

Important Dates 2008

Now is the time to pull out your 2008 diary and lock in these important dates:

Sydney Hostel Managers' meeting	13 February, 17 September
Sydney Surrounds Marketing meeting	26 March
Operated Hostel Managers' meeting	5 May, 26 November
Managers' Seminar (Byron Bay)	6 - 7 May
South Coast regional meeting	16 October
North Coast regional meeting	21 October
Mid North Coast regional meeting	23 October



Attendees at the 2007 Managers' Seminar, Blue Mountains YHA

YHA/Greyhound Competition - TNT Korea



YHA has organised a competition in the Korean TNT magazine (a monthly publication) in conjunction with Greyhound, offering the lucky winner a Greyhound Pass and 10 Ozabout vouchers for use at YHA hostels.

This is part of a range of promotions targeting the growing Korean backpacker market, which also includes national ads in *TNT Korea* and other targeted publications.

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Glenn from Bundanoon recently welcomed some interesting guests - a Swiss family with two small children travelling around the world (over seven seas to seven world summits) to inspire children to protect the world's environment. Dario and Sabine Schworer are travelling by bike in Australia (and by sail boat around the world) visiting schools and making presentations to inspire children through their travels. They stayed at Bundanoon YHA in November and were impressed by YHA's commitment to the environment and the backpacking style of travel. They stayed at Thredbo YHA over New Year (see photo with Nadia Fadel, Manager Thredbo YHA) and plan to cycle on to the Blue Mountains this month. They will be travelling along the East Coast once the school term begins, so watch out for them in your area.



For more information on the family and their travels, visit toptotop.org

New Internet Stations at Sydney Central YHA



As part of the final stages of the level one refurbishment project at Sydney Central YHA, one-of-a-kind piano internet stations have been installed. The second hand pianos were rescued from certain death at a piano graveyard and after a good dose of creativity and a lot of internal surgery, they have been given a new lease on life. Thanks to the Maintenance and IT staff for helping on this rather unusual project.

Great Feedback Railway Square YHA

Well done to Helen Vine and her team of staff at Railway Square YHA, who inspired this great piece of feedback through the YHA website. We love the enthusiasm!:

"Very convenient to reach, 10 minutes from airport. Full facilities and more comfortable than a hotel. Internet, kitchen, TV room, laundry, pool and friendly staff. I will be back next year, absolutely at the YHA Railway! YEAH!! I LOVE IT"

- Phetcharat, January 2008

