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On 5 January 2009, the contact person for general enquiries on Falun Dafa practice sites around Sydney on the Australian Falun Dafa Information Centre website was contacted by email with a request to provide information in response to the above (RRT Research & Information 2009, Email to Sealand Zhang: 'Request for information from the Refugee Review Tribunal, Sydney', 5 January – Attachment 1).

On 13 January 2009, the following information was provided by email in response:

Regarding the requests in your email, please find answer from what I know below:

[Can you provide the name of the group leader/volunteer coordinator/contact person for the Falun Gong practice site at city central park opposite central railway?]

1, In Belmore Park near Central station, [name deleted], an elderly man, long time Falun Gong practitioner should be the coordinator of that practice site. He is responsible/volunteer to bring the recording machine and play the exercise music for other people during the exercises. [name deleted] can read Zhuan Falun, our Falun Dafa spiritual teaching book very

well, but does not write well in Chinese. He has a kind heart. He has been helping this site for more than 10 years.

[For how long has this person been the group leader at this site?]

2, Recently, about 2 months ago, there is another table set up by few other volunteers in Belmore Park, [name deleted] should be the contact person. Another lady, [name deleted] also goes there everyday. [name deleted] does not think she is a coordinator there, as she is only just back from Hong Kong not long ago, and she does not know many people who join in the activities in Belmore park, especially the newcomers. This table is setup from 10am to 2pm Monday to Friday.

[What days and times are Falun Gong practice sessions held at this park?]

3, The practice site was from 9am to 11am Monday to Friday for over 10 years, but recently, the site tried to cooperate with the other information table, as mentioned above, so now they all start at 10am and finish 2pm (Zhang, S. 2009, Email to RRT Research & Information: 'Re Request for information from the Refugee Review Tribunal, Sydney', 13 January – Attachment 2).

List of Sources Consulted

Internet Sources:

Australian Falun Dafa Information Centre website http://www.falunau.org/sites&contacts.htm

List of Attachments

- 1. RRT Research & Information 2009, Email to Sealand Zhang: 'Request for information from the Refugee Review Tribunal, Sydney', 5 January.
- 2. Zhang, S. 2009, Email to RRT Research & Information: 'Re: Request for information from the Refugee Review Tribunal, Sydney', 13 January.