



# Mongolia Australia Society Newsletter

June 2014

## Welcome to the Mozzies Newsletter

Dear Members,

Welcome to the Mozzies Association's quarterly newsletter. The aim of our newsletter is to keep you informed about activities conducted by the Society throughout the year. We encourage all our members to contribute to the newsletter. If you have any news articles of interest, please email us and we will include them in future editions!

## Update on Past Activities

### Mozzies Cup

On Saturday, 23 November 2013, a fierce snooker battle was held for the prestigious Mozzies Cup. Many Mozzies attended and a good time was had by all. The winners of the competition were Mr. Tamir, Mr. Orkhon and Mr. Erdembayar. Congratulations!



### Australia Day Outing

On Thursday, 25 January 2014, the Mozzies Association organised the Australia Day event. More than ten Australians and Mongolians joined together to celebrate the event at Sky Resort.

Thank you to all our members who attended. We trust you had a day to remember!



### Welcome Back Ceremony

On 18 February in the city center, Australia Awards organized a Welcome Back Ceremony for the returned Australian Awards Scholarship holders. Key Mozzies members were invited to attend alongside distinguished guest Mr. Tony Burchill (Trade Commissioner and Australian Consul-General), Mr. Ch. Sainbileg (Deputy Director of Cabinet Secretariat) and Mr. N. Enkhbold (President of Mongolia Australia society).

The purpose of the function was to congratulate graduates for their remarkable achievement in completing their Masters studies, provide information



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about the Reintegration strategy, give these graduates the opportunity to network with their peers and existing alumni networks and showcase how they can continue contributing to the growth of Mongolia.

successful year of the Mozzies Open. Thank you all who came to play and cheer!!! To see more photos, please go to our Facebook page.



## Farewell to Sanzeeda

At the beginning of March we said goodbye to a valued member of the Mozzies team: Sanzeeda Ali Sharmin. Sanzeeda volunteered with the Mozzies Association for one year as Communications Officer, and contributed to many activities.

In order to say thank you and farewell to Sanzeeda, board members arranged a special lunch for her. We thank Sanzeeda for her contribution and wish her well for the future.

## Mozzies Open

On 15 March, the annual Mozzies Open Volleyball Competition was held at the Ministry of Finance Sports Hall. Five teams competed in this illustrious competition: Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne, Adelaide and the AusTrade team.

The AusTrade team earned the bronze medal, the Melbourne team earned the silver medal, and the Sydney team won the gold medal and the Mozzies Open Cup. Board members Tamir, Lut-Ochir and Manduul and AusTrade representative Tony Burchill ran the closing ceremony, celebrating another

## Exclusive Information Session

On 26 March, the Society held an exclusive Information Session for Mozzies members, their friends and their colleagues. The session provided information on the AusAID scholarships available to Mongolians through the Mongolia-Australia Scholarships Program (MASP). We thank Ms. Enkhee and Ms. Khishgee for their valuable insights and time. For more photos, please visit our Facebook page.



## Board Meeting

The Mozzies Board meeting was held on Tuesday, April 15, 2014. Many issues were discussed at the Board meeting. Topics discussed included: Changing



the certificate of the Mozzies Association, the implementation plan of the Mozzies Alumni program, updating the Mozzies database and changing the membership fees.



## Contract Signing Ceremony of Alumni Funding Agreement

On April 16, 2014, the Mongolia Australia Society signed an Agreement on Alumni Funding Agreement with Coffey International Development Pty Ltd and DFAT in the presence of members and press. Coffey International is acting on behalf of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) as the managing contractor of Australia Awards Mongolia. Within this agreement, DFAT pledged AUD\$17500 to the development of the Alumni program during the 2013-2014 Australian Financial Year.



## The Call for Proposals to Participate in International Conferences, Seminars or Training

The Mongolia Australia Society received funding from DFAT in order to support the implementation of the Mozzies Alumni program.

A small part of this fund was allocated to providing professional development opportunities for AAS / AALP graduates and other Mozzies. Opportunities included participating in international conferences, seminars and/or receiving training related to their fields of study or work.

There was a large response to a call for proposals to participate in these professional development opportunities. Subcommittee members reviewed all the applications and proposals, and approved support for four Mozzies members: Mr. Enkhbold, Ms. Khongorzul, Ms. Undrakh and Ms. Enkh TUYA. Congratulations!

## Current News and Upcoming Events

### Welcoming a New Volunteer to Mozzies

We are delighted to announce that, for a fourth time, we welcomed a volunteer to work with the Mongolia Australia Society. Blake McDermott, from Adelaide, will be taking up residence as the Strategy and Communications Officer from June 2014 to May 2015 (11 months). We are looking forward to working with him over the coming year! And we hope that our members will provide support and assistance to him as well as cooperate with him and benefit from his work.

### Continued Alumni Program Support

For the 2014 – 2015 Australian financial year, DFAT has pledged an additional AUD\$20000.

### Looking for your Inputs for Events

A part of Mozzies funding is going to be used for the professional development of Mozzies members and the strengthening of the Mozzies organisation. We



would like your input and ideas concerning what professional development opportunities you would like us to arrange, so we will be sending out a survey to all Mozzies members. Please fill out the survey as soon as possible, and we look forward to organizing relevant and informative professional development opportunities.

## The First Ever Mozzies Slam

Clear your schedules during the last weekend of September, because that will be the weekend that the first ever Mozzies Slam is held. The Mozzies Slam will be a table tennis tournament. Either enter as a participant, or come to watch, have fun, and enjoy the company. Who will be the first ever Mozzies Slam Champion?



## Thank You for Your Support

Thank you to all members who have paid their membership fees.

Those who haven't done so, please do so in the near future so that you can attend and benefit from upcoming activities.

## Like Mozzies on Facebook

Mozzies can be found on Facebook. We encourage all our Mozzies members and friends to contribute to the growth of this page by liking us on Facebook.

## Spread the Word!

Do you know someone who might like to be a member of the Society? Pass on our newsletter and encourage them to contact us.

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