



The MABPAVian Monthly

Night Cap with the new Maltese High Commissioner, H.E. Mr. Francis Tabone

March 2007



During the first visit to Melbourne, following the successful welcome reception held by the MCCV of Victoria, MABPAV members managed to enjoy a late night cap at fashionable 'Cafe Italia' in Carlton. At this meeting, the High Commissioner had shown a great desire of seeing all the Australian Maltese Business Associations working closer together for the benefit of all. He also encouraged all Associations to meet regularly to discuss mutual matters. MABPAV has taken positive steps to reflect this, however, we are open to future recommendations on improving our relationships. Mrs. Angele Azzopardi, Consul General for Victoria and Mr. Tony Azzopardi were also present.

Website

2007 is already proving to be a busy year at MABPAV. Not only are the committee organising new and exciting events for the year but we are in the process of redesigning the Website. A sub-committee has been established to work with members to devise a fresher more informative Website that we aim to be the new Benchmark for all Associations. We are planning to release the Website in April. If you would like to update / add your details on the Website or would like to share your ideas, please email our Editor, Darren Xerri by 16 March 2007 whose contact details are provided below

Upcoming Events: MABPAV Member Night Monday 26 March 2007 at Bella Vista Receptions

One of the initiatives introduced this year is the Quarterly MABPAV Member Night. The goal of these nights is to provide further value and participation to all MABPAV members and to encourage new members to join our association. In essence, the overall result to all will be the acquisition of further knowledge, better networking opportunities and increase in business for those that seek it. The Event will comprise 2 speakers (comprising guest speaker/s or current member/s) speaking for 30 minutes each and 30 minutes of networking and business card swapping. Our first Member Night will be held at Bella Vista Receptions, 267 Mickleham Road, Tullamarine on Monday 26 March 2007 to commencing at 6:30pm.

If you would like to speak on the night or require further information contact Damien Digby on 0412 868 788

Members Spotlight: Alexander Grech

Organisation Name: Retired (Aviation Industry)
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Alex married Marlene in November 1955 and they have four children and seven grandchildren. Alex was born in Floriana and served in the British Army RASC between April 1949 and April 1954. Upon his arrival in Australia in May of that year, Alex held numerous positions in the Public Service. After joining TAA he was transferred to Tullamarine in 1970 where he successfully set up their International Handling. He later joined Malaysian Singapore Airlines (now Singapore Airlines) where he assisted setting operations at Auckland /Perth/Adelaide/Brisbane until his retirement in 1991. But he didn't stop there. Between 1991 and 2003, Alex held numerous consultancy and advisory positions for Aviation Companies where he successfully and diligently set up operations around the world on their behalf. However, in 2003 he joined Air Paradise International to set up operations for a Bali based company to operate in Perth/Melbourne/Sydney/Adelaide/Brisbane & Japan. The company operated for two years but suspended service after the Bali Bombings. Alex retired (again) in 2005 now enjoying his hobbies of Fishing, Boat-ing and Visiting Rivers & Lakes. Alex is also a Committee Member of MABPAV.



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