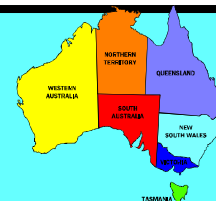


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President's Report

Dear Members,

Financial members are invited to attend the 14th Annual General Meeting to be held on Saturday 20th September. The purpose of the AGM is to accept the Financial Audit for 2007/8 and for election and appointment of Committee members for the next 'yearly' term of office for 2008/9 as all positions are then declared vacant. Call for nominations were sent out with the June newsletter and closed on the 1st August. At the May meeting, the Committee nominated two candidates for Life Member status for passing under Special General Business, as per Casa de Macau Inc Constitution Part 11 (3f). Refer to amended Agenda attached. It is with much pleasure that we announce the acceptance of Fernando de Menezes Ribeiro and João Bosco Correa. Both are foundation members and former Interstate Representatives for Canberra and Victoria, well known and respected for their significant contribution towards our Casa and Macanese community, within Australia and abroad. A brief profile will be provided. Life Member status as awarded to David de Carvalho, Jorge Morais Alves and Vasco Rodrigues (1st President of Casa).



14th Annual General Meeting Saturday, 20th September



The purchase of our Casa Headquarters (Macanese Cultural Centre) in 2007, (see report within) has achieved a significant milestone in the history of our Casa and the Committee continues to provide an excellent service to our members. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our 'Team' and 'Network' during the 2007/8 Term of Office.

- 2007/8 Office Bearers and Committee members for their continued enthusiasm and commitment.
- Interstate Representatives for the States of ACT, VIC, SA, QLD, TAS, WA. in providing and maintaining our broader network
- Our Editor, Jorge Estorninho for the excellent production of our quarterly newsletters
- Webmistress – Maria dos Santos Lee, great job in maintaining and updating our site

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- Vice President Marcus Gutierrez, our Newsletter Co-ordinator, for undertaking the huge laborious task involved with getting the quarterly newsletters printed, collated and posted to members and also as
- Project Officer for our MCC in the procurement of outfitting items and other tasks
- Rogério Fernandes, for extra time and journeys made to the MCC in upkeeping of the premises and courtyards, maintained to an impeccable state.
- All helpers over the past year (you know who you are) for assisting at Casa Headquarters, promotions and functions.
- MGTO, Sydney; Viva Macau; Sydney Portugal Community Club; Aldeias de Portugal Group

Within this issue, 'Macanese Families' is a special article provided by Henrique 'Quito' d'Assumpção. His commitment to this massive project is to be commended and Casa Committee will be honoured to collaborate and assist. Quito's achievement to date is awe-inspiring and no doubt greatly admired by the Macanese communities from around the world. He has established a legacy to be continued and treasured. On your behalf the Committee wishes to thank Quito for his hard work and long hours. Interested members should contact Mary Rigby, Secretary (Email: rigbyfamily@ozemail.com.au) for verification of financial status to gain access to the website.

Casa recently received an invitation from Macau Government Tourist Office, Sydney for interested members to participate in this year's promotion: MACAU A CITY OF FESTIVALS & EVENTS – in Martin Place, Sydney (22nd-26th September). Please contact Mary Rigby, Secretary (47333862 or rigbyfamily@ozemail.com.au if you can offer a day (or two) during this week. (see details in this issue).

NSW Annual Christmas luncheon will be held on Sunday 23rd November at Petersham Town Hall. (NSW members refer to flyer). There will be a special presentation made to our newly awarded Life Members. Our Gastronomia Correspondent, Yvonne Bayot Husband and Josie Arevalo will be organising the catering, entertainment will be provided by Rossous and Santa is to make an early stop to Sydney. Remember to book early. Interstate Representatives are to organise this annual event for the individual States.

I have been urged by certain members to use this forum to advise on their receipt of nuisance mail and matters circulating via the Macanese 'grapevine'. In regard to the mail, the author's intent is to promote disunity within our community, to target my position and bring ill repute to the Committee. It is unfortunate that the author has chosen to try to disrupt the goodwill of our community in Australia. The 'grapevine' purports inaccuracies and is neither useful nor constructive. It plays on the gullibility and naivety of members delivered by 'providers' with mischievous intent. Thank you to the members who have come forward. I ask our community to use sound judgement and not be party to hearsay, rumours or innuendos and to contact your Committee, if you have any enquiries or concerns as to the governance and management of our Casa.

As a Management Committee we are doing our best for our community – not as individuals but as a 'collective'. Faced with multi-faceted challenges, we are not discouraged by any event; to manage and govern; providing services with no remuneration nor financial gains. We move on to do greater and better things for the benefit of our people.

At time of writing, the date of the 2009 Encontro da Nova Geração (Youth Encontro) as advised by Henrique Manhão, Casa de Macau (USA) Inc, President, & Vice President do Conselho Permanente do CCM, on suggested change to April 2009 is not confirmed. Awaiting more news from Dr José Manuel de Oliveira Rodrigues, President of Associação Promotora da Instrução dos Macaenses (APIM) and Conselho das Comunidades de Macaenses (CCM); following consultation with top Officials of the Government of Macau Special Administrative Region (Região Administrativa Especial de Macau, RAEM) and Fundação Macau.

"Not everything that can be counted counts, and not everything that counts can be counted." - Albert Einstein (1879-1955)

Kind Regards,

Yvonne

"NEW SEDE"

Congratulations to the President and Board of Directors of Casa de Macau Vancouver on their Official Opening of their new 'Sede' on the 6th September. May the new Sede fulfil all the expectations and future vision for our sister Casa.

Well Done



The great typhoon of 1874

'A grande calamidade.' So begins the report of the session of the Leal Senado, the Macau Council, of 29 September 1874 (quoted by Teixeira, '*O Maior Tufão de Macau*', p. 38). Writing in 1974 on its centenary, the very prolific Macau historian, Father Manuel Teixeira, wrote of the typhoon of 1874 as the most destructive ever experienced in the history of Macau. As cyclones are to Northern Australia and hurricanes to the southern United States, so

typhoons are to the South China Coast.

Over the centuries they have brought death and disaster on a huge scale.

The 'horroroso tufão' of 1738 was the greatest disaster to have befallen Macau up to that time. About a century later, two typhoons created havoc only a year apart, in 1847 and 1848. By 1847, meteorological records had commenced, and the mercury dropped to 745 mm. The following July, another 'grande e violento tufão' swept the coast of South China.

Macau had already suffered substantial loss of population with large numbers leaving for Hong Kong, occupied by Britain since 1842. Typhoons grew worse, with more buffeting in the next 25 years from typhoons which took barometric readings in Macau down to 726mm in 1862 and 717mm in 1871. Hong Kong was relatively protected from the worst violence of typhoons because of its sheltered harbour. However Macau faced the full force of a typhoon sweeping in from the South China Sea. A scientific journal in 1874 observed, 'Macau fares worst, for it is situated precisely where the typhoon is arrested by the high land of the coast.' (*Nature*, 31 December 1874, p. 169). The article went on to point out that the typhoon had crossed from Hong Kong to Macau in half the time taken by the typhoon of 1871. The low point of the barometer occurred in Hong Kong at 2.15 a.m. and in Macau at 3:15 a.m. In 1871 the typhoon had taken more than two hours to reach Macau from Hong Kong. So Macau was

hit in 1874 twice as fast and even harder than it had been three years earlier.

On this occasion, the barometer in Macau dropped to 709 mm, the lowest pressure ever recorded at that time in China (*Nature*, 31 December 1874, p. 169.). While Hong Kong endured a terrific battering, Macau was almost obliterated. C.A. Montalto de Jesus, then a boy of eleven living in nearby Hong Kong, wrote about it a quarter of a century later in his book *Historic Macao*.

Ruined houses near the shore of the Porto Interior after the Great Typhoon of 1874.



'As if nature too were bent on the downfall of Macao, a terrific typhoon, its very centre, swept over the ill-fated colony on the memorable 22nd of September 1874; and a fateful shift of the wind from north to east, at the equinoctial spring tide doomed the fairest part of the city to the full havoc of cyclonic blasts and waves. Battered, flooded, Macao was at the same time assailed by pirates.' (p. 423).

Fires broke out throughout the city, possibly lit by arsonists intent on forcing people to flee from their houses

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so that they might be looted more easily. Montalto de Jesus went on, 'the lurid glare revealed many an imminent peril in that night of unspeakable horror and tribulation.' The official report, dated 23 October 1874, lists street by street Chinese houses lost. They totalled 1,172 (The report is quoted by Teixeira, p. 34). Between 4,000 and 5,000 people died and 2,000 fishing and trading craft were lost. On Taipa more than 1,000 bodies were found and another 500 on

Coloane, chiefly of fishermen. The value of houses, goods and ships lost came to roughly \$2 million, a vast sum at that time (Montalto de Jesus, p. 423). The dead were buried in a new cemetery opened for the purpose on Taipa. So great was the devastation that there was speculation that an earthquake probably occurred at the same time as the typhoon. (*Nature*, p. 168).

In those days there were no weather forecasts or typhoon warnings. These came later, and the old typhoon signals – 10 large black geometric shapes – are still housed on Guia. They used to be hoisted on a mast when a typhoon threatened, but this elementary system has long since been replaced by radio, television and the Internet. So this typhoon struck very quickly and without warning. Augusto Nolasco told Graciete Batalha something of what happened. On 22 September 1874,

'It was a very hot and still night and people were out in the Praia Grande in search of a little fresh air. A full moon ... filled the night sky. As people began to make their way home, it started to rain heavily and a strong wind started up. Everyone firmly secured and locked their doors and windows ... Never had there been such a strong typhoon. The sea level rose so high that a lorch [a light vessel with a European hull, and the rigging of a Chinese junk] was washed up close to the cathedral.'

Things grew worse. 'Roofs were blown off and houses collapsed and a great fire swept through Santo Antonio.' Nolasco went on to recount the story of an old couple whose house was unroofed, and as they fled to the church seeking sanctuary, were robbed by pirates. Next morning they found their house destroyed by fire. They ended their days destitute. (The letter is held by

The brig Concordia, high but not exactly dry in a paddy field near Green Island, Macau.



the Lisbon Geography Society. A.M. Amaro, 'The 1874 typhoon: a Story', *Macau* (magazine), 1997, pp. 140-1). Most of the 2,000 vessels lost were fishing craft, and the Chinese boat people were all but wiped out. Larger vessels were lost too. A Portuguese gunboat, *Principe Carlos*, was landed in a paddy field 14 miles away to the south (Montalto de Jesus, p. 423), and Teixeira names three other ships that were driven ashore or suffered damage in the Porto Interior (Teixeira, p. 17).

The loss of ships in Hong Kong was greater than that in Macau, because the commerce of Macau had diminished during the previous thirty years. The London newspaper *The Times* reported on 30 September that five ships had been sunk, six were missing, three had run aground and another nine dismasted. (30 September 1874). A week later on 5 October the paper printed another long list of vessels damaged which had struggled back to Hong Kong harbour for repairs. It is interesting to note that the British papers reported only the loss of shipping. There is no mention of loss of lives or property. The British were concerned only with commerce.

Montalto de Jesus went on, 'the disastrous typhoon consummated the ruin of the Macanese' (p. 423). In the next two years, the Catholic population of Hong Kong increased from 4,520 to 5,250. It is likely that much of this increase, of 730 people or 15%, is the result of an influx of refugees from the stricken Portuguese colony. The enrolment of St Joseph's College, Hong Kong, increased greatly for the same reason. However, whereas the earlier Portuguese immigration of the 1840s was readily absorbed by the rapidly growing Hong Kong, this large influx could not readily be accommodated and

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they became for many years an underclass. This led to social tensions discussed at some length by the fiery young J.P. Braga, who in 1895 wrote a hard-hitting pamphlet against the injustices experienced by the Portuguese community: *The rights of aliens in Hongkong*. It was the beginning of a long and distinguished public career.

In Macau there was a detailed report on damage to churches and public buildings. The Bishop's Palace was largely destroyed and church archives were lost. The churches of Santo Lazaro, Santo Agostinho, Santo Domingos and Santo Antonio all suffered heavy damage, particularly Santo Antonio, severely damaged by fire. The cathedral too suffered major structural damage (Teixeira, pp. 26-28, 42. He quotes from the bishop's report on the disaster, which uses the full form 'Santo' rather than the more usual 'São').

When the Leal Senado spoke of 'a great calamity', they didn't know the half of it. Hong Kong recovered fairly quickly, but it took Macau many decades. The economy was already in a poor state, and with the exodus of population, things grew worse. Montalto de Jesus mournfully quoted a pessimistic prediction made soon after Hong Kong was set up in 1842: that Macau would become a bare rock where fishermen spread their nets to dry. (Montalto de Jesus, p. 423.). It would be more than a

hundred years before prosperity returned to Macau, longer still before today's casinos brought vast wealth.

Nevertheless, Macau would fulfil a vital role between 1942 and 1945 when more than 10,000 British and American people flocked there during World War II, as a calamity far greater than any typhoon overtook Hong Kong – the Japanese Occupation. If Macau had not been there for these refugees, their situation would have been unimaginably desperate. Macau, abandoned by the British for a century, generously gave them relief and safety in their time of need.

A note on sources. The Macau Collection Room of the Macau Central Library, Av. Conselheiro Ferreira de Almeida, contains all the local sources used. I am grateful to Marie Imelda MacLeod, Directora do Arquivo Histórico, for her assistance in locating printed and photographic sources there. Other printed sources are in the National Library of Australia, notably the J.M. Braga Collection.

Stuart Braga
Monday 25th August 2008

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MACANESE FAMILIES

Henry "Quito" d'Assumpção

In an earlier article "Are We Related" I gave an account of a project to put some of the information on Macanese families onto a computer database. It drew extensively on the mammoth 3-volume work by Dr Jorge Forjaz (*Famílias Macaenses*, 1996) in Portuguese.

The electronic database contains mostly raw data on names, births, marriages and deaths, in English. Many people all over the world have collaborated by sending in updated information, corrections, photos and narratives. The database is growing rapidly.

I am pleased to report a significant development: the entire database (now with some 44,500 people) is in a restricted website.

Every one of the 44,500 people in the website has an individual page giving essential details such as name, date and place of birth, marriage and death,

An example of a person's page

Note the relationships, reference to charts and to photos

Aarnaldo Augusto de Oliveira Sales¹

M, #1820, b. 13 January 1920

Pop-up Pedigree

Relationship	5th cousin 1 time removed of Stuart Braga .
Relationship	5th cousin 1 time removed of João Bosco Soares Correa .
Relationship	5th cousin 2 times removed of Francisco Xavier da Fonseca .
Relationship	8th cousin of Carolyn Thelma Guterres .
Relationship	5th cousin of António Manuel Maria Pacheco Jorge da Silva .
Relationship	7th cousin 1 time removed of Francisco António dos Remédios .
Charts	Almeida (Félix de Almeida #32823) Alvarenga (António de Alvarenga Coutinho #33489) Azedo (Joaquim Júlio Dias Azedo #3545) Campos (Domingos de Campos # 37269) Cunha (António Alvares # 42697) Homem de Carvalho (Manuel Homem de Carvalho #14069) Liger (João Corea de Liger #23777) Marcwick (Richard Marcwick #27808) Oliveira (Ana Rita de Oliveira #29748) Pegado (Maria Josefa Pegado #31091) Pereira (João on Pereira #31363) Rosa (Vicente Rosa #14033) Rosário (Firmino do Rosário #16493) Sales (Francisco Xavier de Sales #17606)
Father*	Reinaldo Camilo Maria Sales² b. 18 Jul 1891, d. 2 Sep 1982
Mother*	Emília Carolina Azêdo de Oliveira² b. 27 Aug 1894, d. 30 Jan 1961
Birth*	13 January 1920 Shamin, Canton. ²
Marriage*	17 November 1946 Edith Maria Celeste Nolasco da Silva , daughter of Porfírio Maria Nolasco da Silva and Cecília Guilhermina Machado , St Therese, Hong Kong; no children. ²
Honours, Awards*	Portugal:  Order of Prince Henry: Commander, 1968; Grand Officer, 1984; Grand Cross, 1999. United Kingdom: Coronation Medal, Queen Elizabeth II, 1953

and names of spouse(s) and children, but occasionally including narratives. There are also "box charts" of ancestors of some people and, for each of the principal progenitors in Forjaz's books, box charts of all their descendants. Also shown are relationships to a few of my friends and collaborators.

The major advantage is that one is able to navigate around easily and find people, and then to look up further details in Forjaz's books. For example, clicking on the name of a child will take you instantly to that child's page.

An example of a group photo

Clicking on a face takes you to that person's page

Seated: Frances Gaan, Lourdes Guterres, Marie-Cecille Basto, Marie-Camille Barros, Sheila Collaco, Sylvia de Carvalho, Vilma Pinna, Rita da Roza, Christine d'Almada Remedios
 Sitting on floor: Frances Gaan, Maria "Jean-Jean" d'Assumpcao, Gerry Baptista, Jose "Zeca" Braga, Manuel Guterres
 Collection HA d'Assumpcao



One of the exciting features is the ability to include numerous photos – black-and-white or colour, of individuals or of groups.

The website is not limited to genealogical data: it includes articles about Macau or its people, music, cooking recipes, and links to other websites – really, the only limitations are one's imagination and the time and effort to put it all together. Surprisingly, cost is not a significant issue.

Access to the website is only gained by using a password. If you are a financial member of one of the Macanese Clubs and are interested in collaborating or gaining access to the website, please contact your Club.

With the cooperation of many, I hope to establish a permanent record of Macanese culture and history and engender a sense of pride in Macanese heritage, particularly among the newer generations.



MY MEDIOCRE MINCHI

by Michael Gutierrez

Minchi has long been the classical, "go-to" dish of the Macanese. If you're hung over, lonely, heart-broken, bored, homesick or all five, there is nothing more comforting than the smell of minced meat frying in soy sauce, onions, and garlic.

I always gloated about Minchi to my friends, but when they asked what it tasted like, I could never explain. It's like describing the taste of water or bread - you've grown up with the stuff for so long that you don't know what it tastes like; you just know that it's good and you need it. My description of the ingredients never did it justice either. "Beef and pork mince....onions....garlic...fried potatoes... some sauces."

They'd always have a blank, that's-it? look on their face. Their only response would be something like, "Oh..alright."

Even pictures of Minchi are simple and unimpressive. Brown stuff on rice. My friends would see my enthusiasm and pretend it looked delicious, but I knew they were just humouring me.

But inevitably, after they'd taken their first bite of Minchi, they were hooked. It didn't matter what their ethnic backgrounds were - there is something universally comforting about Minchi. Those of us who cook it know the trade, go ahead and impress you friends with the dish, but from that moment on, every single time they come over for dinner, they will always request Minchi.

So when it came time to cook for my host family in South Korea, I was very enthusiastic, but felt appropriately pressured to "wow" them. They're a very kind couple in their early-30s who are web designers. They had never met a waegukin (foreigner) before, let alone a Westerner, so I was extremely excited to prepare Minchi for them. Being Korean, they were used to everything being red and spicy, so I was unsure how they would perceive the taste. And I might have oversold my cooking abilities because what I thought would just be a dinner between the three of us ended up being a party of nine. They invited their parents, two brothers, and somehow, even their maid got in on the action.

I had never cooked for more than four people before. I was going to need a big wok and a lot of soy sauce.

And cooking in a foreign country is harder than you might think. Finding the proper ingredients can be tough. You just try translating "monosodium

glutamate" off the top of your head into Korean. Let me know how far you get. Shopping for groceries is adventure enough. My reading of Korean characters is decent, but not fast enough, and I'd find myself staring at aisle after aisle, mouth agape, sounding out each word, just trying to find the right kind of *kanjang* (soy sauce).

At the end of my shopping adventure, I was confident that I'd gotten about 70% of the correct ingredients. The vegetables were easy, but the only potatoes I could find looked a little smaller than usual.

The sauce part was the big risk. No matter how long I stared at the label, it wouldn't magically translate itself into English. I understood that it was soy sauce, but I had no idea if it was dark or light; Chinese brands that I'd recognize were nowhere to be seen. And with employees busily rushing back and forth, I dared not open up a bottle for a taste or smell test.

I took a gamble, got whatever looked popular and hoped for the best. It didn't help my nerves any that one of the guests was the Korean equivalent of a retired Navy SEAL, complete with tattoos on his arm, and was expecting a hearty meal. As if this wasn't enough pressure, my host father came up behind me while I was cooking, place his hands on my shoulders, and whispered quietly in my ear, "I have high expectations."

All I could manage was a squeaky, "I'll try," and began my concoction.

I cooked that Minchi with a nervous sweat, fully aware that if it sucked, I could very well lose the mattress I was sleeping on. I could be out on the streets in snowy, Korean winter if I was using the wrong soy sauce.

And when it was time to pour in that soy source, it turned out to be light. No matter how much sauce I put in, the meat stayed pale, deathly pale. Didn't even smell right. At least not like any Minchi I ever had.

And the potatoes, frying in that oil, were just refusing to get crispy. They were barely-there cubes that might as well have been oily mash. I could've made *Caldo Verde* out of it. My host's father came to check on me just as I was beginning to collapse from shame, and he asked how the Minchi was going.

I responded, "I don't know. This isn't Minchi anymore."

I tried to repair it as much as I could, but nothing was working. I had to cut my losses and shamefully serve up my beige excuse for Minchi.

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I apologized for my failure and explained to the family about my incorrect choice of soy sauce. With their limited English, I'm not sure if they understood or just thought I was being humble. They were too hungry to care anyway. They just wanted to taste this Minchi that Big Shot American Guy bragged about all the time.

Mr. Navy SEAL took the first bite. He was quiet at first, and just as I began to close my eyes in silent dread, his eyes lit up, then with a mouthful of food, he nodded and said, "Mmm...mashitta (delicious)."

He began scarfing down the Minchi, the rest of the family following suit and devouring all that was left on the platter, scraping up every piece of soggy potato, and barely touching any of the other dishes that the family had prepared. All in all, they finished the Minchi in ten minutes, and it was a big platter. I tried the Minchi and by my standards, it was probably the worst I'd ever tasted. I was definitely ashamed of it, but real Minchi aside, it was actually not that bad. It was edible and somewhat enjoyable. Just not good Minchi per se.

And that's perhaps what makes Miinchi such an infallible Macanese dish. It's incredibly delicious when you get it right, but even if you somehow totally mutilate it as I did, waegukins of Macanese culture will still find it kinda good.

I'm pleased to say that I slept soundly that night, warm under the covers with a belly full of Minchi and soju. But I learned from my mistake. Never again will I provide anyone with mediocre Minchi. Most people pack fine port wines or expensive brandy when they travel. But me? Wherever I go, if there are friends who want Minchi, I bring in my suitcase, carefully wrapped in sweaters and jackets, my trusty bottle of Pearl River Bridge mushroom-flavoured dark soy sauce.

Editor's Note - This article was published in Lusitano Bulletin which was submitted by Michael Gutierrez as part of a Contest and is reproduced here with his permission. Michael Gutierrez is the nephew of our Vice President Marcus Gutierrez.

Michael was in Brisbane for the last 2 years or so attending a University and graduated last December. He has spent some time in Korea teaching English hence his experience there.



Macanese Cultural Centre (MCC)

Over the past twelve months your Committee for 2007/8 has been busy meeting and greeting members and guests whilst outfitting our Casa Headquarters, hereby to be known as 'Macanese Cultural Centre' - "Centro Cultural Dos Macaenses", to full occupancy level for the use and benefit of our members. (Refer to 'Welcome Mat'). Successful in obtaining 12 months 'provisional' consent from October 2007, with the engagement of a Town Planner in this pursuit, a feat achieved within a short timeframe when dealing with matters and procedures of Local Government. The determination resolved in the Marrickville Council meeting of the 4 September 2007 stated: "the Development and Environmental Services Committee has reviewed the application and considers this application to be for a 'community facility'". Defined in Schedule 1 of the MLEP in the following terms: "... means a building or place owned or controlled by a public authority or a body of persons associated for the purpose of providing the physical, social, cultural, economic or intellectual development or welfare of the local community..".

We are currently awaiting the outcome of our lodgement for a 'permanent' consent application under Section 96(1A) of the EPA Act 1979. Contrary to some members' misunderstanding, the premises can and are being utilised and members/guests are invited to drop in; plus participate in future planned social gatherings. Being a modest facility, large functions cannot be accommodated. Smaller gatherings such as cooking demonstrations, pot luck minchi lunches, library book & review days, Portuguese lessons, Tombola, social mahjong and other events as identified by members are being planned. The consent is part of Marrickville Council zoning requirements i.e. to change the use of the premises from professional consulting rooms to a 'community facility' under Residential Zoning (2A) of the Marrickville Local Environmental Plan 2001 (MLEP), Clause 10, embodies permissible use. All development applications are listed for public viewing on Council website:

http://www.marrickville.nsw.gov.au/edrawer/Files/950812504/TRIM_TR_REC_528705.PDF

The process of property acquisition from February 2007 to the development application and current lodgement has so far resulted in the accumulation of a large volume of documentation and administrative paperwork. You will all understand that copies for distribution to members would not be practical, logical nor economically

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world youth day 2008

Relive WYD08 – Official DVDs, book & photos!

World Youth Day DVD Collection

With much demand, World Youth Day 2008 will be releasing a pastoral DVD collection available for sale from 15 September 2008. A commemorative book will also be available for sale in late November.

The **DVD collection** is not only for people wishing to relive the great event, but will be a pastoral tool for Churches, schools, youth groups and communities to help spread the word about the power of Christ's love.



The set of eight DVDs contain:

- Highlights of the Journey of the Cross & Icon through Australia
- Opening Mass celebrated by Cardinal Pell
- Papal Arrival including Boat-a-cade, official welcome at Barangaroo and Motorcade through Sydney's streets
- Stations of the Cross
- Dedication of the Altar at St Mary's Cathedral with the Holy Father
- Evening Vigil with the Holy Father
- Final Mass celebrated by the Holy Father

- Highlights package of WYD08

The DVDs can be purchased as a boxed set for \$79.95 (plus postage). The Stations of the Cross and Highlights Package can be purchased individually for \$24.95 (plus postage). **[Click here to register your interest for DVDs now!](#)** All registrants will be contacted when the DVDs are available to purchase.

The **World Youth Day commemorative book** will be a beautiful hardcover souvenir book, available towards the end of the year, in time for Christmas. Published in conjunction with The Catholic Weekly, this collector's book will serve as an official account of the event week, coupled with stunning photos and addresses from His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI, His Eminence, Cardinal Pell, plus other religious leaders.

[Click here to register your interest for the commemorative book now!](#)

St Pauls Publications has released a book to mark the one month anniversary of the Final Mass containing a collection of all the sermons and addresses given by Pope Benedict XVI entitled *Dear Young People*. It sells for \$12.95 and copies can be obtained from religious book centres or direct from St Pauls Publications at www.stpauls.com.au

Purchase your official WYD08 souvenir photos

Don't forget you can still purchase WYD08 photos online. **[Click here to purchase your momentos.](#)** You might even feature in the photos!



Hobart



Oriel and Manuel



Michael, Manuel
Vanessa, Joel and Robert

Hobart members celebrated Dia de São João with a Chinese dinner at the Mee Wah Restaurant In Sandy Bay. Oriel, a guest at the dinner had much delight in opening the lucky door prize her grandfather had won. I think the father was just as amazed as evidenced by the photo.

Hobart also enjoyed the company of visitors from 'overseas' in the person of Vanessa Estorninho and Joel Estorninho who visited Tasmania from Western Australia. They spent an enjoyable ten days sightseeing, clubbing and most importantly visiting their Tasmanian cousins.

Tasmania also played hosts to Marion Banks and Shirley Ribeiro from USA who visited our fair shores with Gloria Dezwart and Eddie Raphael from Victoria.

Jorge Estorninho celebrated a milestone in achieving three score and ten at a quiet birthday celebration at home without fanfare or fireworks.



Melbourne



An article that appeared in a local Victorian paper says Gloria Dezwart is living proof age is no barrier to following your passion.

Not content with playing lawn bowls or baking like other grandmothers, the 72 year-old is taking on competitors less than half her age in a karate dojo in Whittlesea.

Mrs. Dezwart joined Whittlesea's Go-Kan_Ryu Karate dojo in November and has recently achieved her orange belt.

The fit and fabulous woman wowed her instructors and fellow students in June after winning a bronze medal at a tournament in Reservoir.

Mrs. Dezwart said she was proud of her first medal "I was very nervous before the competition" she said. "I'm working real hard at the moment for the next competition because at the first competition I didn't know all the rules. I love challenges" Mrs. Dezwart is no stranger to living an active life. She has been a sprinter and played hockey, softball, soccer, has cycled and ridden horses.

A grandmother of nine, she said she had no plans to slow down. "I'm not going to sit back and do nothing" she said. "I'm keeping fit because I want to live a long time. Mrs. Dezwart won a bronze in Kata and silver in kumite at the Geelong Go-Kan_Ryu Tournament senior veterans division last month.

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Sydney NSW Annual Dia de S. João Luncheon

Over 220 members including guests attended this annual event held on Sunday 22nd June 2008 at Peter-sham Town Hall. A splendid lunch menu was provided by Casa's Gastronomica Correspondent, Yvonne Bayot

Gutierrez & James Callaghan for organising the soft drinks, all Committee members' and their spouses; Eduardo Gutierrez for getting in and assisting with odds and ends. Big thanks to John Husband for taking charge of entry and lock up of the venue on Casa's behalf; not forgetting Steve, Sound Technician as Peter-sham Town Hall is a very large venue. Apologies if anyone else was not on the 'thank you' list.

'Many hands make light work'.



Husband and Josie Arevalo.

As guests mingled and enjoyed the entertainment provided by RosSous, several birthday calls were made to our Secretary Mary Rigby, Loretta Xavier and Edward Saucis. Trivia was also introduced for a bit of fun. Main raffle prizes were 3 fruit & veg baskets plus other items donated by the Committee members.

There were many people to thank for making this a most enjoyable & successful day including Marcus

Congratulations to Casa Members, Simone (nee Herrero) & Cesar Lim on their recent Wedding on the 8th August 2008. Following nuptials at Blessed John XXIII Parish, Stanhope Gardens, a reception was held at Curzon Hall, Marsfield. The newly-weds have returned from honeymooning in Hawaii, to commence their new married life. Best wishes for a happy and prosperous future.

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(Photo: Simone & Cesar with proud parents of the bride Manuel & Yvonne Herrero)



Brisbane



The Queensland Casa De Macau celebrated Dia de S. João on the 22nd June 2008 with a luncheon at the Wang Dynasty Restaurant, South Bank, Brisbane.

There was a very good attendance and the venue was delightful, as it was along the Brisbane River South Bank stretch.

We had a delicious Chinese banquet, which included Wine, Beer and soft drinks. These were within the Casa

Subsidy.

Members travelled by cars and trains, because the venue was so central. Validation for car-park was arranged for \$5.per car.

Perth



Perth members celebrated their Dia de S. João festivities at the Burswood Casino Hotel with a sumptuous buffet. All the members enjoyed their time of fellowship and a good meal.

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Letters should be brief, preferably no more than 200 words. They must be signed and must include name and address for publication if required and telephone number for verification. While letters and articles from readers are sought and encouraged, the Editorial Committee reserves the right to edit them as considered necessary. Letters and articles are published at the discretion of the committee and its decision is final.



welcome Mat

**A regular update column on our Casa premises at Sydenham.
Provided by Vice President, Marcus Gutierrez (Overseer)**

With the outfitting completed for the library, office and the reception room, members can now enjoy the fruits of our labour. Thanks to the Committee and Helpers, our 'Team' managed to make the library resource a comfortable retreat where one can sit and browse through the many books we have on hand. Presentation items from all the Encontros in Macau, other Sister Casas and Associations are on the shelves for viewing. The main reception/community room with new sofa and coffee table made a perfect setting for our guests. In July, visiting from Victoria during World Youth Week were Angela and Pepietuo Gonsalves from Melbourne, Sydney members Selena and Aquiles Rosario and Ermelinda



Viana. Gerard Ozorio dropped by to pick up his copy of Macanese in Hong Kong and presented us with a Guest Book which will come in handy for our many visitors.

Our next project on the board is to build a pergola with bench seats so that we can enjoy those cool summer afternoon breezes and in what better way than with a nice BBQ and a cold drink. So if you have the know-how, are good with a hammer and a screwdriver...or are just happy to lend a helping hand, give us a call and join us to make Casa the way you want it to be.



We need to acknowledge with thanks:

- ❖ Rogerio Fernandes (our Treasurer) for his time and work in tendering the garden and keeping the court yards neat and tidy.
- ❖ Minor chores have been carried out with the help of our members, Wayne Hammond, James Callaghan, Eduardo Gutierrez.

Our Casa now owns a property that is managed by your Committee. As members, your constructive input and active participation will be crucial to ensure that collectively, we are delivering and meeting the needs and





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Angelo and Pepietuo Gonsalves
with Mary Rigby 19 7 2008

expectations of our community. We need **YOU** to be involved and to keep our culture 'alive'.

Paraphrasing a famous quote from John F. Kennedy ...it is timely now:

*'Ask not what your **Casa** can do for you - ask what you can do for your **Casa**'.*

In appreciation



On the 19th July, Lizette & Tony Akouri presented nine beautifully illustrated prints from a collection of Russian artist George Smirnoff. Depicting landmarks of the old Macau these are now proudly displayed along the main hallway at our Macanese Cultural Centre. This kind donation will allow many to view, share and appreciate a nostalgic part of our history.

Comida Maquista

I would like to thank the following people who have so far contributed to the Casa de Macau Australia Cookbook:

Vincent Lawrence
Paul Danenberg
Pam Gosano
Therese Alonco
Henry (Quito) d'Assumpcao
Lourdes Bayot
Josie Arevalo
Jorge Estorninho
Yvonne Herrero

Some of the recipes received so far included:

Diabo
Vaca Estufada
Empada
Lingua à Indiana
Galinha de Tomato & Vinho
Croquets de Peixe
Apa Bico
Cheese Toast
Pineapple Cake
Bolo Menino
Chocolate Sago Pudding
Batatada
Fruit cake
Coconut Cream pudding
Bicho, Bicho
Ovas Moles
Bebinca de Leite

A HUGE thank you to those who have contributed.

COME ON EVERYONE ELSE!!!!!! Please donate one hour of your time to send me some recipes.

Especially needed are recipes for Cha Gordo, Soup, Meat, Fish, Chicken, Desserts, Cakes, Biscuits.

**Make this book a reality by
sending your contributions to:**

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viable. The Committee has a duty to keep our members' informed and we have endeavoured to do this every step of the way. However, there will be occasions where information is not provided due to timing difficulties, possible oversight, be of sensitive nature or decisions by external bodies that may still be in abeyance. We reiterate and remind members that ALL files are available for financial members' perusal upon request, including meeting the Committee during any of the 12 monthly meetings (or by appointment) - still stands. Both opportunities have not been taken up during this term 2007/8.

Recapping:

The acquisition of a base for our Casa has been a long historical journey from the earlier management days since 1995 and liaison with Fundacao Oriente. In 1999 when Macau was handed over to China to form the RAEM, funds were provided by the Fundacao Para a Cooperacao e o Desenvolvimento de Macau (FCDM), (sighting of this letter is available upon request), for the purpose in meeting with our main objectives – refer to Casa de Macau Inc. Constitution below.

ID - Objectives of Casa de Macau:

- a) to promote and maintain Macanese culture
- b) to foster an awareness and interest within the general community of Macanese culture
- c) to provide and maintain a cultural or community centre for the benefit of Macanese people in Australia
- d) to promote or assist in promoting the study of, or search into, the Macanese history and culture
- e) to promote or assist in promoting the conservation of objects or other things of cultural or historical significance to Macanese people
- f) to facilitate and co-ordinate visits to Macanese communities and places of cultural significance to Macanese people
- g) to promote sports and recreation in the interests of the welfare of Macanese people
- h) to promote and encourage the education of Macanese people, including providing for libraries, bursaries and scholarships.

Your past and present Committees have searched and viewed numerous properties, from shop fronts, units, stratas, office space, residentials – under various mixed

zonings (commercial/business/retail/residential) within different local government areas. None of these properties were suitable. This exhaustive and challenging exercise finally resulted in the acquisition of an appropriate property at Sydenham which we now can call 'home'. Whilst it is not a Petersham ("Little Portugal") location, it is still within the Marrickville Council area and walking distance to the Sydney Portugal Community Club, as part of connections with our heritage and culture, minutes from Sydenham railway station and bus service.

For more detailed information or perusal of documentation, please contact the Committee to make an appointment.

Please refer to the Financial Report 2007/8 as issued by Casa's Accountant and Auditors, Richard A. Bobb under separate cover.

Casa de Macau Committee 2007/8

Update From Youth Representatives

As Casa's Youth Representatives we are currently working on strategies of engagement and communication to contact the younger members within our Casa. Because we are so dispersed in Australia, the challenge is on to set up a manageable network. The suggestion of having our own youth encontro/gathering in Sydney for latter part of this year was not a hit as the response was very poor and the Casa Committee could not justify expenditure for only a handful of responses.

For many of us, we are busy with our work, family and academic commitments & pursuits. However, we require your interest and assistance and will be contacting you for some feedback. If your contact details have changed - particularly email address please advise Casa Secretary, Mary Rigby (rigbyfamily@ozemail.com.au) .

We are the future generation and have been bestowed a responsibility to continue our unique culture and heritage.

Let us unite and work together.

Samantha Wan NSW, Noella dos Santos VIC, Michael Estorninho TAS



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Newsletter



Next issue is due out in December, 2008. Anyone wishing to contribute articles are requested to submit them no later than Friday, 21st November, 2008 to jestor38@gmail.com



Don't Forget

to

send in your recipes to Yvonne Husband

See page 14 for more details... ..

Macau Government Tourist Office

is pleased to announce that we will again host

MACAU A CITY OF FESTIVALS & EVENTS

This wonderful event provides an opportunity for the Macau Government Tourist Office to maintain its strong presence within the Sydney community and to reinforce Macau's strong heritage and her many festivals and events.

It also allows us to maintain our link with the Macanese community and we would like to invite members of Casa De Macau Inc. to join in our celebration of 'Macau a City of Festivals & Events'.

Volunteers are requested during this event to assist with distribution of information, and supporting Macau Government Tourist Office during the daily activities.

Events Details:

Date: 22nd – 26th September 2008

Venue: Martin Place, Sydney (between Pitt & Castlereagh Streets)

Required Time: 10am – 2:30pm daily

Macau Government Tourist Office will provide an allowance of \$40.00 per person per day to cover transportation and meal allowance.

Interested persons should contact Casa De Macau Secretary, Mary Rigby (47333862 or Email to: rigbyfamily@ozemail.com.au) by no later than 12th September, to register their participation. Refreshments and lunch will be available for volunteers.

We thank you for your support