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## Welcome! Merhba!

Welcome once again to another issue of Reskeon Newsletter.

At last! One of our members turned 100. On October 27, Annetta Azzilla turned 100. She celebrated with her family and on October 31 she was presented with a bouquet of flowers and a cake at the Seniors meeting.

On October 18, a group of 48 members of Reskeon Seniors Group took part in a trip to Maroondah Dam and Badger Weir. The weather was terrific after two days of rain and all members enjoyed the day.

The Consul of Malta in Victoria, Mr Charles Mifsud, along with the State Government, celebrated Malta Day in the City of Melbourne.

The main event of Reskeon Maltese Association and Reskeon Seniors Group was the celebration of the Feast of Maria Bambina, at St Mary's Church, West Melbourne and the Dinner Dance at Firenze Receptions. There was also a Mass at the Maltese Centre on September 6.

Reskeon Maltese Association had the AGM on September 30 while the Reskeon Seniors had theirs on October 10.

This year we remembered the 10th Anniversary of the Bali Bombing where Anthony Cachia, son of our members, Carmen and Charles, lost his life.

Another 50 years wedding anniversary: Doris and Billy Dalli enjoyed their big day with the family while later on they received some flowers from the Group.

Fr Mark Demanuele, brother of our member, Pauline Demanuele, visited Melbourne some weeks ago. During his stay he celebrated Mass for the Seniors Group at one of their meetings.

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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*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*

The President, Co-Ordinator and Committees of Reskeon Maltese Association and Reskeon Seniors Group Inc. wish all our members, their families and friends a Merry and Holy Christmas and a New Year full of good health and prosperity.

We extend the same wishes to all Maltese Associations, their committees and members and the whole Maltese Community in general.

## The Feast of Maria Bambina

The feast of Maria Bambina in Melbourne was once again organised by Reskeon Maltese Association on behalf of the Missionary Society of St. Paul.

On Thursday, 6th September, a Mass was celebrated in the Maltese Centre, Parkville, by Father Edwin Agius, mssp, Rector at Parkville, attended by around 120 members of the Maltese Community. Concelebrant was Fr Mark Demanuele, mssp, who was on a visit to Melbourne from Gozo. The hall was decorated for the occasion by Alfred Asciak. The Homily was delivered by Fr Agius. Singing during Mass was in the hands of Emmanuel Farrugia, accompanied on the organ by his wife, Margaret. Readers were Phyllis Vella and Mr Charles Mifsud, while Mr Guy Deguara read the Prayers of the Faithful. After Mass the St. Albans Melita Band presented a concert in the Hall.

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### MALTESE NEWS ON SBSTV

Every Sunday at 8 am

A weekly news bulletin prepared by the PBS (Malta) is presented on SBS every Sunday at 8 am.

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### ONE WORLD MALTA ON CHANNEL 31 (44)

The TV program from Malta "One World Malta" is televised on Channel 44 on alternating Tuesdays (twice a month) at 1.00 pm.

## RESKEON MALTESE ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP

at the Merrilands Community Centre  
Cnr Asquith & Sturdee Sts, Reservoir  
on Sunday, Dec. 2, 2012, 1.30 pm  
Musical Entertainment by Moods Music

Only members of Reskeon Maltese Assoc. can attend

We request that all those intending to attend the Christmas Break-Up to ring with the number attending to help with the catering arrangements

Ph. Charles Tabone 0417 354 637  
or Salvina Vella 9460-4404

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## Ghal min jippreferi jaqra' bil-Malti...

Naf li hafna jixtiequ jaqraw xi haga bil-Malti f'din li Newsletter u allura se nippruvaw naghtu xi dettalji fil-qosor.

**HARGA GHAL MAROONDAH DAM/BADGER WEIR**  
Fit-18 ta' Ottubru, grupp ta' 48 membru ta' Reskeon Seniors Group hadu sehem f'harga ghal Maroondah Dam u Badger Weir. Il-gurnata kienet wahda sabiha wara xi jumejn ta' xita u l-membri kollha hadu gost bil-harga u l-posti-jiet li marru.

### FESTA TA' MARIJA BAMBINA

Ir-Reskeon Maltese Association u r-Reskeon Seniors Group organizzaw il-Festa ta' Marija Bambina ghan-nom il-Patrijiet tas-Socjeta' Missjunarja ta' San Pawl bhalma jaghmlu kull sena. Il-Hamis kien hemm Quddiesa fic-Centru ta' Parkville, is-Sibt il-Ballu tal-Vitorja u l-Hadd il-Festa f'St. Mary's, West Melbourne.

### MEMBRU TAGHLAQ 100 SENA

Ghall-ewwel darba membru tar-Reskeon Seniors Group, Annetta Azzilla, ghalqet 100 sena. Fis-27 t'Ottubru ccelebrat mall-familja taghha. L-Erbgha ta' wara, 31 t'Ottubru, fil-laqgha tal-Grupp f'Merrilands Community Centre, hija giet milqugha b'capric kbir x'hin dahlet fis-sala, giet ipprezentat b'bukkett fjuri mill-Grupp u anki kejk ghall-okkazjoni. Nixtiequilha ghomor twil u sahha.

### ICCELEBRAT "JUM MALTA"

Fis-26 ta' Settembru, il-Konslu ta' Malta fil-Victoria, is-Sur Charles Mifsud, flimkien mall-Gvern tal-Istat tal-Victoria, organizza "Jum Malta" fil-Belt ta' Melbourne. Ghadd ta' mistednin minn ghaqdiet Maltin attendew.

### LAQGHHA GENERALI ANNWALI TA' RESKEON MALTESE ASSOCIATION U S-SENIORS GROUP

Ir-Reskeon Maltese Association kellhom il-Laqgha Generali Annwali taghhom il-Hadd, 30 ta' Settembru fejn saret l-elezzjoni ghal Kumitat gdid. Nhar l-Erbgha, 10 t'Ottubru, ir-Reskeon Seniors Group kellhom il-Laqgha Generali Annwali taghhom fejn ukoll kellhom elezzjoni ghal kumitat gdid. Wara kellhom ikla hafifa ta' "roast chicken and potato" fl-istess hin kienet l-okkazjoni tal-Gingha tal-Anzjani.

### NIFTAKRU T-TRAGEDJA TA' BALI

Din is-sena tfakkar l-10 Anniversarju tat-tragedja f'Bali fejn Anthony Cachia, iben il-membri taghna, Charles u Carmen, tilef hajtu.

### 50ANNIVERSARJU U QUDDIESA

Doris u Billy Dalli, membri tas-Seniors, iccelebraw il-50 Anniversarju taz-Zwieg taghhom. F'wahda mil-laqghat tal-Grupp gew ipprezentati b'bukkett fjuri. Fl-laqgha ohra tal-Grupp, Fr Mark Demanuele, ccelebra Quddiesa ghall-Grupp. Fr Mark jigi hu l-membri taghna, Pauline Demanuele.

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

— Paul Vella

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## Our first 100-year-old member

At last, we had the opportunity to see one of our members celebrating her 100th birthday.

Annetta Azzilla had been a member of Reskeon Maltese Association and Reskeon Seniors Group for many years, along with her late husband, and son, Paul.

On Saturday, 27th October, she celebrated her birthday surrounded by her family and friends at a special dinner.

The following Wednesday, 31st October, at the meeting of Reskeon Seniors Group, Merrilands Community Centre, she was welcomed with cheers and clapping by members as soon as she entered the hall.

After the initial prayers at the start of the meeting and the singing of the Maltese and Australian National Anthems, Co-Ordinator Salvina Vella, presented Annetta with a bouquet of flowers and a special birthday cake.

We wish Annetta many more birthdays and many years of good health and happiness.



Annetta cutting the cake. In the background, from left, her children, Vivienne, Paul, Mitri, Alfred and Co-Ordinator Salvina Vella



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# The Seniors enjoy a day at Maroondah Dam and Badger Weir



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**On Thursday, October 18, a group of 48 members of Reskeon Seniors Group enjoyed a day out to Maroondah Dam and Badger Weir Park.**

The weather was nice and warm and we were lucky to have a day like this after a few days of cold and wet weather.

We travelled through Yarra Glen and we stopped for free morning tea and biscuits at Badger Weir Park. While there, members enjoyed the company of some beautiful Rosellas which were feeding from

their very own hands.

From there we travelled to Maroondah Dam where we had lunch. Everyone brought their own lunch and drinks, although tea and coffee was available. The group provided some fruit for dessert.

A lot of members enjoyed walks around the park and some even braved the steep climb to the top of the dam. What a view. It was hard to believe that the dam was overflowing after so many years of drought.

All members enjoyed the day and asked for more out-

ings like these. We thank all members for spending the day like one happy family and leaving the place behind very clean by taking their rubbish

back home as advised by the park administration. Thanks to those who organised the day.

Coach Captain was Terry.

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## Reskeon Seniors Group represented at Malta Day Celebrations

The Consulate General of Malta in Victoria celebrated Malta's National Day on Wednesday 26th September 2012 by organising a reception for the Maltese community in Victoria. This was held at the Sir Redmond Barry Room, Investment Centre Victoria.

Attending were the Hon Nickolas Kotsiras, State Minister for Multicultural Affairs and Citizenship and the Hon Wade Noonan, representing the Leader of the Opposition of the Victorian Parliament. Also present were the Hon Bruce Atkinson, President of the Legislative Council; representatives of the Victorian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, members of the Victorian Parliament, members of the Victorian Multicultural Commission and about 130 Maltese Australians representing the various associations in Victoria.

Salvina and Paul Vella were in attendance, representing the Reskeon Seniors Group and Radio 3ZZZ respectively.

In a brief address Minister Kotsiras spoke about Malta and its potential. Hon. Wade Noonan, whose electoral constituency includes many Maltese Australians, also addressed the gathering and spoke about the the Maltese community's contribution to multiculturalism.

The Maltese Consul General, Mr Charles Mifsud, thanked the Victorian Government for its support in hosting this reception. He spoke about the significance of Malta's independence, the relations between Malta and Australia particularly that between the Victorian Government and the Maltese Community. This reception was sponsored by the office of the Premier and Cabinet of the Government of the State of Victoria.



From left: Salvina Vella, Anna Maria Mifsud, Charles Mifsud and Paul Vella

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## The Feast of Maria Bambina in Melbourne *(from Page 1)*

On Saturday, 8th September, Reskeon organised the Vittoria Dinner Dance at Firenze Receptions, Fawkner, which was well attended by around 220 members and friends. Distinguished guests were the Consul General of Malta in Victoria, Mr Charles Mifsud and Mrs Anna Maria Mifsud; Fr Edwin Agius, Fr Dr Victor Shields and Fr Mark Demanuele, all of the mssp; Honorary Life Members of Reskeon Maltese Association and Reskeon Seniors Group Inc., Dr Clemente Zammit and Mrs Mary Zammit; Life Member of Reskeon Maltese Association, Mr Laurie Bartolo and Mrs Theresa Bartolo; The MCCV Vice-President, Mr Victor Borg and Briget Petty; The MCCV Treasurer, Mr Paul Borg and Ms Pauline Demanuele.

Music was in the hands of Mario Sammut's Moods Music.

Later in the night the Malta Gozo City of Brimbank Concert Band played marches for the occasion which created the merriment for the night, similar to that of the Maltese Festas.

All those attending complimented the way the night was organised, the food and the atmosphere.

On Sunday, 9th September Reskeon organised the Feast of Maria Bambina on behalf of the Missionary Society of St Paul, at St Mary Star of the Sea Church, West Melbourne.

This year it was a nice and warm spring day and around 1000 plus of the Maltese Community attended for this Feast. A large number of Maltese associations attended with their banners and presented flowers to Our Lady.

Among those present were the Consul General of Malta in Victoria, Mr Charles Mifsud and Mrs Anna Maria Mifsud; the President of MCCV, Prof. Maurice Cauchi and members of the MCCV Executive; Dr Clemente Zammit and Mrs Mary Zammit; members of the Sovereign Military Hospitaller

Order of St John of Jerusalem, of Rhodes and of Malta and members of the Maltese Ex-Services Association of Victoria. A large number of Maltese Associations attended as well along with their banners, as well as the banners from the four villages and towns where the Bambina is celebrated in Malta and Gozo: Senglea, Mellieha, Naxxar and Xaghra, Gozo. Also present were Sisters from Religious Orders, members of the Society of Christian Doctrine and the Chief Representative in Australia of the Bank of Valletta plc, Mr George Portelli and Mrs Portelli.

Rosary was recited at 2.30 pm by Mr Emmanuel Farrugia, which was followed by a Concelebrated Mass. Prime Celebrant was Fr Mark Demanuele, mssp, visiting Melbourne from Gozo; Concelebrants were Fr Edwin Agius, mssp; Fr Dr Victor Shields, mssp; Fr Karm Borg and Fr Dom Degiorgio. The Homily was delivered by Fr Mark Demanuele. Master of ceremonies was Emmanuel Farrugia. The music and singing was provided by the Maltese Choir of Victoria under the direction of Mr Charles Schembri and Ms Lydia Gusman.

First Reader was Mr Charles Mifsud while Dr Edwin Borg-Manche` did the second Reading. Prayers of the Faithful were read by Ms Anoinette Bajada.

The Sacrificial Offerings were brought to the Altar by Charles and Vivian Tabone and Victor and Doris Vella.

During Mass two collections took place: one going towards the Missionary Society of St Paul and the second one going towards the Church of St Mary Star of the Sea.

After Mass, Fr Edwin thanked all those present and the Reskeon Maltese Association for organising the Feast on their behalf. Special thanks went to Fr Max Pollak, Parish Priest of St. Mary Star of the Sea.

This was followed by a

Procession with the beautiful Statue of Maria Bambina in the streets around the church accompanied by the Maltese Own Band Philharmonic Society under the direction of Mro. George Aquilina, members of a large number of Maltese associations carrying their respectful banners and a large crowd from those attending the Church service..

The Procession was followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

This year we were celebrating the 35th Anniversary when the Statue of Maria Bambina was brought to Melbourne and the foundation of the Maltese Own Band to participate in the same Feast.

Thanks to all those Reskeon members who on Thursday, Friday and Saturday helped with the preparation for the Feast and then on Monday for putting everything back in its place.



**AGM of Reskeon Maltese Association**

On Sunday, 30th September, Reskeon Maltese Association held their Annual General Meeting at the Maltese Community Centre, Parkville. Around 60 members were in attendance.

After those present enjoyed a cup of tea or coffee with biscuits, the meeting started with the reading of the Minutes of the previous AGM by the secretary. This was followed by the presentation of the financial report and then the President, Caesar Vella, addressed all those present. After giving a report of the events during the year, he told those present that he and his wife, Phyllis, were not contesting this election.

Sally Bartolo, Assistant Treasurer did not contest this election. Sam and Yvonne Caruana did not contest this election because they spend time interstate from time to time. Another member of the Committee, Charles Tabone, did not nominate as well.

Returning Officer, Mr Guy Deguara, took the Chair to conduct the election. There were no nominations for the position of President, Secretary and Treasurer and the calling for nominations from the floor was not successful. One nomination was received for the position of Vice-President, Joe Cutajar, duly elected. Four other nominations for Ordinary Members were received, those nominated being Salvina Vella, Paul Vella, George Colvin and Charles Zammit. When nominations were called from the floor, Alfred Cachia and Theresa Cachia were nominated and elected.

After these proceedings, those present were served sandwiches, tea, coffee and cakes.

While we thank Caesar and Phyllis Vella for their long years of service to the Association as President and Secretary respectively, as well as to Sally Bartolo and Sam and Yvonne Caruana.

We thank Mr Guy Deguara for acting as Returning Officer and his wife, Mary, who was present with him.

At a committee meeting later on, George Colvin agreed to fill the position of President, Charles Tabone as Secretary and Victor Vella as treasurer. We wish the new committee all the best.



**AGM of Reskeon Seniors Group**

The Annual General Meeting of Reskeon Seniors Group was held at Merrilands Community Centre, Reservoir, on Wednesday, 10th October, 2012. In attendance were 121 members. This was an election year and Mr Guy Deguara acted as Returning Officer.

Meeting started at 10 am with a prayer. The Minutes from the previous AGM were read by Secretary Paul Vella and were received and after the Treasurer Victor Pulis read the financial report which was received by all members. Then the Acting Co-Ordinator Salvina Vella gave her report saying that events are held every month which were heavily subsidised or free of charge. She thanked one and all for their help, both the committee and those who help preparing for the meetings and putting everything in its place afterwards. For General Business there were no questions, showing that all members were happy with the way things are going.

Then it was time for the election of the new committee. The committee vacated their positions and Mr Deguara took the Chair. One nomination was received for the position of Co-Ordinator and Salvina Vella was elected. One nomination was received for the position of the Secretary and Paul Vella was elected. For the position of Treasurer only one nomination was received and Victor Pulis was elected. Eight nominations were received for the position of Ordinary Members and those elected were Gerald Magro, Melita Magro, Alfred Cachia, Therese Cachia, Joe Galea, Sarah Catania, George Colvin and Madeleine Vella. The last two were new members to join the committee although George Colvin served before.

After the meeting was closed, there was a Bingo session and all members were served free lunch of roast chicken and roast potato being the AGM and the Seniors Week.



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**December 2:** Christmas Break-up at Merrilands Community Centre, Reservoir (Reskeon Maltese Association)\*  
**December 13:** Christmas Break-up at Firenze (Reskeon Seniors.)  
**February 6:** Reskeon Seniors Club Opening (Merrilands Com. Centre)  
**February:** Weekend Over the Border (date announced later)  
**March:** Seniors Group BBQ (at Edwardes Park Lake) (date to be announced later)  
**March 17:** Get Together (Resk. Maltese Assoc.) (Venue announced later)\*  
 \* 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**  
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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:

**JOSEPH VELLA**

Brother of Member Caesar Vella

**MARY CIANTAR**

Sister of Member Agostina Sultana

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 Secretary: Charles Tabone  
 Asst. Secretary: Joe Cutajar  
 Treasurer: Victor Vella  
 Asst. Treasurer:  
 P.R.O.: Paul Vella  
 Social Sec.: Salvina Vella  
 Asst. Social Sec.:  
 Members: Charles Zammit  
 Alfred Cachia  
 Theresa Cachia  
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### Happy Birthday . . .

**December:** Patrick Bartolo; 5 Nicole Bartolo, Bill Calleja, Mary Barbara; 10: Joe Pace; 15: Andrew Bartolo; 16: Phyllis Vella; 18: Sam Caruana. 22: Silvio Sacco; 25: Our Lord, Jesus Christ; 29: Spiro Portelli; 21: Michael Borg; 30: Joyce Scicluna; **January:** 1: Julie Fenech, Jane Ciantar, Tony Stillitano; 2: Carmen Cassar, Mary Mifsud. 3: Joe Farrugia; 4: Mike Catania; 6: Grace Muscat, Pauline Demanuele; 7: Maree Tabone; 10: Terrina Pace; 12: Madeleine Vella, Lina Calleja, Fred Muscat; 13: J. P. Galea; 16: Joe Castillo; 17: Tony Debono; 20: Margaret Verzin; 23: Lina Falzon; 24: Helen Hammett. **February:** 1: Charles Tabone; 2: Antida Galea; 3: Theresa Bartolo; 6: Mary Pisani, Joe Cassar; 15: Sally Bartolo; 16: Carmen Grech, David Falzon; 17: Paula Bezzina, Gaetana Armato; 21: Gerald Magro; 22: Nellie Gauci; 23: Grace Castillo.

### Happy Wedding Anniversary . . .

**December:** 4: Lina and David Falzon. 15: Joseph and Samira Cassar; 19: Mary and Charles Magro; 21: Theresa and Freddie Cachia. 26: Mr and Mrs Tony Stillitano; 27: Mr and Mrs E. Debono; 30: Melita and Reno Borg. 31: Mary and Edwin Baldacchino. **January:** 3: Mr and Mrs J. Farrugia; 6: Sally and Sam Bartolo; 9: Carmen and James Cassar; 23: Sarah and Mike Catania; 26: Marlene and Charles Ciantar. **February:** 1: Vera and Charles Sacco; 12: Mr and Mrs Bill Calleja; 14: Joe and Dolly Agius; 18: Geoff and Rita Mee; 26: Carmen and Michael Borg.

### Reskeon Seniors Group Sub-Committee

Co-Ordinator: Salvina Vella  
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 Asst. Treas.: George Colvin  
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 Asst. Social Sec.:  
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 Melita Magro  
 Sarah Catania  
 Alfred Cachia  
 Joe Galea  
 Theresa Cachia  
 Madeleine Vella  
 The group meets every Wednesday at Merrilands Community Centre, Asquith St, Reservoir, 9.30-2 pm.  
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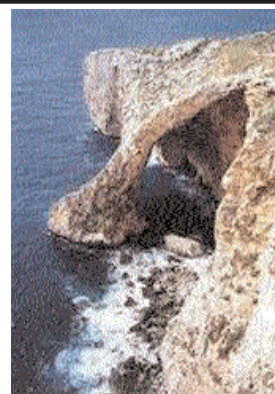
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## 10th Anniversary of the Bali Bombing

This year we're remembering the 10th Anniversary of the Bali Bombing by terrorists which killed 202 persons at the Sari Club. Out of these, 88 of them were Australians, one of whom was Maltese, Anthony Frances Cachia, 32, son of our members Carmen and Charles Cachia, of Reservoir.

During an interview with me for my program on Community Radio 3ZZZ, Carmen and Charles recollected the events of the night of that tragedy. They told me that they had dinner with their son, Anthony, daughter, Angela, her husband and two sons. After dinner, Charles asked his son to go to the hotel to watch car racing, a sport he loved so much, but Anthony told him that he had to meet some friends at the Sari Club.

When they were at the hotel asleep, around 11 pm, Charles and Carmen said they heard a loud explosion but didn't know what happened until Charlie's sister from Box Hill rang them to tell them they heard there was a bombing at Bali. It took six weeks for the authorities to find the body which was returned to Melbourne. A Mass was held at St Joseph the Worker. A few weeks ago, Carmen and Charlie travelled to Bali once again for the special ceremonies in remembrance of the innocent victims.



From left: Anthony's sister Angela, parents Charlie and Carmen Cachia. Anthony's photo in the background.

## Celebrating 50 Years Together

On 1st September, members Billy and Doris Dalli celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with their family.

On Wednesday, 5th September, at our weekly meeting at Merrilands Community



From left: Co-Ordinator Salvina Vella with Doris and Billy Dalli

Centre, the Reskeon Seniors Group presented the couple with a bouquet of flowers to celebrate this happy occasion. They were congratulated and the committee and members wished them many more long years together full of love, happiness and good health.

## A visit from Fr Mark Demanuele, mssp



On Wednesday, October 3, Fr Mark Demanuele, mssp, paid a visit to the Reskeon Seniors Group at their weekly meeting. Fr Mark celebrated Mass for us.

Fr Mark was on a visit from Malta. This was his first visit to Melbourne. Fr Mark is from Rabat, Malta but at the moment he is residing at Zebbug, Gozo. He spent some years in Canada and Pakistan as a missionary. Fr Mark is the brother of our Member Pauline Demanuele.

When I interviewed him for my 3ZZZ program, Fr Mark expressed his joy to be among us and hopes he will have another opportunity to visit us. During his stay in Melbourne, Fr Mark was Prime Celebrant at the Mass of the Feast of Maria Bambina at St. Mary's Church, West Melbourne.

On his way back to Malta, Fr Mark visited the mssp missions in the Philippines. A few weeks before we also had a visit from Fr Dr Victor Shields, who happened to be in Melbourne for a few months.



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