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MACEDONIAN COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the latest edition of our Community Newsletter, issued as part of the commemoration of our national day “Ilinden”. The celebration this year has some additional significance and poignancy, given that Macedonians are commemorating exactly 120 years since the monumental episode in 1903 which characterized our emergence, albeit while suffering a military defeat, as a nation ready to eventually take its place amongst the family of nations inhabiting our global community.

While acknowledging that fact, it remains especially concerning, and at times very deflating, that matters relevant to our national and cultural identity and well-being, are still being strongly ‘debated’ with significant passion and intrigue across both the corridors of power in relevant parts of the globe, as well as amongst both resident and émigré communities. Alas, it seems that for Macedonians, fundamental issues relating to our national and cultural heritage cannot simply be taken for granted, as they are for the great bulk of nations and communities elsewhere. It is therefore vital that we, as a people, and necessarily vigilant, establish and maintain a healthy consciousness about these issues which transcend simple “politics”. In the face of continued challenges, Macedonians, at both an individual and collective level, must continue to assert their rights as being equal to those of all other communities.



Successful Celebration of “Ilinden” 2023



A pleasingly large crowd of enthusiastic Macedonian (and other) patrons gathered in the Macedonian Community Hall to celebrate our “national day Ilinden” on Sunday 30 July. As the ravages of the pandemic slowly start to demand less adjustments in our daily lives, it is gratifying that some “normality” is gradually being restored. After the traditional observance of our fallen heroes at the

Goce Delchev monument, attendees gathered for lunch in the Hall, witnessing ceremonial but poignant moments of commemoration, including an interesting address by Chris Milanko about the enduring significance of the Ilinden episode 120 years ago.

The AMF Ensemble “Sloboda” again performed an outstanding series of traditional folk dances as part of the formal cultural program. Throughout the afternoon, patrons excitedly danced our traditional “ora”, performed by the musical group led by well-known band leader Petre Gjorgjievski. A great time was had by all !



New MCASA Life Members



Congratulations to our newly appointed Life members, who received their awards at the “Ilinden” function in front of a respectful and appreciative crowd. Velika Popovska, born in the village of “Dolno Kotori”, Lerinsko, in the Aegean region of Macedonia, and resident in Adelaide since 1964, has been very active in the Macedonian Community since, working passionately as a volunteer on the Womens’ and School committees, and is a regular participant in Church,

Radio Program and Human Rights activities amongst others. Velika has been a member of the Executive Committee since 2017.

Vasil Cekov was born in the region of Strumica, in the Republic of Macedonia. After three years working in Austria with his family, he settled in Adelaide permanently in 1974. Since that time, he has remained active in the Community, undertaking roles in our language School, and also serving for a time on the Executive Committee.



An “Honorary” Life membership was also awarded to the Macedonian musician, Petre Gjorgjievski, who started his new life in Adelaide before settling in Perth. Notwithstanding this, Petre has always maintained close contacts with friends in Adelaide, and has been always supportive of our Community organization, through musical and other activities.

A “Certificate of Appreciation” for his consistent efforts in helping out the Macedonian

Community over many years was also awarded to Jim Tassopoulos.



Noteworthy Coming Events

As we contemplate the vibrant success of our traditional “Ilinden” celebrations in this way, our Community is excited by the prospect of engaging in further projects which have significant value to our members and to the broader Macedonian community.



Digitalization and storage of heritage material and data

We have embarked upon a challenging process of procuring, collating and storing information about our Community in Adelaide and South Australia, and its constituent families and individuals. Where possible, this will cover the broad expanse of time from when the Community began to organize itself and the lives of its members in a coherent way. There is an abundant richness in documentation produced within the life of our Community since its formation in the immediate post world war II period, which both directly and indirectly reflects the passage of growth and development in the Macedonian presence in this city and state. To this point in time, it has been stored in a physical form in many disparate places. Key documents, correspondence, photographs, audio-visual content, notes and memorabilia, and other material, depicting the life of the Community organization and its constituency, will be assembled, scanned, indexed and archived to enable its permanent storage in “cyber-space”, where it will be made accessible to both Community stake-holders, and the public at large. Its centralized collection in such a manner, enabled by modern technology, will be a heritage project of inestimable value, and particularly for future generations.



Time Capsule – Version II !!!

Following the success of the initial time capsule project, which saw material of importance to Macedonian families in Adelaide, placed in a cylinder in 1997 and buried in concrete on the Community premises, before being unveiled 25 years later (in December 2022), there has been demand for a Version II of the time capsule project to be undertaken.

The Executive Committee of MCASA will shortly call for contributions to the project, and invite individuals and families to submit small items of value (and their accompanying messages) for placement in a cylinder to once again be “buried” within the Community grounds, and unveiled for a future generation to contemplate, hopefully with great joy and interest, important family and community material from another era, and perhaps as we discovered at the end of 2022, some poignant messages from persons who will no longer be amongst us at that future time.

Please stay tuned for future announcements about this exciting project!



Adelaide Macedonian Folkloric Ensemble “Sloboda”



Our Ensemble “Sloboda”, under the direction of Principal Choreographer Lisa Georgiou and her associates Jasmina Georgievski and Katherine Carcatsis, continues to go from strength to strength. An ambitious program of performances is planned over the balance of this calendar year, both in Adelaide and interstate. Recently, a range of new costumes have been expertly made in Macedonia for the Ensemble, which will be showcased at performances both at our Community Hall, and also at important multicultural events elsewhere in Adelaide. Please consult both our MCASA website, and our various social media platforms, for details about coming performances. In season practices are held on a weekly basis at the Community Centre.

The Ensemble has also established casual adult dancing sessions, led by Lisa Georgiou and Anastasija Kajchevska held in the Community Hall on each Sunday, for those who have an interest in Macedonian folk dancing, but perhaps do not aspire to undertake event performances, and the rigorous training which goes with them !

Macedonian Language School “Sts Kiril & Metodi”

For those interested in learning or indeed improving their Macedonian language skills, MCASA has resolved to re-activate on-line instructional learning in our language, with a qualified language teacher. Please contact our Community Secretary, Michael Radin (mob. 0433 128400), should you wish to participate in this worthwhile initiative.



Resuscitation of MCASA Sections



Expressions of interest are also invited from persons who wish to participate in various sectional activities which the Community seeks to re-establish – womens’ and seniors’ activities, events for young Macedonians, regular social and recreational activities, history seminars, professional and business networking, and literary heritage projects. Please let us have your ideas and proposals!

MCASA Weekly Radio Programs and YouTube Channel

Don't forget that our three (3) weekly radio programs, broadcast in the beautiful Macedonian language, are featured amongst the 44-strong language groups which broadcast weekly from **Radio Station 5EBI 103.1fm**, which is now itself over 45 years old!



Program times are each **Friday (8.00 – 9.00 pm)**, **Sunday morning (11.30 am – 12.00 noon)**, with a repeat at **7.00-7.30 pm** on **Sunday** evening. Our Program producer, **Jennie Trampeva-Radin**, who has a long broadcasting history in the Macedonian language in both the Community TV and Radio formats, would welcome, in particular, from younger persons, any assistance in researching and producing the weekly programs, and indeed as supporting

presenters, so please contact Jennie in this regard if you have interest ([Mob. 0430 92124](tel:043092124)).

Radio Podcasts are readily accessible from either the [5EBI Website](#), or the [MCASA Website](#), on [various platforms](#).

We also hope that you are accessing regularly updated content on our **MCASA YouTube Channel**. Archived episodes of “*Macedonian Horizon 21*”, our fortnightly TV program produced locally some years ago on Community TV channel 31 (now 44) by our MCASA Media Program team, in conjunction with Macedonian TV (Skopje), are proving especially popular.



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MCASA Podcasts

We can now reach an instant and much larger global audience in presenting MCASA, and its rich history of contributions and achievements, to the entire Macedonian world! Much of this is attributable to the diligent and skilled work of our MCASA website and Internet administrator, Steve Ognenovski.

Macedonian Orthodox Church “St. Naum of Ohrid”

Attention all parishioners! The Church is open for worship every Sunday from 10.30 am to 12.00 noon. Refreshments are available in the Macedonian Cultural Centre, located immediately behind the Church (and adjacent to the Macedonian Community Hall), for all attendees who wish to use these occasions to also enjoy some moments together with friends and fellow Macedonians.



Best Wishes to all, good health, stay safe, and we hope to see you very soon !

A. Michael Radin

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Chairperson, Church Committee, MOC “St. Naum of Ohrid”



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- Macedonian Council of SA
- Association of Refugee Children from the Aegean region of Macedonia (SA)
- Board of Life Members
- Macedonian Social Club “*Ilinden*” Inc.
- “*Macedonia United*” Soccer Club
- Cultural Society “*Iskra*” * Macedonian School “*Sts. Kiril & Metodi*”
- Macedonian Senior Citizens
- Womens’ Section * Youth Group
- Society of Macedonian Professionals “*Vox*”
- Macedonian Heritage Movement “*Spas*”
- Folkloric Ensembles “*Sloboda*” & “*Sedenka*”
- Macedonian Community Media : *Radio & TV Programs*
- Human Rights Committee (SA) * Welfare Committee
- Village Committees - “*Kotori*” “*Peshoshnitsa*” “*Visheni*”



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