://www.consular.australia.or.jp).

Australian citizens in Japan are strongly recommended to ensure they are registered at [www.orao.dfat.gov.au](http://www.orao.dfat.gov.au) to ensure they receive our regular bulletins, as well as for emergency purposes. Please encourage your friends and family to register if they have not already done so.

## Traveling Tales

### Brilliant Beijing

By Marie Lazarus

My friends ventured to Beijing last year and reported back that I should avoid the place at all costs. Not being swayed by other people's opinion, I decided to check out the city myself. Apart from the usual tourist attractions, there are countless things to see and do, and I found that one-week was NOT long enough. I am thrilled that I did not take my friends' advice, because it was a holiday of a lifetime. If you want to make it that much more special – check out these two incredible places....

#### Peking Opera

There is a saying that you haven't been to Beijing until you have seen Peking Opera. The Li Yuan Theatre in the Qianmen Hotel on Yongan Lu Street has a proscenium stage with tables in the front and auditorium seating in the back. Arrive at least 30 minutes before the show and you can also see the performers applying their colourful make-up. There are three different prices: (1) cheapest = back theatre seating only; (2) middle price = the side areas with tea and snacks; and (3) expensive = the middle centre with tea and snacks.

You can take photos and video during the performance which will last one-hour. There are daily performances. Peking Opera is a mix of singing, music, dance and amazing acrobatics with elaborate costumes. Traditional instruments such as two-stringed fiddles, lutes, drums and gongs are used. The story is normally a myth or historical event (and can be quite hilarious!).



#### Chinese Acrobatics

Chaoyang Theatre is one of the many Beijing theatres specialising in acrobatics and magic, and stages daily shows. The art of Chinese acrobatics is around 2000 years old, and was one of the few art forms that Chairman Mao condoned. As a result, it excelled whilst other art forms declined and a modern acrobatic show is one of the best entertainment deals in Beijing. Kids are chosen from ages 5-6 for intense training which is focused on balance keeping, power, flexibility and dynamics. The

acrobat “career” finishes around the age of 19 or 20 when acrobats are not flexible enough to perform some of the breathtaking tricks.



Arrive at least 30 minutes before the performance commences, which will last one-hour. There are three different price ranges. Believe it or not, the cheapest tickets are the first 5-front rows, because the Chinese feel that it is too close to appreciate the spectacle!! On the contrary, these are the best seats in the house. This is a must see! One of the most incredible shows I have ever witnessed.



### **Community Announcement:**

Welcome Furoshiki, the free, no obligation community service providing a friendly welcome and information to newcomers in Kansai and Kanto now has a website: [www.welcomefuroshiki.org](http://www.welcomefuroshiki.org). Go online to read about this great service, check out the monthly tip and contact W F if you are new in town!



<b>Date:</b>	Friday 26 January 2007
<b>Venue:</b>	The Grand Hyatt, Roppongi Hills
<b>Time:</b>	7pm until late
<b>Seating:</b>	Individual or tables of 10
<b>Ticket price:</b>	Australia Society Members: ¥27,000; non-members: ¥29,000
<b>Dress:</b>	Black tie
<b>Band:</b>	Ricky Loca - direct from Melbourne
<b>Guest Entertainment:</b>	Tripod - music comedians direct from Melbourne

**Plus: Silent Auction, Lucky Door Prize, Table Prizes, Midnight snacks**

**TICKETS WILL GO ON SALE TO AUSTRALIA SOCIETY MEMBERS/SPONSORS FROM WEDNESDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2006**

- You must have been a paid up member on 8 November 2006 in order to enjoy members' ticket prices.
- Members' tickets must be paid in full by Wednesday 22 November 2006 otherwise they will be released to the public.

**TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO NON-MEMBERS FROM THURSDAY NOVEMBER 23 2006**

In 2007 the Australia Day Gala Ball will support Saalaa, a Yokohama women's shelter; and the Manly Warringah Women's Resource Centre, a Sydney organization that aids victims of child abuse, domestic violence and sexual assault.

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## Manly Warringah Women's Resource Centre

The Manly Warringah Women's Resource Centre in NSW, Australia began as Bringa refuge in 1976, a crisis accommodation service for women and children escaping domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse. The Bringa refuge was able to address the short-term safety and crisis needs of the victims but could not address the long term devastating effects of domestic violence and family breakdown.

The Manly Warringah Women's Resource Centre was established a few years later and is committed to providing practical and therapeutic support to women and children in the community.

Services offered include

- **Adult Domestic Violence Group** – an eight week program designed to support women who have been victims of domestic violence.
- **Domestic Violence Court Assistance Scheme** – the court assistance scheme workers provide women with information and individual support while going through the court process. Court workers assist in district court matters (Apprehended Violence Orders), family court matters and criminal assault cases.
- **Shazam** – is an eight week program that promotes social and emotional development for children 8 to 11 years old.
- **Asteroid** – is a seven session program for adolescents aged 12 to 14 years. It is designed to promote healthy relationships between peers, families and support workers.
- **Medium-term Exit Housing Program** – the centre currently has 10 units in the local area and provides families with 1 year of subsidised housing. This allows for the provision of on-going support and case management to assist families in the transition process into independent living after family breakdown.
- **Counselling** – one to one counselling is provided free of charge to refuge and resource clients.
- **Child Therapy** – a trained child therapist works individually with the children who have experienced domestic violence.

Manly Warringah Women's Resource Centre also has a **Family Support Service** that provides case management, outreach services, group work and supported play groups for families in the local area. This service works with clients from marginalised communities such as those from non-English speaking backgrounds, young mothers, drug and alcohol issues and those who are in a welfare dependant/family violence cycle.

In addition to these services, the Manly Warringah Women's Resource Centre is continually developing new services and groups to meet the increasing needs of families in the local and wider community.

### Saalaa House for Women

Saalaa House for Women was established in 1992 to assist foreign women in Japan who were victims of illegal human trafficking to return home safely. Since its establishment, its services have expanded to assist not only the victims of human trafficking, but foreign women living and married in Japan who are the victims of domestic violence, who have family problems, lack accommodation, or are encountering other difficulties in this country. Saalaa has dealt with over 600 cases (as of August 2006) since 1992 and while many of the women coming to the shelter are from Thailand, The Philippines, China, Korea and Taiwan and other countries in Asia, it has also helped women from Peru and Columbia, as well as from other countries in Eastern Europe.

With the increase in the number of foreign women residing in Japan, Saalaa endeavours to provide them with a telephone counselling and advisory service in their native language. Each year there are over 1,400 inquiries on topics like domestic violence, residence permits, medical care and legal matters, which are becoming increasingly complicated and demanding. From Monday to Saturday a counselling and advisory service is being offered in the following languages: Thai, Spanish, Portuguese, Tagalog, English, Korean, Chinese and Japanese.

Saalaa holds an annual seminar on topics connected with its activities and publishes a newsletter six times each year. Saalaa carries out activities to raise awareness about the problems encountered by foreign women in Japan and the efforts of Saalaa to assist them.

Saalaa welcomes volunteers to participate in its activities.

# Financial perspective

(Ivan Doherty)

## The Effect of Exchange Rates Movements on Investments and International Mortgages

For people living abroad exchange rate movements have a direct impact on our private finances, whether savings, investments or international mortgages. In this article I will be looking at some of the factors, which influence exchange rates, and how investments and mortgages are affected by these movements.

### Currency movers

Not unlike share prices, a nation's currency tends to strengthen when there is confidence in the financial performance of the country's economy and weaken when people are pessimistic. With foreign exchange rates there are a lot of variables, pulling the currency in a different direction. Traders all around the world control billions and can cause significant fluctuations in exchange rates if they all decide to act at the same time, but they do not control the currencies themselves. It is ultimately national governments that decide monetary and fiscal policies, and it is these policies, which guide currencies. Traders around the world are chasing profits rather than harming the global economy. The various shocks we have seen over the years in the currency markets have been caused by national and international monetary policies, and then afterwards been blamed on currency traders by the politicians responsible for formulating the same policies.

As mentioned a country's monetary policy has a profound influence on the exchange rate. If we look at the AUD/JPY rate over the last couple of years we can see a steady strengthening of the Aussie against the Yen. During the same period the economy in Australia has been healthy with interest rate significantly higher than rates in Japan.

The trade balance between the two countries also affects the AUD/JPY FX rate. Australia exports agricultural products and raw materials to Japan, the increase in commodity prices has in turn increased the value of the export to Japan and strengthened the Aussie versus the Yen. One might well ask if the value of imports from Japan would not cancel out those from Australia? If there is a perfect balance between exports and imports the exchange rate should in theory remain stable, but for several years Australia has been running a trade surplus with Japan (figures up to 2004), and exports to Japan represent a larger portion of the Australian GDP than Japanese exports to Australia of the Japanese GDP.

There are many other factors affecting currencies, but keeping an eye on the interest rate gap between Australia and Japan, the balance of trade, and the price of commodities will be a useful indicator of potential currency movements.

### Effects on Investments

The benefit of watching currency movements is not to speculate, but rather to be aware of the potential changes on existing or future investments. Currency movement can over time greatly boost the real value of investments, or lead to substantial losses. Although the initial reaction from many people might be avoid currency exposure altogether, that solution may be impractical, -or outright impossible-. When living overseas your salary may be paid in a different currency from your investment currency, which again may differ from the denomination of your investment.

For an Australian living in Japan the number of currency neutral investments is limited, so in order to achieve a balanced investment portfolio many people chose to invest in other currencies, Sterling, US Dollar, and Euro being the most popular. If we assume that at maturity the investment will be converted into AUD, what should an investor do? Attempting to accurately predict the future exchange rate movement over several years is not a realistic option. Instead, an investor should seek to spread his investment over several different currencies. It may be advantageous to invest a portion in the currency in which the money is to be

spent later, and then seek to spread other investments over currencies where exchange rate movements over time might cancel each other out. After investments have been placed, it is then vital that they are monitored, both for their performance but also with a view on exchange rate developments. If the purpose of the investment is to build capital for a short term need low risk funds would be recommended, both in terms of investment risk as well as currency risk. As one moves closer to retirement currency exposure should be managed down into investments denominated in the currency to be used.

### **Effect on Mortgages**

For people living abroad exchange rate movements directly affects their ability to repay loan commitments in their home country. An Australian that came to Japan in January 2004 will today be paying 32% more in repayments on his Australian mortgage, if repaying the mortgage from a Japanese salary. This change could in some cases make it difficult to maintain an expensive mortgage. For an Australian taking out a Yen mortgage to buy a property in Australia the exchange rate will affect mortgage repayment costs, and loan to value ratios. In some cases customers could even receive a margin call from the bank. If no funds were available to restore loan to value to an acceptable level the property would have to be sold.

There are several ways to help manage the currency risk inherent in multi currency loans where the usual loan to value ratio is 75% to 80%. A lower loan to value reduces the risk of a margin call from the bank. An increase in the property value will lower the loan to value, a fall in property prices will on the other hand raise loan to value and increase the risk of a margin call. All multi currency loans offers the option of switching the currency, so if the exchange rate should move too much in an unfavourable direction the denomination of the loan can be changed. In the case of a Yen mortgage for Australian property this would mean exchanging the low Japanese interest rate for the higher Aussie rate, but avoiding a margin call. Usually it is possible to switch the currency back later when the rate has improved.

Clearly there are risks with multi currency loans however the current spread between short term Japanese and Australian interest rates means there is potential to save a lot of money on loan repayments and or reduce debt more quickly. For the more adventurous multi currency loans may enable savvy investors to reduce their mortgage purely by switching loan currency.

#### Note

It is recommended that caution is exercised when making investments or taking out loans, affected by exchange rates.

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## *The Australia Society Monthly Coffee Morning*

This event is a forum for making friends and welcoming new arrivals to Tokyo

Date: Thursday December 7

Time: 10.00 am to 12.00 noon

Place: **OAKWOOD RESIDENCE ROPPONGI T-CUBE**  
Level 22, 3-1-1 Roppongi, Minato-ku,  
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❖ **BY SUBWAY**

The residence is located on the Tokyo Metro Namboku line, directly above the Roppongi 1-chome station. On exiting the station, turn right, then head up the first set of elevators. At the first landing, turn right, then walk along the corridor to the “Samsung Roppongi T-Cube” building towards exit #1. Just before you enter the T-Cube building proper, and to the left of the first set of sliding glass doors, is the 1<sup>st</sup> floor entrance to the residence. Walk in, and then to the left before the second sliding glass doors, is an intercom that connects to our reception. Press “100 CALL” to be connected to the front desk and then ask to be let in. Walk along the corridor to the express elevator and proceed to the 22<sup>nd</sup> floor.

Map



## Chicken and Chablis - Ladies Luncheon Group

Chicken and Chablis was originally formed by and for Australian and New Zealand women to meet once a month at different restaurants in Tokyo. It has continued and evolved over the years and now includes women from other Commonwealth countries as well.

Normally the group meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month and we enjoy each others company over good food and a selection of NZ and Australian wines.

If you would be interested in becoming a member of Chicken and Chablis or learning more about us, please contact the current president, Brenda Gray ph 090 4621 9795 or email [chickenandchablis@hotmail.com](mailto:chickenandchablis@hotmail.com)



## In case of Bad Weather

Date : November.19,2006

Place : Tamagawa Kuji Ground

Game Schedule : 10:00-11:45 Exhibition Game

Osaka Dingoes vs University All Star

14:00-15:45 Japan AFL Grand Final

Tokyo Goannas vs Eastern Hawks

Access : JR Nambu Line 15 minutes walk

Tokyu DenenToshi Line Futagotamagawa Sta. 20 minutes walk



\* In case of bad weather , JAFL will make decision by November.17<sup>th</sup>,2006 15:00PM

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