



Newsletter

December 2015



MACKAY AND
DISTRICT ITALIAN
ASSOCIATION INC.

FUNCTIONS

Welcome to our final Newsletter for 2015.

Well we have come to the end of another year in our quest to have a history of the Italian migrants in the Mackay region recorded and we are happy to report that we are well on the way to achieving that goal.

The Street Festival held in the city heart late August saw a large gathering of Italians at the "Taste of Little Italy". The great food, the decorations and the music supplied by the piano accordion player set the atmosphere and from all reports a great time was had by all. Thanks to Adrian from Burp and The Dispensary for organising a great night. Thanks also to the younger set for their contribution as well. Check our Facebook page to see all the great pictures posted.

The Association again had a presence at the multicultural Global Grooves which was held in October in Queens Park. Our wonderful Italian ladies again baked up a storm which resulted in us having approximately 420 containers of biscuits and nougat to sell. **We sold them all** and many thanks to those who worked on the day as well those who baked to make it a great fundraising event. Please check our Facebook page for the video of Nora Visentin and Italia Surian presenting a cooking demonstration on how to cook Polenta and Chicken Sauce.

The next event, the November luncheon, was fully booked. We even had a waiting list! Wonderful to see so many people enjoying themselves, catching up with friends while being entertained by Kathleen Campbell and her beautiful singing voice.

Friday 8th November a Coffee and Chat session at Coco Cubano. The younger set booked for 20 but nearly 40 attended. This event is to be held the second Friday of every month. Check out our Facebook page to get a glimpse of some happy faces.

DATE CLAIMERS 2016

AGM

7 February - 2.30pm
Neighbourhood Centre
Andergrove

Sausage Sizzle

13 March - 2.30pm
Neighbourhood Centre
Andergrove

Grande Suites Luncheon

1 May

Greenmount Fair

29 May



Global Grooves

And finally our Association was pleased to be featured in articles published in the southern papers, namely La Fiamma. A journalist from the Italian Media Corporation made contact through our Facebook page and Andrea supplied the information. If you missed the articles check out the 15 November and 20 October posts on our Facebook page.

STORIES

The change in the format of our Tuesday morning workshops has worked very well. During 2014 we had approximately 20 stories signed off by families. The total for 2015 - approximately 90. This is a fantastic result for all involved in the writing and researching of the stories. Many thanks to those who have submitted their stories and supplied photos. Without them there would be no book to publish.

However we do know that there are plenty of stories to be told. If your story has not yet been done you can either email your information 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

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. .

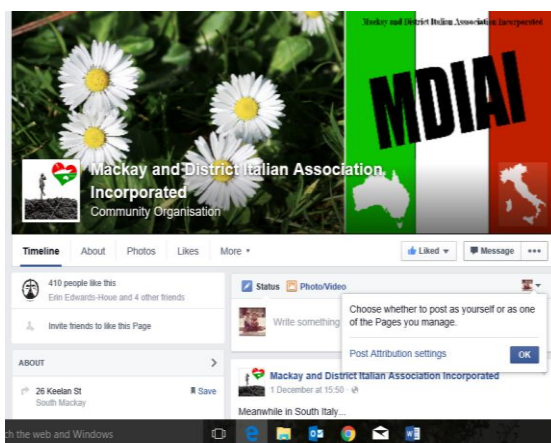


November Luncheon

FACEBOOK PAGE AND 4CRM NEWS

Hope you have been listening to the "Ma Che Dici" hour on 4CRM or 107.5 on your radio every Saturday at 11am. If you would like Diego and Luana to play your favourite Italian songs contact a Committee member, then just tune in on Saturday, sit back, relax and enjoy the interviews, general chat and your music. Diego and Luana have now started a Ma Che Dici Facebook page where you can listen to some of the songs played on the radio show.

Hope you have been keeping up to date with all that is happening regarding upcoming events via our Facebook page. Check to see if you have made it in to our Rogue's Gallery.



GENERAL

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.

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

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Forsyth's Accounting Services

Corporate Members

Quarrico

Mozza's Dirtworks

Taste of Little Italy



Global Grooves Cooking Demonstration.



Merry Christmas

Buon Natale

Happy New Year

Buon anno