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# RESKEON NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome! Merħba!

Welcome once again to another issue of Reskeon Newsletter.

Our main event since our last issue was the Feast of Maria Bambina with a Mass at Parkville, Dinner Dance at Firenze and the Feast at St Mary's West Melbourne. Thanks for the support we received from members and the Maltese Community. It was good to see so many gather at the Church celebrating this National day.

On Tuesday, November 12, we had a trip to Queenscliff. Although it was a wintry day was enjoyed.

Wednesday, November 13, Can. Fr Manny Bonello celebrated Mass for our dearly departed at our meeting in Merrilands.

On Thursday, October 24, we lost one of our foundation members in Laurie Bartolo. Laurie was a great worker and supporter of Reskeon especially during "Jum il-Maltin" and the Bambina Feast.

On Wednesday, October 2, we had our AGM. This was not an election year. After the meeting members received a free lunch of roast chicken and roast potatoes, free soft drinks, tea and coffee, cakes and biscuits.

During the Seniors Week, Salvina Vella and Paul Vella, President and Secretary of Reskeon respectively, met the Hon. Ged Kearney, MP at her office in Preston.

On Sunday, October 27, a group of 57 members and friends enjoyed a day trip to Mulwala with free buffet lunch at Papalia's Lakeside Restaurant. Members enjoyed pasta and pizza. It was a good day enjoyed by all.

You can read these stories in full on the inside pages of this newsletter. We encourage you to use the services of the advertisers in our Newsletter because they help financially in producing it for you. Tell them that you have seen their advert in our Newsletter.

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 and Committee of  
Reskeon Maltese Association 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

### MALTESE NEWS on SBS 31 TV

**Every Thursday, 8 am**  
**Every Sunday, 8 am**

**These are two different programs**

Weekly news bulletins prepared by the PBS (Malta) and are presented on **SBS 31 TV**

#### ATTENTION

**From June 16 the Maltese news program will be shown on SBS Channel 31 (not 32) same days and same time**

**As in every year, Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group, organises the Feast of Maria Bambina on behalf of the Fathers of the Missionary Society of St Paul, in Parkville.**

On Thursday, September 5, a Mass was celebrated by Fr Lonnie Borg in St. Paul's Chapel Parkville where a good number from the Maltese Community attended. Fr Borg did the Homily. After Mass refreshments provided by Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group were served in the foyer of the Maltese Centre.

On Saturday, September 7, Reskeon organised the Bambina Dinner Dance at Firenze Receptions, McBryde Street, Fawkner attended by a good number of members and friends. MC for the day was Mr Joe Cutajar.

**(Rest of story and pictures on Pages 3, 4, 5 and 6)**



## MASS FOR OUR DEARLY DEPARTED

On Wednesday, November 13, Canon Fr Manny Bonello celebrated Mass at our meeting for the repose of the souls of our dearly departed. Members brought pictures of their loved ones and place them on a table during Mass.



## DEATH OF LAURIE BARTOLO

On Thursday, 24th October we learned of the death of our member and friend, Lawrence Bartolo, aged 86. Lawrence was a foundation member of Reskeon and a great helper on "Jum il-Maltin" and the Bambina Feast. To his family we offer our condolences.



*Keep these dates free*  
**SATURDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 22, 2020**  
10:00 am to 4 pm  
Kernot Hall, Morwell  
**SUNDAY, FEB. 23**  
*The Museum will be open - Free admission*

## THE MALTESE MEDIA AT THE BAMBINA DINNER DANCE



Members of the Maltese Media (Maltese programs on Community Radios) were present at the Bambina Dinner Dance. From left: Vivian Gulia, Liz Phillips, Paul Vella and Salvina Vella, from Community Radio 3ZZZ, and Marie-Louise Anastasi and Ray Anastasi from Communiity Radio 97.4 FM.

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**Merrilands Community Centre, Cnr. Asquith and Sturdee Sts, Reservoir**

## DAY TRIP TO QUEENSCLIFF

**On Tuesday, November 12, a group of 46 members enjoyed a day trip to Queenscliff.**

We left St Joseph the Worker Church carpark at 10.15 am as the coach was a bit late because it had a previous school run. Coach Captain was Jim. We had a toilet stop on the way as there was no toilet on the coach.

We were supposed to served morning tea provided free of charge by Reskeon when we arrived in Queenscliff, but because of the bad weather with rain and wind, we had this later on when the weather got a bit better. We thank Lina Pulis for bringing her normal "pudina" which was enjoyed by all. Other members brought goodies with them which they shared with the rest of the group.

We had some entertainment when our member Charles Sacco dressed as a Spanish dancer and danced to Spanish music which delighted all members.

It was planned to visit Portarlington for the mussels but we didn't go as the boat was not working on the day.

We arrived back in Reservoir around 6 pm. Thanks to Coach Captain Jim for a safe trip and thanks to Salvina for organising it and thanks to all members taking part for being such a good friendly people spending the day like one big family.



## Jenny Mikakos MP

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**BAMBINA FEAST (from Page 1)**

Distinguished guests were Life Members Dr Clemente Zammit and Mrs Mary Zammit; our Honorary Auditor Mr Paul Borg and Mrs Pauline Borg; Life Member and ex-President of Reskeon, Mr Caesar Vella and Mrs Vella. Also with us were members of the MCCV Executive, Mr Andrew Gatt and Mrs Anne Caruana, Mrs Antonia and Mr Joe Camilleri, and Presiden of the MCCV Ladies' Auxiliary, Mrs Marlene Xerri and Mr Andrew Xerri, and Ms Edwidge Borg and Michael.

Those present were served hors d'oeuvres and drinks followed by the meal: entree Ante Pasta each person, ricotta cannelloni, chicken kiev and roast beef and vegies on each plate, fresh fruit, Cassata ice cream, continental cakes with tea and coffee. Music was in the hands of DJ Domenic and later on the MMG Concert Band entered the hall to create the Festa merriment.

On Sunday, September 8, The Feast of Maria Bambina was held at St Mary Star of the Sea Church, West Melbourne, most of our community relate to it as the Church of the Maltese. The church was packed by devotees of Maria Bambina who attend every year.

It started at 3 pm where Ms Miriam Belli, SDC, recited the Rosary. This was followed by Concelebrated Mass. Prime Celebrant was Fr Ignatius Borg, the Archpriest of the Parish of Qala, Gozo, who was on a visit to Melbourne. Concelebrants were Fr Lonnie Borg, Fr John Taliana, Fr Noel Bianco, Fr Silvio Bezzina (all MSSP) and Fr Karm Borg and Can. Fr Manny Bonello.

Fr Ignatius Borg delivered a very beautiful Homily on the Bambina.

First reading was read by Mr Paul Borg and Mrs Phyllis Vella did the second reading. Prayers of the Faithful were in the hands of Yvonne Caruana and Mary Bonello.

The offertory was carried to the Altar by Joseph and Josephine Borg, Salvina Vella and Sylvia Dakin.

The singing and music during the Mass was in the hands of Mr Charles Schembri. A large number of Associations attended with their Banners.

Joe Cutajar and George Topolcsanyi carried the Banners of Maria Bambina Mellieha and Maria Bambina Senglea respectively.

Among those present were members of the Executive of the MCCV, ex President of MCCV, Victor Borg and ex Vice-President of MCCV, Joe Stafrace and Mrs Stafrace. Members of the Knights of Malta and members of Maltese Associations, Ex Servicemen Association, Religious members and Sisters, among others.

As the weather was wet, windy and cold the Procession took place inside the Church, where the Maltese Own Band Philharmonic Society played Hymns for the occasion.

At the end there was the Benediction of the Holy Sacrament. Fr Lonnie Borg thanked all those who were in attendance, the statue beareres and those with the "forcina"

He thanked Reskeon for their help in organising this Feast on their behalf.

Thanks to a group of helpers who took the statue of Maria Bambina, the Bradella and other items from St Paul's Chapel to St Mary Star of the Sea Church in West Melbourne in preparation for the Feast there on Sunday, and then on Monday returning everything back to Parkville. The group was made of George Topolcsanyi, Charlie Sacco, Charlie Zammit, John Hili, Joe Castillo, Victor Vella, Paul Vella and Salvina Vella.

Refreshments were served for the helpers of the Feast.

**RESKEON'S 2019 AGM**

**On Wednesday, October 2, Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group Inc. held their Annual General Meeting at Merrilands Community Centre, Reservoir.**

The meeting started at 10 am. Present were 85 members.

Secretary, Paul Vella, welcomed all those present.

The Minutes of the last AGM were read by the Secretary and no matters arose from the Minutes.

This was followed by the Financial Report, read by our Treasurer, George Topolcsanyi. Once more, no matters arose from the this report.

Paul made a remark about the item "gifts" which refers to the gifts each member receives at the Christmas Luncheon in the form of a cake to the ladies and a bottle of wine to the men. Paul also presented an inch-thick book our Treasurer prepares for all entries week by week and this shows our transparency. Paul told those present that the books can be inspected by any member not only at the AGM but every week. Members who participated in each event we organised benefitted by around \$90 during the year. Not bad for a \$15 yearly membership fee.

President, Salvina Vella, made her yearly report and spoke on the events we organised and what was planned for the future. She thanked the committee for their help and the help we received from non-committee members during our meetings and helping to put the tables and chairs away after each meeting.

Being a non-election year, no election for a new committee took place.

There were no comments at General Business.

Being the AGM and the Seniors Week, members were treated to a roast chicken and roast potato lunch, with soft drinks, tea and coffee and cakes and biscuits which was provided free to all present.

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During this year's Seniors' Week, The Hon. Ged Kearney, MP, the Federal Member for Cooper, invited members from Senior Clubs and others for a special meeting at her office in High Street, Preston.

A large number attended. Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group was represented by Salvina and Paul Vella, the President and Secretary respectively.

There were speeches by the Hon Ged Kearney followed by talks from members of the other Groups in attendance.

This was followed by refreshments.





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**December 5:** Christmas Break-Up Luncheon (Firenze Receptions)

**February 5:** Club Opening

**March:** BBQ Edwardes Park Lake for members

**April:** Day Out Trip by Coach

**May 7:** Mother's Day Luncheon at Firenze Receptions

**June 11:** Restaurant Day

**July:** Free Sausage Sizzle for all members

## MASSES IN MALTESE

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

Every First Friday of the month, 5.30 pm:

**St. Paul's Chapel, Parkville (Maltese Centre)**

Every First Friday of the month, 6.30 pm:

**St. Paul's Church, Glengala Road, West Sunshine**

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 Saturday of the month, 6 pm:

**St. Joseph The Worker Church, Wilson Blvd, Reservoir**

Every First Saturday of the month, 4.30 pm:

**St. Joseph Church, Springvale**

Every Second Saturday of the month, 5.00 pm:

**St. Luke's Church, 1a David Street, Lalor**

Every Third Saturday of the month, 4.00 pm:

**St. Francis of Assisi Church, Childs Road, Mill Park**

Every Fourth Saturday of the month, 6.00 pm:

**St. Thomas More Church, 65 North Street, Hadfield**

*(Confessions about half an hour before Mass)*

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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**9670 8427**

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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**, our Honorary Auditor, 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 some **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.



**EDWARD FARRUGIA**

Long time member of Reskeon  
Wife of member Antonia Farrugia  
Brother-in-law of member Fred Pace

**MARY CASSAR**

Aunt of member Doris Schembri

**JOSEPHINE ELLUL**

Mother of member Rose Borg

**LAURIE BARTOLO**

Foundation member of

Reskeon Maltese Association

**ALEXANDRA AGIUS FABRI**

Sister-in-law of Salvina and Paul Vella

**FATHER JOSEPH YU**

Ex Parish Priest of St Joseph the Worker

**GODFREY CAMILLERI**

Ex Member of Reskeon

**TONY SCHEMBRI**

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**JOSEPH MERCECA**

Long time member of Reskeon

Father of our members, Marlene

Azzopardi, Josephine Schembri

and Margaret Spiteri

**R.I.P.**

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## Happy Birthday ...

**December:** 3: Jim Galea, Miriam Mizzi; 6: Angelo Farrugia; 11: Paul Schembri; 12: Joyce Cassar; 16: Phyllis Vella, Lourdes Psaila, Charlie Cachia; 18: Sam Caruana; 20: Margaret Borg; 23: Paul Farrugia; 25: Our Lord, Jesus Christ; 21: Michael Borg; 26: Joseph Mifsud; 30: Dominic Micallef, Joyce Scicluna; 31: Jane Zahra, Andrew Xerri. **January:** 1: Jane Ciantar; 2: Carmen Cassar, Mary Mifsud; 3: Marlene Xerri; 4: Mike Catania; 6: Fred Muscat, Pauline Borg; 9: Jane Ciantar, Emmanuel Cassar; 10: Terrina Pace; 12: Madeleine Vella, Grace Muscat; 16: Frank Zahra, Joe Castillo; 17: Tony Debono; George Topolcsanyi; Frank Bezzina; 19: Jane Zammit; 23: Lina Falzon; 24: Helen Hammett. **February:** 1: Charles Tabone; 2: Antida Galea; Marlene Azzopardi; 10: Frank Borg; 11: Paul Schembri; 12: Carmen Cachia; 15: Sally Bartolo, Carmen Grech, David Falzon; 18: Paula Bezzina; 23: Grace Castillo; Carmen Topolcsanyi, Paul Borg.

## Happy Wedding Anniversary ...

**December:** 1: Mary and Alex Mangion; 4: Lina and David Falzon; 21: Connie and Frank Gatt; 30: Melita and Reno Borg. **January:** 6: Sally and Sam Bartolo; 9: Carmen and James Cassar; **February:** 1: Vera and Charles Sacco; 18: Geoff and Rita Mee; 22: Lourdes and Joe Mifsud; 23: Frank u Pauline Bezzina; 26: Carmen and Michael Borg.

## Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group Inc.

President: Salvina Vella

Vice-Pres.: Madeleine Vella

Secretary: Paul Vella

Treasurer:

George Topolcsanyi

Social Sec.: Salvina Vella

Members:

Sylvia Dakin

Cathy Gatt

The group meets every Wednesday

at Merrilands Community Centre,

Asquith St, Reservoir, 9.30-2 pm.

**For more information**

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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 I-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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## DAY TRIP TO MULWALA

On Sunday, October 27, a group of 57 members and friends enjoyed a day trip to Mulwala.

We left St Joseph the Worker Church carpark at 7.30 am. Our Coach Captain was John Saliba..

We stopped for morning tea at a sheltered place with toilets around. Members enjoyed a cup of tea or coffee and some goodies brought and shared by some members. We thank Lina Pulis for bringing her normal "pudina" which was enjoyed by all.

Later we continued our trip to Mulwala where we had a buffet pizza and pasta lunch at Papalia's Lakeside Restaurant. Members were served with a lot of Garlic Pizzas, Penne with Bolognese Sauce and this was followed by a lot of different kinds of pizzas. Members enjoyed the lunch.

Later on most members spent some time by the Lake enjoying a drink or cup of coffee.

On the way back to Melbourne we stopped at the SPC Warehouse in Shepparton where members bought a few things that were on offer, fresh or canned fruit and other items.

We arrived back in Reservoir around 6 pm. Thanks to Coach Captain John Saliba for a safe trip and thanks to Salvina for organising it and thanks to all members and friends taking part for being such a good and friendly people spending the day like one big family.



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