



Inc. Reg. No. A0028424X

RESKEON NEWSLETTER

**DEC.
2015**
SUMMER
EDITION
Volume 19, No.4

Welcome! Merħba!

Welcome once again to another issue of Reskeon Newsletter.

Another year has passed and this is the last newsletter for the year.

We had a very busy three months. The most important event was the Feast of Maria Bambina and the Vitoria Dinner Dance which were a great success. The feast went very well but we wished we had a large attendance at the dinner dance,

On Wednesday, October 7 we had our AGM. A good number of members were in attendance. On this day, to coincide with the Seniors Week, all members enjoyed a free roast chicken and potato lunch with free soft drinks, tea, coffee and biscuits.

On Thursday, October 8, we had a trip across the border to Mulwala where 48 members and friends enjoyed the outing.

Then on Thursday, October 29, another 48 members and friends enjoyed a trip across the Bay. We travelled by Coach to Sorrento, where we boarded the ferry to Queenscliff, then a stop at Corio for a free buffet lunch and back home. This trip was heavily subsidised by the Group.

On Wednesday, November 4, Can. Fr Manny Bonello celebrated a Mass for our dearly departed at our meeting.

The Maltese movie "Simshar" was a great success in Australia, especially in Melbourne. Our Secretary, Paul Vella, had the opportunity to interview film director, Rebecca Cremona, on his 3ZZZ Friday program. Later on she was guest at the Maltese Centre, Parkville. A lot of our members went to see the movie and they all enjoyed it.

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

**FIND THESE
STORIES AND
MORE INSIDE!**

**Members enjoy
two Trips
Page 4**

**The Feast of
Maria Bambina
Pages 1, 3, 5 & 8**

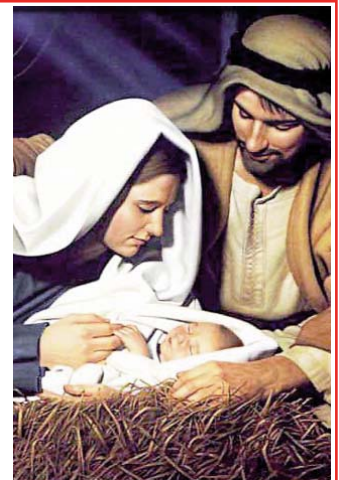
**Reskeon's
AGM
Page 2**

**Free Lunch/
Mons. C. Refalo
Page 6**

**"Simshar"
the movie
Page 8**

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

*The President and Committee of
Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group Inc.
wish all our members, their families and friends a Merry and Holy
Christmas and a New Year full of good health and prosperity.
We extend the same wishes to all Maltese Associations,
their committees and members and the whole
Maltese Community in general.*



The feast of Maria Bambina organised by Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group

Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group Inc. on behalf of the Missionary Society of St. Paul once again organised the feast of Maria Bambina this year.

On Tuesday, 8th September, a Mass was celebrated by Fr Edwin Agius, mssp, in the St. Paul's Chapel, next to the Maltese Centre, Parkville. This was attended by around 100 members of the Maltese Community. Readers were Phyllis Vella and Paul Vella. A special CD was organised with hymns for the occasion. The Homily was delivered by Fr Edwin Agius who incidentally lost his brother the day before. Reskeon committee and members offer their condolences. After Mass, all were invited to go to the foyer of the Maltese Centre where free refreshments were served. There were sandwiches, cakes, biscuits, tea and coffee.

Story and more pictures on Pages 3, 5 and 8

**MALTESE
NEWS
on SBS 2 TV
Every Thursday, 8 am
Every Sunday, 8 am**
**These are two different
programs**

**Weekly news bulletins
prepared by the PBS
(Malta) and are
presented on SBS 2 TV**



Għal min jippreferi jaqra' bil-Malti...

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

IL-FESTA TA' MARIJA BAMBINA

Il-Festa ta' Marija Bambina għal darb'ohra giet organizzata minn Reskeon f'isem il-Patrijiet tal-MSSP. Kolloxx mar sewwa għalkemm xtaqna li naraw numru akbar fil-Ballu tal-Vitoria. Dejjem nippruvaw inżommu l-prezz baxx hafna hdejn ballijiet ohra, imma n-numru ta' dawkl li jattendu qatt ma jkun kbir hafna, għalkemm dawkl li jattendu, speċjalment il-barranin, dejjem ifahhruha u jgħidulha li jergħu jiġu s-sena d-diehla.

HARĠA BIL-"FERRY" U IKLA BUFFET

Fit-29 ta' Ottubru kellna harġa bil-coach sa' Sorrento fejn minn hemm qbadna l-ferry għal Queenscliff u minn hemm morna Corio fejn kellna ikla buffet fil-Gateway Hotel. Kulhadd ha gost b'din il-harġa.

HARĠA OHRA GHAL MULWALA

Harġa ohra kienet fit-8 ta' Ottubru, din id-darba kienet għal Mulwala. Morna fil-Mulwala Ski Club u fil-vjaġġ lura d-dar waqafna Shepparton fl-SPC Warehouse fejn hafna xtraw frott u affarijiet ohra.

LAQGHJA ĠENERALI ANNWALI

Fis-7 ta' Ottubru kellna l-Laqghja Ġenerali Annwali. Numru sabih ta' membri attendew. Inqaw il-Minuti tal-aħħar Laqghja Ġenerali Annwali, rapport finanzjarju u rapport tal-President. Minhabba li konna fis-Seniors Week, il-membri kellhom ikla bla ħlas ta' tiġieġ u patata, xorb minerali, te u kafe', kejkijiet u gallettini.

L-ARĊIPRIET TAX-XAGHRA F'MELBOURNE

L-Arċipriet tax-Xagħra, Għawdex, il-Kanonku Mons. Carmelo Refalo, għamel zjara f'Melbourne dan l-aħħar. Huwa kien joqgħod fid-dar tal-Kanonku Fr Manny Bonello, Kappillan tal-Paroċċa ta' San Guzepp Haddiem, North Reservoir. Waqt li kien fostna, is-Segretarju Paul Vella intervistah għall-programm tiegħu fuq 3ZZZ.

IL-FILM "SIMSHAR" JINTWERA F'MELBOURNE

Il-film Malti, "Simshar" dan l-aħħar kien qed jintwera f'erba' teatri hawn f'Melbourne, wiehed minnhom, l-aktar qrib tagħna, Cinema Nova. Dan il-film hu dwar it-tragedja li grāt f'Marsaxlokk, Malta, fis-sena 2008, fejn erba' sajjieda u tifel ta' 12-il sena kien fuq lanċa tas-sajd u tilfu hajjithom minbarra wiehed minnhom. Għal darb'ohra, Paul Vella kellu l-opportunita' li jintervista lid-direttur ta' dan il-film, Rebecca Cremona, fuq il-programm tiegħu tal-Gimgha fuq ir-radju komunitarju 3ZZZ.

Rapporti bl-Ingliż flimkien ma' ritratti fuq dan li għadna kemm thadditna fuqu ssibuhom f'faċċati ohra ta' din li Newsletter. Sakemm nerġghu nil-taqghu darb'ohra, insellmilkom u nġidilkom "Sahha"!

— Paul Vella



Jenny Mikakos MP

State Member Northern Metropolitan Region

319 Spring Street, Reservoir 3073
Tel: 9462 3966

Jenny.Mikakos@parliament.vic.gov.au

- Representing our community.
- Offering information, advice and assistance regarding State Government issues.

Congratulates Reskeon Maltese Association and Reskeon Seniors Group on their ongoing work amongst the Maltese Community

You can contact us by phone, mail or email:
Paul Vella, Secretary, 9460-4404 Mob. 0409 961 928
Email: (Paul and Salvina Vella) paul.vella44@gmail.com
Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group Inc.
Merrilands Community Centre, Cnr. Asquith and Sturdee Sts, Reservoir

Our AGM

Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group had their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, October 7, 2015.

The meeting was held at Merrilands Community Centre, starting at 10 am and was attended by 98 members.

Secretary, Paul Vella, read the Minutes from the last AGM (2014) and was accepted with no matters arising.

Treasurer, Victor Pulis, read the Yearly Financial Statement from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, as audited by our Honorary Auditor, Mr Paul Borg. The Financial Report was accepted with no matters arising.

Secretary, Paul Vella, explained some items even though there were no questions asked. He explained that there were more funds than last year because we inherited the funds of Reskeon Maltese Association when it ceased operating. But we also inherited the expenses of the Vittoria Dinner Dance and the Bambina Feast.

Then it was time for President, Salvina Vella, to give her address. After thanking the committee members, especially those working in the kitchen and at the tea/coffee table. She went on to thank all members for their support during the year, especially those who come early in the morning of the Wednesday meeting to put the tables and chairs in the hall and prepare for the meeting, as well as those who remain behind to pack up the tables and chairs after the meeting. She also thanked all those involved in the selling of bingo tickets and bingo calling.

She spoke about the functions we had organised during the year, some free and others heavily subsidised.

When we came to General Business there were no questions asked, taken as all members were happy with the way things were going.

Members enjoyed a free lunch of roast chicken and roast potatoes, soft drinks, tea, coffee and biscuits.



*Traditional
Italian Style
Bakery & Deli*

Specialising in Ciabatta Rolls

Tel: (03) 9460 3100

Props: Angelo and Carlo

96 McFadzean Avenue, Reservoir

Suppliers of bread to Reskeon Seniors Group

THE FEAST OF MARIA BAMBINA*(Continued from Page 1)*

On Saturday, 12th September, Reskeon organised the Vittoria Dinner Dance at Firenze Reception, Fawkner, which was well attended by more than 150 members and friends.

Distinguished guests were the President of the Maltese Community Council of Victoria, Mr Victor Borg; Vice-President of the MCCV, Mr Edwin Borg Manche; Hon. Treasurer of MCCV, Mr Paul Borg and Mrs Pauline Borg; Honorary Life Members of Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group Inc., Dr Clemente Zammit and Mrs Mary Zammit; Life Member of Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group Inc., Mr Caesar Vella and Mrs Phyllis Vella. Also with us were the PRO of MCCV, Mr Andrew Gatt and Mrs Annie Gatt. Mr Victor Borg invited with him Mr Leone Sciberras, who is blind and his carer Ms Lilibeth Cachia, from Malta Guide Dogs, who were in Melbourne for some training and meetings. Apologies for being unable to attend were received by the Consul General of Malta in Victoria, Mr Victor Grech and Mrs Patricia Grech and Fr Edwin Agius, mssp.

Music was in the hands of DJ King Charlie who catered for the music enjoyed by young and old and kept everyone on the dance floor all night.

This year we were pleased to see among us a lot of young ones who

enjoyed the dinner dance and asked us to let them know for next year.

MC for the night was Joe Cutajar. After he welcomed all those present and thanked President, Salvina Vella, who single-handedly organised the dinner dance, he invited everyone to be upstanding for the singing of the Maltese and Australian National Anthems.

Entrée was ante pasta, second course was a ricotta cannelloni with Bolognese. Main course was chicken schnitzel parmigiana and roast beef with vegies on each plate. This was followed by Tartufo ice cream or Cassata ice cream, a fresh fruit platter and coffee with Continental cakes. Beer, red and white wine and soft drinks were served all night.

The birthdays and an anniversary were announced with a special 50th wedding anniversary of Helen and Lino Hammett who were presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

Later in the night the Malta Gozo Concert Band, under the direction of Ms Tanya Schembri, played marches for the occasion which created the merriest for the night, similar to that of the Maltese Festas. All those attending complimented the way the night was organised, the food and the atmosphere.

On Sunday, 13th September Reskeon organised the Feast of Maria Bambina on behalf of the Missionary Society of St Paul, at St Mary Star of the Sea Church, West Melbourne.

Among those present were the Consul General of Malta in Victoria, Mr Victor Grech; the President of MCCV, Mr Victor Borg; members of the MCCV Executive; members of the Sovereign Military

Hospitaller Order of St John of Jerusalem, of Rhodes and of Malta; Mr George Portelli, Chief Representative of the Bank of Valletta in Australia; members of Sisters from religious Orders; members of the Society of Christian Doctrine and members of the Maltese Ex-Services Association of Victoria. A large number of Maltese Associations attended as well along with their banners, as well as the banners from the four villages and towns where the Bambina is celebrated in Malta and Gozo: Senglea, Mellieha, Naxxar and Xaghra, Gozo.

Rosary was recited at 2.30 pm by Mr Emmanuel Farrugia. This was followed by a Concelebrated Mass. Prime Celebrant was Fr Edwin Agius, mssp, Rector at Parkville (who incidentally lost his brother in Canada some days before. Reskeon committee and members offer their condolences). Concelebrating were Fr John Taliana, mssp; Fr Emmanuel Adami, mssp; Fr Lonnie Borg, mssp; Can. Fr. Mannie Bonello (Parish Priest of St. Joseph the Worker Parish, North Reservoir; and Fr Karm Borg. Master of ceremonies was Emmanuel Farrugia assisted by Frank Siriani. The music and singing was provided by the Maltese Choir of Victoria under the direc-

tion of Mr Charles Schembri and Ms Lydia Gusman.

First Reader was Mr Victor Grech while Dr Edwin Borg-Manche did the second Reading. Prayers of the Faithful were read by Ms Anoinette Bajada and Mrs Phyllis Vella.

The Sacrificial Offerings were brought to the Altar by Mr Joe Borg and Mrs Borg; Salvina Vella and Paul Vella, President and Secretary of Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group Inc. respectively.

During Mass two collections took place: one going towards the Missionary Society of St Paul and the second one going towards the Church of St Mary Star of the Sea.

After Mass, Fr Edwin thanked all those present and the Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group for organising the Feast on their behalf. Thanks went to Fr Anthony Bernal, Parish Priest of St. Mary Star of the Sea. Thanks went to the statue bearers, forcinas and the Malta Gozo Concert Band..

The Procession took place in the streets around the church and this was followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Later on refreshments were served to the distinguished guests and the helpers of the Feast.

Thanks to all those Reskeon members who on Friday helped with the taking the statue, pedestal, etc. to St Mary's Church and on Monday doing the same job back to the chapel in Parkville.

Photos on Pages 5 and 8

The Chicken Salad Spot

OPEN 7 DAYS — 10.30 am to 9.00 pm

Catering is our Specialty
Special Prices on Bulk Orders
*Top Quality Commitment —
Our future depends on it!*



**SHOP 19, GLADSTONE PARK
SHOPPING CENTRE**

Gladstone Park Drive, GLADSTONE PARK

Phone: 9334-5325

Bronwyn Halfpenny, MP

State Member for Thomastown

274 High Street Thomastown 3074

P.O Box 219 Thomastown 3074

Telephone: 9465 7533 — Fax: 9465 3656

Email: bronwyn.halfpenny@parliament.vic.gov.au



- Representing our community.
- Offering information, advice and assistance regarding State Government issues.

***Congratulates Reskeon Maltese Association
and Reskeon Seniors Group on their ongoing
work amongst the Maltese Community***

A trip around the Bay

On Thursday, 29th October, a group of 48 members enjoyed a trip around the Bay.

Members boarded the Midland Coach from the carpark of St Joseph the Worker Church, North Reservoir, at 8.30 am.

We started the journey to Sorrento through Mornington Peninsula Freeway, arriving in Sorrento around 10.30 am where Coach Captain, Bill, took us around sight-seeing of beautiful houses.

We boarded the Peninsula Sea Road Ferry around 11 am, for the trip across Port Phillip Bay to Queenscliff. Then we enjoyed free morning tea/coffee with biscuits and goodies provided by some of the members.

We disembarked the Ferry at Queenscliff and we headed to Corio to the Gateway Hotel where we enjoyed free buffet lunch and tried our luck in the gaming rooms.

Around 3 pm we boarded the coach again to make our way back to Reservoir. Once again, Coach Captain, Bill, gave us an interesting commentary on sites we were passing through.

We arrived in Reservoir around 4.30 pm.

Members told us they enjoyed this trip which was heavily subsidised by Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group by more than half the cost.



Day trip to Mulwala

On Thursday, October 8, 2015, a group of 48 members and friends enjoyed a day trip to Mulwala.

We left the carpark of St Joseph the Worker Church at 7.30 am and we stopped for free morning tea at Negambie.

From there we travelled to Mulwala Ski Club for a stay of three hours. Members enjoyed lunch at La Porchetta or some other food outlet.

Around 2 pm members boarded the coach once again and we travelled to Shepparton where we visited the SPC Warehouse where members did some shopping.

We arrived in Reservoir around 6 pm.

On Thursday, November 19, we had a similar trip to Mulwala once again and was enjoyed by one and all.

Thanks to Coach Captain Harrison for organising this trip for us.



Department of
Premier and Cabinet

OFFICE OF
MULTICULTURAL
AFFAIRS AND
CITIZENSHIP

*Proudly supported by the Office of
Multicultural Affairs and Citizenship*

Abbey
FUNERALS
We're always here

**Proudly supporting
the Maltese
Community**

24 Hour Service

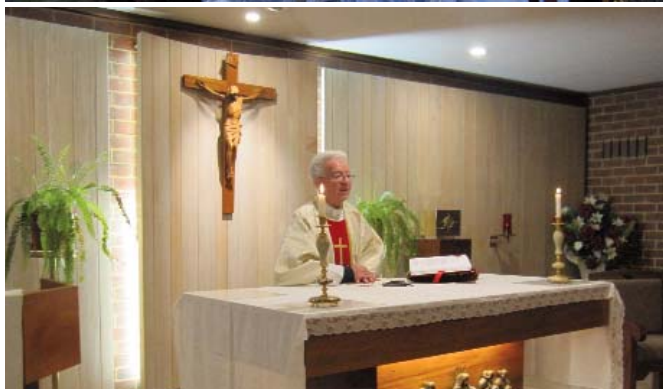
7 Days a Week

Prepaid Funeral Plan
available

Member A.F.D.A.

9464 0411

**238 Settlement Road,
Thomastown**



More photos Page 8

Free lunch for AGM and Seniors Week

Members of Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group enjoyed a free lunch of roast chicken and roast potatoes, soft drinks, tea, coffee and biscuits.

This was on the occasion of the AGM as well as being for Seniors Week.

Kitchen staff prepared the meal to be served and soft drinks were served outside.

Tea, coffee and biscuits were served as well.



Visitors from Queensland

On our weekly meeting at Merrilands Community Centre, 16th September, we had some visitors from Queensland visiting us.

They were Charles and Carmen Formosa. Carmen is the cousin of Dominic Micallef.

They enjoyed visiting our meeting.

From left to right, Charles Formosa, Carmen Formosa, President Salvina Vella, Mary Carabott and Dominic Micallef.



It's now official! Now our name is...

Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group Inc.

After the May 2014 meeting, Reskeon Maltese Association joined Reskeon Seniors Group and now it's just one Group. We made changes to the Constitution and these were passed by the Department of Corporate Affairs. We thank Ms Cheryle Michael who added changes of the Department of Corporate Affairs and thanks to Caesar and Phyllis Vella who altered our Constitution with the new changes to become one Group.

Xaghra Archpriest visit to Reservoir

Canon Mons. Carmelo Refalo, Archpriest of Xaghra Parish in Gozo, was on his second visit to Reservoir recently. He was in Melbourne eight years ago.

He came to Australia on an invitation from the Committee of the Vitorja Feast in Greystanes, NSW.

In Melbourne he was the guest of Canon Fr Emmanuel Bonello, Parish Priest of St. Joseph the Worker Parish, in Reservoir.

He was given a welcome on October 1, at Fr Bonello's home where parishioners and members of the Xaghra Association of Victoria were present.

The day after, Friday, October 2, Mons. Refalo was interviewed by our Secretary, Paul Vella, for his radio program on 3ZZZ every Friday 5 pm.

During his stay in Melbourne Mons. Refalo visited many places of interest.

His visit came to an end on Wednesday, October 7, when he concelebrated a Farewell Mass with Fr Emmanuel Bonello at St. Joseph the Worker Church in Reservoir.



Paul Vella with Mons. Refalo



Can Fr Manny Bonello with Mons. Refalo



David Feeney

MP

MEMBER FOR BATMAN

159 High Street
PRESTON VIC 3072
Ph: 9416 8690



Opportunity for all Australians

AUSTRALIAN LABOR PARTY

FIRENZE receptions

www.firenzereceptions.com

Ph: 9357 1136



FORTHCOMING EVENTS...

Mark these dates in your diary!

November 25: Club Closing

December 2: Christmas Break-Up (Firenze Receptions, Fawkner)

February 3: Club Opening

March: BBQ for members (Edwardes Lake Park, Reservoir)

April: Weekend Trip or Dayout

May 5: Mother's Day Luncheon (Firenze Receptions, Fawkner)

June 9: Restaurant Day (Roxburg Park Hotel)

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)

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, 5.00 pm:

St. Luke's Church, 1a 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

(Confessions about half an hour before Mass)

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Consul General of Malta
9670 8427

Maltese Fathers, Parkville
9387 7433

Maltese Centre, Parkville
9387 8922

Thank you!

Ms Rita Mee for helping with proofreading, **Dr Edwin Borg-Manche**, who takes care of the MCCV website for his help in advertising our activities, to **Mr Paul Borg**, Treasurer of the MCCV, for his ongoing help in auditing our books, to **Darebin City Council** and the **Victorian 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:

VERONICA PAMPANELLA
Sister-in-law of member Helen Bonavia

TONY BORG

Son of ex-member Lina Borg
a great helper of Reskeon in the past

KARMELENA LOFARO

Sister of our Chaplain, Fr Edwin Agius

FREDDIE AGIUS

Brother of our Chaplain, Fr Edwin Agius

NAZJU (NICK) SALIBA

Brother of member John Saliba

JESSIE COLEIRO

Ex-member of Reskeon for many years

Wife of ex-member Sam Coleiro

Sister-in-law of member Cathy Gatt

Please remember them in your prayers

R.I.P.

Support our advertisers and tell them you've seen them in our Newsletter. They help us to produce this newsletter for you. Thank you

For enquiries about our Association please ring the Secretary, Paul Vella, 9460-4404

For enquiries about our Reskeon Maltese Association and Reskeon Seniors Group Sec. Paul Vella Phone 9460-4404 Mobile 0409 961 928

Happy Birthday ...

December: 3: Miriam Mizzi; 5: Mary Barbara; 10: Joe Pace; 16: Phyllis Vella, Lourdes Psaila; 18: Sam Caruana. 22: Silvio Sacco; 25: Our Lord, Jesus Christ; 29: Spiro Portelli; 21: Michael Borg; 30: Joyce Scicluna; **January:** 1: Jane Ciantar; 2: Carmen Cassar, Mary Mifsud. 4: Mike Catania; 6: Grace Muscat, Pauline Borg; 10: Terrina Pace; 12: Madeleine Vella, Fred Muscat; 16: Joe Castillo; 17: Tony Debono; 23: Lina Falzon; 24: Helen Hammett. **February:** 1: Charles Tabone; 2: Antida Galea; 3: Therese Bartolo; 6: Mary Pisani, Joe Cassar; 12: Fred Schembri; 15: Sally Bartolo; 16: Carmen Grech, David Falzon; 17: Paula Bezzina; 23: Grace Castillo.

Happy Wedding Anniversary ...

December: 4: Lina and David Falzon. 15: Joseph and Samira Cassar; 19: Mary and Charles Magro; 21: Theresa and Freddie Cachia, Doris and Fred Schembri. 30: Melita and Reno Borg. **January:** 6: Sally and Sam Bartolo; 9: Carmen and James Cassar; 23: Sarah and Mike Catania. **February:** 1: Vera and Charles Sacco; 14: Joe and Dolly Agius; 18: Geoff and Rita Mee; 26: Carmen and Michael Borg.

Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group Inc.

President: Salvina Vella

Vice-President:

Secretary: Paul Vella

Treasurer: Victor Pulis

Asst. Treasurer: Miriam Mizzi

Social Sec.: Salvina Vella

Members: Melita Magro

Sarah Catania

Alfred Cachia

Theresa Cachia

Madeleine Vella

Sylvia Dakin

The group meets every Wednesday at Merrilands Community Centre, Asquith St, Reservoir, 9.30-2 pm.

For more information Ring 9460-4404

SAINT GEORGE PRECA

Those receiving special favours through the intercession of Father George Preca, are requested to report this to:

The General Secretary, Society of Christian Doctrine, Blata l-Bajda, Malta

Let us Pray

Lord, you called Dun George Preca to be a teacher and father to the young, and now you have numbered him with your saints in heaven. We thank you for this glory you have given him. We ask you to fill us with love like his: may we give ourselves completely to your service and to the salvation of mankind. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grant we beseech Thee O Lord that Thou wilt glorify Thy humble servant who worked with so much zeal for the salvation of souls and that through his intercession it will please Thee to grant this favour.....



CHARLES TABONE

Independent Travel Agent

are you planning to go to Malta or anywhere else in the world?

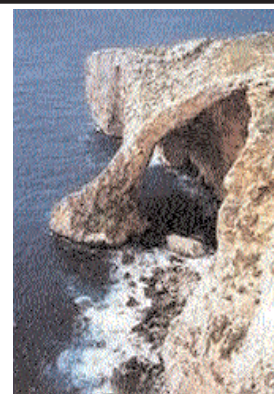
for best fares phone

Charles Tabone

60 Huntington Dve., Craigieburn

on **9308 2403**

Mobile **0417 354 637**



"Simshar" film maker/director in Melbourne

"Simshar" film maker/director, Ms Rebecca Cremona was in Melbourne recently to promote her movie.

"Simshar" is a movie on the tragic events when fishermen lost their lives in Malta including a 12-year-old boy, Theo Bugeja in 2008.

I am sure that most of us remember this tragedy.

The movie was shot in Malta in 2013-2014 and was a great success with Maltese moviegoers.

"Simshar" was the first Maltese movie submitted for the Best Foreign Language Film section at the 87th Academy Awards and finished 13th.

Rebecca was in Australia for a short time and spent her stay flying between States/cities, such as NSW, Hobart and Melbourne.

The film was shown in four Melbourne theatres specialising in foreign movies and about 14 other cinemas Australia wide. One of these theatres was the Nova Cinema in Lygon Street, Carlton, where the Q & A Preview specially for the Maltese Community took place on Wednesday, 30th September, which, happy to say, was fully booked.

Then the screening for the general public started the day after, Thursday, 1st October.

I tried my best to publicise the movie on my program on 3ZZZ Community Radio the best I could. I was very happy that when myself and my wife attended the screening the following Monday, the cinema was fully booked and most of them were members of the Maltese Community.

All those present enjoyed the movie and were full of praise saying that it was a top class Maltese movie.

I was in contact with Rebecca Cremona for about two months before she came to Australia and I requested an interview with her. First we were planning to organise the interview while she was in Malta, but realising she was coming to Melbourne we decided to wait.

First it was hard to find the right time as she had a busy schedule promoting the movie with interviews on radio and TV. Finally she found the time to come live on my program on Friday, 2nd October, arriving just minutes before I started the program and after rearranging the program, we started the interview after the program intro.

Rebecca answered many questions in the interview



Rebecca Cremona being interviewed by Paul Vella at Radio 3ZZZ



Rebecca cremona

regarding her film career, how the movie came to be, and other interesting items.

The interview went very well and listeners rang later to say how much they enjoyed it and that it was the first time they learned of the movie being shown in Melbourne. From then

on most of them flocked to Nova Cinema to see the movie.

Then on Monday, 5th October, she was a guest of the Maltese Community Council of Victoria where members of the community were invited to meet her.

President Victor Borg, introduced her to those present and then Rebecca spoke about the movie and answered several questions.

She said the movie was shown in the USA and Canada. Later on she was going to promote the movie in Europe, in Greece, Cyprus and other countries.

To her credit, Rebecca was in the camera departments of the movie "Munich" (2005) director: Steven Spielberg, and the movie "Agora" (2009), among others.

Rebecca was accompanied by her mother, Herta.

Both Rebecca and Mum enjoyed the Maltese Centre.

It was good for her to accept this meeting with the community as that very evening she flew back to Malta.

Refreshments were served afterwards.



From left to right: Salvina Vella, Paul Vella and Rebecca Cremona

Free BBQ to say 'thank you'

On Monday, November 9, Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group organised a free BBQ to say 'thank you' to those members who in one way or another give their help to the Group during the year.

More photos from the Vitoria Dinner Dance

