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# Casa Down Under Newsletter

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*Ed Rozario*

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Dear Members,  
Please welcome the new Committee for the 2012/13 term.

- < President: Ed Rozario
- < Vice President: Leonor (Nina) Deacon
- < Secretary: Mary Rigby
- < Treasurer: Marcus Gutierrez
- < Deputy Secretary: Brendan Basto
- Committee Members: Josefa Coelho, Belinda Rosario, Marilia de Souza Alvaro Xavier

We look forward to

another exciting year, 29 September 2012, with activities for all age groups together with the groups. We have formed two sub-committees, one for Youth activities and another for Social events. If you would like to help in either of these groups contact any of the Committee.  
At the Special General Meeting held on the same day, the 4 Resolutions for changes to the Casa constitution were all accepted. In total 104 votes, including interstate members who postal ballots were cast. The resolutions passed as follows:

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Included with this edition is a copy of the D f Y g ] X Y b h Ñ g ' presented at the AGM

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## Special points of interest:

- < Page 4 An article regarding the Hard Times experienced by our ancestors 17th Century
- < Page 5. a bit of nostalgia as Nina reminisces about the sweet smelling waffles of Macau.
- < Page 6 Report on 7 U g U Ñ g ' G i b
- < Pages 7 Congratulations to Gabriel Noronha, also on Page 7 Activities of our NSW members.
- < Page 8 D Y X f c ' 6 Obituary.

## *D < U FinXesÑ* *Stuart Braga*

*The fourth in a series of articles written at the request of President Ed Rozario*

For most of its first century, from the 1550s until 1640, Macau was prosperous, but most of the next two centuries were a bleak, poverty stricken time. The Chinese magistrate on

Heungshan island, of which Macau is a small part, exercised strict rigid control, and the King of Portugal had insufficient strength to do anything to help his remotest colony. Over time, the screws kept tightening. The Heungshan magistrate erected an administra-

tive compound in an elevated position not far away in order to supervise Macau. There was no ignoring it; it was conspicuously painted white, and was therefore termed by the Portuguese [ i Y g Y ' h \ Y ' D 7 U g U h \ Y ' D K \ ] h Y ' < c i g control and taxation were inescapable. One of

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Jorge A. Estorninho

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Gopsul in Sydney, Ms

Sofia Batalha. Members

who wish to attend

should book through

Mary Rigby at

rigbyfamily@ozemail.com

or call her on 02 4733

3862 before 5pm on 22

October 2012

Christmas Functions

All states are working on

the details for our

Christmas functions. In

Sydney we have booked

the Ryde Eastwood

Leagues Club for Sunday

2 December at 12 noon.

See separate flyer.

Please book early to help

us accurately plan the

numbers. Late

cancellations may have

to pay the full cost of the

meal. Venues in Adelaide

and Brisbane have

already been booked and

Carmen and Melissa will

be advising members of

the details shortly.

Enjoy the rest of the

newsletter,

Ed Rozario

President

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the important Portu-

guese base in India.

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ered when the Dutch

seized Malacca in

1641, and with better

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ships are rendered faithfully, while the buildings  
and the towers exaggerated.  
Typhoons prevented the construction of high towers  
The closer vessel is firing a salute, which is returned  
from Monte Fort.  
Hong Kong Museum of Art AH67.27,  
reproduced in catalogue of exhibition,  
Views of the Pearl River Delta, Macau, Canton and  
Hong Kong p. 62.

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many taxes was the pay-  
ment of anchorage dues  
for Portuguese ships in  
the inner Harbour. To  
ensure that these were  
paid, a Chinese Customs  
House was built within  
the city of Macau itself.  
A despatch to the Emperor  
from the Viceroy at Can-  
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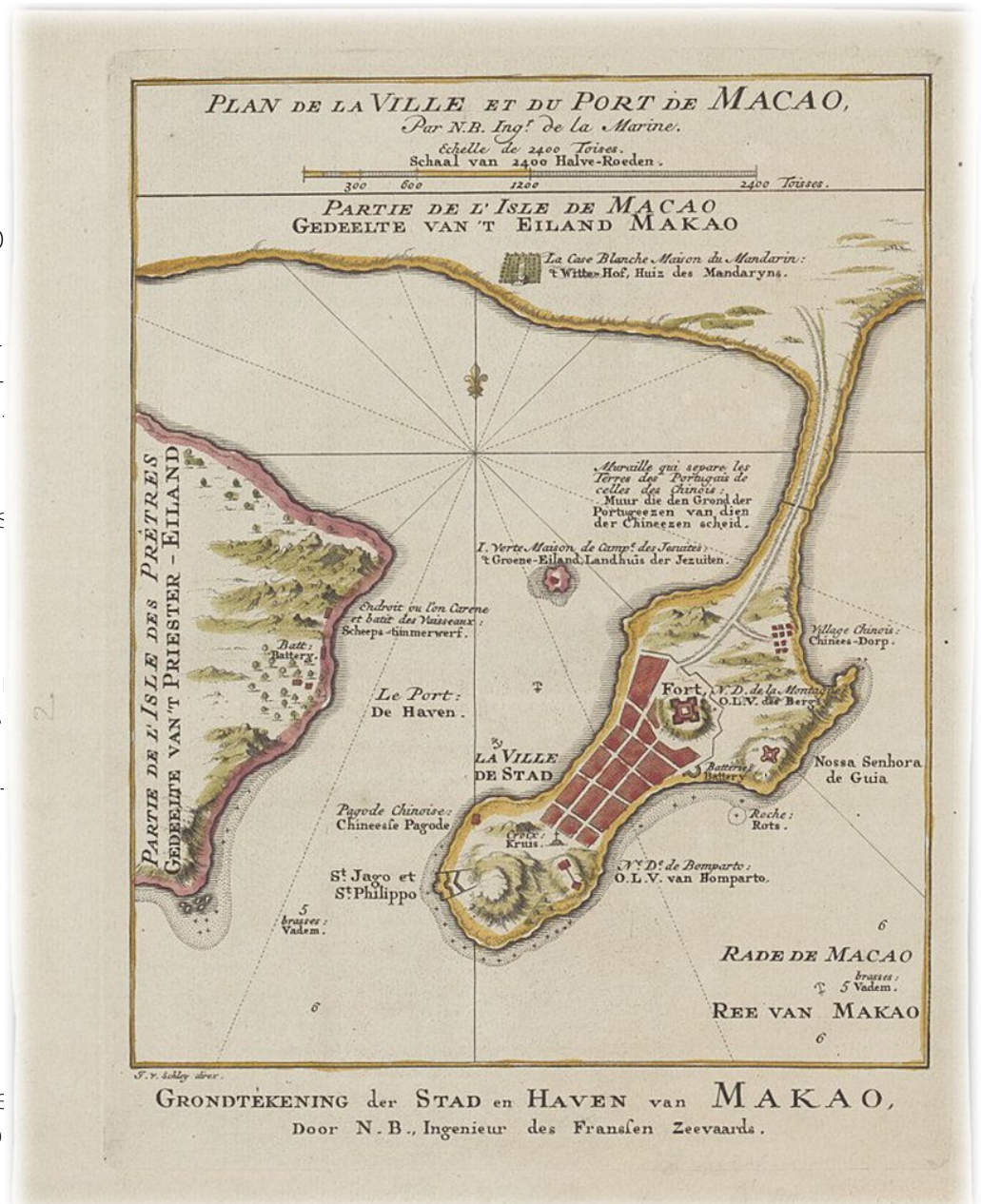
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trading partners: Japan, China, Manila and Goa. It faced utter disaster. To make matters even worse, a plague broke out, and at Macau 7,000 people are said to have died, mostly Chinese. Despite all this, the Portuguese clung tenaciously to Macau, with a resilience and a capacity for survival never displayed by later European powers in the Far East.

The church fared badly, too. Portuguese Jesuits in Macau found themselves in conflict, not-co operation, with the Spanish Franciscans and Dominicans from Manila in missionary activity throughout the Far East. It blighted the efforts of both, and with the collapse of trade and wealth, both missions went into a steep decline. The monastery of the Dominican Order had once numbered twentyfour. By 1670, there were only three, maintained in poverty with great difficulty



Plan de la ville et du port de Macao, 1764.  
 The map shows the built, the city walls and fortifications in considerable detail. To  
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 Australia. nla.gov.au/nla/3302.

There was only one straw to grasp at: the supremacy of the Portuguese Crown. Overshadowed by the Spanish in nearby Manila, the Portuguese in Macau clung doggedly to their separate identity after Portugal came

under Spanish dominion throne in 1640, the Macau earth, is said to have re- from 1580 until 1640. cau Senate managed to marked wonderingly, During this time, Spanishsend the new king, João Ð ~ c · \ U · c i h f U · a kings left the remote, IV, a gift of two hundredÐ h \ Y f Y · ] g · b c · c h obstinate Portuguese bronze guns, cast locally. c m U · Ñ " · G \ c f h · n outpost largely to its ownking João, told of the te-death in 1654, it was devices. On the restora- nacity of this tiny place atX X Y X · h c · h \ Y · W ] tion of the Portuguese the remotest end of the

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and the Macau Council proudly bore the title *Senado Loyal Senate*, until 1999. It was a gesture that in reality meant little, because Macau was poverty-stricken, with a declining population, and left with little but a magnificent past upon which to dwell.

The deterioration was widespread. Braz de Castro, appointed governor and captain general in 1648, declined the appointment on the grounds that the previous governor had been murdered? A visiting Dominican friar, Domingo Navarrete, wrote in 1672 that the people desired such much time and paper to write but a small epitome of the Broils, Uproars, Quarrels and Extravagancies there have been at A U W U This was the sociology of ingrained poverty at work. A pattern developed of lack of insight, parochialism, incessant bickering and failure to grasp opportunities which became too deep to break.

The worst year was 1662, when an uprising in Guangdong (Kwangtung) province led to an Imperial order that

the coastline be evacuated. The Chinese population of Macau fled in a body, and the border was closed for three months. Many people starved to death, but Macau survived by the skin of its teeth because it suited the mandarins to allow it to remain as long as they were suitably bribed.

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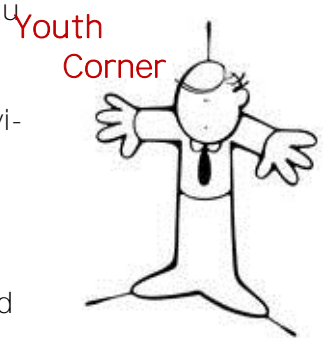
impoverished and demoralised people were cut off from their distant homeland and royal authority. The mandarin ruled here. From grim necessity, the councillors developed a practice of cringing obsequiousness to the Chinese authorities at the Casa Branca and at the Chinese customs house within their very walls. They had to do so in order to survive. Navarrete described with disgust a deputation from the Leal Senado, to go in a body with rods in their hands to the Mandarine who resides a league from hence and they petition him on their knees. The Mandarine in his Answer writes thus: "People desires such much time and paper to write but a small epitome of the Broils, Uproars, Quarrels and Extravagancies there have been at and their Fidalgos or Noblemen with the Badge of the Knighthood of the Order of Christ hanging at their Breasts have gone upon these errands ... if their King knew of these things it is almost incredible that he should allow c Z ' h \ Y a " Ñ ' This was indeed forbidden by King João V in 1712, but in Macau, far from the royal court, nothing changed. These

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There is going to be a Pizza & Movie Day at our Casa on Sat. 20th Oct, 2-6pm.

For those who are interested to attend, please email me at: deaconnina@gmail.com. Hope you all can make it and see you there.

For future events, I will be in touch. Stef Deacon. (Youth Representative)

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<sup>5</sup>J.S. Cummins, pp. 2269



would sell you a slice /s of his delicious wares, it was a great treat for us school \_ ] X g ` U b X ` k Y Ñ X ` e i ages just to sample a freshly cooked, hot waffle with the lot.

In the last few years others have come and set up stalls selling pancakes, but none can compare to Mr Chan. Mr Chan having updated his batter with the addition of eggs but all else remains the same, delicious, lick of your hands and fingers waffles.

Who would have thought that the humble waffle would enable Mr Chan to send his grandson abroad to study. Mr Chan has moved on now and another grandson can be seen daily continuing the tradition.

**Kap Pang Lou**

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The most delicious, mouth watering, sweet smelling waffles ever created were sold by a man who opened a stall in 1960, near Calçada da Se. In those days he cooked using hot coals in a terracotta facility; today the tradition of the coal

tinues.

Originally the recipe for the waffle was simple; flour and water with your flavouring of choice: butter, sugar, sesame, coconut, peanut butter or condensed milk.

My friends and I would wander home from school or weekend movie or party and never able to decide which flavour was best would

order the lot.

Every afternoon at 3:30 the stall is set up, normally with an assistant who took the money whilst he cooked. Your time was short though as he would close for the day at 7:30 leaving only the lingering savoury smell behind.

For 10 Patacas, Mr Chan

Wmny opinion The best waffles I have ever tasted are \ c g Y ` c Z ` Ī ? U d ` D U you ever go to Macau give yourself a treat and try one of these delicacies.

Next year at the Encontro, you will know where to find me at 3:30pm.

Nina Deacon

**NOTE FROM THE EDITOR**

The end of the year is fast approaching as well as the start of a new issue also marks my eleventh year as the Editor of Casa Down Under. I have received immense support from the leadership of Casa de Macau Management Committee, all the Vice Presidents who have been the coordinators who tirelessly collate and distribute the Newsletters. My job is easy, all I have to do is put the items together. A true team effort.

Stuart, for all the time it has taken you to write those interesting articles about our forefathers and their moments of happiness as well as the struggles they went through for Macau and its natives, people like you and Ymê. Ed Rozario has also been a stalwart supporter and before him, Yvonne Y f f Y f c " ` 5 b X ` ` coordinators who tirelessly collate and distribute the Newsletters.

My job is easy, all I have to do is put the items together. A true team effort. Also Christmas is nearly upon us. I will take this opportunity

to wish all our readers a happy and joyful Christmas. Boas Festas e um Feliz Natal.

Jorge Estorninho



An email, asking for assistance in locating lost friends, was received from Helena Foster McDermott, who is not a Casa member but has read our newsletter

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Ī = ` k c i ` X ` ` ] \_ Y ` h c ` following people known to reside in Sydney during the 1950's, and /or any descendants.

- Miguela(Michele) Christine Basto (maiden name)
- Shirley June Caroll Basto, née Small (sometimes spelled Carol, with one "l" )
- Diane Rosemary Teresa de Dassell.

Please contact my email: helena\_foster@dodo.com.au

Thank you, < Y ` Y b U ` : c g h Y f fl A W &



Casa Lunches

Since our last newsletter, Casa in Sydney has hosted some very sumptuous, mouth watering lunches at our club homes. Is it any wonder our members are queuing up to come along, eagerly anticipating the delights to be had and the conversation that will undoubtedly follow? We are blessed to have some truly great chefs at Casa. Our chefs are superb, and the food is always delicious. The atmosphere is warm and friendly, and the service is excellent. It's a wonderful experience, and we're lucky to have such talented chefs at Casa. The food is always delicious, and the atmosphere is warm and friendly. It's a wonderful experience, and we're lucky to have such talented chefs at Casa.

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