

# ***Mackay Maltese Club Inc.***

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*Our gathering at the Tandara Hotel, Sarina in April was an enjoyable event for all who attended as was the dinner at St Francis Hall superbly catered by Madalyn Grima . At that May dinner we welcomed Father Nainjarr from South India who was accompanied from Melbourne by Martin and Maria Pace. Father Nainjarr spoke about his work and the difficult conditions he and his fellow priests cope with in India. Father said Grace before our meal and chatted with members during the evening . Our July dinner at Wests, Walkerston, was greatly enhanced by the entertainment provided by stalwarts, Joe and Sam Camilleri of Homebush*

## **Mark your calendar for our 'Festa Tal-Vittoria'—2005**

*Join us at 7 pm, Friday September 9 at Francis of Assisi Home, Dupuy Street, West Mackay, where the Mackay Maltese Club Inc together with the Franciscan Sisters of the Heart of Jesus will hold an outdoor con-celebrated Mass, Rosary and Procession.*

*All are welcomed to attend. Children attending the evening will be encouraged to participate as ribbon-bearers for Our Lady of Victories statue during the Procession.*

*On Saturday September 10 at 7.30 pm we are pleased to announce that we will once again be holding our Festa Tal-Vittoria Dinner at the Farview Tavern, Farleigh. Cost per person \$25.*

*Bookings for all our dinners are essential, phone Carmel Baretta on 49 421 661*

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### Please Note :

This will be your last free Newsletter unless you become a financial member of our club.

Only \$5 for singles and \$10 per couple.

Memberships are due 30th June, 2005

Please find enclosed your membership forms

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## **Maltese Exhibition**

### *OUR SHARED HERITAGE*

*10 to 24 September*

*Our special photographic display of Mackay Maltese Pioneers will be at the Mackay City Library from September 10 to 24 in the foyer.*

*Quite an effort goes into preparing this display, so come along and show your support to our club and your pride in perhaps being a descendant of one of our pioneers.*

## Greenmount Homestead Walkerston

*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.*

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### GLOBAL GROVES

#### IN THE GARDENS

*This will be a Multicultural celebration on Sunday afternoon 24th July with free entry to Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens.*

*Groves in the Gardens will feature performances from several local cultures.*

*In the Maltese Precinct during the afternoon Rita De Brincat will demonstrate the art of Maltese lace making while Joe Chetcuti supported by Carmel Baretta will entertain us with story telling.*

*Then later, get hooked by the 7 piece Gypsy band 'DOCH' who have performed sell out shows all over the country. Proudly supported by ABC*

# *Mackay Festival of Arts -*

*Louise Bezzina Festival Co-ordinator*

*With Miss Louise Bezzina at the helm, the Mackay Festival of Arts is about to explode with an abundance of exciting events, entertainment, exhibitions and workshops.*

## *FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS*

*July 20 - Macca and Friends - Mackay Entertainment Centre*

*July 21 - ME and Mr Jones, Cabaret - MEC*

*July 22 - Whitsunday Voices Literary Dinner - MEC*

*July 23 - Opera in the Canefields*

*July 24 - Global Groves in the Gardens*

*The Many Faces of Mackay - Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens*

## *Sahha Albert Hili*

Albert Hili resigned on 30 June, 2005 after 13 years as Honorary Consul of Malta in Queensland to work in London. All correspondence to be directed to Ivan Fsadni at the Malta High Commission in Canberra. Email: [maltahighcommission.canberra@gov.mt](mailto:maltahighcommission.canberra@gov.mt) ph 02 62 901 573

## *Mackay Maltese Club Annual General Meeting*

*Our AGM will be held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday August 3, at Francis of Assisi Home, Dupuy Street, West Mackay. All are welcome to attend. The present committee will stand down and some will seek re-election, but only financial members can vote. Ladies please bring a plate.*

## *Mackay Maltese Club Inc Art Union 2005 Tickets \$2 each*

**FIRST PRIZE :** TWO Nights Accommodation for TWO in a Reef Room on Beautiful

South Molle Island Resort and \$100 Meal Voucher—Many Thanks to Harvey World Travel

**SECOND :** \$100 FUEL CASH CARD from Crokers Fuel and Oils, Mackay

**THIRD :** FAMILY PHOTO SITTING - compliments of Touch of Class Photography, Mackay

**FOURTH :** Graeme Connors latest CD - Many Thanks to Graeme Connors

**FIFTH :** DINNER for 2 at a Mackay Maltese Dinner - Art Union Drawn 10 Sept @ Festa Dinner

Christine Shield of International Dance Affair  
is looking for interested young dancers  
to participate in Maltese  
dancing at the 2005 Festa

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### **BUS TOUR**

*The club proposes to have another bus tour from 12 –15 August with Mackay Transit Coaches- this time to Rockhampton. We will be able to visit Kershaw Gardens, sight seeing tour of Rockhampton, Botanic Gardens, Srs of Mercy and their archives, Mass at the Cathedral, Arcade Markets, Yeppoon, Great Keppel Island, sight seeing Zilzie Subdivision at Emu Park and Nob Creek Pottery. The cost of the tour is approximately \$500-550 depending on numbers. Cut off date for bookings 30 July. For further information ring Carmel Baretta NOW 49421 661.*

#### **Premiers Multicultural Photographic Awards**

As part of Qld Government commitment to Multiculturalism nominations for 2005 Premiers Multicultural Photographic Awards are now invited and are open to professional and non professional photographers, primary and secondary school students and offer \$25,000 worth of prizes. Entries are sought which embody the spirit of 'Diversity at Work' in Queensland.

Nominations close 12 Aug 2005. For further information contact Ms Angie Scott at [photographic.awards@premiers.qld.gov.au](mailto:photographic.awards@premiers.qld.gov.au) or on 07 3224 6206.

***Listen to 4CRM  
1.20pm Thursday  
18 August 2005***

When Carmel Baretta will speak about the activities of the Mackay Maltese Club as well as some history pertaining to "Malta - The Nurse of the Mediterranean"