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#### Casa de Macau Inc. Australia



## President's Report

Ed Rozario

Dear Members

Happy New Year, I trust it was an enjoyable holiday season for you. On behalf of the Casa Committee may I wish you and your families, good health and joy throughout the year, it is hard to imagine we are at the start of yet another year. It is however, a good time to map out our plans for the year. At the Casa, the focus of the Committee will be threefold.

Firstly, we would like 2012 to be the Year of the Youth. We hope to plug into the Youth Encontro being be held in Macau from 9 to 15 April and plan our own activities here in Australia which will encourage more participation from our younger members. As a start

we have created a Youth Sub-Committee which Stephanie Deacon has agreed to head up. If you would like to serve in this group, please contact Stephanie direct at stef\_p193@gmail.com . The sub-committee is charged with planning activities specifically for the under 35's.

Secondly, we would like to refresh and update our Casa website. The plan is to use this medium to broaden and speed up our communication with members and other Casa communities around the world. If you have the technical background and can assist us with this effort we would love to hear from you. Included in this effort is the organisation of the contents of our library at the Cultural Centre and we

thank Brendan Basto for offering to lead this project.

Thirdly, I believe we will finally put the compliance and restriction issues of our Sydenham Cultural Centre behind us and begin to hold fun and interesting activities on the premises, as was the original thinking at the time of purchase.

It will give me great satisfaction to be able to report at the next AGM that all the above have been accomplished, please help in any way you can....

We will of course continue to work hard on the social aspects of the Casa and plan to hold a function every

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# Conquest and Conciliation The Portuguese come to Asia Stuart Braga

Written at the request of Ed Rozario, President of the Casa de Macau, this article begins a short series on the origins of the Portuguese in the Far East. Ed is surely right in commenting that few Macanese

people know how their Portuguese ancestors came to be in the Far East.

Seeking a trade route to Asia, Portuguese seamen began to explore the west coast of Africa in the fifteenth century, at first cautiously, and then as they grew more familiar with ocean currents and remote coastlines, more boldly. By the end of the century, two great navigators had reached India, and commenced an

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#### President's Report

quarter. The majority of the financial subsidy from Casa will still be concentrated on our traditional events at Dia de Sao Joao (June) and Christmas (Nov/Dec) but we hope there will be sufficient member support to keep the Chinese New Year dinner (Feb) and the Cha Gordo (Sep) events on our annual social calendar.

Other issues being discussed but not yet finalised, involve amendments to our Constitution to introduce some financial control over the Committee's ability to utilise Casa's assets and also to include a limit to the number of consecutive terms a president may serve.

More updates on all these issues as the year progresses.

As you continue reading this Newsletter you might notice the two new sections. One is dedicated to reporting interesting stories about the youngest amongst our members, the Kids. The inspiration for "Kids Corner" is Brio dos Santos Lee"s achievements. We hope this will be the beginning of news from and about the children of members of our community. Please send in your stories to Jorge Estorninho our editor, I am sure everyone will enjoy reading them.

The other new section we are calling "Community News". The idea is to establish a bulletin board for members to post any news items, announcements, services etc. that might be of interest or help to the community at large. The criteria being any services, products etc. that are posted would be of benefit to the Macaenses Community at large. Each submission will be reviewed by the Committee on a case by case basis before being accepted. The Committee's decision will be final.

I hope you will enjoy reading this issue of the Newsletter with special thanks to our editor for rushing the production to enable us to catch the Chinese New Year announcements.

On behalf of the Committee, may I wish you all "Kung Hei Fat Choy" and may the Year of the Dragon bring you untold happiness and great fortune!

Best wishes, Ed Rozario



#### Conquest and Conciliation The Portuguese arrive in Asia

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era of Western influence in Asia that would change the world forever. Bartholomew Diaz rounded the Cape of Good Hope in 1488; a decade later, Vasco da Gama arrived at Calicut on the west coast of India. In the next twenty years, a string of some forty Portuguese forts dotted the coast of Africa and Asia as Portugal, a small country on the edge of Europe, established for half a century a commercial and strategic empire greater by far than any other power in Europe. It was an amazing achievement, and it left its legacy for the next five centuries. The Portuguese occupation of Macau, which began in 1557, finally ended in 1999. Macau marked the furthest extent of the Portuguese empire. It



was the first and last European colony in the Far East.

Colonial expansion is commonly the result of commercial prowess, often accompanied by religious zeal, sustained by overpowering military and naval force. This is broadly true of the astounding Portuguese conquests as they worked their way around the African coast and across the Indian Ocean between the late fifteenth and early sixteenth centuries. Francisco de Almeida who in 1506 was appointed the first Portuguese viceroy in the East, and his successor, Afonso de Albuquerque saw that to secure trade they must destroy any who might stand in their way. This they did in 1509 in the Battle of Diu, a major naval engagement off the

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Indian coast. At that time, the technological superiority of the Portuguese in shipbuilding and gunnery made it easy for Albuquerque to sweep his opponents from the seas. Arab dhows were no match for the far more manoeuvrable and better gunned Portuguese caravels and carracks.

The next year, 1510, Albuquerque established a strong base at Goa on the west coast, held by a Muslim sultan. Albuquerque was a brilliant strategist, and with a much smaller force killed 6,000 of the 9,000 defenders. This, with two smaller domains, Diu and Damão, remained in Portuguese possession until 1961. The

conquest was ruthless, bloody and swift. Portuguese religious and cultural superiority was at once asserted. Muslims were expelled and the practice of the Hindu religion was forbidden. Goa was seen as the springboard for the evangelisation of India in a remarkably militant way. It began with the establishment of numerous religious houses in Goa - convents, churches and seminaries. However, while Goa itself remained firmly Catholic, there was little impact beyond its boundaries. The impact of Portugal was in the long term demographic rather than religious. Some two thousand young men left Portugal each year to seek their fortune in India; few ever returned. Therefore Albuquerque encouraged inter-marriage with local women, thus beginning the long practice of racial integration that characterised Portuguese rule in sharp contrast to that of any other

European empire.

The next year, 1511, Albuquerque attacked Malacca, a strong position on the coast of Malaya, defended by a force of 20,000. Conquering

it with a force of 900 Portuguese, 200 Hindu mercenaries and about eighteen ships, he set about at once to build a vast and very strong fort, which was intended to be impregnable, and was seen as such for more than a century. This fort, A Famosa (the Famous), was the starting point of Portuguese expeditions to China and Japan in the following half-century. Facing the sea, Albuquerque constructed a huge fourstorey stone keep, Torre de Menajem, the Tower of Homage, built in a style which modern artillery had rendered obsolete in Europe by the sixteenth century; in Malacca, it was intended to impress rather than to protect. It impressed local sultans who sought in vain to oust these foreign interlopers. 130 years later, in 1641, it took the Dutch nearly three years to drive the Portuguese from Malacca after a long and bitter siege.

Further east lay China. The

Chinese were known in India, where the voyages of the celebrated Chinese admiral Cheng some fifty years earlier left a strong memory. The Chinese were seen by the Indians as a civilised people with paler skins than themselves, and Albuquerque decided to venture further east. When he arrived at Malacca in 1511, he found a fleet of Chinese junks there. He soon sent one of his captains, Jorge Álvares to find whether trade could be opened with these mysterious and remote people. The Portuguese engagement with China was about to begin, but this time, it would be by careful conciliation. There are no great naval battles, bloody conquests or extended sieges in the long history of Macau.

> Stuart Braga January 2012

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### Casa de Macau **Christmas Party**

It was definitely the season to be "jolly", as 2011 draws to a close Casa de Macau in Sydney celebrated with a buffet lunch at the Ryde Eastwood Leagues club.

of Casa with us and encouraging seeing them in greater numbers this year. Christmas is also a time for us to reflect and an opportunity for us more mature members to consolidate and pass on our cultural heritage to the coming generations. The children were able to show their artistic talents with a drawing / colouring competition on the day, organised by Jo Coelho. Prizes for best artwork were given out to various age categories by our President and the newly elected chair of the Youth sub-committee Stef Deacon.





Christmas lunch for Casa members in Adelaide

Our Adelaide members had their Christmas lunch at the

For our young members this was another celebration in a month leading up to Christmas whereby some weeks ago they enjoyed Adelaide's magnificent Christmas Pageant. This annual event brings many familes to Adelaide and the floats of different themes take over the

> city centre the last float is reserved for **Father** Christmas and there is a resounding cheer for him.

We wish all our

Casa members in Australia a Happy Christmas and the very best for 2012.



Christmas is a time that means different things to different people; however to us it is an opportunity to reacquaint ourselves with friends and family that due to busy modern lifestyles we may not have had the chance to do so through the year. Well we certainly did get reacquainted with 93 adult and 14 junior Casa members coming along for the day, many new faces and dare I say some old or is that familiar faces as well.

This year our President Ed Rozario led the proceedings, including a visit from Santa who brought gifts for the children in attendance. It was truly wonderful to have the younger members

The adults were well catered for with a sumptuous selection of hot and cold foods. desert, fresh fruit tea and coffee. Let's talk lunch, as can be imagined Ryde-Eastwood leagues club chefs provided something for everyone covering Australian, Chinese and Macanese cuisine, thank you to Lizette for training the clubs chef Sidney Ho.

As always this event would not have been the success it was without the help of all the committee members; to all of them - Thank You. To each and every one of you; Feliz Ano Novo

Nina Deacon Committee Member We all enjoyed the ambience of this lovely hotel which overlooks the River Torrens and the Festival Centre. The buffet catered for all tastes and the seafood lovers partook of the enormous sized baked barramundi and soft-shell crabs. The

Intercontinental Hotel on

Sunday, 27 November.

scrumptious desserts were hard to resist and the children especially enjoyed making important choices!



Carmen O'Brien Adelaide Representative

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## Canberra

The Canberra Christmas lunch was held on 10th December at the Canberra Yacht Club.Seventeen members of our Casa attended and enjoyed catchtion did not stop which was typically Macanese. Despite the small Macanese community in Canberra we continue to get very strong participation at our functions.

The Tasmania members enjoyed their Christmas Function at The Castle Zayee in New Town. The setting was fabulous, just



ing up with each other and to partake in a lovely Christmas meal with a variety of dishes oriented towards the Christmas Theme.

The Yacht Club was recently renovated and the extensive decorations created a really festive atmosphere. Although the group was small the conversa-

> Turn to Page 7 to view more photos of the "Sydney Christmas Function"

Our special thanks to Patrick de Souza for graciously allowing us to view and download these photos.. Editor

## Tasmania

The Tasmanian members enjoyed their Christmas Function at the Castle Zayee in New Town. The setting was fabulous, just

like in the Medieval times. A Castle built at the foot of a hill and the only access was through a bridge over a moat (in this case a rivulet). This is a lesser known Chinese Restaurant in Hobart which apart from the usual Chinese Cuisine, it also serves Yum Cha at reasonable prices.

It was the first time in a long time that the entire Hobart membership turned up at a function, and we had two and a half guests. The half being Oliver Estorninho, not yet three years old. He is still a bit fussy about his food, so we may need start a bit of 'training' in the near future. Tarzan, (Robert Estorninho) was there with his girlfriend Jane. We all enjoyed an excellent meal during which Oriel was introduced to some Yum Cha dishes like Chi Cheung Fan, Wu Kok and Lo Pak Kou. Oriel Estorninho celebrat-

ed her 8th birthday on the

4th January and her father Manuel celebrated his birthday twelve days later on the 16th.

Both birthdays were celebrated quietly with just family and close friends.

Once again we extend our sincere thanks to Casa Management for subsidising this meal and for their generosity.

Jorge Estorninho

Tasmanian Representative.

John Estorninho (below) keeps an eye on his niece and nephew who were having a great time picking cherry plums.





# Year of the Water Dragon

Wow, another year over. How time flies! The year of the Rabbit will soon come to an end and hope all you Roosters out there did not have too many hassles and perhaps some of you found your Peach Blossom J.

The New Year Lunar Year starts on Monday, 23rd January 2012 but did you know that the actual change of Animal Year does not officially start till 4th February according to Traditional Feng Shui and Chinese Astrology? Changes to Feng Shui and the Animal Year actually follow the Solar calendar and does not start till 4th February. So those of you born prior to 4th February, your Animal sign actually belong to the previous year. Example, if you were born on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1957, your Animal sign is actually that of the Monkey and not of the Rooster.

On 4th February will begin the Year of the Water Dragon. It is a Water & Earth element year. People that are going to be affected most are those born in the year of the Dog (1934, 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006). The effect would be that you might have this sudden urge to be deeply spiritual or have a conflict with your religious beliefs. Accidents could also occur when you travel in a South Easterly direction for a holi-

day or long term travel. Those who were born in a Dragon year (1940, 1952, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000) will also be affected by creating more work for themselves like volunteering for things that they really have no time for or enter into minor conflicts with someone in the family and may also be prone to some hidden illness, so it would be a good idea for a medical check-up.

In the home front, the house sectors to watch out for are the South East where the Misfortune energy will be settling in for the year. This energy may bring problematic issues with anything that you may start, accidents, money issues and all round mishaps. In the North sector, the Illness energy flies in this year. As it implies, the energy may bring illnesses to all those that stay in the sector for too long. These areas should be kept as inactive as possible, but if unable to do so a remedy should be placed in the sectors. Too much activity in these areas may create issues in accidents and health. The remedy for both these problematic energies is the salt water cure. For it, add 2 tablespoon of sea salt in a tall water glass. Place 5 gold and 1 silver coins on top of the salt. Slowly add enough water to reach the halfway mark of the glass. Try to keep the water level at this halfway

mark at all times and do not allow the glass to go dry, and not touch the glass or remove the salt for the whole year. Throw the whole item away when the year finishes.

This year major renovations should <u>not</u> be made in the South East or the North West areas as it may cause problematic money issues and also health issues especially to the 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest female of the household or the patriarch in the household. Try not to dig or knock any walls as well.

There are other areas affected as well both with bad and good energies as well, you can visit my website for further explanations, or if you have some questions email me.

As per David Twicken's quote: "May you ride the Dragon and meet new opportunities and experiences this year"

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## 2012 Macau Youth Encontro

As advised earlier, the Conselho das Comunidades Macaenses (CCM) will be hosting an Encontro in Macau dedicated to the Macaense Youth. The dates advised are 9-15 April 2012 and the organisers have kindly agreed to fully sponsor three representatives from each Casa around the world. The CCM has designated that members aged 18 to 40 are eligible to receive the sponsorship.

In Australia, the Committee has agreed that our three delegates will be decided by lucky draw, which we will conduct during the Chinese New Year dinner function in Sydney, on 18 February.

In addition, the Committee is happy to announce that our Casa will award a Travel Voucher valued at A\$1,200.00 to a fourth participant. This prize will be limited to members aged 18-30 and the recipient will also be decided by a lucky draw on 18 February. The funds for this voucher are from an uncollected prize awarded for the Encontro held in November 2010.

Members interested in attending this Youth Encontro should submit their names to Mary Rigby on <a href="rigbyfami-ly@ozemail.com.au">rigbyfami-ly@ozemail.com.au</a> no later than 5th February.

For information, other interested members may join the Encontro at their own expense.

So far, we have not received details of the program but will do so as soon as we receive them.



## a bit of nos**talg**ia

# Processions of Macau

Procession of the Passion of Our Lord – Senhor dos Passos

Celebrated in the month of March, during the season of Lent, the Procession of the Passion of Our Lord is a beautiful street parade organised to celebrate the belief of the faithful in God.

Procession of the Passion of Our Lord, is a unique event in Macau; it is the celebration of long standing influence of activities and sacrifices by the missionaries in and around Macau. Christians in Macau participate in this solemn procession through the streets in a re-enactment of when Jesus carried the cross to his crucifixion.

On the day a figure of Christ carrying the Cross is taken in a formal procession from St. Augustine's Church to the Macau Cathedral for an overnight vigil, during the night people will go to the Cathedral and pray in front of the statue. The image then returns through the city in a parade through the Stations of the Cross, accompanied by a magenta-robed escort.

Along the journey they pause for the Stations of the Cross, designating the tragic events which took place from the condemnation of Christ to the placing of his body into his tomb after his death on the Cross. People show their respect for this solemn occa-



sion by wearing black dress.

Prior to the procession a young girl is chosen for the role of "Veronica", for the procession she will be dressed all in white and carry an image of Jesus in a scroll. At each station of the cross she will stop, as the young girl makes each stop she unfurls the image of Jesus and in a loud voice utters the words, "Senhor Deus, Misericordia".

Procession of the Passion of Our Lord, is said to be started by Japanese and Vietnamese Christians who came to Macau to escape persecution by religious fanatics in their countries. 1917 when it is said that the Virgin Mary appeared to three young children in the Portuguese rural village of Fatima, Portugal on the 13th day of six consecutive months in that year (Starting on May 13,



1917).

Normally, most Catholic schools within Macau will select 40 students to attend the

procession. The students dressed in full school uniform will lead the main procession two by two. Three children are also selected to represent the three shepherd children to whom our Lady appeared, these children represent Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco. Around twenty four small children will be dressed as angels walking

in front of the statue itself.

The ladies chosen to carry the statue as you can see from the photo above are all dressed in white; including gloves, a long day for them as the procession starts at 4pm and concludes around 7pm.

## Procession of Our Lady of Fatima



Each year Macau celebrates the Procession of Our Lady of Fatima which begins at Sao Domingos Church and ends at the Penha Chapel atop Penha Hill and concludes with an open-air mass.

The procession dates back to

Nina Deacon
Committee Member



## **Obituaries**

BARNES - Dr. Robert Joseph (Bobby) passed away peacefully at home in the UK on 11 January 2012. He is survived by his wife Sylvia and children, Peter, Christopher, Dennis, Eric and Marian and their families.

**BARNES** - Frank died suddenly on 12 January 2012 in Adelaide. He is survived by his wife Dianne and children Craig and Sally.

COLLACO - Joaquim Jose Jr. (Jocko) passed away Hong Kong on 9 January 2012. Jocko was a stalwart of the Clube de Recreio hockey team and a Hong Kong representative at Olympics and Asian Games. Besides hockey, Jocko was a keen softballer and in later years a lawn bowler. He will be missed by many of his many team mates and friends.

NORONHA - Henrique Francisco (Mickey) late of Dulwich Hill passed away on 22 November 2011. Mickey is lovingly remembered by his family; nephews, niece, grand-nephews and nieces, his in-laws, relatives; and friends. At peace - Returned to God



# REMINDER MEMBERSHIP FEES DUE 29 FEBRUARY 2012

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## Bursary Recipients for 2010

Kristina Wan is doing her Bachelor of Arts in Communication (Writing and Cultural Studies) and in International Studies at the University of Technology Sydney. Kristina is the daughter of Danny and Maureen (nee Cruz) Wan. Her grandparents are Elsilia Fernandes and the late Turibio Cruz

**Miguel Cruchinho** is doing his Bachelor of App. Sc.



(Exercise and Sport Science) at the University of Sydney. Miguel is the son of Manuel and Silvia (nee Pedruco) Cruchinho.

**David Cheong** is doing his Bachelor of Commence at the University of Sydney. David parents are Patrick



David

Kam Thien Cheong and Valerie Anne Cheong (nee Cruz). His grandparents are Turibio Jose Cruz and Elsilia Socorro Cruz (nee Fernandes)

His grandparents are Francisco Cruz, Maria Cruz (nee Jesus), Felisberto ABC Fernandes and Etelvira Fernandes (nee Hagaton)

Jessica Xavier is doing her Bachelor of Communication and Media Studies Bachelor of International Studies at the University of Wollongong. Jessie is the daughter of Ann Howell and Jose Xavier. Her grandparents are Noemi and Libellous Xavier.

Samantha Wan is doing her Honours year for her Bachelor of Science in Agriculture at Sydney University Samantha is the daughter of Danny and Maureen (nee Cruz) Wan. Her grandparents are Elsilia Fernandes and Turibio Cruz (deceased)

Daniela Maria Da Cunha Rosario is studying for her Bachelor of Arts at the University of Wollongong. Her parents are Carlos and Belinda Rosario and her grandparents are Aquiles and Selena Rosario.

Congratulations to all our bursary recipients.

We are now taking applications for 2012. Applications close on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012. If you would like information about the bursaries please contact Mary Rigby Email: rigbyfamily@ozemail.com.au

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## KOOL KIDS CORNER

A Rising Star....Brio dos Santos Lee



"Hi I'm Brio and I started learning gymnastics last year when I was in kindy because I liked playing on the monkey bars and doing cartwheels. I first started at Five Dock gym and now I am at MLC gym.

There are four apparatus for gymnastics – bars, beam, floor and vault. My favourite are vault and beam.

I went to my first competition this year and I had lots of nerves but I grew out of them. I like competitions because you have to try hard."

Congratulations to young We would like to en-Brio (7 yrs) in her first year of gymnastics



competition.

Brio competed in the Level 1 junior comp of the National Program, and qualified in 1<sup>st</sup> place to represent the 'Inner City Region' at the NSW State Championships held in October.

Her team achieved a podium finish on all apparatus, and individually, she attained 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall.

Well done Brio – your late granddad Alfredo Dos Santos (Sayang) would have been very proud of you!

Brio is the daughter of Maria and Michael dos Santos Lee

courage our readers to submit articles similar to the one about Brio dos Santos Lee. We are sure that there are many talented children in our community and we would dearly love to hear about them. So, how about it?

Editor



A first grader was sitting in class as the teacher was reading the story of the Three Little Pigs. She came to the part of the story where the first pig was trying to acquire building materials for his home. She said"...And so the pig went up to the man with a wheelbarrow full of straw and said 'Pardon me sir, but might I have some of that straw to build my house with?"" Then the teacher asked the class, "And what do you think that man said?" and my friend's son raised his hand and said "I know! I know! he said..... 'Holy smokes! A talking pig!"

The teacher was unable to teach for the next 10 minutes.

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk.

"Only the Ten Commandments." answered the lady.



There is the story of a pastor who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is, it's still out there in your



pockets."

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know

'what the Bible means! " His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you

'know' what the Bible means?" The son replied, "I do know!"

"Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?"

"That's easy, Daddy." the young boy replied excitedly,

"It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth."





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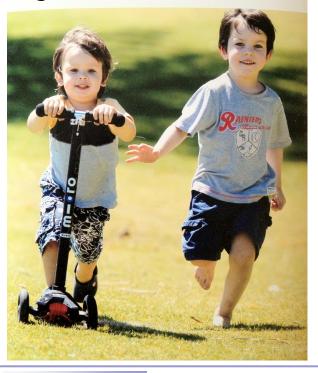
# Community News

Need a friendly Travel Agent who also speaks Portuguese?

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Sylvie is the granddaughter of Fernando and Fernanda Ribeiro in Canberra.



The photo, on the left, of Leonardo and Patrick
Correa appeared on Page 3 of the Courier Mail recently.

The boys and their mother, Meg Correa, were playing at Burleigh Heads when the Courier Mail photographer wanted to capture the spirit of the day, which he did with great success as evidenced by the photo.

Leonardo and Patrick are the sons of Meg and Peter Correa who live on the Gold Coast and grandsons of Frank and Vivi Correa of Melbourne.

"The Portugal Community in Hong Kong" Vol. 2 are still available

at \$50 each which includes postage .

Contact Mary Rigby if you are interested

# Casa Down Under Newsletter

## **NEXT ISSUE**



is due out **end April, 2012** Anyone wishing to contribute articles are requested to submit them no later than **Friday, 13th April, 2012** to jestor 1938@bigpond.com