

NEWPORT NEWS

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Dear Members and Friends,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family in good health and high spirits. I am writing to you today with great excitement and pride as we celebrate a remarkable milestone in the history of the Newport Maltese Association.

This year marks our 50th anniversary, and it is a privilege to share this momentous occasion with you.

Since its inception in 1973, the Newport Maltese Association has been dedicated to preserving Maltese culture and heritage within our community. Over the past five decades, we have witnessed the growth of our association and the countless friendships that have been forged along the way. It is with immense gratitude that we extend our heartfelt appreciation to all those who have contributed to our success and helped shape the vibrant tapestry of our organization.

To mark this momentous occasion, we hope that you can join us at our upcoming 50th-anniversary celebration Dinner Dance. The event will take place on 8th October 2023 at Melrose Receptions Ballroom, starting at 6 PM. It promises to be a joyous occasion filled with nostalgia, laughter, and camaraderie.

We would be delighted if you could attend, your presence would mean a great deal to us and would undoubtedly make the celebration all the more memorable.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support and dedication to the Newport Maltese Association.

Warmest regards,

Joseph Ellul
President

The other side of George Saliba

We all know George's involvement with our Association. (See below). George was born at Senglea, Malta on the 3rd of August 1936 (star sign Leo). At age five the family moved to Hamrun where they lived till migrating to Australia in April 1958. George is the eldest of 8 children born to Michael and Rose Saliba (nee Gauci).

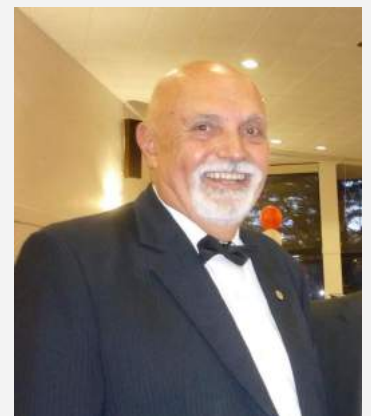
George started his education at the Hamrun primary school. He then attended St. Michael Secondary College at Fleur-De-Lys and when in October 1951, at age 15 George commenced an Electrical Fitter Apprenticeship at H.M. Naval Dockyard (Malta Dry docks) completed his education at the Dockyard Technical College. While serving his apprenticeship, George also attended other courses at the Malta Society of Arts, Manufacture and Commerce in Valletta and in 1956 he graduated from the Society obtaining a Certificate in Electrical Installation which qualified him for an Electrical Contractors License.

In October 1957 George completed his apprenticeship and, on the 16th February 1958, married his wife of 65 years, Lena (nee Camilleri) and on the 28th April George & Lena left Malta to come to Australia, arriving in Melbourne on the 26th May 1958, settling in Newport Victoria. George and Lena have two sons, Jeffrey 63 years old and Darren 56 years old married to Sharon (nee Tirchet) and two grandchildren, Justin 27 years old and Janae 23 years old.

George commenced work with Westinghouse Brake & Signal Pty Ltd. While working at Westinghouse George pursued further studies in the electrical field obtaining the "Victorian Electrical Mechanics Licence" which was followed with a certificate in Advance Supervision at the "Australian Management Institute". In 1972 the company promoted George to the position of "Superintendent of the Rectifier Division".

In November 1973, George was one of the Founding Members of the Newport Maltese Association and was the first President elect of the Association., a position he held for a total of 31 years. During this period, George worked vigorously to make the Newport Maltese Association what it is today, one of the strongest foundations on which the Maltese community of this state is built. Primarily, the Association was established to provide Social Activities for the Maltese Community that settled in Newport.

After 47 years of dedication to Newport, George retired, passing on his responsibilities to the incumbent President Mr. Joe Ellul.



Newport History through photos.



These are difficult times and the attached links may help if in need REACH OUT.

<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus/maltese>

<https://mccv.org.au/wp-content/uploads/sites/16/2020/06/Getting-tested-for-COVID-19-Maltese.pdf>

<https://www.sbs.com.au/language/maltese/coronavirus-updates>



Christmas in July.

On a cold winter day, which in Europe Christmas would be, lovely to spend the afternoon with friends, chatting, having a lovely lunch, and if our feet permits.... dancing the afternoon away.

The atmosphere was great, everyone looks lovely, and the men were handsome too. Domenic our D.J. was armed with a repertoire of music which we all love.

Joe and Andrew welcomed everybody and asked us all to be upstanding as both National Anthems were played.

An antipasto plate, was just the thing to get those taste buds started, followed by lasagna (the cook must be Italian). Another course followed, but at that stage, I was full. Must leave room for the dessert.

Ferraro, you outdid yourselves today. Thank you.

The obligatory Raffle heralded a fantastic afternoon coming to an end. Thank you to everyone for joining us.

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for helping me while Carmen is away. Glad that the afternoon ran smoothly. The bonus for me was that now I can put some faces to names.

Gwen Busuttil

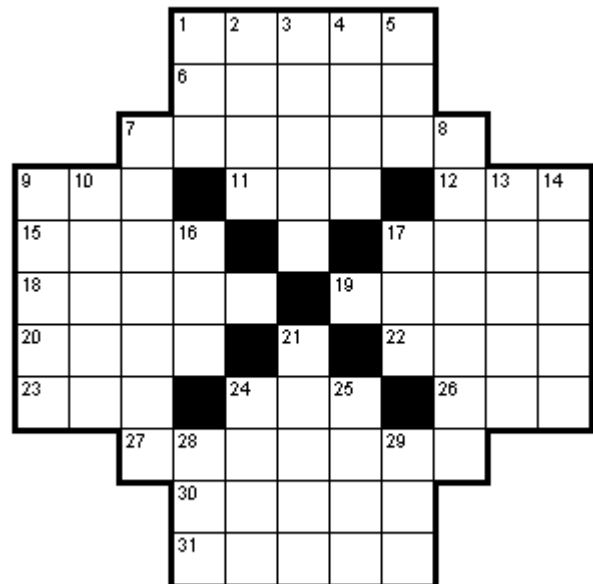


Across

1. Impart skills or knowledge (5)
6. Bird of prey (5)
7. Lean back (7)
9. Playing card (3)
11. Short jump (3)
12. Crony (3)
15. Multitude (4)
17. Prima donna (4)
18. Enter data (5)
19. Sweetener (5)
20. Halt (4)
22. Jail onboard a ship (4)
23. Male offspring (3)
24. Domestic swine (3)
26. Beer (3)
27. Explanatory drawing (7)
30. Imitate (5)
31. Industrial buildings (5)

Down

1. Golf pin (3)
2. Apiece (4)
3. Lambent (5)
4. Cut back (4)
5. Female chicken (3)
7. Answer (7)
8. Quip (7)
9. Not functioning properly (5)
10. Voice part (5)
13. Help (5)
14. Above average size (5)
16. Drink a little at a time (3)
17. Raise to knighthood (3)
21. Tenet (5)
24. Frozen precipitation (4)
25. Smile (4)
28. Fairy (3)
29. Perform (3)



Please note that membership is due and needs to be paid by end of October 2023.

Please see Olga to finalize ASAP



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THE VISUAL ARTS AND CRAFT STRATEGY

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The President and Executive Committee of Newport Maltese Association & Seniors Group Inc. wish to thank the Department of Premier and Cabinet and the Victorian Multicultural Commission for their continued support of our Club.

FATHERS' DAY LUNCHEON

HELD ON SUNDAY 27TH AUGUST 2023

Every year we have a chance of celebrating this day in honour of the men in our lives.

The afternoon welcomed all our members and guests at Ferraro for this event, and the room was decorated beautifully, owing to a Birthday Celebrated the evening prior, the Balloon set up was still there, which added a photo opportunity for many to avail themselves to this.

To entertain us was our DJ. Thomas, who quickly had the formalities underway with the National Anthems of both Malta our mother land, and Australia our adopted country. After acknowledging all the presidents present, the event was underway. The antipasto was served, and quickly followed by the entree, the meals are very nice here, our compliments to the chef. Personally, think that it is OTT (should it be over the top, or way too much for me).

Both Joe Ellul and Andrew Gatt took advantage of the event being Fathers' day, and took the day off themselves also, I did not mind in the least helping out, as many of you had gathered it was also a special day for myself with a birthday celebrated the next day, and all my immediate family present.

Thank you to all the guests who have joined us today, many of them from the Hidden Valley village, and many of these must have enjoyed the afternoon, as they have decided to join our club.

All the men present were given a nice bottle of red wine to enjoy at home. This was most welcomed, and as the afternoon came to a close, aha, I nearly forgot to mention the Raffle. All prizes with the men in mind, many of them in liquid form.

Thank you all for joining us today, what a pleasant way to spend a Sunday afternoon, as a prelude for Father's Day a week later.

Gwen Busuttil

Followed by Dad Jokes.

Why don't they have Father's Day sales?... Because Fathers are priceless.

Why did the kids give their dad a blanket for Father's Day?... Because they thought he was the coolest dad.

Did you hear about the red and blue ships that collided? All the sailors were marooned.

Where do surfers learn to surf? At boarding school.

How did Benjamin Franklin feel when he discovered electricity? He was shocked!

Why didn't the invisible man go to the dance? He didn't have any body to take.

What do you call a monster with a high IQ? Frank-Einstein.

Why did the elephant quit his job? He was working for peanuts.

Did you Know

22. There are 60 wine regions in Australia.
23. Actually around 1.3 billion litres of wine are produced each year in Australia.
24. It is the 6th largest country in the world.
25. Australia ranks 56th in the world in terms of broadband speed - really?!? We're 7th for mobile speed though.
26. There are 1 million Camels that roam wild Australia's Deserts - the largest number of purebred camels in the world.
27. Australia exports it's camels to the Middle East.
28. The wombat deposits square poos.
29. You can fly from Perth to Melbourne faster than you can fly from one end of Western Australia to the other.
30. Melbourne was briefly called Batmania. You can still visit Batman Park in Melbourne.
31. A baby kangaroo when born is only about 2 centimetres long.
32. And did you know that there are over 60 different types of kangaroos?
33. And that Kangaroo meat can be purchased from the supermarket and is known to be a leaner and healthier alternative to beef or lamb with a 1-2 percent fat content.



There are 60 different types of Kangaroo

34. An Australian election TV debate was rescheduled so it didn't conflict with the finale of reality cooking show Masterchef.
35. An Australian man once tried to sell New Zealand on eBay, with a starting price of A\$0.01.
36. It is a known fact that Wallabies like to break into Opium crops, get high and run around in circles to create a "crop circle".
37. A gay bar in Melbourne won the legal right to ban women from the bars, because they made the men uncomfortable.
38. Moomba, Australia's largest free festival held in Melbourne, means 'up your bum' in many Aboriginal languages.
39. The Australian Alps actually receive more snow each year than Switzerland.
40. Aboriginal culture is the oldest culture on Earth.
41. Western Australia is home to a number of Pink Lakes - such as Lake Hillier.



Lake Hillier

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42. Australia has 19 World Heritage Listed sites.
43. The country holds the Guinness World Record for the most amount of Christmas lights on a house - over half a million!
44. Australia's richest woman Gina Rinehart earns \$1 million every 2 hours.
45. 91% of the country is covered by native vegetation.
46. Australia invented the world's first seat belt law in 1970.
47. 33% of Australians were born in another country.
48. Over 300 different languages and dialects are spoken in Australia including 45 Indigenous languages.
49. In fact 21% of Australians don't speak English at home!
50. WA is home to what is believed to be the oldest evidence of life on Earth - the Stromatolites.
51. Vegemite was created by left over Yeast used to create Beer - so that's why it tastes so good!





Newport Maltese Association and Senior Group Inc

Program of Events for the Year 2023.

Late October

Phuket Club Med

Sunday 19th November

Spring Carnival Parkville

Wednesday 13th December

Christmas Break-Up Ferraro Reception

Please note: These dates are subject to change.



Joe Ellul	9744 6096
Andrew Gatt	0416777807
Gwen Busuttil	9333 3693
Olga Ellul	9744 6096
Carmen Casa	9436 8196
Arthur Galea	0439830454
Maurice Spiteri	9469 2067
Carmen Spiteri	9469 2067
Victor Casa	9436 8196

Rennie Busuttil	9333 3693
Miriam Camilleri	9398 4018
Anne Caruana	9449 7792
Mary Galea	9304 1452
Antonia Camilleri	9390 1686
Joe Camilleri	9390 1686
Antonia Scicluna	0408750187
Fred Scicluna	93695325

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Programme of Events for the Year 2024.

Wednesday 7th February	Resume Meetings
Thursday 22th February	BBQ Brimbank Park
Sunday 10th March	Carnival Dance
Thursday 14th March	Day Trip
Thursday 18th -20th April	3 Day Trip TBA
Sunday 5th May	Mother's Day Lunch
Sunday 16th June	Fun & Games Luncheon P/Ville
Sunday 7th July	Christmas in July
Sunday 25th August	Fathers' Day Lunch
Sunday 22th September	AGM
Sunday 13th October	Annual Dinner Dance
Late October	Annual Trip TBA
Sunday 17th November	Spring Carnival Parkville
Wednesday 11th December	Christmas Break-Up

Please note: These dates are subject to change.



To all of our members who are celebrating Birthdays or Anniversaries over this period we wish you all the happiness and health on these occasions.

The Committee:



Did you know.

What is the origin of Maltese pastizzi

Maltese pastizzi are a popular traditional pastry in Malta. They consist of flaky pastry filled with either ricotta cheese or mushy peas. The origin of pastizzi can be traced back to the 16th century when the Knights Hospitaller, also known as the Knights of Malta, were stationed on the island.

During this time, the knights had a strong influence on the culture and cuisine of Malta. It is believed that pastizzi were introduced to Malta by the Knights Hospitaller, who were known for their culinary skills and brought various culinary traditions from their home countries.

The pastry itself is thought to have Middle Eastern origins, as similar pastries can be found in countries like Turkey and Lebanon. The Knights Hospitaller had connections to the Middle East due to their military campaigns in the region, which likely contributed to the introduction of this type of pastry to Malta.

Over time, pastizzi became a beloved Maltese snack, enjoyed by locals and visitors alike. They are commonly found in pastizzerias, small bakeries, and street food stalls across the island. Pastizzi have become an iconic part of Maltese cuisine, representing a flavorful and convenient snack that reflects the islands cultural heritage.

**TWO LITTLE BOYS WERE AT
A WEDDING WHEN ONE OF
THEM LEANED OVER TO
OTHER AND ASKED,
"HOW MANY WIVES CAN A
MAN HAVE?" HIS FRIEND
ANSWERED, " SIXTEEN....
FOUR BETTER, FOUR WORSE,
FOUR RICHER, AND FOUR
POORER."**

"I only know 25 letters of the alphabet. I don't know y."

"Where do you learn to make a banana split?"
"Sundae school."

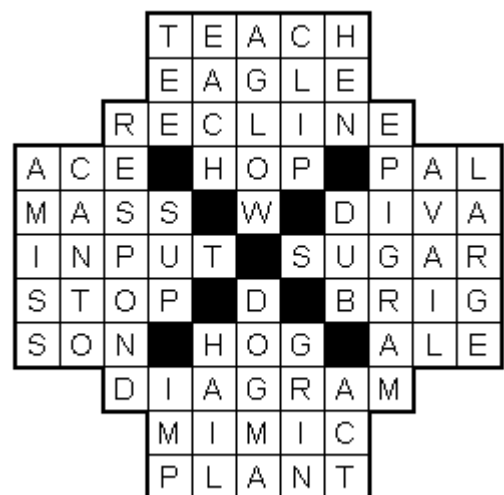
"Why don't eggs tell jokes? They'd crack each other up."

Dad Jokes


"I thought the dryer was shrinking my clothes. Turns out it was the refrigerator all along."

"I'm afraid for the calendar. Its days are numbered."

"What did the ocean say to the beach?" "Nothing, it just waved."




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