

# Phoenix Rising



## All the Fun of the Gold Tie Dinner

As part of its fifty year celebrations, Phoenix Society held a Gold Tie Dinner on the 23rd of May at the Adelaide Convention Centre where 450 people enjoyed a wonderful event and danced the night away to Chunky Custard. Phoenix Ambassadors, Ali Carle and Wayne Phillips were fantastic MC's on the night and kept everyone informed and entertained.

Phoenix is very grateful to everyone who participated in and attended this successful event, with special thanks to the major sponsors of the evening – Rymill Wines, Coopers Brewery and Nelson Wheeler Nexia.

*Christine and Allan Brown with the Dodge Phoenix*



*Ali Carle at the podium on the night*

*More photos from the Gold Tie Dinner on the back page*

## Comments from the CEO



*Sue Davies, Annie Day, Ian Terry and Bronte Weeks at the High Tea in February*

It certainly has been a very busy start to our 50th anniversary year. We have had a number of events so far, commencing with a celebration of the Phoenix Women's Auxiliary at a High Tea held in February at Ayers House.

In March we held the Family Fun Day at the Crows Shed and in May we held a Gold Tie Dinner as well as celebrating Phoenix's actual birthday on Monday 26th May with events at all facilities and gifts for all employees and staff.

We still have the Whyalla events to come with a film day in June for all employees and a cocktail function in July to thank our customers and supporters.

Fifty years is a great milestone and one we are deservedly recognising and celebrating.

Ian Terry  
Chief Executive Officer

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## Flipper is 50 as well !

Phoenix Ambassador Wayne Phillips was born in the same year that the Society was formed – 1958. Flipper joined in the 50 year celebrations and enjoyed a special Phoenix cake, presented to him at Torrensville, on his birthday in March.

Wayne also recently commenced a new job. He has been appointed to the position of Executive Officer with the Adelaide Turf Cricket Association and took up his new role on the 1st of June.

*Ashley Paterson and Michelle Uppington presented Wayne with a cake and good wishes for his 50th birthday*



## A Visit from the Governor



*Michael Lech explains to His Excellency the steps he takes to do the cardboard insert job*

Phoenix was very pleased to host a visit from His Excellency, the Governor of South Australia, Kevin Scare AC CSC RANR and Mrs Scarce during March.

His Excellency and Mrs Scarce visited the Torrensville, Gepps Cross and Elizabeth facilities and saw first hand the work that Phoenix does for its many customers.

It is pleasing to note, that in a tradition that commenced with Sir Edric Bastyan in 1964, every South Australian Governor, including His Excellency, has accepted the role of Patron of Phoenix Society.

## Daybreak Update



*(left to right) Mr. Siu Tack Chuan Chairman Daybreak Executive Committee, Dato' Sandra Lee Executive Chairperson Daybreak, Ms Penny Williams Australian High Commissioner to Malaysia, Professor Tan Hock Lim Professor of Paediatrics Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (member of Australia Malaysia Institute), Robert Styling AFSM and Dr Mark Napier First Secretary Australian High Commissioner to Malaysia.*

In May, Phoenix Society General Manager Human Resources, Mr Robert Styling, paid another visit to Phoenix's Malaysian partner, Persatuan Daybreak in Ipoh. During that visit he and the Committee of Daybreak were joined by the Australian High Commissioner to Malaysia, Ms Penny Williams. The High Commissioner toured the facility and heard about the partnership between Phoenix and Daybreak. She advised that the High Commission had set aside RM 1.5 million (A\$500,000) for 'people to people' projects that promoted bilateral links between Australia and Malaysia, through the Australia Malaysia Institute (AMI). Professor Tan Hock Lim, who is an Executive Member of AMI also attended the meeting.

AMI has previously assisted the Phoenix and Daybreak partnership in supporting a staff exchange and training program between the two organisations.

Phoenix staff including CEO, Ian Terry will be visiting Malaysia and Daybreak later this year to meet with a range of people, including members of the Government, in order to develop more formal relationships relating to services for people with a disability. They will also be discussing how to further develop the relationship between Phoenix and Daybreak.

The partnership between Phoenix and Daybreak spans some 14 years and this has been strengthened over the last 3 years with the development of the Staff Exchange Program that has been jointly funded by AMI and the South Australian Chapter of the Australia Malaysia Business Council.

## Greening Whyalla



As Phoenix continues its commitment to the environment, the green initiative was officially launched at the Whyalla facility on the 1st of May.

Phoenix's Environmental Mascot – Ruff the Recycler – travelled from Adelaide to be part of the launch and again handed out green iced donuts and drinks to everyone as well as a green hat with the slogan "Phoenix Works ... at being GREEN".

Whyalla staff and employees are actually ahead of their metropolitan counterparts as they have already implemented many environmental initiatives over the past few years. Many of these initiatives were originally put in place to reduce costs to the organisation, however they have proved to also reduce the impact on the environment. Which ever way you look at it – everyone benefits from that.

## Bound for Bathurst

When the opportunity arose for Peter Ware to compete at the Bathurst Motor Festival in February this year he jumped at the chance to fulfil a childhood dream. Peter is the Senior Supervisor at Phoenix Society's Torrensville facility and has been a motor racing fan since the age of six.

Peter competes in the HQ Class and proudly displays the Phoenix logo on the sides of his vehicle. Earlier in the year Peter and his crew were invited to race at Bathurst against the top 15 drivers from each state.

This is how Peter described the experience ... "racing on the 7km mountain was an awesome and unforgettable experience, with plenty of room for passing, hitting 160kmh into Brock Skyline, screaming through the Dipper, to reaching 230kmh down Conrod Straight and turning into Caltex Chase without backing off. Not bad for a car more closely related to a 35 year old 'Taxi' than a V8 Supercar!"

For the record Peter's team finished 17th from a field of 84 cars and the HQ's have been invited back again next year.



## Bill Shorten Drops In

During a recent visit to Adelaide, Bill Shorten, Parliamentary Secretary for Disability, dropped into Phoenix's Torrensville facility. He happened to walk in as one section were doing their daily stretching exercises – so he promptly joined in, to the delight of the team.

While touring the facility, Bill took time out to speak with many of the employees and was happy to have his photo taken when asked. He was also impressed with the variety of work being undertaken by Phoenix and the variety of jobs available to employees.



*Bill Shorten met Dean Elix during his visit*

## Happy Birthday Phoenix

Phoenix celebrated its actual 50th Birthday on Monday the 26th of May 2008. To mark the occasion, all facilities held a celebratory function on that day.

As it was a birthday – of course there were gifts. Every Phoenix employee and staff member received a 50th Anniversary T-Shirt (as modelled by the Post Haste crew in the photo below) as well as some other gifts in recognition of this special event.



Brenton Ragless, the new weather presenter from Channel 9 joined in the celebrations at the Torrensville facility, helping CEO Ian Terry to cut the cake.



# Phoenix Society - Golden Jubilee Lottery

50 years of  
Phoenix  
in 2008



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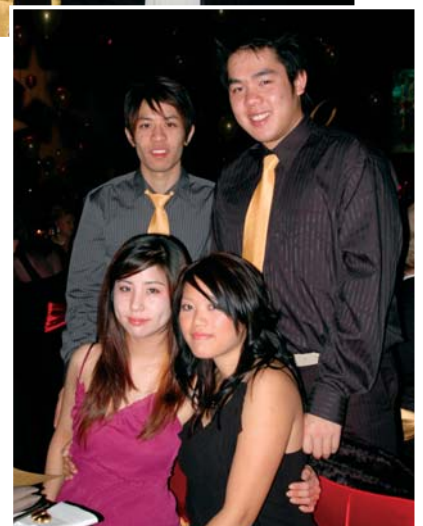
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## Photos from the Gold Tie Dinner



Clockwise from left:  
Angie and Brenton Matheson;  
Chunky Custard had the crowd dancing and singing all night;  
Terry Harris, Gail Harris, Lyn Breuer MP, Ian Terry and Margaret Terry;  
Back - Johnny Tran and Son Tran  
Front - Catherine Nguyen and Sandy Tran