

# Australia News

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## President's Report

I hope this newsletter finds you all well. Welcome to the September issue of our newsletter.

I would firstly like to send our heartfelt prayers and wishes to all in Macau who lost loved ones and suffered from the devastation of Typhoon Hato. I am proud to be Macanese and to see the Community rally together to help each other during this devastating time.



Dia de Sao Joao was held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2017. It was great to see all members enjoy the Trivia and catch up with family and friends. A huge thank you to our Committee for organising a fun filled lunch, **Lizette** for organising the sumptuous menu and a special thank you to **Marilia** for organising the Trivia (pictured below participants during Trivia).

There is a list on the next page of our upcoming events and I hope to see you in attendance.

Our **“Welcome to Spring BBQ”** on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2017 and would also like to remind you that our AGM is on Saturday October 21 at 10.00am.

This is my last newsletter for this term as President until the upcoming AGM in October, I would like to thank you all for your words of encouragement, love and support during this term. Thank you to our Committee, Interstate Reps and volunteer cooks for your sincere and selfless dedication to “maintain and promote the Macanese Culture.”

We hope you enjoy this Newsletter, a huge thank you to **Denice** for your dedication as our Editor of our newsletter and **Maria** for maintaining our website.

*Viva Macaenses!*

Best Wishes  
**Antonieta Manolakis**  
President  
Casa de Macau Inc

## Upcoming Events

Please find below dates for upcoming events and note date change for October Sunday lunch at MCC.

Date	NSW Event details	Location
Sunday 17 September	Welcome to Spring BBQ	MCC
Saturday 21 October	Annual General Meeting - AGM	MCC
Sunday 22 October	Sunday Lunch Chefs - Lizette and Nina	MCC
Sunday 19 November	Sunday Lunch – Chefs Pauline and Cesar Pereira	MCC
Sunday December 10	Christmas Lunch	Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club

## WE'RE ENGAGED



Congratulations to **Alexia Conceicao Manolakis** and **Con Kambourakis** who announced their Engagement on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017

## WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome the following new members, **Calvin Coulter** and **Craig Redstone**

## MACAO SHOWS DETERMINATION AND PASSION AFTER TYPHOON HATO

*Message from MGTO (Australia and New Zealand)*

Firstly, our heartfelt wishes and prayers go out to all Casa de Macao members and their families and friends who felt the brunt of Typhoon Hato's fury.

Not in our lifetime has tiny Macao experienced such a ferocious and intense storm which also struck Hong Kong and neighbouring Guangdong province in China. With winds gusting up to 240km/h and tides reaching record levels, you could only imagine how terrifying it would have been standing in the path of that deadly storm on Wednesday, August 23.

Relentlessly, Macao was lashed with hurricane winds and pounding rain – and the waves whipped up by the wind became more threatening as the day went on.

"Never before have I been so terrified," wrote one MGTO colleague.

Another said: "It was an intense day which I definitely don't want to experience again. So many people have lost a lot."

One media friend, who was staying at the Holiday Inn, Cotai, described the storm as an absolutely terrible experience.

"I was on the 35<sup>th</sup> floor yet the building shook enough to make it feel like I was on a cruise ship," she said.

At last report, at least six people lost their lives, another 150 or more injured.

However, the toll only tells part of the story.

The high tide created massive flooding in low-lying areas, causing a city-wide blackout, water supply stoppages and telecommunication breakdowns.

The disaster relief authorities reported hundreds of incidents caused by the typhoon, such as falling trees, antenna cables and advertising boards.

But with the effects of the horrifying storm behind us, the people of Macao are showing great resilience in getting back on their feet. Many are friends, neighbours and family, a majority are strangers.

The massive clean-up has begun, and judging by news bulletins and social media postings almost everyone is rolling up the sleeves to lend a hand in ensuring the work is done as swiftly and efficiently as possible.

To see such havoc and despair via the TV screen has been very distressing for most who have grown to love Macao for what it is.

But be assured, the people of Macao have the strength, determination, desire and passion to once again return their home to its glorious self.

It's only a matter of time.

**MIKE SMITH** (MGTO Australia and NZ)

## Vicente Nicolau de Mesquita, a tragic hero

On 25 August 1849, Vicente Mesquita, a young sub-lieutenant of the artillery in Macau, bravely led a charge that resulted in the destruction of the Chinese fort known to the Portuguese as Passaleão and to the Chinese as Baishaling (Cantonese, Pak Shan Lan). The story is well-known, and has been told in a recent article. Less well known is the tragedy that followed some years later. Apparently deranged, he killed his wife and daughter and then drowned himself. As a result, the church authorities for many years denied him burial in consecrated ground. It was a dreadfully sad situation.

What he achieved in the brief episode that made him famous is this. The Governor of Macau, João Maria Ferreira do Amaral, had been murdered by a Chinese mob, three days earlier, and his head and left hand were severed and carried off as trophies. Following this, the guns of the fort began to fire on Portuguese troops near the border. A Chinese attack on Macau seemed imminent until Mesquita volunteered to lead an assault on the fort. He attacked with a small force of only 36 men. Baishaling was heavily garrisoned, but with untrained and disorganised soldiers who fled at the sight of brandished lances and cold steel together with the shouts of men filled with blood-lust. The fort's guns were spiked and its magazine blown up. In a savage act of reprisal for the mutilation of Amaral, Mesquita seized and killed an unarmed mandarin, a civilian, whose head and left hand were severed, stuck on a long pike and carried into Macau. It was probably the first time any Portuguese military force had ever attacked a Chinese position, and the reaction in Macau was ecstatic. It was the greatest triumph of Portuguese arms in the history of Macau since the defeat of the Dutch in 1622, more than two centuries before. The Portuguese report was that one Portuguese soldier was severely wounded. However, a British source gave figures of seven Portuguese wounded and 74 Chinese dead.

Back in the city of Macau, Mesquita became an instant hero. The oppression of the Chinese mandarins that had bedevilled Macau for close to three hundred years had been wiped away in just a few minutes. The patriotic elation over Mesquita's exploit did not die out for a long time, and the Macanese community of Hong Kong raised funds to present Mesquita with a sword of honour, made in Portugal, and presented a year later. J.P. Braga, who apparently had access to a now lost copy of the inscription, wrote,

'The sword is described as being of splendid workmanship, with letters engraved in the blade, inlaid with fine gold. The inscription read,

*"Ao valor intrepido do Tenente de Artilheria Vicente Nicolao de Mesquita – Seus patricios os macaenses em Hongkong, em*

*memoria da acção de 25 de Agosto de 1849 – Esta espada dedicam."*

"To the intrepid valour of Lieutenant of the Artillery Vicente Nicolao de Mesquita, his fellow countrymen, the Macaenses in Hongkong, in memory of the feat of the 25th August, 1849, dedicate this sword." <sup>1</sup>

Mesquita married young, aged 17, in 1835, but three of the five children, all girls, of this marriage all died in May 1842, and another in 1859. His wife, Balbina Maria da Silveira, died in 1857. Two years later, he married her sister, Carolina Maria Josefa. There were two sons and a daughter of this marriage, all of whom survived infancy, but their daughter, Iluminada, died in the tragedy that would overwhelm the family in 1880. <sup>2</sup>

Fame leads to the envy of others, and people who thought Mesquita had received too much recognition set out to destroy his career. None of them had ever received a sword in recognition of their valour. Mesquita's promotion was slow, though honours were awarded to him over the years in what was considered an appropriate manner for an officer of his rank: *Cavaleiro da Ordem de Na Sra da Conceição da Vila Viçosa* (Knight of the Order of Our Lady of Conception of Vila Viçosa) in 1855, *Cavaleiro e Comendador da Ordem de Aviz* (Knight, in 1857, then Commander, in 1869, of the Order of Aviz), and also the silver military medal of valour and the silver military medal of exemplary conduct. <sup>3</sup> A photograph in Montalto de Jesus's 'Historic Macao' shows him wearing these medals. <sup>4</sup>



Fourteen years passed before he was promoted from lieutenant to major; not until 1873 was he made a full colonel. <sup>5</sup> Mesquita was locally-born, and aristocratic senior officers from Portugal had little regard for this colonial upstart and his brief moment of glory.

*Colonel Vicente Mesquita (left)*

They would have been experts in the art of petty humiliation. In 1851, he was placed in command of a small fort on the outlying island of Taipa, remote and inconsequential. It had been built in the 1840s by Amaral, whose death he had so splendidly avenged, but there was no glory in this posting. It was, in effect, rustication. Nor did he receive an award in the more prestigious *Ordem Militar da Torre e Espada* (Military Order of the Tower and of the Sword), the pinnacle of the Portuguese honours system, to which he believed he was entitled. <sup>6</sup> Years of brooding on the failure of his superiors to recognise and reward him as he believed he deserved consumed him with bitterness.

<sup>1</sup> J.P. Braga, *The Portuguese in Hongkong and China*, p. 184.

<sup>2</sup> Macanese Families website, accessed 2 July 2017.

<sup>3</sup> *ibid.*

<sup>4</sup> C.A. Montalto de Jesus, *Historic Macao*, p. 352.

<sup>5</sup> Wikipedia, accessed 30 June 2017.

<sup>6</sup> C.A. Montalto de Jesus, *Historic Macao*, p. 425.

The Quaker leader William Penn, who founded Pennsylvania, commented long ago, 'the jealous are troublesome to others, and a torment to themselves'.<sup>7</sup>

Tormented, Mesquita became deranged. He seems to have suffered from long periods of acute depression and episodes of derangement. He was retired from active service, but his bitterness then turned, not on the military establishment which he believed had humiliated him, but on his own family. He had the idea that his daughter Iluminada was having an affair with a medical officer, known, says Montalto de Jesus, the Macau historian, as a scoundrel.<sup>8</sup> Drinking heavily, he began to stalk her. He sought the intervention of the Governor and the Bishop of Macau, with the idea of sending Iluminada to a convent, but both ignored him.

At this point, his life spiralled completely out of control. One night he ordered his whole family to go to confession next morning. During the day, they sent an appeal for assistance to the Governor, but their desperate appeal was also ignored, just as Mesquita himself had been. All this was long before the era of Apprehended Violence Orders, but even if they had existed, it would have made no difference to the ensuing tragedy. That night, 19-20 March 1880, Mesquita shot his wife Carolina and their daughter Iluminada. A terrible scene was witnessed by Captain Porfírio de Sousa and Lt. Brito when they broke into the house at 2 a.m.

As they entered the room they were confronted with the bloody corpse of Carolina who had fallen back next to the bed; her head riddled with bullets. While they were taking in this horrible sight, there was a weak moan and all eyes turned to see who was there. It was Leopoldina, the only surviving child of Mesquita's first marriage. She had a serious wound to the head, but recovered, dying at the age of 95 in 1937. Iluminada's body was found later. She was only nineteen. One of Mesquita's two sons was also wounded but he too recovered.<sup>9</sup> Mesquita had taken his own life, drowning himself in a well. He was 61, elderly for those days.

Catholic Canon Law is quite clear about what the church must do in such a case. Canon 1184 states, 'Unless they gave some signs of repentance before death, the following must be deprived of ecclesiastical funerals ... manifest sinners who cannot be granted ecclesiastical funerals without public scandal of the faithful'. So Mesquita was not given a military funeral or a requiem mass and was buried in unhallowed ground without the rites of the Catholic Church. Public opinion in Macau was kinder, in view of the man's apparent insanity. Colonel Garcia, the commandant of the police, with most of the police force, many of the military forces and many citizens, attended the funeral, and then wrote a booklet about the tragedy. For his pains Garcia lost his position, but was later appointed to the position of commandant of the citadel,

Monte Fort, a promotion.<sup>10</sup> However, there would be no rapid rehabilitation for Mesquita.

It took a generation before a later bishop, Paulino d'Azevedo, accepted the plea of actions committed while of unsound mind, and in 1910 permitted burial in the S. Miguel Cemetery. At the same time, another significant recognition took place in Shanghai. The Shanghai Volunteer Corps had been formed in 1853 to protect the European settlement in the city of Shanghai. In 1906 a Portuguese Company was formed. At first it was called *Companhia de Voluntários Portugêses*, but in 1910 the company changed its name to *Companhia Portuguesa "Coronel Mesquita"*<sup>11</sup>

Over the years the Hong Kong and Shanghai Macanese communities frequently expressed their disgust at the treatment of Mesquita both before and after his death.<sup>12</sup> Eventually, a huge statue was erected in 1940 at Macau, in the Largo do Senado, in front of the Leal Senado building, showing Mesquita urging on his valiant band to death or glory.



*Inauguration of the statue of Mesquita in the Largo do Senado, 25 June 1940*



<sup>7</sup> William Penn (1644–1718), *Fruits of Solitude*, Part II, Of Jealousy, No. 190.

<sup>8</sup> C.A. Montalto de Jesus, *Historic Macao*, p. 425.

<sup>9</sup> <https://nenotavaiconta.wordpress.com/tag/vicente-nicolau-de-mesquita/page/2>, accessed 3 July 2017.

<sup>10</sup> C.A. Montalto de Jesus, *Historic Macao*, p. 426.

<sup>11</sup> A. Jorge da Silva, *The Portuguese Community in Shanghai, a Pictorial History*, p. 64.

<sup>12</sup> J. Wordie, *Macao, people and places past and present*, p. 52.

Many years before, in 1884, a public appeal in Hong Kong had raised funds for a monument.<sup>13</sup> However, not until 1952 was this eventually erected above Mesquita's grave. It was unveiled on 25 August, the 103<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the battle of Passaleão. It is a fine marble monument, placed conspicuously next to the entrance of the cemetery where it cannot be missed.



The monument to Mesquita erected in S. Miguel Cemetery in 1952



In addition, a main road in the northern part of Macau was named in his honour, the *Avenida do Coronel Mesquita*.

However, the Chinese people of Macau never forgot the humiliation of the garrison of Baishaling and the atrocity committed on the body of the hapless official in 1849. They had to wait 117 years for vengeance, but in December 1966 a rioting mob tore down the statue and severed its head, replicating what had been done to the Chinese mandarin. The statue was never replaced and its tall plinth was quietly removed.<sup>14</sup>



A press cutting from the *South China Morning Post*

This violent act sent a powerful message to the colonial authorities. The Chinese people of Macau had destroyed this symbol of Portuguese Macau's greatest hero which was at the same time the greatest sign of Chinese humiliation a century earlier. It was a plain statement that the future would belong to a resurgent China.

*The Mesquita tragedy was covered in detail in 41 pages of typescript by J.M. Braga, who gathered Garcia's publication and material concerning the later revision of the case. "Notas biograficas por Coronel Garcia (1880); Sentença de reabilitação, 1910." National Library of Australia MS 4353, 1910." National Library of Australia MS 4353.*

**Stuart Braga**

## Footprints in history

**Bruno Yvanovich**

The May edition of the Casa newsletter with Dr Stuart Braga's interesting article about the Portuguese in Malacca coincidentally arrived just after my wife Jill and I returned from a great trip to Malaysia and Singapore.

We visited Penang, Kuala Lumpur, Malacca and Singapore and everywhere we found traces of Portugal's historic presence:

- On the northern edge of Penang Island, there is a rock outcrop off a beach that was the marker for Portuguese sailors to the northern entrance of the Straits of Malacca and a crucial indicator for fresh water, essential after a long crossing of the Bay of Bengal
- The National Museum in KL featured the role of Portugal in the development of Malacca
- The (brilliant) Asian Civilisations Museum in Singapore displayed several Portuguese-era artefacts, including two early 19<sup>th</sup> century paintings of Macau harbour and a beautiful fan decorated with three 19<sup>th</sup> century harbour scenes of Hong Kong, Singapore and Macau.

As you would expect, it was in Malacca that the Portuguese presence was most notable and is today an important part of Malacca's tourist market. In the centre of the city, the Maritime Museum displayed a painting from the mid-1500s' of Malacca including the original Portuguese fort, A Famosa.

Outside, there is a full-scale replica of the ships that the Portuguese sailed on their voyages of exploration and trade. As you can judge from the people around and on it, it's not all that large for a dangerous journey across unknown seas to the other side of the globe! I would think it's about the length but as wide as a Star Ferry. Would you sail the high seas in a Star Ferry?

<sup>13</sup> Indicated on the inscription on the monument in S. Miguel Cemetery.

<sup>14</sup> L. & M. Ride, *Voices of Macao Stones*, pp. 53-54.



The Portuguese heritage is acknowledged officially with street names and various signs. The area is formally registered as an historic zone.

The ruins of forts variously built by the Portuguese, Dutch and British are near the city centre. The oldest is Santiago Bastion. You can still make out the Portuguese coat of arms, even after 500 years of tropical weathering.



While exploring the area, we came across a memorial to Frs. Coroado and François, the two priests mentioned in Dr Braga's article who fought so hard to gain official recognition for the Portuguese Settlement in the 1920s'. Most delightful of all, the weathered plaque recorded that the memorial was blessed in November 1985 by Macau's much-loved Fr. Lancelot Rodrigues – an emotive link to our present era.

The Portuguese Settlement is further out from the city centre and, as Dr Braga said, it's more of a pseudo-Portuguese theme park these days. There is a square that is mainly a collection of open air restaurants serving 'traditional Portuguese-style food'. Unfortunately, the (small) Portuguese Heritage Museum was closed when we were there.



It's worth pondering how a small country on the edge of the Atlantic managed to leave footprints that still endure after 500 years, on the other side of the globe, on the edge of the Pacific.

**Editor's note:** Thanks Bruno for this great news item, having been to Malacca it is an amazing (if not hot) place to visit. There is more information and some intriguing photos at: <https://www.colonialvoyage.com/portuguese-malacca-1511-1641/#>

# With Deepest Sympathy



Maria "Marie" Alice Guterres, Age 78, passed away peacefully and was surrounded by her family on Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at Seton Medical Center in Daly City, CA. Marie had been a native of Pacifica, CA since 1972 when she and her late husband, Vicente "Vince" Guterres, decided to move their family from San Francisco. She was born in Portuguese Macau to Joaquim and Felisberta dos Santos on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 1938, along with her sister Lilia "Nina" and brothers Antonio "Totó", Joaquim "Jota" (deceased) and Alvaro. Marie worked in the banking industry for most of her life and retired in 1995 from Union Bank. She grew up as a "rough and tumble" girl playing field hockey and enjoying sports. Later in life she picked up lawn bowling after being introduced to the game by Vince, a

veteran bowler and former club champion. She did well in "pairs" and made it to the U.S. Playdowns in Sun City, Arizona on numerous occasions. Marie had a passion for cooking and could, pretty much, deconstruct a dish upon tasting. After that she would turn out her own dish that was even better. She always loved to entertain family and friends at her house. Marie very much enjoyed watching soccer (futebol) with the family, especially, following the Portuguese National Team in all international competitions. She was a loving grandmother who proudly attended her granddaughters' sporting events and, of course, spoiling them at every turn. Marie could shop like no other and would always bring home presents for the kids. She could always be seen taking her walks around the neighborhood getting her exercise in. She is survived by her daughter Annette, son Steve, daughter-in-law Gina, and granddaughters Gabriella, Gianna, and Daniela. A church service was held on Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 at St. Peter Parish, Pacifica, attended by family and friends.



We are sad to advise that **Maria Lourdes Bayot**, a long-standing member who was born 25th October 1929 passed away peacefully on the 19th August 2017. She was very much loved by her Family and friends. It is a great sadness but she is now at peace and joins her husband **Tony** in heaven.

**Robert Vas** - passed away peacefully on Friday 25th August 2017. He is survived by his wife Janie and their four children, four grandchildren and two great grandchildren. RIP



# CASA NEWS AROUND AUSTRALIA



## GREETINGS FROM CASA ADELAIDE

Our Dia de Sao Joao lunch held on 25th June had a truly Portuguese flavour.

Our chefs, Gaspar and Rosa, ran a restaurant in Lisbon before coming to Adelaide a couple of years ago. The lunch was held at the Lady Burra Restaurant in the city whereby they are the residing chefs.

Our menu started off with Cod fish balls (Bacalhau) and Croquettes with prawns followed by an entree of baked cod fish with onions, potatoes and cream.



We had two main courses which consisted of Feijoada (beans with beef, pork and chicken) and a Portuguese style Paella. The dessert was Creme Brulee.



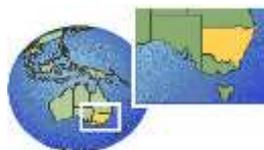
The children were especially intrigued with curiosity when the chefs proudly brought out the enormous Paella with pomp and flair.

Needless to say, this lunch was a huge success with many members not having had this sort of cuisine for some years. The chefs went out of their way with their hospitality and huge serves. This resulted in happy families taking home the left-overs! The door prizes are always a great attraction with beaming faces when names are called!



We wish to thank Casa de Macau for continuing to promote fellowship and goodwill in our community by their contribution.

**Carmen O'Brien**  
Casa Rep for Adelaide



## NSW Casa News

### Dia St Joao Lunch

Our Dia St Joao 2017 luncheon, was held on Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> of June, 85 Casa de Macau members gathered together to celebrate at the Ryde-Eastwood leagues club.

Our lunch on the day was indeed a feast, a large assortment of Macanese and Chinese cuisine, deserts and soft drink for each table.

Following on from lunch, it was time for the raffles, and in keeping with tradition we had three large fruit baskets as prizes.

A new and popular addition to our lunches is a Trivia Competition, many thanks to **Marilia de Souza** for organising

the event, fantastic to see everyone participating and having fun together.

Thank you to all who attended, we have been told by many that the day was enjoyable, the food delicious and the company of friends and family fantastic.

Thank you to the Committee for your invaluable help and to **Lizette Akouri** for organizing the Menu

**Nina Deacon**



Our monthly Lunch was held at our Casa premises on July the 16th. Master Chefs of the day were **Mario** and **Antonietta**.

On the Menu was spring roll, minchi with small fried potatoes, Chau Mai Fun, stir fried vegies and boiled rice.

For dessert: we had pineapple cake and batatada, lovingly made by **Lucy Whittle**. Over 30 people attended and as usual, it was really fun

When Lunch was over, some members decided to dance and sing to the tune of some Macanese Patois songs.

The next Sunday Lunch will be on the 15th Oct and the chefs will be **Lizette** and **Nina**.

On the 12th November, Chefs will be **Pauline** and **Cesar**.

For those that never attended one of the Lunches, why not give it a try and enjoy the home cooked meal and the atmosphere. You will not be disappointed as everyone is very friendly.

Please book in early as per Council regulations we can only accommodate 36 people at a time.

Looking forward to seeing all your Happy Faces.

**Mary Rigby:** {02} 47333862

**Nina Deacon:** 0412- 692252



**Queensland Casa News**

A big thank you again to **Joe** and **Alicia Vieira** for all their help and to Joe for being a fabulous MC again. All the festivities and prizegiving would not be the same without Joe's wonderful presentations. Also of course the behind the scenes work



collecting and balancing the lunch contributions. Thank you, Joe and Alicia.

Some of our members enjoying themselves.

Joe Vieira with Manny Pacquiao.



Jan Ribeiro and Vivienne Brooke

Roger and Georgiana DeSousa enjoying their first Qld Casa lunch meeting new /old friends and with their Casa Lucky door prize



Some of our members enjoying their lunch



One of our new members **Charlie Falk** enjoying his first Casa lunch and winning a prize from the Macau Tourism office.



**Xiomarra Vargas**



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Best wishes to our South Australian member **Irene Place** for her recent hospital admission. We wish her well for a speedy recovery.

Forte Valente!



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# Celebrations



**Robert and Antonia Olaes** will celebrate their **Golden Wedding Anniversary** on 20 September 2017. Here's a recent photo of them. They enjoy keeping nicely busy and are most pleased to have returned to their line-dancing and tap-dancing activities, among other interests

**Robert Olaes** enjoyed his OBE (Over Blessed Eighty) on Wednesday 26 July 2017 when he turned 80. His younger son **Matthew**, Matt's wife **Fiona** and their children **Tyrone**, **Audrey** and **Xavier** treated him and wife Antonia to a lovely holiday up in Port Douglas to mark the occasion. Robert still enjoys conducting some Tai Chi classes and here's a picture taken just a couple of days before his birthday when he was presented with a lovely card and gift from the group at OWN (Older Women's Network) in Sutherland.



*Robert and family celebrating in Port Douglas*

From **Paula Cruz McFayden** - My son **Conor** and his wife **Nicole** had a son, my long-awaited grandson **Daniel Cruz McFayden** he's 5 months old



From **Pauline Pereira** Congratulations to **Nikki** and **Andrew Deacon** on the birth of their first child, a son, **Conrad John Deacon**. Born on Tuesday, June 20th at 8.09pm. Second grandchild but first grandson for **Pauline** and **Cesar Pereira!** Welcome to the world little one!

**Kristy Wan** sends her sincere thanks to the Casa for awarding her the bursary towards her degree at the University of Technology Sydney. Kristy graduated on the 21 May 2017 with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication (Writing and Cultural Studies). She currently works as Content Manager / Digital Media Coordinator for both Red Room Poetry (a non-profit arts organisation) and the



Australian Shareholders' Association (a non-profit advocacy group for retail shareholders). Kristy is the daughter of **Maureen** and **Danny Wan**, granddaughter of **Elsilia** and the late **Turibio Jose Cruz**.



From Tony da Silva I Need Photographs for a New Book...

***The Portuguese Community in Macau –  
A Pictorial History***

I have just been asked by the *Instituto Internacional de Macau* (IIM) to write this book to complete the set that was written about the families in Hong Kong and Shanghai. **This book will include photographs of those who were born in Macau and were living in Macau. Family photos can be up to the present day, but individual photo unless they are related to a special event in Macau, should be before 1950.**

I need the help of the community worldwide to contribute photographs with the names of as many in the photographs as possible. The photos should be sent in before the end of 2017.

Please send the photos to the author's personal email: [tony@dsiarch.com](mailto:tony@dsiarch.com)

Happy 90<sup>th</sup> birthday Oriel Seyer



Oriel with her three children, Karen, Sandra and Keith (who are also CASA members).

## MACAO FIREWORKS CHALLENGE CANCELLED

FOR the first time in its illustrious 29-year history, the upcoming Macao International Fireworks Display Contest has been cancelled, one of many victims of the chaos generated by furious Typhoon Hato.

The contest was set to begin this Saturday (Sep 2) with a team from Perth – Cardile Fireworks – to kick off the month-long challenge as Australia's representative team.

But sadly, due to the widespread damage caused by the typhoon and as a mark of respect to those killed and injured in the massive storm, the event was cancelled.

Meanwhile, the Macao Government Tourism Office (MGTO) is making unreserved efforts to coordinate and handle various tasks in the wake of the typhoon, which took the lives of six, injured more than 150 and left the city with widespread damage.

With wind gusts of up to 240km/h compounded by severe tidal conditions, the former Portuguese enclave felt the full fury of the typhoon, the most severe storm to hit the city in more than five decades.

The high tide created massive flooding in low-lying areas, causing a city-wide blackout, water supply stoppages and telecommunication breakdowns. The disaster relief authorities reported 290 incidents caused by the typhoon, such as falling trees, antenna cables and advertising boards.

Since a number of districts in Macao and the islands are currently under cleaning and restoration work, the MGTO urges cooperation to minimise visits to the affected districts so that restoration work can be carried out smoothly.

It was the first time since 1999 that Macao had hoisted the No. 10 signal, the highest typhoon warning signal, officials said.

MGTO operates its tourist information counters at the Ritz Building, Outer Harbour Ferry Terminal, Border Gate, Macao International Airport and Taipa Ferry Terminal as usual to attend to visitors. Due to various degrees of damage at the Outer Harbour Ferry Terminal and Taipa Ferry Terminal, tour groups to Macao were affected.

The MGTO has approached hotel properties for further information on their situations, including their status of water and power supply as well as room reservation.

If visitors have already made their room reservation or are planning to make a reservation in Macao, they are advised to enquire with the respective hotels of their latest situations. The MGTO has also assigned inspectors to patrol different ports of entry in Macao for prompt awareness of the latest situations.

The tourism body is currently examining and accessing the situations and conditions concerning its upcoming events. If any new arrangement arises, a public notice will be made accordingly. MGTO advises residents and visitors to pay attention to the situations concerned.

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