



of droughts and flooding rains ...

Ipswich suburb of Gales, January 12, 2011
Martin Howard, Wikimedia Commons

WHAT'S ON in February

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| <p>1 All Ages Playdate
Midtown East 50's, email for address
Tuesday Feb 1, from 10am
RSVP: to Allison at allisonbogle@rocketmail.com
by Sunday 27th Feb please.</p> | <p>17 EMU Australia Fall 2011 Fashion Show
Thursday 17 February 2.00pm
Metropolitan Pavilion
123 West 18th Street (btwn. 6th & 7th Ave.)
RSVP: emuaustralia@thinkpublicrelations.com</p> |
| <p>8 Newborn / Pre-walker Playdate
Lower West 60's, email for address
Tuesday 8th February from 11am
Numbers limited to 4 other mums/kids
RSVP: to claire.lm.green@gmail.com by 1st Feb.</p> | <p>17 Newborn / Pre-walker Playdate
East 70's, email for address
Thursday February 17 from 10am
RSVP: to megan.radcliff@gmail.com
or 917 815 6862 by Thurs 11th Feb
Siblings welcome</p> |
| <p>9 February Coffee Morning
Wednesday 9 February 10.30am
Australian Consulate, 150 E 42nd St, 34th Floor
No need to RSVP, bring photo ID for the consulate</p> | <p>25 February Girls Night Out
Friday February 25th from 8pm.
Venue: To be advised
Organiser: To be advised</p> |

- 3** Details for the **February Coffee Morning** and **Committee meeting** and information about the **5 x 5 Underwear Drive**.
- 4** **EMU Australian Fashion Show** and Aussie MeetUp
- 5** **The Australian Flood Crisis Fundraiser** at The Australian Bar and how to donate.
- 6** **The Daily Show**
Lori Scinto's review of Jon Stewart's iconic show.
- 7** Where to get tickets to watch **live TV tapings in New York**, and other events for February.
- 8** February **Mums and Bubs Report**
- 9** **10 Questions with Yong Kwok**, our March speaker at the AWNY coffee morning.
- 10** **Classifieds and AWNY committee**

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Have you joined us on Facebook?

... a great way to keep in touch with AWNY news and events, and share information with other members.

Link to us at > [facebook/awny](https://www.facebook.com/awny)



If you would like to subscribe to the Consulate's eblasts on Australian events within the New York area, please email Fiona.Gosschalk@dfat.gov.au.

Australian Women in New York is a program of the



New York Living Tip #8: Ice-skating

LEARN TO SKATE

Cabin fever set in? Winter is the season for ice-skating, one of the most popular holiday activities in NYC. If your family is lacing up their skates for the first time, you may wish to check out the skating lessons at **The Pond at Bryant Park**. Walk-in lessons for all levels are available on a first come, first served basis. Alternatively you can reserve a lesson time in advance by calling 212-661-6640. Prices range from \$45 for private lessons, \$60 for 2-3 people and \$75 for 4-8 people. Coaches are also available for birthday parties and group events – a great outing for the kids!

<http://thepondatbryantpark.com/skate/learntoskate>



Isaac Irving Brokaw (1871 – 1939) was an American figure skater, artist, lawyer, and financier. He represented the United States at the 1908 Summer Olympics in the figure skating competition, becoming the first American to compete in a sport included in the Winter Olympic program.

Photograph from a glass negative - Library of Congress, Prints and Photographs Division, Washington, D.C

WHAT'S ON in February?

AWNY February Coffee Morning

**Wednesday February 8
@ 10.30am**

**Join us for coffee and
morning tea at the
Australian Consulate
150 E 42nd St, 34th Floor**

**All members old and new
warmly welcomed!**

Our February guest will be Aleksandra Milicevic Director of Canturi Jewels New York.

Aleksandra will speak about
'landing in New York'!

She would love to reach out to all
Australian women recently relocated to New
York and make their transition as smooth as
possible by organizing a 'Welcome Bag'.

Aleksandra will lead a group discussion and
listen to the good, bad and entertaining
experiences from all participants. She is
confident there are fabulous stories to share
whether members and guests have been here
for 6 months, 6 years...or longer.

The purpose is to build a wish list of 'tools'
newcomers craved for their 'landing'.

The wish list developed from the brainstorming
will form the foundation of a 'Welcome Bag'.



facebook.com/Underwear-Drive-QLd-Flood-Appeal

**For many Australians the nightmare of the
floods will continue for a long time - many
lost loved ones, family, friends, pets, their
livelihood, houses and valued possessions.**

The 5 x 5 Underwear Drive
has been ingeniously set up for people
to donate underwear, (see their facebook page)
and we have decided to
send a package from New York ...

**For the next AWNY Coffee Morning
we are asking for donations of pairs of
NEW underwear in any
size for men and women that we can send
to this charity.**

I'll be collecting the underwear on Wednesday
but please don't hesitate to contact me
with any questions!

Thank you in anticipation.

Cathleigh McKauge

[<cathy.mckauge@googlemail.com>](mailto:cathy.mckauge@googlemail.com)

**No need to RSVP but please bring photo ID for the consulate
AWNY Members interested in joining the committee are invited to our next meeting, prior to the
February Coffee Morning.** Please contact Hayley Skurowski hcskurowski@gmail.com for details.
All welcome!

WHAT'S ON in February?



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EMU AUSTRALIA FALL 2011 FASHION SHOW

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH
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Meetup is by now a well-established institution that makes it easy to meet people with similar interests and the New York City Aussie Expat Meetup is a great place for experiencing a little bit of Australia in New York:

<http://www.meetup.com/aussienyc/>

Founded in May, 2008, the NYC Aussie Expat Meetup has 390 members and meets monthly for a range of fun social events. Caroline Frith, current organizer

and Sydney transplant, came to New York to fulfill a dream she had from a very young age about living here. And yet, she also wanted to maintain her connection to Australia and is pleased that she met one of her closest friends here via the Aussie Expat Meetup.



If you're interested in meeting fellow Aussies (or even just Yanks who love Australians!) think about joining the New York City Aussie Expat Meetup. You'll find great gatherings like Rooftop BBQ's, Cricket in Connecticut for the Annual Ashes Match, Anzac Day Celebrations and much more.

AWNY Australian Flood Crisis

The Queensland Floods of 2011 will go down as one of the worst disasters in Australia's history. But in true Aussie fashion, untold numbers of our citizens - both at home and abroad - have stepped up to help. It was in this spirit that **The Australian Bar, Restaurant and Lounge on W. 38th St. held a two day fundraiser to help the victims of the disaster.** Both days were a great success, with an impressive \$19,000 raised. The events were filled with a great array of home-grown Aussie entertainment. Among the musicians lending their talents to the cause were: Paul Dempsey, Katy Steele of the chart-topping *Little Birdy*, Karlie Bruce with guitarist Chris Parrello, The Kin, Cameron McCarthy on the didgeridoo, Stephanie Small (stage name Sandel), Ataahua Papa, Soni Moreno, Mike Clifford, Matt Irvin, Sarah McLellan, Elise Kinnon, Lisa Brigantino and Lenka Kripac. The two days were light-hearted gatherings, punctuated by serious moments of tribute to our fellow Aussies impacted by the floods. We wish our families and friends back in Australia well and will do whatever we can to help in the aftermath.



The American Australian Association is accepting donations for The Premier's Flood Disaster Relief Appeal in Queensland that will allow for tax deductible donations from the United States to be redirected to the Queensland Relief Appeal. The Australian Red Cross will manage the distribution of the donated funds on behalf of the Queensland Government. <http://www.americanaustralian.org/en/art/1265/>

The Queensland Government Premier's Relief Appeal (direct).

The Premier's Disaster Relief Appeal has been launched to help Queenslanders affected by the recent floods. Many communities have been devastated. Some families have lost everything. You can help make a difference by donating by mail, internet banking. There is a link on the website for International Donations. www.qld.gov.au/floods/donate.html

The Australian Red Cross

The Red Cross is responding to needs in both Queensland and Victoria. You can contribute to appeals for both states via the website. In Queensland the Red Cross has been assisting since the first evacuation centre opened on 27 December 2010, with more than 1,250 staff and trained volunteers on the ground assisting in the response, managing and assisting with evacuation and recovery centres, providing personal support and distributing information to people staying at the centre. In Victoria Red Cross volunteers and staff were in place as the floods occurred. More than 1,000 volunteers and staff from across the state have been activated to assist with flood relief operations, providing personal support, family registration, and catering. www.redcross.org.au/default.asp

The RSPCA Queensland.

The RSPCA are involved in rescuing hundreds of displaced and injured animals from all affected regions in Queensland. The RSPCA is exempt from disaster relief funds offered to other charities that assist human needs and therefore rely on direct donations. <https://donate.rspcaqld.org.au/flood/>

THE DAILY SHOW

/REVIEW BY LORI SCINTO/

As a long time fan of Jon Stewart and The Daily Show, one of the first things I did when I moved back to New York was sign up for the show email ticket alerts. After 3-4 months of clicking on the “tickets now available” button in the email, I finally hit the jackpot and was able to get four tickets to the show (the maximum allowed).

Emailed instructions advise showing up early to stand in line for the show. My friends and I arrived at 2:30 and the only real benefit was that we wound up in the second row, straight in front of Jon Stewart. However, the studio is small and all the seats are really good so showing up as late as 4:00 would probably be fine.

Jon Stewart and the show itself lived up to all expectations. He is just as witty and intelligent in person as one would expect. He takes impromptu questions for about 20 minutes before showtime and had our audience laughing out loud the whole time. Jon also has a shorter post-show discussion with the audience. The show itself blows by in the blink of an eye, as it is only one hour and there are frequent commercial breaks. All of these things mean that taking the time to get tickets to The Daily Show and standing in line to actually get in is well worth it.



The Daily Show is one New York attraction that should not be missed!
To sign up for email alerts for free tickets
 go to: <http://www.thedailyshow.com/tickets>

NEW YORK MUST-SEE EVENTS

Live Tapings in New York

Late Night with Jimmy Fallon

- ★ Tickets are available in advance (usually one month) by phone. You can also get standby Late Night with Jimmy Fallon tickets daily at the NBC Experience store.
Go to: <http://www.latenightwithjimmyfallon.com/about/tickets/>.

Saturday Night Live

- ★ Tickets are available once a year by entering a lottery in August for both live tapings and dress rehearsals. You can also get standby Saturday Night Live tickets by waiting in line on the day of taping.
For further info see: <http://www.nbc.com/tickets/>.

Late Show with David Letterman

- ★ Tickets are available by request on their website and in person at the Ed Sullivan Theatre. The Late Show with David Letterman also offers same-day standby tickets to callers who correctly answer a trivia question. For further details go to: http://www.cbs.com/late_night/late_show/tickets/.

Good Morning America

- ★ Good Morning America is taped daily in Times Square. Tickets are available by request via the website - be sure to include an interesting fact about yourself or other family member. If you miss out on requesting tickets for the show, there's always the street outside where fans can stand.
For further details go to: <http://abc.go.com/site/tv-ticket-request>.

Live! With Regis & Kelly

- ★ Tickets are popular and you may have to wait up to a year in advance or try your luck on standby.
Available at <http://www.dadt.com/live/get-tickets.html>.

The View

- ★ Tickets can be requested online in advance. Same-day standby tickets are also available.
For further details go to: <http://theview.abc.go.com/tickets>.

Something for Everyone our top picks

Rumple Who? by Will Bartlett at The 13th St Repertory Company

A Musical for Ages 5 and Older. "A delightful children's musical that has been playing at our theatre for over ten years. Rumple Who? is a musical adaptation of the famous fairytale, Rumpelstiltskin". All tickets \$10, Saturday 1:30pm & Sunday 1:30pm Approximate running time: 1 hour.

did you know?? The 13th Street Repertory Company is home to the longest running Off-Off-Broadway play, Israel Horowitz' LINE, now in its 38th year.

The Westminster Kennel Club 135th Annual Dog Show at Madison Square Garden

Monday and Tuesday, February 14-15, 2011.

did you know?? First held in 1877, the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show is America's 2nd longest continuously held sporting event, behind only the Kentucky Derby, and pre-dates the light bulb, automobile, the Brooklyn Bridge, the invention of basketball and the establishment of the World Series!

Documentary Fortnight 2011: MoMA's International Festival of Nonfiction Film and Media

MoMA's annual two-week showcase of recent nonfiction film and media takes place February 16-28, 2011. An international selection from a wide range of creative categories extend the idea of the documentary form - this year's program includes an international selection of 20 feature films; independent films from China; a look at the legacy of New Day Films, one of the first do-it-yourself film cooperatives; and two documentary performance programs.



Baby koala at Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary - Erik Veland

This month I will take my annual trip to Australia to defrost, and hopefully transform my children's translucent skin into more of a healthy, sun-kissed glow. I would like to thank Johanna Rigg-Smith in advance for taking over the coordination of the Mums & Bubs Group in my absence, from 16th February through to March 24th. If anyone can host a playdate or organise the Girls Night Out for February or March, please contact me before I go so I can put everything into the calendar and reduce the workload for Johanna.

As always, all correspondence and any classifieds to be posted to the group with the weekly email should be sent to the Mums & Bubs Group email address (awnymumsandbubs@gmail.com) as a separate email to be compiled the following weekend. Please do not post anything to the group individually, or to my personal email address as I don't want to offend you by ignoring you whilst I am 'clocked off'!

I hope February & March have less blizzards and more sunshine breaking through for you all.

Megan Brown

AWNY Mums & Bubs Coordinator

MUMS & BUBS GROUP EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

All Ages Playdate

Host : Allison Bogle with Emmett (2.5yrs) & Aysha (1yr)

Where: Midtown East 50's, email for address

When: Tuesday Feb 1, from 10am

RSVP: to Allison at

allisonbogle@rocketmail.com

by Sunday 27th Feb please.

Newborn / Pre-walker Playdate

Host: Claire Green with Nicholas (4mths)

Where: Lower West 60's, email for address

When: Tuesday 8th February from 11am

Numbers: Limited to 4 other mums/kids

RSVP: to claire.lm.green@gmail.com

by Tues 1st Feb.

Newborn / Pre-walker Playdate

Host: Meg Radcliffe with Esther (4mths)

Where: East 70's, email for address

When: Thursday February 17 from 10am

RSVP: to megan.radcliff@gmail.com or 917

815 6862 by Thurs 11th Feb - Siblings

welcome

February Girls Night Out

When: Friday February 25th from 8pm.

Venue: To be advised

Organiser: To be advised

STORK REPORT

I have had no reports of births this month but would love to make mention of any missed arrivals and keep us informed with a little pic and a brief story of any new additions to your family.

10 QUESTIONS with Yong Kwok



Yong will be our speaker at the March coffee morning on Wednesday 9th March and will be speaking about her own 'journey' to New York and particularly her work with IRC (International Rescue Committee) www.rescue.org which responds to the world's worst humanitarian crises helping with immediate survival and rebuilding.

Hometown

Sydney

How long have you lived in New York?

Fifteen and half years.

What neighborhood or borough do you live in?

Upper East Side, Manhattan

What brought you here?

My husband's work, who was with Macquarie Bank.

What do you do?

In addition to being a mom and a wife, I am fortunate that I can pursue my interest in humanitarian issues (I am an Overseer of the International Rescue Committee), and also give my time to other not-for-profit organisations. I also enjoy being a "student" of art, the opera and tennis!

What do you love most about New York?

Being instantly entertained whenever I walk out of my apartment building just by the people on the streets, the stores, the cultural institutions etc.

What do you love least about New York?

Noise made by countless ambulances, fire engines and buses!

Favorite NY spot?

Central Park and particularly the tennis courts.

Memorable "only in New York" moment?

Question: Where else can you find a Korean owner of Jewish deli teaching their Mexican staff to offer a taste of smoked salmon in Yiddish! Answer - At UES Sable's.

What do you miss most about

Australia? Families and friends who are grounded in every way and the Australia Post!

CLASSIFIEDS

Brooklyn One Bedroom Sublet or House Share

wanted February to August 2011 for wonderful Australian woman moving to New York for 6 months who will be studying and writing. Happy to share with male or female housemate. Please contact Claire Gibson claire.gibson@me.com



5x5 underwear DRIVE

IN SUPPORT OF THE QLD FLOOD APPEAL

5 pairs x 5 friends . . . can you collect 30 pairs?

Qld Flood Survivors desperately need a little something we all take for granted:
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Bring your underwear to donate (well not yours) to our February Coffee Morning.

1 or 5 pairs . . . or whatever you can . . .

[facebook.com/Underwear-Drive-QLd-Flood-Appeal](https://www.facebook.com/Underwear-Drive-QLd-Flood-Appeal)

Like to promote your business or let other AWNY members know about an event, project or organisation you are involved in?

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If you have visited somewhere of interest recently, in or beyond New York, or have book, restaurant, or entertainment recommendations, we would love to hear from you!

The deadline for Newsletter contributions is the 20th of each month.

We welcome your submissions and ideas.

Please contact us!

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