



Macedonian Community of Adelaide and S.A. Inc.

MACEDONIAN COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

15 April 2022 (No.8)

Welcome to the latest edition of our Community Newsletter, just in time for the Easter holiday break! As we finally settle into some sort of regular pattern of life following two extremely difficult years, and despite ongoing challenges, on behalf of the members of the Management Committee of the Macedonian Community Media Program, and the Executive Committee of the Macedonian Community, we take this opportunity to wish you all the “compliments of the season”, and a safe period for you and your families!

A Message of Support for our Ukrainian Friends

The Macedonian Community of Adelaide and South Australia Inc., has always enjoyed an excellent relationship with our fellow South Australians who are of **Ukrainian origin**. This relationship has been strengthened over recent years by the wonderful cooperation between the “*Slava*” Ukrainian Centre SA, and its peerless dance ensemble, and our own Adelaide Macedonian Folkloric Ensemble “*Sloboda*”. The two dance ensembles have appeared regularly at each other’s festivals, and elsewhere together, and highlights of these performances can be seen on our own **YouTube Channel**. “*Slava*” has again accepted an invitation to perform at our “*Cultured*” Festival No II function later this year (see below), while “*Sloboda*” is planning at this stage to appear at a Ukrainian-sponsored festival this year if it proceeds.

“*Sloboda*” in the Macedonian language means “*Freedom*”. The word of course is readily intelligible to speakers of the Ukrainian language. We offer, given the unimaginable horrors, caused by the present circumstances, for the domestic Ukrainian population, and of course for those who originate from that peaceful and proud nation who do reside amongst us, total moral support, and a readiness to assist where we can (as do almost all South Australians). We earnestly wish that it will not be too long a time before Ukrainians are able to experience that word once again!

Macedonian Orthodox Easter - A time for Reflection and Celebration !

A traditional Easter Sunday service, according to our Orthodox religious calendar, will be held on **Sunday 24 April 2022**, commencing at **10.00 am**.

The service will be held in our Macedonian Orthodox Church "St. Naum of Ohrid" at Findon, and will be conducted by **Archimandrite Father Gavril Galev**, from the Kinglake Monastery, near Melbourne. Father Galev will remain in Adelaide on that day, and is pleased to meet with Macedonian parishioners after the morning service.



A lunch, with full refreshments, for members and parishioners, will be organized to commence after the service, either in the Macedonian Cultural Centre behind the Church, or if there are greater numbers, in the Macedonian Community Hall, on the adjacent block.

Families who wish to book a table should contact **Trajche Milosevski**, assistant to the Chairperson of the Church Committee, on the following mobile number : **0432 815994**

Information Meeting for Members of MCASA



An Information Meeting is being convened for all members of the Community in the **Macedonian Cultural Centre Library on Sunday, 01 May 2022, commencing at 12.00 noon**.

Lasting no more than two (2) hours, the meeting will give all members an opportunity to discuss with Members of the Executive Committee the current program of events and activities for 2022-23, with particular reference to the following topics :

- *Capital Project Plans – finalization of the Community Hall renovation ; Pergola ; Church maintenance and further adornments ; Cultural Centre extension.*
- *Celebration Event for the MCASA 75th Anniversary – 29/30 October 2022.*
- *Re-establishment of the MCASA sections – Women, School, Youth, Heritage, ProBus*

This is another opportunity for members to attend, meet with the EC, and make your own voices heard!

MCASA Celebrates 75 Years in 2022 !

This year, our Community will celebrate the **75th anniversary** of its formation in **1947**. This is a remarkable achievement, given that the size of the Macedonian migrant group in Adelaide (pop. 1.4 million) and South Australia, is significantly smaller than our sibling communities elsewhere in Australia, and particularly in the major population centres.



MCASA achievements are many and varied, and a glance at some of the history pages on our wonderful website will confirm this fact. Our Community has always “punched above its weight” in this regard, and even though it was conceived almost entirely by Macedonians from the Aegean region of our divided country (and indeed mainly from a small cluster of villages from the Lerin-Kostur districts), as it settled and grew over the following 3-4 decades, the Community welcomed Macedonian settlers from all parts of the Macedonian homeland, and particularly from the Republic of Macedonia, so that MCASA remains one of the few examples of a cohesive community environment where Macedonians from ALL parts of our mother country live and work together exceedingly well.

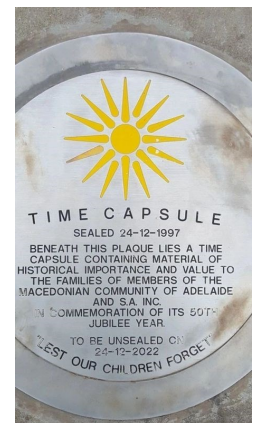
Our major celebratory event is planned at this stage to take place on the weekend of **29/30 October 2022**, with a fully-catered Social function on 29 October at the Community Centre, featuring all manner of special guests from Adelaide and interstate, and a Cultural program. This will be complemented by a second version of the hugely successful “*Cultured*” Festival, originally held with great success in March 2021, on 30 October 2022, again at the Community premises, and featuring yet again a wonderful array of music, dance and other ensembles from numerous local multicultural communities, as well as cultural, culinary and other offerings, and childrens’ activities.

Stay tuned for further information shortly, and we highly recommend early bookings !

Our Community Time-Capsule (1997 – 25 Years) – Time to Reveal All !

Goodness me how the years have passed by so quickly! On **24 December 2022**, it will be 25 (short and certainly not long!) years since the time capsule was sealed (for that period of time) at the foot of the revered “*Goce Delchev*” monument in the forecourt of the Macedonian Orthodox Church “*St. Naum of Ohrid*”. All manner of packages were placed in the capsule by members and families of our Community, containing items much valued by them, but more poignantly, items which will have meaning to the children and grand-children of those members who have since passed on.

This will be a milestone event, so again stay tuned for further information about exactly what is planned, and how we will celebrate the unsealing of the capsule, on Christmas Eve, 2022 !



Expressions of Support sought for Committee Membership

The Executive Committee of MCASA operates with a number of (sub) Committees, which brings into the policy and decision-making theatre other passionate and skilled members of the Community who may not be members of the actual EC.



Chairpersons of the various Committees have now been appointed, and in some instances, the Committees have already been partially filled at least. However, if there are MCASA members who believe that they can make a meaningful contribution in any of these areas, please contact either the Chairpersons direct, or the Coordinator of Committees, EC member **Jim Petre**, on his email at – jimpetre@bigpond.net.au

Social Committee - Chairperson Stella Ouzounis (Mob. 0405 574682)

Church Committee - Chairperson Michael Radin (Mob. 0433 128400)

Welfare Committee – Chairperson Fay Petre (Mob. 0423 389190)

Human Rights - Chairperson Michael Radin (Mob. 0433 128400)

Treasury/Finance - Chairperson, Jennie Trampeva-Radin (Mob. 0430 092124)

Secretariat - Chairperson, Michael Radin (Mob. 0433 128400)

MCASA Weekly Radio Programs and YouTube Channel

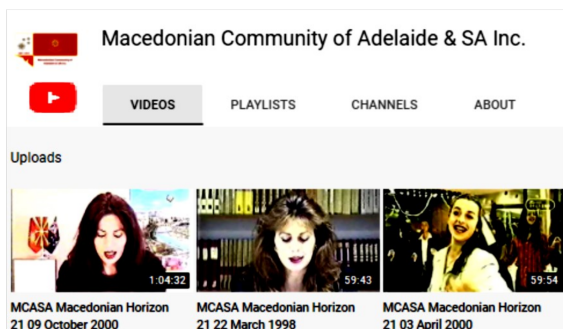
Don't forget that our three (3) weekly radio programs, broadcast in the beautiful Macedonian language, are featured amongst the 44-strong language groups which broadcast weekly from **Radio Station 5EBI 103.1fm**, which is now itself over 45 years old!

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](#).

We also hope that you are accessing regularly up-dated content on our **MCASA YouTube Channel**. In this regard, in particular, the showing of wonderful old Community TV programs under the banner of “**Macedonian Horizon 21**” (“MH-21”), broadcast on the (old) Community TV Station ACE-TV



Channel 31 (now Channel 44), are a particular delight, with much favourable feedback received from Community members and others who can now more vividly recall Community life as it was then, some twenty years ago! Profuse acknowledgments are due to the Macedonian Community Media Program team which created and managed the **MH-21 program**, over several years and almost

200 fortnightly episodes – Producer/Director Tihomir Maslarov, Coordinator Michael Radin, and regular presenters, Tome Petrovski, Stevka Tanevska, Jennie Trampeva-Radin, Nick Nasev, and others, as well as the myriad of local Macedonian business persons, families and Community members, who were always generous with their financial support.

Sadly, new technological forms have overtaken us, and the days of old-style Community TV programs have now to a large extent been made redundant by the easy on-line availability of content on the Internet, YouTube, and a myriad of streaming services.

It is not all bad news however, as our Website, Blog and new You-Tube Channel shows. 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, who is contactable at the following email address mcasa@socomms.com.

Best Wishes to all, and we hope to see you very soon !

A. Michael Radin

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President, Macedonian Community Media Program

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Together We Are Stronger!

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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 Ensemble “*Sloboda*”
- Macedonian Community Media : *Radio & TV Programs*
- Human Rights Committee (SA) * Welfare Committee
- Village Committees - “*Kotori*” “*Peshoshnitsa*” “*Visheni*”



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