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MALTESE CONNECTIONS

by Tony Cartwright

"Bonju" (Hello) everybody. My name is Tony Cartwright and I was born in Malta. Like many Maltese children I was "shipped off" to Australia when I was a boy. For me it was like going to another world. When we docked at Fremantle (West Aust) we were loaded into trucks and taken to a place out in the middle of nowhere, called Bindoon. Me and others like me spent years there until we were "freed" at 16. As every Tuart place member knows it was a rough and sometimes cruel life.

In spite of all the trials and tribulations I have managed to build a life in Australia. I became a Plumber and eventually moved to the Eastern States. I now live in Hadfield in Victoria and have a lovely wife children and grandchildren and even great grand-children. I am now 76 and can say I am happy.



Last Thursday I was invited to the Victorian State Parliament and I along with many others received a formal apology from the Premier Jacinta Allan. It didn't right the past but for me, and for many others, I suppose it was at least a public acknowledgement of the wrongs committed and that we were at last believed.

I have often thought of other Maltese boys like me and wondered how their lives have turned out. Mal from Tuart Place suggested that we do this story in TP's High Street Happenings and see whether some sort of informal contact can be set up for possible future contacts with other former Maltese. I think this is a great idea and would be very happy to be a part of it. If there are any others out there please get in touch with Mal (Tuart Place 08 6140 2380).

Best wishes to everyone at Tuart Place,
Tony

My Honey Hobby

By Vincent & Rose

I have always had an interest in nature since I was a kid. And I was always fascinated by insects and bees in particular. About 7 or 8 years ago I decided to go one step further and bought my first beehive. And its become a bit of a hobby for me ever since. As you can see by the picture it can be a bit involved but that's part of the fun. As you'd expect it's pretty important to have the right gear especially the suit! I've kept the following info simple, but I thought you might like to know...

The Hive has several levels and these are:

- ⌘ The "Brood" box where the queen lays eggs by the hundreds (which is a full-time job).
- ⌘ The Queen Excluder level -so the Queen doesn't leave her designated level.
- ⌘ The Honey level where needless to say the honey is collected.

Health

- ⌘ Honey has always been recognized for its health benefits and now increasingly used in health services including using honey for severe burns!
- ⌘ It has also been recognized that consuming honey from your locale can also help shield against hay fever as it "introduces" the local pollen into the body/immune system.

Bizarre facts

- ⌘ When he died Alexander the Great's body was covered in honey in order to help preserve it.
- ⌘ They also found pots of honey in an ancient Egyptian tomb. The honey, dating back approximately 3,000 years, is the world's oldest sample - and still perfectly edible.

Natural/Environmental

- ⌘ Honey is a natural source of health giving vitamins, anti-oxidants, anti inflammatory
- ⌘ Honey encourages pollinations of plants / trees in the area

Harvesting the Honey

- ⌘ I harvest in Summer when everything is in flower
- ⌘ I harvest about 10-17 kgs of honey, but I always leave enough for the colony-



...and it turns out Tuart Place
is the place to BEE!



John and Epe are also bee keepers!
Here is a picture of John with Bev and the delicious
honey cake that Bev made using John and Epe's
honey!



If you have a hobby you would like to talk about contact Mal at Tuart Place (6140 2380) and you never know - it might end up in our next High Street Happenings!

NAILS with Nat

With Sandra, Epe, Fran and Mary

What can we say. It was amazing. Fran had a beautiful rose painted onto one fingernail only- it was so intricate – a mini work of art. Epe was very, very happy with the work and had multi-coloured nails. Sandra went all out with mauve. I just chose a light varnish.

And Kevin proved its not just for the ladies!

And Nat, what a lovely girl. Mal said she had come all the way from America just to do our nails and flew back that night but we aren't too sure about that Mal gets carried away sometimes.

Check out these pics!



WILLS TALK 15 April 2024

By Roma and Ray

Today's presentation of the Wills clinic was very well attended. And it appeared that everyone had questions. Even as we were leaving people were still asking the Presenters questions. Its one of those things in life that people don't want to think about. But as they said in the recent Aged Care talk- If you don't make the decisions yourself others will make the decisions for you.

The two Law students from Notre Dame were very professional and very, very informative. It is so good to know all these things. Thank you Elaine and Kirsty

In addition there were easy to follow hand outs and a great group discussion. Isn't it great that Tuart Place provides these really useful talks rather than having to go to a lawyer and pay hundreds for the same info

Well Done Tuart Place



HELLO!



Have you spotted this friendly new face?

Rosalie is here to greet you and make you feel welcome!

Come and say "hello" next time you're in Fremantle.

EULOGY FOR SHEILAGH PEARCE



This photo was taken in 2019, when Dilys and Bob Budd were visiting Perth from Canberra. All the women in the photo are Joey Girls. It was Sheilagh's last visit to Tuart Place.

Sheilagh was one of the older girls when I was at St. Joseph's orphanage. I had heard of her, but had little time with her, as she was older and had her own friends.

I really got to know Sheilagh when in the late nineties, her husband suggested to her, how great it would be if the child migrants who came out in 1947 had an anniversary trip back to their homelands. I had known about this for a while and was surprised a few weeks later when she told us younger girls would be going as well.

Sheilagh did a lot of work for us girls. Arranging cake stalls and raffles with the help of the nuns. Our sentimental journey send off from the Perth Airport was amazing, with a few of the nuns and the Archbishop coming to see us off on a trip of a lifetime.

On arrival in England we were greeted by the press and were a wonder to the locals, who never knew that their country could do such a thing. We had Sister Leonie, who came on the trip with us. The girls opened her eyes with some of the stories told. I'm sure she had a good time as well.

Sheilagh used to live in Mandurah and my partner Stan and I would often call to see her when we went to visit Stan's son, who also lived in Mandurah. I was shocked that on her passing to learn that she had lived in Bassendean for a few years before passing.

Sheilagh, you were a wonderful person and will never be forgotten by her friends from St. Joseph's orphanage. I'm not too sure if I ever thanked you for your kindness to us girls over the years. So with my thanks for your good deeds and kindness, rest in peace from a grateful St. Joey's girl.

Ann Mc Veigh

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