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# ***The Northern Link***

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***Brought to you by: Andrew Gatt***

Hello everyone and welcome to the April issue of our newsletter.

The committee is very pleased with the large number of members who are attending our Thursday evening meetings. We have now reached our maximum number of members for the time being. Unfortunately, we are not taking any more membership applications. We are working with the Moreland City Council to obtain some additional seating so that we can accommodate more people. We will let you know the outcome as soon as possible.



This year Good Friday falls on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and as is the usual custom, our Centre will not be open on **April 2<sup>nd</sup>** which is Holy (Maundy) Thursday. This is to give our members more time to prepare for the Easter festivities which are very popular with our community.

The Moreland City Council has informed us that they will be performing works at our Centre on **Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup>** and as a result, our group cannot use the Centre on that day. Please remember not to come to the Centre on that day.

We will be celebrating Mothers Day on Friday May 8<sup>th</sup> with a Dinner Dance at Ferraro's Receptions in Campbellfield. It should be a very enjoyable evening with a 4 course meal, drinks and beautiful music. Mothers deserve the best.

We are pleased to announce that we recently received a grant of \$2,464 from the Victorian Multicultural Commission under the category of Senior Citizens Organisational Support grants. This grant will assist us to continue to achieve our goals of providing subsidised or free activities, especially this year when we are celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our foundation. We would like to express our thanks to the VMC for their financial support of our club.

In our calendar of events for 2015, we incorrectly showed an outing to the Roxburgh Park Hotel in April. The correct days that we will be visiting this venue are Thursday June 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday September 24<sup>th</sup> 2015.

We would like to wish you and your families a happy and safe Easter.

## **HAPPY EASTER**

Lewis De Bono- President

**Daylight saving:** Daylight saving will end in Victoria on Sunday, 5 April 2015, when clocks will go backward one hour at 3:00 am.

Note: **Bingo will be starting at 6.30PM**

**Smoke Alarms:** The MFB's campaign at the end of daylight saving each year reminds people to: "Change your clock; change your smoke alarm battery".



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Meet Every Thursday Night, at 11 Cromwell Street, Glenroy. Bingo Starts at 6.30 pm

Tea, coffee and drinks are complimentary, once a month its Free Pizza Night  
Socials and outings as advertised

<b>Apr 16 Thursday</b>	Free Pizza
<b>May 8 Friday</b>	Ferraro Receptions Mother's Day
<b>May 21 Thursday</b>	Free Pizza
<b>Jun 11 Thursday</b>	Roxburgh Hotel Dinner
<b>Jun 18 Thursday</b>	Free Pizza
<b>Jun 28 Sunday</b>	Interstate Trip
<b>Jul 12 Sunday</b>	Mid-Year get together 40th Year Anniversary
<b>Jul 16 Thursday</b>	Free Pizza
<b>Aug 20 Thursday</b>	Free Pizza
<b>Sep 4 Friday</b>	Ferraro Receptions Father's Day
<b>Sep 17 Thursday</b>	Free Pizza
<b>Sep 20 Sunday</b>	Interstate Trip
<b>Sep 24 Thursday</b>	Roxburgh Park Hotel Dinner
<b>Oct 4 AGM</b>	Dinner Dance
<b>Oct 15 Thursday</b>	Free Pizza
<b>Nov 15 Sunday</b>	Interstate Trip
<b>Nov 19 Thursday</b>	Free Pizza
<b>Dec 6 Sunday</b>	Carols night + Dinner Dance Free
<b>Dec 18 Friday</b>	Ferraro Reception Christmas Dinner



"My memory is gone Mildred, so I changed my password to "Incorrect." That way when I log in with the wrong password, the computer will tell me... "password is incorrect."

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In July this year the Maltese Association Northern Suburbs Club our club will be celebrating the 40th anniversary so if you have any stories and or photos from the past of functions or trips please let me know so that we can publish and celebrate this very special occasion.

You can see me on Thursdays or email me at [dadgatt@bigpond.com](mailto:dadgatt@bigpond.com)

I wish you all a very Happy and safe Easter.

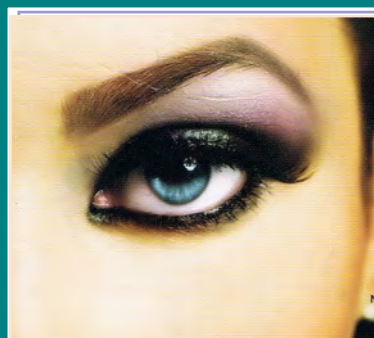
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6 letter words ASPIRE ELDEST RARELY SHAPES  
SHERRY SLEIGH

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PROSPER SCIENCE STUDENT UMPIRES  
VACCINE

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## 10 Things about Malta



1. Malta was known as 'Melita' by the ancient Greeks and Romans. This means 'the island of honey'.
2. The Pharaoh Hound is the National Dog of Malta. In Maltese, the breed is known as Kelb tal-Fenek
3. The University of Malta is the oldest university in the Commonwealth outside of Great Britain.
4. Malta puts on 75 villages feasts to honour local patron saints between June and September. The feast, or *festain* Maltese, is a fabulous event with fireworks, bands and a religious procession.
5. The Knights of St. John of Jerusalem were given control of Malta in 1530 by Charles V of Spain.
6. Grand Master, Jean Parisot de laValette, who gave Malta's capital its name (Valletta) actually laid the first stone to the city in 1566.
7. The earliest evidence of human settlement in Malta dates back over 7,400 years and the Megalithic temples are the oldest free-standing stone structures in the world.
8. The highest point on the island of Malta is at Ta' Dmejrek, some 253 meters above sea level.
9. The dome of the Mosta Dome, famously surviving a fallen bomb during WWII, is the third largest in Europe.
10. Maltese, or *Malti*, is an officially recognized EU language. Malta has been a Member State since 2004.

# Celebrate Mother's Day



With a Dinner dance at  
**Ferraro Reception**  
14 Onslow Avenue,  
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On arrival drinks in foyer • 4 course  
dinner  
• Beer • Wine and soft drinks •

**Friday, May 8th 2015**

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Mgr Charles Scicluna, 55, has been named as Malta's next Archbishop. He will be installed in the post at a ceremony at the Mdina Cathedral on March 21. He succeeds Mgr Paul Cremona who stepped down four months ago due to ill health.

The appointment was officially announced at a press conference Friday addressed by him and the Apostolic Nuncio. He has been acting as Apostolic Administrator since Paul Cremona's resignation.

Observers said that his appointment had been an open secret for several months.

Mgr Scicluna (*right*) was born in Toronto, Canada. He came to Malta with his family in 1960. He was educated at

St Aloysius College and the University of Malta and graduated as a lawyer and in theology. He was ordained a priest in 1986. Between 1990 and 1995, he was defender of the bond, promoter of justice at Metropolitan Court of Malta, Professor of Pastoral Theology and Canon Law at the local Faculty of Theology and V/Rector of the Seminary. His pastoral activities included service at the parishes of St. Gregory the Great (Sliema) and I-Iklin. During his episcopacy he will be residing with his parents at Lija.



God blessed me one sunny day  
He sent me an angel from so far away  
To love and help me though all my woes  
To guide and stand by me when I face my foes

Then one day God called her back  
I missed my angel so I followed her tracks  
Now in heaven all safe and sound  
I see my angel flying around

Now it's my turn to do a good deed  
I'm sent back to earth to help people in need  
So when life's lessons are getting you down  
Don't sit there sulking and wearing a frown

Sit back and reflect all the good times you've seen  
Like weddings, birthdays and places you've been  
Think yourselves lucky because we are still here  
To hold the memories of loved ones so dear.

by Terrie Brushette

## "Hearing Better Now"

An elderly man was having hearing problems and went to see a specialist. The doctor fitted him with some hearing aids that brought his hearing back to full strength.

After a few weeks the man came back to make sure the new equipment was working properly, which it was.

The hearing specialist said, "It all seems perfect. Your family should be delighted you can hear everything now."

"Oh no," the man responded. "I haven't told any of them. I just sit quietly, listening carefully. I've changed my will four times."

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The trouble with retirement is that you never get a day off. – Abe Lemons

## THE COMPUTER SWALLOWED GRANDMA

The computer swallowed grandma.  
Yes, honestly it's true!  
She pressed 'control' and 'enter'  
and disappeared from view.

It devoured her completely,  
the thought just makes me squirm.  
She must have caught a virus  
or been eaten by a worm.

I've searched through the recycle bin  
And files of every kind;  
I've even used the Internet,  
But nothing did I find.

In desperation, I asked Jeeves  
My searches to refine.  
The reply from him was negative,  
not a thing was found 'online.'

So, if inside your 'Inbox',  
My Grandma you should see,  
Please 'Copy', 'Scan', and 'Paste' her,  
And send her back to me.

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learned to use the Computer.....  
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## Carrot Muffins

Kathryn Bennett

One of the best Carrot Muffin recipes out there, this recipe is easy and quick. The muffins are not too sweet, stay moist and, most of all, are good for you! You might need to have two!

Serves: 12      Time: 40mins

### Ingredients

1 egg  
 3/4 cup orange juice  
 1/2 cup melted margarine  
 1/2 cup sugar  
 1 cup white flour  
 1 cup whole wheat flour  
 1 teaspoon baking powder  
 1/2 teaspoon baking soda  
 1/2 teaspoon salt  
 1 teaspoon cinnamon  
 2 cups shredded carrots



### Method

Beat egg lightly in large bowl. Add orange juice, margarine, and sugar, beat well. Sift together dry ingredients. Stir into egg mixture, mix only till moistened. Gently fold in shredded carrots. Spoon into well-greased muffin pans about 2/3 full.

Bake for 15-20 minutes at 200°C

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Pictures taken during our last two day trip to Tocumwal/ Mulwala on the 28Feb/1Mar which was a very pleasant weekend with our members enjoying the weather and the welcome we got meeting the locals at the **church** and after the service chatting over coffee and cakes.

**Maltese News on SBS TV**

Every Thursday and Sunday at 8 am.  
A weekly news bulletin prepared by the PBS (Malta) is presented on SBS every **Thursday 8.00 am.**  
News on SBS2 on **Sunday 8.00 am.**

### Maltese Radio Programs

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**3RIM 97.9 FM:** Tuesday 6.00 pm.

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#### Thursday midday – SBS 3

digital only (digital radio and digital TV)

#### Friday midday – SBS 2/FM

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