



# NEWSLETTER

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## Happy Halloween at CWS

The ghosts and ghoulies and weird looking children were out early at the Chung Wah Hall this year as members and friends got together on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October, a day before official Halloween, to see who was the scariest, strangest, weirdest or meanest.



And what a time everyone had!

We had about 45 ghosts, vampires, a headless child, fairies, and other scary looking children running around the Hall having a mean and mischievous time. The old section of the Hall was transformed into a dark dungeon like dining hall, and the new section into a Haunted House.

You would never believe you were in the Chung Wah Hall! For those game enough the smoke filled Haunted House was a scream...too hard to describe in words, you had to be there to experience it...and what a shame for those that didn't come. It was a night of extreme fun for all of the kids.

Halloween was hot on the heels of the very successful Moon Festival celebration, were again the focus was on our family members having a great time.

This is the theme for the Society for this year and we have certainly started with a bang!

Let your relatives and friends now as there is no better time than now to join. To all our members that couldn't make it... you missed a great night!

These functions don't happen without hard, but rewarding, work and our thanks go out to Tina Griffiths and all those that help set up the Haunted House.

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A special thank you to Tony and Lynette Tam who slaved away in the kitchen, cooking all the yummy food. We would also like to acknowledge the support of Sandra and Tim from All About Party Hire who generously donated "stuff" for the Haunted House and chair covers for the dining hall.

Well done everyone, and we look forward to the Christmas and New Year celebrations!

# Chinese New Year Banquet

Get in early is the word for the coming Chinese New Year Banquet as it is sure to sell out fast.

To be held again at the Hall, seating is limited to 28 tables, with strictly 8 people per table.

We encourage bookings of whole tables but a few tables will be available to share for groups of less than 8.

Tickets are \$60 adults and \$30 children (up to age 12).

Contact Tina Griffiths on 89470888 or 0409 470788 or Daryl Chin on 89818461 (ah) to



## Congratulations to Tanya Fong Lim SM on her appointment to the Bench

**Tanya Fong Lim was officially appointed a Darwin Magistrate on Monday 23 November 2009.**

The third eldest daughter of the late Lord Mayor Alec Fong Lim and his lovely wife Norma has been acting in the role for some time.

Tanya is also a great supporter of the Chung Wah Society and has spent many years organising the popular CWS children's Christmas Party. Our heartfelt congratulations to her.



# Our condolences to the families and friends of Gordon Lowe and Victor Jong

Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> of November was a very sad day for the Society with the passing of Gordon Lowe, brother of our President Adam, and Victor Jong, a much loved and respected member of our Lion Dance Troupe.

Our heartfelt condolences to Adam and family and to Victor's parents Pah Fong and Teresa and siblings Kircy, Christopher and Jessica.

Victor's passing was tragic in every respect.

A young adult of only 21, he was loved by everyone for his caring, gentle, fun loving, responsible and willing nature. He was the quiet guy in our troupe, but this belied his dedication and hard work to perfect his Lion Dance skills.

He was dedicated to his family and his fellow Lion Dancers and the tributes that have flowed in his memory in the NT News and on the various internet spaces is testimony to the emotion that our Lion Dance troupe members have for Victor.

**"His spirit will dance with us forever".**

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