



MAINA WALKLEY

Campaign Updates

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The Richmond Electoral District campaign kicked off with a big bang when Liberal supporters flocked into the main hall of the Oriana Reception in the western suburb of Melbourne on October 21 to mark the historic 33-day campaign leading to the November 25 state election.

More than 250 guests joined in the campaign launch led by top brass Liberals such as Sen. Judith Troeth and Richard Dalla-Riva who came in as guests speakers. Other Liberal candidates included Dino de Marchi, Gladys Liu, and other friends. They attended the evening in an all out show to support Maina Walkley—the Liberal candidate for Richmond.

Sen. Troeth and Dalla-Riva, in their respective speeches, lauded Maina's courage in accepting her candidacy to run for Richmond. They expressed overwhelming confidence in Maina's capability to deliver better services for Richmond. Sen. Troeth said she is impressed by Maina's track record in community building not only in the Filipino community but in the entire state of Victoria which speaks well of her merits to represent Richmond.

Philippine Honorary Consul Raul Hernandez, read a speech written by Philippine Senator Richard Gordon who failed to fly to Australia due to an emergency situation in the Philippines. His letter contains reminiscence of Maina's impressive performance in boosting bilateral trade relations between Australia and the

33-day Campaign Kicks Off



Photos (clockwise): Sen. Judith Troeth, Richard Dalla-Riva, Dino de Marchi's group, and Maina Walkley. More photos at the Gallery

Philippines as well as in helping to promote tourism industry.

Campaign Director Sunny Duong has also strongly endorsed the Liberal Party's policy platform underscoring a dramatic change of policy is needed in Victoria. He is confident that voting for Maina would be a vote for the Liberal Party's radical policy changes.

Maina's supporters roared with thundering applause when she stressed out she is going to win for Richmond. And while the 33-day cam-

paign has just reeled off, she appealed to supporters to spread her name and Liberal's policies to friends and associates in Richmond District who are going to vote for November 25.

The event was celebrated with gourmet's food, wines, raffle draw, and auction—alternately with an electric and pulsating live band, dance, and entertainment. The campaign launch was sponsored by the Richmond Electoral Council and the Pampangeno Association in Victoria.