



NEWPORT NEWS

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The President's Message

Dear Fellow Members and Friends,

With half of the Association and the Seniors Group Committee Members away on long holidays, the rest of the members has been extremely busy, especially with the running of the Seniors weekly gatherings at the Maltese Centre at Parkville. The following ladies graciously volunteered to help with the work load. Therefore on behalf of the Association and the Seniors I like to say a very big thank you to Mrs Beatrice D' Amato, Mrs Mary Galea and Mrs Lina Camilleri

As most of you know, the President of Malta, Her Excellency, Marie Louise Coleiro Preca visited Australia recently.

I was very pleased to see a good number of our members present at the Cocktail Party organized by the Maltese Community Council of Victoria to welcome her Excellency. As Maltese Citizens the President of Malta is also our President, so it was very fitting to give the President a great welcome. Well done M.C.C.V.

At this year's Annual General Meeting of the Association, which will be held on Sunday 2nd October at the Maltese Community Centre, Parkville at 12.00 noon, we will also be conducting the committee election who will govern for the term 2016-2018.

As members of the Association, I urge you all to attend the meeting to get a clear picture of what we stand for and where we're heading.

All members of the Association who has

been financial for 12 months are eligible to vote and nominate for any position on the committee. Lunch will be served for all those in attendance.

On the 9th October this year, the Association will be holding the 43rd Annual Dinner Dance at Melrose Receptions in Tullamarine. This occasion is very close to our hearts, cause it represent the number of years we've been in existence. During these years we have seen a lot of changes, we have witnessed committee members come and gone but hail, rain or shine we soldiered on and to-day we can all be proud of our achievements and sacrifices to help make a better world for our country men.

On this occasion, two committee members of the Association and the Seniors group, namely Mr Maurice Spiteri & Mrs Carmen Spiteri, will be celebrating 10 years of voluntary work to both the Association and the Seniors.

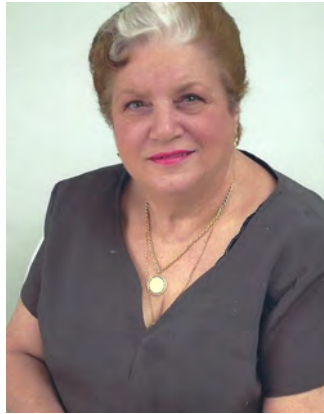
In recognition of their contribution and dedication they will be presented with a "LIFE MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE" for their outstanding service to the Newport Maltese Association.

On the 11th October, 22 members of the Seniors Group will be departing Melbourne for a 10 days holiday at the "Club Med Resort Phuket". Leading the group will be Gwen & Rennie Busuttil. I'm sure they are going to have a good time and enjoy all the facilities, which Club Med are famous for. We wished them a good trip and a safe journey back.

On closing, I like to share this with you:-
Money buys everything except love, personality, freedom and immortality.

. Till next time,
George Michael Saliba OAM
President & Senior's Co Ordinator

A Tribute to Lillian Calleja, who passed away 24th June 2016.



It is very fitting to dedicate this page to Lillian who was one of the founding Committee Members of the Newport Maltese Association Inc.

For the past 50 years, I had the pleasure of knowing Lillian as a good friend and also as a volunteer member for numerous organizations dealing with subjects such as; Community Development, Social Activities, Fund Raising, Culture, Young Talent, Aged Care, Overseas Missions and Religious Organizations.

There is no question in my mind that Lillian had a special place in her heart for our Association.

As Social Secretary for the Association for many years, Lillian worked very hard to do her share to provide welfare and organize social activities for our members and to raise funds for the Maltese Community Centre at Parkville.

Her love for the Maltese Community did not just stop with Newport, for a number of years, Lillian served as Vice President of the Ladies Auxiliaries of the Maltese Community Council of Victoria.

As the Co Ordinator of the Maltese Cultural Festival Children's Concert, for many years she was always looking for young talent to encourage them to develop their entertainment skills even further.

Her love to help young members of our Community, saw her gaining a position with the Education Department as a Teacher's Aid at Sunshine Technical School where she worked for 9 years.

It was very fitting to see Lillian, being recognized for her outstanding contributions to our community over the years.

Year 1990 - Manuel De Vilhena Award

Year 2000 - City of Brimbank Citizen of the Year award.

Year 2006 - Victorian Government Certificate for Voluntary Service to the Community.

Year 2011- The Order of Australia Medal (OAM)

To Vince and the family, I'm sure Lillian is now at peace after a very fruitful life and may you find the "gap" filled with love and peace.

Summary.

Lillian Calleja born to Michael & Theresa Pace at Valletta Malta, 15th April 1931

Married her husband of 63 years Vince on the 26th July 1953.

Migrated to Australia in March 1955. Settled in Newport.

Family: two daughters, Maria & Natalin

Son in law, Ray Grech.

Grand Children, Adam & David and their spouses.

George Michael Saliba OAM.

**Her Excellency Marie Louise Coleiro Preca
President of the Republic of Malta**

**Visiting the Maltese Community Council
of Victoria**



Below:

**Left to right: Mr. George Michael Saliba
OAM
President, Newport Maltese Association.**

Mr. Victor Borg, President, Maltese Community Council of Victoria

Mr. Edgar Preca

**Her Excellency Marie Louise Coleiro Preca,
President of the Republic of Malta**

**The Hon. Robin Scott,
State Minister for Finance and Multicultural
Affairs**

**The Hon. Jose Ferrera
Minister for Sustainable Development, Envi-
ronment and Climate Change in Malta**





THE VISUAL ARTS AND CRAFT STRATEGY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The President and Executive Committee of Newport Maltese Association Inc. wish to thank the Hon. Robyn Scott 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"

JUST A REMINDER THAT ON SUNDAY 2nd OCTOBER THE NEWPORT MALTESE ASSOCIATION ARE HOLDING THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING STARTING AT 12 NOON.

**LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED TO THOSE IN ATTENDANCE SO , FOR CATERING PURPOSES PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME DOWN AND BOOK WITH CARMEN CASA ON
9436 8196**

CONGRATULATIONS

To our President Mr. George Michael Saliba OAM on his 80th birthday.

Photos taken on a Wednesday at the Seniors meet at the MCCV in Parkville

George was presented with a framed photo donated by George Cachia, which consisted of a picture of the presentation of the OA M Medal and the medal itself.

All secretly organized by his wife Lena



Seniors' Corner

by Gwen Busuttil
Senior's Committee Member

NEWPORT MALTESE ASSOCIATION SENIORS' GROUP

CHRISTMAS IN JULY SUNDAY 17TH JULY 2016

On a typically cold July Melbourne day, you doubly appreciate the event taking place at Melrose. So warm and cosy was the atmosphere, amongst friends that we know and love to spend these special times, together having fun.

The whole thing is Irish, yes, it was two Irish chaps who thought of the idea, and even more bizarre is that many of us, actually go to Europe, and have Christmas in July there, where it is more like the Australian Christmas. Whatever, we are here to have fun! And that we always do. Thanks to our music maestro Domenic, who always does a wonderful job in keeping us dancing. Melrose was also going along with the theme, with the table centrepieces. May I also say that the choice of menu was exceptional, loved that pear tartine for dessert, unfortunately Rennie got his hands on that one quickly, must keep that in mind for the next choice of dessert.

Raffle time came, and we certainly had lots to choose from, twelve selections were on offer, and if you were one of the lucky winners, you had a hard time deciding.

All in all a wonderful night was had by all who attended, and looking forward to our next event.

FATHERS' DAY SUNDAY 21ST AUGUST, 2016.

George Saliba opened the luncheon by having everyone raise their glasses to honour all fathers on this special occasion.

At this special time, it is only fitting to remember these special people. Young men, fancy free, then met someone, and made the commitment to spend the rest of their lives with,

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Christmas in July 2016



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and that special pride when their first and subsequent children were born. I can still remember their faces, having worked in a maternity hospital back in the 60's. There was so much pride and joy on those faces. No doubt, along with this came the realisation that it is up to them now to provide a roof over their heads, mouths to feed, and schooling to follow.

Think back to our fathers, and you realize just how much meaning this day brings. For the betterment of the family they made the decision to travel to another land, which they had no idea what they were going to find. No job, no home yet, many of them stayed with relatives, and as we all know, this is not the ideal situation. It was all unknown to them and their family, all friends left behind, and to back in the 50's and 60's Australia was not what it is today. And yet, they did it for the family. Remember them, they are special people indeed.

Hope you all enjoy your Scorched Almonds.

Hard to get back to the task at hand after my soap box, but it was a good day, the music was great, Tony did an exceptional job, Melrose as usual was at its' best, the food was excellent, and service is what we have come to expect.

SENIORS' WEEKEND POKIE TRIP

10th and 11th September 2016

This weekend trip is very popular with all our members, and the bus filled in rather quickly. Not one person was late, all eager to take off, and after leaving Parkville, then along Sydney Road for the last of the pick-ups, a prayer was recited to help us on our way safely. George introduced Peter, our Coach Captain, who, by the end of the trip, we got to know him, and some important events in his life rather well. Bingo is always popular, and tickets were bought at the ready, prior to stopping at Nangambie for morning tea. At this stage, Victor Casa had already made sure that we all had

something to eat with our morning tea.

Bingo proceeded with lots of fun in between. If you were one of the lucky sixteen that shared in the winnings, hope you're lucky streak continues for the rest of the weekend.

Tocumwal Golf Club was our stop for lunch, and trying our luck at the venue.

One of our committee members was thrilled to see three bald guys which was the ultimate jackpot on that machine. Congratulations, a lovely start to the weekend. After lunch we travelled on to Barooga where we were spending the night, and thankful for a chance to have a rest, before leaving to go for tea at the Golf Club. As the AFL finals are on, it was North and Adelaide that were playing that night, and many of the men flocked around the television to watch the match, others were happy catching up with more drinking, no worries, nobody was driving. A three piece band played and sang some all-time favourites, and this gave us a chance to get some exercise in. Pokies were not being charitable.

After a well needed sleep, a hearty breakfast, and time to say goodbye to Barooga, and before we left, we were advised that some personal belongings were left in the rooms. The occupants had to front up and model what was left behind. Vince, Joe, Rennie and Ron, were obviously selected as being the clowns on the coach. A good laugh was had by all.

After attending Mass at Mulwala, we all went and had a group photo near the Murray, then on to the club for some more of the same, eating, drinking, chatting and playing the pokies, and soon it was time to be heading back home.

Thank you all for making our outings so much fun. I don't think that there was anyone there that was bored. Thank you also to the many who kept us supplied with baked goodies.

However,....I still would love to know how the movie finished.

Big Records for a Young Lady

A Melbourne youngster is on top of the world after recently hauling in two record sized striped marlin from a trailer boat on the NSW South Coast.

Makayla Buttigieg has fished with her father Darren since she was four years of age. She's always had a passion for being out on the water, whether chasing snapper in Victoria's Port Phillip Bay or tuna and marlin off shore.

Now 10 years old, Makayla has watched her father and his brothers catch numerous marlin over the years. Recently she thought it was her turn to do something special, so along with some friends her father towed their Haines Hunter 675 Happy Hour, the 7 hour drive to Eden on the far south coast of NSW in search of a marlin for Makayla.

On the first day Makayla tagged two marlin as well as boating a 92.5Kg striped marlin on 15kg tackle, which has been claimed as a female Small Fry NSW and Australian record. Once everything was taken care of, Makayla was so excited that she fell asleep with a smile on her face. Little did she realise that it was only a warm up for the bigger prize to come.

The following day Darren set lures on 24kg tackle, hoping to give his daughter a shot at another record. Makayla's first fish of the day was a black marlin which Darren disqualified when it became tangled with another rod. Makayla took this in her stride and within 30 minutes she was hooked up to another fish. This one really tested her strength. After an hour on stand-up 24kg tackle, Makayla was completely exhausted. She was close to giving up, but after drinking two litres of water and coping a douse of cold water over the head, Makayla managed to go all the way. She was on the rod for 105 minutes before the leader was grabbed and her fish brought alongside.

Back at Merimbula Big Game Angling Club her second striped marlin weighed a whopping 147kg, which is now a pending Australian and IGFA Small Fry record –and was only 5kg shy of the Australian senior female record on 24kg line class! The previous IGFA Small Fry world record was caught in New Zealand in 2002 and weighed 132kg.



Newport Maltese Association Inc.
Annual Dinner Dance
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Cnr Melrose & Carrick Drives, Tullamarine
On Sunday 9th October 2016
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*Newport Maltese Association Inc.
New Year's Eve Dinner Dance Will be held at
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NEWPORT MALTESE ASSOCIATION
FUNCTION DATES FOR 2016

Sunday 2nd October	Annual General Meeting	MCCV
Sunday 9th October	Annual Dinner Dance	Melrose Reception
Sunday 4th December	Christmas Break-Up	Melrose Reception
Saturday 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

Sat/Sun 10/11 Sept	Week-End Trip	TBA
11th to 20th October	Trip	Club Med Phuket
Wed 14th December	Seniors' Break-Up	Melrose Reception

For booking please contact Carmen Casa on 9436 8196

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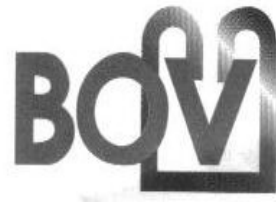
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