A few days ago we had our Sex Party staff Christmas party in the Canberra office. It was wonderful to be able to have the team around the table.

We each took turns to say how we felt about the work we had done this year. It's funny that while there were less events on our calendar this year (only one state election, a by-election, three Sexpos, fetish expo, midsumma, mardi gras fair day, pride marches, slutwalks, conSensual and numerous Sex Party meetings) it really does feel like 2011 was our busiest year yet. I think that is because we we have been busy developing the Party which is very exciting. I believe as a Party we have shifted our position from "Wow, I can't believe we are actually doing this" to "Right, How do we improve and make this Party even better". Now the hard work really begins.

And on that note, I would like to send a huge thank you to every member, supporter and wonderful volunteer who has donated their time and energy to the Sex Party this year. Without your contributions the Sex Party simply would not exist.

As a team we also had a chat about what 2012 held in store for us - elections, registrations, a website upgrade, more Sexpos.....! It's going to be an amazing year for the Sex Party, and I am really excited to be sharing it with all of you.

Finally, we stopped talking about work (well, for a couple of minutes at least) and turned our attentions to the sparkling wine, prawns and salad - What better way to celebrate the year. Here's wishing you all a happy and safe holiday season.

Cheers,

Fiona Patten and the Sex Party Team.

P.S. Psst - want to know what really goes on at a Sex Party Christmas party? We all wore paper hats and told the corny jokes from our crackers. After a bit more wine and amidst many

giggles we all attempted to download 'blendr' onto our phones and see if we could locate each other (I don't exactly remember why). Eventually the afternoon digressed into a shameless paper airplane throwing competition, which was won by our youngest guest. Yep, we're hard core! :-)

We started off quite businesslike, without a drink in sight.

Later in the afternoon it was all giggles and Blendr.