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President's Report

The Committee and Interstate Representatives have been busy since the last newsletter. The major issues I have to report on at this time are the AGM and the Cultural Centre in Sydenham.

AGM

The next AGM will be held at the Casa Cultural Centre in Sydenham on Saturday 20 November 2010. Please refer to the formal notices enclosed with this newsletter.

We encourage more members to nominate for the Committee. One reason for some of this year's successes is the ideas from our new committee members.

What our Casa needs are fresh ideas which are what new members brings when they join the Committee. A reminder however, that only Ordinary Members may nominate for posts on the committee. Those interested should complete the enclosed Nomination Form and return it to the Secretary, Mary Rigby no later than 30 days before the AGM.

In the event we receive more nominees than there are posts, the Committee will arrange for a postal ballot to be conducted, with votes kept confidential until the AGM. A member may only nominate for one post in the election ballot.

Committee Vacancy

Meanwhile, we have an immediate vacancy on the Committee as Alvaro Xavier has submitted his resignation from the Casa Committee. Alvaro is starting a new business with his son-in-law and we wish them every success and thank Alvaro for his contribution to the Casa. We will miss his sense of humour and no nonsense approach to our various challenges. Any member interested in filling this vacancy please call me on 0434 272 034 or email newsletter.cdma@gmail.com or contact any Committee member.

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'Macau Puts on a Show'

Stuart Braga

When Hong Kong was taken over by the British in 1841, Macau was left in a precarious situation. Within a few years almost the entire population of British, American and other non-

Portuguese merchants left. Hong Kong offered greater opportunities and far better security from the constant threat of Chinese interference in trade. Many Portuguese people left too, either

to gain employment in the British companies, or to set up in business for themselves. There was another exodus after the murder of Governor of Macau João

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President's Report

Sydenham Cultural Centre

I am disappointed to report that after getting helpful pro bono advice from members, an architect and other professionals, we have yet to make a formal application to Council for improvement of our operating hours at the Cultural Centre. On advice, we decided to use a planning

consultant to help prepare our submission, believing that this would improve our chances of a favourable outcome. However, we did not anticipate that after waiting for over seven weeks, we have not yet received a draft of the submission, despite constant chasing. The Committee has set the consultant a deadline of Thursday 29 July to submit a draft. If he misses this date, the Committee will have to take a different approach.

As reported earlier, our objective with Council is to obtain more flexibility in our operating hours and will be requesting more weekend hours, as well as some week day evenings. We will also be requesting an increase in the numbers that can use the premises at any time. With luck, we will convince Council that we are not a disruptive factor in the neighbourhood and that there should be no reason to refuse our request.

I will report back to members on the outcome of this application in the next newsletter or in a separate mail out as necessary. This project is a top priority for the Committee.

Ed Rozario



'Macau Puts on a Show'

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Maria Ferreira do Amaral in 1849.

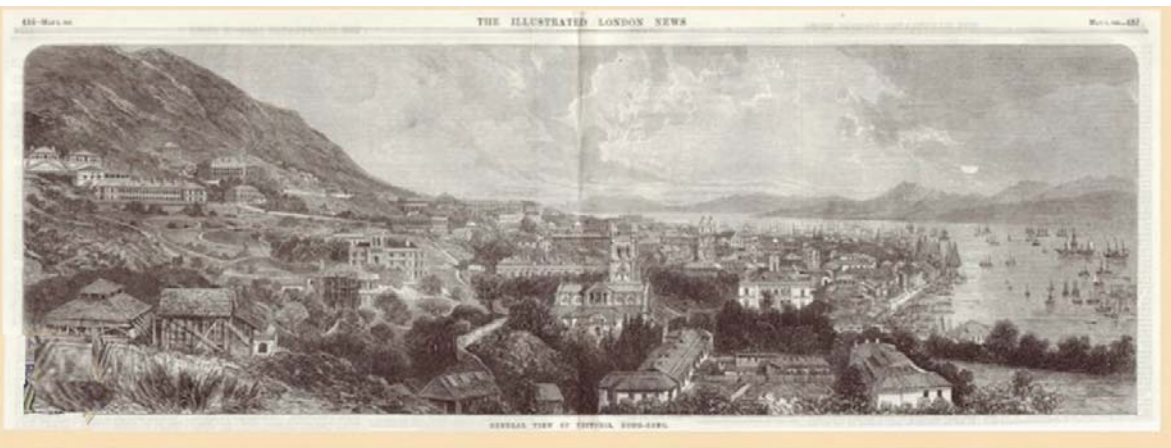
The 1850s were another decade of tension which

riety. The Portuguese government sought to negotiate a treaty with China that placed Portugal on an equal footing with Britain. This treaty was signed at Tientsin on 13 August

Chinese prevaricated. After fruitless negotiations, it became clear that the Chinese had no intention of ratifying the treaty 'as Macau could not but be regarded as Chinese territory'. 'Then go and conquer Macau',² retorted Amaral'. It was a risky

powerful Portugal. Indeed, they had begun gunboat diplomacy on the China coast. In 1834, during Lord Napier's attempt to resolve problems between Britain and China, the Chinese had deployed two large war junks in Praya Grande Bay in 1834 to menace

both the British and the Portuguese³. However, much had changed in nearly thirty years, and it was the British, not the Chinese who could use



led in 1857 to a second war between Britain and China that dragged on until 1862. This led to the further weakening of China and a greatly strengthened British position. As for Macau, it slid further into obscu-

1862, and was hailed in Macau and Lisbon as a diplomatic triumph for Portugal¹. However, when the new Governor of Macau, José Rodrigues Coelho do Amaral, went to Tientsin in June 1864 to exchange ratifications, the

thing to say.

He had placed himself in an awkward situation. The Chinese had suffered heavy defeat at the hands of the British twice in twenty years, but they might take on the far less

gunboats to impose their will. Amaral knew that he could almost certainly count on British support. On the murder of the earlier Amaral in 1849, Sir George Bonham, the Governor of Hong Kong, had

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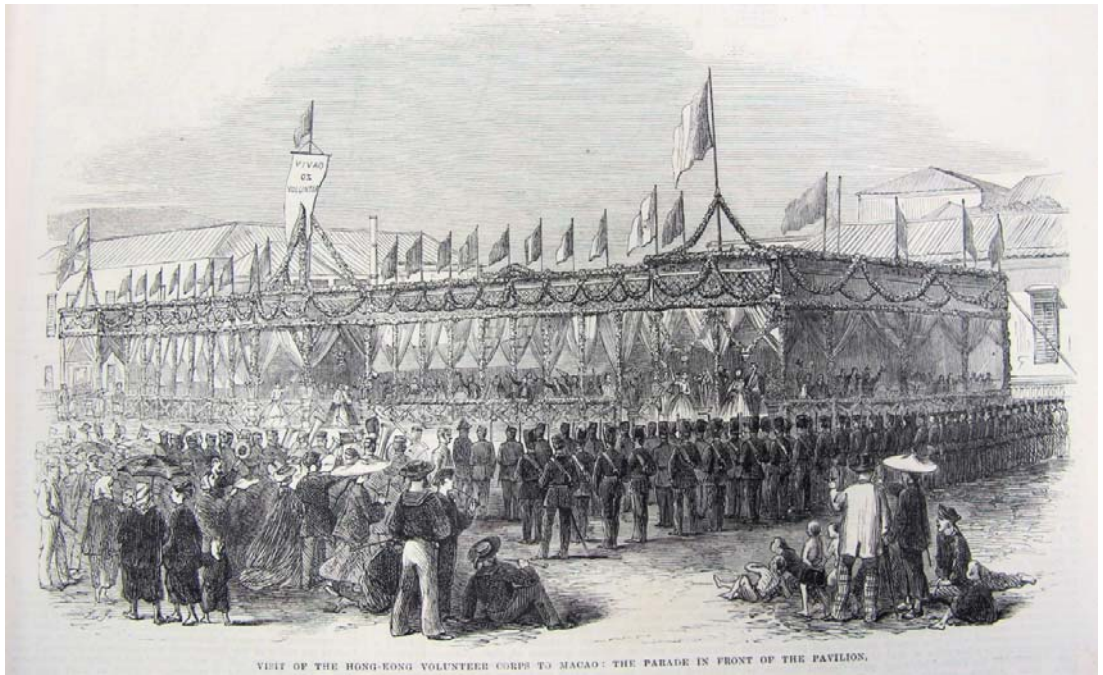
1 C. A. Montalto de Jesus, *Historic Macao* p.374

2 Ibid.. Pp. 376-377

3 *Chinese Repository*, Vol. V. No. 4 August 1836. p.173.

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at once despatched two British naval vessels to Macau, the *Amazon* and the *Medea*. He told the temporary Governing Council in Macau 'I am in hopes that their presence will prove sufficient to ensure the tranquillity of Macao'.⁴ The second China War had led to a major British naval and military presence in Hong Kong,⁵ and any further disturbance to stability in the Far East would certainly lead to renewed British interven-



VISIT OF THE HONG-KONG VOLUNTEER CORPS TO MACAO: THE PARADE IN FRONT OF THE PAVILION.

tion. Governors of Macau were used to walking a tightrope, and Amaral now found himself treading a well-worn path – or rope. The situation did not warrant asking for gunboats, but a limited show of strength and solidarity would work wonders. He could not mount the display of naval or military might that Britain might be able to put on. The Royal Navy had eleven ships at Hong Kong, while all he had was a single lorch, the *Amazona*.⁶ He might have taken comfort from the fact that two of the British gunboats, the *Hardy* and the *Staunch*, were actively hunting down pirates on the China coast.⁷ Rather than call for help from the British navy, Amaral extended an invitation to the recently

formed Hong Kong Volunteers to visit Macau. That would be sufficient to deter the Chinese, if they had indeed thought of using force against Macau.

The Hong Kong Volunteer Corps had an illustrious, if chequered career throughout the century and a half of British occupation.⁸ They were at their strongest in times of threat to the colony's survival. First founded in 1854 during the Crimean War, they soon faded away once the threat of a Russian incursion into the Pacific disappeared. This was the same scare that led to the building of Fort Denison in Sydney Harbour. The volunteers were revived on 7 April 1862 by a most energetic British officer, Captain Frederic Brine of the Royal

Engineers. Brine had not been in Hong Kong long,⁹ but he had not an idle bone in his body. He had received his commission as 2nd lieutenant in 1847 aged 18, and steadily rose through the ranks, eventually becoming a major-general.¹⁰ He served in the Crimean War, and later wrote two books on military history, one on war graves in Crimea and one on military decorations. He was forward-looking, too, and not long before he died in 1890, wrote a paper on aerial reconnaissance, using the French form of the word balloons – 'Ballons: aerial navigation past, present and future'. This was more than a decade before the Wright brothers' first flight.¹¹

While stationed in the Far East, Brine formed a Volunteer Corps at Shanghai in 1861 and later did the same at Yokohama in Japan and Hankow (now Hankou). In all three places there was an International Concession that could only be protected from attack by a local volunteer force which might hold out until help arrived from the British Navy. In Hong Kong, the Volunteer Corps was not a large body of troops, but it was a significant and well-regarded part of the social scene in Hong Kong. An invitation from the Governor of Macau to visit would be a good opportunity to display their fine uniforms and weapons, and could assist recruiting. For Macau, it would be a sure

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4 J. P. Braga. *The Portuguese in China and HongKong*, pp. 176-177

5 *China Directory*, 1861 details the naval vessels and military units then in Hon Kong.

6 *The Times*, 17 November 1864.

7 *The Times*, 28 November 1864

8 J. Hayes, 'A short history of Military Volunteers in Hong Kong', in *Journal of the Hong Kong Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society*. Vol. 11, 1971, pp. 151-171.

9 He is not included as an officer in the Royal Engineers in the Hong Kong Military Establishment for 1861. *China Directory*, 1861, p. 19

10 *Army List*, 1864, p.196

11 *Belfast News-Letter*, 2 June 1890

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sign of British goodwill. Writing forty years later, the then Commandant, Major Arthur Chapman, briefly recorded this memorable occasion.

On Saturday, November 19, 1864, the Volunteers, in response to an invitation from His Excellency the Governor of Macao, proceeded to the Portuguese Colony fully equipped and armed, and remained there until the following Monday. There were on parade, including both artillery and rifles, 109 members. At the close of 1864 the corps had a strength of 267 of all ranks, including the Canton detachment of 91, and 67 honorary members.¹²

The visit was a resounding success. It was obviously reported in the local press and a little later, people in Hong Kong must have been delighted to see this engraving and report in the *Illustrated London News* which had a wide circulation and enjoyed immense authority. It reported:¹³

The Portuguese town of Macao, at the mouth of the Canton River, in China, is distant about 40 miles from the Island of Hong Kong; and the Governor, Senhor J.R. Coelho do Amaral, by letter to Admiral Sir Hercules Robinson, the Governor of Hong Kong, lately invited the

The artillery brought with them a field battery of four three-pounders and two 4 ½ inch howitzers.

volunteer corps of the English settlement to visit Macao as his guests. The Hong Kong volunteers, through their commanding officer, Major Frederic Brine, of the Royal Engineers, with the full approval of Sir Hercules Robinson, accepted this courteous invitation. On Saturday, November 19, they embarked at Pedder's wharf in the steamer Feiseen, and arrived at Macao, landing on the Praya Grande between one and two o'clock in the afternoon. The rifles did not muster so well as the artillery, but, including the officers, there was a total of 114. The artillery brought with them a field battery of four three-pounders and two 4 ½-inch howitzers. As Major Brine and the other officers stepped ashore, they were received by Mr. Marques and other citizens of Macao who had formed themselves into a committee of management. Having exchanged a few words of salutation with these gentlemen, the volunteers formed in capital style, with their band in front, and marched to the Governor's Palace where they saluted his Excel-

lency, not only with a volley, responded to by the San Francisco Fort, but with three hearty cheers, returned from the balcony of the palace, while the band of the Macao battalion of Portuguese troops struck up "God save the Queen". The Englishmen then went to their lodgings at the Royal Hotel. In the evening they mostly turned out upon the parade ground and joined in the social promenade of the citizens, which was enlivened by the music of the band and the brilliant illuminations of the palace and hotel. On Sunday morning, the Governor of Macao, with his suite, called upon the officers of the corps at the hotel, bade them welcome and heartily shook hands with them. His Excellency even sent his Aide-de-camp and two other officers to accompany the Englishmen to the Protestant chapel, where the honorary Chaplain, the Rev. T. Stringer, performed Divine service. In the afternoon the volunteers were entertained with a déjeuner [i.e. lunch] laid out in the temporary pavilion erected on the parade ground for this occasion.

Our illustration, which represents the volunteers drawn up in front of this pavilion, is taken from photographs with which we are furnished by Messrs S.W. Halsey and Co. of Hong Kong. The Governor, with his Staff, was on

the parade ground soon after the volunteers had formed. He was received with a Royal salute from their field battery, fired with admirable precision by Lieutenant Cohen and his gunners. This was replied to by the guns of the fort; and when the infantry had also saluted and the band had played the Portuguese national air, the corps were put through some manoeuvres for his Excellency's inspection, and then went into the Pavilion. It was very tastefully decorated, both inside and outside, with flags of all nations and a profusion of evergreen garlands arranged in the form of an arcade. At one end was the band of music; at the other an ante-room for Lady Amaral and the ladies of Macao. His Excellency the Governor presided at table, and proposed the health of the Hong Kong volunteers, in whose behalf Major Brine returned thanks. Many other toasts, including the health of the Governor of Hong Kong, were duly honoured. This repast was followed in the evening by one of more conviviality, the volunteer officers, thirty-eight in number, dining with Governor Amaral and his lady at the palace. At night there was an illumination, still more brilliant than that of the evening before, with a display of Chinese fireworks. Next morning, Monday, the 21st, the

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¹² A. Wright, *Twentieth Century Impressions of Hongkong, Shanghai and the Treaty Ports*. P. 275

¹³ *Illustrated London News*, 21 January 1865, p. 65

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volunteers re-embarked in their steamer, again saluted by the guns of the fort, and by those of a ship in the harbour. So they returned to Hong Kong very much pleased with their hospitable treatment in the Portuguese town.

Governor Amaral could hardly have imagined that by May 1866, 18 months after this splendid and obviously expensive visit, the Volunteer Corps would be disbanded because its members were not attending.¹⁴ Had he foreseen this, he might not have welcomed them in Macau in such grand style. Why did

the Volunteers disappear? Simply because nobody saw any need for their continued existence. Moreover, Frederic Brine, promoted Major in 1863, had received another posting. After the second Chinese war there was for many years no military threat to Hong Kong – not the Chinese, not anyone. It took the 20th century, and far greater threats, for a strong volunteer movement to emerge in both Shanghai and Hong Kong. In both cities there was eventually a strong Portuguese contingent. Shanghai came first, with a Portuguese company from 1906, while the Hong Kong Volunteers had a Portuguese company from 1929.

Both were well supported and well led. The Shanghai Volunteers had no opportunity of fighting when war came in December 1941, because the Japanese were already in control of the rest of Shanghai and simply occupied the small International Settlement. However, in the fierce battle for Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Volunteers played a significant role. They were awarded the battle honour 'Hong Kong' that has been proudly borne in Sydney each Anzac Day for many years by veterans of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, on a banner bearing the added words Wongneichong Gap and Stanley, where major en-

agements were fought with great gallantry and heavy losses.

Perhaps Governor Amaral, welcoming the volunteers in 1864, guessed that their successors would in the long term play a significant role. In the short term, their visit had affirmed the Portuguese position in Macau. Governor Amaral's balancing act had succeeded. However, it did nothing to resolve the question surrounding the nature of Portugal's presence in Macau. Yet in the end, the Portuguese would outlast the British in Hong Kong.

Stuart Braga

¹⁴ A. Wright, *Twentieth Century*

Dia de São João Celebrations.

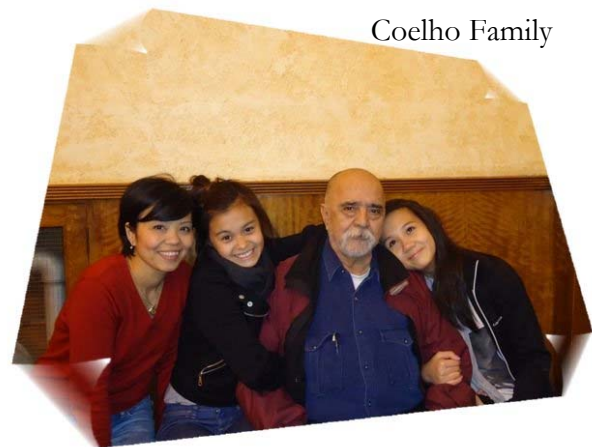
New South Wales

Attracted by the promise of home cooked Filho Macau dishes, 185 members and friends attended the Sydney lunch at the Petersham Town Hall on 27 June 2010, they were not disappointed. Our compliments to all the cooks who produced, delicious Porco Bafassa, Vaca Estufada, Feijoada and tender cooked vegies. It was a full court press on the culinary front, with roast chicken and baked ham in support of the traditional dishes. The dessert table was not too shabby either, with Crème Caramel galore, Batatada made with sweet potato, Arroz Pulu (gummy cake) all rounded off with piping hot Cha Cha. Just writing about it makes me want to hold this event again real soon. Lizette Akouri,

Alvaro Xavier, Therese Alonco, Judy Rocha, Sunti Rozario, Pauline Pereira and Lucinda Carvalhinho, we salute you. Thank you for putting on such a lovely feast.

The day started at 9.30AM for the organising team charged with the task of setting up which was done on time and with lots of flair. Our special thanks go to Jacinta Lau, Rebecca Akouri, Ayesha Sky and Stephanie Deacon for a job well done and to Alvaro Alonco, Tony Akouri, Cesar Pereira and David Rozario for providing the muscle.

Dia de Sao João is an event which occurred on 24 June 1622 in Macau and holds special significance to Macaenses everywhere and



Coelho Family

therefore we continue to mark this day each year. From the show of hands, many at the lunch did not know the history and tradition of this day and we thank Brendan Basto for explaining the significance during the lunch. We should have held a pop quiz at the end of the day.

The event was not all about food though, we were well entertained during the afternoon by a recently formed band of musicians from our own membership, who got together to donate their time and talent, thank you Carlos Rosario, Patrick de Sousa, Bernard Franco and Aaron Bugo for some great music which rekindled some fond memories for

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more than a few of us. Thanks too to their families for putting up with them being away during all those band rehearsals.

The entire day was a great success, the results of a wonderful team effort and it felt really good to see the community spirit so warmly reflected in the way everyone pitched in to help clean up after the event.

Queensland

A lunch attended by 31 members and guests was held on 4th July in Brisbane to mark this



Ed with door prize winners, Lauren and Dan in Brisbane

From L-R John Barry, Regina Rosario, Irene and Eddie Xavier, Juana Xavier Bernardo in Brisbane



visual equipment. Everyone found the documentary most interesting and it definitely sparked, in a few, a desire to make an effort to learn at least a few phrases in Patua.

Hobart

Hobart also celebrated Dia de São João on Sunday, 27th June at the Ball and Chain where we all enjoyed the juiciest Tasmania steaks accompanied with servings of a big variety of side dishes. It was all washed down nice Tasmania red wine.

Victoria



Aimee and her mother



Robert, Toria Olaes and Freddie Fisher from NSW.

We did not forget our younger members, Josefa Coelho, John Paul Ware, Catherine Ware and their helpers, Williamina and Lucita Basto, Jacinta Lau, Ayesha Sky, Alex Basto and Maria dos Santos Lee, put on many different activities for the children. These activities culminated with a pinata full of candy and chocolate enough to maintain a sugar high for a few hours, to some parents' distress we suspect.

special day in our Macaenses culture. As we have yet to find a volunteer to take over the State representative position, Ed and Sunti Rozario flew up from Sydney to represent the Casa Committee. The Pig N Whistle English Pub turned out to be perfect for the function as we had a private room and were able to screen the documentary on the Patua Language produced by the Macau Institute of International Studies using the pub's audio-



Tasmanian party (clockwise) Jorge, Robert, John, Michael, Jo, Teresa, Pam and Oriel

Despite wet and wintry conditions, 56 members turned up to celebrate Dia de São João with a tasty Chinese banquet at the

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Dia de São João Celebrations. *Continued*



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Tai Pan Restaurant. We also celebrated a 50th birthday and offered our hearty congratulations to young Aimee Gonçalves who recently returned



from the World Cheerleading Competitions where her team came first in the Dallas competition and 3rd in the World. Aimee is the daughter of Anne and granddaughter of Angela and Pat Gonçalves .

Once again, we would like to thank the Committee for their continued generous support of this function.

Adrienne Carassellos
Victorian Representative

Greetings from Adelaide

Our Dia de São João dinner was held on 27 June at Ming's Palace. There were three ta-



bles of adults and happy children. The banquet was enjoyed by all starting with platters of cold collation and ending with mango pudding.



We all left the restaurant very well satisfied especially as it was a chilly evening.

Carmen O'Brien - SA Rep

Birth Notices



Zachary in Dad's Team Shirt at 20 days old.

Muito parabens to Mark & Nicole Herrero on the birth of Baby Zachary Raymond Herrero, Arrived on 24th June (Feast of St John the Baptist); weighing in at 5lb 9 oz or 2.66 kilos.

A welcomed addition for brother Damon and a joyous and blessed addition to the Herrero family.



Carl Godwin, from Adelaide, and his wife Cecelia welcomed their firstborn son Oliver Sahale Godwin on 3rd March 2010. He was 9lb 6oz and is a lovingly welcomed new member of the Soares clan.

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Encontro Update

The Encontro planning is well advanced and if you are planning to travel with the Group you should be advising Helen Wong Travel of your intent as soon as possible. The good news is we have managed to get an extension on the payment of deposits until 20 August 2010.

Members planning to attend are reminded that they must first register with our Secre-

tary Mary Rigby, as delegates to the Encontro, must be pre-registered with their relevant associations in order to obtain passes for the various functions and events in Macau and qualify for any subsidies Macau may provide.

For those planning to make their own travel arrangements, we are enclosing a list of hotel room rates, provided by Macau for your information.

You will have to make your own bookings direct with the hotel of your choice. Casa de Macau is not able to make bookings on members' behalf. Your options are, join the Group with Helen Wong Travel or make your own arrangements.

We tried to obtain a program of the events and activities from Macau in time for this edition but it is not yet ready

and is only expected within the next two weeks. We will get this out to you as soon as we can.

Lucky Draw for Travel to Encontro

The Lucky Draw for the three Travel Vouchers, valued at \$1,200 each, to attend the Encontro, was held in Sydney at

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Obituaries and Eulogies

My uncle **Billy Soares (Jose A. Soares)** - he is in the photo on page 2 of the March newsletter) passed away in San Francisco on February 2, 2010. He is survived by his wife Melvy (Melvina), his children Bill (Jose A.) Jr., Sylvia and Geri (Geraldine) and grandchildren Jose (Billy III), Jeremy, Matthew and Jennifer. It may be of interest to put that in the newsletter as there are people here who knew him. They moved to the United States from Hong Kong in the late 1950's. He was born March 17 1922.

Rosie (Soares) Godwin



Antonio Vicente Bayot (1923-2010)

Tony passed away peacefully on the 9th of June .

He was a very loving man with an enormous heart, who helped and welcomed so many Filo Macanese when they arrived in Australia back in the 1960's.

He is greatly missed by his wife, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, brother, sister, nieces ,nephews

And friends.

"Eternal rest grant unto him oh Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him."



We are sad to report the passing of **João Antonio da Silva** on 19 June 2010. Born and raised in Macau, João spent some years as a communications officer in the Dutch Merchant Navy before settling in Hong Kong, working with the China Light and Power Co. Ltd. In 1961 he

emigrated to Australia where he married Denise and has three children, Marcus, Dominique and Christian and three grandchildren. He remarried Diana twenty years ago and has kept himself busy, only retiring two years ago. João was a founding member of the Casa and served for many years in the General Committee. He always remained a Macaense at heart and never missed the chance to practice his native tongue, Portuguese. A warm, friendly, gentle man, João will be sadly missed by all



. GOSANO – John Joseph, aged 55 died 24th April 2010. Beloved son of Pam and Bertie, brother of Joe, Rick, Dave and Tom, Dan (deceased) and Antonia (deceased). Pam and family thank all their relatives and friends for the kind messages of condolence, prayers and Mass offerings and also for their attendance at the funeral Mass and wake.



Richard John Basto

"I have been asked to write a few words about my friend Richard John Basto (dob 31st July 1934, who passed away in tragic circumstances on the 18th July 2010, when a tree branch he was lopping fell on him.

Aside from the shock, this event brought a sense of guilt due to my warped sense of humour. We had last spent quality time together when he attended my son's Gabriel's wedding in February of this year when he bought his new car, so he could drive to attend the wedding.

At the wedding he paid me the compliment me by stating that he loved my other sons' Guilherme and Emile playing and singing wonderfully well at the wedding ceremony, he said "they will play at my funeral" with his twinkle in his eye, tongue in his cheek and I said "Of course they will," in jest.

I so regret my reply. We tempted fate and sadly I had to ensure through a little opposition from his church parishioners , who had arranged his funeral to allow us outsiders to perform at his funeral. Happily everyone performed well and I was able to keep my word which was important as Richard always liked that in a person.

I first met him belatedly, when my father Eddie Noronha as secretary introduced me,when Richard was the treasurer to our Casa for a short while I think. He shared my father's view that we filhos de Macao should remain one club, despite our geographical and sometimes ideological and other differences.

Richard was a very modest man, he lived a quiet life , for most of it he cared for his mother Erica.

He was a product of the Jesuits of St. Ignatius, despite our differences I being a product of Marist brothers, we shared our love for good food , good company and a good scotch.Bon Vivants in the nicest sense.

His friendship was never complicated, he was always there for you, whether it be with his time , effort, money or his humour. Never would

he say no. His generosity was always appreciated by my family, and that of my parents , and sisters.

He had his sacred causes, his love and respect of the "Nashos" (National servicemen), who attended his funeral in large numbers, his mates who went back to his days of school, and when he was in local politics.

Richard never backed down from any cause he believed. He always fought with just heart and his motivation was always good, but to some of us, the time he spent would have driven others mad. It made for a good yarn and over a couple of scotches, Don Quixote came to mind, but unlike the Man of La Mancha, we had to deal with life as it came.

He had his successes and his failures. However when he was successful he shared it with the less well off. He was very caring for those he thought deserving, whether it be through the church or with direct action, he gave his time, effort and money, quietly paying for many an event for those less well off. We had discussed another trip to the encontro together, but it looks like we may have to go without you my friend, you will be sorely missed by me and my family and by all those who you loved and loved you."

Alberto Noronha.



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Encontro Update

the Dia de Sao Joao lunch. Samuel Antonio was the lucky Youth member and Camille Saucis is one of the other two winners drawn. We are waiting to confirm the third traveller as James Douglas, our other winner, cannot attend the Encontro, his prize is therefore being offered to one of the alternate winners, drawn during the lunch.

Patua Documentary

In an earlier newsletter we mentioned that the International Institute of Macau had sent us a one hour documentary on our Patua language and efforts being made to prevent it becoming extinct. We arranged for this documentary to be shown at the Queensland Dia de Sao Joao lunch and members found it very interesting and informative. Several even felt inspired to at least try to learn a few phrases.

We have the English narrative version, so everyone will be able appreciate this documentary. Since the venue has suitable audio/visual equipment, the Committee plans to screen this documentary at the start of the NSW Christmas lunch. The Institute in Macau has kindly extended the use of the DVDs until after Christmas and we encourage members to try and attend the screening. More details will be included in our Christmas Flyer as we get closer to the date.



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Notices and Announcements

Thank You!

The Committee would like to thank Fernando Ribeiro in Canberra for donating some of his collection of very interesting books and VHS tapes about Macau and Portugal to our Cultural Centre, where they have been included in our library.

Christmas Party

.NSW Members should earmark Sunday 12 December for our annual Christmas party. We are putting this out date even though we have not yet finalised the details of the venue or menu etc., in case members attending the Encontro want to make appropriate return travel arrangements to be home in time to participate in the fun. More details as we get closer to Christmas.



At the Sydney Dia de São João lunch an orange Thai silk scarf was lost. If anyone has picked this up by mistake, would you please contact one of the Committee members.

Thank you.

New Members

N.S.W.

Andrew Deacon, Julio De-Silva, Manuel Pires, Conchin Aranda, Karen Mc Williams, Emma Goorevich, Ines Astudillo, Federico Franco, Ronald Reis, Caroline Conceição, Carlos Conceição Anthony Conceição.

Queensland

Alexis Rigby

W.A.

Sarah Cheers, Kimberlee Cheers, Brittany Cheers, Ethan Tonnochy-Whittle Helen Hong

S.A.

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Tasmania

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Wedding Announcements

Alvaro and Maria Xavier's daughter, Francesca, celebrated her marriage to Adam Faorlin on the 2nd of July, 2010. Many family members and close friends flew in for

the wedding.

Their youngest daughter, Catherine, and her partner Gavin Healy, came from England.

From Maria's side, her Mother, Teresa da Roza (nee Yvanovich); sister, Helena; brother, Ed (Bruno) and his wife Barbara, all flew in from Seattle. Maria's other brother, John Paul, and his wife, Josie (nee Ozoria) flew in from Hong Kong.

Alvaro's cousin, Juana Bernardo, and her husband John Barry, representing the Xavier Bernardo family flew in from Queensland. And the best man from Alvaro's wedding who is Francesca's Godfather, Rick da Silva flew in from Hong Kong with his two sons, Declan and Sean.

The wedding was made so much more special by the gathering of all our family and loved ones.



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Uma bonita história de amor

This is the story of Teresa and Lelo de Assis, a very special couple who have never let an opportunity pass by to visit Macau in order to experience and see for themselves the evolution of their place of birth has gone through. In 2009 they returned to Macau to celebrate their very special "Golden Wedding Anniversary" (see article in our September 2009 Newsletter). Teresa de Assis and Augusto Aureliano (Lelo) started showing romantic interest in each other when they were 15 years old. Following the custom of those days they were engaged before they married in 1959.

Lelo was born on 20th April 1936 and studied in "Escola Central" (primary school years) and later in "Seminário de São José" where he completed his secondary schooling. He left Macau in 1957 to work at the Hong Kong and

Shanghai Bank, where he worked in various positions before being promoted to "Senior Supervisor" in 1968. Lelo and his family emigrated



to Australia in 1975 where he continued with his banking career, firstly in Westpac and later in HSBC. Teresa, who is the half sister of late Bishop D. Domingos Lam, was born on 16th December 1935, also went to Escola Central. After living in Portugal for one year, she finished her Secondary education in Escola Comercial (Commercial School). Whilst in Macau, I, Henrique Manhão, was very close to both of them as we were members of Juventude Antoniana (Antoniana Youth) founded by the late and much loved Fr. Benjamin Videira Pires S.J.

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Teresa left for Hong Kong in 1955 where she worked for an Import and Export Company. She left that to work in an architect's office and later went to Hong Kong and

Shanghai Banking Corporation. In Australia she worked for a lawyer's firm and later she joined an insurance company.

Teresa and Lelo maintained the gastronomic love from their country of birth and because of this they love to cook Macanese and Chi-

nese food. Lelo's favourite dishes are peixe em banho maria, feijão vermelho, tacho, chá chá and ló pak kou. Teresa's favourite are caril de carne de vaca and feijoada.

They presently live on the South Coast of NSW in Australia and their favourite past-times are: dancing, football, table tennis, fishing, chess and gardening.

They have four daughters, two grandsons and two granddaughters whom they infuse their love of Macau, where they were born and started this, their beautiful love story.

Written by Henrique Manhão for the Jornal Tribuna in Portuguese and translated by Jorge Estorninho.

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