



NEWPORT NEWS

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The President's Message

Dear Fellow Members and Friends,

Welcome to the first edition of our Newsletter for 2016.

By the time you will be reading this edition we will be well and truly on our way for another year full of various activities, that I am sure will be to your likings.

So far, I am happy to say that we had a very good start to the year with the Association's "Fancy Dress Dinner Dance" held on the 13th March at Melrose Receptions. It was very pleasing to see a good number of those present, dressed fancy.

This was followed by the Seniors Free BBQ on Thursday 17th March at Brimbank Park. Both activities were well patronized by you, the members.

On the 24th February this year, the Newport Maltese Association Seniors Group held the Annual General Meeting and Committee Election at the Maltese Community Centre in Parkville. One hundred & fifty four members were in attendance.

I am pleased to inform you, that the incumbent Committee Members were re-elected to lead the group for another term. I am sure they will continue to serve the Group in the best possible way.

One of the aims of the Association is to raise funds for the Maltese Community Council of Victoria

Ever since we formed the Newport Maltese Association (1973) we strongly supported the needs of the MCCV, because we could see the amount of Social, Cultural and Welfare support that members of our community at large, especially those in need ---enjoy.

At the January meeting of the Association, the Executive Committee approved the purchase of a 42 inch Television set to be donated to the Maltese Community Council of Victoria. This was greatly appreciated by the MCCV, (see attached letter of thanks).

You will be pleased to know that the Association's application for grants from the Victorian Multicultural Affairs Commission 2016- 19 has been successful.

The Association, together with the Seniors Group are very appreciative of the wonderful support we receive from the Commission. I am pleased to inform you also, that the Association will be covered for Public Liability Insurance by the Commission from the 1st March 2016 for the next twelve months.

As we approach the months of winter, we will start to witness some of our members, leaving our shores to seek warmer weather in Europe, the majority of them to the Maltese Islands and the blue crystal waters of the Mediterranean. To all these members, we wish them all a safe and fantastic holiday and we'll be looking forward to have your company on your return.

Until next time.

George Michael Saliba OAM
President & Seniors Co-Ordinator.

Association Christmas Break-Up 2015

On Sunday 29th November 2015 the Newport Maltese Association held the Christmas Break-Up at the Melrose Reception Centre.

This function was well attended and with DJ Domenic the dance floor was always packed. Well done Domenic.

Even Santa dropped in for a short time and with the aid of his helpers everyone received a gift which was accepted with many thanks. Santa was very popular on the night and he was having a very good time

As for the raffle, quite a few people went home with some lovely gifts.

The Committee would like to thank all our terrific members and their friends for their support throughout the year.

Lydia Cole
P.R.O.

**Photos from Association Christmas
Break-Up 2015**



17th February 2016

**Mrs Gwen Busuttil -Secretary
Newport Maltese Association Inc.
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Dear Gwen,

RE TV SET GIFTED BY NEWPORT MALTESE ASSOCIATION TO MCCV

On behalf of the MCCV I wish to thank your executive and association for purchasing the Panasonic TV set recently delivered to the centre.

Your gift is very much appreciated and reflects your associations support to the MCCV in providing services to the Maltese community.

The TV set will provide considerable enjoyment to all those visiting the centre, especially our participants in the Planned Activity Group.

The gift is indicative of your commitment to the advancement of the Maltese community which we all proudly serve.

Would you also thank Victor Casa for donating the TV bracket which we have installed.

Yours faithfully

**Victor Borg
President
Maltese Community Council of Victoria Inc**



Association Christmas Break-Up 2015**Figolla depicting the Maltese Cross**

Donated by Mrs Francis Camilleri to the Newport Maltese Association Seniors Committee

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Seniors' Corner

by Gwen Busuttil

SENIORS' GROUP CHRISTMAS BREAK UP 2015

Wednesday 16th December was not our usual morning meeting at the Parkville Centre, instead it was time for us all to get ready for the Christmas Break Up over at Melrose.

We all look forward for the day, and after months of preparation it arrived, time for a fun night together with all our Club friends.

Melrose was also dressed up, with Christmassy table centre pieces, lights lit up all around the dance floor, even B I G Santa in the corner, looked like he got stuck into the wine a bit early. The music was welcoming, and merry. We all made the most of it, we promised our feet a good soaking tomorrow.

Presentation of Trophies for the Indoor Bocci Competition for 2015 went to:-

Winners: Joe Ellul

Frank D'Amato

Tony Cassar

Alice Buttigieg

Olga Ellul

Joyce Saliba

Runners Up:

Lewis Rossi

John Buttigieg

Rex Saliba

Mary Cefai

Rita Pullicino

Alice Leone Ganado

Congratulations to you all.

Highlight of the night is when Santa and his Merry Maids make their appearance. We always mention the merry maids, but we must also mention Santa's Cowboys, their muscles were needed to-night. Nobody went home empty handed, members all received a hamper full of goodies, and their guests received a little gift as well.

Carols were sung, even a few oldies in Maltese, and everyone joined in. The atmosphere was

just fantastic.

After the raffle, which is always kept till last, it was time to say goodnight, knowing that we had to wait till the 20th January till we meet again.

Another successful end to 2015. On behalf of my fellow committee members may I just say that it is with pleasure that we do, what we do. Thank you to Melrose for making our functions fabulous, and to all of you for supporting us. To all the D.J's that keep us on our feet dancing, but mostly to all of you for keeping us smiling.



Photos from Seniors Christmas Break-Up 2015



PHILLIP ISLAND DAY TRIP 18TH FEBRUARY 2016 NEWPORT SENIORS' GROUP

Weather wise, it didn't look like it was going to be warm, so as you do, you layer up. The umbrellas came with us just in case. It was threatening but it didn't rain, and as Melbourne weather goes, it also warmed up.

For morning tea break we stopped at Touradin, this was interesting for us, the Committee, as we were christening our new coach urn. Morning tea will never be an added expense, with the purchase of the urn, and everything went according to plan. As usual, we were all looking forward to spending the day out together. Bus Bingo is fun, with the usual cries when one of the committee won....hallilin, u ta Newport hallilin. We stopped for a walk at Nobbys at Phillip Island, sometimes you can see the penguins, but not today, some of us were energetic enough to walk all the stairs, right down to the beach.

As we travelled further in, we came across motor bikes racing, I suppose they were practicing for the event which is always held here. Only a little bit further to go, before we stopped in the main strip. Lunch venue was everyone choice, then after lunch, a walk along the shops, or the shores, then time to



head back to the Coach for our trip back home. Another lovely day spent amongst friends.

Gwen Busuttil
Seniors' Committee Member

New Year's Eve Dinner Dance 2015

New Year's Eve Dinner Dance was held at the Emerald Reception in Thomastown on 31st December (of course).

The hall was beautifully decorated and the tables were set up very attractively although it was a bit hard to see the table number. The cuisine was very tasty and plenty of it and the service were exceptional. As for the entertainment we had DJ Domenic playing songs that we know and love to sing and dance to. On the whole the night was exceptional. The group of members and friends attending our functions are always well behaved and ready to have fun.

Just before midnight the committee distributed bags with hats, whistles and streamers, the floor was packed and on the last stroke of midnight, everyone starts hugging and wishing each other "A Happy New Year" amongst the sounds of whistles and poppers, entangled in streamers, hoping that it will be a better year than the last one.

Congratulations to the winners of the raffle and thank you for your support not only on this night but throughout the year. It is you the members who make these functions a success, so once again we thank you.

Lydia Cole

Photos from New Year's Eve 2015



Fancy Dress Dance

13th March was the day all those attending on the night were prepared for a really good time, and may I say, they were not disappointed. Around one hundred people were dressed in fancy costumes.

The food was very good and with an extra plate of hors d'oeuvres there was plenty to eat .and I am sure nobody went home hungry.

Tony the DJ did a fantastic job getting everyone up dancing with his cheerful music. A few Maltese songs were also played, to which everyone started singing.

Four ladies and four gentlemen were lucky enough to be drawn out of a hat (so to speak) to receive an encouragement prize.

All the feedback was good . It was a night of Fun, Fun, Fun.

Lydia Cole
P.R.O.

Photos from Fancy Dress Dance 2016



Photos from the Fancy Dress Dance 2016

NEWPORT MALTESE ASSOCIATION
FUNCTION DATES FOR 2016

SAT-SUN 16-17 APRIL	WEEK-END TRIP	TBA
SUN JUNE 5th	COMEDY FUN LUNCHEON	MCCV
SUN OCTOBER 2nd	ASSOC. AGM	MCCV
SUN OCTOBER 9TH	ANNUAL DINNER DANCE	MELROSE
SUN DECEMBER 4th	CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP	MELROSE

For booking please contact Carmen Casa on 9436 8196

NEXT FEW FUNCTIONS FOR THE
SENIORS GROUP FOR 2016

SATURDAY	23rd APRIL	ACTIVITY FUN NIGHT MCCV
SUNDAY	MAY 1st	MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH-MELROSE
THURSDAY	19th MAY	LUNCHEON-TBA
SATURDAY	17th JULY	XMAS IN JULY- MELROSE
SUNDAY	21st AUGUST	FATHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

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PROFILE OF "LUKE CAMILLERI"

20 Years old.

By Vince Camilleri

Luke is a second generation Maltese Australian, the son of Andrew & Joan and the grandson of Vince & Terry Camilleri.

Luke's father is a keen follower of the Barclays English Premier League, and a supporter of Liverpool Football Club. This has rubbed off on Luke at a very early age, consequently he became interested in playing the game.

Luke started playing soccer for his school (St. Kevin's) when he was 10 years old, and also started playing club soccer for Manningham when he was 11 years old. As a result he was playing two games every weekend for 6 years. A highlight of his playing career was scoring 8 goals in one game. He mainly played centre midfield, however he also had many games at both right wing and as a striker. When he was 14 years old he also decided to take up refereeing starting with the under 12's. This meant that he was now playing two games and refereeing up to three games per week.

At 18 Luke completed year 12, and was soon to start studying Commerce and Law at University. He stopped playing for Manningham and also for his school, to devote more time to his studies. However he continued refereeing and in the intervening years he has progressed to his present level, refereeing the under 20's at National Premier League level.

Between September 28- October 2 this year, Luke was one of four referees picked to attend the Boys National Youth championships in Coffs Harbour, NSW.

Four referees from the Football Federation of Victoria (FFV) Talent Pool Luke Camilleri, Andrew Meimarakis, Rhys Shelmerdine and Brandon Smith were selected to take part in the tournament. Luke was awarded Referee of the tournament for Refereeing the Under 13 boys. Lead assessor was former FIFA and A-League referee Craig Zetter. During the season Luke was a panel member of the National Premier League Under 20's as well as be-

ing involved in the National Premier League seniors and FFA cup level.

FFA Director of Referees Ben Wilson said: "Most of the current A-League Referees Panel attended a National Youth Championships as part of their development. This illustrates the important role the tournament plays in developing the next generation of A-League referees."

From left, Luke Camilleri, Craig Zetter (head instructor) Sam Kuys.

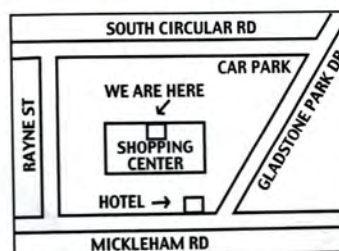


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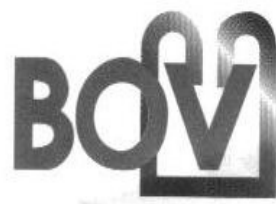
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