

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. Dia de Sao Joao was held on 24th June 2018 at Club Central Hurstville. We had a change of venue this year

which we received many positive and a few negative feedback. Our Committee always tries their best to accommodate our members. This year we were forced to change venue as Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club booked out their venue for the whole of June. We were very impressed with Club Central, they were very professional with everything to detail. 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 and a huge thank you to Marilia for organising the Trivia (pictured below participants during Trivia). I encourage members to contact us, if you have any suggestions for locations of future functions.

Youth Encontro is fast approaching in October/November 2018. We would like to congratulate the following Youth members that will be representing our Casa in Macau and China. We look forward to your reviews and photos for the next Newsletter:

- **Nicole Rigg**- NSW
- **Willamina Basto** - NSW
- **Dylan Gully** – South Australia

Our Sunday lunches at the MCC have been amazing this year with both attendance and cuisine. Our "Christmas in July" luncheon catered by **Therese Alonco** was a huge success. My tastebuds went into overdrive and it brought back so many childhood memories. Thank you, **Therese and Alvaro**.



We enjoyed a delicious three course meal:
Entree: Caldo Verde; Main meal: Empada de peixe (fish pie);
Turmeric Roast Chicken; Leg of ham; Roasted vegetables;

Dessert: Meringue with strawberries; Aluar; Coscurao (Jesus' Blanket); Farte (Jesus' pillow)



It was also very encouraging to have one of our youth members, **Willamina Basto** cook alongside **Antonia Olaes** on Sunday 19th August. Congratulations on a successful luncheon.

I have listed below our upcoming events for the remainder of the year and hope to see many of you in attendance. Our **Welcome to Spring BBQ** will be held on Sunday 16th September 2018 and would also like to remind you that our AGM is on Saturday October 20, 2018 at 10.00am.

To all of our Interstate Reps, thank you for organising your events. We feel very grateful for all of your efforts towards all the preparations for these functions for our interstate members. We will sadly bid farewell to **Carmen O'Brien** from Adelaide at the end of this year as our SA Rep. Carmen has held this position for almost 10 years and we truly appreciate your passion for keeping the Macanese Culture alive. We look forward working along with **Anne Maher** and her sister **Louise Keenihan (Henry d'Assumpcao's daughters)** in 2019. True inspiration that our younger members are taking on these roles to continue our Macanese Heritage for future generations.

Our QLD Rep, **Juana Bernardo** will also be vacating her position for personal reasons. Thank you, Juana for organising the events for our QLD Members. We are now in search of a QLD Representative, please let **Mary Rigby** know if you are interested for more details.

Hoping all of our Dads, Grandfathers and Stepdads had a very Happy Father's Day on Sunday 2nd September. Hope you all had a wonderful and blessed day with your family. To our Dads who are in Heaven, you are always in our heart and thoughts always.

We hope you enjoy this Newsletter.

Viva Macaenses!

Best Wishes, **Antonietta Manolakis**
President
Casa de Macau Inc

Upcoming Events

Please find below dates for upcoming events and note the date is yet to be confirmed for October Sunday lunch at MCC.



As postal and printing costs increase please let us know that you are happy to receive your newsletter and other information by E-mail. Please send your details to Mary Rigby: rigbyfamily@ozemail.com.au

Date	Event	Where
Sunday 16 September	Welcome to Spring BBQ	MCC
Saturday 20 October	AGM	MCC
Sunday - Date to be confirmed in October	Sunday Lunch	MCC
Sunday 18 November	Sunday Lunch	MCC
Sunday 9 December	Christmas Lunch	Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club

From **Kristy Wan** the following about her sister **Sam** who is finalist for Australian Wool Broker of the Year. Sam's Macanese heritage is mentioned in the article! Congratulations **Sam**.



Sam was a finalist in the recent Awards, and despite not winning, the judges were very complimentary:

Ms Wan didn't grow up on a farm, her mother migrated from Hong Kong and father from Malaysia, so the first generation Australian-born Chinese Macanese grew up in the Sydney suburb of Blacktown. She has a long list of formal studies under her belt, including a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture at The University of Sydney, but said the practical learning, on-farm and exhibiting and stewarding at sheep shows, helped her start to learn the "how and why".

She said the other two finalists also epitomised the modern broker, excelling in their roles to care for their clients. These were Elders wool technical coordinator **Sam Wan** and Australian Wool Network (AWN) northern wool technical officer Cassie Baile. She said **Ms Wan** showed a passion and enthusiasm for wool and wool broking that is inspirational.

Ms Wan said she aspired to work for Elders, and credits "good timing" to getting into the industry. "Towards the end of my studies, I saw in the field how Elders was regarded, so thought it'd be a good direction to eventually work for such a company," she said. Based at the Melbourne woolstores, Ms Wan said the technical role differs from the regionally-based wool staff, in that it constitutes completing all weekly sale operations in a timely, efficient and professional manner, and providing technical advice to clients.

The following extract is from *Stock and Land*.

"Sam is becoming the wool industry's true digital disruptor, through technological innovation that in the coming years, the entire industry will benefit from through greater community and client engagement," she said. "It was a small mob of Corriedales and an inspiring agriculture teacher that inspired Sam Wan's career into agriculture. Before this, the Elders wool technical coordinator intended to wind up in information technology (IT), but she is thankful to have been able to adapt her skills to an industry she now loves.

"I love how dynamic the industry is, the limitless recounts of individual perceptions, about how the industry used to be, how many generations have been farming the same land and hearing them come to life."

"Over the past six years I believe I have shown a commitment to the growth and improvement [of the industry], focusing on technological innovation," she said.

<https://www.stockandland.com.au/story/5562652/small-mob-of-corriedales-inspire-ag-career/>

Delfino Noronha

Prestimoso e benemérito macaense

Delfino Noronha was a leading figure in the Portuguese community in Hong Kong for more than half a century, and blazed a trail that others would follow with determination. He was perhaps 20 when about 1844 he set up in Hong Kong what would eventually become the colony's leading printery, which he ran until his death in 1900.

It is likely that the Noronha family arrived in Macau from Goa in the early eighteenth century. By the 1830s, the family had been established in Macau for perhaps a century. Delfino was thirteen when his father died in 1837. He was sent to the well-regarded St. Joseph's College, which claimed royal patronage, as 'the Royal College of St. Joseph'. In 1831, it was described:

*The priests belonging to this Royal College are all Europeans, men of exemplary conduct and benevolent dispositions, and are esteemed by the public not less for their virtues as for their talents. These Professors are six in number.*¹

However, St Joseph's had a precarious existence in the 1830s as British trade grew, to the detriment of old established Portuguese families such as the Noronhas. St Joseph's turned in these difficult years to a new form of training. With dwindling opportunities available, even to the sons of the elite of Macau, the Fathers adopted a new strategy that proved to be of cardinal significance for the future of the Portuguese community throughout the Far East. This was to acquire a disused printing press to train their students as printers. The idea that Portuguese people would ever engage in manual work in the Far East was out of the question, but the 'craft' of printing was a different matter. It followed that its practitioners would strive to ensure that their work was excellent. So it proved, and in the 1830s, a thorough grounding in the 'craft' of printing was given to the boys of St Joseph's through the work of an outstanding man, Fr Joaquim Gonçalves. Thus St. Joseph's College became the forerunner of technical training in the Far East.

It gave the boys the chance of a good career in a rapidly changing world. High standards were required by the British and American merchants from these technically educated boys who found ready employment in printeries in Canton in the 1830s, and a few years later in Hong Kong.

J.P. Braga, Noronha's grandson, told the story of their experience at St. Joseph's.

The explanation for the steady increase in the number of Portuguese compositors in Hongkong can be found in the fact that there had been a printing press at St. Joseph's College in Macao at which Portuguese lads

were given training as compositors and printers. Some of the young type-setters upon completing their apprenticeship migrated to the neighbouring British colony as the demand there for men skilled in this class of work increased with the growth of the settlement.

*The young Portuguese compositors trained at that institution were the ones who staffed the printing works not only of the British and American missionaries and other foreign printing establishments at Macao, Hongkong, Canton and other places, but also the composing rooms of Hongkong's newspaper offices for several decades.*²

Delfino Noronha was fortunate to have a family who could set him up as an independent printer in the early days in Hong Kong. He was married in Macau, possibly in 1840 when he was sixteen and his bride, Umbelina Maria Basto, eighteen. Early marriages were common, and in the next 18 years, 10 children were born. As Delfino's sons grew up, some were taken into his business, and later became successful printers in Shanghai, Singapore and elsewhere in the Far East.

Delfino's move to Hong Kong was risky; his grandson observed, 'he dared to face the rigours of the climate and the social uncertainties of young Hongkong without the assurance of a fixed salary'.³ Any Portuguese subject going to Hong Kong at that time was venturing into the unknown. Would he be able to make his way in this new British colony?

Noronha brought a small press with him from Macau and set up business in Hong Kong in Oswald's Terrace, Wellington St, where buildings were crowded close together and rents much cheaper than the Central Business District. He remained there for more than twenty years.



A play bill printed on silk by Delfino Noronha in 1849. His name is in the margin at the bottom.

The earliest example of his work known to survive is the *Hongkong Almanack for 1847*. A modest booklet of 14 pages,

¹ Anders Ljungstedt, in *Canton Miscellany*, no. 5, 1831, p. 358.

² J.P. Braga, *The Portuguese in Hongkong and China*, p. 131.

³ J.P. Braga, *The Portuguese in Hongkong and China*, p. 128.

it bears Noronha's name at the foot of the title page. Besides listing all the official establishments, the *Almanack* carefully listed all the non-Chinese adult population. Most were employees of the large English merchant houses, or of several European traders. The European staff of each firm was listed; they included 35 Portuguese.⁴ Most of the British firms employed Portuguese staff, but never in managerial roles. This became a settled pattern both of employment and social stratification. The Portuguese clerks in the various merchants' offices were listed only in their place of employment. What came to be called the 'Portuguese clerk class' had already emerged by 1848.

The Noronha family had a significant role in the business history of Hong Kong for several generations, the printery being still in family ownership in 1941, when the Japanese Occupation brought all European business activity to a sudden end.

Delfino produced work of a high standard. An example of his early work is striking proof of this. It is a theatre programme printed on silk in 1849. It indicates skill in dealing with a difficult medium and it reveals that the printer had a good press and an extensive range of font and other devices available to him. He was in a position to compete for the top end of the colony's business.

His grandson's memoirs provide an insight into Noronha's work practices:

Mr Noronha was himself an expert compositor. Until his business justified the larger staff which he came to employ in later years ... he would often set up the type himself for the more important of his publications. Nor is it generally known that in the first years his wife used to help with the inking and the working of the printing press, thereby proving herself to be a true woman pioneer who was willing to share the hardships and the work of the men who ventured forth into new fields of endeavour.

By dint of hard work and thrift ... Mr Delfino Noronha brought up a large family of children and grandchildren and built up a prosperous business.⁵

At first, Noronha had three competitors, Andrew Shortrede, John Carr and John Cairns. For Noronha to compete with these three was courageous and daunting. They were well-established and well-known in the small community. In the three or four years since they set up their businesses, it had become established that in the printing industry the

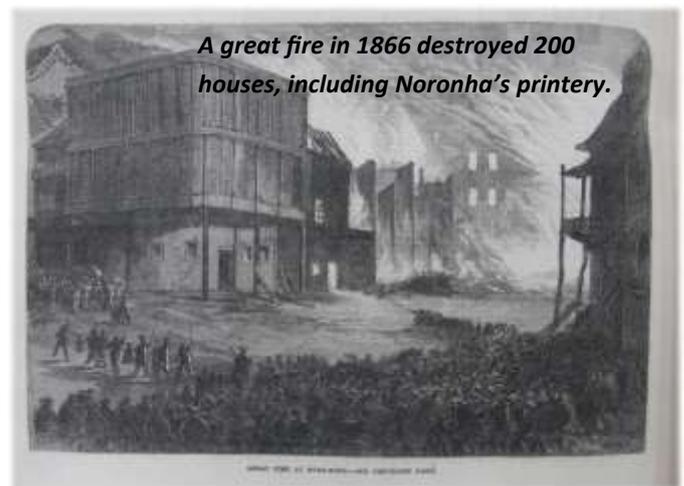
Portuguese were employees, not proprietors. There would scarcely have been room for another printer, and Noronha struggled for some years to gain a foothold in the limited market.

Yet within 15 years, Noronha had proved himself the best of the four. Shortrede, a peppery Scot, had troubled relations with several early governors.⁶ By contrast, the able young Portuguese printer, with a workforce comprising his own compatriots, was an attractive alternative to the incoming governor, Sir Hercules Robinson, in 1859. It must have given Noronha immense satisfaction to sign this memorandum:

Memorandum of agreement between H.E. Sir Hercules Robinson, Governor of Hong Kong and Delfino Noronha, printer: Delfino Noronha agrees to carry out printing etc. for the Hong Kong Government including the publishing of a separate sheet or sheets called 'the Hong Kong Government Gazette' and shall be at his liberty to insert advertisements in such gazette.⁷

The government contract gave Noronha public standing as well as assured business. As the writer of an obituary expressed it on Noronha's death in 1900, 'the printing business of Mr. Noronha continued to prosper and [became] the most important in the colony.'⁸ A family tradition was that Robinson's successor, Sir Richard MacDonnell, assured Noronha that so long as his firm continued to give satisfaction, they would remain government printers *in perpetuum*.⁹

He continued to use the business name, '**Noronha's Printing Office**', but by 1867, it had become 'Noronha & Sons, printers to Hongkong Government', or 'Noronha e Filhos' for Portuguese publications. By 1874, the name 'Noronha & Co' had been adopted, and the firm would continue under this name until 1941. A disastrous fire on 30 October 1866 nearly destroyed the business.



A great fire in 1866 destroyed 200 houses, including Noronha's printery.

⁴ S. Bard, *Traders of Hong Kong: some foreign merchant houses, 1841-1899*, p. 106.

⁵ J.P. Braga, *The Portuguese in Hongkong and China*, p. 129.

⁶ G.B. Endacott, *A Biographical Sketchbook of Early Hong Kong*, pp. 150-151.

⁷ HKRS 149-2-133 and HKRS 149-2-216, both 10 December 1859, Public Records Office, Hong Kong.

⁸ An unsigned obituary in the Portuguese weekly, *O Porvir*, Hong Kong, 24 February 1900, possibly written by his son Henrique.

⁹ J.P. Braga, *The Portuguese in Hongkong and China*, p. 151.

However, in 1900, his obituary stated, 'Mr. Noronha was able to minimize his losses and create a better establishment that remains the best up to today with no other firm able to surpass it'.¹⁰

For some years between the 1860s and the 1880s his sons Henrique and Leonardo were in the business. In 1870 he employed six others, all Portuguese. Having had excellent training himself, Noronha was now training the next generation of printers. Over the years, some of his sons went to Canton, Shanghai, Manila and Singapore, where their father assisted them to launch out on their own, as he himself had done.

At least one grandson joined the firm, J.P. Braga, who had the opportunity of observing his grandfather closely. He found, not only a busy and successful printery in which high standards were expected, but also a centre of intellectual activity. He could see and emulate the personal qualities that had made the older man a successful businessman and a respected community leader. Nearly half a century later, he wrote,

*Of him I cherish fond memories, with his gentle ways and courteous manners. He was small and slight, and was always immaculately dressed, and he was my ideal of a perfect gentleman. He was popular not only in Hongkong but he also enjoyed a wide circle of Macao friends.*¹¹

As a significant community leader, Noronha was one of the founders of the Portuguese community club, Club Lusitano, in 1865, and a benefactor of the new Catholic cathedral in 1888.



Delfino Noronha – a Pillar of the Church

The cathedral has twenty pillars.

Each bears a marble tablet with the name of a significant benefactor.

In the eyes of Austin Coates, Noronha was the outstanding figure in his community.¹² His business success enabled him to

invest in property. This included rural land in Kowloon on the north side of Hong Kong harbour. Added to the colony of Hong Kong in 1860, it remained unoccupied by Europeans for some years. Noronha was a co-founder of the Hongkong Horticultural Society,¹³ and developed a ten acre estate at Yaumati, on the western side of Kowloon. However, the estate

was not retained by his heirs; it would now be worth an astronomical amount. To the Portuguese community, he was 'Prestimoso e benemérito macaense' – 'the most prestigious and benevolent Macanese'.¹⁴



Delfino Noronha, O Porvir (The Future), Portuguese weekly newspaper in Hong Kong,

24 February 1900

Noronha's grave, Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley, Hong Kong



Noronha died at the age of 75, on 6 February 1900, and was buried in the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley, next to his wife, who had predeceased him in 1894. A fluted column was raised over the grave, an apt metaphor for strength and continuity. Noronha was among a small group of Portuguese immigrants to become high achievers. His obituary, published in *O Porvir (the Future)*, a Portuguese community weekly, was apparently written by one of his sons. Referring to Delfino's family, the writer noted:

*Delfino de Noronha was a true patriarch and in his life was fortunate to share his life with 10 children, 59 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren, with 8 children, 48 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren living at the time of his death.*¹⁵

Noronha's achievement, like that of several other heads of eminent families, was based on unflagging personal drive, a passion for excellence, and a strong sense of public duty. His place in the Portuguese community in Hong Kong was that of a patriarch both in his family and the Portuguese community he had done much to support.

¹⁰ *O Porvir*, Hong Kong, 24 February 1900.

¹¹ J.P. Braga, *The Portuguese in Hongkong and China*, p. 129.

¹² A. Coates, 'Rizal in Hongkong', 1962, p. 288.

¹³ J.P. Braga, *The Portuguese in Hongkong and China*, p. 229.

¹⁴ From an obituary in *O Porvir (The Future)*, 24 February 1900.

¹⁵ *O Porvir*, 24 February 1900.

Congratulations



Rogério and Tinny Fernandes on their Golden Wedding Anniversary, which occurred on May 25, 2018. Rogério reported that the function was well organized by his children, relatives and friends which made the party a success.



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Congratulations

to the newly-weds, **Alexia Manolakis** and her new husband **Con Kambourakis** on their recent marriage, after the wedding they had a honeymoon in Hawaii.



CASA NEWS AROUND AUSTRALIA

We want to hear more news from **ALL** the members of your Casa **across** Australia.

What are our members doing?

Who is celebrating, weddings, babies, birthdays (major ones), remembering favourite festivals and how they were celebrated – then and now.

Stories of your family time in Macao, Portugal or Hong Kong.

Please send your stories to your editor
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CASA NEWS – AROUND AUSTRALIA

Letter to the President of Casa de Macau from Carmen O'Brien (SA Rep)

Dear Antonieta,

I thought I would let you know that I will step down as Casa's Rep in Adelaide at the end of this year. I would have completed nearly ten years as Rep in Adelaide and thought it is time to step down and allow for some younger members to be more involved.

Anne Maher and her sister **Louise Keenihan (Henry d'Assumpcao's daughters)** will be joint Reps from the beginning of 2019. We will be getting together later on in the year when I will hand over the procedure for organising our functions.

May I say that I have enjoyed being involved with Casa de Macau and passing on some of our heritage to the younger members.

Thank you to the Committee for giving our members the opportunity to have our twice a year gathering.

Regards,

Carmen O'Brien - SA Rep



Please send us your family favourite Macanese recipes. Remember to keep them short



Letter to the Editor ...

I do have some thoughts as it's probably a good idea to refresh readers/members' memory from time to time. Maybe the persistent request for interest in the **Sunday cooking**, recipes etc might somehow yield some result eventually.

"Here's another Food Article put together to whip up an appetite for Macanese culture and cuisine.

Actually, to be honest, it is also done in the hope to touch your love for Macanesism. Yes, we are always in need of willing and able cooks to satisfy our Macanese culinary tastebuds and for support towards the Sunday Clubhouse lunches, both cooks and diners. We may be all right now for

the rest of the year, but nearly didn't have a lunch gathering for August due to the lack of volunteer cooks. However, to our delight, young 18-year-old, **Willamina Basto** came to the rescue. **Antonia Olaes** joined her and together they dished up a very nice Macanese menu enjoyed by all who attended. It was another very lovely social event.

This article is not only again calling for volunteer cooks, Macanese recipes but also for cooks' tips, which are very important, helpful and useful. For example, at this Sunday lunch a vital tip was found out incidentally when the mains, especially the Arroz de Costeletas (crumbed pork chops with rice) were left in the oven just a little too long drying up the sauce somewhat and the rice at the base burnt out a bit.



Fortunately, it didn't matter and the dish was still much enjoyed by all who attended. A lovely member had a tip to share for the above. She said that to get the oven roast effect, we only need to put the dish under a hot grill for a short time before serving it. Also, beforehand, to ensure the dish is hot enough, heat it up a few minutes in the microwave or oven. **Hope the tips keep rolling in!**

Well, thanks for your kind attention everyone!!!

Love, **Antonia Olaes** xox



DIA DE SAO JOAO 2018

NSW Casa's **Dia de Sao Joao 2018 luncheon** was held on Sunday, 24th June, 76 members gathered together to celebrate at Club Central, Hurstville.

Our buffet luncheon on the day was indeed a feast, for those who missed out it was a mixture of meat, seafood and salads and delicious desserts, plus soft drinks, tea/coffee.



Following lunch, it was time for the door prizes, and in keeping with tradition with a fruit basket and cash vouchers for prizes.

A new popular addition to our Lunches is a Trivia Competition about Macau, many thanks to **Marilia Alves de Souza** for organizing the event, fantastic to see everyone having fun together.

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

Thank you to the Committee for your invaluable help.

Nina Deacon.



Photos of NSW Dia De Sao Joao (above and at left)



QUEENSLAND CELEBRATES DIA DE SAO JOAO 2018

From **Juana Bernado**, on 5 August 33 members of the Queensland Casa met at Figs on Sylvan Function Room, Toowong. Juana noted that it was a good day and we were served a three-course meal with coffee and tea afterward. Everyone had fun, I believe. We had great weather and it was good to have a private function room.



Entertainment on the day included an Art and Craft Table for the children, Videos of Macau for everyone as well as raffles and prizes.



Adelaide News

From Carmen O'Brien

Our **Dia de Sao Joao lunch** was held on Sunday, 24th June 2018 at St Joseph's School hall courtesy of **Louise Keenihan**. It had a well-equipped kitchen and the lunch had a Macanese/Portuguese theme.

Some of our members prepared the lunch and we had a vast array of traditional dishes which included minchi (two varieties), capela, tachoo, aroz gordo, soy sauce chicken, porco bafaca and Chinese vegetables. For dessert we had Portuguese nattas, bebinca, genete and ice-cream.



As is customary in true FM hospitality, there was plenty of food to take home to enjoy the

next day. This was a great way for the children to experience a gathering such as we had and to have a connection to Macau. This was further brought to their attention when, after lunch, **Henry d'Assumpcao** gave a short presentation with the aid of a screen. Needless to say, they all listened intently as Henry gave his presentation with much flair including the loud sounds of gun-fire!

It was a very happy ending to a great afternoon.

Carmen O'Brien



Synopsis of talk given by Henry d'Assumpcao after South Australian Casa lunch.

Henry gave a short talk on a crisis in Macau 180 years ago when João Ferreira do Amaral was appointed Governor of Macau. Amaral was a war veteran who had lost an arm in a battle in Brazil. Tough and autocratic, he cracked down on corruption and insisted that Macau would no longer pay taxes and customs duties to the Chinese. He upset the Chinese so much that they plotted to kill him. While he was on a ride one evening close to *Portas do Cerco* (the Border Gate to China) a mob attacked and killed him, cut off his head and his other arm and fled with them into China.



There followed a period of turmoil: an estimated 2,000 Chinese troops assembled close to Macau and a Chinese fort, Pakshanlan, began shelling the Border Gate which was guarded by only 120 Portuguese soldiers. The civilian population were terrified as a massive attack appeared imminent. At this point a junior army officer, Sub-Lieutenant Nicolau de Mesquita, offered to take a party and attack Pakshanlan. He was given permission and, with only 36 men, overcame about 500 at the fort. The crisis was averted and Macau was saved.

Read more at:

<http://www.macaneseLibrary.org/PublicE-o/uiAmaral.htm>

NSW Casa Sunday Lunch

19 August 2018

The lunch was attended by a happy group of 19 members and here are quite a number of photos from the day. **Olivia** and **Tony Basto's** daughter **Willamina** joined me as we prepared the food, and we had such a good time.

Thanks also must go to **Sunti, Belinda** and **Ed** for their help.

Sunday 19th August, 2018

An exciting luncheon gathering today at Casa Clubhouse as we have our youngest volunteer Cooks yet!

Willamina Basto turned 18 recently and already mastered the Macanese cuisine.

Antonia Olan joins her today and together they hope you will enjoy the following menu delightfully prepared for your enjoyment.

Entrée : Chicken Vegetable Soup

Main : Minchi

Arroz de Costeletas

Cabbage with Salmon

Dessert : Bolo de Lado

Bebida de Leite

Thanks for coming. Your support in regular attendance at these lunches helps to keep it going!



At the end of the day – the kitchen angels!



With Deepest Sympathy

Vale **John Barry** died on 5 June, aged 63 from a stroke. He was survived by his wife **Juana Bernardo**, 2 step children Andrea and Anton and two children James and Ruth. Gone too soon. A passionate soul, a true gentleman and a gentle-man, an inspiring professor of physics, a forward thinker, a terrific dancer, a loving father, a fearless defender of his faith and values and is survived by one grandchild Eamon.



Society. His principal interests in education outside the classroom have been staff professional development, curriculum development, public exams administration and a strong commitment to educational organisations promoting these.

In his community, he was Chairman of the Beecroft Cheltenham History Group, Vice-President of the Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust and was for more than twenty years a member of Rotary Clubs. He is a leading Anglican layman. He has written several books and numerous articles on educational, church and military history, including *Barker College, a History*. His recent work includes *Anzac Doctor*, a biography of Sir Neville Howse, Australia's first Victoria Cross winner. It was among the projects supported by the National Council for the Centenary of Federation in its History and Education Program. It was launched by the Governor-General, Sir William Deane, in August 2000. It was well received and immediately reprinted.

Kokoda Commander was published by Oxford University Press in 2004. It is a life of Major-General 'Tubby' Allen, the commander of the Australian troops who defeated the Japanese on the Kokoda Trail in October 1942. A second printing sold out within a year. He has also written several other books in military and church history.

He maintains an interest in educational writing with the research and writing each year of detailed posters circulated to all Australian schools. In 2003, *Defenders of Australia* celebrated the centenary of the Australian Army. He has since produced others in the same series, entitled *Minerals of Australia*, *Australia's Capital Cities*, *Australia Celebrates*, *Australia's Water Resources* and *Migrants since World War II*.

In 2007 he was requested by the National Library of Australia to undertake the reorganisation of the research papers of his uncle, J.M. Braga, whose extensive library on the Portuguese in the Far East was acquired by the Library in 1966. This meant an intensive period of work in Canberra, leading to the compilation of a new finding guide for these significant papers, which lie at the heart of one of the Library's most important collections.

He was awarded the PhD degree by the Australian National University in 2013 for a thesis entitled 'Making Impressions: a Portuguese family in Macau and Hong Kong, 1700-1945'. It was published in 2015 by the International Institute of Macau. In recent years, Stuart and his wife **Patricia** have travelled extensively, visiting New Zealand, the UK, Europe, China, Hong Kong and Macau, where Stuart's forebears resided for some 200 years. They live in the Sydney suburb of Castle Hill, and have three sons and ten grandchildren. Compressing forty years in schools into a few words, Stuart commented that his aim throughout his career has been to improve opportunities for his students.

Source: <http://anme.org.au/distinguished-educators/stuart-braga-face/>



From **Rogerio Fernandes** on the recent passing of **Rubye Fernandes** was a long time teacher of mine. She is not related to me though bearing the same surname, so ignore it, I just want to notify CASA because many members know her, and she died at 93 and her death was a peaceful one.

EDITOR'S COMMENT

I know that many of you are as fascinated as I am, by the amazing stories of the Macanese provided by **Stuart Braga** in every issue. I know many will know Stuart's story BIT I am sure he will not tell it himself – so here is some information I have found out about him ... from the AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL MUSEUM OF EDUCATION, celebrating Australia's Educational Heritage since 1996 comes the following extract

Stuart Braga

Born in Hong Kong and educated at Barker College, Hornsby and Sydney, Macquarie and New England Universities, Stuart Braga was appointed to the staff of Hale School, Western Australia, in 1961, returning to New South Wales in 1963. He was History Master at Barker College, Hornsby, until 1984, when he was appointed Senior Master of Trinity Grammar School, Summer Hill. He retired from this position in 1998, embarking on a new career as a professional historian. In recognition of his contributions to a wide range of educational activities, he was made a Fellow of the Australian College of Education in 1988 and a Life Member in 2003. He is also a Life Member and Fellow of the Teachers' Guild of New South Wales and a Life Member of the Royal Australian Historical

MACAO KNOWS HOW TO CELEBRATE

TWO long-established festivals with contrasting highlights are among a host of colourful events under the spotlight in Macao until the end of 2018.

Each weekend throughout September, the former Portuguese enclave is staging its spectacular 29th International Fireworks Display Contest near the soaring Macau Tower, attracting teams from as many as 10 countries and culminating in a final spectacular night on October 1.



From November 15-18, the streets of Macao will be transformed into a motoring racing circuit for the running of the 65th Macau Grand Prix, featuring two FIA World Cup events.

Add a mid-Autumn festival, an international marathon, an outdoor food festival, a colourful light spectacular, giant street parade and the red carpet of a film festival and awards, and the calendar is overflowing with reasons to visit Macao before the end of the year.

“Macao certainly knows how to celebrate, and the latter half of 2018 is no exception,” said Helen Wong, general manager of the Macao Government Tourism Office (Australia and New Zealand). “Not only is Macao celebrating the Year of Gastronomy. This year is a significant one for sports fanatics as it is the 65th successive year the Macau Grand Prix will be held,” she said.

“It’s a motor racing meeting that has drawn on some of the world’s greatest drivers and riders. And it will continue to do so for its history and famous road circuit. Then there’s the fireworks challenge which, over the years, has attracted teams from around the world, Australia included.”

Now a member of an elite list of 26 UNESCO Creative Cities - Gastronomy, the former Portuguese enclave is celebrating by promoting 2018 Macao Year of Gastronomy. Over four centuries, Macao has seen the evolution of what is known as Macanese cuisine, where families have prepared home-cooked dishes, recipes with elements of Portugal, Africa, India, Malaysia and China creating a real melting pot of tastes.

It is considered one of the world’s earliest forms of fusion cuisine. During that time, Portuguese traders brought to China capsicum, curry, shrimp paste, pickled cod fish and other spices. These ingredients were combined with the evocative flavours and aromas from south-east Asia such as cinnamon, coconut milk, tamarind, garlic and red chilies’ along with the vegetables and fruit grown in the region.

The story of Macanese cuisine is enticing. Among the popular dishes on the Macao menu are African Chicken, minchi, the

salt cod fritters and the pudding Serradura along with the Portuguese-style tarts.

Among the major events scheduled in Macao until the end of the year are:

- 18th Macao Food Festival, bringing delicious Asian, European, Mainland China and local delicacies to the outdoor tables with entertainment and plenty of festival fun - November 9-25.
- Macao International Marathon – December 2.
- Macao Light Festival. Includes projection mapping, light installations, interactive games and a series of other activities in more areas of Macao - December 2-31.
- 3rd International Film Festival and Awards. Macao - December 8-14
- The Macao International Parade, first held in 2011 – December.

MACAO FOOD TRUCK



Macao was the focal point of one of Sydney’s major consumer food festivals, the SMOOTH Festival of Chocolate. To continue on its road to celebrating the 2018 Year of Gastronomy campaign, the

Macao Government Tourism Office (MGTO) has colourfully decorated a food truck which will cater for hungry festival goers, courtesy of free plates of specially prepared Macanese delicacies.

The pop-up *Taste of Macao* truck will take to the streets of Sydney for a week of dishing out more samples followed by another week in Melbourne, around 1000kms to the south.

SYDNEY LOCATIONS (dates and times)

- **Monday, Sep 3** – Circular Quay East (noon till 3pm)
- **Tuesday, Sep 4** – Martin Place (noon till 3pm)
- **Wednesday, Sep 5** – Henry Deane Plaza, Central Station (noon till 3pm)
- **Thursday, Sep 6** – Centenary Square, Parramatta (noon till 3pm)
- **Friday, Sep 7** – Spring St, Chatswood (noon till 3pm)
- **Saturday, Sep 8** – Spring St, Chatswood (noon till 3pm)

MELBOURNE LOCATIONS (dates and times)

- **Friday, Sep 14** – Carlton (noon till 3pm)
- **Saturday, Sep 15** – Federation Square, Melbourne CBD (2pm – 5pm)
- **Sunday, Sep 16** – Federation Square, Melbourne CBD (noon till 3pm)
- **Monday, Sep 17** – St Kilda (noon till 3pm)
- **Tuesday, Sep 18** – South Bank Spillway (noon till 3pm)