



The Malta Society of New Zealand  
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# Il-Gazzetta

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## From Your Comittee

Hi everyone, the year is in full swing and we have already had the Annual picnic and a committee meeting. The year is going to be one full of fun gatherings. We are also aiming this year at involving our youth in existing traditional functions or arranging specialist outing that will be more orientated to our energetic young adults. We are pleased to have Hayley Bongiovanni on the committee this year. She will keep us on our toes and thinking outside the square I am sure. Already she has made a couple of great suggestions including outings for the young (*and* young at heart) and the creation of a Malta Society of New Zealand Calendar. I would please ask you as parents to pass on information from this newsletter to your children and perhaps to other members of the Maltese community who may have drifted off our membership list.

The two submissions on members trips to Malta were greatly enjoyed, so please keep sending them in. I would like to reinforce that this is your society and we value your suggestions and input. So please do not hesitate to phone, email, or write your thoughts, ideas, and articles for all to consider and hear.

We have a number of functions planned this year which you will read about in each newsletter. A few of them are listed below so mark in the dates on your calendar and don't forget to reply asap.

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## Dates to remember:

- Sunday 22 March** -  
Maltese Wine and Food Festival Tamahere pg 2
- April - Young persons Outing see pg 4
- 26 April - Next Committee Meeting
- 2 May - Gengy's Dinner pg6 - you need to confirm your place
- 7 June - Tombolo and Pizza afternoon. Details - to be advised



# Annual Maltese Wine and Food Festival



Last year the Bongiovanni's hosted the Wine and Food festival and it was a great success with a plethora of beautiful dishes.

but this year we are moving it back to Tamahere.

Put your chefs hat on, dust off your Maltese cook books,  
and starting creating

**When:** Sunday 22 March 11am onwards

**Where:** Steve and Christine Jones' place  
21a Bollard Rd, Tamahere, Waikato

**Please Bring:** A Maltese dish to share, drinks, plates and cutlery, ground cover, or any else you think you may want.

**Provided:** A BBQ to cook on, hot water, microwave, swimming pool, lots of room, and a beautiful house and gardens in the Maltese style to see. It is a stunning example of home away from home.

**Directions:** See Map on page 7 Drive through Hamilton heading for Cambridge. Pass Eventide rest home and take the first road on left . At the end the of road, turn left, the driveway is shared with 21b. It is the Sandy coloured house with the Maltese flag outside. (Drive time = an hour and one half)

**The event is subject to the weather so if you are unsure if it is still on, please contact Carolyn on Saturday 21st after 5pm Ph 09 8177176 or 0212920501**

## Mr Francis Tabone -

### Australasian High Commissioner for Malta Visit

Jeanette and I attended a function on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February to meet Mr Francis Tabone the High Commissioner for Malta. Mr Tabone had a good opportunity to mix and mingle with the 30 guests and gave a short speech which mainly related to the elimination of double taxation for people doing business in both Malta and New Zealand and of course the portability pension scheme which is still in the hands of lawyers from both Malta and NZ. It was interesting to meet a number of new faces to New Zealand with a Maltese heritage. I took the opportunity of talking to them about the Malta Society.

George E Bongiovanni  
President  
Malta Society of New Zealand Inc.

*George E Bongiovanni*



## LAZER STRIKE / BASKETBALL

Hi my name is Hayley and I am on the committee of the Malta Society of New Zealand. I would like to organise some activities for the many young adults and teenagers we now have as part of the Malta Society.

My thoughts are to have an afternoon at **Lazer Strike** in Ponsonby or playing a game of **basketball** at UniTech in Point Chev. I though we could have this during a weekend soon - in April. Uni-Tech has a great Subway nearby we can finish up at.

I need your input to make this work so if you would be interested in joining in on one of these activities or if you have some other ideas You can contact me by email [skinny\\_hipo@hotmail.com](mailto:skinny_hipo@hotmail.com) or we can share through the newsletter or perhaps facebook.

These activities are for but not restricted to young adults, so parents (and members that are young at heart) may come and participate if you wish them.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Hayley Bongiovanni  
Committee Member



## Malta Society of New Zealand

### Calendar 2010

#### Photo Submissions

One of the projects the committee is undertaking this year is the creation of a 2010 calendar for members and friends of the Malta Society of NZ.

We are seeking the submission of photos to be considered for use in the calendar. These photos must be taken by yourself or a family member and be of Malta. Submissions may be by email or post to PO Box 24-421 Royal Oak, Auckland, with your name and address, along with the date and location the photo was taken. We will keep you posted on the projects progress.

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Feel free to contact any of us.

**ARE YOU A VOLLEYBALL OR BEACH VOLLEYBALL  
PLAYER OF MALTESE ORIGIN?**

**ARE YOU GOOD ENOUGH TO HELP MALTA IMPROVE  
ITS STATUS IN  
EUROPEAN VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS?**



**MAKE YOUR FAMILY IN MALTA PROUD!  
WHETHER YOU ARE A MALE OR FEMALE PLAYER,  
PLEASE CONTACT THE  
MALTA VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION ON  
[mva@maltanet.net](mailto:mva@maltanet.net)**

## The Picnic 2009

The picnic was back on track again this year at Wenderholm. We had a great turn out with about 55 people. It was great to see all the children. We are now seeing a new generation of grandchildren coming to our function. It was nice to see Rebecca Godfrey who had only just arrived from Canada a few hours earlier - such dedication.



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

# Gengy's Mongolian BBQ Dinner

***Saturday 2nd May***

***5 - 7pm***

***252 Great North Rd Henderson***

**Confirm attendance and numbers by Friday 24 April**

**Adults - \$22.95    Children 13-15yrs - \$19.95**

**Children under 13yrs - \$1 per year.**

**Phone or email if you are going to attend ASAP.**

**I have booked and need to confirm numbers by 24 April.**

**Carolyn 8177176    Rose 4104025    George 09-629 0823 (bus)**

Once again we choose an early time so that the children can attend.

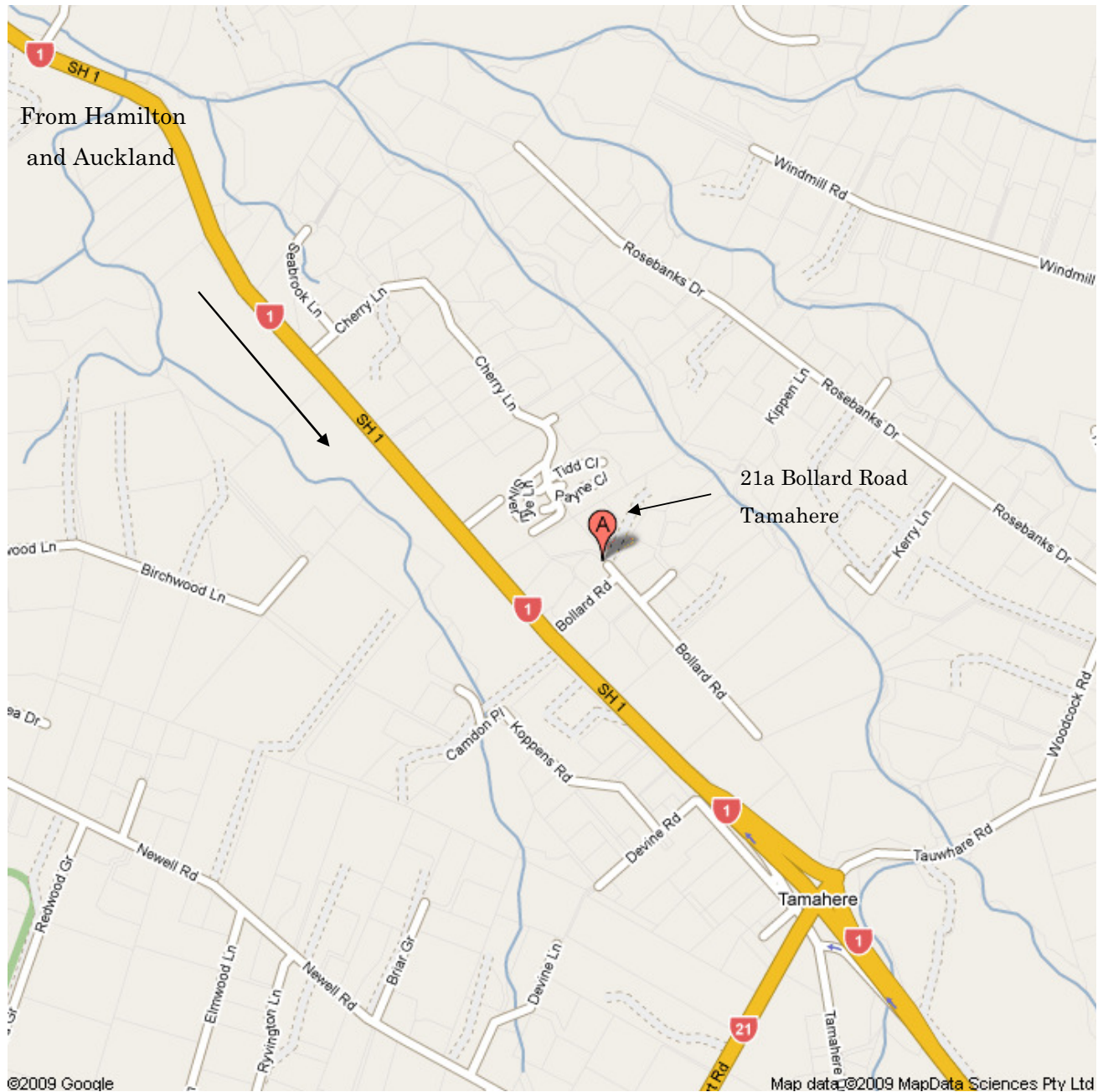
Everyone had a great time last year. You can avoid the vege's if you want, eat pancakes and ice-cream as a main course, or select any combination of meat and veg you feel like.

It is licensed (not BYO) with espresso coffee and non alcoholic drinks.

Each family pays for their own on the night.

Join the fun, let one of the committee know that you will be attending.

Our emails and phone numbers are on page 4



Tamahere Map.  
21a Bollard Road