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Last year I sent out the message below and it is probably worth me sending it out again. I am keen to encourage attendance at our Christmas party and hopefully this will make the rules clear.

Canberra staff have been given information about our annual Xmas party – an event not to be missed. I am not sure what the arrangements are in each State office but thought I should set out the technical details of attendance and work time.

For the Canberra office attendance at the official Xmas party is to be counted as work. Attendance is voluntary. If you don't attend you are expected to be at work (or on approved leave) as this is not another unofficial half day holiday, it is support for an office event. Some teams may also have a team celebration but that is expected to be a lunchtime affair, not another afternoon off work.


For each of the State offices the same arrangement applies – attendance at the office Xmas party for one afternoon can be recorded as attendance at work, but again attendance is voluntary and we can give only one afternoon for attendance. Those not attending are expected to be at work.

As a final note I should point out that although the office Xmas party is entirely optional, and office Xmas parties often have a bad reputation, this office does a great Xmas party. If you come along I am sure you will have lots of fun, and it is always rewarding to spend a bit of social time with colleagues from the office. (Having said that, I have to tender my own apologies as I will be in PNG on the day. I am very sorry to miss an occasion that I have been looking forward to for some time!! ☺)

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