



# NEWPORT NEWS

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## *The President's Message*

Dear Fellow Members & Friends,

Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter for this year. By now, we are well and truly in to 2015 and with so many events programmed for this year, I, together with my fellow committee members will be doing our very best to fulfil all in the best possible way.

Just recently a change within the executive committee of the Association took place.

Since the formation of the Newport Maltese Association (1973), Vince Calleja OAM, has been a senior executive member of the Association in the capacity of Vice-President and President. Because of family reasons, on the 4th February 2015, Vince decided to relinquish his position from the committee. Not doubt, after so many years of immense dedication to help establish one of the most successful Maltese Associations it was very hard for Vince to come to this decision.

On behalf of all our members, I say to you Vince, a million thanks for your outstanding contribution to our Association, and may the Almighty continue to shower you and your family with good health. Of course knowing Vince well, I can assure you he will continue to help in any way he can to keep our Association on top.

Mr Joe Ellul, who in the past has served as a committee member on both the Association and the Seniors Group has accepted our offer to be co-opted in the position of Vice president of the Association left vacant by Vince, till the next committee election of the Association.

We believe that Joe has the capability and experience to fill the position.

I am sure, you will all be interested to know what Joe has been up to since arriving in

Australia in 1974, so here's a brief description :-

*The majority of his working career in Australia has been in managerial positions in the retail trade, namely Coles, Fionn Small Goods and IGA supermarkets.*

*Before retiring he was the channel operations manager for IGA supermarkets in Victoria and parts of NSW.*

*One of his responsibilities was to organise monthly committee meetings and the smooth running of the groups.*

*With this background, Joe brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the association.*

I trust, Joe will have the co-operation of all to make a success of his new position

The Association Seniors Group which meet regularly every Wednesday at the Maltese Community Centre at Parkville are now enjoying the facilities provided at the centre even better with the renovations that are taking place at the centre. The centre will this year celebrate its 32 anniversary since it was officially opened in 1983 by the then premier of Victoria the Honourable John Cain.

Finally, to all our members who in the next few months, will be making their way to Europe for their holidays, have a safe and fantastic time and safe return.

God Bless,

Until next time

George Saliba OAM

President & Seniors Co-Ordinator

Joe Ellul





## Association Christmas Break-Up

Held on the 30th November at the Melrose Reception Centre, although a little early, everyone was in the Christmas spirit and it did not take long for everyone to get up and join in the atmosphere of the occasion. Even Santa joined in and with the help of the committee members, everyone went home with a gift.

The service and the food is always to our satisfaction and I have heard no complaints.

Mr. Joe Stafrace, the Vice President of the Maltese Community Council of Victoria presented Miriam Cunningham with a certificate for her continuous contribution to the Association over the last 10 years.

Dancing, eating and drinking, what more would you ask for?

## New Year's Eve 2014

This year we had a change of venue. We all gathered at the **Emerald Reception** in Thomastown for the last day of 2014. As we walked in the hall, we were very impressed as everything was set up perfectly and it looked stunning.

The food, the service, everything was top class and this being the first time that we had a function at the Emerald we were not disappointed in the least.

DJ for the night was Domenic, his music added to the mood of fun and amusement.

The highlight of the evening is when the clock strikes midnight, it is so emotional to see everyone hugging and kissing with greetings for the New Year.

Some lucky winners went home with a prize from the raffle.

At the end of the night, except for a few people complaining about their shoes, everyone was happy especially the committee members for ending another year with great success.

Lydia Cole  
P.R.O.

## *Congratulations Iris and Nicholas Caruana On your 60th Wedding Anniversary*

**Below: Mr Joe Stafrace, on behalf of the Newport Maltese Association presented Miriam Cunningham the ten year certificate, with George Saliba and Vince Calleja**



**The Newport Maltese Association would like to thank the Victorian Multicultural Commission for the grant of \$500 used for the Carnival Dance held on 8th March 2015**

# Seniors' Corner

by Gwen Busuttil  
Seniors' Committee Member

## SENIORS' GROUP CHRISTMAS BREAK UP

The feeling of bitter sweet is with us as we prepare for our Christmas break up. We have been preparing for months for this night, hoping that all goes well, and that we have made good choices, and from the feedback we got from many, is that we did well.

The bitter part is that we will not be having our usual meeting on Wednesdays for the next five weeks, but the sweet part is that now we have the time to prepare for everything that is part of Christmas.

At this time of the year we present trophies for the Bocci Competition. Winners and Runners up for both the Ladies and the Men are listed in another section in the newsletter.

All those that were there enjoyed a lovely night, it was full on. Everyone in the committee was quite sore the next day. Those hampers had lots in them! And as you read this, we would have already had our Annual General Meeting, and you now know how much we gave back to all our members present. All that we do, we do for you.

Thank you to Joseph Camilleri, who was our jolly Santa this year. Thank you to all of you who support everything that we do, and to my fellow committee members, a big thank you from me for the co-operation and commitment to the cause, and of course your friendship.

### NEWPORT MALTESE ASSOC. SENIORS GROUP

#### LADIES INDOOR BOCCI COMP 2014

##### WINNERS

LODY HOWICK  
MARYANN ARMSTRONG  
STELLA GALEA

##### RUNNERS UP

ALICE BUTTIGIEG  
JOYCE SALIBA  
LINA ZAMMIT



#### MEN'S INDOOR BOCCI COMP.2014

##### WINNERS

FREDDIE FARRUGIA  
RENNIE BUSUTTIL  
JOE DEBONO

##### RUNNERS UP

REX SALIBA  
JOHN BUTTIGIEG  
ARTHUR GALEA



If a part of your body "falls asleep", You can almost always "wake it up" by shaking your head.

There are three things the human brain cannot resist noticing -food, attractive people and danger.

You can survive without eating for weeks, but you will only live 11 days without sleeping.

Right-handed people tend to chew food on their right side

Putting dry tea bags in gym bags or smelly shoes will absorb the unpleasant odour.

There are so many kinds of apples, that if you ate a new one everyday, it would take over 20 years to try them all.



### Photos from functions of Newport Association and Seniors group





# Carnival Dance





on 8th March 2015





On the 8th of March the Newport Maltese Association held the Carnival Dance at the Melrose Reception. There were so many people in costume it was great. A picture is worth a thousand words so I will let the pictures tell the story.





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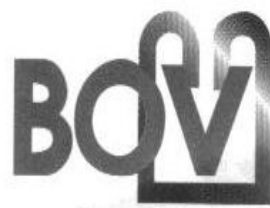
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**NEWPORT MALTESE ASSOCIATION**  
**FUNCTION DATES FOR 2015**

<b>SUNDAY MARCH 29th</b>	<b>NEWPORT ASS. DAY OUT</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>SUN JUNE 7th</b>	<b>NEWPORT ASS. DAY OUT</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>SAT/SUN JUNE 27/28th</b>	<b>WEEK-END POKIE TRIP</b>	
<b>SAT AUGUST 8th</b>	<b>ASS COMEDY NIGHT</b>	<b>MCCV</b>
<b>SAT OCTOBER 10th</b>	<b>NEWPORT ASS. ANNUAL DINNER DANCE</b>	<b>MELROSE</b>

**For booking please contact Carmen Casa on 9436 8196**

**NEXT FEW FUNCTIONS FOR THE**  
**SENIORS GROUP FOR 2015**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>26th APRIL</b>	<b>MOTHER'S DAY DANCE-MELROSE</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>14th MAY</b>	<b>LUNCHEON-TBA</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>13th JUNE</b>	<b>FUN NIGHT-MCCV</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>11th JULY</b>	<b>XMAS IN JULY- MELROSE</b>

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### **ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

George Saliba	President	9391 6081
Joe Ellul	Vice-President	9744 6096
Vince Camilleri	Secretary	9314 3177
Joe Cole	Treasurer	8742 1142
Lydia Cole	Public Relations Officer	8742 1142
Carmen Casa	Social Secretary	9436 8196
Gwen Busuttil	Assistant Secretary	9333 3693
Lena Saliba	Assistant Treasure	9391 6081
Miriam Cunningham	Committee Member	9338 0851
Maurice Spiteri	Committee Member	9469 2067
Carmen Spiteri	Committee Member	9469 2067
Olga Ellul	Committee Member	9744 6096
Victor Casa	Committee Member	9436 8196
Rennie Busuttil	Committee Member	9333 3693

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Carmen Spiteri	Committee Member	9469 2067
Maurice Spiteri	Committee Member	9469 2067
Miriam Camilleri	Committee Member	9398 4018
Rennie Busuttil	Committee Member	9333 3693
Arthur Galea	Committee Member	0439 830 454
Ann Caruana	Committee Member	0419 382 704

### **Super Easy Pizza Dough**

(From Olga Ellul)

#### **Ingredients:**

2 cups plain flour, 1 x 8g sachet of dry yeast,, 1 teaspoon castor sugar, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 2 tablespoons olive oil, 3/4 cup warm water.

#### **Method:**

1. Combine dry ingredients in a large mixing bowl, add oil and water.
2. Mix to a soft dough.
3. Knead on a floured surface until soft and pliable.
4. Return to the mixing bowl an cover with cling wrap and leave in a warm spot for 30 minutes. The dough should double in size.
5. When it has risen, 'punch' the dough once to remove air bubbles.
6. Remove from bowl and knead gently for one minute.
7. Roll the dough out to desired size and add your favourite toppings.

**Note: Roll the pastry thin as it rises in the oven**





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