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## Welcome! Merħba!

Welcome once again to another issue of Reskeon Newsletter.

We are reaching the month of September. In September Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group organise the Feast of Marija Bambina on behalf of the Fathers of the Missionary Society of St. Paul. You can see all the information on this page. We ask for your support for the Bambina Dinner Dance, one of the best and sure the cheapest. We always try to keep the price down for all members and friends. Please support us by organising a table for family and friends.

On page 2 you can meet the committee and get familiar with each member and know the work they do. On the same page there is a photo of the winner and two runners-up of the Men's Bocce Competition. As this year's competition finished late there was no time to organise the trophies for the Father's Day Luncheon. Trophies will be presented later on.

The President and Secretary, Paul and Salvina Vella respectively, once a month attend the meeting of the Northern Federation of Ethnic Seniors Citizens Club. There they meet other members and discuss the needs they all face with their clubs and members. That's why once a month Salvina and Paul rush after our meeting to travel to Preston for such meeting.

Our member, Rose Sacco's granddaughter, Madison Conwell, had another success in netball. We are always happy to hear of success of our young ones. Reskeon members and friends enjoyed a restaurant day at Roxburgh Park Hotel. All enjoyed the day.

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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## IN SEPTEMBER WE CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF MARIJA BAMBINA

**Thursday, September 7:** There will be a Mass at 7.00 pm, at the Maltese Centre, Parkville. This event is organised by Reskeon Maltese Association on behalf of the Missionary Society of St. Paul. Light refreshments in the foyer of MCCV organised by Reskeon. The Australian Xaghra Assoc. hold their Mass at the Maltese Cultural Centre, Albion on September 8.

**Saturday, September 9:** On this day, our association is organising the Vittoria Dinner Dance at Firenze Reception Centre (see advertisement on this page). As always this event is very popular and tickets will be selling fast. **We would like to see a great number of Reskeon members attending. Bring your friends with you and organise a table — Please support our association.** For full information and bookings, phone — **President, Salvina Vella 9460-4404 Mobile 0409 961 928.**

**Sunday, September 10:** At St. Mary's Church, West Melbourne. Rosary at 3.00 pm. Immediately after, there will be a Mass (with The Maltese Choir of Victoria) followed by a procession (weather permitting) with the statue of Our Lady accompanied by the Maltese Own Band Philharmonic Society. This will be followed by Benediction. Everyone is invited to attend all these functions and let us be united as one Maltese Community. Be there and take part. As in every year Reskeon Maltese Association organises the Feast of Marija Bambina on behalf of the Fathers of the Missionary Society of St. Paul.

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## Għal min jippreferi jaqraw' bil-Malti...

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

### IKLA GĦAL JUM IL-MISSIER

Nhar il-Hamis, 10 ta' Awwissu, ir-Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group kellhom l-ikla ta' Jum il-Missier fil-Firenze Reception. Din dejjem tinzamm f'it kmieni minhabba li f'Settembru jkollna l-Ballu tal-Bambina. Numru sabieh ta' membri u hbieb attendew u hađu pjaċir. F'din il-haġa ssibu r-rapport u hafna ritratti.

### NILTAQGHU MALL-KUMITAT

F'din il-haġa fl-ahhar għandna ritratt tal-Kumitat. Puvajna nagħtu f'it informazzjoni fuq kull membru tal-Kumitat u x-xogħol li jagħmlu għax forsi hemm xi membri li dan ma jafu.

### NORTHER FEDERATION OF ETHNIC SENIOR CITIZENS CLUBS

Għal min ma jafx, il-Grupp tagħna hu membru tan-Northern Federation of Ethnic Senior Citizens Club. Haġ'ohra li forsi ma tafux, il-President u s-Segretarju, Salvina u Paul Vella, rispettivamente, darba fix-xahar, wara l-laqqha tal-Erbgħa jagħmlu ġirja għal Preston biex jattendu l-laqqha.

### PROSIT! MADISON CONWELL!

F'fin l-inewsletter dejjem naqraw x'nagħmlu u x'norganizzaw għall-membri tagħna. Imma minn żmien għal ieħor nipprova ngħib xi haġa fuq it-tfal tat-tfal tal-membri tagħna. F'din il-haġa naqraw xi haġa fuq is-suċċessi ta' Madison Conwell li n-nanna tagħha hija l-membru tagħna, Rose Sacco.

### SAUSAGE SIZZLE B'XEJN GĦALL-MEMBRI KOLLHA

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### FESTA TAL-BAMBINA

Fix-xahar ta' Settembru ir-Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group jorganizzaw il-Festa ta' Marija Bambina għan-nom tal-Patrijiet tas-Socjeta' ta' San Pawl, f'Parkville. Nhar il-Hamis, 7 ta' Settembru jkun hemm Quddiesa fil-Kappella ta' San Pawl, hdejn iċ-Ċentru Malti ta' Parkville, fis-7 pm. Wara jkun hemm xi rin-freskanti fil-foyer taċ-Ċentru organizzati mir-Reskeon. Imbagħad il-Hadd, 10 ta' Settembru, fil-Knisja ta' St Mary Star of the Sea, West Melbourne ikun hemm il-Festa ta' Marija Bambina. Fit-3.00 pm ikun hemm ir-Rużarju, wara jkun hemm Quddiesa u Barka Sagramentali u jekk it-temp jippermetti jkun hemm Purċissjoni akkumpanjata mill-Maltese Own Band. Imma ma ninewx il-Ballu tal-Bambina f'Firenze Recetions, Fawknar (are l-avviz fl-ewwel faċċata), wiehed mill-ahjar ballijiet u l-iktar wiehed irhis għax ahna nippruvaw inżommu l-prezzijiet baxxi. Nispera li naraw hafna minkom kemm għall-ballu u speċjalment għall-funzjonijiet reliġjużi. Uru s-sapport tagħkom għax-xogħol li nagħmlu.

*Rapporti bl-Ingliz flimkien ma' ritratti fuq dan li għadna kemm thadditna fuq ssibuhom f'faċċati ohra ta' din li Newsletter. Sakemm nergghu niltaqghu darb'ohra, insellmilkom u ngħidilkom "Sahha"!*

— Paul Vella, Editor

## MEN'S BOCCIE COMPETITION WINNER AND RUNNERS-UP



The Men's Bocce Competition this year finished a bit late to organise the trophies to present them at the Father's Day Luncheon so trophies will be presented later. Thanks to Angelo Farrugia for organising the competition. In the photo, on the right, **Lino Hammett** (Winner), in the middle **Charles Galea** (First Runner-Up), left **Philip Debono** (Second Runner-Up). Photo with trophies in next issue.

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## KNOW YOUR COMMITTEE!



Your committee is a group of people who works hard to keep our association going. Front (from left to right): **Victor Pulis** (Treasurer) who keeps the books and reconcile the financial matters every week with help from member George Topolcsanyi. **Salvina Vella** (President and Social Secretary) who runs the Group, organise weekly shopping, does Bingo reconciliation, bookings for events outings and luncheons at Firenze, sittings at tables, etc. **Paul Vella** (Secretary) takes care of correspondence, act as public relations officer, set and get ready for print the quarterly newsletter, Bambina Church Book, prepare for the Bambina Feast such as permits from Melbourne City Council and the Police, book bands, organise Bingo permits and reports, etc. **Madeleine Vella** (Vice-President) in-charge in the kitchen preparing lunches, etc. and shopping when needed. Back row (left to right): **Melita Magro** and **Sylvia Dakin** helps in the kitchen preparing lunches, etc. **Alfred Cachia** helps Salvina with the Bingo and any help asked of him. **Theresa Cachia** helps with the tea and coffee bar. **Sarah Catania** helps with the calling of Bingo.

If you live in the City of Darebin (Preston, Reservoir, Keon Park, Kingsbury, Thornbury, Northcote, Fairfield and parts of Bundoora and North Coburg), and would like to become a member of Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group Inc. contact the Secretary, Paul Vella, on 0409 961 928.



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# Another Father's Day Luncheon... enjoyed by all

**The Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group celebrated Father's Day with a Luncheon at Firenze Receptions, Fawkner, on Thursday, 10th August. Around 130 members attended.**

Pre-drinks and hors d'oeuvres were served while members entered the hall and were seated at the tables. Secretary, Paul Vella, was MC for the day. He greeted all those present and the distinguished guests: Fr Edwin Agius, MSSP Rector at Parkville; Fr Dr Victor Shields, mssp (who was on a visit to Melbourne from Malta); Honorary Life Members of Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group, Dr Clemente Zammit and Mrs Mary Zammit; MCCV Treasurer and Reskeon's Honorary Auditor, Mr Paul Borg and Mrs Pauline Borg. Apologies were received from Life Member and ex-President and ex-Co-Ordinator of Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group, Mr Caesar Vella and Mrs Phyllis Vella.

This was followed by the singing of the Maltese National Anthem and Advance Australia Fair, after which, the champagne bottles on the tables were opened and a toast offered to all fathers present. Then the meals were served. Entrée was a serving of fish with rice and vegetables, followed by a serve of lasagna. The main course was grilled chicken and roast beef on each plate with roast potatoes and vegetables. Red and white wine, beer and soft drinks were served all day. Dessert was Cassata ice-cream and a fruit platter, followed by tea/coffee and continental cakes.

DJ Tony provided the entertainment for the day. Members were on the dance floor all day dancing to his music. President, Salvina Vella, gave a short message for Father's Day and wished them a good day and asked to pray for the fathers who are no longer with us.

Afterwards there was the reading of the birthdays and wedding anniversaries for those celebrating these events around this time.

Normally we have the presentation of trophies to the winner and runners-up of the Men's Bocce Competition. This year the competition was running late because of members being sick with the flu and members away on holidays. The competition eventually finished the day before the luncheon, so the trophies will be presented at a later date at one of the Wednesday meetings at Merrilands Community Centre. Just the same, the names of the winners and runners-up were read. Winner was Lino Hammett, First Runner-Up was Charles Galea and Second Runner-Up was Philip Debono. Angelo Farrugia was thanked for running the competition.

The function finished with the Reskeon Theme Song, music by the late Laurie Armato, lyrics by Dr Clemente Zammit.

A good day was had by all those attending this function. Thanks to President, Salvina Vella, who worked so hard to make this luncheon a very successful one. We would also like to thank the management of Firenze Receptions and their waiting staff for the way they looked after us.

Thanks to all those present and especially to those who helped set up flags, etc. before the luncheon.

**(More pictures on pages 4 and 5)**



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## Northern Federation of Ethnic Senior Citizens Clubs

We assume that not too many members of Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group know that our Group are members of the Northern Federation of Ethnic Senior Citizens Clubs.

Our President and Secretary, Salvina Vella and Paul Vella respectively, attend meetings of the Federation every month at Bell Motel, Bell Street, Preston.

The meetings start at 1.30 pm, so you can imagine the rush to go there after finishing the weekly meeting at Merrilands Community Centre. We have to leave and rush to get there on time but this is not always possible.

While at the meetings of the Federation, Salvina and Paul meet members of other clubs from different ethnic backgrounds such as Italians, Macedonians, Greek, Chinese, Vietnamese, Indian, Polish, Filipino and Mauritius.

We sit together and share our experiences with our clubs and learn from each other.

The meetings run for two hours. Sometimes we have speakers to discuss different topics.

The Northern Federation of Ethnic Senior Citizens Clubs was formed in 1998 to provide stronger voice and support for ethnic Senior Citizens Clubs in the Northern Region. This is more commonly known as Federation. Federation is an incorporated Association and is auspiced by Spectrum.

The Federation now represents many clubs in the Northern Region.

Some of the aims of the Federation are to provide an opportunity for representatives to meet together and identify common issues, to exchange information and share skills and where possible share resources. To promote awareness of relevant policies and programs impacting on the elderly. Represent the interests of member organisations to agencies, services and government departments. To provide feedback to service providers, agencies and government bodies on policies and program levels. To encourage agencies and services to be more culturally sensitive to senior citizens from diverse backgrounds. To work closely with peak bodies such as Ethnic Communities Council Victoria and Council of the Ageing and our auspicing body – Spectrum, and to encourage membership from new and emerging groups of senior citizen groups.

We meet each month, every second Wednesday of the month. Reskeon pay an annual membership fee of \$10 to be members.

Salvina and Paul attend most of these meetings when time permits and as well the Annual General Meeting.

Lately we had a few changes in Co-Ordinators. The present Co-Ordinator is Ms Filomena Ciociola.



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**September 7:** Bambina Mass, Parkville

**September 9:** Bambina/Vittoria Dinner Dance, Firenze Receptions

**September 10:** Bambina Feast, St. Mary's Church, West Melbourne

**October 4:** Annual General Meeting

**October:** Day Out

**November 29:** Club Closing

**December 6:** Christmas Break-Up (Firenze)

## 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 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, 5.00 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

**Consul General of Malta**  
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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.



**JOE FENECH**

Ex member of Reskeon Seniors  
Husband of ex member Julie

**SALVINU VELLA**

Brother of member Caesar Vella

**JOE BARTOLO**

Ex member of Reskeon  
Brother of member Laurie Bartolo  
Brother-in-law of Licia Bartolo

**GRACE GATT**

Sister of member Annie Scicluna

**CATHERINE MIFSUD**

Aunty of member Madeleine Vella

**Please remember them in your prayers**

**R.I.P.**

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## Happy Birthday ...

**September:** 2: Vivian Micallef; 6: Charles Galea; 7: Yvonne Caruana, Mary Killeen. 8: Maria Bambina; 9: Frank Gatt; 11: Mary Vella; 16: 20: Carmen Mizzi, Lou Vella; 26: Cathy Gatt; 29: Ines Mifsud. **October:** 4: Lina Pulis, Doris Mallia; 5: Rosemary Vella. 7: Samira Cassar; 8: Victor Pulis; 10: George Caruana; 17: Theresa Cachia; 19: Philip Debono, Mary Camilleri; 21: Carmen Debono; 22: Joe Cutajar; 23: Mary Magro; 31: Sylvia Dakin. **November:** 2: George Agius; Joe Dakin; 13: Laurie Bartolo; 21: Tessie Vella. 22: Mitre Azzilla; 23: Iris Sapiano, Tonina Farrugia; 27: Rose Borg (Craigieburn); 29: Natalie Cutajar.

## Happy Wedding Anniversary ...

**September:** 1: Billy and Doris Dalli; 5: Carmen and Tony Grech; 8: Grace and Fred Muscat; 10: Joe and Maureen Dakin; 15: Jim and Jane Cutajar; 19: Helen and Lino Hammett; 27: Vince and Rose Borg. **October:** 5: Mary and Joe Pisani; 17: Joe and Grace Castillo; 24: Carmen and Phillip Debono. **November:** 10: Rose and Nino Angelone; 24: Terrina and Joe Pace.

## Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group Inc.

President: Salvina Vella

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The group meets every Wednesday at Merrilands Community Centre, Asquith St, Reservoir, 9.30-2 pm.

**For more information Ring 9460-4404**

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### 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.

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## Well done, Madison Conwell!



After zone trials held in Queensland, Madison was selected to represent Queensland in the Under 18 mixed indoor netball team.

Madison competed in the 2017 National Indoor Netball competition representing Queensland Under 18 mixed netball team. This year the National Competition was held at the Springvale Indoor Netball Centre in Melbourne between 29 July and 5 August 2017.

Maddie and her team were successful in winning two gold medals in both the 6s netball competition which is a New Zealand indoor netball game and the 7s competition being the Australian indoor netball game. Maddie showed great grit, determination and maturity playing with a broken finger for the week.

In the 6s competition Maddie and her Under 18 mixed team played Under 18 and Under 23 teams from all states of Australia. Maddie and her team went through the competition with only one loss to the Qld Under 23 team. They were victors against Victoria Under 23, NSW Under 23, WA Under 23, SA under 23 teams and NSW Under 18 and WA Under 18 teams. They were also victors in the under 18 grand final. A massive achievement for such a young team. In the 7s competition Maddie and her team went through undefeated and taking out the Under 18 grand final on the last day.

To end such a successful week, Madison was selected in the All Stars Australian Under 18 mixed team for 2017. Madison is the granddaughter of our member Rose Sacco.

**Photo: In the middle, Madison Conwell, left her mum, Tania, right her grandmother, Rose Sacco.**

## Restaurant Day at Roxburgh Park Hotel

Every year, our members enjoy a restaurant day at Roxburgh Park Hotel.



This venue is very popular with our members.

Around 100 members participated on this day, the 15th of June for a luncheon.

Members started to arrive at 11.30 am. They were given a ticket by the committee to make their entrance to the restaurant more easy for them and the staff.

A special area was allocated for our members to stay in groups they chose to be with.

The food was presented in great variety and abundance.

Our members enjoy days like these and they always ask the committee to organise such a day more than once.

Some members of the committee and other members had the chance to meet Freddy Xerri who is on the staff. He always mingles with us for a friendly chat.

Thanks to the staff that looked after us very well.

## Free Sausage Sizzle to all members

Members enjoyed the second free sausage sizzle for the year.

This was held at our Wednesday meeting at Merrilands Community Centre, on Wednesday, 26th July.

Around 120 members were present.

Committee members Madeleine Vella, Sylvia Dakin and Melita Magro prepared the sausages in the kitchen, while the first Bingo session was in progress.

Members co-ordinated themselves to go one table at a time to be served with the meal of sausages in bread rolls with tomato and BBQ sauce.

They were also served with free soft drinks, tea and coffee and biscuits.

Once again all members enjoyed the meal.

Another sausage sizzle was held earlier in the year and we hope that we will have another one in the near future.

After the meal, another Bingo session was held.



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