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Dear Members

I hope this edition of the newsletter finds you all happy and well. The Casa Cultural Centre (CCM) is undergoing some needed maintenance work as this newsletter is being distributed and will be ready for our upcoming AGM. The Committee has arranged the internal and external painting of the building. Thank you Marcus for arranging and overseeing this maintenance.

All states held their Dia de Sao Joao celebrations and it's great to see that all members had a lovely time. Thank you to our Interstate reps that organised these successful events.

Our Sydney event was held on Sunday 19th June 2016 at Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club, it was great catching up with everyone that attended. We also held a photo exhibition which Nina has written up about the events in NSW Casa News below. Our heartfelt thanks to our Treasurer **Ed, Sunti** and **David Rozario** for preparations for the exhibition and to International Institute of Macau (IIM) for sponsoring this event.

Photograph courtesy of Macao Government Tourism Office

It was our pleasure to welcome, **Helen Wong** – Director of Helen Wong's Tours and **Benjamin Zaubzer**, Marketing Manager of Macau Government Tourism Australia (MGTO) and New Zealand to our event. Thank you for the promotional gift bags for our members and guests at the function.

Sofia Batalha, Consul General of Portugal sent her apologies and wished all a wonderful time. I had the pleasure of representing our Casa at an event held by the Consul General for National Day of Portugal on Friday 10th June 2016 and held at the Shangri La Hotel. It was sad to hear that Sofia is stepping down as Consul General in Sydney and will be taking up a new post in India. Thank you Sofia for your support to Casa de Macau Inc. in the past years and we wish you all the very best in future.

It is with such delight to your committee to see that our Sunday lunches have been a success with bookings reaching near or full capacity each month this year. Thank you to our volunteer chefs and to all of our members that attend. Please make sure you book early to avoid any disappointment. Please check the dates for our upcoming events on the next page.

Encontro 2016 preparations are in full swing, names of attendees have been given to Conselho das Comunidades Macaenses (CCM). We will keep all registered participants updated as details are passed onto us.

Our **AGM** is on **Saturday 10th September 2016**, please mark this date if you would like to attend and RSVP for catering of light food and refreshments.

We were invited to join MGTO team for the **Blackmores 4km Fun Run on Sunday 18th September 2016**. They have kindly sponsored this event for all participants. I look forward to participating with some of our Casa committee and members on this day. We have a total of 27 members that have signed up for this event. Stay tuned for the photos in the next Newsletter.

The year has gone by so quickly and your committee has been planning our annual Christmas function. We are holding our Christmas Luncheon earlier than usual this year due to the Encontro and December being such a busy time for all. We hope to have a special treat for the children this year, we hope that you can attend and share the Christmas Spirit with your family on this day. We will send out the Flyer as we draw nearer to the date.

We hope you enjoy the newsletter. Look forward to seeing you all soon at one of our future events. It is with our member's ongoing support that we can maintain our Motto of "**Keeping the Macanese Community Alive**".

Viva Macaenses!
Best Wishes
Antonieta Manolakis
President

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CASA DE MACAU 2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dates	Details	Volunteers
Sunday 21 August	Sunday Lunch MCC Sydenham	Therese
AGM - Saturday 10 September	AGM MCC Sydenham	N/A
Sunday 23 October	Sunday Lunch MCC Sydenham	Lizette & Nina
Sunday 20 November	Christmas Function Ryde Eastwood Leagues	N/A

Governor of Macau killed and beheaded. Was Governor Amaral heroic or foolhardy?

Part 1: 'A dead man walking'

Of all the 120 governors of Macau from 1623 to 1999, a few stand out, but perhaps the most conspicuous of all was the 79th governor, João Maria Ferreira do Amaral, who held office for three years from 1846 to 1849. He met his death violently at the hands of a group of Chinese near the barrier wall that separated Portuguese controlled territory from China. He was beheaded, and his head and hand were carried off as trophies. In his short term in office he had sought to make Macao great again. In the attempt, he made enemies of almost everyone in his major effort to redeem a situation in which the Portuguese rule of Macau was imperilled.



Captain João Maria Ferreira do Amaral

That was nothing new. A change in Chinese policy at any time since Macau's foundation in 1557 might have seen the Portuguese expelled or perhaps wiped out as a Portuguese embassy to China had been in the early sixteenth century. However, the situation in the 1840s, soon after the Opium War and the occupation of Hong Kong by the British, presented great challenges.

Who was Ferreira do Amaral, and what did he try to accomplish? His father Francisco also met a hard death. He froze to death in Russia in 1812 when Napoleon's unwilling allies, including Portugal, had to send troops to join the French invasion which ended in the disastrous retreat from Moscow in mid-winter. The younger Amaral also knew at first hand the cost of patriotic endeavour and what it was to fight and suffer in battle. Born about 1803, he started his military career as a midshipman in the Brazilian Squadron of the Portuguese Navy. In 1821, during Brazil's brief war of independence against Portugal, Amaral lost his right arm in the Battle of Itaparica.

Here a legend was born. Amaral led a storming party ashore, and a cannon ball carried away his right arm. He went on, exclaiming, 'Forward, my brave comrades! I have another arm left me still.'¹ Another version claims that in hospital it was considered necessary for the arm to be amputated immediately. The brave midshipman endured the amputation

without a sound, seated in an armchair chewing his cigar. When he saw his severed arm fall, he rose from his seat and threw it in the air shouting with exaltation 'Viva Portugal!'² However, his sacrifice was in vain, and Portugal lost Brazil. Soon afterwards, Portugal lapsed into civil war. Amaral, still in the navy, was one of a few officers who managed to make their way from mainland Portugal to the Azores, where the Liberal side had established its base. Throughout the war, he served as an officer in the navy of the Portuguese Liberal side. By the end of the war, Amaral had already gained promotion. This valiant man did not then retire on a pension, but carried on in the King's service. Twenty-five years later, Portugal needed a Governor of Macau who was brave, determined and even reckless, a man who would stop at nothing. Captain Amaral, who had all these qualities, seemed to be the man of the hour.

Macau had numerous problems. Following the establishment of Hong Kong in 1841, Macau lost almost all its trade to the new British colony with its deep water harbour. By comparison, Macau's harbour had over a long period of time become silted up. The government was effectively bankrupt. Hong Kong had been declared a free port, with no customs duties levied on imports or exports. So in 1845 the Portuguese government decided to do the same for Macau, hoping to increase trade. This had the effect of abolishing Macau's only source of revenue, making a bad situation even worse. Alternative forms of taxation such as ground rent and income tax were bitterly opposed by the Council, the Leal Senado, so Amaral dissolved it.³

A previous governor, Silveira Pinto, attempted to persuade the Chinese authorities to extend the same concessions to the Portuguese that they had made to the British following China's defeat in the Opium War. In particular, he sought the abolition of three requirements that had throttled Macau for nearly three centuries: the annual ground rent paid by Macau since the sixteenth century, the payment of onerous harbour dues, and permission required from the local Mandarin for the construction of any building and the repair or construction of ships. All these requirements were imposed in a degrading way. But the Chinese were determined to continue their control over Macau as they had always done, despite the humiliation they had suffered. After a long delay, the Portuguese were told in 1844 that, in consideration of their having always proved extremely submissive for over two hundred years, the restrictions on house-building and ship-building were to be removed.⁴ The treaty ports recently opened to the British would be open to the Portuguese too, but they would have to pay tonnage dues there. All other restrictions would continue. Moreover, the local Heangshan Mandarin would continue to deal only with the *procurador* of the Senate, not the Governor of Macau, whose authority the Chinese refused to recognise.

¹ According to C.A. Montalto de Jesus, *Historic Macao*, p. 319, quoting Solano Constancio, *History of Brazil*, vol. II, p. 322.

² M. Teixeira, *Toponomia de Macau*, Imprensa Nacional, Macau, 1981, Vol II p 36.

³ Montalto de Jesus, p. 317-318, L. & M. Ride and J. Wordie, *The Voices of Macao Stones*, p. 44.

⁴ Montalto de Jesus, p. 311-312.

So 1844 was a bad year for Macau. The whole question of relations with the British had never been defined in Macau, but when the Hong Kong Legislative Council was set up that year, its first ordinance was to confirm extra-territorial jurisdiction in China, one of the provisions of the Treaty of Nanking, which ended the Opium War. This meant that in cases involving British subjects in China, British law was to prevail. That remained in effect until 1944, when extra-territoriality was abolished during World War II. The background to it was an infamous case involving a British subject, Francis Scott, who in 1773 was accused of murdering a Chinese subject in Macau. The Mandarin decided that he was guilty and must die, but no-one would testify against Scott in the Portuguese court. Nevertheless, under extreme duress, the Leal Senado was forced to surrender Scott, who was executed by the Mandarin by strangulation, a slow and very cruel death. The dreadful Scott case was never forgotten. A British writer in the 1820s observed that 'the surrender of this man is considered to have inflicted indelible disgrace upon all parties concerned'.⁵ The British government of Hong Kong made sure that it would never happen again in Macau. As well as proclaiming the supremacy of British law in China, the ordinance stated that Macau was 'deemed and taken to be within the dominions of the emperor of China'.⁶ It was a tremendous humiliation for Macau, which had always maintained that Portuguese sovereignty existed from the beginning, in 1557. It made the task of the Governor of Macau even harder, his authority rejected by the Chinese and seriously compromised by the British.

Thus Amaral, who took up office in April 1846, faced utterly daunting problems. As well as suffering economic collapse, Macau was obliged to continue somehow to pay the hated ground rent and harbour dues. In addition, it was to be subject to British law in matters concerning British subjects. This would be put to the test during his administration in a very ignominious way.

Amaral's orders were to assert the absolute autonomy of the colony.⁷ This he did, in a determined, confrontational way, although he had not been given any reinforcements for a garrison contemptuously referred to by John Davis, a prominent British merchant and later Governor of Hong Kong, as 'two or three hundred starved blacks', who could be seen begging for food at the doors of convents,⁸ because a bankrupt government could not pay them. Nor did he have any naval force at his disposal. It seemed that the royal government in Lisbon wanted him to do the impossible without giving him any backing at all. They presumed that the Chinese Empire, soundly defeated by the British, would acquiesce in whatever this firebrand might do.



Macau in 1840.

*The city wall is to the north and east of the built-up area.
To the north, the barrier wall runs across the isthmus.
The Chinese insisted that the area between the two walls
was not part of the city of Macau.*

The two most burdensome impositions were the annual ground rent and the payment of harbour dues. Amaral announced that, as the Queen of Portugal had declared Macau to be a free port, the harbour dues no longer applied, and he therefore closed the customs house and sent the minor mandarin in charge back to China. The house was sold at public auction. Next to it was a flagpole with Chinese banners flying. Amaral held a well-publicised event at which the flag pole was chopped down by Negro soldiers, the lowest ranking people in Macau. It was a studied insult. Naturally, this led to a visit by higher ranking mandarins from the Heangshan district, arriving with an armed guard and preceded by gongs. They were told to leave the armed guard and the gongs at the barrier wall, as the Governor was in charge of all people in Macau. This time, Macau did not give way to the mandarins' demands for the customs dues to continue. The next step was an announcement that the ground rent would no longer be paid, because Macau was Portuguese sovereign territory. This was brinksmanship enough, but Amaral went further, and in 1849 abolished the trading combine of merchants, the *hop-po*, set up originally to regulate trade between China and Portugal. Its members were sent packing too. Then Amaral chose yet another fight.

There had always been disagreement about the boundary of Macau. The city wall had been built as part of the defensive measures following the Dutch attack in 1622. Still earlier, in 1573, the Chinese had erected a barrier wall at the narrowest part of the isthmus connecting Macau with the mainland. They maintained that this was merely a convenient point for controlling trade, but that the true boundary of Macau was the city wall. This disagreement was a running sore for the whole

⁵ H.B. Morse, *The Chronicles of the East India Company trading to China, 1635-1834*, vol. 4, p. 34.

⁶ Montalto de Jesus, p. 313; J.W. Norton-Kyshe *History of the laws and courts of Hongkong*, Vol 1, p. 34. The ordinance was the Consular Ordinance No. 1, 24 January 1844.

⁷ Montalto de Jesus, p. 318.

⁸ J.F. Davis, *The Chinese*, p. 89.

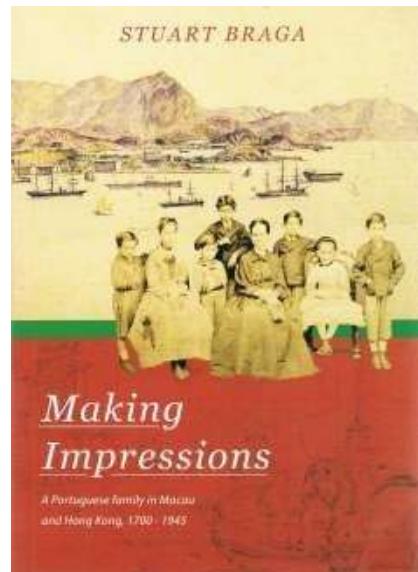
period of the Portuguese occupation of Macau. In the area between were paddy fields and hills on the slopes of which were numerous Chinese graves. Amaral determined to assert Portuguese sovereignty over the area by building a road from the city wall to the barrier wall to facilitate trade, in the process destroying numerous graves, an affront to Chinese law and morality. He had not only alienated all the mandarins from the Viceroy in Canton down, but now earned the hatred of the common people as well. In Canton, posters went up calling for Amaral's head.⁹ As the summer of 1849 began, he was already a dead man walking.

It seemed that things could not possibly get any worse, but they did. Much worse.

To be continued.

Stuart Braga

August 2016



MAKING IMPRESSIONS

By Dr Stuart Braga

About the book:

Illustrated with many historically important maps and pictures, this is the story of a Portuguese community that lived in Macau and later in Hong Kong for several centuries, surviving against all the odds, and often facing difficult times. It deals especially with the story of two families whose ancestors arrived in Macau nearly three centuries ago – the Braga and Noronha families. Key members made impressions – in printing, in the Hong Kong and Japanese Mints and in politics. Others left their mark in many ways both in Macau and Hong Kong.

This book is a significant contribution to our understanding of how much the Macanese people have achieved in their remarkable journey.

\$85.00 per copy, inclusive of postage is enclosed or \$70.00 if collected in person at a Casa event. To order please see the flyer with this newsletter.



CORREA

Francisco Leonardo
("Frank")
28.01.1931 - 02.07.2016

Frank passed away peacefully on 2nd July, 2016 at St.Vincent's Hospital, Darlinghurst in Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.

Loving husband of Vivienne, beloved father of Anthony, Michael, Peter and Joanna, Cherished father-in-law of Rebecca, Heidi, Meg and Josko.

Adored Grandpa to Leonardo, Ella, Catarina, Patrick, Gisele, Sebastian, Julian, Eliana, Ethan and Noah.

Our deepest Sympathy to his brother **Bosco**, a life member of our Casa.

Forever in our hearts, Vale dear Frank.

⁹ Montalto de Jesus, p. 340, 350.

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CASA AGM

The Annual General Meeting of Casa de Macau Australia will be held on **Saturday September 10**, at the Macanese Cultural Centre, 244 Unwins Bridge Road Sydenham commencing at 10:00am.

Welcome Elijah

Filomena da Costa is thrilled to announce the arrival of her grandson, her little prince, **Elijah Reinaldo (Jorge) Dos Santos Lee REDDISH**.

Elijah was born on Wednesday the 04th May 2016, year of the Golden Monkey. Rising Sun in Taurus. His parents are **Noella Filomena Noemia Jorge Dos Santos Lee** and Andrew Reddish.

Elijah Reinaldo is the grandson of **Filomena Marie Semiramis Jorge Dos Santos**. Great grandson of (maternal side) Reinaldo Pina Dos Santos and of **Naomi Nathalia Urraca Victoria Ermila Badaraco Jorge Dos Santos** (Noemias Jorge).

The family are all from Macau, Jorge, Badaraco and Pina Santos. Elijah's Grand-uncles are over the moon. Uncle Noel and his wife Tanya and Uncle Avo Henrique from the mother's Noella side. Elijah's father's family Brian and Prue Reddish are thrilled. The Reddish family are descended from the Irish and the Russian.



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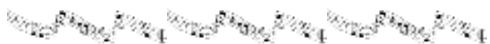


MACAO'S YOUNG MUSICIANS TUNE INTO AUSTRALIAN TOUR

Some of Macao's finest young musicians are playing the role of ambassadors on a two-week tour of Australia, which began at an evening concert on Queensland's Sunshine Coast on Wednesday, August 3. Headed by world renowned conductor **Lio Kuokman** the Macao Youth Symphony Orchestra will also perform in prime concerts in Brisbane, Hobart and Sydney, this concert to be filmed by the ABC for showing three days later.

The final performance was staged at Melbourne's Monash University, on Sunday, August 14. Since its inception in 1997, the orchestra has given more than 200 public performances, drawing its members from local universities, secondary and primary schools.

During those years, the group has performed in China, Hong Kong, Austria, Italy, the USA, Portugal, the Czech Republic, Germany, Thailand and Australia. In 2010, the MYSO was awarded by the government of the Macao Special Administrative Region of China the Order of Merit in Culture.



Received from one of our Youth Members, **Kristy Wan**

I came across this recently and thought you would like to share it.

<http://verityla.com/submit-questions/submitting-articles/>

It's called *Discouraging Diaspora*, by an organisation called Verity La.

"The Discouraging Diaspora writing and arts project strives to provide a portal for writing which engages with the diasporic experience and that highlights the struggles, challenges and rewards of displacement. We wish to support writers and artists resisting exclusion by the dominant discourse by providing a space for their narrative and a platform for works addressing issues of social justice."

While I don't think we're in need of any social justice, I feel like a lot of members would have something to say about the diasporic experience - challenges, rewards, struggles.

Until next time – **Stef Deacon**

PANDA-MONIUM: MACAO WELCOMES TINY TWIN CUBS



Macao's adorable local Xin Xin made history when she became the first giant panda to give birth in the city's Panda

Pavilion. The nine-year-old panda became the proud mother of twins, bonding well with her cubs which were born an hour apart.

She and the larger cub, which weighed in at 138 grams, were in good health, but the smaller cub was underweight at 53 grams and was whisked off to intensive care.



Both Xin Xin and male partner Kai Kai, were gifts of the People's Republic of China in recognition of the handover of Macao to the Central Government.

The pair was born at the Giant Panda Breeding Research Centre in Chengdu. The Macau Panda Pavilion opened in 2010 as an extension to the breeding program for the endangered black and white mammals.



The gender of the twins is not yet known, and it will be about a month before the pair takes on the familiar black and white fur.

The names Xin Xin and Kai Kai were chosen by Macao residents and represent happiness and the good wishes of the locals. All those wishes were greeted with excitement by both the breeding staff and panda adoring Macao locals.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H7Vo6hL_mul



CASA NEWS AROUND AUSTRALIA

QUEENSLAND CASA NEWS from Rosanna Webb

Qld Members celebrated Dia Sao Joao in style enjoying a wonderfully scrumptious buffet at our members' favourite - The Sofitel Brisbane Central. It is certainly a great day and one that our members look forward to and savour. Fantastic to see members really enjoying themselves and favourable comments come from near and far.



Most members were able to attend which was also great to see. Unfortunately, some regular attendees were unable to make it due to other commitments or unfortunately ill health but all in all nearly a full membership was in attendance. We are also lucky to have quite a few younger members and they too have a great time.

Thank you to **Joe Vieira** for being a fabulous MC as always on the day. Quite spoilt we were with many, many lucky door prizes and Joe kept the lucky door prizes rolling along one after the other.

Casa provided some extra prizes on this occasion and so there were joyous cheers each time someone won a prize. The extra prizes were open to all members whether in attendance or not and as luck would have it The winners were all in attendance on the day!!!!



Thank you to our member **Juana Bernardo** from Remax who provided a fabulous lucky door prize which was won by **Chris Vieira**.



The Casa Lucky Door Prizes were conducted in three draws with 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes. 1st prize winners were **Jan Ribeiro, Michael Xavier** and one of our youngest members, Olivia Vieira. 2nd prize winners were **Paul Xavier, Rosie (Soares) Godwin, Juliana Kim**. 3rd Prize winners were Alana Falk (our newest member), **Deborah Cronau** and **Keith Seyer**.

A big thank you also to **Ben Zaubzer** from Macao Tourism Office who provided a whole table full of great Macau giveaways again adding to the fun of our members.



The Queensland membership has been growing and it is very gratifying that all members are enjoying themselves and many complimentary comments have been received. New members have been made to feel very welcome by other members and everyone has a great time and looking forward to our next get together.

#MERRY CHRISTMAS

Queensland Christmas Function

Keep your eye out and put it in your diary ...
Our Christmas lunch will be on **Sunday 13 November 2016**,
11.30 - 3.00 at Parkland Restaurant Sunnybank.
More details will be advised closer to the time.



VICTORIA CASA NEWS

We welcome the following new members **Nina** and **Gary Lichtenstein**, **Andrew** partner of **Noella dos Santos** and baby **Elijah**.



June in Melbourne, winter is upon us, weather is wet and the feeling is glum, many Victorians take off to the northern states to escape the SAD (Seasonal Affective Disorder) syndrome but on Sunday 26 June following a few severe wintery snaps and some inclement weather, we were blessed with mild and reasonably comfortable weather conditions to attend our Dia S Joao Luncheon at China Bar Asian Buffet Restaurant in Epping, a new venue for most and not in the CBD but in the Northern suburbs.



I'd like to thank everyone for taking the chance and venturing out to partake in the lunch with other members, a challenge in Melbourne at this time of year but luckily on this day we did not have to worry about umbrellas, rain coats or gum boots! The wind chill was bearable and most importantly we had some natural Vitamin "D" as well. Distance was not an issue, I can hear hungry tummies saying "buffet, I'll be there" and so it was that 35 members ventured into a new venue in Epping. The China Bar Restaurant catered for predominantly Asian dishes, but had ample variety with the odd western and European dish thrown in for good measure. The menu boasted yum cha dumplings, soup, Asian roasts, steamed, fried, sautéed, meats, chicken so many famous and deliciously tasting dishes, I'm salivating again as I am typing this report.

There was also a touch of Japan with the Sushi bar, a fresh seafood bar with salad dishes of many types and last, but not least who could resist the desserts!!!



We had a reserved area at the front of the restaurant where we were together but separate from other diners, it is difficult at times to find venues that cater for larger groups where we can mingle, chat, eat and be merry and not be rushed out. The service was good and the surrounding atmosphere was warm and jovial. I am sure our members enjoyed themselves.



To the members that were unable to attend lunch due to prior commitments, we thought about you, you were missed and we hope to see you at our next luncheon around Christmas time.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to **Gary** and **Nina** who were attending their first Casa gathering and also Michael son of **Francis** and **Estelle** who flew across from Hong Kong / Macau and joined us for lunch (he was also visiting his family it wasn't just our gathering). Last but not least, a big hug and thanks to my helpers, to those who contributed and to **Bosco Correa** for doing the honours of drawing the many raffle prizes.

I'm now on the lookout for our next venue, any suggestions? Come one, come all, come big come small, take care and stay safe.

Eddie Raphael.
Victorian Representative.

South Australian CASA news



Our Dia De Sao Joao lunch was held on Sunday, 26 June at the Lenzerheide Restaurant.

This Swiss-Austrian restaurant is a lovely venue with great food to match. We had choices of black pepper steak served with the traditional potato cake "roschti", chateaubriand angus beef or Milanese spiced barramundi. The dessert choices were also very popular.



The children had their own table with choices of beef sliders, grilled chicken or spaghetti bolognase. The desserts for them naturally included a variety of gelato.



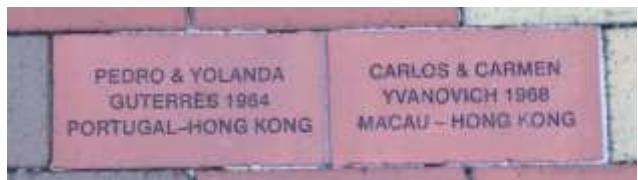
We appreciate very much Casa's extra contribution to this function which enabled us to dine at an up-market restaurant. This would not have been possible otherwise. It was lovely to see the children dining in this elegant setting with white linen tablecloths and all the trimmings.

A unique way of remembering your heritage Family pavers at the Migration Museum of SA

Casa members may wish to know that at the Migration Museum of SA pavers are sold (\$300 a brick) and laid at the courtyard to commemorate and pay tribute to the thousands of migrants who have come to make their home in Australia.



The Guterres and Yvanovich families recently purchased two bricks side by side so that our children and grandchildren will always remember their background and history. When their schools go to this Museum for an excursion they will then be able to point to the pavers and to be proud of their heritage.



The families also have the opportunity to have a short summary of their immigration and settlement history recorded in the Museum's database for future generations.

I am not sure if such a scheme exists in the other States but an enquiry to such a Museum may lead you somewhere - good luck!

Carmen O'Brien
Casa Rep – SA



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NSW Casa News

Nina Deacon



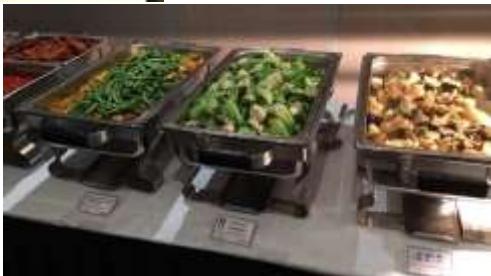
A warm welcome to the following **new members of the NSW CASA**.

Naomi Reis, Joe Wills, David Chivers, Andrea Woods, Paulina da Rosa, Paulo da Rosa Delaney, Jeronimo Alvarez Robert, Chantelle and Winnifred Goncalves, Chris Manolakis and her son James Rusconi, John and Sue Perks, Savannah Rice, Samara and Jye Woods

Dia de S. Joao {S. Johns' Day}



On Sunday, 19th June 2016, CASA DE MACAU in Sydney celebrated Dia de S. Joao feast day at Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club. About 122 members turned up for the luncheon.



The clubs' Chef came through with a sumptuous buffet which included Chilicotes fritos, turnip

cake and smoked salmon. Followed by Arroz de gnon Costeletas, Galinha Chau Chau parida, beef bourguignon, stir fry vegetables and Singapore noodles. There was also a range of salads available. Everyone left some space for the delicious deserts which included Baji, fresh fruits, crème brulee, Tong Yuen with sesame and assorted slices.



There was also a Photographic Exhibition of present day

Macau featuring its' culture and development over the last 15 years. The exhibition was sponsored by International Institute of Macau {IIM}. Thank you **Ed and Sunti Rozario** for organising it.



Then it was time for the "Raffles" and in keeping with tradition, we had three amazing fruit baskets as prizes. 1st Prize was won by our Editor **Denice Smith**; 2nd Prize was won by **Kristy Wan** and the 3rd Prize was won by **Patrick de Sousa**.



The children enjoyed the colouring in available in their 'corner'. Thank you to all those who helped and to all the members and friends that attended. It was great to hear from various people the food was delicious and the company of family and friends fantastic.



SUNDAY LUNCHES A NSW FAVOURITE

Since our last Newsletter, a series of Sunday Lunches have been held at our Casa.

17th April 2016. Chefs of the day were **Antonia Olaes** and **Pat dos Santos**. The menu included chilicotes, tacho, capella, rice, genete de cornstarch, cuscorao, bebinga de leite and bolo de Marmora.





22nd May
Chefs: **Brenda Chavez** and **Maureen Wan**

Menu: Prego, Stir fry vegies with seafood, Caril de Bife, Pork Stew, Rice, Bolo de arroz Pulo and Bolo de Laranja.



17th July our chefs were **Mario** and **Antonieta Manolakis**, who served pasteis de bacalhau, feijoada, minchi, rice, bread rolls,,pineapple cake and batatada.



Our next Sunday Lunch will be on the 21st August 2016 and **Therese Alonso** will be cooking. The last lunch of the year will be on the 16th October and the cooks will be yours truly and **Lizette Akouri**.

Please book **EARLY** to avoid disappointment as under Council regulations we can only accommodate 35 people at our Casa premises at any time. **Mary Rigby**: 02 4733 3862 or **Nina Deacon**: 0412 692252

One thing about Sunday Lunches, not only is the food delicious but also a lot of boisterous, good natured conversation and plenty of laughter!

Hopefully, next year it will be as popular as this years' with more members and visitors in attendance. A huge thank you to all our "MasterChefs" for all their work. To all members/friends who have attended, many, many thanks, without your support there be no Sunday lunches.

The Tasmanian Casa celebrates Dia de S. Joao 2016



From Robert Estorninho
CASA Rep - Tasmania

Aldevina Carroll, a New Zealand member of our Casa, has recently graduated from Otago Polytechnic, as a Bachelor of Applied Management with Distinction.

Well Done Vina!

