



Macedonian Community of Adelaide and S.A. Inc.

MACEDONIAN COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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SA Multicultural Festival 2021 – AMFE “Sloboda” to perform traditional Macedonian folk dances



We are again very proud that our well-known Folk Ensemble, AMFE “Sloboda”, will perform at one of the premier cultural events of the SA calendar, the **Multicultural Festival**, to be held in **Victoria Square, Adelaide**, on Sunday 14 November 2021. Many communities will participate and present their traditional cuisine, arts and crafts, and folk music and dances. “Sloboda” will perform at 1.45 pm. Please see the further details of the event elsewhere in this Blog!

Fire Safety Session at our Community



Recently an important session was held at the Macedonian Community premises during which responsible officers of both the Macedonian Community, and its tenant “La Bomba” Latin American & Brazilian Dance Studio, undertook training in fire safety protocols, including the use of fire extinguishers and urgent evacuation protocols. Thanks are due to the professional staff of “Silver Fox” for conducting this important session.

Work commences on Hall renovations and other capital projects

A foundation has now been laid for the extended facility block at the Hall which will incorporate a unisex area for persons with a disability. Plumbers, concreters and carpenters have been engaged

by project manager Jim Petre, alongside a number of voluntary workers from the Community's Executive Committee! In short course, refurbishments will proceed to both mens' and womens' facilities, the foyer area and front doors. Early next year, the front façade will be rendered and painted, so that aesthetically the Hall will receive the complete and modern "freshening up" which is long overdue!



In early January, new floating floors will be laid in the rooms at the very rear of the Hall, which will increase their utility, especially as an activity centre for children. A fixed roof will also be erected over the summer between the rear of our Orthodox Church "St. Naum of Ohrid", and the Cultural Centre, which will significantly increase the utility of that area for various groups within our Community. Following some much-needed rectification work within the Church, the next major capital project, which will shortly be discussed with members, is the proposal for extension of the Cultural Centre, proposed for 2022-23.

Program for 2022-23 formulated – Executive Committee members with ideas, passion and a willingness to undertake skilled voluntary work are sought!

Notices will shortly be despatched to Community members for the forthcoming AGM. We appeal to members to seriously consider joining the Executive Committee, and participating in what promises to be a vitally important era for our Macedonian Community. In the year 2022, it is imperative that we can attract younger persons with excellent skills and experiences, developed

MCASA



AGM

Annual General Meeting

from participation in the wider community, including working effectively with IT, administrative and financial processes, and combined with the necessary bi-lingual literacy, and understanding of Macedonian cultural, religious, historical and political issues, as well as an ability to contribute to and manage, important educational, cultural and welfare projects for the Community.

Persons without prior EC or Committee experience should not be dissuaded! We know that no-one walks into parliament and immediately becomes the Prime Minister, Attorney-General or

Treasurer, however there is sufficient experience amongst continuing members to provide an excellent learning environment for those who do genuinely wish to become effective EC members in the future, by developing the vital skills mentioned above. The MCASA constitution sets out clearly the Community's fundamental objects and purposes – we are not simply a village society, a social club or a seniors' and womens' group, meeting regularly for social occasions. The **Community** has been for 75 years, and today remains, the springboard for preserving and promoting the unique Macedonian national identity, culture, language, religion and history, and we need passionate, selfless and patriotic persons to take up this weighty responsibility, in order to survive and transition successfully to our descendants over the next 20 years!

Major events and activities for next year, which will be managed by the EC, will include :

- Completion of the various capital projects set out above;
- Major financial acquittals for Government and Council grants received for this purpose;
- Preparation of comprehensive, costed submissions for new Government (federal and state) and Council grants;
- Securing of commercial sponsorships for the Community;
- Commencement of on-line language learning through the Macedonian Language School “*Sts Kiril i Metodi*”, and other projects aimed at Macedonian youth;
- Administrative and Financial support for growth-related activities and performances of the AMFE “*Sloboda*”, the Vocal Group “*Sedenka*”, and the formation of a casual Adult Dance group;
- On-going support for the Macedonian Community Radio Program, the TV Program “MH-21”, and the MCASA Website ,Blog, Social Media Pages, and YouTube Channel;
- A funded welfare assistance program for needy persons of Macedonian origin;
- Heritage projects, including the preservation and display of traditional Macedonian artefacts, and the preparation and publication of family and community oral histories;
- The staging of a major Community celebration, commemorating 75 years since our formation, coupled with a contemporaneous second version of the successful “*Cultured*” Festival, first staged in March 2021, to be held at the Community premises;
- Other important national, social and religious events; regular gatherings for Macedonian seniors, women, professionals and business persons, who are encouraged to form their own committees.
- Management of the long-term leases of the Community Hall and its Kitchen facilities.
- Participation in meetings and representative activities by our EC office-bearers in federal Macedonian bodies such as the Diocese MODAS (including negotiations for a regular parish priest through the migration and accreditation processes), the national Council (MCCA Inc.), local SA organizations such as the MCCSA, EBI-FM, and with relevant political and council representatives.

Sounds like a lot of hard voluntary work, but fun, for those who have the necessary passion and skills to contribute!



Committee Meetings

In addition to regular fortnightly meetings of the Executive Committee, meetings of the recently elected management committees of our internal sections, the Macedonian Media/Radio Program, the AMFE "*Sloboda*", and the Language School "*Sts Kiril & Metod*" have recently been successfully held, as well as the Life members, the Church Committee, and the Parishioner group, comprised of more senior Macedonian men and women, which gathers at the Church for worship on each Sunday morning.



Christmas Function



This will be held in the Community Hall on Saturday 18 December 2021. More details to follow.

Best Wishes to all!

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Together We Are Stronger!

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Macedonian Orthodox Church “St. Naum of Ohrid”

- 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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