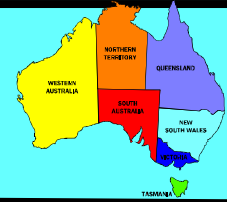


# Casa Down Under Newsletter



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## President's Report

Dear Casa Members,

Following the recent mailout to all members in late May, it is with much pleasure that I report, on behalf of the Committee, that our Casa is now in possession of a modest premises at Sydenham (244 Unwins Bridge Road); as an administrative base accommodating an office; library resource and for cultural support. There is a lot of work to bring our 'house' to order and we invite members to assist and participate in this new chapter of our Casa's history in fulfilling one of our main objectives. There are intentions of hold-

whelming and positive response from our membership.

I am happy to report that Judy Rocha has put in an expression of interest to fill the Committee vacancy (previously held by José Carlos da Silva) and was welcomed at our May Committee meeting. We thank Judy for her interest to support our Casa and Committee.

More information has come to hand in regard to the visit by the Macau Youth Symphony Orchestra (previously men-



ing several 'open days' for interested members; details of same will be advised. Congratulatory messages have been included in this newsletter for your information from various associations & affiliations. There has also been an over-

tioned in my report of the March issue). Our Casa received a request 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 Or-

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chestra to Sydney from 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> August. I refer you to Ian Hamilton's letter of request (see within newsletter) to Casa members for assistance with billeting and transport of the 75 orchestra members. Casa members are asked to also support the concert scheduled for Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> August, at 7pm at the Conservatorium of Music, Sydney. As more information comes to hand in regard to ticket price and sales, this will be forwarded for your attention. Please be generous and support this musical and cultural experience.

Interested members will be pleased to note that there has been an extension of time for the Logo Competition from the Confraria da Gastronomia Macanese (Confraternity of Macanese Gastronomy) to 5pm on 29<sup>th</sup> June and to provide submissions directly to the organisers. However, as a courtesy, we ask that you advise Casa Committee of your participation via email or post to our Secretary, Mary Rigby. Best wishes to all our contestants.

There has been much interest from members to participate in this year's Encontro 2007 in November. Please refer to the information contained within this newsletter from our Vice President, Marcus Gutierrez, Co-ordinator. To date, Casa has not received any draft programme nor subsidy news.

Dia de S João will be celebrated in NSW on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June at Petersham Town Hall. Thanks to our committed interstate representatives, other States will gather socially to coincide with this weekend. I look forward to catching up with NSW members then and to welcome 'the RosSou' at their first live Casa gig.

I take leave with the following:

"Imagine life as a game in which you are juggling five balls in the air. You name them - work, family, health, friends, and spirit - and you're keeping all of these in the air. You will soon understand that work is a rubber ball. If you drop it, it will bounce back. But the other four balls - family, health, friends, and spirit are made of glass. If you drop one of these, they will be irrevocably scuffed, marked, nicked, damaged, or even shattered. They will never be the same. You must understand that and strive for 'balance' in your life", Brian Dyson, CEO of Coca Cola Enterprises from 1959-94.

Kind regards,

Yvonne Herrero



On a private trip to Adelaide this April to visit her aunt Hilda Langdon, our President Yvonne Herrero caught up with the hospitality shown by interstate representative for SA, Aileen Guterres and former Representative, Helena de Figueiredo (including sisters Marie Celeste and Charlotta & 'Bina 2').

## 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.

On this CD he sings in Patuá some old Macanese favourites like 'Mufino', 'Chapa Cherâ Chipi Chuchu', 'Ai Qui Saião' and many more.

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

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**PO Box A908**

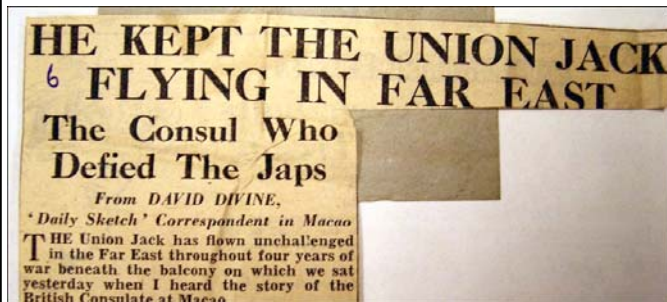
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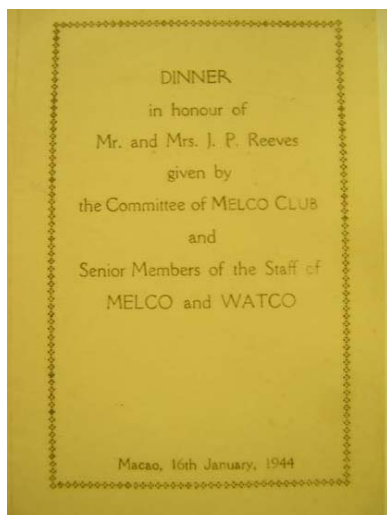
## 'He kept the Union Jack flying in the Far East'

Stuart Braga



This was the headline of an article by the British war correspondent, David Divine, in the London Daily Sketch about the work of the British Consul in wartime Macau. Appointed as vice-consul in what was for the British Foreign office a remote and insignificant outpost, the

young diplomat, John Reeves, became a key man between 1942 and 1945, when thousands of refugees poured into the little Portuguese colony from Hong Kong. British civilians were interned at Stanley, and prisoners of war, including members of the Hong Kong volunteers, were crammed into an army camp at Shumshuipo, Kowloon. Hong Kong's Portuguese population fled by the thousands to Macau, and almost ten thousand of them were able to claim British nationality. Most were destitute and almost starving. It was John Reeves' responsibility to care for them as best he could. Reeves had been sent to Macau shortly before the outbreak of war for a 'rest cure' from Mukden, in Japanese-occupied



This lapel badge bears the inscription 'H.B.M. Consulate, Macao' (His Britannic Majesty's Consulate, Macao).

It was issued to people employed by John Reeves as staff members and guards.

Manchuria, a forbidding place at the best of times. Some rest cure!

At the British consulate in Macau flew the Union Jack, the only Allied flag between India and Alaska, apart from the Allied embassies in Chungking. It was a beacon of hope for desperate people. David Divine, writing on 29th September, 1945, six weeks after the Japanese surrender, concluded his article by saying the 'the Union Jack of Macao should be given an honoured place among the treasures of the Foreign Office.'

As well as distributing the pitifully small British government subsidy, Reeves hired some of the younger men as consulate guards. He was a tacit supporter of the Resistance, though he had to be very circumspect. On 16th January, 1944, despite the straitened circumstances of those desperate times, members of the Portuguese community, led by Jack Braga, tendered him a Testimonial Dinner in gratitude for what he had done.

David Divine's article almost certainly stemmed from four lengthy cables sent to Reuter's News Agency by its Macau representative, Jack Braga, on 24th September. He wanted the story to be told and remembered. The press telegrams of that era were written in a language of their own, with words run together and Latin prefixes added to save money. What do you make of this?

'englishlanguage newspaper parrefugeesreceived wholehearted encouragement thereby maintaining British etalied viewpoints during omniphases conflict'.

Edited, Jack Braga's telegrams read, in part:

'Bespectacled, wiry-looking John Pownall Reeves will remain in the memory of Macao's wartime history as a figure representing unflinching confidence in the final outcome of Allied victory. His dynamic, democratic attitude enabled him to transmit inspiring encouragement to all Allied subjects and Portuguese citizens, all of whom were Allied supporters, especially during the early phase of the war when the Japanese were triumphant.

He maintained morale at all times, despite his wife being marooned in Hongkong and his only child sick. After the Japanese occupation of Hongkong, numerous Allied subjects seeking shelter in Macao approached Reeves, whose Union Jack was the solitary symbol of the Allied cause. They received generous assistance and words of

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consolation. Meanwhile, Reeves obtained stories of Japanese atrocities and excesses which the British Foreign Secretary transmitted to Parliament, causing worldwide indignation.

Reeves successfully solicited the British Government to give consideration to the necessity of granting relief subsidies, owing to the impossibility of diminutive, unproductive Macao providing employment. The number of refugees who were British subjects at the conclusion of the war was nearly ten thousand, and there were a thousand American citizens. Reeves also acted on behalf of the American government in promoting their welfare.

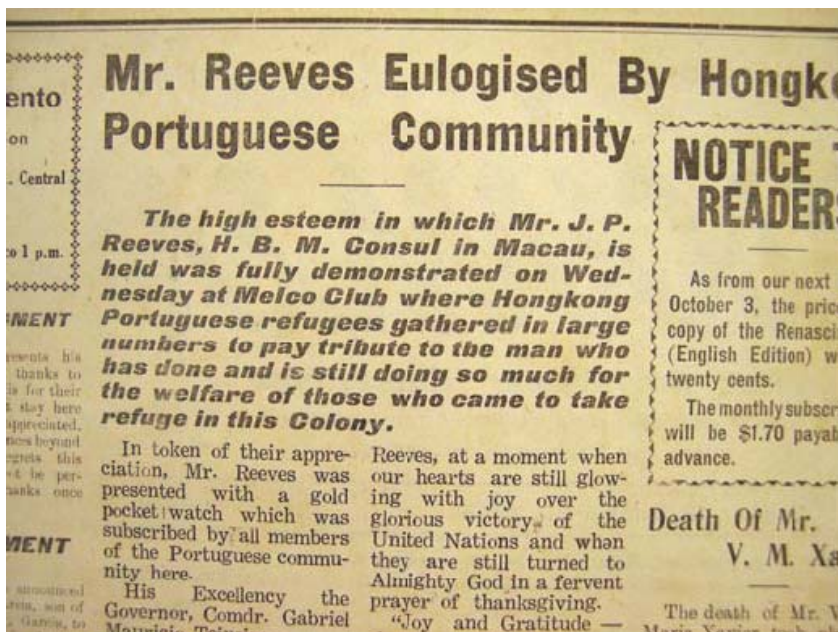
A large proportion of those reaching Macao in the early months of 1942 suffered the effects of malnutrition, causing the Portuguese government to promote health measures as far as circumstances permitted, while Reeves established medical dispensaries catering for the needs of British subjects.

Collaborating with Portuguese authorities, Reeves helped to subsidise British subjects of Portuguese extraction. This did much to alleviate hardship. However, owing to the exorbitant prices of foodstuffs, the British government's remittances were hardly sufficient for the barest necessities, causing Reeves and his wife, who meanwhile had been released by the Japanese, to collaborate with leading Portuguese and Chinese citizens in promoting public charities. When conditions made it desirable to increase the Macao police force, Reeves encouraged British subjects to join. Many distinguished themselves alongside other members of the police in the execution of their duties.

With English education languishing, Reeves sought the establishment of English-language primary schools to supplement Portuguese schools. When a technical school for adults was set up in 1945, it too received subsidies from the British consul. There were other marks of his solicitude for the activities of the refugees, while promotion of sports received the most active support and generous contributions, enabling all classes to participate in games, Reeves himself playing hockey, while his constant presence at every social activity contributed greatly to the maintenance of high morale. He gave wholehearted encouragement to an English language edi-

tion of the newspaper *Renascimento* for refugees. This paper maintained British and Allied viewpoints during all phases of the conflict. Despite Japanese protestations, the Portuguese authorities gave friendly recognition to the paper.

Throughout the war, Reeves and his wife, despite their daughter's serious illness, gave continuous personal attention to the affairs of almost every individual, applying advice throughout the day and often late at night, displaying fatherly interest in every phase of the life of refugees. In cases of distress, he sought to alleviate their afflictions, and endeavoured to distribute as equitably as possible the generous though never sufficient remit-



tances from the British government.'

Upon the conclusion of the war, Reeves was enthusiastically feted publicly at a dinner given on 3rd November, 1945, by the Hong Kong Portuguese community. Within a few months, most had returned to Hong Kong to get on with their lives, so cruelly interrupted by war.

The press cuttings illustrated here and the text of the telegrams sent to Reuter's are all from the wonderful J.M. Braga collection in the National Library of Australia in

Canberra. The badge issued by the British consulate in Macau was also his. It must be very rare. Does anyone else have one? If you do, treasure it. It is a relic of a heroic time.





## News from Macau

### South China Morning Post, Hong Kong

Wednesday, May 2, 2007

EDITORIAL/LEADER

### Macau must deal with casino boom wealth gap

Police thought they were well prepared for yesterday's May Day protest in Macau. The security chief vowed there would be no repeat of last year's violent clashes with protesters. That his prediction was proved so wrong is evidence that while Macau's gambling wealth may have eclipsed that of Las Vegas, it has done nothing for social harmony and stability. The economic benefits of the casino boom have not filtered down to many Macau residents, while property prices and rents have outstripped their means. Social unrest came to a head yesterday with unprecedented calls from some for the resignation of Macau Chief Executive Edmund Ho Hau-wah.

It is less than two years since Mr Ho basked in the praise of President Hu Jintao, who held up Macau as a model of "one country, two systems". But the endorsement came with a caution and some advice. Despite Macau's fast-paced development, Mr Hu said, deep-rooted problems and conflict persisted. Mr Ho's government should be diligent, corruption-free and effective in providing quality services to the people. In other words, if Mr Ho did not address the causes of the social problems and ensure clean government, the administration could run into trouble. It took the recent arrest of former Macau minister Ao Man-long on charges of corruption and financial crimes to stir Mr Ho into public action.

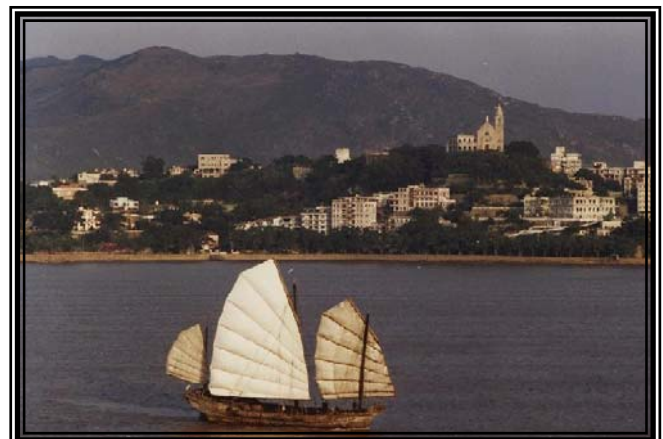
Earlier this month the government announced a string of policies aimed at cooling the property market and boosting public housing. But it was too little, too late to address the social grievances. The economic basis for the discontent is easily illustrated. Per capita gross domestic product in the gambling enclave has risen about 60 per cent since 2003 and stood at 227,508 patacas last year, overtaking Hong Kong's HK\$214,710. Meanwhile, the median monthly income of unskilled workers has grown only 23 per cent to 3,809 patacas, while the con-

sumer price index has risen 13 per cent.

While younger Macau residents have been able to compete with imported labour for better-paying jobs in the casinos, older unskilled workers have found life harder. The gambling boom has created jobs but many people do not believe the official unemployment figure of less than 4 per cent. Rather, they blame the influx of imported labour, legal and illegal, for the loss of jobs and low wages. Their feelings of resentment and unfairness exploded at yesterday's rally.

It is unfortunate that there were scuffles and that the protests led to the discharge of firearms by police. Police say this was only to get the protesters' attention to prevent stampeding after someone had fallen. But while the desire to prevent injury is laudable, the use of firearms in such circumstances could prompt the stampede police say they were trying to prevent. Such an act is also inherently dangerous and risks aggravating a tense situation. Hong Kong police facing more provocative protests at the World Trade Organisation conference in 2005 did not find it necessary to use firearms.

The dramatic development of the gambling industry in Macau has clearly resulted in problems. But along with the related tourism industry, it is the only big card Macau has to play. It has been successful in kick-starting economic development almost overnight. Such rapid change can, however, be difficult to manage. There is a need for clean and transparent governance that strives to broaden participation in new economic and employment opportunities. Surging economic growth is not enough on its own. More must be done to narrow the gap between those who have benefited from Macau's casino-driven boom and those who have been left behind.







## CONCURSO PARA CRIAÇÃO DE LOGOTIPO

### “CONFRARIA DA GASATRONOMIA MACAENSES”

O prazo para a entrega dos trabalhos do Concurso para a criação de logotipo para a Confraria da Gastronomia Macaenses organizado por esta Confraria foi prorrogado até às 17H00 do dia 29 de Junho de 2007.

Qualquer informação relacionada com este concurso pode ser obtida através do telefone 28533544 - 61 ou fax 28524012, ou na página electrónica da confraria no <http://www.apim.org.mo/confraria>

Macau, 18 de Maio de 2007.

O Presidente da Direcção

Hugo Robarts Bandeira

## CONTEST FOR THE LOGO CREATION

### CONFRARIA DA GASTRONOMIA MACAENSE

(Confraternity of Macanese Gastronomy)

The date for the delivery of the works for the above contest organized by this Confraternity has been extended until 5 p.m. of the 29<sup>th</sup> June 2007.

Any information concerning this contest can be obtained though the phone (853) 28533544 or fax (853)28524012 or at <http://www.apim.org.mo/confraria>.

The President of Board of Director  
Hugo Robarts Bandeira

## Reader's Contributions

The following article was submitted by Peter Grills after being inspired by Stuart Braga's article in the March edition of the Newsletter. We sincerely thank Peter for his contribution and would encourage our readers to also contribute articles of interest.

Thank you Peter for your contribution.

Editor



### An article for the CASA newsletter regarding the Ordem de Cristo.

In Stuart Braga's excellent article on Portuguese awards to Hong Kong Residents, he referred to several who had been appointed to the Ordem de Cristo (Military Order of Christ).

This is one of a group of three Portuguese Military Orders known collectively as "The Ancient Portuguese Military Orders". It was founded by King Dom Diniz in 1318 to replace the banned Order of the Templars (well known in the context of the Crusades). Many of Portugal's most famous names in history, including Prince Henry the Navigator, Vasco da Gama, and King Dom

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Manuel I were involved in the order, as was King John III. The order has always been closely associated with the Catholic Church, again dating back to Pope John XXII in the 14<sup>th</sup> century. It was reformed in the 18<sup>th</sup> century by Queen Dona Maria I, who gave it its current structure of Grand master, Grand Commander, Grand Cross, Commander, and Cavaleiro (Knight).

Along with many things previously associated with the monarchy, the order was briefly disbanded by the Provisional Government of the Republic in 1910, but reinstated back to its former status in 1918, with a more secular basis.

Despite its military emphasis, the order can be bestowed on both civilians and the military, and is awarded for services to Portugal and to humanity, particularly for outstanding services to the Republic, in parliament, in the government, in the diplomatic service, in the Courts of Justice, on public authorities or on the Civil Service.

I am interested in the Order because, in addition to the recipients identified by Stuart Braga, my father-in-law, Fernando de Menezes Ribeiro, was made knight of the Order in 1956.

Because of his fluency in Portuguese, English and Cantonese, Fernando was chosen from the Macau Administration to help re-open the Portuguese consulate in Hong Kong after the Japanese occupation during World War II. Fernando went on to become Vice-consul, and worked in the Hong Kong Consulate until 1963, when he accepted an appointment to Canberra. He was also integrally involved in the establishment, fundraising and Government approval of the Hong Kong Portuguese community school "Escola Camoes" in 1954, and his award was in recognition of his achievements in both those areas.

**Sources** Family records of Fernando's award, as confirmed from the 'Order of Christ (Portugal)' Wikipedia on line encyclopaedia entry, and the Web Site "The Portuguese Military Orders".



## Congratulations

We have received several congratulatory messages on the acquisition of a new *home* for Casa de Macau Inc. Some of the messages received so far are listed below...

Exma. Senhora

Yvonne Herrero

M.I. Presidente da Casa de Macau Inc. Australia

Em nome do CONSELHO DAS COMUNIDADES MACAENSES, venho por este meio Felicitar a vossa Casa de Macau Inc. da Australia pela aquisição da instalação para Sede da vossa prestigiosa Casa, ao mesmo tempo que desejando os maiores sucessos no seu funcionamento.

Com os melhores cumprimentos.

O Presidente do Conselho Geral do Conselho das Comunidades Macaenses

Leonel Alberto Alves

O Presidente do Conselho Permanente do Conselho das Comunidades Macaenses

José Manuel de Oliveira Rodrigues

O Secretário-Geral do Conselho Permanente do Conselho das Comunidades Macaenses

Luís P. de Castro Machado

### Local:

- ❖ Portuguese Consul General of Sydney, Dr. J. Perestrello
- ❖ MGTO Sydney, Helen Wong, General Manager



Overseas:

Macau:

Conselho Das Comunidades Macaenses, CCM,

- ❖ Leonel Alberto Alves, President of the General Committee;
- ❖ Jose Manuel de Oliveira Rodrigues, President of the Permanent Committee,
- ❖ Luis de Castro Machado, Secretary General of the Standing Committee

Associação Promotora da Instrução dos Macaenses, API M,

Dr. José Manuel de Oliveira Rodrigues, President

Portugal:

- ❖ Dr. M. Brandao & Dr. J. Amarin, Fundacao Oriente, Portugal
- ❖ Portugal, Gabriela Cesar

USA:

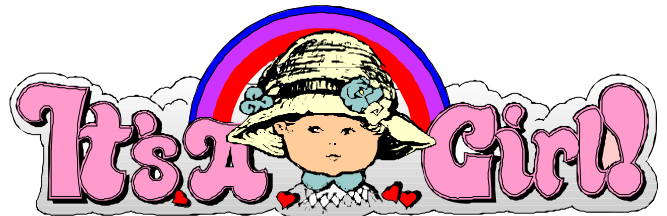
- ❖ UMA, Raquel Remedios, President
- ❖ Lusitano Club of California, Maria Roliz, President
- ❖ Casa de Macau USA, Henrique Manhao, President
- ❖ A Diaspora Macanese na America, Horatio Ozorio

CANADA:

- ❖ Casa de Macau Toronto, Monica Alves, President
- ❖ Casa de Macau Vancouver, Mickey Roza, ex President
- ❖ Macau Cultural Club of Vancouver, Carlos Cordeiro, ex President

We have also received many congratulatory mes-

sages from Sydney members as well as from interstate. Regrettably due to space constraints we are unable to print them all. Please accept our heartfelt thanks for all your kind thoughts on this very auspicious occasion in the life of Casa de Macau in Australia.



Vivi and Frank Correa have pleasure in announcing the birth of their second grand-child, Ella Jasmine Correa, daughter of Heidi and Michael, born on 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2007 in Singapore.



Victorian member Rei Collaco and Edlea Nagahasi Torre of Brazil were married on 3rd February, 2007, at the Hidden Gardens in Queens Park, Moonee Ponds, Victoria, followed by a reception at Ishtar Receptions in Coolaroo. The bride was given away by Adroaldo "Al" Collaco, father of the groom.





## Obituaries

It is with great sadness that we announce that **Mr. Jorge E. H. Rangel** has passed away on 15th April, 2007. Mr. Rangel was the father of Dr. Jorge (Jimmy) Rangel, President of International Institute of Macau. A funeral mass was held on 19th April, 2007, at 9 pm at the Diocesan Morgue.

May he rest in peace with God.



### Alfred (Alf) Antonio Barros

29th August 1936 - 24th April 2007

Beloved husband of Maria Eugenia (Jenny) Barros, father and father-in-law of Rita and Roly, grandfather of Sebastian and Jude.



**Arthur Gomes** passed away on 25th April, 2007, in Queen Mary Hospital after being admitted with high fever and chest infection. He was 90.

For most of his life, Arthur Gomes, worked in the shipping industry. He worked well into his eighties, most recently for the American Chamber of Commerce. The MBE holder, who founded the Hong Kong Prisoners of War Association in 1954, was a survivor of the Battle of Hong Kong. He was a lance-corporal in the Hong Kong Volunteers Defence Corps. He was ordered to protect the British families living in May Road Central. This meant he was not involved in the savage fighting in other areas of Hong Kong Island. He lived to surrender and was taken prisoner on Christmas Day, 1941. The happiest day of his life was when the Japanese surrendered and he was liberated.

He is survived by his daughter Cinthy.



**Michael McDougall** passed away on 8th April, 2007, of heart failure at UCSF Medical Center, aged 77. He was professor of architecture and planning for two decades at California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, where he helped develop a degree programme in urban planning. A native of Swatow, China, where his father directed a shipping company, Professor McDougall graduated from the University of Hong Kong School of Architecture and received a master's degree from Cornell University. Professor McDougall was an accomplished water colourist and was an authority on the history of Macau. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Dawnna, of San Luis Obispo, and by children Eric, Marina and Deanna McDougall all of San Francisco and Leslie McDougall of Minneapolis.

*This is an extract of an article which appeared in the San Francisco Chronicle.*

## Eulogy

### IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DARLING MOTHER

SISTER, AUNTY, COUSIN, FRIEND AND,  
ABOVE ALL, NOELLA'S GRANDMOTHER.



NOEMIA NATHALIA VICTORIA URRACA  
ERMYLIA JORGE dos SANTOS

1921 - 2007

Mum: at least you are now re-united with Dad. We all miss you for all that you have meant for us, your children, especially your adoring grandchild, Noella.



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With you go our prayers, our loving thoughts, in the knowledge that your spirit lives within us. Rest in peace alongside with Dad...now and forever. You are both finally re-united and may the Good Lord bless you.

Lots of love. We miss you terribly much.

Uncle Natalino, Noel Henrique, Filomena and your one and only granddaughter, Noella.



*Tribute to the memory of Jorge E. H. Rangel which was published in the Tribuna de Macau newspaper on 15th May, 2007 and translated from Portuguese by J. A. Estorninho.*

Remembering a good friend, happy and uncomplicated -  
**Jorge E. H. Rangel**

By José L. R. Estorninho

To remember is to live. It is with fond memories that I put down some recollections of my childhood and, of course, I would like to share my memories of an old and dear friend, Jorge E. H. Rangel. At the same time, I would like to pay my deep respect to his memory, at the completion of one month after his death.

We were neighbours and lived in the block of houses in Rua da Praia Grande, an area of the city renowned for its ambience and the quality of life we enjoyed in those days. Although there was a big age gap between myself and my good friend Rangel, I am certain there was a kind of chemistry that joined us together as friends.

I remember, for example, towards the end of the 50s and 60s, Rua da Praia Grande was practically the stage where the most important happenings in Macau took place. It was also the place where everyday life manifested itself, from the humblest to the highest origins in the territory. The most important events unfolded, many times almost inevitably, a mere few metres from our houses, right under our windows. It was as if everything happened so incredibly close to us just as if we were watching a giant screen showing a live transmission.

It was really a nice area to live in, where we could enjoy the beautiful views from our houses; we could watch sailing junks anchor in the bay where leafy trees would lend an air of tranquillity, but would offer at the same time a lively colour of life to those who lived there. I can testify to this even though I was a mere child then: anyone who lived there would never forget.

I remember those pleasant men with their tricycles or rickshaws in front of our houses; the fishermen with their rods sitting on the embankment wall of the bay; or in bamboo huts with their nets in front of "Bom Parto" fort; the students and their senior missionaries of the Ricci School; the coffee vendor "On Kei"; grocer "A Hoi"; the "ngau nam min"; the fried "ngau lei sou", and "iau chá kuai" with "pak chuk".

I remember, too, those men with their mobile carts selling ice cream; the "tin-tin" men who went around collecting newspaper and other items; "mak ngá tong" and "chu cheong fan"; "kau chang kou"; "tau fu fá"; "chá tau fu and van tan"; "ham ioc chong"; the woman selling bread and sweet cakes; fruits; and the man selling gasoline and the newspaper sellers.

I remember father Moreira of S. Lourenço parish, who used to travel on foot down all those steps from his church, together with his assistant, down past the slope next to the Government Palace, carrying a cross, incense and holy water to come and bless our houses at Easter.

I remember the Pousada de Macau where the sweet smell of their famous traditional cooking would assail every passer-by, and their cooks in their white aprons, carefree and happy while they took time to rest in a free moment.

I remember the Pousada de Macau with the racing cars parked around there about the time of the Grand Prix in November each year.

I remember the big typhoons that would come regularly in the hot summer months, devastating everything in their paths with strong winds which blew against our houses and whipped up great waves against the bay walls.

I remember the raising and the lowering of the Portu-

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guese National flag and the guards of the colonial army from Mozambique at the Government Palace with their red Fez and mauser rifles with drawn bayonets; they were later replaced by the military police.

I remember the daily passage of the classic "Princess", the dark limousine that used to carry the then governors of Macau to work.

I remember the military parades to celebrate the National day on 10<sup>th</sup> June with substantial support of the population of Macau.

I remember the ferries "Tak Shin", "Fat Shan" and the "Tai Loi" which would sound their loud horns to announce their arrival at Barra, the entrance to Inner Harbour.

I remember the fireworks on 1<sup>st</sup> October to celebrate China's National day followed by the nationalists on 10<sup>th</sup> October; the dragon boat races; the foot races and the cycling races; our Lady of Fatima procession to Penha Hill and the Chinese New Year.

I remember the 123 incidents.

I remember the racing cars of the Macau Grand Prix and their drivers, the smell of burning oil and tyres from their cars and the ear shattering noises from their racing engines which permeated the whole area every year in November.

Finally, I remember Christmas, and the presents I would receive every year when I went to visit my old and good friend Rangel in house number 13.

I remember also, the walks my old friend Rangel used to take during his free times with his much loved dog "Lucky" followed by his cat "Coco".

What I remember the most is his friendship, his happy nature and unsophisticated ways, the good disposition and a ready smile every time he met me.



## Urgent appeal for billeting for members of the Macau Youth Symphony Orchestra

Dear NSW Members of Casa de Macau,

In early February 2006, SBS Youth Orchestra (SBSYO) was invited to participate in a cultural exchange with the Macau Youth Symphony Orchestra (MYSO) over the Easter period. This exchange involved two performances, one in the Macau cultural centre and the other in the Hong Kong Academy of Performing Arts. These concerts involved items by both orchestras and one combined item where the concerts were part of the SBSYO celebration of Centenary of Shostakovich and 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Mozart. The tour was a successful musical experience for the young Australians.

Fatima De Assis (member of Casa de Macau) attended this exchange along with some 37 other Australians representing the SBSYO. During this visit, dialogue began with regard to a possible reciprocal event. Contacts included an interview with the Portuguese Radio and also the television media to assist with advertising. It was a unique opportunity for the young Australians to tour some of the favourite cultural icons and landmarks including St Paul's Ruins. Senior members of the orchestra had a first hand experience at the Casinos. The visit provided an insight into the true meaning of what it means to be Macanese.

At present, Fatima as Deputy Orchestral Manager for the SBSYO is working in association with MYSO, the Macau Tourism Bureau and would like to encourage members of Casa da Macau to support this visit between August 9th and 12th 2007, as seventy five members of the MYSO (41 girls and 34 boys) will be visiting Sydney and performing at the Conservatorium of Music in a joint performance. Casa will be investigating the possibility of hosting an event, possibly on Friday evening (of the 10<sup>th</sup> August), where both Casa da Macau and SBSYO could welcome the delegation from Macau.

The SBSYO has asked Casa de Macau members to assist by billeting the young players (ages from 14 to 25) during their stay.

### What will be involved is:

\* Picking them up at SBS Artarmon at 5pm on Thursday 9th August.

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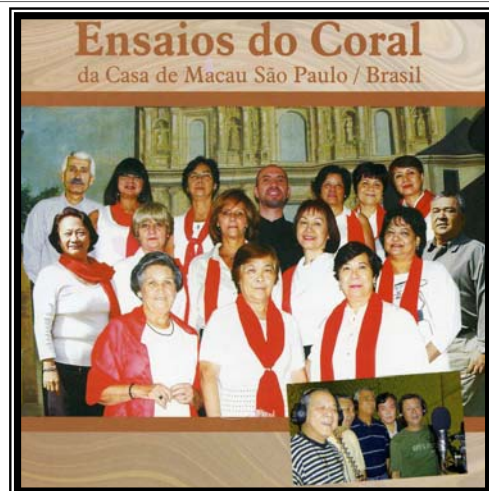
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- \* Dropping them off at the Conservatorium of Music at 10am on Friday 10th. Pick up will be at SBS at a time to be advised as an evening function is in preparation (approximately 9pm).
- \* Hosting them on Saturday until they are dropped off at the Conservatorium of Music for their rehearsal at 4pm. Picking them up at 9.30pm after their 7pm concert.
- \* On Sunday, additional touring activities are being planned. At present, they need to be dropped off at SBS early afternoon. Their flight from Sydney to Hobart requires them to be at the domestic airport at about 5 - 5.30pm.

If you can help with this request, please advise how many young people you will be prepared to host during this period. Can you provide your:

1. name
2. address
3. phone number (including fax/mobile)
4. email address

the number of children (and their ages) in your household.

Members who can assist with this request are asked in the first instance to contact our Casa Secretary Mary Rigby, (47333682 or email: [rigbyfamily@ozemail.com.au](mailto:rigbyfamily@ozemail.com.au) ) by no later than Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2007. Responses will then be forwarded to Ian Hamilton to match with the MYSO contingents data for placement and confirmation back to the host families.

Further information is to follow on Concert tickets in terms of access and price for Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> August, 7pm at the Conservatorium of Music. Please put this date in your diary.

We ask members to be generous in helping to make this reciprocal event a tremendous success.

**Casa de Macau Committee**