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Spirit of Shekinah

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Shekinah News for December

Well it's that time of year again!!! – albeit a little late as this was due to go to you before Christmas – but is only going in January – sorry for that!

I am actually struggling to bring myself to accept that Christmas has been and gone. Where does time go?

It was a big year in 2009 for Shekinah and 2010 is shaping up to be just as busy and full – which is a good thing.

The 2009 year saw preparation for Shekinah's quality accreditation review and then the review itself – all of which was a great and positive process – but a very time-consuming one. This meant that the volunteer program was not given the time it deserved – as there wasn't much time left in a day, or a week ...

Then of course, there was the Shekinah Ball – what a great event. About 200 people gathered on 2nd October at the Collingwood Town Hall and danced the night away. Representatives from Bethelhem Community, Briar Terrace, Corpus Christi Community, Good Samaritan Inn, The Cottage, Prague House, McAuley Community Services for Women and Rosie's Soup Van joined together to make for a great night.

On a personal note, I'd like to thank Diane Webb and all the staff at Bethlehem Community who were such a support for me at that time – Diane with helping with organising as well as doing the decorations, and Jenny Check for doing the bulk of the food for the night with assistance

from Prague House, Regina Coeli and Corpus Christi.

To those who provided hampers and prizes on the night – a big thank you. The recipients were certainly very happy with the prizes for best dressed and spot prizes. I'd also like to thank my family who were a wonderful help on the night working in the kitchen and serving the food.

To all the volunteers – thank you. Without you many of the programs that Shekinah organisations run would not function – or at least function as well as they do. I've been blown away by some of the amazing people I meet who are willing to devote their time to those less fortunate than them. There are some wonderful people out there – I thank you and I salute you.

I hope that your Christmas was happy and may 2010 bring you challenges that you meet with enthusiasm.

I look forward to 2010 and working with you all – and meeting new prospective volunteers.

Marg Casey

Volunteer Program Co-ordinator





Around the Network

Shekinah Ball 2009



Footy decorations & band setting up



Band of happy helpers in the kitchen



Happy little Bombers



Back-to-back groovers!



Dancing the night away!



Well we did say dress in footy theme - and they did - even an umpire!