



Macedonian Community of Adelaide and S.A. Inc.

MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER June 10th 2021

Dear Members,

I trust that the impending winter season finds you and your families well!
This **Newsletter** provides some brief information on some important issues which will hold us over until the Annual General Meeting later this year.

Hall Renovation Project – Supplementary Funding received from SA government.

We have recently been advised that our application for supplementary grant funding from SA Multicultural Affairs (DPC), has been approved, bringing the total to **\$30,000.00**. Together with our own investment, this will enable the Community to refurbish the front area of the Hall, and build a new disabled toilet facility. Work will commence shortly, and we hope to have it finished by the AGM or soon thereafter.

This brings the total of grant funding received from all three tiers of government for nine (9) separate projects to well over \$50,000.00 over the term of this Executive Committee – a fantastic and historic achievement!

New Tenant for the Kitchen area at rear of Macedonian Hall

Negotiations have recently concluded for the leasing of the Kitchen area of the Hall to a rent-paying tenant, which will further improve the financial position of the Community.

“Cultured” Festival

The outstanding success of this Festival held in our Hall on March 21 this year, attended by well over 300 patrons from varied communities, will be replicated by a bigger and better version of the Festival some time early in 2022, which may again be supported by the SA government. Many different communities have expressed strong interest in participating. Stay tuned!



AGM

You will recall that due to COVID-19 restrictions applying to our organization last December, we were prevented from holding our planned 2020 AGM at our Community premises.

As memberships expired at the end of 2020, we were obliged to wait until after March 2021 to hold the postponed AGM, given that the constitution enables all renewing and former members until 15 March to lodge 2021 membership applications. The constitution also requires that a full 21 days written notice be provided to members of any general meeting, and as many of our members still receive information by post in hard copy, that period is effectively closer to 30 days.

The Executive Committee (EC) has unanimously resolved that rather than holding the postponed 2020 AGM some time in May 2021 (last month), and then the 2021 AGM later this year (with the possibility of double meetings if no quorum is reached at these meetings), that it would be most practical and reasonable to hold a **combined 2020-21 AGM** early in the new financial year (2021-22). This would be subject to the following stipulations :

Given the close of the current financial year (2020-21) on June 30 2021, the EC will be in a position to present two years of audited financial statements (2019-20 and 2020-21) to members at the AGM, rather than just one year (2019-20) only if the AGM was held before June 30 2021.

Rather than a half election for the EC, the combined AGM will see the election of a full 11-person EC, although the terms of those elected will be staggered between one and two year terms to comply with the constitution. Otherwise, if an election was held currently, the “new” EC would only serve a term of up to six (6) months before fresh elections, which would be unreasonable.

A combined AGM will also enable the current EC to complete some very important matters before that meeting, such as :

Completion of the Hall renovation project (see above), which will see the refurbishment of the front toilets and foyer area, as well as the building of a disabled toilet block abutting Crittenden Road.

Resolving budget funding and works for the fixed veranda project between the rear of the Church and the Cultural Centre, as well as some important maintenance work on the Church.

Completion of the disputed proceedings in the Adelaide Magistrates Court between MCASA and MCESS, which at this stage are due to proceed to a full hearing on 05 July 2021.

Resolution of some current membership disputes.

It would be unreasonable to expect a new EC, especially if differently constituted, to deal with these matters mid-stream.

We expect therefore to provide you with further information about the combined AGM shortly.

MCASA Website and Social Media Pages

Steve from socomms IT, has been appointed the new administrator of our website and social media pages. Steve has a strong IT background, and both he and his wife Marija, originally from Sydney, have recently become new members of MCASA, which is very welcome indeed! So please visit these sites – www.macedoniancommunitysa.org.au



New Committees for Macedonian Community Radio Program and AMFE “Sloboda”

General meetings will shortly be convened for those MCASA members who expressed interest in participating in our media program (5EBI-FM 103.1fm radio program) and folkloric ensembles, so that new Committees can be elected for a two-year mandate, as per our constitution.



forthcoming events



Patron Saint's Day "Sv. Naum Ohridski" **Sunday 04 July 2021**

Celebration of our Church's patron saint, "Sveti Naum Ohridski". Church Service and luncheon for parishioners and members, with Reverend Gorgji Laposki (Gold Coast) as a special guest. On Sunday 04 July, 2021. Macedonian Community Centre. Our vocal ensemble is also performing.



"Ilinden" National Day Function **Sunday 01 August 2021**

Live music and dancing, commemorative activities, performances by our dance ensemble "Sloboda" and Melbourne ensemble "Svetlost". Guests from Melbourne. Further details shortly on Macedonian Community radio program (5EBI-FM 103.1fm) and MCASA website. (www.macedoniancommunitysa.org.au)



Best Wishes to all, and see you soon!

Sincerely,

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