



NEWPORT NEWS

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*The President,
Executive Committee
& Committee Members
Of the
Seniors Group*



*Wish all our members and their families
A Blessed Christmas
&
A Happy New Year 2014*

The President's Message

Dear Fellow Members & Friends

I like to inform you, that, the Maltese Government has appointed His Excellency Mr Charles Muscat to be the new High Commissioner for the Republic of Malta in Australia

Mr Victor Grech, is the new Consul General for the Republic of Malta in the state of Victoria.

On behalf of all our members, I wish Mr Muscat and Mr Grech a happy stay in their new posting. I'm sure they will get the respect and co operation of every Maltese living in Aussie land.

2013 has been a good year for the Association and its members, celebrating 40 years of continuous harmony and unity which made it all possible to reach this milestone.

The celebrations at Melrose Receptions, were something that we will all (300 members) remember for a long time.

We have finalised putting together a "Combined Programme of Events for 2014". It is jam packed with various activities for you to enjoy and as the booking for each activity is open, don't forget to book early so you won't miss out.

Please keep in mind:-

Association Activities are to be booked with Olga Ellul, 97446096.

Seniors Group Activities are to be booked with Carmen Casa, 94368196.

2014 is election year for the Seniors Group Committee. The election will be held on Wednesday 12th February. In this issue of our Newsletter is a "nomination form". Any member, who has been financial for the past 12 months, has got the right to nominate for any position on the committee.

As Co Ordinator of the group, I have asked the

incumbents (present committee members) of their intentions and I am happy to inform you that we are all prepared to accept nominations for another term.

If a situation arise, were more than one member is nominated for any position, then voting by you the members, will have to take place. So therefore I urge you all to attend on this day.

As this edition of our newsletter is the last one for 2013, I like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to my fellow committee members on the board of both the association and the seniors for their continuous support and commitments in keeping Newport, as always on top.

On a personal note, permit me to say, it has been a pleasure for me to work along side these men and women who have Newport at heart.

Many thanks to our sponsors, their financial support is always welcomed with gratitude.

On closing, may I on behalf of my fellow Members of both Committees, wish you, all our members and your families, a Joyful and Safe Christmas and a New Year full of Happiness, Prosperity and Good Health.

Until next time, Sahha.

George M Saliba.

President & Seniors Co Ordinator.



Pictured above: Committee members with His Excellency Mr Charles Muscat the new High Commissioner for the Republic of Malta in Australia

Newport Maltese Association **Annual General Meeting**

On Sunday 13th October the Newport Maltese Association held their Annual General Meeting at the Maltese Community Centre in Parkville. The customary process took place with no problems occurring. Everything went smoothly and the meeting was over fairly quickly.

Those who attended the meeting were served some sandwiches, pastizzi and cannoli each, coffee, tea, wine and soft drinks were also available. We would like to thank all those members who attended for their support.

Pictured below are photos from the meeting.

Lydia Cole
P.R.O.



Seniors' Corner

By Gwen Busuttil

SENIOR'S EVENTS

SEPTEMBER OCTOBER NOVEMBER

This quarter we started with a weekend away on a pokie trip, weather was not really spring, especially when it was such an early start, however we all soon warmed up in the bus, with Victor making sure that nobody gets hungry. Bread puddings, cakes, cookies, sweets etc., etc., all supplied by our members who are great cooks. Thank you all.

Great accommodation, great breakfast, great company, and we came back with empty pockets.

Our next outing was to Queenscliff, again it was overcast, however the rain stayed in Melbourne, and Queenscliff was enjoyable. After selecting what we were having for lunch (we opted out for fish and chips, which were delicious) many played bocci, some played cards, and others just relaxed. Our bus trips are always filled with laughter as the latest jokes are shared around, plus we all enjoy each other's company.

Fun Night, the name says it all. Everyone was ready to really have fun. George welcomed everyone, and directed everyone's attention to a photo board with photos of all the committee in their younger years. A sheet was given to every table, and the one that had the most right were the winners. This kept everyone amused throughout the night. The Horse Race is always a winner, so popular, and may I say that it was so professional since Joe and Andrew computerized it. Some jokes from our well known comedian Vince Calleja, and some musical entertainment from Stan Azzopardi. A very enjoyable night, and fully subsidised by the Senior's Group. Your support at work.

TASMANIA. Bags packed, tickets ready, and fifty four members were ready to board the flight leaving at 7a.m. Everyone was there! A coach was ready to meet us as soon as we landed, and we got to meet the best coach captain we could ever hope for...Trudi Harding. All the men now have a different approach to women driving! First on the list was the town of Richmond, over a historical bridge, and on to the first Catholic Church built in Australia, which is really beautiful. Up on the hill just on

the side of the church we came upon the cemetery with all the graves facing the valley beneath. Most cemeteries are morbid by nature however this one was so peaceful and scenic at the same time. For lunch, Trudi drove us to the village which was full of beautiful little shops, full of crafts, and bric a brac of a bygone era. The bakeries were welcoming, and some got introduced to 'scallop pies' apparently quite famous in Tassie. After lunch it was on to Mt. Wellington, which was rather cold, but the views from up the top were quite spectacular. Hobart is right underneath, and you could see the Tasman Bridge which we crossed over quite a few times. An orientation drive around the town, and then on to our accommodation for a well earned rest. This was right in the heart of Hobart, the rooms were comfortable and clean with the fluffiest towels every single day.

After a hearty breakfast we were free to do whatever we wanted today. Salamanca market was the destination of many in the group. Lots to see, clever people create beautiful things. Would have loved to stay there longer, however, my bung legs needed resting. Thank God for the shuttle bus, this came just in time to take some of us back to the hotel for a rest. Free evening, so dinner venue is up to us. A group of us opted to visit Wrest Point. Rather than have me do all the write ups on this trip, I have selected some of our members to put their views on some of the outings we had.

Thank you Mary Azzopardi, Louis Camilleri, and Alfred Farrugia. ****

Wednesday 6th November, left Scamander at 8.30a.m. driving on the North East of Tasmania, past St. Helen. Stopped at the Bay of Fires with magnificent views all around, with the beach and the white sand. The weather was by far the best we had. Onwards to Legerwood for a coffee break, and a chance to admire tree wood carvings of soldiers lost in battle in World War One. These were in memory of local people who had given their life during this war. After stopping in Scottsdale for lunch, on wards to Launceston where we stopped for the next couple of days. (thank you Alfred). Thursday 7th, after a lovely breakfast we set off to Grindelwald, a lovely village that makes you think that we were right in Switzerland. The buildings, the specialty shops, the lovely lake, and off course more excuse for shopping. Brady's Lookout was our next stop, this was another photo opportunity, in fact the photos you see were both taken there. At noon Ashgrove Cheese Factory in Elizabeth Town was our next stop. With an insight on how cheese is produced, and of course lots of sampling. For lunch Trudi took us to Deloraine. A beautiful town

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At the 40th Anniversary Gala Dinner Dance, certificates were awarded to those committee members who has contributed their service to the Newport Maltese Association and the Newport Maltese Association Seniors Group during the last ten years. A copy of the certificate is pictured below followed by pictures of the recipients of this certificate which was presented by Mr Victor Borg.



Mrs Lillian Calleja



Mrs Mary Cefai



Mr Victor Casa



Mrs Carmen Casa



Mrs Lena Saliba



Mrs Lydia Cole



Mr Joseph Cole



Mr Vincent Calleja



Mr George Saliba



Mr Vincent Camilleri

NEWPORT MALTESE ASSOCIATION
FUNCTION DATES FOR 2013/2014

SUN 1st DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP DINNER	MELROSE RECEPTION
TUES 31st DECEMBER	NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL	LAKSIDE RECEPTION
SUN 23rd FEBRUARY	CARNIVAL DANCE	MELROSE RECEPTION
SUN 6th APRIL	COMEDY LUNCHEON	MCCV PARKVILLE

NEXT FEW FUNCTIONS FOR THE
SENIORS GROUP FOR 2013/2014

WED 11th DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP DINNER	MELROSE RECEPTION
WED 22nd JANUARY	RESUME GATHERING	MCCV PARKVILLE
WED 12th FEBRUARY	SENIORS AGM	MCCV PARKVILLE
THUR 27th FEBRUARY	SENIORS DAY TRIP	TBA

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with the most spectacular floral tree lined trees. We appreciated the beautiful scenery which every corner of Tasmania seems to have.

41 degrees South Salmon & Ginseng Farm Wetland, with Ziggy the owner, who created this farm. Ziggy has to his credit created this patch of paradise in Tasmania since 1998. Farming Salmon, growing ginseng, chickens, ducks and roosters roaming the grasslands.

As George has done of every occasion on trips such as these, he delivers special awards, and the recipients on this occasion were as follows:- Road Runner - Rennie Busuttill, Camera Man – Joe Camilleri, Photographer – Mary Azzopardi, Noisiest – Joe Azzopardi, Quietest – Margaret Spiteri, Romeo & Juliet – Marylyn Zammit and Doris Farrugia, Most Helpful – Victor Galea, Odd Couple – Mary Cefai and Antoinette John, Comedian – Paul Schembri, Happy Go Lucky – Giacinto Cassar, Most Distinguished Hat – Tony Attard, Tasmanian Trip Snooker Champion – Charlie Borg.

After handing down these awards, George also awarded Trudi the Best Coach Captain we have ever had.

Top 2 photos: from the Seniors Group Fun Night

Bottom 2 photos: The Seniors group that went to Tasmania



PORT ARTHUR:

By Mary Azzopardi

The Port Arthur Historic site is a place of national and international significance. Part of the epic story of the settlement of this country. Port Arthur was much more than a prison. It was a complete community home to military personnel and free settlers.

The convicts worked at farming and industries producing a large range of resources and materials. The Port Arthur penal station was established in 1830 as a timber-getting camp using convict labour to produce sawn logs for government projects. From 1833 Port Arthur was used as a punishment station for offenders from all the Australian Colonies. The penal settlement finally closed in 1877 and many of its buildings were dismantled or destroyed in bush fires and the area gradually became the centre of a small town renamed Carnarvon in an attempt to erase the hated convict stain. However the stories of the convict life proved to be a major drawcard and tourists began visiting almost immediately after the closure of the penal settlement.

By the 1920's the settlement was once again named Port Arthur. On Sunday 28th April 1996 a lone gunman shot and killed 35 people and physically wounded 19 others in and around Port Arthur Historic Site. The Port Arthur Historic Site contains more than 30 historic buildings, extensive ruins and beautiful grounds and gardens and a short ferry ride from the Site is the Isle of the Dead.

HOBART TO SCAMANDER

TUE 5th NOV 2013

By Louis Camilleri

I wish to share our experience with you for one day of our journey in Tasmania.

We hopped on the coach at 8.45am with our lovely members and wonderful driver Trudy. We went to Oatlands travelling along the Brooker Highway, while Frank, Victor and George were organizing our cup sweep. Did really well considering we were on the coach bumps and all with the collection of money and the lucky dip for a horse.

Arrived at Oatlands and on board came Tony, our tour guide to give us his local knowledge of the town. Oatlands is located in the centre of Tasmania, one hour's drive from Hobart. Very quaint, blends with the past and present keeping to the heritage period, building of sandstone with the design of the Georgian era which gives you a calming feeling. We had a pit stop at Lake Dulverton in Oatlands which is known for it's duck and birdlife. A short walk to Callington Mill built in 1836 by John Vincent. To see such a structure is awesome.

On board again with the rowdy group off to Ross Town. Once again the stone buildings and the famous Ross Bridge. The country around it is breath taking and lots of history.

Back on board everyone asking when and where is lunch. It is half an hour away at Campbell Town. This is a larger town and has all the commodities. All along the foot path on both sides of the main street are rows of bricks inscribed with the name of the convict, the ship they arrived on and the crime and punishment, some of them stole a loaf of bread and got seven years.

Well everyone had lunch, majority went for fish and chips. Of course the ladies went looking for bargains and guess what !!!!! They sure did, cloths and shoes.

2.15pm with our belly full, on the way to Scamander along the winding road. On the way we stopped at the blow hole for a pit stop and an ice cream. The blow hole, well, I think we had better on the coach after our baked beans breakfast, ha h ha.

We arrived at the hotel, situated on the beach front, really beautiful views of the Tasman sea, there we had dinner, some went for a walk, the rest stayed in, then it's off to bed.

WE ARE THE ONLY GENERATION WHO HAVE SEEN

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02/03/04

03/04/05

04/05/06

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08/09/10

09/10/11

10/11/12

& lets celebrate

11/12/13 too



Newport Maltese Association Inc. Senior Citizens Group

COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM

The Annual General Meeting including the bi-annual Election of the Committee will be held at the Maltese Community Centre, 477 Royal Parade, Parkville, on Wednesday 12th February 2014

Your vote is important in selecting the Committee to represent you.

We hope that every member can attend on this important day of the year.

Prospective Committee Members are to take into account the guidelines shown below.

1. All nominated persons are to be current financial members, with a minimum of 12 months membership.
2. Members are entitled to one vote per vacancy that is contested by more than one member.
3. Members can nominate one candidate for every position contested.
4. Nomination forms must reach the Secretary no later than Wednesday 29th January 2014
5. All nominations must be signed by the Nominator and the Seconder to be eligible.
6. **Nomination forms can be passed on, or posted to:**

**The Secretary
Andrew Gatt
Newport Maltese Association Senior Citizens Group
C/- 477 Royal Parade
Parkville
Vic. 3052
Phone:**

Please cut along dotted line

Nomination Form 2014

<u>Nominees</u>	<u>Position to be contested</u>	<u>Nominees' Signature</u>
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Nominated by: _____

Seconded by: _____



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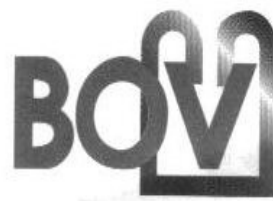
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