



NEWPORT NEWS

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The President's Message

Dear Fellow Members & Friends,

D I hope you all had a good start to 2011, and hopefully it will continue to be a good year to all of you.

Sadly, towards the end of 2010, we were all in shock to learn about the death of Bishop Joseph Grech. A beautiful person, his life cut short in a way that none of us expected.

On a happier note, the New Years Eve Ball was in the opinion of everyone present a huge success and it was very encouraging for us to hear from some 20 visitors from Malta how much they thoroughly enjoyed the night.

On Australia Day we were all very pleased to know that our very own Social Secretary, Lillian Calleja was awarded the "Order of Australia Medal" (OAM). Lillian highly deserved the award for her never ending community work, not only with the Newport Group but with the whole Maltese community of this state. Once again Lillian, our warmest congratulations on your award.

One of the ongoing things that Members of the Committee do as a service to our Association is attending the monthly meeting of the Maltese Community Council of Victoria. At these meetings a number of topics that concerns our community at large are discussed.

At the January meeting of the Council it was interested to note that out of a population of 21,000 Maltese born living in Victoria, 6,500 are aged over 65 (32 percent).

The MCCV has always put great emphasis on the welfare needs of the community, especially the elders and with the help of the affiliated associations, the council would like to compile a register of those most in need in order to ensure that they do not fall out of the net.

My appeal to you is, that if you know of any elderly in need of assistance please forward their names to us so we can refer them to the Council.

As you are aware, the Association publish four Newsletters every year (quarterly). I would like to include a "Members Corner" which will give you the members, the opportunity to share with everyone say:- an experience that you could have encountered, maybe a funny story, a clean joke, a recipe or maybe your life story, we all have a story to tell, so how about it.

It was good to see so many of you having a good time at the Seniors Group "10th Anniversary Dinner" I must congratulate you all for the way you presented yourselves and for making the night such a great success. We are now looking forward to have your company at the "Carnival Dance" which is going to be held at Parkville on the 16th April . It is fully booked and we would like to see many of you dressed fancy. As always, we will be rewarding six encouragement prizes for those in fancy dress.

Until next time, Sahha.

**George Saliba, President
& Senior's Co-Ordinator**

NEWPORT MALTESE ASSOCIATION
FUNCTION DATES FOR 2011

SAT. APRIL 16th	FANCY DRESS DANCE	M.C.C.V
SAT. JULY 2nd	ANNUAL DINNER DANCE	LAKESIDE RECEPTION
SUN. OCTOBER 2nd	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	M.C.C.V.
SAT. OCTOBER 22nd	GET TOGETHER	M.C.C.V.
SAT. DECEMBER 3rd	CHRISTMAS PARTY	M.C.C.V
SAT. DECEMBER 31st	NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE	LAKESIDE RECEPTION

“MOODS MUSIC TO ENTERTAIN AT ALL FUNCTIONS”

NEXT FEW FUNCTIONS FOR THE SENIORS GROUP
FOR 2011

Thursday	17th March	Day Trip to Lorne
Sunday	1st May	Mother's Day - Luncheon
Thursday	12th May	Picnic at Brimbank Park
Saturday	4th June	Activity Fun Night
Saturday	23rd July	Christmas in July—Dinner
Sunday	14th August	Annual General Meeting