

## RESKEON NEWSLETTER

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#### Welcome! Merhba!

Welcome once again to another issue of Reskeon Newsletter.

September is with us, and with us as well are the main celebrations of our Association. I am referring to the Feast of Maria Bambina. On September 8, there will be a Mass at Paul's Chapel, Parkville, at 7 pm. The Feast will be held the following Sunday, September 14, at St Mary's Star of the Sea Church, West Melbourne, starting at 2.30 pm. This year's Bambina Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, September 6, at Firenze Reception. Please support us and organise a table of family and friends.

Paul and Salvina Vella attended two meetings on behalf of the Association.

Fr Dr Victor Shields visited the Seniors at Merrilands Community Centre and he celebrated Mass for the members.

The Seniors enjoyed a delicious buffet lunch at Roxburgh Park Hotel. A good number of members attended and enjoyed the day.

On Thursday, August 14, the Seniors enjoyed a Father's Day Luncheon at Firenze Receptions. As always all members enjoyed the day.

Our Honorary Auditor, Mr Paul Borg, was awarded the OAM in recognition of his volunteer work in the Community.The committee and members congratulate him.

The Seniors enjoyed a free Sausage Sizzle at Merrilands Community Centre. Members were treated to a sausage in a bread roll and a can of soft drink.

We always enjoy hearing of successes of family members of our members, especially if they are the young ones, the grandchildren. One of them is Jade Colver-Vella, granddaughter of Caesar and Phyllis Vella. Jade won the Gold in the Karate National Championships in Perth. She is only young, but here achievements are great.

We would like to thank our members for their ongoing support. Please support our only Dinner Dance on September 6, and attend the Bambina Feast on Sept. 8 and 14.

You can read these stories in full on the inside pages of this newsletter. We encourage you to use the services of the advertisers in our Newsletter because they help financially in producing it for you. Tell them that you have seen their advert in our Newsletter.

Until we meet again, take care and drive carefully. In your prayers, remember those with no one to pray for them. Thank you.

PAUL VELLA, Editor

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# The Seniors enjoyed a Father's Day Luncheon at Firenze

The Reskeon Seniors Group celebrated Father's Day with a Luncheon at Firenze Receptions, Fawkner, on Thursday, 14th August. Around 140 members attended. This number would have been larger if it wasn't for the amount of members holidaying in Malta and others who were suffering with the flu. Pre-drinks and hors d'ouvres were served while members entered the hall and were seated at the tables.



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## Għal min jippreferi jaqra' bil-Malti...

Naf li hafna jixtiequ jaqraw xi haga bil-Malti f'din li Newsletter u allura se nippruvaw naghtu xi dettalji fil-qosor.

#### IKLA GĦAL JUM IL-MISSIER

Ir-Reskeon Seniors Group organizzaw ikla għal Jum il-Missier għand il-Firenze Receptions fl-14 ta' Awwissu. Mija u erbgħin membru kienu preżenti u ħadu gost. Fosthom kellna persuna li kienet bi btala f'Melbourne

#### *SAUSAGE SIZZLE* B'XEJN GĦALL-MEMBRI

II-membri hadu gost meta l-kumitat organizza sausage sizzle b'xejn ghall-membri kollha, flimkien ma' xarba minerali.

#### IKLA F'ROXBURGH PARK HOTEL

Numru sabih ta' membri attendew ikla buffet f'Roxburgh Park Hotel. Din tiģi organizzata darba fis-sena u tant hi popolari li forsi jkun hemm il-ħsieb li tinżamm aktar minn darba fis-sena.

#### JADE COLVER-VELLA TIRBAH 'DEHEB'

Dejjem niehdu gost li nsiru nafu bis-suċċessi ta' membri tal-familja talmembri tagħna, l-iktar meta dawn ikunu iż-żgħar tagħna. U hekk hi Jade Colver-Vella li dan l-aħħar rebħet il-Gold National Championships in Perth fil-Karate. Ghalkemm Jade ghadha żghira, is-suċċessi taghha huma kbar. Nixtiequlha aktar suċċessi għal futur.

#### LAQGHAT IMPORTANTI

Salvina u Paul Vella, President u Segretarju rispettivament, dan l-ahhar attendew żewġ laqgħat importanti. Wahda dwar l-għaqdiet tal-anzjani u lfutur taghhom u ohra f'forma ta' workshop dwar il-grants tal-Victoria Multicultural Commission.

#### OUDDIES MINN FR DR VICTOR SHIELDS

Waqt żjara f'Melbourne minn Malta, Fr Dr Victor Shields, mssp, sab ftit hin biex jaghmel zjara lill-Grupp tas-Seniors f'Merrilands Community Centre fejn iccelebra Quddiesa ghalihom.

#### FESTA TAL-BAMBINA

Reġgħet waslet il-Festa ta' Marija Bambina, fl-14 ta' Settembru fil-Knisja ta' St Mary Star of the Sea West Melbourne. Imma fit-8 ta' Settembru ssir il-Quddiesa f'nhar il-festa fic-Centru Malti ta' Parkville (fil-Kappella ta' San Pawl). Il-Ballu tal-Vitorja jsir is-Sibt, 6 ta' Settembru fil-Firenze Receptions. Pruvaw organizzaw mejda mall-hbieb u ma' tal-familja taghkom. Nippruvaw inżommu t-tradizzjonijiet taghna. NISPERA LI NARAWKOM HEMM.

Rapporti bl-Ingliz flimkien ma' ritratti fuq dan li ghadna kemm thaddit-na fuqu ssibuhom f'faċċati ohra ta' din li Newsletter. Sakemm nerġġhu niltaqghu darb'ohra, insellmilkom u nghidilkom "Sahha".

— Paul Vella



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Reskeon Maltese Association and Reskeon Seniors Group Merrilands Community Centre, Cnr. Asquith and Sturdee Sts, Reservoir

#### **Northern Federation of Ethnic Seniors**

Northern Federation of Ethnic Senior Citizens Clubs held a Forum on Sustainability on Wednesday, June 25, 2014, at the MRC, High Street, Preston.

The Co-Ordinaor, Nadereh Edwards, greeted those present. Among the speakers were: Marion Lau, VMC Commissioner; Ms Nicola Johnson, Social and Community Development Officer, Ageing Communities Unit, Darebin Council; Mr Michael Van Vliet, Community Grants, City of Yarra; Ms Daniela Dilemente, Seniors Citizens Community Development Officer (Italian), City of Whittlesea.

A lot of things were discussed such as help with Incorporation, how hard some groups experience in form a committee, and other interesting matters.

Ms Nicola Johnson, who always offers help to our Group, being based in Darebin, spoke at length about the assistance Darebin Council offers to senior groups as it values the roles of older people's groups and clubs as providers of important services to older people, particularly around social and cultural connections. For this reason Council provides support to groups in a number of ways

Salvina and Paul Vella, President and Secretary of Reskeon, were in attendance at the Forum





Photos: (Left) President, Salvina Vella, with Ms Nicola Johnson, Social and Community Development Officer, Ageing Communities Unit, Darebin Council. (right) Salvina Vella with Mr Michael Van Vliet, Community Grants, City of Yarra



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## Fr Dr Victor Shields celebrates Mass for the Seniors

On Wednesday, July 30, 2014, Fr Dr Victor Shields, mssp, celebrated Mass for the Seniors at their meeting in Merrilands Community Centre, Reservoir.

Fr Shields was on a visit to Melbourne from Malta.

Around 120 members were present. Fr Shields always find the time to come and visit the Group when he is in Melbourne.

Before Mass a list of departed members and friends was read and the Mass was offered for the repose of their souls.

Fr Dr Shields, in his Homily, spoke about a lot of things and he said how he

enjoys seeing a Group like ours still going.

Fr Shields still remembers when Reskeon Maltese Association was founded in 1976 by a group of Maltese, based in the St Stephen's Parish in Reservoir.



## VMC Grants Recipient Workhop

Paul and Salvina Vella, President and Secretary respectively, on Saturday, August 16, attended a workshop to discuss the VMC grants program, run by Clear Horizon.

In the photo, from left, Luan, Cameron Elliott and Zazie Tolmer (both from Clear Horizon), Salvina Vella, Bich Hoa Ha and Mari Heaslewood.



#### IN SEPTEMBER WE CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF MARIJA BAMBINA

Monday, September 8: There will be a Mass at 7.00 pm, at St. Paul's Chapel, near the Maltese Centre, Parkville. This event is organised by Reskeon Maltese Association on behalf of the Missionary Society of St. Paul. Music and singing: Emmanuel and Margaret Farrugia. Light refreshments in the Centre's foyer. The Australian Xaghra Assoc. hold their Mass at the Maltese Cultural Centre, Albion on this day as well.

Saturday, September 6: On this day, our association is organising the Vittoria Dinner Dance at Firenze Reception Centre (see advertisement on page I). As always this event is very popular and tickets will be selling fast. We would like to see a great number of Reskeon members attending. Bring your friends with you and organise a table — Please support our association. For full information and bookings, phone — Salvina Vella 9460-4404.

**Sunday, September 14:** Feast of Maria Bambina at St. Mary's Church, West Melbourne. Rosary at 2.30 pm. Immediately after, there will be a Mass (with Maltese Choir of Victoria). This will be followed by Benediction. Around 4 pm, a procession (weather permitting) with the statue of Our Lady accompanied by the Maltese Own Band Philharmonic Society. Everyone is invited to attend all these functions and let us be united as one Maltese Community. Be there and take part. As in every year Reskeon Maltese Association organises the Feast of Marija Bambina on behalf of the Fathers of the Missionary Society of St. Paul.

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## Lunch at Roxburgh Park Hotel

A group of 120 members of Reskeon Seniors enjoyed lunch at Roxburgh Park Hotel on Thursday, June 12, 2014.

Members arrived at the hotel and soon they were escorted to their tables by the staff.

A section of the restaurant was reserved for us on the north side and we were given the whole section against the windows.

Members helped themselves and enjoyed the wide selection of hot and cold foods presented and as usual all were very happy with the selection.

There were hot meats and seafood and anything else one would wish for.

As usual, the staff were very happy with our group and the way they deported themselves even though they were in large numbers.

This event was heavily subsidised by the group.





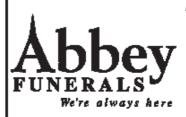












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## The Seniors enjoy a Father's Day Luncheon

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Secretary, Paul Vella, greeted all those present and the distinguished guests: Fr Edwin Agius, mssp; Fr Dr Victor Shields, mssp; Honorary Life Members of Reskeon Maltese Association and Reskeon Dr Seniors Group, Clemente Zammit and Mrs Mary Zammit; the Vice-President of the Maltese Community Council, Mr Guy Deguara and Mrs Mary Deguara; MCCV Treasurer, Mr Paul Borg and Mrs Pauline Borg and ex-President and Co-Ordinator of Reskeon Maltese Association and Reskeon Seniors Group, Mr Caesar Vella and Mrs Phyllis Vella. Apologies were received from the Consul General of Malta in Victoria, Mr Victor Grech and Mrs Patricia Grech and Life Member of Reskeon Association and Reskeon Seniors Group, Mrs Anne Gauci. This was followed by the singing of the Maltese National Anthem and Advance Australia Fair, after which, the champagne bottles on the tables were opened and a toast offered to all fathers present. Then the meals were served. Entrée was a serving of fish with rice, followed by tortellini with Bolognese sauce. The main course was chicken involtini and roast beef on each plate with roast potatoes and vegeta-

beer and soft drinks were served all day. Dessert was Cassata and/or Special Moca ice-cream and a fruit platter, followed by tea/coffee and continental cakes. DJ Tony provided the entertainment for the day. Members were on the dance floor all day dancing to his music. President, Salvina Vella, gave a short message for Father's Day and wished them a good day and asked to pray for the fathers who are no longer with us.

This was followed by the presentation of trophies for the Men's **Bocce** Competition. Winner was Philip Debono; Frans Bonavia, first runner-up and Charles Psaila, second runner-up. The trophies were presented by the bocce organisor, Mr Angelo Farrugia.

The function finished with the Reskeon Theme Song, music by the late Laurie Armato, lyrics by Dr Clemente Zammit. A good day was had by all those attending this function. Thanks to President, Salvina Vella, who worked so hard to make this luncheon a very successful one. We would also like to thank the management of Receptions and their waiting staff for the way they looked after us.

Thanks to all those present and especially to those who helped set up flags, etc. before the luncheon.













#### Jade Colver-Vella Winner of the Gold National Championships in Perth



Over the weekend of August 2-3, Jade Colver-Vella competed in the Karate National Championships in Perth, winning gold in her division of Kumite 12/13yo -50kg, this now makes her a third time National Champion in a row. She also competed in the teams Kumite 12/13yo event and won gold for Victoria taking home two gold medals.

Jade has recently been selected to represent Australia in the upcoming Oceania Karate Championships in Fiji in September this year. She will be heading over with the Australian team proudly wearing the green and gold Australian tracksuit. The Oceania Karate Championships are held every two years with Jade winning gold at the last Oceanic Karate Championships in 2012, hopefully she can make this two in a row too!

Jade started Karate at the young age of 4 for something 'to-do', which has now developed into a passion, a love for Karate and a lifestyle for Jade.

She started competing at 9 ½ years old and now at 13, holds many titles under her belt. It has come with a lot of hard work, determination and the support of family, friends and her terrific coach Sensei Peter Hollowood at Ishinryu Karate Mornington. At the age of 12, Jade was the youngest female within the Ishinryu club to earn her black belt which just shows her sheer dedication and determination. She has also received the prestigious Junior Top Gun award two years running for the best junior Karate athlete in the State of Victoria, a huge achievement and acknowledgement of her talents. For Jade, Karate not only is a sport; it offers so many positive benefits for all young girls as it teaches self-defence, discipline, builds self-esteem and confidence, provides excellent fitness and overall offers a healthy lifestyle which serves to develop lifelong skills. Jade is a young role model for girls in the sport of Karate. Younger students look up to her and aspire to her achievements. She is well regarded amongst her peers and is the perfect example of a young upcoming female athlete on the road to success. She is driven, motivated, dedicated and determined.

She hopes to be selected for the Junior World Championships next year which will be held in Indonesia.

Sponsorship could certainly help her to continue her journey and development, anyone who would like to help Jade with sponsorship or donations, please contact Tracey Colver on 0412 222 168.

Jade is the granddaughter of Caesar and Phyllis Vella, ex-President and Secretary of Reskeon Maltese Association respectively.

#### FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE

On one of the Wednesday meeting of Reskeon Seniors at Merrilands Community Centre, Reservoir, June 18, 2014, members were treated to a free sausage sizzle for lunch.

When members came to organise their lunch early in the morning they were told that they will be offered a free lunch on that day.

The staff in the kitchen cooked the sausages and they made sure that they were ready by lunchtime.

After the first Bingo session, all members went to the serving table where they received a sausage in the bread roll and a can of soft drink.

There was plenty and there was room for seconds.

All members enjoyed the day and we hope that we will do the same some other time.

Members thanked the committee for their lunch.

We would like to thank the kitchen staff for working hard on the day to provide this lunch.

Thanks to all.





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September 6: Bambina Dinner Dance (Firenze Receptions)

**September 8:** Bambina Mass, Maltese Centre, Parkville (in the Chapel)

September 14: Bambina Feast, St. Mary's Church, West Melbourne

October 8: AGM, Merrilands Community Centre

October 16: Day Out November 26: Club Closing

December 3: Christmas Luncheon, Firenze Receptions, Fawkner

## MASSES IN MALTESE

For those members wishing to attend Mass in Maltese, we are publishing these times and locations.

Every Saturday, at 6 pm:

St. Paul's Chapel, Parkville (Maltese Centre)

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Every Sunday, at 8.00 am: St. Paul's Church, Sunshine Avenue, Kealba

Every First Friday of the month, 6.30 pm:

St Paul's Church, Glengala Road, West Sunshine

Every First Friday of the month, 7 pm:
Resurrection Church, 51 Gum Road, St. Albans West Every First Saturday of the month, 6 pm:

St. Joseph The Worker Church, Wilson Blvd, Reservoir

Every First Saturday of the month, 4.45 pm:

St. Joseph Church, Springvale

Every Second Saturday of the month, 5.15 pm: St. Luke's Church, la David Street, Lalor

Every Third Saturday of the month, 4.00 pm:

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Childs Road, Mill Park

Every Fourth Saturday of the month, 6.00 pm:

St. Thomas More Church, 65 North Street, Hadfield

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### Thank you!

Ms Rita Mee for helping with proofreading, Dr Edwin Borg-Manche`, who takes care of the MCCV website for his help in advertsing our activities, to Mr Paul Borg, Treasurer of the MCCV, for his ongoing help in auditing our books, to **Darebin** City Council Victorian M and Multicultural Commission for grants received, and to all those who help in organising the Bocce competitions. We also thank the Maltese Radio Stations for advertising our functions and all those who assist us from time to time. Thanks also to the many members who give their help and assistance when needed.



With great regret we announce the death of our members' and friends' loved ones which occurred recently:

#### **JOHNNY MIFSUD**

Brother of member Fred Mifsud

**MARY ABELA** 

Sister of member Tessie Colvin

FRANK CONSIGLIO Ex-Consul General of Malta

in Victoria (1970's/1980's)

**LUCY DEBONO** 

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Please remember them in your prayers

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### <u> Нарру Birthday . . .</u>

September: I: Benny Zammit; 6: Charles Galea; 7: Yvonne Caruana, Mary Killeen. 8: Maria Bambina; 11: Mary Vella; 20: Carmen Mizzi; 22: Marlene Ciantar; 26: Cathy Gatt; 29: Ines Mifsud. October: 4: Lina Pulis, Doris Mallia; 5: Rosemary Vella. 7: Samira Cassar; 8: Victor Pulis; 10: George Caruana; 17: Theresa Cachia; 19: Phillip Debono, Mary Camilleri; 21: Carmen Debono; 22: Joe Cutajar; 23: Mary Magro; 31: Sylvia Dakin. November:2: George Agius; Joe Agius; Joe Dakin; 13: Laurie Bartolo; 23: Iris Sapiano, Tonina Farrugia; 25: Fred Depares. 29: Natalie Cutajar, Elizabeth Camilleri.

<u>Happy Wedding Anniversary . . .</u>

September: I: Billy and Doris Dalli; 5: Carmen and Tony Grech; 8: Grace and Fred Muscat; 10: Joe and Maureen Dakin; 14: Mr and Mrs E. Brincat; 15: Jim and Jane Cutajar; 19: Helen and Lino Hammett, Charles and Frances Galea; 22: George and Tessie Colvin. October: 4: Joe and Doris Pullicino; 5: Mary and Joe Pisani; 13: Mr and Mrs F. Depares; 17: Mr and Mrs J. Castillo; 24: Carmen and Phillip Debono. November: 12: Mr and Mrs Salvu Bartolo; 24: Mary and Charlie Camilleri, Terina and Joe Pace.

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## Paul Borg awarded the OAM

In the recent Queen's Birthday Honours, Paul Borg, of Reservoir, Victoria, received the Order of Australia Medal for his ongoing community work.

Paul is our Honorary Auditor of the Reskeon Maltese Association and Reskeon Seniors Group.

It's good to see people like Paul Borg be recognized for his volunteer community work over many decades. For over 44 years, Paul acted as honorary treasurer of the Maltese Community Council of Victoria, at the same time he was auditor to 18 Maltese community associations and sports groups, and as well as voluntary financial controller at two Dominican Sisters of Malta nursing homes, both in Keilor Downs, Melbourne and in Blacktown, NSW.

Paul hails from Sliema, Parish of St. Gregory. He migrated to Australia in 1954. His first job was as a cost clerk with the Gas and Fuel Corporation. But his volunteer community work almost started immediately in helping other newly arrived migrants to Victoria. He told me that he knew that when a person migrates from one place to another they need a lot of assistance.

His early connections when he arrived in Melbourne was through sports and soon he became president of the Coburg Soccer Club and he held this position from 1955 to 1962. Then he moved on to serve as secretary, treasurer and president of the George Cross Soccer Club between 1963 and 1980. In the meantime he held the position of a Bank Manager for many years.

As we've already mentioned above, his volunteer work is enormous. He acted as treasurer with the Maltese Community Council of Victoria for over 44 years and his job is dealing with all issues relating to finances and

employment staff. He also worked hard in the early days when the Maltese Community Council of Victoria was established and helped with fundraising for the building of the Centre in Parkville.

volunteer work.



His volunteer work as Honorary Auditor to a large number of Maltese associations should not go unrecognized. When you ask Paul for help he never declines.

From all of this one realizes that the OAM Medal awarded to Paul Borg was well deserved and maybe long overdue.

He is married to Pauline, nee Demanuele. He has four children — Darryn, Simon, Tracey and Joanne — and 10 grandchildren.

On behalf of the President, Committee and members of Reskeon Maltese Association and Reskeon Seniors Group and the Maltese Community in Victoria in general, we congratulate Paul on his well-deserved recognition for his ongoing volunteer work to the Maltese community over more than half a century.

Photo: Paul Borg, OAM, with his wife, Pauline.



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