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The President's Message

Dear Fellow Members and Friends,

Welcome to the mid-year edition of our Newsletter.

We are already in the middle of 2016 and so far things have been moving smoothly for the Association and the Seniors Group.

A quick look at the “Combined Programme of Events” for this year, will show you that so far we have enjoyed the following activities:. A day out at Phillip Island, Carnival Dance, Brimbank Park BBQ, Association Weekend Trip, Activity Fun night, Mother’s Day Luncheon, Luncheon at Roxburgh Park Hotel and Comedy Fun Luncheon.

Thank you all for your support and here’s hoping we continue in this manner through the whole year.

During the past six months, the membership of the Association and the Seniors Group sky rocketed to a level beyond our expectations. This without a doubt, makes us feel, that we must be organizing things to your likings and I can only attribute this surge in membership to a hard working

group of people who forms the Association and Seniors Group Committees, who are always doing their utmost best to make sure all the members are satisfied.

At the June meeting of the Maltese Community Council of Victoria, the Executive Committee of the Council put forward a proposition to re-establish the Maltese Cultural Festival. For many years since its inception way back in 1977, the festival demonstrated our culture, customs and traditions to the wider Australian community. It also, showcased a number of Maltese budding performers and artists, having the opportunity to publicly display their talents being drama, comedy, music, dancing and singing, especially younger members of the Maltese Community

We must do our part, in any way we can to help the MCCV, so the Festival will continue to showcase all aspects of Maltese life in this adopted country of ours.

It is highly anticipated that, the President of Malta, Her Excellency Marie Louise Coleiro Preca will be visiting Australia. It will be a privilege for us Maltese living in Australia to welcome the President of Malta, who at the time of her inauguration, stated that, she will be a President for all Maltese regardless of where they live.

Here’s something for all those who will be visiting Malta for the summer months. Malta has been classified as having Europe’s cleanest bathing waters, with all of its sites

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Newport Maltese Association **Comedy Luncheon**

On Sunday 5th June at the Maltese Community Centre in Parkville.

Lunch came first, (catered by Ferraro Receptions) cannelloni for entrée, roast pork, potatoes and vegetables for main, desert, cassata, came later.

We started with interviewing some married couples, there were some differences in answers but all ended well. (No divorces I hope). Next came Sonny and Cher which brought the hall down with clapping, whistling and laughter.

They were so good and I'm sure they will get a lot more gigs.

A few jokes by Albert Zammit were very well received.

Three old ladies happen to drop in at the centre and their life story was revealed to everybody. There was a little bit of competition I felt. But in the end they all walked out together as friends.

A hypnotist was next. He hypnotised people and made them do funny things like directing traffic, act like a dog, a chicken laying eggs, and one was looking for her pussy cat. Of course this was what the audience was waiting for and the laughter grew louder.

A surprise visit from Tony Orlando/Tom Jones singing Tie a Yellow Ribbon and Delilah and everybody joined in. (and panties galore)

There was dancing between acts and the floor was packed.

It was a fun afternoon and the feed-back was "You should do this more often"

This is not easy to plan and the committee wrecked their brains trying to do something different and at the same time funny. In the end it's all worth the work when you see all the people having fun and enjoying themselves. Thank you all for your support.

Lydia Cole

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rated very highly (97.7%) by the European Environment Committee. So while you are all enjoying the crystal blue waters of Malta, spare a moment and think of us enduring the cold miserably weather down under.

On closing I like to share this with you:

At his fiftieth wedding anniversary Henry Ford was asked, "What is the formula for a good marriage"

He replied: "The same as for a successful car; stick to one model."

Till next time,

George Michael Saliba OAM

President & Senior's Co- Ordinator

I was just going through on Facebook and saw this. I thought it was very nice and encouraging. Thank you Matilda Borg.

I would like to thank

THE Newport Maltese Association
for the lovely comedy luncheon on Sunday
nice food , and the funny comedy ,lots of laughs
and lovely jokes ,in Maltese and English ..Please
do it again and thanks to all the Newport club
VIVA NEEWWPORT.

The Newport Maltese Seniors Group
are holding a

Christmas
in
JULY

Dinner dance at the Melrose Reception on 17th July.

For Booking contact Carmen Casa

Newport Association Week-End Trip

Following the success of the Carnival Dance, the next activity of the Association was a weekend trip to the Pokies.

On Saturday morning, 16th April, 53 members boarded the coach and started their journey north of the border into New South Wales.

What does a pokies weekend mean for us, just pokies ?. Not in our books, when you consider firstly, all the fun that we generate on the coach while playing a few games of bingo, then its turn for the stand up comedians who wait their turn to entertain us with their jokes, some of which have to be censored and while all this is happening Victor Casa makes sure that each and everyone get his share of all the cakes, pudina, biscuits, chocolate and lollies, kindly donated by the ladies of the committee and a good number of the members on board.

Stop over for morning and afternoon

tea is always welcome by all, to refresh and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and biscuits supplied by the committee.

On this occasion it was great to welcome some of the new members who fitted in very nicely with the rest of the group and are all looking forward to the next one.

Over the years, we have dealt with a number of coach companies, some to our expectations, others to our disappointments, but not this time, travelling with “ OCEAN BLUE” coaches under the command of Peter, the coach captain, we were more than pleased with the quality of the coach provided and great co operation from Peter.

Credit goes to all the committee members, who are always doing their best to make sure all those on the trip have a good and relaxing time.

George Michael Saliba OAM

President & Senior's Co-Ordinator

Below: Photo of the group supplied by Stella Vassallo



Seniors' Corner

by Gwen Busuttil
Senior's Committee Member

SENIORS' ACTIVITY FUN NIGHT *Saturday 23rd April*

FUN, *Fun*, fun, that is what we have planned for the night, that is why this event is so popular with everyone.

Bring along whatever you wish to eat, many have opted out for the easy option of ordering pizzas, with nibbles, and sweets to follow.

We started off the evening with fifteen games of Bingo! It was a free night, and winners won \$20 each. Ducks quacked at 22, whistling at legs 11, etc., etc. This was followed by TRIVIA. Many questions were open for debate amongst fellow players on the table, however there was only one right answer for every question therein, and a very clever table emerged, with everyone on it receiving chocolates to celebrate their win.

Chaos followed, as everyone wanted to select a winning horse, many did not want to miss out, and covered the field. When everyone had put their money on what they hoped was a winner, the fun began. Andrew took over proceedings while

George was in charge of the Field of Horses. Maurice and Victor handled the dice, and around the room people were selected to throw the dice, for the Horse, then the number of moves. Number one Horse, did not get on to the track till just before number six past the post.

Forty Five lucky punters collected eleven dollars each for being on the winner. Lots of fun for everyone, except one punter who put \$20 on number one.

Ladies and Men lined up for the BALL in the BUCKET competition, a game that proved that men can do better at this than the ladies. Five men won, ladies nil.

Thank you all for coming along and participating in the events. IT WAS FUN!

SENIORS' MOTHERS DAY LUNCHEON

Sunday 1st May, 2016

In honour of every mother present, George opened the event by proposing a toast to all the mothers present, with men upstanding and champagne in hand.

Every lady there was then presented with a box of Celebration Chocolates.

Domenic was our D.J. for the entertainment, and Melrose the venue for the event.

Our entrée arrived with either Lasagne or Salt and Pepper Calamari. The dance floor was full, and fittingly later, a special rendition of Mamma was played.

After our main course followed and it was delicious, ladies from the committee did the honours of selling the raffle tickets. Everyone wanted a winning envelope, as if we can know which is which. There were so many raffle prizes to select from, and winners were happy. A number of the gifts were donated to us from members, and for this we thank them.

We are pleased to say that we had 37 guests with us for this function, many of whom enjoyed the event and requested application forms to join us as members. All I can say is we must be doing something right. Thank you all for being part of the Newport Seniors' Group success story.

Below: President & Committee members of the Stella Maris Association





THE VISUAL ARTS AND CRAFT STRATEGY

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The President and Executive Committee of Newport Maltese Association Inc. wish to thank the Hon. Robyn Scot MP, the Department of Premier and Cabinet and the Victorian Multicultural Commission for approving our applications for a “Senior Citizen Organisational Support Grant 2016-2019 and also the Festivals and Events Grant 2015-2016 Round 2”

Photos from Seniors Mother’s Day Function held at Melrose Reception on 1st May 2016



Photos from the Association's Comedy Luncheon held at the MCCV in Parkville



STROKE IDENTIFICATION:

During a BBQ, a woman stumbled and took a little fall - she assured everyone that she was fine (they offered to call paramedics) ...she said she had just tripped over a brick because of her new shoes.

They got her cleaned up and got her a new plate of food. While she appeared a bit shaken up, Jane went about enjoying herself the rest of the evening.

Jane's husband called later telling everyone that his wife had been taken to the hospital - (at 6:00pm Jane passed away) She had suffered a stroke at the BBQ. Had they known how to identify the signs of a stroke, perhaps Jane would be with us today. Some don't die They end up in a helpless, hopeless condition instead.

It only takes a minute to read this.

A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke...totally. He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed, and then getting the patient medically cared for within 3 hours, which is tough.

RECOGNIZING A STROKE

Thank God for the sense to remember the '3's'teps, **STR** Read and Learn

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke.

Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

S * Ask the individual to SMILE.

T * Ask the person to TALK and SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (Coherently)
ie: Chicken Soup

R * Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.

If he or she has trouble with **ANY ONE** of these tasks, call emergency number immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

New Sign of a Stroke

Stick out Your Tongue!

NOTE: Another 'sign' of a stroke is this: Ask the person to 'stick' out his tongue. If the tongue is 'crooked', if it goes to one side or the other that is also an indication of a stroke.

A cardiologist says if everyone remembers this you can bet that at least one life will be saved .

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This joke is a bit long but very modern

A farmer named Billy was overseeing his herd in a remote pasture in the outback when suddenly a brand-new BMW advanced toward him out of a cloud of dust.

The driver, a young man in a Brioni® suit, Gucci® shoes, RayBan® sunglasses and YSL® tie, leaned out the window and asked the old man, "If I tell you exactly how many cows and calves you have in your herd, will you give me a calf?"

Billy looks at the young man, who obviously is a yuppie, then looks at his peacefully grazing herd and calmly answers, "Sure, why not?"

The yuppie parks his car, whips out his Dell® notebook computer, connects it to his Cingular RAZR V3® cell phone, and surfs to a NASA page on the Internet, where he calls up a GPS satellite to get an exact fix on his location which he then feeds to another NASA satellite that scans the area in an ultra-high-resolution photo.

The yuppie then opens the digital photo in Adobe Photoshop® and exports it to an image processing facility in Hamburg, Germany

Within seconds, he receives an email on his Palm Pilot® that the image has been processed and the data stored. He then accesses an MS-SQL® database through an ODBC connected Excel® spreadsheet with email on his Blackberry® and, after a few minutes, receives a response.

Finally, he prints out a full-color, 150-page report on his hi-tech, miniaturized HP LaserJet® printer, turns to Billy and says, "You have exactly 1,586 cows and calves."

"That's right. Well, you'll be helpin yourself to one of me calves, then, since you won it fair en square." says Billy.

He watches the smartly dressed yuppie select one of the animals and looks on with amusement as the man gingerly picks it up & stuffs it into the boot of his car.

As the yuppie is carefully brushing the dust & hair off his suit, Billy says, "Hey, if I can tell you exactly what work you do & where you come from, will you give me back my calf?"

The yuppie thinks about it for a second, wondering what this wrinkled up dirt encrusted uneducated old man could possibly know? He grins and then says, "Okay, old fella, why not? I'm a believer in fair play."

"You're a politician & you work in Canberra." says the old timer.

"Wow! That's correct," says the yuppie, "but, tell me how on earth did you guess that?"

"No guessing required." answered Billy "You showed up here even though nobody called you; you want to get paid for an answer I already knew, to a question I never asked. You used millions of dollars worth of equipment trying to show me how much smarter than me you are; and you don't know a thing about how working people make a living - or about cows, for that matter. This is a herd of sheep.

Now give me back my dog."

AND THAT MY FTIENDS IS WHAT THE PROBLEM IS ALL ABOUT.



NEWPORT MALTESE ASSOCIATION
FUNCTION DATES FOR 2016

| | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Sunday 2nd October | Assoc. AGM | MCCV Parkville |
| Sunday 9th October | Annual Dinner Dance | Melrose Reception |
| Sunday 4th Dec | Christmas Break-Up | Melrose Reception |
| Sat 31st December | New Year's Eve Ball | Emerald Reception |

For booking please contact Carmen Casa on 9436 8196

NEXT FEW FUNCTIONS FOR THE
SENIORS GROUP FOR 2016

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Sunday 17th July | Christmas in July | Melrose Reception |
| Sunday 21st Aug | Fathers Day Luncheon | Melrose Reception |
| Sat/Sun 17/18 Sept | Week-end Trip | TBA |
| 11to 20th October | Trip | Club Med Phuket |
| Wednesday 14th Dec | Seniors Break-Up | Melrose Reception |

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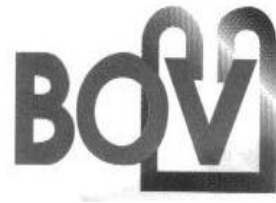
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