

# Casa Down Under Newsletter



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## President's Report



Dear Casa Members,

The Holy Season of Lent is ending and Easter is just around the corner. It is a time for faith, hope, penitence, prayers, reflections and self examination. During Lent, we are invited by the Church to make the journey inward and our destination is God.

Refer to "Message of His Holiness Benedict XVI for Lent 2007" website:

[http://www.vatican.va/holy\\_father/benedict\\_xvi/messages/lent/documents/hf\\_ben-xvi\\_mes\\_20061121\\_lent-2007\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/messages/lent/documents/hf_ben-xvi_mes_20061121_lent-2007_en.html)

I am sad to report that Jose Carlos da Silva has stepped down from the Committee as of the 16<sup>th</sup> February 2007 as he felt that he was unable to commit 100% to the Casa Committee to see out his term of office. I know that you will join me in thanking Jose for his contribution during his tenure and wish him all the best and look forward to seeing him and his young family at future socials. It is with pleasure that I also introduce you to Maria dos Santos Lee, Casa's new web manager in place of Michael Chan. We look forward to Maria's contribution in maintaining our site. Casa is grateful for Michael's assistance with the inaugural setup and launch of our website in December 2005 and appreciate his time and interest with our Association.

### Property Acquisition for Casa

Members will all be aware that your Committee (past & present) have, as their main objective and directive, been actively searching for an appropriate property for our Casa to be used as a base, headquarters, administrative office, library, small gatherings/socials where we can continue to promote our heritage and culture, apart from leaving a legacy

for generations to come, and as an investment opportunity. Funds for this purpose, were provided by the former Macau government, prior to the handover in 1999. Our Casa has a moral obligation and commitment to fulfill this mandate set by the providers of the generous funds in meeting the aspirations of so many within our community and abroad for a successful and final outcome. Many of us will recall the trials and tribulations over an exhaustive 7 years by your Committee charged with the authority and huge responsibility in the quest for a suitable property to call 'home'. Reality is that Casa cannot justify purchasing a large 'Clubhouse' (in terms of significant financial outlay, level of utilisation, operations and management) but, rather a modest establishment, based in Sydney as the headquarters, being the birthplace of our Casa in Australia.

Following several past disappointments, you will recall in July 2006 our Casa came close to purchasing a Strata Unit at Stanmore, as reported in the October 2006 issue of our newsletter, which did not eventuate due to unacceptable pre-existing terms of easement and other restrictions. I am happy to report that, recently, a suitable property came to our attention at Sydenham matching all of Casa's specifications. An offer was made by Casa and the Vendor agreed. At point of writing this report, Casa has not progressed to any exchange of contract with the Vendor, following searches, various inspections and valuation; as there are still ongoing negotiations between both ours and the Vendors Solicitors. If promising, the ensuing months will be an important and exciting chapter of Casa's history. When more definite information comes to hand, this will be forthcoming under separate cover to the membership. In the meantime, I would be more than happy to address any questions or concerns from Casa member/s on this current potential acquisition. *With faith, we pave our destiny.*

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## 2007 Encontro in Macau

Our Casa received notification from Dr. Jose Rodrigues, President of Associação Promotora da Instrução dos Macaenses (APIM) & Conselho das Comunidades Macaenses (CCM) Standing Committee, that the 2007 Encontro (Macanese Gathering) will be held from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November to Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>. December, with a special welcome reception on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Members will be kept informed as soon as more information comes to hand in regard to the programme. We do not know at this stage when the subsidy would be forthcoming from the Organisers. The Committee has addressed this and are in favour of providing support to interested qualifying members (i.e. two years continuous financial membership), with emphasis to encourage the younger generation to participate; trace their roots and gain some insight into Macanese history. It is expected that participants will be obligated to attend all the official programme functions (e.g. opening, closing, lunches, etc.) accordingly. Poor attendance is a reflection on our Casa and I ask that participants give their commitment on this matter. An initial "expression of interest" is attached for completion to be returned to Casa de Macau, PO Box A908, Sydney South NSW 1235 or on line via Casa's website. Please refer to preliminary travel and accommodation information for those interested. More information is to follow. Watch this space !!!

## Macanese Communities Council (Macau)

Members are advised of the establishment of a Confraria de Gastronomia Macaense in Macau following the signing of Statutes by CCM in January 2007, with the specific objectives to preserve and promote Macanese cuisine.

Casa Presidents recently received an email request from the Secretariat of the Macanese Communities Council in Macau to supply an update of all new and current term of office Boards of Directors; including each Casa's Committee representatives for both the General and Standing Committees. Our Casa will be officially represented by the President and Vice President, both on the General Committee with the President on the Standing Committee; in keeping with the other sister Casas' representatives.

## Macau Symphony Youth Orchestra 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> August 2007

A reminder to members of a request received from Mr Ian Hamilton, Honorary Secretary of the SBS Radio & Television Youth Orchestra, for assistance with a scheduled reciprocal visit by the Macau Symphony Youth Orchestra to Sydney on 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> August. The visit will also include a special Concert on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August at the Conservatorium of Music. I refer members to Ian's write up within this newsletter for a positive response.

We have recently lost several prominent Macanese members from our communities. Of note is Rigoberto Paulo Jose Col-laco Roliz, father of Maria Roliz, President of Lusitano Club of California, USA. Our expressions of sympathy and spiritual support have reached Rigo's family at this difficult time. Please keep Rigo and other recently departed in your prayers.

Please note the proposed social Diary Dates for NSW members in April (BBQ at Tempe), May (Bus trip to Wollongong) & annual national event in June (24<sup>th</sup> June, for Dia de St. Joao). Members are encouraged to show support by attending these socials, organised for the benefit of you and your family.

Wishing you all a Holy Easter with your family and friends.

"I have learned in whatever state I am to be content: I know how to live humbly, and I know how to live in prosperity. Everywhere and in everything I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (St. Paul, Philippians 4.11-13)

Kind Regards,

Yvonne

## For Sale

CDs by

**Armando Santos**

**"Lembranças de Macau"**

**Armando, a native of Macau, started singing at a very young age and has performed at several Hotels in Singapore and Macau and on radio.**

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**Casa de Macau has secured a limited number of these CDs which are for sale at \$10 each plus**

**\$2 postage.**

**All orders with payment can be sent to**

**Casa de Macau Inc.**

**PO Box A908**

**Sydney South, NSW, 1235**



## Portuguese Awards to Hong Kong Residents

by

**Stuart Braga**

Over many years, several members of the Macaense community of Hong Kong have been honoured with awards in one of several Portuguese Orders.



Foremost among these Orders, despite its recent origin, is Ordem do Infante Dom Henrique, the Order of Prince Henry the Navigator. This Order was created in 1960 to commemorate the five hundredth anniversary of the death of Prince Henry, who was born in Porto in 1394 and died in Sagres in 1460. He was the son of King John I of Portugal and Queen Philippa, whose grandfather was King Edward III of England). He goes back, therefore, to the early days of the very long alliance between England and Portugal. He is credited with being the mastermind behind the great century of Portuguese expansion throughout the world in the century following his death.

A recent publication in London, *World Orders of Knighthood & Merit*, details the elaborate insignia of this highly significant award. The Order of Prince Henry is given for relevant services to Portugal and for services in the expansion of Portuguese culture, its history and its values. It ranks after Ordem de S. Tiago da Espada, the Order of Saint James of the Sword, and before the Order of Liberty. The Order comprises five classes. The grand collar is conferred exclusively upon foreign heads of state. As with the other Portuguese Orders, it has a restricted number of members in each grade, which can only be exceeded, exceptionally, by the will of the President of the Republic as Grand Master of the Order. These are fifty grand crosses, one hundred and fifty grand officers, three hundred commanders and four hundred officers with an unlimited number of knights. The Order may be conferred on nationals and foreigners who become its honorary members. Non-commercial institutions with more than twenty-five years' existence can also be awarded the title of honorary member.

Together with the Order of Liberty, the Order of Prince Henry has a chancellor appointed by the President of the Republic for a five-year term and a council composed of eight members, also appointed by the Grand Master from among members of the highest three classes of the same Order.

## INSIGNIA

The badge of the Order is a gold-edged Mantau cross enamelled red. The star of the Order is a nine-pointed gold star (silver for commanders) with plain rays, charged with a smaller nine-pointed star, having in the centre, upon a silver field, the badge encircled by a black band, having thereon the motto, TALANT DE BIEN FAIRE ('It Is a Gift To Be Able To Do Well') in gold letters, within a garlanded laurel in gold, measuring 75 mm in diameter.



Grand Cross  
Star  
of the  
Order of  
Prince Henry



The Infante  
Dom Henrique  
Medal (343),  
the  
Grand Collar  
(340),  
Badge (341),  
and  
Star (342) of the  
Order of Prince  
Henry

The grand collar, in gold, is composed, alternately, of crosses of the Order and double oak wreaths, enamelled in gold, surmounting a wreath of laurel in gold, from which is suspended the larger badge, measuring 55 mm x 65 mm; recipients of the grand collar also wear the grand cross riband and breast star; grand crosses wear the larger badge suspended from a riband, and a gold breast star; grand officers wear the badge suspended from a neck ribbon and a gold breast star; commanders wear the larger badge, pendant by a ribbon



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Grand Cross  
Ribbon and Badge  
of the  
Order of  
Prince Henry



round the neck and a silver breast star; officers wear the smaller badge, measuring 30 mm x 35 mm, suspended from a 30 mm wide breast ribbon adorned with a rosette measuring 10 mm across; knights wear the badge on an unadorned breast ribbon. The ribbon consists of three equal sized stripes in blue, white and black.

Hong Kong Macaense holders of awards in the Ordem do Infante Dom Henrique include:

**Arnaldo de Oliveira Sales**, born in 1920, a distinguished member of the Portuguese community of Hong Kong. His eminent career in public affairs, community service and sporting administration began in 1952 and has continued for more than half a century. He has held, among many other high public offices, those of Chairman of the Victoria Recreation Club, President of Club de Recreio and, President and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Club Lusitano. As well as numerous British and other awards, Mr Sales has received the following Portuguese decorations:

Oficial da Ordem do Imperio, 1952

Comendador, Ordem do Infante Dom Henrique, 1968

Grande Oficial, Ordem do Infante Dom Henrique, 1984

Grã Cruz da Ordem do Infante Dom Henrique, 1999.

He is therefore one of only fifty people honoured with the award at this high level.

**Jack Braga**, 1897-1988, the eminent historian, who was posthumously awarded the rank of Grande Oficial, Ordem do Infante Dom Henrique, shortly after his death. Jack Braga had earlier, in 1949, been made a Grande Cavaleiro da Ordem de S. Tiago da Espada.

**Gustavo Uriel da Roza Jr.**, the noted Macaense architect, who designed the new 27-story building for Club

Lusitano, opened in June 2002. He was awarded Comendador da Ordem do Infante Dom Henrique in 1985.

**Gabriel Dias Azedo**, who is currently the President of Club Lusitano, is also a Comendador da Ordem do Infante Dom Henrique.

Other prominent members of the Portuguese community of Hong Kong had received other Portuguese decorations as early as 1866. They include:

**João Joaquim dos Remédios**, born in Macau in 1807, was among the first Portuguese to move to Hong Kong in 1841 and became a successful businessman and company director. He was decorated as Cavaleiro da Ordem de Na. Sra. de Conceição de Vila Viçosa in 1866.

**Carlos Augusto da Rosa (Roza)**, born in 1884, who became a prominent Hong Kong businessman. He was active in the promotion of many local enterprises and institutions. He was President of Club Lusitano several times, and Vice President of Associação Portuguesa de Socorros Mútuos. He received the honour of Comendador da Ordem de Cristo from the Portuguese Government in 1926.

**José Pedro Braga**, after a long and prominent career in journalism and public affairs, was in 1929 the first Portuguese appointed to the Hong Kong Legislative Council. As well as a British decoration, he was appointed Comendador da Ordem de Cristo in recognition of a lifetime of representing the interests of Portuguese people in Hong Kong. He was an outspoken and fearless critic of government policy, especially when the lives of poor Chinese people were concerned.

**Francisco Paulo de Vasconcellos 'Frank' Soares**, another prominent businessman, was appointed Chancellor of the Portuguese Consulate in Hong Kong in 1939. He assisted hundreds of Portuguese, first by protecting them against the worst atrocities of the invaders, and then by assisting them to escape to Macau when the Japanese occupied Hong Kong in December 1941. He was earlier given the title Cavaleiro da Ordem de Cristo by the Portuguese Government in 1930.

**Leonardo Horácio d'Almada e Castro**, 1904-1996, besides a distinguished war service, dedicated many years of his long career to the Government of Hong Kong, serving in the Legislative Council and Executive

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Council between 1937 and 1959. The Portuguese Government honoured him with the Ordem de Cristo for his service to the Portuguese Community in Hong Kong. As well as these important personal awards, the Portuguese Government has bestowed awards on two major community organisations, Club Lusitano and Club de Recreio. Club Lusitano has received two awards: Oficial da Ordem Militar de Cristo in October 1949 and Ordem do Infante Dom Henrique in March 1991. Club de Recreio received the honour of Oficial da Ordem Militar de Cristo in 1949.

**Sources:** World Orders of Knighthood & Merit, edited by Guy Stair Sainty and Rafal Heydel-Mankoo, Burke's Peerage & Gentry, Wilmington, 2006, pages 1484-5. Orders, Medals and Decorations of Britain and Europe by Paul Hieronymussen, Blandford Press, London, second edition, 1970.

The Portuguese Community in Hong Kong, a Pictorial History, by António M. Pacheco Jorge da Silva, in course of publication.

The assistance of Ralph Kelly, Past President of the Flag Society of Australia, is gratefully acknowledged.

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Our heartfelt thanks to Stuart Braga for writing this article. Stuart would like to point out that the people mentioned in the article do not constitute an exhaustive list of those honoured, but rather, that those mentioned are some of the recipients of various Portuguese honours. There may well be others whose achievements can be celebrated in future issues.*

# Bur\$ary Report

## The 2006 Bursary Recipients



**Samantha Wan.** Is the daughter of Maureen (nee Cruz) and Danny Wan and her grandparents are Turibio Cruz and Elsilia Fernandes (maiden name).

Samantha is doing a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Degree at the University of Sydney.

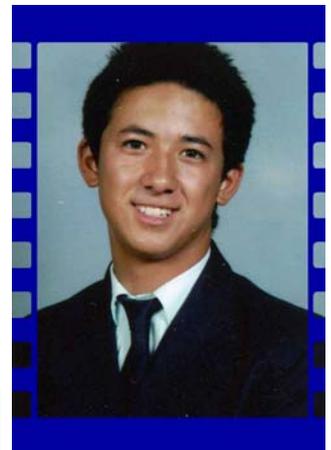
**Felicia Maria Xavier** is the daughter of Linda Maria Xavier and Joseph Serra. Her grandparents were Lucia Maria Sequeira and Antonio Maria Sarazolla Xavier.



Felicia is doing her Bachelor of Arts. We would like to congratulate Felicia on her results.

**Ricardo Rosario** is the eldest son of Carlos and Belinda Rosario. Ricardo is the first generation to be born in Australia.

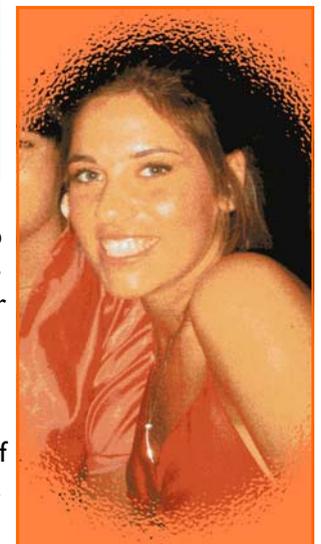
Ricardo is doing his Bachelor of Health and Exercise Science.



**Thomas Antonio** is the son of Francis Ernesto Antonio. Thomas has just completed his Bachelor of Medical Science degree and is planning to continue his studies in 2007.

**Carla de Menezes Ribeiro** Carla direct link to the Macanese community is due to her grandparents. Her grandparents are Fernando and Fernanda de Menezes Ribeiro.

Carla is doing her Bachelor of Marketing, Communication & Advertising.



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## News from Macau

The South China Morning Post,  
Hong Kong

Sunday, February 4, 2007

### Activists calling on UN to keep Macau's light shining

FOX YI HU

Heritage activists in Macau are set to take their fight to preserve views of the historic Guia Lighthouse to the United Nations.

People from all walks of life are joining the "lighthouse movement" to save the 140-year-old landmark and other heritage sites from the city's breakneck growth.

The lighthouse stands atop the 91-metre Guia Hill, the highest point on the Macau Peninsula. But a property development scheme threatens to throw up a 300-metre-long concrete wall of high-rise buildings that will obscure the landmark.

"We are prepared for a long battle," said architect Mark Mak, of the League of Guia Lighthouse Protectors, a campaign group of historians, architects and scholars. "Even if we fail, we will stand united to defend the next monument."

After drawing a blank with the Macau government, the group is drafting a letter to Unesco explaining the threat facing the lighthouse, which the global cultural body listed as part of the city's World Heritage site when it conferred the status on Macau's historic centre and Guia Hill in 2005.

Built in 1865, the Guia Lighthouse was the first modern lighthouse on the Chinese coast.

Last September, the government relaxed a long-standing restriction on the maximum height of buildings near

Guia Hill, opening the way for developers to plan new buildings - as high as 135 metres - at the foot of the hill.

To the dismay of conservationists, one of the new buildings - to be occupied by the central government's liaison office in Macau - is intended to be 99.9 metres tall, to symbolise Macau's 1999 handover to China.

Local historian Chan Wai-hang is among the most outspoken voices in the campaign.

"The buildings will block the view from the lighthouse and undermine its World Heritage value," he said, "It is a heritage site that belongs to the world, not just Macau."

Mr Mak said: "We are very disappointed that construction has started near Guia Hill. We hope the height limit will be revised downward to the 20.5 metre limit set in the early 1990s."

When the liaison office building was planned in the 1990s, its height was to be 20.5 metres in accordance with that rule.

The letter to Unesco is expected to suggest the Macau government cease approving development schemes until it has revised the height limit for buildings.

In response to the preservation campaign, the liaison office issued a statement last week indicating the height of its building may be adjusted.

"We will reassess the designed height of the new office building and try to keep it within the height of Guia Hill," it said.

But conservationists still worry what the height of the building will be. The foundations for the liaison office building have been laid and construction has started.

It is believed the Macau government is in a difficult position because it has approved the building's plans and has no legal grounds to reverse its consent.

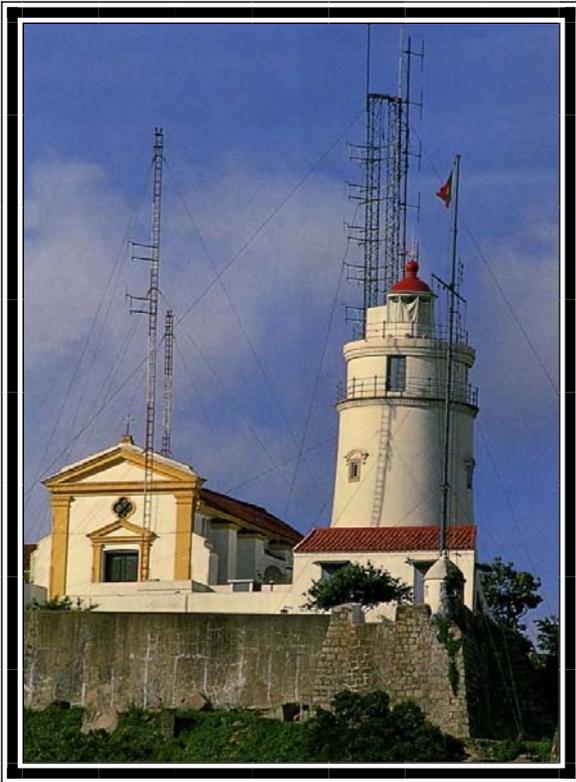
A day after the liaison office statement, Macau's secretary for social affairs and culture, Fernando Chui Sai-on, released a statement saying his government was working on the problem.

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"The government will soon introduce a special directive to adjust the plans for buildings being or to be constructed in the Avenida do Dr Rodrigo Rodrigues area," the statement said.



REUTERS

## Branson eyeing \$3 billion Macau casino and resort

Thu Jan 25, 8:45 PM

HONG KONG (Reuters) - Sir Richard Branson's Virgin Group is close to securing a 20-hectare site in Macau to build a \$3 billion casino complex which could add to the city's rise as the world's gambling capital, a newspaper reported on Friday.

The flamboyant British entrepreneur whose business empire ranges from airlines to music and mobile phones, is close to acquiring the site in the Chinese special administrative region, the Financial Times reported.

"We hope to get all the boxes ticked in the next couple of months and start developing the site soon after-

wards," Branson was quoted by the paper as saying.

The paper said Branson had held talks with Macau's leader, Chief Executive Edmund Ho on Wednesday to try and confirm arrangements for the planned entertainment complex featuring three hotels and a casino, which could open by 2010.

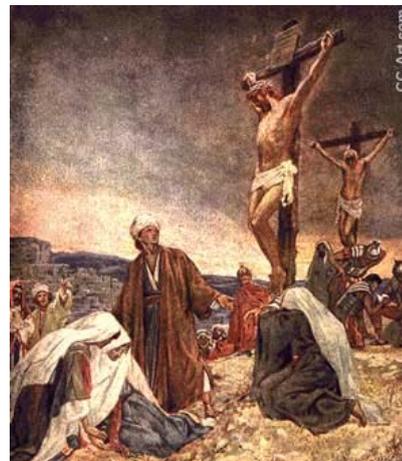
Branson was quoted as saying the cost of development would be \$3 billion, funded "at least partially with a mix of Virgin equity and debt financing from international banks," the paper reported. It added Branson would recoup his upfront costs within 18 months of opening.

Branson could opt for a branded joint-venture arrangement with one of six groups which currently hold rights to run casinos in the former Portuguese enclave, the paper added.

Macau recently dethroned Las Vegas as the world's biggest gambling center, with some analysts predicting its gambling market could more than double to \$14 billion in revenue by 2010.

Two of the world's top gaming firms, the Las Vegas Sands Corp. and Wynn Resorts Ltd. have already built mega-casinos in Macau and other world-class competitors including MGM Mirage are due to pile in later this year.

**Easter**



But He *was* wounded for our transgressions;  
He *was* bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement  
of our peace *was* on Him; and with His stripes  
we ourselves are healed.

Isaiah 53:5



## Macau Symphony Youth Orchestra to Visit Sydney (9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> August 2007)

The SBS Radio and Television Youth Orchestra is the only Symphony Youth Orchestra in Australia which is associated with a national broadcasting network. The Orchestra is a non-profit group that is dedicated to the development of young Australian musicians and to fostering the positive principles of multiculturalism.

In 2006 the Macau Symphony Youth Orchestra invited their musical colleagues in Australia to visit Macau and perform with them. The visit exposed a group of young Australians to the unique culture and history of Macau and led to the formation of strong musical and cultural links.

In August 2007 (planned from around the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup>), the Macau Symphony Youth Orchestra will visit Sydney with up to 60 players. A public concert will take place at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music's Verbrugghen Hall.

In order to help defray the costs of the tour to the players from Macau, the SBS Youth Orchestra is asking Casa de Macau to inform members of the community who may be prepared to billet the young visitors.

At this stage a tentative schedule is planned as follows:

- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August, Arrive and taken on a tour by SBS. **Host families to pick up their guests at SBS Artarmon in the evening (5.30pm)**
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> August **Guests to be dropped at the Conservatorium of Music (near the Opera House) in the morning (0930)**. They will have a city tour in the morning and a rehearsal at SBS in the afternoon. **Host families to pick up their guests at SBS Artarmon in the evening (5.30pm)**
- Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August, Free time with host families until rehearsal at the Conservatorium of Music from 4.30pm. 7pm performance. **Host families to pick up their guests at Conservatorium of Music (9.00pm approx)**

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August, possibly a trip to Manly by Ferry from Circular Quay. The group may fly from Sydney on the Sunday evening (**from the domestic terminal**) or on Monday morning.

If you are prepared to support this cultural visit by young people from Macau, please contact: Ian Hamilton, Honorary Secretary (0417150762)

or via email to: [orchestra@sbsyo.org.au](mailto:orchestra@sbsyo.org.au)

And provide the following information:

1. Your name and address

2. Home phone number
3. Mobile phone number
4. Your family situation (do you have children and if so, what ages and genders)

How many guests can you accommodate?

## Obituaries

### Rigoberto Paulo Jose Collaco Roliz



Rigoberto Paulo Jose Collaco Roliz June 3, 1923 - March 10, 2007. Rigo passed away peacefully in his sleep at St. Francis Convalescent Pavilion, Daly City at the age of 83. Born in Shanghai, China, he is survived by his seven beloved children, Linda, Shirley, Stephen, Raymond, Robert, Maria, and Teresa; two loving sisters, Fabia Braga in Florida, Amelia Maher in S.F.; and a proud brother, Gualo in Brasil; 16 cherished grandchildren and many special nieces and nephews. He was a real people person who loves people, and was always very sociable among his family and friends since his early childhood when he was involved with sports like softball and soccer. He was well-liked and remembered by many in the Portuguese-Macanese community who knew him as an amateur featherweight boxing champion, a jitterbug dancer with the lady's touch, an avid lawn bowler, and a staunch club member of Club de Recreio, Lusitano Shanghai, Lusitano HK, Lusitano Club of CA and UMA. He will be greatly missed by his family and his large circle of friends and acquaintances, and his memories will be forever in our hearts. He was indeed a true hero and a role model to his family and a great inspiration to many of his friends. The family thanks you for your special prayers, blessings, and your love for Rigo. You have made a part of his life so warm and joyful. The family is forever grateful! A memorial celebration of Rigo's life will be held at St. Gabriel's Church, 2559 40th Ave., San Francisco on Saturday, March 31 at 11am with a reception to follow at the United Irish Cultural Center.



**Robert Arevalo** passed away on the 27th of January 2007 at the age of 64. Beloved husband of Josie Bayot Arevalo, loving father to Anthony, Rosemarie & Elizabeth, father-in-law of Tom and Bryce and grandfather to Amy, Sarah, Karl and Rebekah. Will be sadly missed by all family and friends. Now in God's hands.

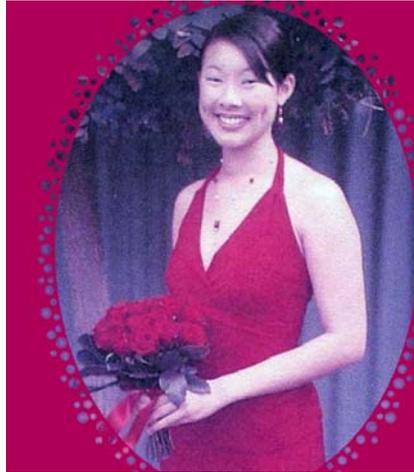




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**Marissa Ward** is the daughter Cecilia and Bryan Ward. Her grandparents are Roberto Alexander Maria Vas and Janie Christine (Law). Marissa is doing a Bachelor of Agricultural Economics course. Marissa achieved all High Distinctions in 2006.



**Vanessa Badaraco** is the daughter of Daniel and Caroline Seng Badaraco. Vanessa's grandparents were Serafirm Badaraco and Cecelia Seng Badaraco. Vanessa is doing a Bachelor of Law/Commerce course.

**Ashleigh**

**Lawrence** is the daughter of Vincent Ferrer Lawrence and Deidre Patricia Watt. She is the granddaughter of Wilfred Marriott and Olga Maria Lawrence. Ashleigh is doing a Bachelor of Commerce course.



**Katherine da Silva** is the daughter of Alberto (Albert) Alexandre da Silva and Winnie. Her grandparents were Mariano Maria da Silva and Celeste (Chelly) Osmund. Katherine is doing a Bachelor of Dentistry course.



*Most of the recipients provided a much more comprehensive history than space would allow. It was great to see the young people finding out about the family histories and I learnt more of how members are related*

Mary Rigby



**Kate d'Assumpcao** is the eldest daughter of Marcus and Geraldine d'Assumpcao. Her grandparents are Bernardino and Alzira d'Assumpcao. Kate is doing a Bachelor of Laws and Legal Practice.

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**Remember the Polo Shirts? They are still available for \$15 each plus \$2 postage.**

**Casa de Macau badges - \$5 each plus \$2 postage.**

**Save \$2 by ordering a polo shirt and badge on the same order!!!**





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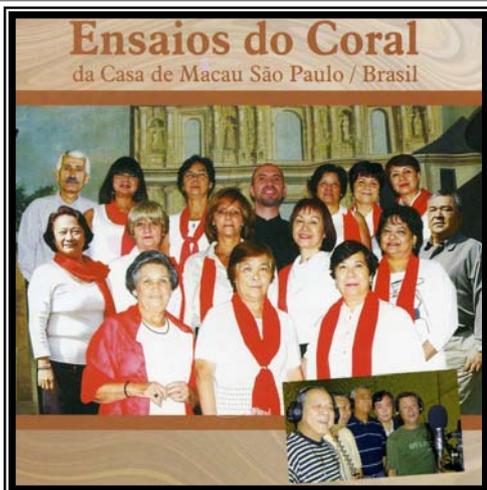
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We have just a handful of CDs produced by Casa de Macau in São Paulo. The 'Coral da Casa de Macau de São Paulo' is made up of a group of friends with a common passion for music.

They sell for \$10 each plus \$2 postage.

Contact Mary Rigby for more details.

**With happy returns of the day I would send  
A bouquet of flowers to thee, my dear friend,  
And while the white lily of purity's thine  
The forget-me-not claim I as mine**

Author unknown



Betty flanked by her daughters Patricia dos Santos & Yvonne Herrero

**Beatriz Maria (Vieira Ribeiro) CRUZ** celebrated her 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday on 17<sup>th</sup> March (St Patricks Day) at a dinner with her family (children, grandchildren and great grandchildren). The simple life, faith in God and the love from family and friends is Beatriz's answer to longevity. Cheers to a Special Lady.



Patricia Rigby, daughter of Mary & Gary Rigby married Alistair Reid, son of Judy & Mike Reid on the 7th March in Dunedin, New Zealand. Trish and Al have returned to London to live.



## MACAU ENCONTRO 2007

### 24TH NOV - 4TH DEC

**NB:** The information within consists of quotes supplied to us by Helen Wong's Tour who will be looking after the needs for our members. In order to help facilitate us in our planning we would appreciate "expression of interest" in participation of this Encontro. At this stage all prices are just indicative and may change once numbers are established. This quote is based on the minimum of 80 full paying clients travelling together. Should the final group size not reach the minimal number, prices may vary or re-costing made to the itinerary.

We would appreciate it if you could let us know by the 1st May in order for us to commence planning. Please see attachment.

A deposit of \$440.00 per person is required 70 days prior to departure with the balance payment required 50 days prior to departure.

**NOTE:** Cancellation conditions based on per person (in addition to airline cancellation charges –)

1. Between 21 – 69 days prior to departure, full deposit forfeited.
2. Between 08 – 20 days prior to departure, 50% of the Land Content
3. Within 7 days prior to departure, 100% of the Land Content.

#### MAIN PACKAGE COST: 11 DAYS/ 9 NIGHTS MACAU EX AUSTRALIA

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE PER PERSON COST	SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT
1. Grand Emperor	\$2240.00	\$990.00
2. Holiday Inn Macau	\$2130.00	\$780.00
3. Royal Hotel	\$1940.00	\$700.00
4. Hotel Sintra Macau	\$1870.00	\$630.00

#### MAIN PACKAGE INCLUSIONS:

- International Return Airfare – Australia/Macau/Australia
- Turbojet/Jetfoil Transfers
- Transfers
- Accommodation
- Daily buffet breakfast (including Chinese and Western selections in Macau)
- Travel Kit (Helen Wong's Tours travel kit including maps and literature on Macau)

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## ITEMS NOT INCLUDED IN YOUR MAIN PACKAGE COST

### 1. Departure taxes

- Ex Sydney \$260.00
- Ex Melbourne \$240.00 (Direct Services)/ \$330.00 (vis Sydney)
- Ex Brisbane \$245.00
- Ex Adelaide \$345.00

### 2. Travel Insurance

#### AIR FARE ONLY

For passengers wishing to travel with the group but not booking any accommodation in Macau the airfare is \$1060.00. Please note price quoted is airfare only and does not include jetfoil ticket to Macau if this is required, please add: \$85.00 per adult (must travel on same jetfoil transfer as main group).

Members wishing to take advantage of this fare must travel on at least one international sector with the main group i.e. departing Australia on 24th November to Hong Kong or returning from Hong Kong on the 03rd of December to Australia on specified Qantas flights. The fare is valid on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane & Adelaide only – any clients departing from another city will need to check with Helen Wong's Tours for the current available fare.

#### PRE OR POST REUNION TOURS:

Option 1: 7 days/6 nights Shanghai & Beijing \$1735.00 per person Twin Share

#### DAY 1 ARRIVE SHANGHAI

Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to the Merry Hotel.

#### DAY 2 SHANGHAI

A delightful day is spent exploring this gracious and cosmopolitan city. Drive to Pudong where you will stop at the Jin Mao Tower, one of the world's tallest buildings for a breathtaking Panorama of the city. See the former Colonial Concession along the Bund, with their distinctive style of architecture, take a stroll along the twisting alleyways of Old Chinatown and visit the Yu Garden. An evening acrobats show will be arranged. (B/L/D)

#### DAY 3 SHANGHAI/BEIJING

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Beijing and on arrival you will be met and transferred to Beijing International hotel. (B/L)

#### DAY 4-6 BEIJING

Three full days visiting sights which have captured the imagination of mankind – the magnificent Summer Palace, the exquisite Temple of Heaven, the splendours of the Forbidden City – as well as Tiananmen Square. See the Pandas at Beijing Zoo. Tour the 'Hutongs' – the "back alleys" by cycle rickshaw where you will have a fascinating behind-the-scenes glimpse into the lifestyles of the local people. Visit the Silk Market and make a stop at a cloisonné factory where you can appreciate the intricate manufacture of this craft work. Spend a day visiting the Sacred Way, the exhibition Hall of the Ming Tombs and the Great Wall, truly one of the world's greatest wonders. Enjoy a Peking duck dinner and the exciting performance of "The legends of Kung Fu" during your stay. (B/L one D)

#### DAY 7 DEPART BEIJING

Transfer to the airport. (B)

#### Inclusions:

- Twin share room with private facilities at selected hotels including service charges. Single room occupancy is subject to additional supplement cost (\$590.00 per single room).

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- Meals and internal air travel (economy class) as specified in the itinerary including China domestic airport tax.
- Daily sightseeing, including entrance fees as specified.
- All transfers between airports/hotels and vice versa.
- Tours and transfers by private car with an English-speaking guide.

Airfare supplement:

- Above package includes one-way travel from Australia to China or vice versa. If travelling on services via Hong Kong to China please add the following airfare supplements:

One way Beijing or Shanghai to Hong Kong with Dragonair \$450.00

One way Beijing or Shanghai to Macau with Air Macau \$400.00

**CHINA VISA FEE:**

Australian passport holders \$35.00 per person. Visa processing for non-Australian passport holders may incur a fee.

Option 2: 4 days/3 nights Hong Kong \$283.00 per person twin share

**DAY 1 Arrive Hong Kong**

Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to the Majestic hotel for 3 nights.

Breakfast included.

**DAY 2 Hong Kong**

Today enjoy a Hong Kong Island scenic coach tour up to Victoria Peak for a panoramic view across Victoria Harbour and the South China Sea, followed by a visit to Aberdeen fishing village (optional sampan rides can be arranged). Stopping briefly en route at Repulse Bay. Return through the gleaming chrome-and-glass towers of the central business district. This evening enjoy a pre-dinner cocktail cruise.

Breakfast included.

**DAY 3 Hong Kong**

A day at leisure to further explore the city, to take a ferry ride, wander the backstreets and discover hidden delights. Or indulge in the number one pastime in Hong Kong – SHOPPING!!!. Whether in the designer-label boutiques, the malls and department stores, or at any of the innumerable day or night markets, you're certain to find yourself a bargain.

Breakfast included.

**DAY 4 Depart Hong Kong**

Transfer to the airport or ferry terminal for your onward journey.

Breakfast included.

**Inclusions:**

- Twin share room with private facilities at selected hotels including service charges. Single room occupancy is subject to additional supplement cost (\$176.00 per single room).
- Daily sightseeing, including entrance fees as specified.
- All transfers between airport, hotel & pier.
- Tours and transfers by private car with an English-speaking guide.
- Jetfoil ferry transfer to/from Macau (for Macau reunion).



**MACAU ENCONTRO 2007**

Please return by 1st May to Casa de Macau Incorporated  
P.O.Box A908, Sydney South NSW 1235

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Option 1    Yes    No

Option 2    Yes    No

Total numbers attending: \_\_\_\_\_