

Chairperson's Report



I have appreciated the opportunity to serve the Maltese Community and working with the other Board Members, volunteers and kitchen/office staff.

I am pleased to report that we have an excellent relationship with all levels of staff of the City of Charles Sturt who are the owners of the Cheltenham Community Centre, part of which MACASA leases.

Thank you to all other Board Members, Office and Kitchen staff, and volunteers who have made my role that much easier and certainly that much more enjoyable. The Centre is enjoyed by many other ethnic communities, and this has given MACASA the opportunity to service these groups with non-HACC meals.

I am pleased to report that, earlier this year, we were audited under the new Community Care Common Standards for the services we provide. Audit/Appraisals are always a stressful time, and I want to take this opportunity to thank all of our staff, that is, Office and Kitchen, for their assistance, and also to our volunteers and clients who so generously assisted us during the Appraisal process. We have received a very good report, and again I commend everyone for their part in this excellent achievement.

Some highlights I would like to mention are:

- MACASA has been able to renew the lease on its premises for a further 3 years with the City of Charles Sturt.
- We have received funding from the SA Government which allowed us to update our IT software and hardware in the Office which has started to make life easier for our admin staff. I would like to extend a big thank you to Ross Parrott who supervised the process. Your input is greatly appreciated.
- Our social excursions have been a huge success! So successful, in fact, that the Board was happy to approve more social activities; and I hope that these continue to be supported as well as they have been. Thanks are in order to our Services Manager, Jo Emms, for arranging and participating in these outings.
- In our regular newsletters that we send to you, we try to include topical news items. I hope you have enjoyed this material that we provide which relates generally to health, Government services and social activities.
- Our Monthly Activities at Salisbury, Cheltenham and St Mary's have been well attended, and I hope you continue to receive the enjoyment that we get from providing them to you. If you have not participated already, please join in!

We hope to add some new Board Members at the AGM and, if you are interested in assisting, please do not hesitate to contact me or one of the other board members who would be pleased to explain what is involved and the satisfaction that you can derive from participating in the management of MACASA operations.

Lastly, I have regretfully announced my own resignation as a member of the MACASA Board, due to increasing work commitments and family obligations. I wish MACASA all the best for the future.

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Outgoing Chairperson
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