



The Suzuki Night Market.

LES CLEFS D'OR

by Peter McBrearty VICTORIAN STATE DELEGATE

KATE QUIGLEY, of the Radisson Flagstaff, recently organised for the Melbourne concierge community to have a relaxing evening whilst also familiarising themselves with one of Melbourne's most popular summer attractions. Kate arranged for an outing to the Suzuki Night Market at the Queen Victoria Market, held on Wednesday evenings over summer. The evening proved to be exceptionally successful with everyone taking the opportunity to sample the food and wine on offer and catch up with their colleagues from Melbourne's concierge desks.

The last two weeks of January saw the Australian Open drawing large numbers of overseas and interstate visitors to Melbourne, where they not only enjoyed some spectacular tennis but also brought a welcome surge of patronage to city hotels, restaurants and tourist attractions. With water taxis plying their trade between Southgate and Melbourne Park and hordes of sun

bronzed tennis fans flooding the city, it has been a very promising start to 2010 for the tourism sector.

Les Clefs d'Or Golf aficionados Ben Davies of The Langham Melbourne and Jonas Le Souef of Lightning Ridge Opals are now in full swing (sorry!) with the organisation of the 2010 Les Clefs d'Or Golf Day.

Ben and Jonas are envisioning a date early in March for what is inevitably a favourite day out for the concierge fraternity, hotel staff, and our friends and associates in the hospitality and tourism industries and related companies. Anyone who might be interested in attending or participating as sponsors should contact Ben at mel.concierge@langhamhotels.com or Jonas at jonas@opals.net.au

Both organisers quite earnestly claim that golf has proven physical and mental benefits, however, given the well-documented ability of serious golfers to delude themselves and the lengths they are known to go to in order to spend another five minutes with their beloved

clubs, perhaps the LCD Golf Day is best enjoyed simply for the fact it is a great social event and a lot of fun for everyone concerned!

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