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To: All Staff  
From: The Boss  
Date: 3.30pm on Day of Christmas Party

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Dear Staff,

Looking forward to the Christmas Party this afternoon.  
Here's some important points about the event -

### **ALCOHOL**

As usual, we'll have a truly insane amount of free alcohol, enough to kill a herd of wild brumbies many times over. To encourage you to act like wild brumbies and take full advantage of my generosity, we've got mini-buses to take you between each stage of the event from 3.30pm today. In fact, you're probably already on those buses as I send you this note... Hopefully you will see this email on your iPhones as you travel to the first venue.

### **PLAN\***

We've gone to a lot of trouble to plan a great event. Here's the schedule-  
First Stop - Pre-Drinks at the Pub - one hour of drinking  
Second Stop - Barefoot Bowls - two hours of drinking  
Third Stop - Canape style dinner - and three more hours of drinking.

**Note: There will be a 3-canape limit per person.**

Fourth Stop - After party - and more drinking

That's eight hours of continuous drinking! Yay!

On an unrelated note - Nothing is more important to us than your safety, so please drink responsibly. Remember to hydrate.

### **JAEGER BOMBS**

We're providing house wines and beers only, but don't worry, because we all know who on the senior team will shout all the under-25-year-old-women Jaeger Bombs. He's so cool like that, and you girls do remind him of his daughters.

### **TRANSPORT**

Remember, the function goes til 12 midnight, plus we encourage you to kick on afterwards. Don't forget the last mini-bus back to the office will leave the function at 8.30pm. How you get home from the office, or get home later than 8.30pm, is really for you to work out. Uber, Walking, Staying at a colleague's flat without telling anyone at home (so they're wildly ringing around at 4am searching for you), Or coming straight into work from the after party are all great options.

## **IMPORTANT PEOPLE**

There are a load of senior leaders attending tonight, so it's a great opportunity for networking. Feel free to give them lots of feedback on how you're finding work and particularly if you're not happy with your boss. Slurring your words, just makes the senior people listen more intently to your wisdom. They absolutely LOVE feedback on the Christmas gift too. Give them both barrels. A tip to remember - It's always best to repeat your thoughts a few times - this is your chance to make sure the Senior Leaders really understand what you think.

## **CAREER CONVERSATIONS**

The Christmas Party is a great time for a Career Conversation. They go down particularly well after 10.30pm. Just let your hair down and tell everyone how you really feel about anything or everything. If there's a stage, jump up, grab that microphone and tell the whole room at once!

## **CHAMPAGNE OVER SOMEONE'S HEAD**

Everyone loves to be soaked in Champagne at a work function. Go for it. This is even funnier when you pretend you're at the Formula 1 and shake the bottle first, and triple the laughs when you do a 'shoey' and drink out of someone's best shoes.

## **BEER OVER SOMEONE'S HEAD**

Another fantastic idea. Just go for it. Especially, if it's a formal function and everyone is in their best clothes. They will definitely remember you fondly for it!

## **HARASSING COLLEAGUES**

Another winning opportunity. Don't give a thought to anything that will stop you - you know... like the law, the other person's enjoyment of the party, your career, the morals your parents taught you, or the fact you will need to show up and work with these people tomorrow. This is your chance to make that joke you have always wanted to, or to kiss that person in the Accounting team in front of your colleagues - it will be really romantic! It really is a 'all bets are off' situation.

## **CLOTHES OFF**

Christmas parties get hot. Feel free to whip off those constricting clothes as soon as you hit the dance floor. Your colleagues have waited all year to see that bod of yours. Consider your shirtless/topless torso your Christmas Gift to the whole team.

## **NO ONE IS HOSTING**

That's right - no one is hosting this event. Technically, someone suggested it should be me, but hell, it's been a big year for me too, so I'll be as off-my-face as the next person. There's some crazy laws about the duty of care, but seriously. I mean, seriously! We are all grown-ups... well, except maybe for the interns, and well, this 'is' part of 'work experience', right!

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

The last few years' Christmas parties have been pretty tough on HR, so the smarter HR people have either RSVP'ed 'No' for this event, or will leave by 10pm, just before the career and feedback-on-the-boss conversations start. Regardless, we've charged them with piecing the night's events back together using random statements from a bunch of people who were in a stupor on the night and remember very little. It's a solid three weeks since they finished last years' investigations, so they're relaxed and ready to go again.

## **TOMORROW**

Remember the rule - "What happens at the Christmas Party stays at the Christmas Party" - is invalid as soon as the sun comes up tomorrow. The Christmas Party will be a source of rich and unreliable gossip for 11 months and 29 days to come.

## **ENJOY YOURSELF!**

With wild abandonment of all responsibility and common sense

Your CEO

*Bob fakeington*

**\*This is an actual plan from a real Christmas Party. It went wrong. Badly.**