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# RESKEON NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome! Merħba!

Welcome once again to another issue of Reskeon Newsletter.

Father's Day Luncheon was organised for members and friends at Firenze Receptions, Fawkner. Members enjoyed this at a subsidy by more than half the cost. All present enjoyed the event.

On July 24, members enjoyed a second Free Sausage Sizzle for the year with free soft drinks, tea, coffee and cakes.

On June 7, members enjoyed a restaurant day at Roxburgh Park Hotel, once again subsidised by more than half the cost and members enjoyed the day as always.

Fr Dr Victor Shields, mssp, visited our meeting on July 31 and celebrated Mass for us.

During the last months we had visitors to our meetings. One was Mario Spiteri, brother of Vice-President, Madeleine Vella. Young Ava Rose Lane Borg also paid us a visit. She is the granddaughter of members Rose and Vince Borg.

On July 3, we had a visit by Sr Sandra Cassar, who is a missionary in Kenya. She spoke to us about her work in the missions. Members were generous with a donation and one from Reskeon.

Would like to remind you that as in every year Reskeon organises a Mass for the Bambina on behalf of the Fathers of the Mssp on Thursday, 5th September, at St. Paul's Chapel, Parkville, and the Feast Mass at St Mary's Church, West Melbourne on 8th September. We remind you as well of our Bambina Dinner Dance on Saturday, 7th September. PLEASE SUPPORT US as you support all our subsidised events throughout the year. Thank you.

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 5:** There will be a Mass at 7.00 pm, at St Paul's Chapel, next to 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 Friday, September 6.

**Saturday, September 7:** 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 8:** At St. Mary's Church, West Melbourne. Rosary at 3.00 pm. Immediately after, there will be a Mass (music and singing by Charles Schembri) 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.

## MALTESE NEWS on SBS 31 TV

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### ATTENTION

**From June 16 the Maltese  
news program will be shown  
on SBS Channel 31 (not 32)  
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## Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group

## Vittoria Dinner Dance

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**Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group Inc.**  
**Merrilands Community Centre, Cnr. Asquith and Sturdee Sts, Reservoir**

## Visitors to Reskeon

In the last few months we had some visitors to Reskeon.

Mario Spiteri is the brother of our Vice-President, Madeleine Vella. Mario visits his sister, Madeleine, and his other sisters in Melbourne from time to time. He attends some of our Wednesday meetings and he made a lot of friends, especially members who hailed from the same suburb he lives in, Zabbar, Malta.

During his visits he always lends a hand in the kitchen.

Another visitor was seven-year-old AvaRose Borg Lane, the granddaughter of members Vince and Rose Borg. She was on holidays from Los Angeles, USA, where she lives with her parents. On one of her visits she entertained the members present by singing a few songs by ABBA.



Our Vice-President, Madeleine Vella's brother, Mario Spiteri visited one of our meetings while on holiday from Malta.



Young Ava Rose Lane Borg, granddaughter of members Rose and Vince Borg, visited our Group on one of our meetings. On the day she sang some beautiful songs for the members who collected some money and Ava Rose donated them to a Sick Children's Charity.

## Visit by Fr Dr Victor Shields, mssp

On Wednesday, July 31, Fr Dr Victor Shields, mssp, visited our Group while he was on a visit in Melbourne from Malta.

Fr Victor celebrated Mass for the Group.

We thank him for finding the time to visit us when he is in Melbourne.



## Attending the monthly meeting of the Northern Federation of Ethnic Citizen Clubs (Spectrum)

Once a month, our President and Secretary, Salvina and Paul Vella respectively, rush from our weekly meeting at Merrilands soon after we finish and travel to Bell City Motel, Bell Street, Preston to attend the monthly meeting of the Northern Federation of Ethnic Citizen Clubs. The meetings are run by Spectrum.

Committee members from different senior groups in the Northern area attend these meetings representing their respective groups, as we do representing Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group.

At the August meeting we had Mr Lachlan McKenzie and Ms Kelly Preece to talk to us about the problems of gambling. The meeting was chaired by Mr Renaldo Tomasiello. GM Finance, Spectrum.



***We would like to thank H.E. Mr Charles Muscat,  
 High Commissioner for the Republic of Malta in  
 Canberra***

***for his help and assistance whenever it's asked  
 of him. Thank you***

**The President, Committee and Members of Reskeon  
 Maltese Association Seniors Group in Victoria**



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## Another Father's Day Luncheon... another success

The Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group celebrated Father's Day with a Luncheon at Firenze Receptions, Fawkner, on Thursday, 8th August. Around 107 members attended.

Pre-drinks and hors d'ouvres 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 Dr Victor Shields, MSSP, in Melbourne on a visit from Malta; The Consul General for the Republic of Malta in Victoria, Mr Mario Farrugia-Borg; Honorary Life Members of Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group, Dr Clemente Zammit and Mrs Mary Zammit; Reskeon's Honorary Auditor, Mr Paul Borg and Mrs Pauline Borg; 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 Tortellini and Casarecce pasta with Bolognese sauce on each plate. The main course was chicken involtini 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. 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.

This was followed by the presentation of trophie for the Winner and two runners-up of the Men's Bocce Competition. Winner was Frans Bonavia, First Runner-up was Frank Borg who was unable to attend his trophy was received in his name by his brother-in-law, Lou Vella. Second Runner-up was Lino Hammett who happened to be on holidays overseas..

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. Thanks to all the Committee for their help one way or another.

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.

**Photos on Pages 4 and 5**

## 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, 24th July.

Around 110 members were present.

Committee members who work in the kitchen, Madeleine Vella and Sylvia Dakin prepared the sausages 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, cakes and biscuits.

This time they also received a free piece of fruit, mandarins.

Once again all members enjoyed the meal.

Another sausage sizzle was held earlier in the year on our opening day in February, and we hope that we will have another one in the near future.

After the meal, another Bingo session was held.

Thanks to President Salvina Vella who took care of the shopping, Madeleine Vella and Sylvia Dakin for the cooking, and Vince Borg in charge of the soft drinks while Joe Pace was serving the free tea and coffee, and Fred Pace who was looking after the serving of the cakes and biscuits.



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## LUNCH AT ROXBURGH PARK HOTEL

On Thursday, June 7, a group of 95 members and friends of Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group, enjoyed a restaurant day, lunch at Roxburgh Park Hotel.

Members started to gather at the foyer at around 11.30 am and co-ordinated themselves very well when entering the restaurant.

As always food was the best and all members and friends enjoyed the afternoon.

Our members always enjoy an event like this where they meet friends and enjoy a good lunch.

This lunch was subsidised by Reskeon and members only had to pay less than half the cost.

Well done as usual to President, Salvina Vella, and her helpers on the committee for the way this event was organised. Congratulations to all the members as well.





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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS... Mark these dates in your diary!

**September 5:** Bambina Mass, St Paul's Chapel, Parkville  
**September 7:** Vittoria Dinner Dance, Firenze Receptions, Fawkner  
**September 8:** Bambina Mass, St Mary's Church, West Melbourne  
**October 2:** AGM  
**October :** Day Out  
**November 27:** Club Closing  
**December 4:** Christmas Break-Up Luncheon (Firenze Receptions)

## 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, 4.45 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  
9670 8427**

**Maltese Fathers,  
Parkville  
9387 7433**

**Maltese Centre,  
Parkville  
9387 8922**

## 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 Farrugua  
 Brother-in-law of member Fred Pace

### INEZ MANGION

Sister-in-law of member  
 Alex Mangion

### FRANK MICALLEF

A long time member of Reskeon  
 Cousin of member Mary Camilleri

### ANDREW MAGRI

Cousin of member Mary Mangion

### MARIA MAGRI

Cousin of member Mary Mangion

### CARMEN GATT

Mother of member Lina Falzon  
 Mother of Reskeon's friend  
 Mary Vella

### SYLVIA CAMILLERI

Sister of member Rose Pace

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## Happy Birthday ...

**September:** 1: Judith Grima; 2: Vivian Micallef; 6: Charles Galea; 7: Yvonne Caruana; 8: Maria Bambina; 9: Frank Gatt; 11: Mary Vella; 20: Carmen Mizzi, Tessie Vella; 18: Alex Mangion; 19: Mary Camilleri; 26: Cathy Gatt, Victor Tanti; 27: Fred Pace; 29: Ines Mifsud. **October:** 4: Lina Pulis, Doris Mallia; 5: Rosemary Vella; 6: Alfred Scicluna; 10: George Caruana; 12: Joe Cauchi; 17: Theresa Cachia; 19: Carmen Debono, Mary Azzopardi; 21: Philip Debono; 22: Joe Cutajar; 23: Mary Magro; 30: Mary Camilleri; 31: Sylvia Dakin. **November:** 1: Paul Cassar; 2: George Agius; Joe Dakin; 10: Josephine Schembri; 13: Laurie Bartolo; 21: Lou Vella; 23: 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; 19: Helen and Lino Hammett. **October:** 17: Joe and Grace Castillo; 18: Carmen and Phillip Debono; 19: Joe and Mary Camilleri; **November:** 6: Tereza and Alfred Scicluna; 10: Rose and Nino Angelone; 21: Vince and Rose 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**

**Ring 9460-4404**

## 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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## Sr Sandra Cassar in Melbourne

**Sr Sandra Cassar is a member of the Congregation of Nuns, The Daughters of the Sacred Heart.**

She has served in the Missions in Kenya for the past 37 years.

In 1982 she was sent to outstation in Hangu near the Diocese of Garissa.

After six months she was sent to Hola not far from Impektoni where she stayed for 14 years, lacking all the luxuries of life but happy in her job.

In 2003 she went to Satalite near the Capital of Nairobi where after a few months finished in Limuri.

Sister Sandra, while living in Malta, was only 15 when she felt the call to go to the Missions.

She joined the Congregation of The Daughter of the Sacred Heart which was close to the heart of her father. Before she joined she made sure that they are involved in missionary work.

Sr Sandra looks after a group of girls where she teaches them sewing and computers.

She discovered a room with four old sewing machines and she got the idea to teach these girls how to use them. With help from large organisations she was given a large number of sewing and knitting machine. The girls sew uniforms and other garments for the locals so that they will be able to afford them.

For her next achievement, Sr Sandra is hoping for a special embroidery machine that they can use to put logos on the garments. The machine costs 10,000 euros.

While in Melbourne, I interviewed her on my Maltese program on Community Radio 3ZZZ. Listeners were very interested in her work in the missions.

She was invited to visit some Maltese Associations to tell her story and at the same time hoping members will help her with donations to achieve her dream.

On Wednesday, July 3, she was invited to visit one of the meetings of Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group, at Merrilands Community Centre, Reservoir. The members enjoyed her telling her story, her achievements in the last 37 years and what she dreams to do. Their generosity was shown by raising around \$560 to help her work.

While at this meeting she enjoyed meeting members and listening to their stories. She was impressed by how these members still enjoy the company of other Maltese and preserve their culture and heritage.

At this meeting, member Charlie Sacco sang some Maltese songs for her which she enjoyed and appreciated.

Reskeon's Treasurer, George Topolcsanyi, presented her with two special religious wooden crosses.

We wish Sr Sandra a nice and safe trip back home.

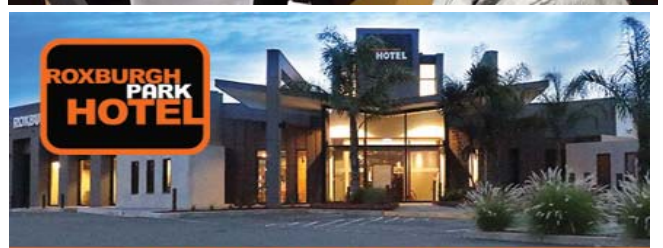
Anyone who wish to help Sr Sandra's cause in the missions can make contact with her by email: [sndrcssr@gmail.com](mailto:sndrcssr@gmail.com)

**PHOTOS (from top): Sr Sandra with a group of Reskeon members.**

**Sr Sandra with some members of Reskeon committee.**

**Charlie Sacco singing Maltese songs for Sr Sandra**

**Paul Vella interviewing Sr Sandra Cassar on Community Radio 3ZZZ**



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