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Casa Down Under Newsletter

President's Report

Happy Easter everyone.....

There are lots of information in this edition but I wish to highlight two particular items for your attention. First, Macau has now confirmed dates for the 2010 Macau Encontro, so you can make your travel plans if you intend to go to Macau. Second, I believe the Committee is making progress towards achieving a clearer position of where we stand with Council in regard to our operating hours and numbers for the property at Sydenham. We should soon be in a position to recommend to members to either remain in the premises or to dispose of the property and seek a more appropriately zoned property.

Meanwhile our financial

position remains on solid footing as we are benefiting directly from the higher bank interest rates, having locked in good deposit rates as our term deposits matured.

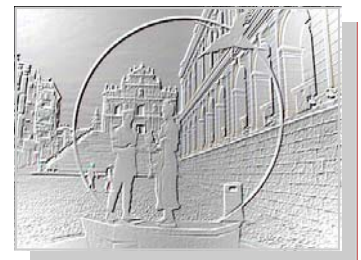
The Youth sub-committee is working hard trying to organise activities that we hope will encourage our younger members to get more involved. We will have some plans to take with us to Macau to discuss with other Casas during the Encontro. Brendan and Josefa are busy trying to educate me on the attributes of Facebook but I must confess I am not yet ready to be a "friend".

Once again thanks to Jorge Estorninho for putting it together and Lizette Viana Akouri for agreeing to be

the co-ordinator for all material. Please feel free to send us feedback on any of the content or any Casa related matter that you would like to discuss or wish more information or clarification. We really do wish to maintain a greater two way communication with all our members.

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Ed Rozario



'All the players gave of their best'

A hockey game to remember

Stuart Braga

The privations of prisoners of war in the Shamshuipo camp in Hong Kong are well known. Many people have seen Alexander Skvorzov's drawings of prisoners of war, skin and bone, barely existing from day-to-day. Some did not survive. When

Hong Kong fell to the Japanese on Christmas Day 1941, the victors quickly rounded up all the members of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps they could find and interned them in a military barracks built at Shamshuipo in Kow-

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loon to accommodate far fewer men. They were there for close to four years, until September 1945. Of the seven Infantry Companies of the Hong Kong Volunteers two were Portuguese: No. 5 and No. 6 Companies, whose members were swept up too, along with British personnel.

Only a month after their liberation at the end of August 1945, a large group of Portuguese members of the Hong Kong Volunteers went over to Macau where a scratch team was formed to play a game of hockey against Macau Hockey Club. The Hong Kong Volunteers had spent several years on the verge of starvation. They were worked as forced labour, beaten and brutally mistreated throughout their captivity. The fact that, within a month of their release, they were able to field a team is quite amazing. The Hong Kong boys had not held a hockey stick since the last games were played on Sunday 7 December 1941. Seven of the eleven players belonged to the Club de Recreio First Division team, who had been Hong Kong Champions of 1940-1941.

The Macau boys, whose team was known as the Valentés (the Brave Ones) had also been through very hard times, but nothing to compare with the privations of the POWs. If 'Valentes' was the name of the Macau team, what name should we apply to the real heroes whose lives had been in great peril, first in the brief, bloody Battle of Hong Kong, and then in nearly four years of brutal captivity? It says much for their morale that they wanted to play this remarkable game at the first possible opportunity.

In the last few months of World War II, the Macau paper *Renascimento* published an English edition for the several thousand English-speaking refugees in Macau. On 30 September 1945 it printed an account of this remarkable game, including the names of the players. Both teams

included some of the best known names in the Portuguese community in both Macau and Hong Kong, names frequently found in the membership lists of Casas de Macau around the world today.

The Volunteers gave a very creditable performance in the exhibition hockey game on Thursday [27 September] when they met Macau Hockey Club, Macau Champions, and lost by 4 goals to 3 after leading at one stage by 3 goals to 1.



Club de Recreio, Hong Kong. First Division League Champions 1940-41

A. V. Gosano J. A. Soares G. N. Gosano B. T. Gosano Dr. H. L. Ozorio J.
C. Fonseca M. Mendonça
P. A. Yvanovich R. A. Marques W. A. Reed A. M. Alves L. G. Gosano
Dr. A. M. Rodrigues J. M. Gosano H. F. Gonsalves J. B. Gonsalves Dr. E.
L. Gosano

There is no known photograph of the game played between the Volunteers and the 'Valentes'. However, this photograph of the Club de Recreio First Division League Champions 1940-41 includes seven of those who played for the Volunteers. It was only four years later, but so much had happened!

The newspaper report read:

**Macau Hockey
Club Fully
Extended in
Exhibition Hockey
Gosano, Alves
Prominent for the
Volunteers**

J. Gosano, at inside right, was the outstanding player in the attack and scored all three goals for his side. He was well supported by Capt. Rodrigues at centre forward and Yvanovich on the right wing.

In the defence, Tony Alves was very prominent and had the better of a number of interesting tussles with L. Costa and Airoso.

The Defence Corps had the assistance of Gonsalves, of the Valentés, at full-back, but were without the services of Reggie and Bobby Reed. M Gonsalves, in goal, brought off some good saves but was weak with his clearances.

Macau did not start with a full team and even after their side was complete were on the defensive for some time. Gosano opened the scor-

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ing with a good shot, but Marques equalised shortly after. J. Gosano placed his side again in the lead before the interval.

The Volunteers were playing good hockey and went further ahead when Gosano again scored from a short corner.

Macau improved in the closing stages and A. Airoso (2) and Marques scored for Macau before the final whistle.

The game was played in the best spirit and all the players gave of their best.

The following were the teams:

Volunteers – M. Gonsalves, J. Gonsalves and B. Alves, M. Remedios, Tony Alves, and H. Soares, P. Yvanovich, J. Gosano, Capt. A.M. Rodrigues, L.G. Gosano and F. Soares.

Macau Hockey Club – R. Leio, R. Lobo and A. Basto, J. Nolasco, Alex Airoso and A. Santos Ferreira, G. Silva, L. Costa, Alberto Airoso, L. Ritchie and F. Marques.

Naturally, the ex-POW team had no gear, and had to borrow boots and hockey sticks. Living in Canberra is Philippe Yvanovich, an esteemed member of the Casa de Macau, Australia. Philippe recalls that he could not find boots to fit him, so he played the whole game in his socks. The press report mentions that the Valentines started one man short, so the Hong Kong boys lent them one of their star players, Johnny Gonsalves, the full back.

A wise concession to the straitened circumstances of the players was that the game was shortened to 20 minutes halves. Another of the Volunteers who played that day is Luigi Gosano, now living in Washington State, USA. Of the Valentines, there is perhaps only one survivor in 2010: R. Lobo, now Sir Roger Lobo of Hong Kong. Sadly, João Nolasco passed away recently in Sydney. Another illustrious player was Captain Alberto

Rodrigues, later knighted as Sir Albert Rodrigues, who had a most distinguished career in medicine and public affairs in Hong Kong.

The volunteers had been given a week's furlough after their liberation from Shamshuipo camp. They were brought to Macau in H.M.S. *Parret*, a River class frigate of the Royal Navy. This trip for the Portuguese Volunteers to Macau was especially for the liberated POWs to visit their loved ones who had found refuge in Macau. *Parret* was one of the smallest ships in the huge fleet that entered Hong Kong harbour on 30 August under the command of Rear-Admiral Cecil Harcourt. No-one who saw that great fleet riding at anchor in Hong Kong harbour ever forgot the sight. The late Dr Osler Thomas, MBE, was a distinguished member of the British Army Aid Group, which operated behind enemy lines, based at Waichow, north-east of Hong Kong. Dr Thomas told the writer last year that, returning from Macau to Hong Kong early in September, he first saw Harcourt's ships as his boat came around Sheungwan. 'It was a tremendous thrill', he said. It is a sentiment warmly echoed by Bosco Correa, who was on the waterfront at Tsimshatsui with his brother Frank and three friends as the great fleet steamed slowly in through Lyemun Pass in the East. 'What a glorious sight it was!' he writes.

In Macau for a week, the Volunteers made a powerful impression. Apart from official dignitaries such as Admiral Harcourt, who had paid a courtesy call on the Governor of Macau, they were the first people from Hong Kong, other than refugees, to come for more than three years. The senior N.C.O.s of the Macau garrison entertained their Hong Kong Volunteer counterparts at a dinner on the Wednesday evening. There must also have been many joyful family reunions.

At least one of the Volunteers did more than play hockey. Private

Charles Guterres married Gladys Maxwell at St^o António church on Wednesday 26 September. However, the bridegroom had to leave his bride behind two days later when the Volunteers returned to barracks in Hong Kong. Demobilisation and normal civilian life had to wait a little longer. Other marriages followed. Newspapers often get names slightly wrong. In this case, 'B.

Alves' of the Volunteers is in fact José Luis 'Dick' Alves. He later married Philippe Yvanovich's sister Lolita ('Lolly') and Dick's sister Margie married Philippe Yvanovich.

With the return of H.M.S. *Parret*, the long-awaited exodus to Hong Kong began in a small way. The British Military Administration was getting into its stride, and needed clerical staff. There was a list at the British consulate in Macau, and twelve young women went back to Hong Kong to work for the Admiralty, as *Renascimento* reported it. They included Lolly Yvanovich, who was to marry Dick Alves in 1950. Both were on H.M.S. *Parret* returning to Hong Kong, but

The paper printed
the names of all the
girls.

there was hardly time for a shipboard romance!

Once again several are people fondly remembered as grandmothers and even great-grandmothers of today's generations.

Those who left by the warship were Mrs D. Jex, Miss Olga Carvalho, Miss Elsa Carvalho, Miss Mercedes Roza, Miss Marie Roza, Miss Argentina Gonsalves, Miss Lolita Yvanovich, Miss Avelina Gosano, Miss Betty Clarke, Miss Philomena Gonsalves, Miss Irene Alonso and Miss Hilda May.

Yesterday morning [29 Sep-

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Encontro 2010

The Conselho das Comunidades Macaenses (CCM) in Macau on 23 March confirmed the dates for the 2010 Encontro. The reunion will be held in Macau from 28 November to 5 December 2010. Members wishing to attend should note these dates for their planning purposes. Meanwhile, the Committee has asked several travel agents to quote prices for airfare and accommodation and will make this information available to members when it comes to hand.

For information, the Committee has approved a maximum sum of AUD \$20,000 to provide some financial assistance to Ordinary Members who attend this Encontro. As in the past, the subsidy will be granted only to Ordinary Members whose membership has been fully paid up over the past two years. The subsidy will be a pro rata share of the above sum up to a maximum of AUD \$200 per head. Junior members under the age of 12 will be entitled to 50% of the adult subsidy.

Members may remember that the CCM had kindly agreed that the small surplus from the RAEM dinner be applied towards airfares for three lucky members to attend the 2010 Encontro. The Committee will conduct the draw for the winners at the NSW Dia de S Joao lunch to be held at Peter-sham Town Hall on Sunday 27 June 2010.

It was decided that one winner will be drawn from the "youth group" of our membership, i.e. Ordinary Members aged between 19

and 39 years of age per the CCM's suggestion and the other two winners will be drawn from paid up Ordinary Members as at the date of the RAEM dinner, i.e. 18 October 2010. Winners of this draw must travel to the Encontro. These prizes will not be transferable. At the draw we will select "three alternates" who will travel instead, if the winners cannot make the trip.

Good Luck everyone!

Patua Documentary

The Committee has received a copy of a one hour long documentary made by Macau in regard to the state of the Patua language and the attempts of a group of very enthusiastic speakers of the language to preserve the Patua language. It is really quite interesting and the Committee will arrange a preview at the Dia

de S Joao lunch in Sydney and try to identify how many members would be interested in attending a separate screening of this documentary to be held at a future date. The Committee has been required to provide an undertaking not to copy this DVD and therefore we must keep control of it within the Casa group.

We will make arrangements to have this documentary available to members from other States.

The Committee would like Patua speakers and interested parties to contact us to register their interest in attending a screening of this documentary. Meanwhile, the Committee is

attempting to obtain DVD's of some of the amusing Patua plays performed by the group "Doci Papiacao di Macau" to also show at the screening. Please register your interest by email Mary Rigby at rigbyfamily@ozemail.com.au or call 02-4733-3862

Dia de S. João - Casa de Macau Australia Event.

Interstate representatives will be contacting members in regard to the events planned to mark this day in our Macaense culture. As with the Christmas functions members are being asked to make a contribution, payable on the day.

In Sydney, we are again focusing on making this a day where we serve our traditional Macaense dishes, especially while there are members still prepared to cook. This year the Committee has decided to cook for the event.

Lizette Viana Akouri and Therese Alonco will be coordinating the menu and members who wish to bring a dessert or other contribution are asked to contact them direct.

Our unique cuisine is one of the main planks to maintaining our culture and we hope to encourage more members to actively participate at future events, especially once we resolve our issues of access to our Sydneyham premises and can hold more frequent, smaller

scale functions.

Josefa Coelho and Brendan Basto who did such a good job at the Christmas party will once again be organising the entertainment. Besides the games for the younger ones, the plan is to have a live band and any musicians among you are welcome to join. If you play the guitar or keyboard, please contact Josefa on 0410601638 or email Sijaa18@optusnet.com.au as she is forming the group.

On the day, we hope some of you able bodied folk can attend a little early to help with the set up of tables, equipment etc. for the event. We have the hall from 10AM on the day.

Please refer to the enclosed flyer for details of the Sydney lunch event.

Stavinsky's Oedipus Rex and Symphony of Psalms

Hopefully some of you were able to attend the concert at the Opera House at the end of January and experience The Sydney Symphony and Sydney Philharmonia Choirs being conducted by one of "nossa gente" in the form of Joana Carneiro. We were informed by Joana's cousin that she would be conducting in Sydney albeit too late to set up a meeting with Joana while she was here in our city rehearsing for the concert.

Joana Carneiro is the granddaughter of a renowned Macaense musician Art Carneiro, famous in Shanghai and Hong Kong before World War II and then in Macau where he formed a band and provided great entertainment for many at the Riviera Hotel there. Joana is a young successful conductor, recognised in Portugal, Europe and North America..... the following are excerpts from the program introducing the concert in Sydney.

"Noted for her vibrant performances and stylistic diversity, Joana Carneiro has attracted considerable attention as one of the most outstanding young conductors working today. Last

Joana Carneiro is the granddaughter of a renowned Macaense musician Art Carneiro.

year she was named music director of the Berkeley Symphony, succeeding Kent Nagano, and she is also the official guest conductor of the Gulbenkian Orchestra"

"In the 2009-10 season performance highlights have included her inaugural season with the Berkeley Symphony, debut concerts with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra and Seattle Symphony, a performance in Quito, Ecuador with Renee Fleming as soloist, and the opening of the Venice Biennale in the Gran Teatro de la

Fenice. She has also made a debut appearance with the Sao Paulo State Symphony, Ensemble Orchestra de Paris and the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra."

"Her Asian appearances have included the Macau Chamber Orchestra and Beijing Orchestra at the International Music Festival of Macau".....

"Joana Carneiro's potential was recognised when she was a finalist of the 2002 Maazel-Vilar Conductor's Competition. That same year she won the Young Musicians Foundation National Conductor Search, which led to a three-year term as Music Director of the Los Angeles Debut Orchestra. In 2003-4 she worked with Kurt Masur, Christoph von Dohnanyi and the London Philharmonic Orchestra as one of three conductors chosen for London's Allianz Cultural Foundation International Conductors Academy".....

"A native of Lisbon, Joana Carneiro began her musical studies as a violist before receiving her conducting degree from the Academia Nacional Superior de Orquestra in Lisbon, where she studied with Jean-Marc Burfin. She received her Masters' degree in orchestral conducting from Northwestern University, studying with Victor Yampolsky and MalloryThompson, and pursued doctoral studies at the University of Michigan, where she studied with Kenneth Kiesler.

In 2004 she was decorated by the President of the Portuguese Republic, Jorge Sampaio, with the Commendation of the Order of the Infante Dom Henrique.".....

Sunti and I thoroughly enjoyed the concert in Sydney, but my big regret was not being able to meet Joana while she was here in Sydney to discover her thoughts on being a Macaense.

Ed Rozario

Notices & Announcements

Queensland State Representative

The Committee is calling on members in Queensland to volunteer for the position of State representative. The role involves the planning of two functions a year for Casa members in your State, this includes selecting a venue, advising members and coordinating the RSVPs, as well as collecting members' contributions for the functions.

If you can help contact Ed Rozario via email at

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or call 0434-272-034

Macaenses Cooks

Thank you to all the members who agreed to provide a biography of their culinary skills for Henrique Manhão to include in his column in the Jornal Tribuna de Macau. So far he has published submissions from Lizette Viana Akouri and Bosco Correa which can be seen in the copies of the

Jornal posted on our Casa website.

2010 Membership

Renewals

Only paid up members will be receiving this Newsletter. Members should note that those who had not renewed by 31 March 2010 will have to re-apply for membership and will have lost their continuity of membership and therefore not be eligible for any subsidy for the upcoming Encontro.

Bursaries

The deadline for applying to Casa de Macau for its annual bursary has been extended to 30 April 2010 for those who qualify and are interested. Please contact the Secretary Mary Rigby via email at rigbyfamily@ozemail.com.au or call 02-4733-3862

For your information, the Casa de Macau bursary is awarded to Ordinary members who are in tertiary education.

Casa de Macau Cultural Centre

Sydenham Property Update



Macau Cultural Center
244 Umwins Bridge
Road Sydenham

As always this is a
“good news”
and
“bad news” story...

We have made some progress in regard to our premises at Sydenham. As always this is a “good news” “bad news” story. We have obtained some general costs on meeting the Council’s physical requirement before we are able to occupy the premises. After consulting with an architect, the “good news” is the disabled access has proven to be easier to achieve than first thought and can be done by providing a demountable ramp which can be obtained ready-made for approximately \$1,000. The modifications to the toilet to allow disabled persons’ use are also possible for under \$2,000.

The “bad news” is the cost to meet the fire safety conditions might amount to a more considerable sum. The initial estimate is around \$15,000 to provide

fire retarding screens and the required illuminated exit signs and fire extinguishers for inside the building.

Considering the total cost of the building and the time we have invested in meeting the Council’s requirement, the Committee does not feel that the above estimates are beyond our means. We are therefore pushing ahead with some informal dialogue with Council to try to get agreement on a relaxation of some of the conditions governing the maximum numbers permitted on our premises at any time and the hours of operation, especially on week-ends. The Committee has decided that if we can get some concession from Council, even on a trial basis, we will go ahead and spend the money necessary to obtain

an occupation permit for the premises.

Meanwhile, it is our opinion that if we cannot achieve a breakthrough with Council on the hours and numbers, our best remaining option might be to sell the premises and begin the search for a more appropriate property which would allow our association to conduct its activities without the restrictions we now face. This said, thankfully we can be confident that given the state of the property market in Sydney, we should not fear that Casa will suffer any significant financial setback should we decide to move in this direction.

We hope to be able to make a recommendation to members either way within 2-3 months.

The General Committee

Dragon Boat Racing

It has been suggested that we try to form a team to meet and race socially. Interested members should contact Brendan Basto or Josefa Coelho to register their interest. Casa de Macau has access to a boat for training and has an experienced and enthusiastic member who is prepared to coach and organise a team for the upcoming season. During the Chinese New Year period the annual Dragon Boat Racing was held at Darling Harbour. Some of the winners will be travelling to Canton to compete in the International Dragon Boat event there.

Brendan and I attended the Darling Harbour racing, with our families and were amazed to see there were nearly 3000 paddlers on the day, in all age groups. It looked like great fun and the racing was very keen. The event was very well organised with commentary on the history and tradition of the racing explained and lots of other activities for the kiddies etc. My grand kids had a ball and hopefully next year we may even get to cheer for our own team. Come on you fit young and not so young ones, sign up and have

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My Impression of the Trip to Portugal

Our itinerary was so well planned that we had time for sightseeing and shopping in all the towns and places of interest we visited from the north of the country to the south. We visited Porto, Guia (on the left bank of the River Douro), Braga (one of the oldest Christian cities in the World), Guimarães, the birthplace of the Portuguese nation and its 1st capital and was founded in 1139, the lovely Buçaco National Park on the southern slopes of the Serra do Buçaco, the old University town of Coimbra, the shrine at Fátima, Leiria, Nazaré, Óbidos, Sintra, Cabo da Roca (the westernmost part of continental Europe). Lisboa (including its attractive districts of Cascais and Estoril, among others) Setubal, Évora (the birthplace of Vasco da Gama), Albufeira and Loulé. We traversed the country from the Minho (District) in the north of Portugal to the Algarve in the south. On the way south we travelled through Lower Alentejo where we passed mile after mile of plantations with thousands of Cork trees on both sides of the National Highway. Portugal

accounts for at least 45-50 per cent of the world's cork production.

Shortly after our arrival in Lisboa from Óbidos, Becky Loc of Club Lusitano, a member of our group lost her passport while making a phone call in the hotel lobby. Unfortunately it was never recovered, presumably stolen by a thief lurking in there. During our two night stay in the capital we visited most of its important historic monuments and landmarks. We had dinner in well known fado restaurant in Alcântara. We enjoyed the fado music immensely and also the lively folk dancing performed by four dancers dressed in colourful regional costumes. There were also two brilliant male guitarists and a female piano accordionist performing.

Our last day in Lisboa was spent sightseeing and shopping at the venue of World Expo hosted recently by Lisboa, now converted into hundreds of chic boutiques, shops, salons and restaurants in an enormous multi storied shopping complex surrounded by tall modern buildings in an area formerly occupied

by docks and warehouses not unlike Sydney Darling Harbour but much more extensive.

After our frenetic shopping spree we were driven to the imposing clubhouse of our hosts, Casa de Macau, for a sumptuous cha gordo where we were welcomed by its gracious President. I was approached by one of the club members who turned out to be related to me through my grand uncle long deceased. He and his very charming and attractive wife went out of their way to be welcoming and hospitable to us. After a short welcoming speech by the club President, our group leaders were presented with gifts to commemorate our visit.

At the crack of dawn the next day, the Club Lusitano members caught their flight back to California, whereas we Aussies left for Lisbon Airport at 8.30 a.m. to fly back to Sydney arriving 25 hours later in the early morning of 28th October.

Gerard Ozorio

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Dragon Boat Racing

some fun. Lots of beer after all that paddling!

Brendan and Josefa's contacts are as follows:

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Macau Tourism Promotion

Martin Place - Sydney

Please see the attached flyer for details and if you are able to volunteer your time please contact Mary Rigby on 02-4733-3862 or email

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Volunteers Wanted



What's Happening Around Australia



Congratulations to Mark and Nicole Herrero as they joined hands in marriage on Friday 12th March.

Photo

Left to Right Cesar and Simone Lim, Mark and Nicole Herrere, Yvonne and Manuel Herrero. Front Damon Herrero

Muito Parabens to Betty

Celebrating a 96th birthday is a huge achievement in anyone's lifetime. Add a hip replacement surgery a month prior and what you get is nothing short of a miracle. Belated congratulations to Beatriz (Betty) Maria Vieira Ribeiro Cruz for the 17th March, St. Patrick's Day. She also officially holds the title of the current eldest Casa member in Australia. Betty's family convey their thanks and acknowledgement for the prayers and get well cards received to date.



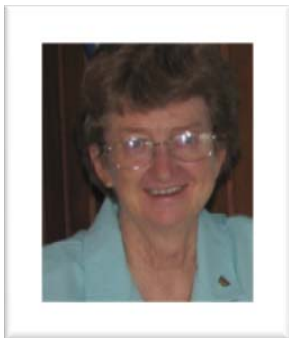
**Congratulations
Frank and Vivi
Correa**

Congratulations to Frank and Vivi Correa who welcomed a new grand -son who was born in Hong Kong.. Details are as follows:

Name: Sebastian Marcel Correa

Born: 13th March, 2010 in Hong Kong.

Parents - Anthony Correa and Rebecca Correa



AUSTRALIA SAYS THANK YOU TO GWEN BRAGA

Former lieutenant of Women's Royal Australia Army Corps (WRAAC) and present President of the Queensland State Council Meals on Wheels Services, Gwen receives recognition in the Lord Mayor's Australia Day Achievement Awards - 2010.

Another "Filho de Macau - FDM" success story. Gwen is a daughter-in-

law of renowned South China historian Jose Maria (Jack) Braga. Jack's prominence together with his private library of 6,500 books and voluminous personal transcripts has become an integral part of the National Library of Australia in Canberra.

In 1952 Jack sent his sons to Australia to complete their education. One of the Braga boys,

Jose Antonio (Zeca) married Gwen in 1965 and they have 4 boys and 9 grandchildren.

Quoting THE LOCAL NEWS - February 2010 "For many years Gwen has been involved in community activities, including school tuckshops, Neighbourhood Watch and Meals on Wheels. Gwen has been an integral part of Meals

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AUSTRALIA SAYS THANK YOU TO GWEN BRAGA

on Wheels for 15 years and was elected President of State Council of Queensland Meals on Wheels Services associa-

tion in 2008. Gwen is a dedicated member of Meals on Wheels and is an upstanding member of the community. Gwen is also the secretary of the Indooroopilly Senior Citizens Club, and dedicates countless hours to making sure the club operates seamlessly."

Well done Gwen, you are a credit to the Macaense Diaspora and the "Filhos de Macau" applaud you on your success.

Submitted by

Maria Braga



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Ten Year old Aimee makes it at the Cheerleader Competition



ENDEAVOUR HILLS cheerleader Aimee Gonsalves hopes to bring it on as she perfects her tumblers, chants and stunts for the International All Star Federation (IASF) Cheerleading Worlds in the USA. Ten year old Aimee and her 21 fellow team mates, the Xtreme Superstars, will fly to Orlando, Flor-

ida, in April for the event. We wish them all the best!!!!

Aimee is the daughter of Anne Gonsalves and the granddaughter of Pat and Angela Gonsalves and all are members of the Victorian branch of Casa de Macau. Well done, Aimee!

Wedding Bells for the Noronha Family



My wife Therese and I are most happy to welcome into our family our new daughter-in-law Kimberley Cox. She was married to our second son, Gabriel Ricardo Noronha, on the 6th

February 2010 at a wonderful ceremony presided by Father Brian Mascord, a Dominican priest formerly of Maitland Parish in charge of the Antioch group. He was ably assisted

by Father Maurice Cahill (retired) who had been our parish priest for many years until his retirement. The third presiding minister was Captain Steve of the Salvation Army. Kym has been a member of the Salvation Army congregation for many years.

It was a relatively simple wedding which lasted for just over an hour. It composed of Bible readings from the Old and New Testament followed by vows and prayers. My other sons, Guilherme Eduardo and Emile Rui, performed at the ceremony. The music for

the bridal entrance was a composition by Enzo Moriconi's called "Gabriel's Oboe" played by Emile on a flute accompanied by Tom on organ and Mark Wilson on a harpsichord. The bride was radiant in her beautiful gown. She was ably assisted by Tracy, her bridesmaid and Kayle as the page boy. Gabriel's best man was Craig Ross, his best friend since primary school days. Guilherme sang all the Mass responses and the Psalms and was supported by the congregation. Kym's friend, Felicity, did the first reading, and my

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cousin, Carl Ware, did the second reading. My sisters, Diana Maria Simpson and Camille Patricia Saucis, along with Kym's aunt read the prayers of the faithful.

One of the ceremonies that tickled the fancy of many was the lighting of the family candles, one for the Cox and one for the Noronha families from the Papal candle and then the couple,

after having exchanged their vows, lit their own candle from each of the respective family candles.

Our guests numbered some 120 plus, composed mainly of family. The pride of place was taken by my uncle, Leo Osmund, unfortunately Auntie Loudres and Uncle Tony Bayot were unable to attend. Other guests included godparents, Paul Martin, Phil Watson and Lyn Agnew, all my children and

their partners, Richard Basto and Paula Cruz, my old friends, the Maitland Hockey Group and many more, too numerous to name them all. The reception was held at my favourite Chinese Restaurant called the Imperial Palace. The meal was well lubricated by champagne and red wine from the Clare Valley of South Australia. There were also plenty soft drinks for our teetotaler guests.

The newlyweds went to Apollo Bay for their honeymoon. Gabriel, in his rush forgot to pack his camera but fortunately they had their camera phone with them, so all was not lost.

Al Noronha

Bursary Recipients for 2009

[Lauren Meagan Creus (Pictured on the
 [right) is doing Bachelor of International
 [Communications at Macquarie University.
 [Lauren is the daughter of Norman Ber-
 [nard Creus and Socorro Maria (Cruz)
 [Creus. Lauren is the granddaughter of
 [Turibio Jose Cruz and Elsilia Socorro
 [(Fernandes) Cruz
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[Melinda Alice Rita Deacon (left) is
 [doing her Bachelor of Science majoring
 [in Geology at Macquarie University
 [Melinda is the daughter of Leonor
 [Andrade and Ken Deacon. She is the
 [grand daughter of Daniel Andrade and
 [Aida Paz.
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Bursary Recipients for 2009 *Continued*



James Nicholas Parry (Left) is doing his Bachelor of Science at Melbourne University.

James is the son of Mark Parry and Ilda Maria Rita De Mendonca Botelho Parry. He is the grandson of Baltazar da Conceicao Reis Botelho and Lilia Maria Machado de Mendonca Botelho



Veronica Jorge (right) was born in Macau then raised in Australia. Her parents are Natalino do M. J Assis Jorge and Joana Leong Jorge.

Veronica is doing her Bachelor of Business at the University of Technology.



Alexandra Jessica Griskaitis is doing her Bachelor of Education (Primary_ at the Australian Catholic University.

Alexandra is the daughter of Carolina Maria Teresa de Mello Leitao Griskaitis. Her grandparents are Antonia Mario de Mello Leitao and Mabel Audrey Ablong Rodrigues

Jacob Manuel Antonio is doing a Bachelor of Music Studies at Sydney Conservatorium of Music, University of Sydney

Jacob is the son of Dr Francisco Ernesto Antonio and Alison Antonio.



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tember], four others, Miss Geraldine Jorge, Mrs Edna Pinna, Miss Marie Pereira and Miss Elsa da Silva left for Hongkong to join the same service.

Sadly, although British members of the Volunteers were well treated after the war by the British Government, the Portuguese boys did not receive the same benefits, despite a long campaign that went on for years and led to much bitterness. In the short, bloody battle for Hong Kong in December 1941, they had fought for King and Empire alongside the British boys, but after the war they were not regarded as being of equal status.

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Rebecca Ann Viana Akouri is doing a Bachelor of Business and Bachelor of Science in Information Technology at the University of Technology Sydney.

Rebecca is the daughter of Lizette Viana and Tony Akouri. She is the grand daughter of Eurico Gregorio da Luz Viana and Ermelinda Viana.

Jocelino Jorge finished his Bachelor of Business (Sport Management) at the University of Western Sydney 2009. Jocelino sent us a photo of his graduation.. Congratulations and well done .



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