

Newsletter

April 2015



MACKAY AND
DISTRICT ITALIAN
ASSOCIATION INC.

FUNCTIONS

Welcome to our first Newsletter for 2015.



In the previous Newsletter it was mentioned that the Committee was looking into bus hire and accommodation to attend the Italian

Festival in Ingham in 2015. The cost per person for the bus is approx. \$100. The bus is a 52 seater and it will be on a first in basis. There is a Masquerade Dinner on the Thursday Night. Further information regarding accommodation and bus seats is available from Gloria Rover, phone 4957 7443.

We had our first Sausage Sizzle on 22 March with about 50 members attending. A slide show of some of the photos that the Committee has permission to use was run on a continuous basis. It certainly generated a lot of interest due to most being old homes, cane cutters, cars and many family groups.

The next function is the May Luncheon. Please make bookings with Gloria Rover (4957 7443). Donations would also be gratefully accepted as this is a major fundraiser for the Association. Any donations can be left at the Rover residence, 26 Keelan Street Mackay, or with any committee member. The Association acknowledges all members who have generously donated prizes to our previous functions.

Venturing to the Greenmount Heritage Fair is first for the Association. 2015 marks the 100 year celebration for Greenmount Homestead. The organisers are expecting an attendance of approx 10,000. As was done for the Global Grooves last year, the Committee is looking for ladies to make Italian biscuits. Last year's goodies were sold out very early so we would like as many volunteers as possible to bake these culinary delights. As we have to man our stall for the whole day we will need plenty of goodies to sell. Further information can be obtained from any of the committee members.



Harmony Day

DATE CLAIMERS

Luncheon

3 May 2015
Grande Suites
Gregory St, Mackay

Heritage Day

31 May 2015
Greenmount Homestead.



4CRM Practice

STORIES

The format of our Tuesday morning workshops this year has changed and we have really started to make inroads into the stories. We are looking into having the family member/s who provided the story regarding their family to come to the workshop meeting on the day their story is reviewed. This would allow the family to have input into the review. Please realise there are only a few writers so if you would like to offer your assistance it would be greatly appreciated.

However we know there are plenty of stories still out there. You can either email your story to any of the following people or come to a Tuesday morning workshop and enjoy the friendship and help from all who attend. Workshops are held at Aldo and Gloria Rover's residence 26 Keelan Street Mackay from 9 am to 11 am.

Email addresses:

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SUNDAY MEETINGS

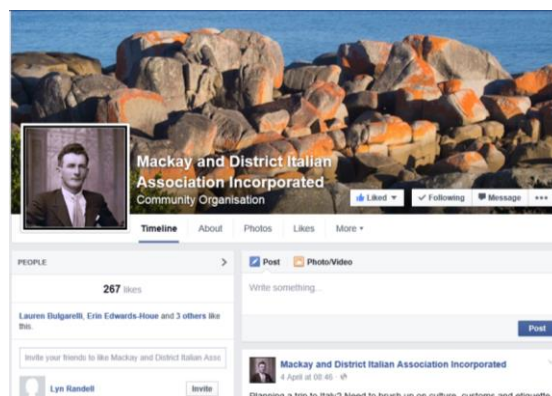
Please note the change of venue for our meetings.

The Association has a monthly meeting on the third Sunday of each month starting at 3 pm. Meetings are held at the Shakespeare St Child and Family Centre, Cnr Shakespeare & Macrossan Street. Everyone is welcome to attend. The Association would like to acknowledge the

generosity of the Caracciolo family for the use of their premises at Paget for the last 2 years.

FACEBOOK PAGE AND 4CRM NEWS

Hope you have had look at our Facebook page. The photos and videos uploaded to the page are generating plenty of interest and comments. Please take the time to have a look. We have a gallery of migrant faces which certainly attracts a lot comments. The page will keep you updated on what is happening regarding upcoming events. If you have attended any of the Association's Events you may have made our Rogue's Gallery. We now have some younger members of the community with Italian heritage posting functions on the page. Members of this group have become involved with a cultural segment on the community radio 4CRM. They have been training to go on air. It will feature Italian music, interviews and all will be invited to be part of it.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM was held on 8 February 2015. The new committee comprises of:

Chairman -	Aldo Rover
Vice Chair -	Carmel Baretta
Secretary -	Marice Perna
Treasurer -	Aldo Romagnolo
IT Coordinator -	Phil Logan

As most of the existing committee members are heavily involved with writing stories for the book or organising functions, we need volunteers to reduce the work load by taking on committee positions.

Are you able to help to make a contribution??????????????

GENERAL

If you see the **Migrant Voice** in the Library and other places around town please take the time to read it. This publication usually has a story on what is happening with Mackay and District Italian Assn Inc. The publication is put together by Mackay Regional Council to highlight cultural activities within the region.

The Association now has smart **polo shirts** for sale. The shirts are available for \$25 from Gloria and Aldo and are also available for sale at all functions.

Membership for 2015 is due.

Membership is just \$15.00 per person. Attached is a membership form.

Membership fees can be paid by either:

- post with cheque,
- email form and direct payment into association's bank account, or
- in person along with your story, at 26 Keelan Street.

SPONSORS

The Association acknowledges the kind and generous donations to our functions held during the year from the following businesses.

Bushman's Bakery

Mifsuds Fresh

Grande Suites

Honorary Auditors:

Forsyth's Accounting Services

An Italian get together at Brightley in 1932. We know some of the faces but can't identify everyone!



