



Les Clefs d'Or President Elvis Soiza and new member Piers Harding.

# Les Clefs d'Or

## The International Concierge Association

The Les Clefs d'Or Annual General Meeting, held in mid-July, provided a wonderful opportunity for our colleagues from around Australia to meet up and discuss recent developments in the tourism and hospitality industries.

Following a productive workshop at The Langham, Melbourne, we were treated to unparalleled views of the Melbourne skyline from Eureka 89, the tallest residential building in the Southern Hemisphere. Les Clefs d'Or members hosted a number of our local Melbourne supporters at this traditional opening night cocktail party as well as a contingent from the New Zealand Executive Committee including newly appointed Zone Director Gustavo Concha.

Early next morning members gathered at Federation Square to be ferried off to the beautiful Yarra Valley region north of Melbourne for the main meeting. Grayline provided us with a beautifully restored 1955 touring coach for the short trek up into the hills, a real treat for many of the motoring enthusiasts within the group. The meeting itself, held in the imposing Oak Room at Chateau Yering, was a

great success, with members reviewing our past years activities as well as formulating plans for the challenging year ahead.

The weekend wrapped up with a lovely dinner at The Deck, one of Melbourne's stylish restaurants in the Southbank complex followed by a visit to the famous MCG for a tour of the National Sports Museum and box seats at the Australian Rules game between Melbourne and Port Adelaide.

Our thanks to the wonderful people at Avis, APT, Grayline, Brunel Chauffeured Limousines and WHERE Magazine for their support over the weekend and congratulations as well to our team in Melbourne for hosting a truly memorable AGM.

It was a cause for dual celebrations at the recent Captain Cook Cruises *Christmas in July* event held on beautiful Sydney Harbour. Local Sydney concierge joined with their industry colleagues in toasting the success of Sydney's premier cruise operator and thanked hosts Anthony and Jackie Howarth for their continued support during the year. Also on board was our dear friend and newest addition to the Les Clefs d'Or family Piers Harding. Piers, an industry stalwart who has been a great supporter of the Society, received his Honorary Membership from President Elvis Soiza who

flew in from Brisbane for the occasion. Congratulations to Piers in receiving this rare honour and thank you again to Ros Jackson of Captain Cook Cruises for organising another wonderful evening.

### Les Clefs d'Or International

**3RD VICE PRESIDENT** Colin Toomey,  
*The Shangri-La Hotel, Sydney*  
**Australian Chapter**

**PRESIDENT:** Elvis Soiza, *Sofitel Brisbane Grand Central*

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## Ellerston Gems by Giulians

Gary Coffey was inspired by the intricacies of a watch movement when he began to design his pieces incorporating the Ellerston Sapphires. Tubular tubs of glass encase the sparkling pink stones, giving them freedom to move and dance like falling stars capturing light from all sides, whilst cords of silk challenge, adding a softness of texture. To present the stones in an alternative light, Gary has called on tradition and nestled perfect pink sapphire buds, amongst foliage of white gold and diamonds to create floral delights that would be at home in any beautiful garden.

The marriage between the two entirely different styles only enhances the versatility of these appealing and beautiful stones. Giulians has gained an enviable reputation for one of the most inviting showrooms in Sydney where the atmosphere remains relaxed. Visit Giulians at Cnr of George & Bridge Streets Sydney. Telephone: 9252 2051. [www.giulians.com](http://www.giulians.com)

