

MANAGER'S REPORT 2009



This year has seen the relocation of both the Meals Service and the MACASA head office to the Cheltenham Community Centre.

This new partnership with the Cheltenham Community Centre will form part of the restructure of the home delivered meals service and centre based programs. The restructure is aimed to address issues of distances travelled by volunteers on the delivery runs and the general recruitment and maintenance of volunteers.

Having access to the facilities at the Cheltenham Centre has provided the opportunity to work closer with various groups that meet regularly at the centre and centre management and volunteers.

Thanks to everyone at MACASA, City of Charles Sturt and the Cheltenham Community Centre for making this a reality. We certainly look forward to a long and mutually beneficial partnership that will benefit the local and wider community and of course the Maltese community.

The introduction of our winter and summer menus has been successful. Our clients have expressed satisfaction with quality of the meals in particular they are pleased to have a choice of main meals available everyday.

Sincere appreciation and thanks to our entire kitchen staff, Bernadette Buhagiar, Guadalupe Montalvan and Bozena Cabaj for their commitment to providing quality meals to our clients, and their ongoing support that continues to expand and improve our meals service.

The administration of all services, compliance with legislation and policy development cannot be possible without the assistance of our valuable office staff Anne Salotti and Ellena Bezzina. Thank you both for your good work and help. Thank you also to Sylvia Brincat who retired recently. We cannot move forward without the dedication and strength of a great team of people.

Our Monthly Activity Groups have continued with many excursions that have included a trip to Monarto Zoo and the very popular afternoon at the Port Adelaide Football Club rooms. Excitement was had by all when many Port players and their coach Mark Williams stopped in for lunch and agreed to pose for a group photo.

This year the focus of the Health Information Program has been various forms of cancer such as skin and bowel cancer. Guest speakers from the Cancer Council provided valuable information to the group on prevention and signs and indicators to watch out for.

Thank you to our sponsor, the Maltese Guild of SA, for their continued support of this very important program for our community.

MANAGER'S REPORT 2009

My sincere and special thanks to the Management Committee for their continued support, all of whom are volunteers who work extremely hard and are committed to providing quality services for the benefit of our community.

I would like to especially thank all of our dedicated volunteers without whom services to our community would not be possible. Our volunteers dedicate hours of administrative support, transporting clients, helping at our monthly activity groups and delivering meals one or more days per week.

We have a tremendous group of volunteers that not only provide services and assistance to our community but also have greatly impacted on the development and continuous improvement of our services. Their suggestions, ideas and feedback are always welcomed and appreciated.

As we all know it takes a special caring person to give freely of their time to the community and for that we are eternally grateful and appreciative.

Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless. ~Sherry Anderson

Madeliene Scicluna
Manager
Maltese Meals &
Community Services