



PACSI NEWS

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PACSI Calendar of Activities (March 2010 to June 2010)

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INFORMATION SESSIONS

Two more information sessions scheduled before June 2010. **These information sessions will be held at the PACSI office in Blacktown, from 12 to 1 pm.** See topics and dates below:

Info Session 7: Safety First for the Elderly, 21 April 2010

Info Session 8: Filipino Perspective on Australian Culture, 19 May 2010

SPECIAL MEETINGS

- Joint PACSI/Mosman College Travel @ Home Filipino Culture Day, 27 March 2010, Blacktown Senior Citizen's Centre
- Bahay-Bahayan A Housing Seminar for the Filipino Community, 24 April 2010, Max Webber Library Function Centre (*See enclosed Registration Form*)

ORGANISATIONAL MEETING

- PACSI Annual General Meeting, 22 May 2010, 9 to 2 pm, Max Webber Library Function Room (*All members are invited to attend*)

PACSI COMMUNITY WORKERS CONTACT DETAILS

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Congratulations Julie Nunez, 2010 Blacktown Woman of the Year



Julie with Blacktown Mayor Charlie Lowles and Mr Nathan Reese



Julie with fellow nominees

We are very proud of Julie Nunez, PACSI President for being awarded with the prestigious 2010 Blacktown Woman of the Year at the recent International Women's Day celebration organised by the Blacktown City Council. There were 14 nominees – all wonderful, strong and brave women – from different cultures and communities in Blacktown.

Julie has been an active member of the Filipino community since she arrived in Australia back in 1986. She has been an active volunteer in various community groups and undertakings, including volunteering for the Sydney Olympics in 2000 and the World Youth Day in 2008. Julies endearing personality, sense of humour and strong sense of social justice has made her an inspiration for a lot of Filipino migrant women in Australia.

Well done, Julie!

PACSI will continue to provide settlement services to newly-arrived Filipino migrants in Blacktown, Fairfield-Liverpool and Central Western Sydney.

Contact your community workers for more information about the services we provide and for other questions about your settlement needs and issues you have. We look forward to assisting you.

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PACSI Auspices QUEERDOM, a Magnetic Places Grant

For the third time, PACSI is auspicing an exciting project called "Queerdom". This project will bring together a group of Filipino gay people to process their collective experiences, expectations and realities as newly arrived migrants in Australia. Through creative, informative and educational activities, the project will create an environment where they can exchange ideas, learn from each other and the community, value their uniqueness and contribution to the Australian society.

The project will also facilitate the target group's understanding of Australian policies, laws and perception of gay people. Activities will be organised to facilitate this group to speak out, advocate for their own needs and issues.

Interested Filipinos can call PACSI or Dante Barcoma at Dante Barcoma: 0424668184 dbarcoma@hotmail.com