



## *Macedonian Community of Adelaide and S.A. Inc.*

### MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER July 30th 2021

Dear Members and Supporters,

Welcome to the second issue of the Community Newsletter!

#### **Postponement of the Ilinden Celebration 2021 – but a bigger and better celebration in store for Sunday 12 September 2021, at the Macedonian Community Centre at Findon!**

Unfortunately, due to the necessary lockdown in South Australia, which thankfully has recently come to an end, the continuing restrictions which nonetheless apply to our organization, as with all individuals, families, businesses and other organizations across the State for the time being, the Executive Committee has had no alternative but to postpone the **Ilinden Celebration**, which was scheduled in the Community Hall on Sunday 01 August 2021, from 12.00 noon. Further information can be heard on our weekly Macedonian Radio Program broadcasts this week on Radio 5EBI 103.1 fm, at 8.00 pm on Friday and 11.30 am on Sunday.

**Please note however that a brief, traditional wreath-laying ceremony in memory of those who sacrificed their lives throughout our long history for the cause of Macedonian freedom will still be held on Sunday 01 August 2021, at 12.00 noon, at the statue of our national hero Goce Delchev, at the Community premises at Findon. Though COVID conditions apply, all are still nonetheless welcome.**

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Nonetheless, as circumstances here hopefully continue to stabilize, and restrictions are gradually relaxed, we have scheduled a function at the Community Centre on **Sunday 12 September 2021**, again commencing at **12.00 noon**.



The event will not only be a slightly delayed celebration of our national day, “*Ilinden*”, but also a “double celebration”, given the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year of the declaration of independence of the Republic of Macedonia. So “*Ilinden (02 August) 2021*” and “*Independence Day (08 September) 2021*” will be jointly celebrated on that day with commemorations, a cultural program featuring our ensembles “*Sloboda*” and “*Sedenka*”, new Life membership awards and “Goce Delchev” medal ceremonies, as well as live music, dancing, lottery and auction, commemorative souvenirs, and of course a wonderful 4-course lunch and beverages for all patrons.

### **MCASA Website and Blog**

Please refer to our regular updates in the Community Blog at

*macedoniancommunitysa.org.au*

Our Website administrator SO is also currently working on upgrading the MCASA **Facebook** page, so please stay tuned!

### **Macedonian Community YouTube Channel launched!**

Great plaudits to SO also in relation to our new YouTube channel! We have featured exclusively so far the performances of the various multicultural dance and vocal ensembles from the outstanding “*Cultured Festival*”, held with the kind support of the SA government, at the Macedonian Hall on 21 March 2021, and attended by well over 300 patrons from diverse communities. Be sure to watch out for the performance of our own dance and vocal ensembles, AMFE “*Sloboda*” and “*Sedenka*”! MCASA hopes to organize an even bigger and better “*Cultured Festival*” No 2 in the new year!

Please also keep an eye out for new and exciting content on the Channel, the first of its kind for MCASA!

### **On-Line Macedonian Language School**

Another exciting development is the plan to establish an on-line system of language tuition in the Macedonian language, for all ages, at our School “*Sts Kiril i Metodi*”. Interested persons should contact MCASA for further information at the contact points set out in the Newsletter.

### **Capital Projects**

The renovations to the front of the Community Hall will finally commence in August. These will feature a cosmetically improved foyer area, refurbished mens’ and womens’ toilets, and the building of a new unisex toilet/bathroom block with disabled access.



We have recently carried out some badly needed repairs to our Orthodox Church “*St, Naum of Ohrid*”, and later this year we will establish a permanent, fixed ‘pergola’ roof between the rear of the Church and the Cultural Centre, which will create greater utility in that space for various, year-round activities. All going well, the extension of the Cultural Centre itself to the south-eastern perimeter boundary is likely to commence some time in the 2022-23 financial year.

Best wishes to all!

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