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VALE

EDWIN BALDACCHINO



On Friday, 17th May, we received the sad news of the passing away of our friend, member of Reskeon for many years and ex-committee member of Reskeon Seniors Group. He gave a lot to the Maltese Community as an actor, singer and helper. He sang the Reskeon theme song, music by Laurie Armato and lyrics by Dr Clemente Zammit.

To his wife, Mary, and family we offer our condolences.

May he rest in peace

Welcome! Merhba!

Welcome once again to another issue of Reskeon Newsletter.

The Seniors had a BBQ at the park of Edwardes Lake which was enjoyed by all members.

Reskeon Maltese Association had a day at Mornington Beach, where members had a good time.

Paul and Salvina Vella, and George Colvin, attended a meeting regarding the changes to Constitutions by the Department of Corporate Affairs.

Reskeon Maltese Association had a free Get Together in March for all their members while the Seniors had a trip to Ballarat where they had a chance to visit the Begonias.

Reskeon Maltese Association had a two-day trip across the border.

Four couples celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversaries recently: Caesar and Phyllis Vella, Carmen and Charlie Cachia, Paula and Frans Bezzina and Tessie and Sam Sacco.

We lost a few family members and friends recently. Early in May we lost member Laurie Armato who wrote the music for the Reskeon Theme Song to the lyrics of Dr Clemente Zammit and Edwin Baldacchino, who sang it. We remember them in our prayers.

You can read these stories in full on the inside pages of this newsletter.

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Until we meet again, take care and drive carefully. In your prayers, remember those with no one to pray for them. Thank you.

PAUL VELLA, Editor

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The Seniors enjoy a BBQ in the Park



Reskeon Seniors Group organised a barbecue for all members on Thursday, 21st March, in the park of Edwardes Lake, Reservoir. This was attended by about 100 members.

We have always been lucky on our last events when we have had good weather. On this occasion we had warm days throughout the week but on the Thursday the forecast was for rain, strong winds and thunderstorms. Although few members were worried about this, almost all of them turned up. Members of the committee were at the park at around 9.30 am to prepare a few things and as the weather looked promising in the morning, cooking started at around 10.45 am. We had a lot of members helping on the barbecues and the cooking was done in a very short time.

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BBQ GHAS-SENIORS

Is-Seniors kellhom BBQ ghall-membri f'Edwardes Lake Park fejn kulhadd ha pjacir bhas-soltu.

GURNATA MORNINGTON BEACH

Reskeon Maltese Association organizzaw harga ta' gurnata lejn Mornington Beach fejn kulhadd ha pjacir ghax kienet gurnata sabiha.

HARGA GHAL BALLARAT

Reskeon Seniors kellhom harga ta' gurnata lejn Ballarat fejn kellhom ic-cans li jaraw il-wirja tal-Begonias. Kienet gurnata tajba hafna.

JUMEJN 'ACROSS THE BORDER'

Reskeon Maltese Association kellhom harga ta' jumejn fejn marru Mulwala, Corowa u Yarrawonga. Dawk li hadu sehem f'din il-harga hadu gost fejn qattghu jumejn flimkien bhaf familja wahda.

TIBDIL FIL-KOSTITUZZJONI

Id-Department of Corporate Affairs qed jitlob li jsir xi tibdil fil-Kostituzzjoni ta' kull socjeta'. Ghal dan il-ghan membri miz-zewg gruppi taghna attendew laqgha apposta li giet organizzata minn Darebin City Council fejn membru tad-dipartiment fisser x'kienu dawn it-tibdiliet.

JICCELEBRAW 50 SENA FLIMKIEN

Matul dawn l-ahhar tliet xhur kellna erba' koppji membri taghna, fil-grupp tal-anzjani, li ccelebraw il-50 Anniversarju taz-zwieg taghhom: Caesar u Phyllis Vella, Carmen u Charlie Cachia, Paula u Frans Bezzina u Tessie u Sam Sacco. Nixtiequhom l-isbah xewqat.

TNEJN IZURUNA WAQT BTALA HAWN

Mario Spiteri, hu Madeleine Vella u Mary Vella habiba ta' Mary u Ricky Killeen zaruna kemm-il darba waqt il-laqghat tas-Seniors fiz-zmien li kienu fuq btala minn Malta u hadu sehem f'hafna attivitajiet.

QUDDIESA BIEX BDEJNA SENA TAJBA

Il-Kanonku Emmanuel Bonello, Kapillan tal-Knisja ta' San Guzepp Haddiem, North Reservoir, iccelebra Quddies fil-bidu tas-sena tas-Seniors.

MEWT TA' LAURIE ARMATO U EDWIN

Matul dawn l-ahhar xhur dlifna hafna membri tal-familji ta' membri taghna. Fil-bidu ta' Mejju hadna l-ahhar tal-mewt tal-membru taghna Laurie Armato. Laurie kiteb il-muzika tal-Innu tar-Reskeon, fuq versi ta' Dr Clemente Zammit. Tlifna wkoll lil Edwin Baldacchino li kien ikanta l-istess innu.

Rapporti bl-Ingiliz flimkien ma' ritratti fuq dan li ghadna kemm thad-ditna fuqu ssibuhom f'faccati ohra ta' din li Newsletter. Sakemm nergghu niltaqghu darb'ohra, insellmilkom u nghidilkom "Sahha"!

— Paul Vella

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Mass and prayers for a good year

On the third meeting of the year, Reskeon Seniors Group asked Canon Emmanuel Bonello, Parish Priest of St. Joseph the Worker Church, North Reservoir, to celebrate Mass for the Group, to praying for a good year. Around 150 members



were present. Before the Mass started, Paul Vella read out the names of the faithfully departed as supplied by members. Canon Bonello delivered a beautiful Homily. Our members Sylvia Dakin and Miriam Mizzi helped as Special Ministers.

After Communion, Canon Bonello gave special blessings to our members Paula and Frank Bezzina, who were celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Co-Ordinator, Salvina Vella, presented the couple with a lovely bouquet of flowers on behalf of the Committee and members of Reskeon Seniors Group and congratulated them on this happy occasion.

At the end of the Mass Paul thanked Canon Bonello for finding the time to visit our Group and celebrated Mass for us.



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Seniors' BBQ in the Park (from Page 1)

By 12 all members had arrived and the food was served. Members were served with two sausages and a steak, salads and bread. Red and white wine and soft drinks were available with the meal and everyone was invited to help themselves. Seconds were offered after all members had been served.

Later on dessert was served consisting fresh fruit.

We had a few drops of rain but nothing to panic about. A lot of members stayed under the pergola till 4pm, when we even enjoyed a bit of sunshine.

We had a visitor from Malta who was visiting Melbourne at that time. We also welcomed two little girls, the granddaughter of Carmen and George Topolcsanyi and the granddaughter of Joyce Cassar.

Thanks to all those mem-

bers who brought goodies with them, cakes, cookies and fruit, to share around, especially Yvonne Caruana with a special cake to wish Paul a happy birthday and another lovely Continental cake brought by Margaret Spiteri.

Thanks to Co-ordinator Salvina Vella for all the work in purchasing the food, drinks and preliminary preparations. Thanks to all committee and other members who assisted in preparing the salads and serving the meals. A big thank you to all who helped with the cooking of the barbecue.

Thanks also to all the members who attended and showed appreciation of the organisation of this event.

This barbecue proved to be so successful and popular with members that it is planned to be organised twice a year.



Photos: (top) cooking of the meat; (above) visitor from Malta Mary Vella, friend of Mary and Rick Killeen; (right) Margaret Spiteri with her lovely cake.

Jade Colver-Vella — 12/13 Years old Australian Open Champion



This year, fighting older children was again to prove a big challenge for Jade, granddaughter of our members, Caesar and Phyllis Vella. With Sensei Peter guidance and hard work, Jade has successfully gained the title at the Australian Open Champion second year running and has her sights on the National Titles later this year. Jade is hoping to travel to Greece in 2014 and compete at the Greek Karate Open and try her skill at the International level. Jade also got the Black Belt 1st. Dan in April.

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Mother's Day Luncheon for the Seniors Group

On Thursday, 2nd May, Reskeon Seniors Group organised their Mother's Day Luncheon for their members, at the Firenze Receptions, McBryde Street, Fawkner. Around 140 members and friends attended.

When members arrived at around 11 am they entered the hall where they were served with pre-lunch drinks and hors d'ouvres.

Secretary Paul Vella welcomed guests and members and invited them to stand for the Maltese and Australian National Anthems.

After Champagne was poured into the glasses, all male members were asked to be upstanding to offer a toast for all the Mothers on the occasion of Mother's Day.

The entrée of baked fish and rice and vegetables was served followed by a serve of ricotta ravioli and a variety of pasta. Main Course was chicken parmigiana and beef with vegetables on each plate. Dessert was Gianduiotto ice-cream. This was followed by a platter of fresh fruit.

Then tea and coffee was served along with Continental cakes.

The music on the day was in the hands of DJ Domenic who kept all those present dancing on the floor most of the day.

Distinguished guests present were the Consul General of Malta in Victoria, Mr Charles Mifsud; Fr Edwin Agius, mssp, Rector at Parkville; Life Member of Reskeon Maltese Association and Reskeon Seniors Group, Mrs Anne Gauci; Honorary Life Members, Dr Clemente Zammit and Mrs Mary Zammit; Vice-President of the Maltese Community Council of Victoria, Mr Gejtu Deguara and Mrs Mary Deguara; Honorary

Treasurer of the MCCV, Mr Paul Borg and Ms Pauline Demanuele.

Later in the day, Co-Ordinator Salvina Vella gave her message for the occasion of Mother's Day, wishing a good day to all Mums with their families and asked to remember and pray for all those mothers who are no longer with us.

The Consul General of Malta in Victoria, Mr Charles Mifsud, then was invited to say a few words. He said that all mothers deserve a special day for what they provide to their families.

Then there was the presentation of trophies for the winner and runner-up of the Ladies' Bocce Competition which finished two weeks before this event. Co-Ordinator Salvina Vella invited Mr Charles Mifsud to present the trophies to winner Cathy Gatt and runner-up Carmen Grech. All participants in the competition were asked to join them for a group photo.

We thank Co-Ordinator, Salvina Vella, who almost single-handed was responsible for the success of this function. We thank all members for being present and enjoying the day together as one big family.

Thanks to all those members who found the time to approach members of the committee to pay their compliments for this well-organised function.

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Trip to Ballarat to see the Begonias

A group of 48 members of Reskeon Seniors Group enjoyed a trip to Ballarat to visit this year's Begonias display at the Robert Clark Conservatory, in the Botanical Gardens.

The day was Thursday, 18th April. We left St Joseph the Worker Church carpark at 9.30 am. The day was wintry with drizzling rain in the morning. On the way to Ballarat the rain increased but the sun was popping out from time to time to assure us that it was there.

We arrived at around 11.05 am and all members enjoyed a free cup of tea or coffee with biscuits and many goodies that members brought with them and shared around. By this time the rain stopped and the rest of the day was dry. Afterwards, members entered the Conservatory to visit the Begonias display... a lovely selection of Begonias full of exotic colours.

Many members had the chance to purchase some begonias in pots, and at the price of \$2 a pot, we finished up with a lot of flower plants to take home.

Lunch was BYO. There were plenty of seats in the opposite park and even a shelter from the warm sun under a number of rotundas. Some members opted to buy lunch from the kiosk.

After lunch, most members enjoyed a walk along the

Botanical Gardens and a visit to the Statuary Pavilion was well worth it viewing the fine white artistic marble statues. The sculptures are by Charles Summer and depict The Flight to Pompeii, Ruth, Modesty, Rebeka and Susanah. Others visited the War Memorial with names of all those soldiers who died during the Wars or were prisoners of war. We managed to spot two Maltese names: a Micallef and a Vella.

Others had a walk in the park along Lake Youille's Swamp (now Lake Wendouree) and the bird life and beautiful swans. Myself and a group of others were invited for a walk around the lake by our Coach Captain, Terry. He told us the walk takes about an hour... but after three kilometers we turned around fearing the rain.

At around 2.30 pm we boarded the coach for our trip back to Melbourne.

All members enjoyed this trip so much that they requested more of such trips be organised.

It is always a pleasure travelling with our members who are always well behaved and very punctual.

Thanks to all those taking part in this outing and thanks to our Coach Captain, Terry. This outing was subsidised by Reskeon Seniors Group.



Two days across the border enjoyed by all

A group of 40 Reskeon Maltese Association and friends enjoyed a two-day trip across the border on the weekend of April 6-7.

After a stop at Euroa for morning tea, we travelled for a free lunch and dessert at the Mulwala Services Club with a three-hour stop. Our accommodation was at the new refurbished Statesman Motor Inn in Corowa. Dinner was provided free at the Corowa RSL Club, another favourite place of our members. This was another 3-hour stay. In the morning all enjoyed a delicious cooked breakfast and then attended Mass at St Mary's Church in Corowa. After, we travelled Mulwala Ski Club for lunch and another 3-hour stay. On the way home we stopped at an orchard sales outlet in Shepparton where members had a chance to buy a lot of fresh fruit at very special prices.



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Easter Spirit!



At the Wednesday Group meeting before Easter, each member received a Hot Cross Bun and two chocolates to get members in the Easter spirit. All members enjoyed and appreciated this small gesture from the committee. A few members got some Easter goodies to share around as well. **Photo: Committee members Salvina Vella on the left and Alfred Cachia on the right are seen distributing the Hot Cross Buns to members.**

Mario Spiteri visits the Seniors



Mario Spiteri, brother of Reskeon Seniors Group committee member, Madeleine Vella, recently was on a visit to Melbourne, and often he attended the weekly Group's meeting at Merrilands Community Centre. **Photo: from left, Melita Magro, Gerald Magro, Salvina Vella, Madeleine Vella, Mario Spiteri, Paul Vella and Victor Pulis.**

Free March Get Together

On Sunday, 17th March, Reskeon Maltese Association organised a free Get Together for all members at the Maltese Centre, Parkville, at 2 pm.

Around 50 members attended. There were a few apologies as some members had previous engagements, such as family parties or were away. Members were greeted with the usual cup of tea or coffee and biscuits with some nibbles on the tables.

Then the first part of a Maltese comedy was played on the big screen. There was a stop half way so that members could enjoy a serve of pizza. Red and white wine and soft drinks were served for all. This was followed by a fresh fruit dessert.

We would like to thank all those attending and the usual members who took care of organising all the food and drinks for the day. Thanks to the committee members who prepared the hall and served the food.

A special thanks to committee member Charlie Zammit who always provides us with a good Maltese comedy to be enjoyed by all.

Trip to Mornington Beach

On Sunday, 24th February, a group of 40 members and friends of Reskeon Maltese Association enjoyed a trip to Mornington Beach.

The coach left the car park of St. Joseph the Worker Church, in North Reservoir and headed for Mornington, travelling through the new freeways. The trip took just over one and a quarter hours.

On arrival, Coach Captain, Terry, organised free tea and coffee and biscuits for the members.

As always, members brought a lot of goodies with them and shared them around.

After this, members went for a walk down to the beach. Being a nice warm 32 deg. C day, some even had a swim in the lovely sandy beach.

The weather forecast was for a 32 deg. C day with storms in the afternoon. But the latter never happened.

For lunch, members went to different pubs or eateries along the main strip of shops.

After more walks to the beach or to the shops, members boarded the coach around 3.30 pm arriving home at 5 pm.

All members enjoyed this day out. We would like to thank Coach Captain, Terry, for the way he looked after us.



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July: Weekend Trip Across the Border
August 15: Father's Day Luncheon (Seniors) (Firenze Receptions, Fawkner)
August 18: Get Together (Resk. Maltese Assoc.) (Maltese Centre, Parkville, 2 pm)*
September 7: Vittoria Dinner Dance, Firenze Receptions
September 8: Bambina Feast, St Mary's Church, West Melbourne
October 17: Day Out (Reskeon Seniors Group)
December 4: Reskeon Seniors Group Club Closing
December 1: Reskeon Maltese Assoc. Christmas Break-Up (Parkville)*
December 11: Reskeon Seniors Christmas Luncheon (Firenze Receptions)

* Ring Charles Tabone 0417 354 637 or Salvina Vella 9460-4404 with number attending. (*)These functions for members of Reskeon Maltese Association only

MASSES IN MALTESE

For those members wishing to attend Mass in Maltese, we are publishing these times and locations.

Every Saturday, at 6 pm:
St. Paul's Chapel, Parkville (Maltese Centre)
 Every Sunday, at 8.00 am:
St. Paul's Church, Sunshine Avenue, Kealba
 Every First Friday of the month, 6.30 pm:
St Paul's Church, Glengala Road, West Sunshine
 Every First Friday of the month, 7 pm:
Resurrection Church, 51 Gum Road, St. Albans West
 Every First Saturday of the month, 6 pm:
St. Joseph The Worker Church, Wilson Blvd, Reservoir
 Every First Saturday of the month, 4.45 pm:
St. Joseph Church, Springvale
 Every Second Saturday of the month, 5.15 pm:
St. Luke's Church, 1a David Street, Lalor
 Every Third Saturday of the month, 6.00 pm:
St. Thomas More Church, 65 North Street, Hadfield
 Every Fourth Saturday of the month, 5.00 pm:
St. Francis of Assisi Church, Childs Road, Mill Park
(Confessions about half an hour before Mass)

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Maltese Fathers, Parkville

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Maltese Centre, Parkville

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Thank you!

Ms Rita Mee for helping with proofreading, **Dr Edwin Borg-Manche**, who takes care of the MCCV website for his help in advertising our activities, to **Mr Paul Borg**, Treasurer of the MCCV, for his ongoing help in auditing our books, to **Darebin City Council** and the **Victorian Multicultural Commission** for grants received, and to all those who help in organising the Bocce competitions. We also thank the **Maltese Radio Stations** for advertising our functions and all those who assist us from time to time. Thanks also to the many members who give their help and assistance when needed.



With great regret we announce the death of our members' and friends' loved ones which occurred recently:

EDWIN BALDACCHINO

Member of Reskeon for many years
 Husband of member Mary Baldacchino

LELI CALLEJA

Member of Reskeon for many years
 Husband of member Lina Calleja

MARY MORAN

Mother of member Phyllis Vella

NINA VELLA

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Brother of member Lillian Borg

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 Saviour Bartolo

Uncle of member Tony Bartolo

CHARLES AZZOPARDI

Brother-in-law of member Mary Vella

LAURIE ARMATO

Brother of Saviour and Paolina Armato
 Member of Reskeon for many years



Composed the Reskeon Theme to the lyrics by Dr Clemente Zammit

Please remember them in your prayers

R.I.P.

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Happy Birthday . . .

June: 3: Vivian Tabone; 7: Emily Depares, Fiona Cutajar; 17: John Saliba, Charles Magro; 22: Tessie Colvin; 25: Jane Cutajar; 27: Tony Cassar; 30: Pauline Busuttill.
July: 1: Frank Micallef, Charlie Camilleri; Emmanuel Brincat, Charlie Ciantar; 15: Lina Bonnici; 19: Melita Borg, Tonina Cassar; 22: Freddie Cachia; 25: Annie Scicluna; 30: Carmen Borg. **August:** 2: Salvina Vella (Reservoir), Fred Mifsud, Lino Hammett; 4: Mary Attard; 6: Salvina Vella (Coolaroo); 7: Edward Fabri; 11: Doris Farrugia; 12: Annie Gauci; 16: Gejtu Vella; 18: Dolly Agius; 20: John Hili; 23: Joe Agius; 24: Frank Mallia; 25: Sam Bartolo; 30: Manwel Mifsud; 31: Tessie Sacco.

Happy Wedding Anniversary . . .

June: 1: Doris and Charlie Farrugia; 5: Gwido and Jane Ciantar; 12: Mr and Mrs Scicluna; 25: Mr and Mrs G. Magro; 27: Mr and Mrs G. Vella. **July:** 7: Mr and Mrs Tony Scicluna; 8: Doris and George Caruana; 10: Lucy and Edward Fabri; 15: Mr and Mrs T. Debono; 16: Lisa and John Saliba; 19: Charles and Frances Galea; 27: Toni and John Hili. **August:** 7: Moses & Pauline Busuttill; 11: Rita and Charlie Zammit; 14: Antida and Jim Galea.

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SAINT GEORGE PRECA

Those receiving special favours through the intercession of Father George Preca, are requested to report this to:



The General Secretary, Society of Christian Doctrine, Blata l-Bajda, Malta

Let us Pray

Lord, you called Dun George Preca to be a teacher and father to the young, and now you have numbered him with your saints in heaven. We thank you for this glory you have given him. We ask you to fill us with love like his: may we give ourselves completely to your service and to the salvation of mankind. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grant we beseech Thee O Lord that Thou wilt glorify Thy humble servant who worked with so much zeal for the salvation of souls and that through his intercession it will please Thee to grant this favour.

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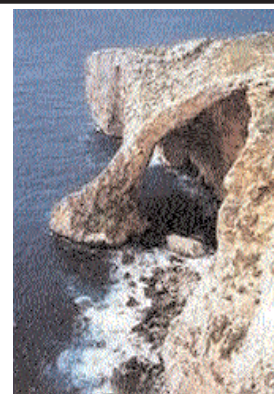
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50th Wedding Anniversary



On Wednesday, 27th March, 2013, our members Carmen and Charlie Cachia, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. As it was the weekly meeting of the Reskeon Seniors Group, they were presented with a

bouquet of flowers and received best wishes from the committee and members. **Photo: Co-Ordinator Salvina Vella (in the middle) is seen with Carmen and Charlie Cachia after they were presented with the flowers.**

Another 50th Wedding Anniversary



Members Caesar and Phyllis Vella also celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary this year, on Sunday, 21st April. At our weekly meeting of the Reskeon Seniors Group, on Wednesday, 17th April, they were presented with a bouquet of flowers to

commemorate this special occasion of their lives. Caesar acted as President of Reskeon Maltese Association and Co-Ordinator of Reskeon Seniors Group for a number of years while Phyllis was also Secretary and member of the committee in those two committees. **Photo: Co-Ordinator Salvina Vella (left) is seen with Phyllis and Caesar Vella after they were presented with the flowers.**

Talk on Changes to the Associations Incorporation Act 1981

On Thursday, 28th March, Darebin Council, through the Department of Aged and Disability, Reskeon Maltese Association and Reskeon Seniors Group, were invited through a letter by Ms Nicola Johnson, to attend a talk on the changes to the Associations Incorporation Act 1981.

The talk which was carried very professionally by Ms Cynthia Nguyen, Regional Officer, Consumer Affairs Victoria, was attended by several Presidents, Co-Ordinators and Secretaries of associations from different nationalities, from Australian, Maltese, Macedonians and Lebanese, etc.

Reskeon Maltese Association was represented by George Colvin, ex-President, accompanied by Mrs Tess Colvin, and Reskeon Seniors Group was represented by Co-Ordinator, Salvina Vella, and Secretary, Paul Vella.

Ms Nguyen, among other things, told us that on 1st November, 2012, the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 was replaced with the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (and its associated regulations). The new Act includes "transitional arrangements" to help associations adjust to the new laws.

One of the changes is that the position of Public Officer is now going to be changed to that of the Secretary, which, in fact, can have both titles. Other changes are to be included on the Model Rules and these have to be incorporated in each individual Constitution.

Any association incorporated under the old Act remains so under the new Act. The incorporation dated is not affected and the certificate of incorporation remains valid.

When the new Act commenced the association's statement of purposes was automatically deemed part of its rules.

Photo: From left to right, George Colvin, Ms Nicola Johnson, Ms Cynthia Nguyen, Salvina Vella, Paul Vella



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