

JABCSA Showcase

The Japan Australia Business Council of SA Showcase for 2009 was well attended and generously hosted by Professional & Continuing Education at Adelaide University. JABCSA Treasurer Ben Sparrow masterly warmed the crowd as MC, and set the scene for a night that was educational and entertaining, with three highly relevant speakers giving insights into business opportunities and relationships between Japan and Australia. In addition to the presentation by the speakers, tastings of wine and oysters were also on show. Constellation Wines, represented by James Carmen, provided a number of red and white wine varieties, and Aqa Oysters, represented by David Linder-Patton, supplied fresh SA oysters. Both wine and oysters were very much appreciated by all attendees.

Of the presentations, Liz Pryzibilla of Professional & Continuing Education (PCE) gave insights in the activities of the PCE, highlighting their services in Japanese-Australian and Australian-Japanese language tuition, cultural education courses and business support for Australians conducting business in Japan.

James Carmen of Constellation Wines spoke about the wine varieties on display for tasting (Hardys Sir James – Vintage 2004, Hardys Heritage Reserve Bin – D639 Riesling 2008, Hardys Chronicles – Butcher’s Gold Shiraz Sangiovese 2007), and his thoughts of opportunities for wine producers in the Asian region.

David Linder-Patton give an enlightening and entertaining presentation on the business activities and capabilities of Aqa Oysters, providing interesting information on the oyster industry, and experiences in supplying fresh (and in some cases live) produce to the Japanese market.

The night proved to be highly successful, with lively discussion following each presentation and networking in general. The JABCSA would like to thank Professional & Continuing Education for hosting the event, and Constellation Wine and Aqa Oysters for their contributions of wine and oysters respectively – your support is greatly appreciated.

