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Mackay Maltese Club Inc.

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This is our first newsletter for this year. We are a little late and do apologize, but read on as we do have some great news for you.

Our first dinner for the year was at Northern Beaches Bowls Club in February and even though we were small in numbers, it proved to be a great evening. It was nice to see a group of Italians join us once again.

Our next gathering will be at **Tandara Hotel, Sarina on Saturday, 16th April** at 7pm for the usual 7.30 start. The cost will be as usual only \$20 per head. This will be our first visit to Sarina. If you need transport be sure to see one of the committee. Bookings are essential as it is for all our dinners so please ring Carmel Baretta on 49421661

For the month of March our club was proud to present a special exhibition titled 'Extraordinary Maltese Women' at the Mackay City Library.

Mark your calendar for another dinner on **Friday, 13th May at 7.30pm at St Francis Hall, Holland Street, West Mackay.** This function will be catered for by Madeline Grima. Bookings of course are essential.

Mt Pleasant & Greenfield's Dockets

Our club can benefit from you shopping at Mount Pleasant Shopping Centre including Greenfield's.

For not-profit organizations such as ours simply swap your docket for 'cash back play money' then place them in the entry box marked Mackay Maltese Club Inc. or give them to one of our committee members.

The more dockets entered, the more chance of winning a bigger slice of the Community Cash back. It could prove to be beneficial to our club. **Competition starts 11th April.**



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NEWSLETTER

Please Note : This will be your last free Newsletter unless you become a Financial member of our club. \$5 Memberships are due 30th July, 2005

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OPERA IN THE CANEFIELDS (Saturday, 23rd July) will be set amidst the beauty of Mackay's sugar cane farms at the historic Greenmount Homestead. This open air concert will feature the stunning *Sirens of Song* and the premiere of the Queensland written opera 'And So I Am Born', by Danny Moran, directed by Mackay's Kim Kirkman.

GLOBAL GROVES IN THE GARDENS, This will be a Multicultural celebration on Sunday afternoon 24th July with free entry and featuring the 7 piece Gypsy band 'DOCH' who have performed sellout shows all over the country.

Recent Celebrations

Joe & Rose Borg of Mackay celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary recently and are now on a European tour including a trip to Malta (of course).

Louis & Joan Bezzina's daughter Natalie, graduates soon.

This family recently participated in the cancer appeal 'Relay for Life' in Mackay as did Paul Baretta who is an entrant in 'Nurse of the Year'.

Greenmount Homestead Walkerston

Take a step back in time at historic Greenmount Homestead, Walkerston where you can tour the grounds, explore and enjoy the displays about the history of Mackay.

Discover the lives of three generations of the Cook family and their role in the development of our region.

This event is being coordinated by Louise Bezzina.

Saturday, 7 May, 2005

Queensland Heritage Festival Picnic and Greenmount Homestead Open Day.

: **Nurse of the Year**

1pm SUNDAY 1st May 2005

Paul Baretta, an entrant in Nurse of the Year will be holding a garden afternoon at Leo and Carmel Baretta's home at 172 Habana Road, Mackay.

There will be Stalls, Fashion Parade, Cent Sale and Afternoon Tea will be served.

Donation \$12.50 All proceeds to Queensland Cancer Fund

Malta News - L'Ahbarijiet

SBS

Sunday 9am

New Multicultural TV Channel

The Mackay Maltese Club is proud to announce that a new Maltese Multicultural TV channel has been launched in Sydney and it can now be seen in Mackay.

Donna Attard and the Sisters of Francis of Assisi Home in conjunction with the Mackay Maltese Club have been working with Charles Curmi in Sydney. Many Maltese know him as Babyface.

The new program was launched on Sunday, 6th March. A new separate satellite dish (donated by our club) was required to receive the program. Several committee members and friends witnessed the launch in the Hostel Lounge at the Home in Dupuy Street, West Mackay. The program is titled 'Good Day Malt/Aussies Tonight', other programs will be created. This is not just a TV channel as a radio program is expected to follow.

Further announcements will be made at our dinner or ring Donna Attard on 49 425 881 for more details.

Harmony Day 2005

On Monday 21st March Harmony Day was celebrated at the Mackay City Council precinct courtyard.

There was cultural food and cooking displays by many of our local cultures (including Maltese) from our multicultural city. Carmel Baretta prepared traditional Fried Fish with Caper sauce (Huta Bil Zalza Tal-Kappar) and pasta dishes while Mary Schembri demonstrated to the audience how to make great cheese pies - Pastizzi.

It was nice to see so many participate and support for our very active club.

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Our committee for 2005 is as follows:

Patronesses: Sr Ottavia Monsigneur and
Sr Carmen Caruana

President : Mrs Carmel Baretta

Vice President: Ms Donna Attard

Treasurer: Mrs Lyn Zahra

Secretary: Mrs Beverley Forrest

Acting Secretary: Mrs Laraine Schembri

Committee:

Phil Attard, Mary Schembri, Rose Borg, Joan Bezzina, Carmel Azzopardi, John and Margaret Attard, Peter Zahra and Jim Buhagiar

The Mackay Maltese Club needs your support - How can you help?
Come along to our meetings – next meeting 7.30pm, Wednesday, 6th April 2005
at Francis of Assisi Home, Dupuy Street, West Mackay - all are welcome to attend

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BUS TOUR



The club proposes to have another bus tour for four days in August - this time to Rockhampton. From our accommodation there we will be able to visit, Emu Park, Great Keppel Island and other selected attractions in the area.

The cost of this tour has not been estimated, as participation of members and friends will determine this.

Please show your interest by contacting one of our committee members or ring Carmel Baretta on 49 421 661.

Maltese Birth Certificates

Full birth certificates can now be obtained from Malta at a small cost. Allow two weeks for delivery.

Family crests in single or double can also be ordered. These take about 6 weeks to be made and are beautiful gifts for any member of the family.

For more information on this service please
phone Laraine Schembri 49 598 224

Malta News

Seaweed and prickly pears are the raw materials being used to produce food supplements, which are being exported to Europe by the Institute of Cellular Pharmacology at the Mosta Techno Park.

Most of the material used for research and for commercial activity is cultivated by local farmers who provide the institute with prickly pear fruit from all over Malta and Gozo, and divers who work extensively to ensure that the supply of algae needed for the process is available in the correct form demanded by the industry.