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Brought to you by: Andrew Gatt

Hello everyone and welcome to the May issue of our newsletter. We hope that you all had an enjoyable Easter break with your family and friends. Easter is an important religious event for many people and it involves great traditions that bring people together in celebration.

May is a special month for mothers, so on behalf of the committee, we would like to wish all of the mothers a very happy Mothers Day. Our club will be celebrating Mothers Day with a Dinner Dance at Ferraro Receptions in Campbellfield on Friday the 8th of May. Many members have already booked for this event and if you would like to come along, please contact our Social Secretary Giacinto to make a booking. It should be a great evening with a 4 course meal, drinks and beautiful music, so don't miss out.



We have organised an outing to the popular Roxburgh Park Hotel for Thursday the 11th of June for a buffet dinner. A large variety of quality food is on offer to satisfy all tastes. Come along and relax with your friends and enjoy the night.

We are pleased to inform you that our membership fees for the coming year will remain the same at \$13.20. Members can start paying their fees from May. Please see our Secretary Rita Pullicino who will be available to take your payments on Thursday nights. Fees are payable annually and cover the period from July 1st 2015 to June 30th 2016.

The pizza night for this month will be held on Thursday the 21st of May and as usual we will be ordering a variety of pizzas to cater for everyone. We will also provide free tea, coffee and soft drinks.

Please do not forget that our centre will not be open on Thursday the 7th of May due to some works that the Moreland Council is conducting to improve the building.

We hope that you continue to enjoy the various functions and outings that we organise for you and we wish you all good health and happiness.

Happy Mothers Day

Lewis De Bono-President

Important events in the history of Malta

Year 1565



May 18 Ottoman armada sighted off the coast of Malta Signalling the start of the Great Siege of Malta

May 19 A storm prevents the Turkish fleet from landing at Marsaxlokk the vessels are sheltered in Gnejja Bay

and at Ghain Tuffieha

May 20 The Turkish fleet anchors at Marsaxlokk, moved to Zejtun and set up camp at Marsa.

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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

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

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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

Wish all the mothers a very Happy and safe Mother's Day.

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The committee was sad to hear of the passing of Joe Pullicino. We would like to extend our condolences to his wife Doris and to his family. He will be sadly missed by everyone. May he rest in peace.



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OSTRICH, OWL, PARROT, PENGUIN, PIGEON, QUAIL, RAVEN, ROBIN, SANDPIPER, SEAGULL, SPARROW, STORK, SWALLOW, TERN, TOUCAN, VULTURE.

A man placed some flowers on the grave of his dearly departed mother and started back toward his car when his attention was diverted to another man kneeling at a grave.

The man seemed to be praying with profound intensity and kept repeating, "Why did you have to die? Why did you have to die?" The first man approached him and said, "Sir, I don't wish to interfere with your private grief, but this demonstration of pain is more than I've ever seen before. For whom do you mourn so deeply?

A child? A parent?

"The mourner took a moment to collect himself and replied,

Celebrate Mother's Day



With a Dinner dance at **Ferraro Reception** 14 Onslow Avenue, Campbellfield

Friday, May 8th 2015

From 6.30 pm to 11.30 pm

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May - Maia's month

<u>Old French Mai</u> Old English Maius Latin *Maius* "of Maia" <u>Latin Maius mensis "month of Maia"</u> <u>Maius has always had 31 days.</u> Maia (meaning "the great one") is the Italic goddess of spring, the daughter of Faunus, and wife of Vulcan

FREE PIZZA NIGHT

May Thursday 21

A variety of Pizza for all members present

> We get our Pizza from North Side Pizza

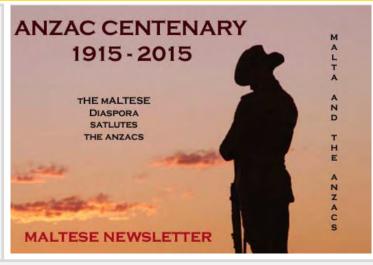
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(See advertisement in this Newsletter Page 3)

[&]quot;My wife's first husband."

MALTA AND THE GALLIPOLI CONNECTION

ANZAC Day has been commemorated in Malta since 1916. Since 1979 the service has been held at the Pieta Military Cemetery as it contains the highest number of ANZAC war graves in Malta. The Cemetery is located in Trig Id-Duluri (entrance at the junction of Trig Id-Duluri and Trig Santa Monika) Pieta. Malta played a significant role in and during the Gallipoli Campaign with many Australians and New Zealand casualties being evacuated to Malta for medical



treatment. From the spring of 1915, hospitals and convalescent camps were established on the islands of Malta and Gozo, to deal with the many thousands of sick and wounded from the Gallipoli and Salonika campaigns. Despite the courageous efforts of the doctors and medical staff, some of the casualties could not be saved and they were buried on Malta. Of those buried on Malta there were 202 Australian and 72 New Zealanders.

The Commonwealth war burials in Malta are unlike those found anywhere else. Many joint and collective burials were made as graves had to be cut into the rock underlying the island's shallow earth crust. These graves are usually marked by flat tablets that could take several inscriptions and, for the sake of uniformity; the same type of marker was used for single graves.

Planting for May Beans - broad beans, fava Plant out seedlings.

beans need supports if windy weather

Brussels sprouts Plant out Harvest from August

seedlings.

Harvest from August

Cabbage

Plant out seedlings. Harvest from July Carrot Plant in garden. Harvest from September Cauliflower

Harvest from September

Chives Plant in garden.

Collards

Plant out seedlings. Harvest from August

Corn Salad

Plant in garden. Harvest from July

Florence Fennel

Plant in garden.

Harvest from September

Garlic Plant in garden.

Harvest from October

Kale Plant out seedlings.

Harvest from July

Snow Peas Plant in garden. Harvest from August

Harvest from September

Spinach Plant in garden.

Harvest from July

Strawberry Plants

Plant in garden.

Harvest from September Turnip Plant in garden.

Harvest from July

Parsley Plant in garden.

Harvest from August

Peas Plant in garden.





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"Sticking up for our Community"

10 quick facts about the "boys at the front". How much do you really know about the ANZACS?

ANZAC is an abbreviation of The Australian and New Zealand Army Corps.

- **2**. April 25, 1915, was the day the ANZACs landed on the Gallipoli Peninsula, now known as ANZAC Cove to battle the Turkish army during WWI.
- **3**. More than 11,000 ANZACs died on the Gallipoli Peninsula, despite only being there for 8 months.
- **4**. The original ANZAC biscuit was known as an ANZAC wafer or tile and was part of the rations given to ANZAC soldiers during World War I. They were included instead of bread because they had a much longer shelf life.
- **5**. ANZAC was originally named the Australasian Army Corps. However protests from New Zealand led to the adoption of Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. Administration clerks found the title too long and adopted the abbreviation of ANZAC.
- **6**. Despite being affiliated with Australia and New Zealand, ANZAC included officers from Britain, Ireland, India, Zion, Ceylon and the Pacific islands.
- 7. "Lest We Forget" is a phrase popularised in 1897 by Rudyard Kipling, which was adopted as the final line of The Recitation along with the "Ode of Remembrance", taken from Laurence Binyon's "For the Fallen".
- 8. The last surviving ANZAC, Alec Campbell, died on May 16, 2002.
- **9.** The ANZAC Bridge in Sydney was given its name on Remembrance Day in 1998 to honour the memory of the ANZACS. An Australian Flag flies atop the eastern pylon and a New Zealand Flag flies atop the western pylon.
- 10. Today, the ANZAC Battle Group is an active battle group of Australian and New Zealand units.



Ingredients

15g fresh yeast or dried yeast 150m-175 ml water 400g plain flour pinch of salt 50g butter 1 – 1 1/2 tsp crashed aninseed 200g castor sugar

Method

Cream the yeast in water, sieve the flour and salt into a bowl, rub in the butter and add the sugar and aniseed make a well and add the yeast and water at least 150ml water is used but adjust this quantity to the flour, bring the mixture together, then turn on a work surface and knead until you have a pliable bread like dough, return to bowl and prove in a warm place covered, until doubled in bulk, this will take longer then bread as the sugar retards the rising, return the dough to work surface, knead briefly to knock it back, form into 4 elongated cakes and bake on a tray at 200c/400f/gas6 until cooked through, approximately 20 mins. allow to cool overnight, cut each cake into thin slices lay out on a try and bake at 180c/ 350f/ gas4, until crisp and golden checking frequently that they do not catch, cool on a wire rack.





Malta first to publish friendly National Strategy on Dementia

The Maltese Government has published the National Strategy on Dementia along with a dementia friendly version that makes it the first country in the world to publish a friendly version for persons with this condition. Announcing the strategy, Parliamentary Secretary Dr Justyne Caruana (on right) emphasised that currently there are round 6,000 persons with dementia on the island, a figure that is expected to increase to around 13,000 in 2050. She explained how with every person affected directly with this condition, there are other individuals who are affected indirectly, and these are generally members of the family or carers.

She emphasised that the Government is committed to ensure that this strategy is implemented and in fact it is planned that its implementation will span over nine years in order for various holistic measures to be implemented aimed at improving the quality of life of persons with dementia and their carers. Malta is one of the few countries that is adopting a dementia strategy on a National basis. It will be the smallest state to adopt it. Dr Caruana explained that that while she was participating in this condementia is an international issue. In fact, during the first Ministerial conference organised by the World Health Organisation on the global action against dementia a month ago, more than 80 countries com-

mitted themselves to tackle the dementia challenge. Dementia in fact is the most constant social and medical



condition that costs around 1% of the GDP. The Parliamentary Secretary said ference she had the opportunity to discuss this strategy and with satisfaction she said that this was welcomed and praised by larger countries.

It was a historic occasion for Maltese Parliament on April 1. It marked the last sitting in the Palace chamber in Valletta. Speaker Anġlu Farrugia adjourned the next sitting to May 4, when the House is due to meet in the Renzo Piano-designed new Parliament House at City Gate in the Maltese capital. The House of Representatives had been sitting at the Palace since it was established (originally as the Legislative As-

sembly) in 1921. It originally met in the Tapestry Chamber and then moved to the former Armoury in August 1976. That Chamber, in use till April 1 had been inaugurated by President Anthony Mamo in June 1976 and the first sitting held under then Speaker Emanuel Attard Bezzina. A formal ceremony is scheduled on May 4 in the new building and the first sitting would then be held later that day.



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Enjoying Pizza night at the club

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Wife: 'Nothing You've been reading our marriage certificate for an hour.'

Husband: I was looking for the Expiry date!

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