

Mackay Maltese Club Inc.

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2004 Jubilee - Festa Celebrations

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The following activities are happening

- * ***'Festa tal-Madonna tal-Vittorja'***
Celebrations - 10, 11 & 12 - September
- * ***Jubilee Celebrations for Franciscan Sisters and Francis of Assisi Home***
- * ***Two Photographic and Historical Exhibitions***
- * ***This year we are proud to celebrate 10 years of the Mackay Maltese Club Festas***

Festa tal-Madonna tal-Vittorja'

Friday 10th September - A Festa outdoor Procession and con-celebrated Mass will take place at 7pm at the Francis of Assisi Home in Dupuy Street, West Mackay.

Bishop Brian Heenan will lead the celebrations assisted by Bishop Joseph Grech and our local priests.

Once again we expect a huge crowd for our big Festa weekend.

We encourage the children to participate as ribbon pole bearers to escort the Our Lady Of Victories statue and we encourage everyone to wear our traditional colours of red and white.

Interested families wishing to participate should ring Carmel Baretta now on 49421661.

Be proud of your Maltese heritage and come

The Mackay Maltese Club
congratulates the
Francis of Assisi Home and
Franciscan Sisters
of the Heart of
Jesus and on their Jubilee
50 years in Mackay
1954-2004

FESTIVAL of ARTS
Global Groves in the Gardens
July 24, 1pm - 7.30 pm
featuring Bocce games
Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens
Maltese traditional dress will be featured

'Our Lady of Victories' ***Outdoor Mass and Festa*** ***Friday, September 10, 2004***

Everyone is invited to attend our Festa celebrations which will commence with an outdoor Procession on Friday September 10 at 7pm, to be followed by a con-celebrated Mass.

Christine Shield's young Maltese Dancers will entertain us during the evening and supper will be provided. Ladies please bring a plate of goodies.

**Memberships
are
now due**

Mackay Maltese Club

2004-2005

Membership

Club membership is only \$10 per couple or \$5 per single. Membership will ensure that you receive a newsletter

Membership contributions allow for the printing and posting of the club newsletter and a chance to be in the \$30 membership draw at each social dinner.

Please find membership form enclosed in this Newsletter, fill it out, include your \$5 or \$10 and post to PO Box 5856 or hand it to any committee member.

We value your support.

A Photographic and Historical Exhibition, titled 'Our Shared Heritage' will be displayed at Artspace Mackay during the month of September and a special Jubilee Exhibition of the Franciscan Sisters will be featured at the Mackay City Library. Come along and share the journey with us.

Saturday September 11, 2004: A special Festa Mass will be held at St Brigids Church Farleigh at 6pm. Bishop Joseph Grech visiting from Bendigo will celebrate the Mass. Come along early to secure a seat as we expect to have a large representation of young people present.

Festa Dinner to be held at 7.30pm at the Farview Tavern, Farleigh, Mackay. Our Major Raffle will be drawn during the evening. Special entertainment has been arranged, so come along, but you must book early.

N.B. Dinner bookings are essential, just see any club committee member or phone Carmel Baretta on 49421661.

Sunday September 12; Jubilee celebrations continue with a special morning Mass at Francis of Assisi Home. Light refreshments will follow.

This will conclude the weekend of special celebrations

Southern guests: Carmen Formosa and her party of 13 visitors were rewarded with a sample bag courtesy of our major sponsors Harvey World Travel as were Espedito Zammit and his group of 23 southerners. We hope our visitors enjoyed the beautiful weather we put on for them and their trip. to our area.

**Maltese News: L'Ahbarijiet
SBS
Sunday 9 am**

Maltese Prayer Mornings

Come along and join in our morning of Maltese Prayers held the last Thursday of each month at 9.30am at Francis of Assisi Home, Dupuy Street, West Mackay. All welcome!

May Our families be Blessed:

May we treasure one another in our hearts
May we seek to understand one another's ways
May we share the joy of being together because of the great love Jesus has for us all
May we share ourselves today with those we know and love most in life - our family

**Major Festa Raffle
drawn at
Farview Tavern
Festa Dinner
Saturday
September 11, 2004**

**1st Prize: Return Trip for
TWO on the TILT TRAIN from
Mackay to Cairns
Valued at \$646.80**
Courtesy of Queensland Rail

**2nd Prize: TWO Night Stay
on South Molle Island
including return transfers**
Courtesy of Harvey World Travel,
South Molle Island and FantaSea
Cruises. Value \$548.00

3rd Prize: \$50 Money Tree

**4th Prize: Beautifully Decorated
Iced Fruit Cake**
Many thanks to Polly Vella

**5th Prize: Voucher from
Lighthouse Seafood Restaurant
at the Mackay Harbour Value \$20**
Courtesy of Residential Developments

Tickets \$2 per sheet
are available from any committee
member or at our social dinners.
Drawn at our Jubilee/Festa Dinner at
Farview Tavern, September 11, 2004
Permit # AA10688

**Our President
meets with
Dr Ivan Fsadni**

President Carmel Baretta was invited by the Maltese High Commissioner Dr Ivan Fsadni to attend a meeting of interstate representatives in Canberra recently and to celebrate Malta's entry into the European Union. A discussion took place with Queensland representatives to form a Maltese Queensland council.

Then early in June Carmel was once again in Canberra accompanied by Laraine Schembri to attend a Multicultural Workshop at the National Library.

The experience they gained is invaluable to the club and to their work as MMC exhibition co-ordinators.

During their visit they spoke at length with Dr Ivan Fsadni, the Maltese High Commissioner before he left for Malta.

Carmel and Laraine also had the pleasure of the company of Mrs Rita Fsadni and family over an enjoyable dinner at their residence.

New friendships were made with Maree and Gordon Selleck who also attended the dinner.