



# Mongolia Australia Society e-News

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## Welcome to the Mozzies Newsletter

Dear members,  
Welcome to our newsletter, which aims to keep you informed about the activities conducted by the Society across the year. If you have news article of interest, please let us know and we will include it in future publications!

## Recent News

### Appointment of Australian Consul-General

After much anticipation, the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade recently confirmed the appointment of Mr David Lawson as Australia’s very first Consulate-General to Mongolia. David served as AusTrade Commissioner throughout 2011, and we are delighted at his promotion to this new, exciting post.

### Farewell to Andrew

At the end of February we said goodbye to a valued member of the Mozzies team, our AYAD Andrew Antenucci. Andrew worked with Mozzies for over six months as Communications Officer, and contributed to many activities, most notably the inaugural Consultative Meeting of Mongolian International Alumni Associations, and the Australia Day function. To say thank you and farewell to Andrew, Mozzies President Mr Enkhbold arranged a special surprise: a dinner and overnight stay at Ikh Tenger complex. We thank Andrew for his contribution, wish him well for the future, and look forward to staying in contact.



*On his return to Australia, Andrew met with Mozzies Board member Tugsbilguun, who is currently working at the Mongolian Embassy in Canberra*

## Events December to April 2011-12

### Jugamo Cup 2011

An all-star team of Mozzies members was victorious in the annual Jugamo Cup, organised in December 2011 by the Japanese alumni association.



*Congratulations to our players - Gantsogt, Tuguldur, Margad, Amraa, Onon, Orkhon and Orgil!*



## Second consultative meeting of Mongolian alumni associations – December 2011

After Mozzies' very successful initiative in holding the inaugural Consultative Meeting of Mongolian Alumni Associations in October 2011, the second event of this kind was held by the Council for Working with Mongolian Citizens Living Abroad. Held at Government House, it featured a keynote speech by ex-PM Mr Bayar. Executive Director Ms Ariunaa and Andrew Antenucci attended on behalf of Mozzies.



## Mozzies Open volleyball competition

On 21 January, the annual Mozzies Open volleyball competition was held at the Ministry of Finance Sports Hall. Six teams competed in this illustrious competition: previous champions Canberra battled Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide, Perth/Brisbane and the AYAD team.

With success in the preliminary round, Canberra played Adelaide while Melbourne played Sydney. It was Canberra and Sydney who progressed to the gold medal match. The final games saw Sydney take out the gold medal, Canberra the silver, and Melbourne the bronze.

Thank you to Mozzies member M Enkh-Od who refereed, and Board member A Tamir who organized the event. More photos on our [website!](#)



*First, second and third placed teams with their medals*

## Exclusive information session

On 15 February the Society held an exclusive Information Session for members, their friends and colleagues. The session provided information on the AusAID scholarships available to Mongolians through the Mongolia-Australia Scholarships Program (MASP). We thank Ms Tsetsgee, Deputy Director at MASP, for her valuable insights and generous giving of her time. For more photos please see our [website](#).



*Tsetsgee gives information on AusAID scholarships*

## Visit of AusAID staff

About 10 Mozzies members met with representatives of AusAID on March 6 2012 at Ivy over the dinner to say thank you to Rebecca Bryant and welcome Geoff Bowan from AusAID.

## Visit of Australian Ambassador

On April 3, Australian Ambassador to Mongolia, Mr Sam Gerovich, met with the Mozzies Board to discuss the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of establishing diplomatic relations between Australia and Mongolia and



activities to celebrate this event. The majority of the Board members were in attendance.

A highlight of the event was Mr. Elbegsaikhan, Mozzies Board member, being presented with a Certificate of Recognition from the Australian Government in appreciation for his work as Honorary Council of Australia in Mongolia. Taking this opportunity, Mr. Bat-Erdene, Honorary President, Mr. Elbegsaikhan, Chair of the Committee working with Aussie community in Mongolia has been presented with the Certificate of Appreciation from Mozzies Association for the significant contribution to the Mongolia-Australia relationship.

### **Discussion with the Council for Cooperation with Mongolians Living Abroad**

A number of Mozzies members participated in a discussion conducted by the Council on April 25. Held at *Elite* complex, the discussion involved representatives of alumni associations providing more information about work opportunities in particular at government organizations and requirements for civil servants exams.

Mozzies values the close relationship that it holds with the Council, and looks forward to further engagement in the future.

## **AUSTRALIA DAY**

### **Australia Day function**

On Thursday 26 January 2012, Mozzies Association helped to organise the biggest ever Australia Day event in Mongolia. More than 150 Australians and Mongolians joined together to celebrate the event at AER Club Restaurant, which we co-hosted with Australian Red Cross and Austraining International.

The event featured a welcome and toast by Australian Trade Commissioner, Mr David Lawson, and Mozzies President, Mr N Enkhbold (pictured right). A bottle of Australia's most prized wine, Penfold's Grange, was raffled off, thanks to a donation by Xanadu Fine Wines. The raffle raised around 700,000T for the Lotus Children's Center.



Representatives of many sectors of the community were in attendance, including Mozzies, Australian businesspeople, Australian volunteers and friends. Thank you to all our members who attended. We trust you had a night to remember!

### **All-Member Meeting**

Prior to the function, the All-Member Meeting of the Society took place. The meeting summarized the activities carried out by Mozzies over the past 12 months, and set out plans for the next year. Agreement was also reached on the content of the new Mozzies Charter, which will be released to members for comment in the near future.



## Presentation to Anne Lubell

Although not being able to attend the Australia Day function to receive her award, close friend of the Society Anne Lubell visited Ulaanbaatar in February and was presented with her award personally by Mr Enkhbold at Government House.



## SPECIAL FEATURE

### Australia Day Awards

During the Australia Day event, the inaugural Australia Day Awards were presented by Mozzies President Mr Enkhbold. Being the first year of the awards, they recognised nine individuals who have demonstrated commitment to strengthening the Mongolia Australia relationship.

The recipients were nominated by the Australian Trade Commission, Australian Red Cross, AYADs and the Mozzies Board, and represent a cross-section of the Mongolia Australia friendship network.

We congratulate award recipients: Honorary President J Bat-Erdene; Honorary Consul Peter Sloane; Honorary Consul J Elbegsaikhan; Yu Tsetsgee; B Khuldorj; Martin Walsh; Anne Lubell; S Munkhtuul; and Andrew Antenucci. For a full description on their achievements please see our [website](#).



A full selection of photos from the event can be found on our [website](#).



## AYAD News

### Visit of AYAD Regional Director

Recently-appointed Regional Director for the AYAD program, Mr Paul Jenkins, visited UB for a week in early February. During his visit he met Mozzies President Mr Enkhbold and Executive Director Ms Ariunaa. They discussed future plans for the AYAD program in Mongolia, and Mr Enkhbold reiterated Mozzies' enthusiasm to work with AusAID in the future.

For more photos please visit our [website](#).



*Mr Enkhbold and Ms Ariunaa speak with Paul Jenkins, Munkhtuul and Bolormaa*

### Arrival of Intake 33

The latest intake of AYAD volunteers recently arrived in Ulaanbaatar. Intake 33 began their assignments in April and will work in a broad variety of roles across the city, for up to 12 months each. We wish them an enjoyable and fruitful time in Mongolia!



*Current Mozzie, ANU Masters student Zoljargal Nyamja (front left) and ex-AYAD Andrew Antenucci (back, third from left) meet the nine new AYADs at their Pre-Departure Training in Canberra, March 2012*

### Announcement of new AYAD for Mozzies

We are delighted to announce that, for a second time, we will welcome an AYAD to work with the Mongolia Australia Society. Lucianne Attard, from Sydney, has taken up residence in a Strategy and Communications role from August 2012 to July 2013 (11 months). Welcome to the Mozzies team Lucianne!

### Application for AYAD volunteers open

The next round of AYAD applications, for March 2013 mobilisation, is now open. AYADs usually work in the areas of human resource development; environmental and social impacts of mining; disaster risk reduction and water resources (including water sanitation), with disability, gender and human rights as crosscutting themes. If your workplace would also like to have an AYAD volunteer, please contact Munkhtuul and Bolormaa [mongolia@austraining.com.au](mailto:mongolia@austraining.com.au).



## Upcoming events



40 Years of Australia - Mongolia Relations

2012 marks the 40th year of diplomatic relations between Mongolia and Australia! As such, the Society is planning a number of exciting initiatives to celebrate the occasion. Many of these events will be held around mid-September, as the official anniversary date falls on Saturday, 15 September. Stay tuned for more information about cultural, arts and official events that will be held around that time.

If you are able to contribute to the planning of these activities, please contact us [info@mozzies.mn](mailto:info@mozzies.mn).

## 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?

## Contact

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