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The President's Message

Dear Fellow Members and Friends,

In this first edition of our Newsletter for 2017, I am very pleased to report to you that we started the year on a very high note. The Association's "Fancy Dress " Dinner Dance held at Melrose Receptions on Sunday 12th March was a huge success, the best ever with 300+ members in attendance,

This was followed by another successful event, namely the Seniors Group " Activity Fun Night " held at the Maltese Community Centre at Parkville. The members who do not take this activity at heart, don't know what they are missing.

I can honestly tell you that, on the night, I was approached by some of the members in attendance, suggesting to me that we should have a " Fun Night" every month. But with so many other activities planned each year I don't think that's possible, but I promise you this :- we will do our very best to make the above activities more attractive for all the members to enjoy even better still.

And here, a point of interest:- its very pleasing for the committee members, when they are approached by members with words of approval. Their many positive comments have been very encouraging

At the Wednesday gathering of the Seniors Group, I always get to have a chat with some of the members in attendance. And it occurred to me that, most of the discussions I have, centres mainly around their grandchildren, the topic being, how proud they are of their achievements. I have in the past, suggested to all, that we will be more than happy to promote young members of our community who excel in any subject being academic, sport, music, entertainment, etc. We will be very pleased to recognize their achievements on our newsletter. So how about it

On behalf of the Newport Maltese Association & Seniors Group Committees and members, I like to take this opportunity to send our warmest congratulations to Fr Tarcisio Micallef & Fr Dennis Carabott, two stalwarts of the Missionary Society of St Paul and the Maltese Community in Australia on their 50th Anniversary of Ordination.

By the time the next issue of our Newsletter will be ready for distribution (end of June) some of our members will be on their way to the northern hemisphere seeking warmer weather. To these members, in particular those heading to the blue crystal waters of the Mediterranean and the Islands of Malta, we like to wish them all a safe and fabulous holiday, take care and enjoy.

George Michael Saliba OAM
President & Seniors Co Ordinator

Newport Maltese Association **Christmas Break-Up**

This year (2016) is nearly over but before that happens comes Christmas, so we have to organize the Christmas Break-Up.

As it has been the custom for the last few years, it was held at the Melrose Receptions. As usual, the food, the service and the venue fulfilled our expectations.

We now appreciate that our members and friends are the best group of people around. They interact so well with each other, and are always ready to enjoy whatever goes on during the night. No complaints, they take everything in their stride.

Santa dropped in for a short visit and had the men from the committee help him present a gift to everybody who attended. Thank you Santa, we know that you are very busy at this time of year so thank you for your effort.

Congratulations to the lucky winners of the raffle.

So to sum it up another successful event, thanks to the committee and the members. One cannot continue without the other.

We hope that you will continue to support our functions so we can go on doing our best to entertain you all.

Lydia Cole P.R.O.

Newport Maltese Association **New Year's Eve Dinner Dance 2016**

This was by far the best function we had this year. Held at the Emerald Receptions with an attendance of over **300** this was something special. The Hall, and the service was top class. As for the food we try to pick something different, something special since this is a special time of the year and a special occasion. There were many different courses and even if you did not like something you still had plenty of other choices. I don't think there were any complaints and am sure that nobody went hungry.

The entertainment organized by Dominic

kept everyone on their feet all night. The dance floor was always packed. Everybody seemed to be geared up and ready to have fun and enjoy the night.

As midnight got close, everybody was ready for the big moment. Hugging and kissing and wishing each other a Happy New Year. Then the fun continued until it was time to go home. Tired but happy.

Congratulations to those who won a prize in the raffle. There were many things to choose from.

We had very good feedback from those who attended. It was even displayed on social media by some of the members. This generated more dialog about the night. I dare say it was an exceptional night.

Lydia Cole—P.R.O.

Fancy Dress Dinner Dance **12th March 2017**

What more can I say. Over 300 people attended. There is not much I can add to these photos and the people's comments on social media. A hundred people in beautiful costumes made for an exceptional night. Special thanks to Marilyn Monroe for singing Happy Birthday to our President. Thank you everyone of you for supporting our function. Eight lucky winners in fancy dress won an encouragement award.

People's comments:

Tessie Buttigieg: ex committee member. Thank you so much to Newport Maltese Association for the well organize Fancy Dress party, best night ever. Great Committee working together.

Toni Scicluna: A big thank you for a fun night to the president and committee members. Thanks for all your hard work. It was another great night and we thoroughly enjoyed it.

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Michele Casey: What another great night we have had. We would like to thank all members for the warm welcome both Graham and I have received from club members. Here are just a few pics from tonight's dance.

Ray Anastasi: What an evening!! A great & wonderful event! Well done Maltese Newport Association.....celebrating 'Il-Karnival'.

Eileen Busuttil: Great night enjoyed by everyone, many thanks to George & his hard working committee as always a tremendous job well done. Some amazing costumes on display.

Margaret Spiteri: Thank you Newport it was a great night and it was great to see so many costumes this year everyone looked great.

So there you are!!!!

Lydia Cole
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Fancy Dress Photos

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Seniors' Corner

by Gwen Busuttil
Senior Committee Member

SENIORS' GROUP BREAK UP 14TH DECEMBER 2016

For months now, at every committee meeting held, most were about planning for this day. The hampers are our biggest contribution to this night. Starting off with what to put in them, and after that allocating who will purchase what.

Two days before, we all meet, bringing all the contents with us, e.g. this year we required 130kg of walnuts, these had to be weight and packed individually, first the gentlemen hampers, then the ladies, and double checked to see that the contents were right. We have the art down pat now. Mind you, we have a lot of fun doing this. Next comes the raffle, ideas as to what to buy, purchase them, and making sure we do not forget to bring them on the night.

We meet two hours before, to prepare and set the scene for the night, so when you come in, and you may see us chatting and relaxed, we would have done a lot of work prior to this.

From the feedback that we have received this year has been a winner. Thanks to Charlie Vassallo and Stan Azzopardi for our carol singing, you made us sound sensational.

Thank you to John from Starlight D.J. for the entertainment, and Melrose for the venue which we have grown to love, and the lovely menu which we all enjoyed.

On the night Mary Cefai shared with everyone her decision to step down from the committee, George presented Mary with a little memento for her time with us, and this was a sad moment, as Mary was there since the inception of the Seniors Group. Thank you Mary, and look forward to your continued friendship.

Lastly thank you to each and every one of

you, who enjoy and appreciate what we do, please be sure that we enjoy doing it.

On behalf of Rennie and myself, may I say to George and my fellow committee members, what a pleasure it is to belong and be part of such a wonderful Group. As George would say.... Viva Newport!

Thursday 16th February, 2017 NEWPORT MALTESE ASSOCIATION SENIORS' GROUP. DAY TRIP TO MORNINGTON

First on, and last off.... that's us, we boarded the coach for our day trip at the depot, so we had to be there nice and early, weather wise, we prepared for anything, as it was that sort of day. After all our pick-ups, in Altona and Parkville, we were on our way.

It is always noisy! For some reason today was especially so, you would think it has been months since we had seen each other, not just yesterday. I was thinking that on the way there, I may get enough time to catch up on some shut eye, think again, between Rennie and a few others, there is no chance of that happening. Before you know it, we arrived in Mornington, and everyone was ready for morning tea. Tea or coffee and biscuits for everyone, and we thank the day we invested in the Urn.

The choices were, the jetty, or the shops, or just sitting in the park. With the sun still hidden, many opted to the main strip, and the brave ones, all rugged up, headed for the beach. Choices for lunch were many, and we were well catered for. After lunch we headed off to the strawberry farm. Picking the strawberries was not an option, as they were picked out. However, there were plenty to buy, or taste, as well as everything that looked like a strawberry for sale. Devonshire tea was a favourite for many, strawberry ice cream, ice cream sundaes, jams etc. they were all there.

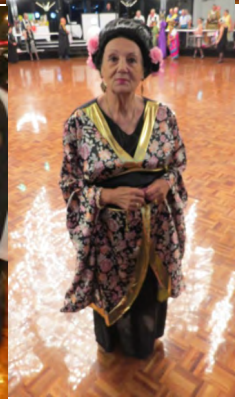
Enough time left to take a trip and check out the newly opened "Arthur's Seat" not enough time to take a ride, but the view was well worth it. So all in all, it was a very enjoyable day for everyone.

Newport Maltese Association Christmas Break Up 2016



Newport Maltese Association Seniors Group Christmas Break Up 2016

Photos from Newport Association Fancy Dress Dance. Top photo all the ladies, Bottom photo all the gents



Photos from the Newport Maltese Association New Year's Eve Dinner Dance

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Sat/Sun 22nd-23rd April	Week-end Trip	TBA
Sunday 18th June	Comedy Luncheon	MCCV—Parkville
Sunday 1st October	Association A.G.M.	MCCV—Parkville
Sunday 8th October	Annual Dinner Dance	Melrose Receptions

For booking please contact Carmen Casa on 9436 8196

NEXT FEW FUNCTIONS FOR THE
SENIORS GROUP FOR 2017

Thursday 6th April	Seniors B.B. Q.	Brimbank Park
Sunday 7th May	Seniors Mother' Day Dinner	Melrose Receptions
Thursday 25th May	Seniors Luncheon	TBA
Sunday 16th July	Seniors' Christmas in July	Melrose Receptions
Sunday 20th August	Seniors' Fathers' Day Dinner	Melrose Receptions

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Dear Members and Friends

Please note that because of unforeseen circumstances beyond our control the Association Comedy Luncheon which was to be held on Sunday the 18th June 2017 at the MCCV, will now be held on Sunday the 22nd October 2017 at the MCCV. We apologize for any inconvenience.



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