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NEWSLETTER

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December 6 - St Nicholas Day Christmas party 4pm

Come and celebrate!!



In many parts of the world December 6 is an important celebration featuring St Nicholas who later migrated to the person of Santa Claus.

St Nicholas was a Bishop of Myra in Turkey, born in AD 280, who gave money to the poor. There are many stories told about his gifts.

Come and celebrate!

- Enjoy good company and Christmas fare
- Learn a bit more about St Nicholas
- Bring a money gift for *Lifenet*, a Children's Home in the Philippines for street children – a project ICDF Foundation has supported through a Project Award. *Lifenet Children's Foundation* <http://lifenetkids.moonfruit.com/>
- Bring a plate of food or drink to share
- Watch a dance performance
- Join in a carol dance or watch the fun from the sidelines.

At the home of Mary and Peter Jones 11 Amaroo Cres., Mosman

RSVP by Friday Dec 5 9960 1510 or 0404 147 125 or maryjones11@aol.com



Coming Next Year



Meet Paul Russell

At 16 Paul was far away from home at the Royal Ballet school in London and after winning gold at the Genee International Ballet Competition he joined NZ Ballet. Now he's finishing a degree in Psychology but still dances. "I'd like one day to combine my two passions of dance and ministry", he says.

Sat. Feb 21 3-5pm at 46 Milner Cres Wollstonecraft

RSVP 9960 1510 (Mary), 0413 449 032 (Jenny) jenny_dennis@yahoo.com

Our mystery High Tea... Wait for it.....announcement soon!

Plan to experience **Bangarra Dance Company** *with us in mid- 2015*

The Foundation will be organizing another theatre party to the Bangarra Theatre Company in mid June at the Opera House. The new work is two sections is called 'Lore' and is curated by Artistic Director Stephen Page. Lore will take you on a dance experience of Australia's homelands in a celebration of the past, present and future of Indigenous Australia.



Award-winning choreographer Frances Rings (Rations, X300, Unaipon, Artefact, Terrain) will unfold the stories of She Oak – the Grandmother Tree, a true silent witness to the experiences of Australia's First Peoples.

Acclaimed Bangarra artists Deborah Brown and Waangenga Blanco will join forces for the first time, inviting you to their homeland in the Torres Strait, from the enigmatic waters of the islands to the frozen section of the local I.B.I.S supermarket stores.

*Please contact Jenny if you want to join the group
booking at jenny_dennis@yahoo.com*

News

Congratulations

- ❖ Mary Jones awarded an OAM in the Queen's Birthday honours for service to the Performing Arts through dance.
- ❖ Bruce Dennis on his 60th birthday
- ❖ Mary and Peter Jones on their 50th wedding anniversary
- ❖ Diane Sekuloff with her marriage to Andy in Canada (see below)
- ❖ Claudia Far who received an ICDF Foundation Project Award this year had a successful Project Hip Hope. Below is an extract from Go D'Artiz with a thank-you to the ICDF Foundation for the Project money which will help support their Uprock week-end Nov 7-8 and a concert to which all are invited (details below)

Project Hip Hope This year our mission team doubled; 14 Australians gave their time and love, and in returned gained so much love and respect and felt so blessed by the Malaysians' hospitality. Relationships continued to grow stronger from last year, the message during the concert has definitely impacted quite some young people there. This year the reserves from the concert were donated to the charity organisation below.



Visiting and having fun with orphans of different ages who have intellectual disabilities



The Australian Team



Project Hip Hope participants



Pastor Daniel aka MC Bigcow (Malaysia) – started a church through bible study groups after being impacted since last year's Project Hip Hope. 2 breakdance boys (B-boys) were baptized just last couple of months and others continue to be impacted. Please continue to pray specifically for him and his family for support and protection.

During the recent 2014 **Blackstump**, many dancers from different parts of Sydney and even Central Coast were able to pull in and run a good hip hop showcase to sum up the final year.

Coming up!

Uprock (organised by Krosswerdz) November 7th – 10th, with 2 full days of workshops covering DJing, Dance, MCs, Graffiti, and Leaderships, there will be a worship service at Wiley Park amphitheatre 10am, followed by Bboy and Popping competition. It is open to public and starts from 1-5pm. All are welcome for this FREE event. (Add: Corner of King Georges Rd & Canterbury Rd)

Thank you for your continued support in prayers and financially as it has enabled us to continue the ministry. Thank you to ICDF for their 2nd grant for our projects. Thank you God for the beautiful people that He has brought to surround us. AMEN!



Diane Sekuloff marries Andy with Jenny and Bruce Dennis there to celebrate with them.

(Diane is from Canada, studied Dance Therapy at Wesley Institute, Sydney, and received the Flame Award for Karen Sudds for her work in Canada)



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