



Mongolia Australia Society Newsletter

April 2013

Welcome to the Mozzies Newsletter

Dear Members

Welcome to Mozzies Society's first newsletter for 2013. Our newsletter aims to keep you informed about the activities conducted by the Society throughout the year. All members are invited to contribute to the newsletter. If you have any news articles of interest, please let us know and we will include it in future publications!

Latest News

AYADs and AVIDs settling into Mongolian life

The newest intake of Australian Youth Ambassadors of Development (AYAD) and Australian Volunteers of International Development (AVID) arrived in Ulaanbaatar mid-march and are in the midst of settling into their Mongolian life. They have all begun working in their respective volunteer jobs and are already contributing to many different industries, including teaching, research, human rights and economic policy. Mozzies Executive Director, L. Ariunaa met with the new AYADs in their first week in Mongolia for a special lunch.



We wish them all the best for the upcoming year.

Mozzies and MASP begin the first Mentorship Program

This year brings the first mentorship program, jointly initiated by MASP and Mozzies Society. It is an opportunity for returning AusAID scholars to meet with members of Mozzies Society and be guided through the challenges and

commitments of returning home. The first meeting that was held in the office of MASP at City Center was a success with many attendees.



Australia Day celebration

Australia Day, January 26, is the official national day of Australia. Every year, in conjunction with AusTraining, AusTrade/Australian Consulate Officer, and MASP, Mozzies Society organizes an Australia Day function. This year, the function was held on January 25 at Elite Center. Mr. N. Enkhbold, President of Mozzies Society, Member of Parliament of Mongolia and Chair of MPP's caucus in Parliament and Mr. Tony Burchill, AusTrade Commissioner and General Consular of Australia in Mongolia commenced the event. It was a great night with many Australians and Mongolians attending. There was even a game of thong throwing to end the night.





ANZAC Dawn Service

ANZAC Day, 25 April, commemorates the national day of remembrance. Mozzies Society joined fellow Australians, New Zealanders and Turkish on the morning of ANZAC Day for a dawn service to honor those who fought at Gallipoli. Lest we forget.



Ms Kirsten Livermore MP visits Mongolia

Australian Federal Member of Parliament and Chair of Australia-Mongolia Parliamentary friendship group, Ms Kirsten Livermore MP, visited Mongolia on 8 – 12 April. During her visit, she met with members of the Mozzies Association and Mr. Sanjmyatav, Chairman of General Election Commission of Mongolia. She also had dinner with some of the AYADs to hear about the work they are doing.

International Volunteers Day

AusTraining and Red Cross held a joint event to celebrate International Volunteers Day on 5 December 2012 at a Taste of India restaurant. Many of the volunteers based in Mongolia, as well as AusAID representatives and Austrade representatives attended the event.



The festivities were MC'd by Australian Volunteer for International Development; James Anthony and featured traditional Mongolian throat singing and strings performances. The volunteers were also involved in games and trivia and a very fun Gangnam Style Dance at the end. All of the volunteers had a splendid evening and appreciate the support and facilitative work being done by Red Cross and AusTraining.

Upcoming Events

Beginning of Lecture Series

Mozzies is very excited to introduce our new lecture series for members and interested parties. The premise for the lectures series is a sustained knowledge sharing which is a core part of our vision.

There has been some discussion among our members and the public about Oyu Tolgoi project, and therefore we thought it was the best topic to begin our series of lectures. The presentation was held at the Oyu Tolgoi Information Center and was presented by Mr. Houston Spence, Vice President of Oyu Tolgoi LLC. There were more than 40 attendees, half of which were Mozzies.



There will be one lecture per month on a selected topic. In May, there will be a lecture given by Tony Burchill, AusTrade Commissioner and General Consular. In June, there will be a lecture from AusAID.

We hope that high performing Mozzies will also volunteer to present to their peers on subjects ranging from public policy to innovation, IT and business. If you have a topic you would like us to present on, please do email us. Stay tuned to find out when these and future lectures will be happening.



Highlights from the second half of 2012

December

Christmas party

Mozzies held a Christmas Party to celebrate the festive season with its members and all the new friends over the year of 2012. It was also the occasion to farewell former Consul-General and Trade Commissioner; David Lawson. We would like to thank him for all of his support and wish him all the best.



See more photos of the Christmas Party on our [website](#)

November

Australia Future Education Fair

The Australia Future Unlimited: Education Fair Mongolia 2012 was the first ever education event organized by the Australian Government in Mongolia. This fair gave Australian education providers an opportunity to raise awareness of their profile in Mongolia, speak with prospective students about study opportunities, and demonstrate the quality and innovation of the Australian education sector.



See more photos of the Austrade Education Fair on our [facebook page](#)

Mozzies Cup 2012

On Saturday 24 November 2012, a fierce snooker battle was held for the prestigious Mozzies Cup. Many Mozzies attended and a good time was had by all. The winner of the competition was Mr. Tamir.



October

Opening of the Australian Consulate-General

The Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs, Senator the Honorable Bob Carr, officially opened the Australian Consulate-General in Ulaanbaatar on Tuesday 2 October 2012. The Australian Consulate-General will help strengthen bilateral ties with Mongolia and contribute to the cultural and economic relationship.





September

40th Anniversary Gala Dinner

2012 marked the 40th anniversary of Diplomatic Relationship between Australia and Mongolia. This function served as the official commemorative occasion for dignitaries and important members of the Mongolia Australia community.



See more photos of the Gala Dinner on our [website](#)

Mozzies Society Football Competition

This exciting football event was held on 30 September 2012 with many people coming out to enjoy the sunny day as well as playing a match. This is third year running for this competition and the participants came from many countries including Russia, Germany Australia, and Turkey.



See more photos of the Football competition on our [facebook page](#)

August

Investment Delegation Networking Event

The Queensland Government Investment Delegation Networking Event was held at Blue Sky Tower. This event provided attendees to learn about Australian companies

operating in Queensland and presented opportunities to link up with local Mongolian business.



Australian Volunteer Applications Now Open

Are you a NGO looking for a volunteer? Australian Volunteers for International Development (AVID) and Australian Youth Ambassadors for Development (AYAD) applications for March 2014 are now open. Applications will close on 3 June, 2013. Volunteers work in many areas including environmental, disability, gender and human rights. For more information on how to apply contact Bolormaa Khalzan at AusTraining Mongolia
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Like Mozzies on Facebook

Mozzies can now be found on Facebook. We launched our page in August 2012, and have since been doing exceptionally well. Social media has become an important tool in developing communication and enhancing engagement with a wider audience. 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? Why not pass this newsletter to them and encourage them to contact us.

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