



# PACSI NEWS

Official Newsletter of the Philippine-Australian Community Services Inc

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Welcome to Issue #1 of PACSI News! Time has flown so fast that in retrospect we write of PACSI activities in the first half of 2011.

In March, we celebrated with the "strong, feisty, assertive, articulate and beautiful women of Sydney" when we joined over 1000 Women marching from Town Hall to Martin Place in the City to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration of International Women's Day.

In April, we held our Annual General Meeting, attended by nearly 100 members and guests, including our guest speakers, Mr John Robertson MP (Member of the Legislative Assembly, Member for Blacktown and Leader of the Opposition) and Anne Jalando-on Louis, the Philippine-Consul General. PACSI also gave a special plaque of appreciation to Roger Price, former Federal Member for Chifley for his contributions to the Filipino community and support to PACSI.

In May, we participated in the annual Blacktown City Festival. We were most colourful and noisy in this year's parade, with members of Asian Women at Work's Blacktown Branch – in their colourful Chinese costume and gigantic fans and the Ati-Atihan group and their infectious drums marching with us.

In June, we joined Philippine Independence Day celebrations locally and the one organised by the Philippine Consulate.

And in July, we received good news that PACSI was once again successful in receiving SGP grant from the Department of Immigration and Citizenship.

## CALENDAR of ACTIVITIES

(Dates to put in your diary)



We have lined up exciting, informative and fun activities (such as the qi gong class in the photo) in the coming months and we want you to participate and/or invite your friends and family to these activities. You can even invite your non-Filipino friends – they are very welcome.

### Qi Gong/Lat n Move

Group meets every Friday, from 12.30 to 2 pm in Cabramatta to learn the ancient art of qi gong (good for health and stress management) and Latin moves (good for fun and relaxation). This is a partnership activity of with South West Sydney Local Health Networks, PACSI and Asian Women at Work Inc

### Hip Hop for Young People



Young, exciting and very talented choreographers from Creative Movement (a community of choreographers who have come together to create awareness of dance in Australia and inspire others to dance) will run 10 weekend hip hop workshops, every Saturday, from 10.30 to 12.30 pm, starting 15 October. Venue to be confirmed.

## Information Session for Newly-Arrived Migrants

Info Session 1 – Education and Career Pathways, 14 September 2011

Info Session 2 – Family and Culture, 12 October 2011

Info Session 3 – Looking for Work (Resume Writing), 19 October 2011

Info Session 4 – Looking for Work (Interview Techniques), 26 October 2011

Info Session 5 – Public and Community Housing, 9 November 2011

Info Session 6 – Private Rental, 16 November 2011

Info Session 7 – Stress Management (Part 1), 15 February 2012

Info Session 8 – Stress Management (Part 2), 22 February 2012

Info Session 9 – Legal Rights (Family Relationship), 7 March 2012

Info Session 10 – Employment Rights, 14 March 2012

Info Session 11 – Community Safety, 21 March 2012

*All information sessions conducted in English. Newly-arrived migrants of other nationalities are welcome.*

### PACSI Christmas Party

Our annual Christmas Party will be on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December, Friday, from 10.30 to 2 pm at the Max Webber Function Centre, Blacktown Library. Mark this date in your diary.

#### 2011 PACSI Management Committee

President	Julie Nunez
Vice-President 1	Elvie Cortez
Vice President 2	Elen Limun
Secretary	Imelda Valve
Treasurer	Teresita Indolos
Members	Evangelina Garcia Chris Pilao Dorothy del Villar Natividad Millarez Fred Pedrosa

*(The Management Committee meets once a month. PACSI members are welcome to attend meetings.)*



### PACSI Meets CFO

PACSI President Julie Nunez was warmly received by the Commission for Filipinos Overseas (CFO) when she visited them on the 25<sup>th</sup> of August 2011. CFO expressed gladness over the re-establishment of partnership with PACSI and looks forward to *“a more fruitful and productive role in protecting the welfare of our Filipinos overseas”*.

### JOIN PACSINATA NOW

PACSINATA is PACSI's very own singing group. It meets every Tuesday, from 10 to 12 noon at PACSI office. If you can talk, you can sing!

### JOIN PACSAYAW NOW

PACSAYAW is PACSI's very own folk dance group. It will meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, from 4 pm at PACSI office. If you can walk, you can dance!

### 2011 Survey of Filipinos in New South Wales

Philippine Consulate General in Sydney is undertaking a survey of Filipinos in New South Wales to develop its database for use in the Consulate's Disaster and Emergency Preparedness Program. To participate, go to <http://www.philippineconsulate.com.au/component/rsform/form/6-2011-survey-of-filipinos-in-new-south-wales.html>

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