



AGM group photo in the Oak Room at Chateau Yering.

Les Clefs d'Or

by Peter McBrearty Victorian State Delegate

The Les Clefs d'Or Annual General Meeting took place in Melbourne in July, and was a wonderful opportunity for members from around Australia and New Zealand to meet up and discuss developments in the tourism and the hotel industries. Of course it was also an excellent opportunity for local members to show off all that Melbourne has to offer to visitors, and we made sure we did exactly that!

Following a productive workshop held at The Langham, Melbourne, we were treated to an unparalleled view over Melbourne from Eureka 89, where we hosted our visitors and also many of our industry sponsors and associates for drinks and canapés. Many of our guests were astonished by the night vista laid out before them and the sparkling carpet of lights was the perfect backdrop for the evening.

Our main meeting was held in the imposing Oak Room at Chateau Yering, where the views over the Yarra Valley were a delightful distraction as was our transfer out to the meeting in a 1955 Gray Line vintage coach. We enjoyed dinner at The Deck, where our visitors were given the chance to sample some of Melbourne's renowned food and wine before heading to Silk Road in

Collins Street to enjoy one of the city's most stylish venues.

Finally our merry crew met at the MCG where our host Richard Ponsford, Tourism Manager at the MCC took us on a tour of the National Sports Museum (which some of our Kiwi brethren enjoyed so much they returned again the following day!) before adjourning to an MCC corporate box to watch an AFL game with



Franz Stauffer (President LCD NZ), Tracy Tamalo (Derek's partner), Derek Fenn (Palazzo Versace Gold Coast), and Peter McBrearty at Eureka 89.

Melbourne defeating Port Adelaide and ensuring Richard's day ended on a happy note.

The AGM was an excellent opportunity to renew the professional and personal relationships between our members, and many commented on how much they had enjoyed their visit to Melbourne.

We would like to thank Avis, Brunel Chauffeur Drive, The Langham, Melbourne, APT Day Tours, Eureka 89, Chateau Yering, Gray Line Day Tours, The Deck Restaurant Southgate, WHERE Magazine, and also the MCC and National Sports Museum for all their assistance in ensuring the AGM was a huge success.

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