



## ST. HELENA MALTESE - AUSTRALIAN SOCIAL CLUB Inc.

July 2013

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# Newsletter

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members and Friends of St Helena

Welcome to another addition of the Newsletter and we welcome winter in which it has been one of the coldest winters I can remember.

Our Feast is fast approaching with only seven weeks to go and we look forward to seeing the church and hall packed again on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> of August, which is Feast Day.

We are happy to say that the Dinner Dance on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August at Melrose Receptions Tullamarine is almost full with over 700 expected to attend.

At the Dinner Dance we have Joe Galea from Sydney to entertain us, and he will also be with us on Sunday at the feast with a different show.

The band for Saturday night is the same as previous years "Vibe" and our MC for both nights is the very popular Charlie Zammit (Iz-Ziffa).

Unfortunately, we have not had a function at Parkville this year because of the noise complaint and we do not know when we will be starting again, however we still have functions at Errington Hall, St. Albans and at the Moonee Ponds Bowling Club which we are hoping to have a lot more.

I would like to encourage all the members to attend our General Meeting on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2013 to hear what is going on at the club and what is about to happen in future.

Another reminder is that our Christmas Function is on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December at Melrose Receptions, Tullamarine. The cost for the Christmas function is \$28 for Members (almost half price) and \$50 Non Members.

We are always looking for young people to join our club and we are very happy with our young Secretary Kylie Dimech, who is doing a fantastic job for the club, hopefully we will have another young person joining the committee soon.

As I keep announcing in every Newsletter, Members need to keep supporting our functions and weekend trips, so we can keep presenting our Members with a better Feast each year.

Once again, I would like to thank all our sponsors and I ask that you continue to support them and tell them you are a proud Member of St. Helena.

I also thank my hard working committee and their partners and all volunteers for their support.

See you all on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Croatian Entertainment Centre for mass and later at the hall for refreshments and be entertained by the Maltese United Brass Band.

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Dinner Dance at Melrose Receptions, Tullamarine.

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Feast Day at the Croatian Entertainment Centre, Fitzgerald Road, Ardeer.

Thank you and Viva St Helena  
Regards

**Victor Bartolo**  
**President**

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## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

|                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| President           | Mr. Victor Bartolo |
| Vice President      | Mr. Joe Busuttil   |
| Secretary           | Ms. Kylie Dimech   |
| Assistant Secretary | Mrs. Mary Abdilla  |
| Treasurer           | Mr. Joe Borg       |
| Assistant Treasurer | Mr. Joe Abdilla    |
| P.R.O.              | Miss. Mary Bartolo |
| Function Organiser  | Mrs. Mary Abdilla  |
| Assistant Organiser | Mr Joe Galea       |
| Church Organiser    | Mr. Joe Grima      |

Have you ever considered joining  
our Committee?

We are an energetic team and enjoy  
bringing the Maltese-Australian  
community together

We currently have a vacancy and  
are looking for volunteers to join us.  
If you wish to know a little more feel  
free to speak to Victor Bartolo.

*Come join us.*

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Remaining 2013 activity schedule, please  
write these dates in your calendar so you  
don't miss out and be disappointed. Please  
remember to book early as spaces are  
limited.

We thank you for your continued support of  
these functions and look forward to seeing  
you there.

## 2013 DIARY

### Weekend Bus Trips

#### Date changes

Please change on your calendar

|                              |            |
|------------------------------|------------|
| 26/27 <sup>th</sup> October  | Deniliquin |
| 14/15 <sup>th</sup> December | Tocumwal   |

Prices include, transport, accommodation all  
meals and entry into venues.

Remember to book early so you don't miss  
out on a weekend filled with lots of great  
company, laughter and pokies.

## Social Functions

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| 20 July           | Cancelled ( sound problems ) |
| 23, 24, 25 August | Feast, Melrose/Croatian Cent |
| 21 September      | Errington                    |
| 19 October        | Moonee Ponds Bowling Club    |
| 23 November       | TBA                          |
| 21 December       | Christmas, Melrose reception |

## 2013 Annual General Meeting

- Sunday 20th October 2013
- 2 p.m.
- Maltese Centre, Parkville
- Followed by refreshments

## Christmas function

Date: Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2013

Venue: Melrose receptions, Tullamarine

Time: 6:30 pm till late

Music: DJ Tony Plus floor show

Cost: members \$28 Non members \$50

Booking please call: Victor 0412 991 325

Mary Abdilla 9370 5164 Joe Busuttil 9311 8968

**Book early to avoid disappointment**

**RECIPE**  
**Octopus stew**  
(Serves 4)

**Ingredients**

1kg squid/octopus  
1 tbsp olive oil  
400g chopped onions  
2 bay leaves  
1tsp mixed spice  
2tbsp tomato paste  
1tbsp mint  
1 tbsp basil or marjoram  
400ml white wine  
2 tbsp sultanas or raisins  
10 black olives  
400 g frozen peas  
800g potatoes, cut in half or quarters

**Method**

Cut up the squid into small pieces.

In a saucepan, cook the onions in the olive oil.  
Add the squid and cook for 5 mins.

Add the bay leaves, spices, tomato paste, mint  
and basil and continue cooking for a further  
minute.

Add the wine, sultanas, olives and peas and bring  
to the boil.

Simmer and cook for 45mins, add the potatoes  
and cook for a further 15mins.

Serve with pasta, or with vegetables and crusty  
bread.

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