

Double Blue Winter Warm-up lives up to expectations

It is a nice position to be in when you can put up the "SOLD OUT" sign as an organiser of any event. So it was, that popular demand and the quality of previous functions of this nature resulted in the Winter Warm up having sold out two weeks before the function. Three critical elements will guarantee such a success, being Good Music, Good Food and Good Value for your money. The OBU Australia Branch were the pioneers in organising a separate informal social for its members and friends from its inception and have become proficient in providing a memorable night to the patrons each year..

Melbourne's late autumn winds, icy rain and winter chills had signalled the arrival of winter earlier than expected so a "warm-up" was a much needed attraction to endure the winter chills. On arrival, the 300 patrons were greeted by a simple church hall that had been converted to an elegant room with black, silver and white being the décor theme with blue hues to reflect the link with the Double Blues. Black table cloths with white serviettes graced the tables which had a candelabra with blue candles and draped with a sprig of ivy wrapped around its column painted in silver and blue hues. Black and silver balloons festooned the hall and the walls were colour washed with red light creating the radiant glow one would expect round an open fire and created an ambience of warmth and cosiness. The College flag was mounted as a backdrop to the stage and light blue and dark blue banners bearing the College crest signified the link with Wesley.

The night began with Ben (known as Beverley in College) Nathanielsz and his band Midnight Mist getting the first couples on the floor. Their music was like a magnet that attracted couples on to the floor and they soon set the mood for the evening. President Norton (known as Tissa at College) Abeydeera welcomed the guests and completed the minor formalities for the evening. A sumptuous dinner where a selection of dishes representing the East and the West fed the hungry diners. After dinner the tempo of the evening picked up as Ben and his band belted out some classics of the past such as Mustang Sally, Michael Jackson's Billy Jean and Springsteen's Summer of 69 which had the crowd in raptures. The crowd were enthusiastic and certainly warmed up to the beat working off the calories and enjoying themselves in doing so.

A fundraising raffle was conducted where senior old boy Glynn Lappen drew the winning tickets. Time simply slipped by as the revellers continued past midnight. It was a wonderful evening with many old Wesleyites and their friends in attendance. There were many compliments to the organizing committee for a great night, one that was full of fun, fellowship and warmed up the patrons in the spirit of "Winter Warm-up 2010".

Photos from the Winter Warm-up 2010



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Old Boys in the photos
4. Reg & Dawn Bartholomeusz

5. Duminda Nissanka, Senaka Mapa, Prasanna Abeysiri & Sherriff Dean

6. Jeremy(Trevi) and Richie Morrison 7. Dello Anderson & Errol Dickman
8. Brian Azoor, Jenö Azoor, Edjoy Sinnen & Tony Careem
9. Suzanne Gray, Arden Joseph, Bryan Wijeyekoon, Jill Joseph
10. Rohan, Richard Burke, Curk Solomons, Kurt Schubert and Gerard Solomons
11. Edjoy Sinnen & Ray de Run 12. Delmer Achilles, Dayantha Makalanda & Roger Kellar
13. Beverley de Niese & Trevor Collette 14. Trivia Morrison, Bryan Wijeyekoon, Delmar Achilles & Norton Abeydeera
17. Nelson de Silva, Darryl Koch & Felix Berman (seated)
18. Keith de Kretser, Glynn Lappen & Bryan Wijeyekoon

