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PRESIDENT'S REPORT - January 2015

I hope everyone had a good Christmas, a great start to the New Year and a good summer so far. The weather has been great except for the last few days, but we do need the rain. We are lucky with our weather as well as our nice, fresh and clean air.

We are looking forward to another year of events for the club, starting with the Chinese New Year celebrations on Sunday 1st March 2015 for those in NSW. The lunch will be a nice banquet in Sydney and the other States will follow suit or would have had one already. Queensland will be having one on the 1st February 2015. Unfortunately I could not make it, but Mary and Nina will be going up to meet some of the members there as we did not have representations for a while.

However, now we do! **Rosanna Webb** has kindly volunteered her time to be the next Queensland representative after the next function she will be in contact with all the Queensland members for future functions and events.

I think I mentioned previously, that the Committee has decided that we will have three major celebrations per year where it is subsidised. We are adding celebrations of the Chinese New Year as part of these three major functions, as this event is so much part of our Macanese culture.

Ronald Reis is excited about the start of mah-jong games at the club in February and there is a note from him in this Newsletter. We have four tables at the moment, and so far two tables have been booked. If these get successful we will add on to these tables.

I am proud to say that the current Committee are adding towards the objectives list of our predecessors. So, please come and support us.

Last year I finally went to Macau to regain my Macau residency, so if anyone is interested, contact me, and I can explain the process. The same applies if you wish to re-apply for your Portuguese nationality as it is pretty easy these days.

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With Portuguese nationality it is worth doing as it carries on to the next generation as long as one of the parents is of Portuguese nationality when the child is born. The only issue is that Portugal still has conscription and defence duty, so when your child turns 18 whether male or female, he or she may be called up for duty, as per my notification sent out recently.

As previously advised, if you have any children that were born in 1996 you must contact the Portuguese Consulate to report or apply for exemption for Defence duty by 3 March 2015. The site is www.bud.defesa.pt. or address Balcão Único da Defesa Apartado n.º 364, 1495-998 Lisboa, Portugal.

Jorge Forjaz is starting on the update for his '**Famílias Macaenses**' and he is slowly gathering further information for the updates. They all have to be in by **31st December 2015** as he is hoping to have it ready by the Encontro in 2016. If you wish to add or update any information about you, or your family please contact him on jorge_forjaz_genea@hotmail.com with the following information:

- Full names (not just initials) of people (but nicknames can be included if in quotation marks)
- Names of spouses (and maiden names of wives) and names of spouses' parents
- Dates and places of birth, marriage and death (shown as day/month/year)
- A few words on occupation and education (including the name of University, If adding)

You may want to add the name of your spouse, a new child or grandchild. Or you may want to make changes, as perhaps the last issue had minor mistakes. This is the best opportunity. This should be something exciting to look forward to at the next Encontro. I guess by now all the family secrets are out, so there should not be that many surprises ☺ (I hope).

In February the Committee will be having a working bee, to start off the New Year. There are no volunteers needed as we will just be doing some cleaning and maybe painting. The Sunday lunches will resume in April, May, July, August, October and November, so be sure to ring **Mary** and **Nina** if you are interested in cooking or attending.

Till next time,

Lizette Akouri

MAH JONG

Hi All

We are nearing our first Casa clubhouse mah-jong initiative.

Coincidentally the day falls on Valentine's Day

14th February, therefore if any of you would like to join in on an evening meal, at your own cost, at our local Chinese restaurant, please let me know and I shall arrange the bookings for about 6:00-6:30pm straight after the mah-jong games.

So far we have two tables booked and two tables remain. Anyone interested in a few winds of mah-jong do advise me, **Ron Reis** on 0403 363 677 or Lizette on 0400 664 778.

On the day, there will be someone in the club from 10:00am to 6:00pm. Coffee and tea with some snacks will be available compliments of the club. You can bring your own lunch or we will ring for take away.

Do join in and enjoy this social day.

This is a start for us to utilise our club house more often, therefore do come.

For those who may not be able to come along on 14th February, do not worry, as we will be opened for mah-jong for the following three Saturdays (21st February, 28th February and 7th March) at the same time and place.

After that we will gauge the attendances, therefore we hope for your support.

See you all soon,

Ron



Our deepest sympathy to **Danny Badaraco**, our Western Australian Representative on the passing of his beloved mum, **CECILIA LAU BADARACO** 9/3/1926 - 4/1/2015.

May She Rest in Peace

Pedro Nolasco da Silva and education in Macau



Pedro Nolasco da Silva

If you went to school in Macau, and if you went to the *Liceu* or the *Escola Comercial*, you have this man to thank. Prominent in all civic and philanthropic associations, Pedro Nolasco da Silva was during nearly half a century of public life until his death in 1912 a man who did more for the benefit of his community than any other Macanese of his generation. Especially was this true in his role in resolving a crisis in 1870 that closed the only European school in Macau offering what we would now call secondary education. It took twenty-five years of sustained effort to achieve a remarkable outcome: the establishment of two fine schools that were fundamentally important to the future of Macau. His role in the foundation of the Association for the Promotion of Macanese Education was sufficient to ensure his lasting importance in the history of Macau, but this distinguished man had a far larger role in Macau than this.

Without the energy and determination of a group of nineteen very public-spirited men in the 1870s, a whole generation of people in Macau would have grown up illiterate at a time when throughout the world, there was a general move to set up schools for the whole population. In Macau, a disastrous decision seemed about to deny every young person the chance of an education, even the small elite who had previously attended St Joseph's College.

Macau had a long tradition of excellence in education that went back almost to the beginning of Portuguese settlement.

This made the disastrous decision in 1870 effectively to close St Joseph's College even more deplorable. In 1565 St Paul's College was founded by the Jesuits, less than ten years after the territory was occupied. As its name suggests, St Paul's was intended to be the forerunner of a great intellectual thrust of Christian civilisation into the Far East.

The grand vision never eventuated, and during the long period of Macau's decline after 1640, the college declined too. St Paul's came to an end in 1762 when the Jesuits were expelled from Macau. Its splendid church, built between 1620 and 1637, lay neglected and steadily deteriorating until its destruction by fire in 1835. St Paul's never re-opened. In addition to St Paul's, St Joseph's College was established in 1730 by the Jesuits. However, it too was closed in 1762, when its Jesuit community was swept away along with that of St Paul's. St Joseph's remained closed until 1784, when it was reopened.

St Joseph's then had a precarious existence during the nineteenth century. It closed in 1845, part of the general collapse of activity in Macau following the British occupation of Hong Kong in 1841. It reopened in 1862, but was briefly closed again in 1870 when the Jesuits were expelled for the second time. Particularly galling was the fact that elsewhere in the Far East, Catholic education was thriving, with the establishment of St Joseph's College in Shanghai, another St Joseph's in Hong Kong, and St Xavier's College in Calcutta.

Until 1870, there had been four Jesuit teachers at St Joseph's in Macau, and without them, as Fr Manuel Teixeira, himself a Jesuit, expressed it: 'the Seminary fell into decadence'.¹ Vigorous protests to the government in Lisbon were ignored. With Macau facing a future of illiteracy, a group of concerned citizens headed by Maximiano António dos Remédios decided to take matters into their own hands. They met in 1871 to found the *Associação Promotora da Instrução dos Macaenses*, the Association for the Promotion of Macanese Education, of which Pedro Nolasco da Silva became President. Over a period of years, the Association raised \$11,000 to establish a new school.² It was then a sizeable sum, especially when Macau was all but wiped out in 1874 in the Great Typhoon, perhaps the worst typhoon it had ever experienced. It took a determined champion, Pedro Nolasco da Silva, to get the school started, following this major setback.

¹ M. Teixeira, *Pedro Nolasco da Silva*, p. 67.

² O. Vaz, 'The Commercial School: a victory for Macau', *Macau*, No. 96, 1996, p. 136.



As a result of the Association's efforts, two institutions were set up, first the *Instituto Comercial*, the Commercial Institute, in 1878, and some years later, in 1894, the *Liceu Nacional de Macau*, preparing students for Coimbra University in Portugal.³

However, the first

priority was a Commercial Institute, as it was essential to prepare Macanese boys for the realities of a commercial world dominated by British banks and trading companies. Nolasco da Silva, who was the school's first director, was well aware that he had to prepare boys both for the limited commercial opportunities that Macau still offered, and in hope of emigration to Hong Kong or Shanghai where the economy was booming and there were plenty of opportunities for clerical employment in the British firms. Pedro Nolasco da Silva was born in Macau in 1842, and had a distinguished record at St Joseph's College. He joined the Government Chinese Translation Department, soon rising to become its head. As a young man he worked in Hong Kong on the staff of the *Hongkong Daily Press* and also edited a Portuguese community paper, *Echo do Povo* (*Echo of the People*). Returning to Macau, he edited *O Macaense* and *Echo Macaense*. His knowledge of the Chinese language enabled him to communicate in five different Chinese dialects. Over the next forty-two years until his death in 1912, he became one of Macau's most respected and eminent citizens.

His record of public service in Macau is remarkable. For several years he was *Provedor*, President, of Macau's principal charitable body, the *Santa Casa de Misericórdia*, the Holy House of Mercy, and revived its flagging fortunes by means of a highly successful 'Santa Casa' lottery which funded its fine new building.

As President of the *Leal Senado*, he was responsible for redeveloping the municipal markets and introducing the first electric street lighting. He was the founder of the *Asilo dos Orfãos*, the Orphans' Asylum, president of the Association of Owners of Dom Pedro V Theatre, and a member of the *Conselho do Provincia*, the Governing

³ M. Teixeira, *Liceu nacional Infante D. Henrique jubilee de ouro, 1894-1944*.

Council of Macau. It is not surprising to find that this public-spirited man was the founder in 1895 of the *Farmácia Popular*, the People's Pharmacy. The gracious late Victorian building of the *Farmácia Popular* stands on the northern side of the *Largo do Senado*, next to the *Santa Casa de Misericórdia*, both built in the place of what he described as 'insanitary little houses'.⁴ As a leading Catholic layman, he was president of the *Confraria da Imaculada Conceição*, the Confraternity of the Immaculate Conception.



The new building of the Santa Casa de Misericórdia in 1907. Pedro Nolasco da Silva revived the fortunes of this 300 year old charitable institution and in the 1890s was responsible for this fine building.

He travelled to Beijing in 1887 as Secretary-Interpreter for the Portuguese delegation to negotiate a treaty with the Chinese Empire, the Luso-Chinese Treaty of Peking, which confirmed at last, after 330 years of uncertainty and dispute, 'the perpetual occupation and government of Macau by Portugal'. However, signed by China under duress, this treaty was never accepted by later Chinese governments and border disputes dragged on for decades. A century later, the treaty was swept aside by the Accord under which Macau returned to Chinese.

Pedro Nolasco da Silva died in Macau on 12 October 1912, aged 70. Soon after his death, the *Leal Senado* proclaimed him 'Honorary Citizen of Macau' and placed his portrait in the *Salão Nobre*, the Main Hall, lined with portraits of Macau's governors for several centuries. It was a rare honour. In life, he had received from the Portuguese government the decoration of *Cavaleiro da Ordem de Cristo*, Knight of the Order of Christ. From 1912 until 1998, the school he had done so much to found was named in his honour the *Escola Comercial Pedro Nolasco*. With the impending inauguration of the SAR, it then became the *Escola Portuguesa de Macau*. However, there remains in Macau the centrally located thoroughfare *Rua Pedro Nolasco da Silva*, a lasting and well-deserved tribute to a man who was a real blessing to his people.

Stuart Braga

⁴ In his article on Macao in Wright, *Twentieth century impressions of Hongkong, Shanghai and other treaty ports of China*, p. 808.

2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR CASA DE MACAU

Date	Event
Saturday 14 February	<i>Mah-jong at Casa Clubhouse St Peters from 10:00am to 6:00pm</i>
Sunday 15 February	<i>Working bee at Casa</i>
Sunday 21 February	<i>Mah-jong at Casa Clubhouse St Peters from 10:00am to 6:00pm</i>
Sunday 28 February	<i>Mah-jong at Casa Clubhouse St Peters from 10:00am to 6:00pm</i>
Sunday 1 March	<i>CHINESE NEW YEAR DINNER – Ryde Eastwood Leagues – Chinese Banquet</i>
Sunday 7 March	<i>Mah-jong at Casa Clubhouse St Peters from 10:00am to 6:00pm</i>
Sunday 19 April	<i>Sunday Lunch</i>
Sunday 17 May	<i>Sunday Lunch</i>
Sunday 21 June	<i>DIA DE S JOAO - Ryde Eastwood Leagues</i>
Sunday 19 July	<i>Sunday Lunch</i>
Sunday 16 August	<i>Sunday Lunch</i>
Saturday 5 September	<i>AGM</i>
Sunday 20 September	<i>AUTUMN FESTIVAL</i>
Sunday 18 October	<i>Sunday Lunch</i>
Sunday 22 November	<i>Sunday Lunch</i>
Sunday 6 December	<i>CHRISTMAS LUNCH - Ryde Eastwood Leagues</i>
<i>Mah Jong – every Saturday from 14 February. To guarantee your spot ring Ron Reis on 0403 363 677</i>	
<i>Anyone wishing to cook for the Sunday Lunches please contact Mary Rigby on 0410 637 653</i>	

YOUTH CORNER

2015 Bursary Applications

Are you undertaking tertiary studies in 2015?
 Are you a voting member of the Casa de Macau – Australia (Macanese decent)?
 Have you been a member of the Casa de Macau – Australia for two or more years (including junior membership)?
 If you answered yes to the above three questions you may be eligible for a bursary from Casa de Macau – Australia. For an information package and application form contact Mary Rigby: rigbyfamily@ozemail.com.au.

Applications close 1st April 2015

Hi All,

Hope you had an enjoyable Christmas break and enjoying our summer. Would like to hear some feedback on what you would like to do.

Please let me know suggestions, activities and any other ideas you may have.

My email: stef_pl93@hotmail.com.

Yours truly,

Stef

YOUTH CORNER

Membership Renewal - 2015

Membership renewal for 2015 is currently due. Please pay by the **28th February 2015**. Membership renewal forms are enclosed with the newsletter and need to be forwarded with payment via cheque or money order as indicated on the form.

Direct deposit is the preferred payment method and members will find the bank details on their renewal forms. Renewal forms do need to be completed when making direct deposit payments and include the reference you used when making your payment.

REMINDER; children aged 2 years and over are eligible for junior membership, and will need to be members to attend functions. These young members need to have an adult complete a new membership form for our records also. New member forms are available from the Casa de Macau website, telephone **Mary Rigby** on 02 4733 3862 or email rigbyfamily@ozemail.com.au.



Our CASA kitchen

From the SBS website: Portuguese cuisine is born from the earth. It is hearty peasant fare full of strong flavours, many charting the culinary history of the country. For instance, the famous dried salt cod or bacalhau changed the course of Portuguese history. When it was discovered that the beautiful white fish caught in the cold Scandinavian waters could be dried and kept for long periods, sailors were able to go on long voyages of discovery to new lands, which then opened up trade routes. So loved is bacalhau now that there are recipe books entirely devoted to it, with a range of recipes from around the country.

Paprika, bay leaves, garlic and wine feature largely in many dishes, olive oil is adored and used to cook both cook food and finish off dishes. Pork is a favourite meat and is used in the famous chourico sausage, which is smoked over wood with heady aromas of garlic and paprika. Spices in general are popular – including *piri piri* (small fiery chilli peppers), black pepper, cinnamon, vanilla, and saffron. Herbs are also widely used, particularly coriander and parsley.

Also cooked over charcoal is the now familiar Portuguese chicken, which has been a huge hit in Australia – we love the flattened marinated chicken served with chilli spiked piri piri sauce. The recipe was developed in Angola when it was a Portuguese colony. Desserts rely heavily on eggs – think crème caramel, rice pudding and the famous custard tarts or pastéis de nata. A selection of cheeses may also be served, with the most common varieties being made from sheep or goat's milk.

Source: <http://www.sbs.com.au/food/cuisine/portuguese>

Congratulations

Gwen Braga OAM

Monday 26 January 2015 –
Australia Day

Stuart Braga sent the following
to his family:



I'm sure you will be delighted to know that Gwen Braga, Zeca's wife, has today been honoured in the Australia Day honours list with the award of a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM). This is equivalent to the MBE in the Order of the British Empire. The citation follows. It is enormously impressive. Gwen has worked tirelessly in all sorts of social service activities for many years, besides being a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother. She has enriched the lives of a great many people.

She is the first person in the Braga family as far as I know who has received an award in the Order of Australia, and the first since J.P. Braga to receive recognition in a related award, the Order of the British Empire, of which Grandfather was made an Officer in 1935.

J.M. (Jack) Braga, Gwen's father-in-law, received in 1949 the award of Grande Cavaleiro do Ordem do S. Tiago da Espada (Knight of the Order of St James of the Sword), from the President of Portugal. In 1988 he was awarded posthumously the high rank of Grande Oficial, Ordem do Infante Dom Henrique (Grand Officer of the Order of Prince Henry the Navigator).

**MEDAL (OAM) OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA
IN THE GENERAL DIVISION**

**Mrs Gwenda Joan BRAGA, for service to
the community, particularly through aged
care organisations.**

DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR THE NEXT ISSUE

All articles and pictures must be received by the editor no later than **Wednesday 27 May 2015**. Please make sure when sending pictures **the email is NO LARGER than 3 MB** as it shuts my computer down. Remember, all articles submitted **MUST** be the author's own.

Denice

ANNUAL FENG SHUI ENERGIES FOR 2015

Flying Stars is a method of assessment in the Feng Shui practice to find out in that particular **Time**, what abstract energies are affecting an area by using the Principles of:

- Yin and Yang,
- the Five Elements,
- the Trigram
- the Lo Shu,
- the 24 Mountains



The energies which are assessed can influence health, wealth, relationships and psychological well-being of the inhabitants.

The energies can be positive or negative, when they are positive they can be enhanced and if they are negative they can be depleted.

In 2015 the Centre of each property is occupied by the Fighting Star (3) meaning that most properties will be prone to having conflicts and arguments. There could be issues with misunderstandings therefore people tend to lose their temper more easily. Most affected would be the first born of the family. Depending on what other types of energies are in the area, it could be solved by placing more red items in the area.

This energy however could be favourable for launching new businesses especially those that involve high risk, adventure and danger. It is also good for businesses wanting to expand and increase in their competition with their peers. The campaign must be aggressive and extremely competitive to be successful.

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	3	5	7			
	6	8	1	4	6	
	8	1	6			
NE	N			NW		

Annual & Monthly Flying Stars for 2015

In the Centre is the Annual Flying Star and the bottom right hand is the Monthly Star.

Positive areas this year are:

NORTH (8): If you have an entrance in the North sector of your property you should see an improvement in your wealth. Try to enhance with active water or any active objects.

SOUTH WEST (9): Entrances in the South West sector will bring successful dealings and may bring news of good news such as weddings, promotions or even fame.

EAST (1): The East this year brings in the energy for furthering education. It's also a powerful activator for those seeking office promotions and social fame.

Negative areas this year are:

WEST (5): This is an area where there could be issues relating to set-backs, misfortunes, accidents and it is also an area where there could be issues relating to transformations. If you are not willing to transform and change then the issues will be made worse as resistance brings in set-backs and difficulties. Depending on what other energy there is in the area, the issues could be escalated. Metal elements may help in depleting the energy. Specific items like a 6 coins string, 5 Element Pagoda, or salt water cure may help to lower the negativity of the issues.

EAST (2): Sleeping or spending too much time in this area may create health issues or it could worsen immunity problems. There could be more issues relating to stamina as well as loneliness. This area could also bring in issues relating to property investment. Metal elements may help in depleting the energy. Specific items like a 6 coins string, Metal Calabash (Wu Lou), or

salt water cure may help to lower the negativity of the issues.

SOUTH (7): Entrances coming from the South will have increased risks of robberies, malicious gossips and theft of intellectual properties. Worse affected will be the youngest daughter of the property. Place a black rug or a black clock to lower the negativity.

Other areas to be aware of are North East (6) and the North West (4). These areas have to be kept clean and uncluttered

at all times as otherwise spending time in the North East, could be prone to issues with Authority (getting extra parking tickets etc.) or those in the North West, having extramarital issues.

In addition to the Flying Stars there are certain areas where renovations, such as digging, knocking on walls or too much noise and activity are to be avoided.

These are the positions of three major planetary influences where any of the above may cause issues with health and loss of wealth.

The positions are:

1. The **Grand Duke (Tai Sui)** in the South West (Goat) between 226° and 315°, placement of a pair of Pi Yao, a mythical creature that absorbs bad energies.
2. The **Sui Po** in the North East (Ox) between 22.6° and 37.5°
3. The **Three Killings (3K)** are from 232.6° and 308.5° the positions between the Monkey, Rooster and the Dog. Placement of the **Three Guardians** may help to gauge the area and act as a reminder of what areas it may protect.

If digging and renovations etc need to be done, a good day has to be chosen.

WARNING:

The above information and cures are based solely on the annual energies. There could be interaction with the original energies of the property which may or may not cause a positive result with the annual energy. For best results it is best to consult a professional Feng Shui consultant listed with any of the Associations:

- AFSC – Association of Feng Shui Consultants
- IFSA – International Feng Shui Association

Feng Shui applications only cover a third of your luck, the other two thirds are governed by your own Destiny and your own actions and beliefs of life.

The Year of your birth affects your personal luck, however it's a minor part of your Destiny as the Month, Day and Hour can also affect your entire life in terms of health, wealth, relationships, career, partner, parents & children. It is a complicated analysis.

Below is a luck analysis, which is to see how smooth the year is going to be.



For those born in the **Year of the Goat, Ox, Dog or Dragon** their personal luck is affected this year and may encounter more issues related to health, changes to jobs, moving houses and even more travelling. This may or may not bring a positive outcome.

Those born in the **Year of the Snake and Horse**, they should have pretty good luck this year especially relating to wealth and general outlook. Snakes might travel more often this year.

The Rat should be pretty lucky too however they could have some issues with betrayal if you have children especially where money is concerned. To prevent this, donating to charitable organisations may help.

Monkeys tend to be ok, but they may have some issues with robberies, they could have money coming in, but they could spend it just as fast. This also applies for those born in the year of the **Rooster**. Donations to charity may lessen the issues.

Tigers may have some conflicts and also health issues. **Pigs** might have more romantic pursuits. **Rabbits** should have a smooth year.

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MAH JONG

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14 February 2015
guarantee your spot by ringing
Ron Reis on 0403 363 677

A BIT OF NOSTALGIA

Herbal teas and liquids Drink them, they are good for you!

Whilst living in Macau, and at that time I was about 12 - 13 years old, my Grandmother would force me to drink a herbal tea. This tea was for my general well-being and brewed to take the heat from inside my body (Yeet Hay), yes, I'm serious. Besides this I also had to take the



dreaded two spoonfuls of "Cod Liver Oil" and a black herbal tea named "Leung Cha".

Normally, Leung Cha was taken on the first Sunday of the month after the 11am mass at the Cathedral, what was in it, I have no idea. Soon, after communion I would be looking at the clock counting down the minutes until I had to drink this horrible tea. I tried crying and faking illness, neither of these tactics worked and only strengthened my grandmother's resolve that I needed the tea, there was no way out. Dutifully, I would follow grandmother to the corner of "San Mah Lou" and "Calçada do Tronco Velho" where the herbal tea man worked and sold his delicious teas. The tea was kept in a large container, underneath which was a slow burning coal stove to keep the tea warm. Besides this was another large container filled with water, its purpose was to wash the pots and cups after use from the current customer. When a new customer would arrive the man would simply pick up a cup from inside the "clean" water container and fill it up with hot tea and give it to the new customer. Having drunk his tea the customer would return the cup and the herbal tea man would put it back in the clean water, as far as I can tell the same water was used the entire day and I'm not sure if different cups were ever used. Ah the hygiene of the old days, well I never got dysentery, maybe my stomach got used to it.

Ok, I have arrived at the stand, heart pounding and eyes watering, sweating at the prospect of this foul tea. Watching the herbal tea man pour his black concoction into a cup, all the while I hoped that the cup would crack, it never did. I knew if that happened Grandmother would have to buy a second cup and I know she wouldn't like to pay twice. Holding the cup with both hands, consoling myself with the thought that the quicker I drank it the quicker I would receive my

reward, just thinking of the reward was my salvation from this vile brew. The reward was dried salty delicious prune "Wah Mui", ah the taste after the tea was pure bliss; if the prune I was given was small I'd try to ask for another one. Depending on the hawkers mood I was occasionally successful, yeah for me when it did and the taste was great. By now all my anxieties were forgotten; as the next time four weeks away is a long way off in the future.

I was made to drink other teas and soups, some good and some not so "Ching Pou Leung" a mixture of dried vegetables and berries and "Yi Mai Soi" a barley soup. I was told that both of these were to cleanse my system and beneficial to my skin. These drinks I could tolerate, however "Leung Cha" I always dreaded.



On my last visit to Macau in October 2014 the tea stand is still in place, still selling the same products.

Nina Deacon

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CASA News across Australia

ACT News from Maggie Grills

The Christmas lunch for our small group of **ACT CASA** members was held at the Canberra Yacht Club with a lovely meal that included all the Christmas trimmings. The 13 members who attended were very pleased with the lucky door prizes of gift vouchers and Portuguese books donated by the CASA committee.



Margie Yvanovich , Maria Fernanda Ribeiro and Fernando Ribeiro (right to left)



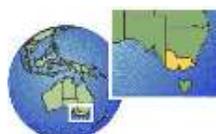
Bruno Yvanovich, Margarida Grills, Fernando Ribeiro (front), Peter Grills, Jill Yvanovich and Mini Reis (right to left)



Chris Reis, Luiz Ribeiro and Jim Pollard (right to left)



Isabel Harvey with a lucky door prize



Victorian news from Eddie Raphael

I'd like to say thank you to the Victorian Members who congratulated me on taking on the role as Vic Rep and for their support so far.

Just a little about me: I'm first generation Australian daughter of **Eddy Favacho** and **Gloria DeZwart** (nee **Collaco**). Both of my parents were born in Shanghai and deported to Macau in 1953 when Communists took over. My mum's parents were both Portuguese born in Shanghai and great grandparents born in Macau and Portugal. My father's mum was Portuguese.



I have two adult sons **Matthew** and **Ashley** who are also members and their girlfriends. **Gloria DeZwart** my mum and **Eddy** and **Chris Favacho** my

dad and step mum are Casa members as are extended family **Denis, Geni, Linda Collaco** my uncle and aunts and **Rei** and **Edlea** cousins. My brother and sister were members and I'll try to coax them back. Our family is spread widely across the world with my cousin **Aurea Meyer** the president of the 'Casa' in Canada and my cousin **Deny Carion** president in Brazil.

I currently work full time doing an office administration role, Bunnings casually in the nursery and I'm heavily involved volunteering in the community with one on one support, fundraising for Relay for Life, Cancer Council of Victoria and singing my heart out to people in nursing homes and aged care facilities; and in my spare time I enjoy gardening, photography, and socialising. If you want to know anything else, please ask. Also, I'd like to get to know my members better so come say hello or give me a call.

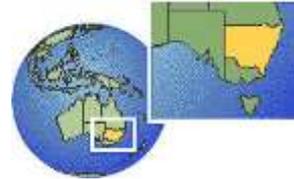
If any members would like to make any suggestions about how we can continue improving the **Casa in Victoria** or would like to contribute to the newsletter contact me by email eraphael21@gmail.com or by phone P: 9401 5180 or M: 0417 007 497. Thank you for your support.



My first duty in the role was the Christmas function which had a reasonably good turn-out. There were 31 members who enjoyed a scrumptious buffet lunch of hot and cold delights at Mesh Restaurant in Crown Complex a venue we had been to before and is well liked. We held four raffles, three books that were donated by Casa deMacau and some wine donated by **Filomena dos Santos**, thank you for your contributions.

I am currently planning for the Chinese New Year celebrations and hope to have more information to you soon, so keep an eye out.

Eddie Raphael



Casa de Macau NSW celebrated Christmas Lunch on Sunday, 7th December

2014 at the Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club.

140 plus members attended. This year our President Lizette Akouri led the proceedings followed by a very delicious buffet lunch of apabico, taro cake, chicken caesar salad, advocado prawn, green salad, smoked salmon, ox tail curry, bafassa pork, Portuguese chicken, christmas leg ham, arroz lap cheung, fried ho-fun, boiled rice, fried rice.

For sweets there was creme brulee, mango pudding, bebinca de leite, Christmas pudding with custard, fresh fruits, tea and coffee.

The children were able to show their talents with drawing and colouring and making elastic band bracelets with the supervision of **Michelle Rigby** and **Stef Deacon**. Each child also received a Christmas stocking filled with lollies to take home. Santa was a big hit with both young and old, giving out presents.

We had two major door prizes: 1x100.00 and 1x50.00 gift voucher. There were also other prizes of movie tickets voucher. There was also a DJ to keep us entertained!

At the end of the party, members were able to take home "doggy bags" with food packed in small plastic containers.

As always, this event would not have been the success it was without the help of the Committee members. Special thank you to **Mary** and **Michelle Rigby** for arranging tickets, seatings and all the administrative work to make the day a success. Thank you to **Kath Rigby** for being the photographer of the day.

To all the Members that attended a HUGE thank you for supporting this event.

Nina Deacon



Casa de Macau NSW 2014 Christmas Luncheon

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HOLLYWOOD COMES TO MACAU IN 2015

The spotlight is very much on Macau in 2015 with the headline act being the opening of a new multi-billion dollar resort – **Studio City** - starring some of Hollywood's top-line actors.

And in the midst of the action will be famous Australian businessman James Packer, who is said to play the role as executive producer of a new film, *The Audition*, set around a Studio City storyline.



Melco Crown Entertainment Limited's US\$3.2 billion, Hollywood-inspired entertainment complex Studio City is set to be a new, iconic, Macau landmark – with Asia's highest Ferris wheel, the "Golden Eye"

It can be revealed that in mid-2015, an exciting new precinct – the \$US3.2 billion Hollywood-inspired, Art Deco style precinct will open in Macau, complete with an exhilarating Batman Dark Flight and Asia's highest Ferris wheel, the Golden Eye. The Ferris wheel will have two 'asteroids' shooting through a Gotham City building.

Coinciding with the resort's opening will be the global premiere of the new short film, starring Leonardo DiCaprio, Robert De Niro and Brad Pitt.

It will be the first time the three lead actors will work together under the direction of Academy Award-winning film director, Martin Scorsese.

Packer and City of Dreams business partner Lawrence Ho served as executive producers and convinced the iconic filmmaker to direct the movie.

The precinct's twin tower Studio City Hotel will boast 1600 luxury rooms, each set in Art Deco style with a red carpet service.

News of the latest addition to Macau's skyline comes hot on the heels of the announcement that Macau had

been listed by Lonely Planet as one of the top 10 regions in the world to explore in 2015.

The giant guide book publisher ranked the former Portuguese enclave with such fascinating destinations as Italy's Milan, Malta's Valetta, Austria's Vienna, India's Chennai, Canada's Toronto, Argentina's El Chalten, and, of course, Turkey's Gallipoli which is to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Anzac landing in World War I.

"Macau has seen a huge boom in recent years," wrote Lonely Planet author Megan Eaves.

"Where else in the world can you make an incense offering at an ancient Chinese Buddhist temple in the morning, take the world's highest bungee jump in the afternoon, have a Michelin-starred meal in the evening topped off with a bottle of Portuguese vino, don your finest for a glitzy show and then pull up a plastic stool for some Chinese street food as a midnight snack?" she wrote.

In writing her review, Ms Eaves drew a list of "life-changing experiences" such as exploring the back streets of Macau's UNESCO World Heritage old town – "a mix of Portuguese and Chinese architecture found nowhere else on Earth".

"Sampling the delights of Macanese cuisine, which mixes elements of Portuguese, African and Chinese food – think prawn, chorizo and olive-laden 'Portuguese fried rice'," she wrote. "Thrill-seekers shouldn't leave without a leap off the world's highest commercial bungee platform or a cool stroll around the 233-metre-high Skywalk at Macau Tower," she summed up.

There's more than a touch of Portuguese and Chinese to the makeup of today's Macau.

Where else in Asia would you find a version of Venice with Grand Canal and serenaded gondola rides?

One morning you could be sharing breakfast with the larger than life cartoon stars, the next day dining on exquisite cuisine in a Michelin star restaurant.

That's Macau 2015-style, very much a hot destination for the young and young-at-heart, where a bungee jump from the 338-metre high Macau Tower can be followed by a drive in a go-kart or a trip to the Science Centre to check out your sporting skills.

No matter how old you are, it is easy to be spellbound by the variety of activities and attractions that are offered in this fascinating former Portuguese enclave.

Among the countless attractions and activities to consider during a stay in Macau are:

- **Shrekfast** – a family-friendly and spectacular way to begin the day at the Sands Cotai Central enjoying breakfast with the DreamWorks animation characters from Shrek, Madagascar, Kung Fu Panda and How to Train Your Dragon. There's also a daily All Star Parade and weekend poolside movie nights at the Sheraton and Holiday Inn.
- **AJ Hackett Macau Tower** – The 338-metre high tower is home to the world's highest bungee jump and such experiences as Skywalk X, Skyjump, High Exposure and the world's only urban tower climb. A night bungee jump is held every Friday and Saturday night.
- **Science Centre** – With the Planetarium the centerpiece with its tilted semi-dome screen and 3D digital projectors, this four-year-old addition to Macau has plenty of hands-on attractions. There are galleries concentrating on technology, the environment with plenty of features for entertaining and educating the youngsters

Look beyond 2015, and we can prepare for more change – with tens of thousands of additional hotel rooms to accommodate the growing leisure and MICE markets.



Source: Hong Kong Magazine

As construction continues on the ambitious 29.5km **Hong Kong-Zuhai-Macau Bridge**, due to open at the end of 2016, ground has been broken in a number of hot spots on the Cotai Strip, reclaimed land linking the islands of Taipa and Coloane and home to the City of Dreams, Sands (The Venetian included) and the Galaxy.

Such is the building boom in Macau that towering construction cranes dot the landscape on such projects as the Parisians, to feature a smaller version of the Eiffel Tower, complete with observation deck and 200-seat restaurant. It is due to open later this year.

Of giant magnitude will be the construction of a French Versailles-like Lisboa Palace, a project valued in excess of \$AUD4.5 billion complete with three hotels including a Palazzo Versace and another designed by Karl Lagerfeld, the chief designer for the Chanel and Fendi fashion houses. This project is expected to be completed in 2017.

The City of Dreams, which celebrated its fifth anniversary, has begun work on a new hotel tower, the 40-storey complex featuring a 30m-high lobby atrium, restaurants, spa, ultra lounge, sky pool and as many as 780 guestrooms, suites and villas exceeding five- star standards. It is due to open in 2017.

MGM is celebrating a new and exciting chapter in the company's history with the breaking of ground on yet another Cotai project – a contemporary precinct which will include 1600 hotel rooms. It is expected to open in early to mid-2016. Wynn Resorts has a 1700-room entertainment and hotel complex, also to open in 2016.

Details: Macau Government Tourist Office, phone (02) 9264 1488, or check out www.macautourism.gov.mo

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Happy Chinese New Year

Casa NSW Celebration

Sunday 1 March 2015

More information with this newsletter



Ed Rozario advises that **MARIA FERNANDA De CARVALHO** passed away peacefully on Wednesday 28 January. She was 91. Much loved sister of Sonny, Candida (her twin) and David (all deceased), her sisters-in-law Judy and Joan de Carvalho, and brother-in-law William Meriwether in America. Beloved aunt to her 47 nieces and nephews in Australia and America, 15 grandnieces; 30 great-grand nieces; 1 great-great-grandniece and one great-great-grandnephew. Maria was a long standing member and continuous supporter of all of the Casa's functions.

She will be sadly missed