



19<sup>th</sup> September 2012

Dear Sydney Lord Mayor Ms Clover Moore,

On behalf of the ASSI.PJ Interim National body Board and Members I would like to thank you for your support in opening our '20 Years On' celebration fundraiser on the 25<sup>th</sup> August 2012 at St Johns Hall, Glebe. The Australian South Sea Islander (ASSI) and broader community members commended your opening speech that night and may I say how fitting it was by such a formidable leader.

The evening saw 150 community members from all nationalities predominately our ASSI and ATSI community in attendance. The ASSI.PJ saw community donations of up to \$3,100.00 with a profit of \$2,400.00. These funds are quite a way off the fees needed for our company insurance however they will go towards company registration and a top up for the next fundraiser.

To recap the night, celebrations started with Welcome to Country by Bidjigal man Vic Sims, Acknowledgement of Country in Bislama by Philippe Saibiri then opened by Sydney Lord Mayor Ms Clover Moore and speeches from NSW Minister for Blamain Jamie Parker all graciously MC'd by Pastor Ray Minniecon. Our voluntary entertainment was provided by Aunty Shireen Malamoo, Lagaw Kodo Mir dancers, Duavata Fiji Dance Sydney, Chango, Itchy feet, Malik King of the talking drum complimented by a tribute to Faith Bandler and screening of Wantok 2012 Inaugural ASSI conference Bundaberg. We hope you enjoy the below images of the nights events.

2012 marks our 20 Year Anniversary since the 1992 HREOC report the 'Call for Recognition' which saw the Commonwealth recognise Australian South Sea Islanders as distinct ethnic race who suffer the same disadvantages as ATSI communities. In NSW ASSI's are not adequately reflected in programs and services provided by state and federal government agencies. The ASSI.PJ would like to encourage the Lord Mayors leadership for ongoing support in championing a much needed NSW action plan.

Kind Regards,

Chair – ASSI.PJ Ltd

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Sydney Lord Mayor Ms Clover Moore...



NSW Minister Jamie Parker ...



Pastor Ray Minniecon

ASSLPI Chair Emelda Davis..



Welcome to Country – Vic Simms; Bidjigal Man





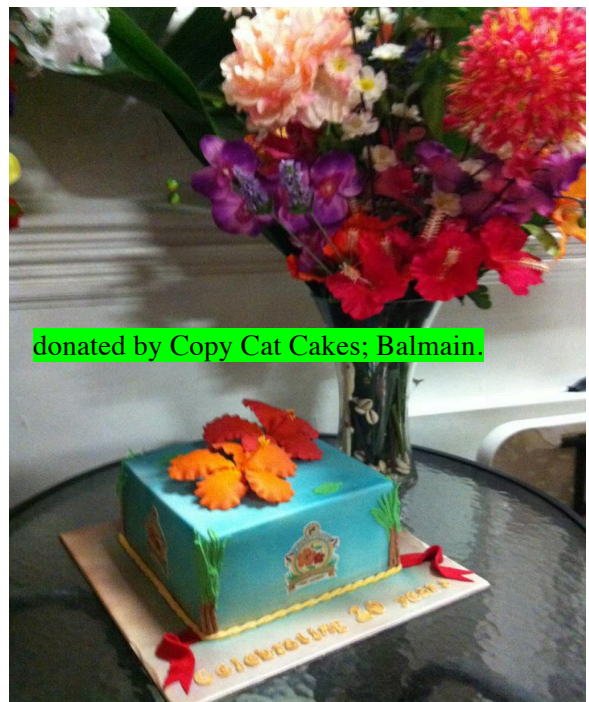
Philippe Saibiri – Bislama Acknowledgement of Country



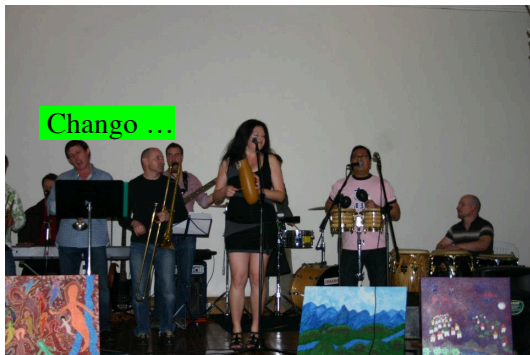
Lagaw Kodo Mir Dancer



Aunty Shireen Malamoo...



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Chango ...



Zakumi Consultancy Ultimo...



Duavata Fiji Dance ...

PROGRAM	Australian South Sea Islanders (Port Jackson) ' 20 Years On ' Fundraiser - 25th August 2012 / 132 St Johns Road, Glebe NSW	
6:00pm	Guests arrive / Entrée, Drinks / String Band Music	
6:30pm	Formalities start - MC pastor Ray Minniecon introduces, Uncle Vic Simms - Welcome to country, Philippe Saibiri (ni Vanuatu) Acknowledgement of country and Southsea Island forefathers in Bislama, Prayer, from pastor Ray Minniecon	
6:45pm	President ASSI.PJ introduces Lord Mayor Ms Clover Moore	
6:50pm	Lord Mayor Ms Clover Moore to Open fundraiser.	
7:00pm	MC pastor Ray Minniecon introduces screening of 'Wantok 2012' includes filmed performance by Marcus Corowa & Sean Choolburra	
7:30pm	President recognises contributions to Wantok & Historical power point presentation by Matt Poll	
	<b>Dinner served announced by MC pastor Ray Minniecon</b>	
7:50pm	MC pastor Ray Minniecon intro's Lagaw Kodo Mir - Torres Strait Islander Dancers	
8:00pm	History on book 'Kanaka' intro's Kuntamari Croft	
8:10pm	Kuntamari Croft to speak on Blackbirding in the Solomon Islands. (slide presentation)	
20:25:00	MC pastor Ray Minniecon speech on Rotumah blackbirding introduces Duavata Fiji Dance Group Sydney	
	Danny Togo mentions fundraisers. Anne Maree Malamoo speaks to paintings of Shireen Malamoo	
8:35pm	Vice President - Danny Togo reads 20 Years on speech .. THANKYOUS 'dig deep'	
	<b>End of formalities</b>	
8:40pm	MC introduces our first female jazzer Aunty Shireen Malamoo accompanied by renowned jazzers saxophonist Craig Walters and pianist Paul Verma	
	Chango Salsa band (Lead ASSI singer Gemma Tamock)	
9:10	Senegalese percussion 'King of the talking drum'	
9:30pm	Chango Salsa band	
10:00pm	END	