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Growing Good Men - Robert Falzon Email



The relationship between a FATHER and his SON is one of the primary and most critical relationships a MAN will have particularly in the teen years. The impact our Fathers have on us and we as Fathers have on our children/our sons is profound. It will always be defining. This is a time when they are undergoing important transitions that make the father son relationship a key resource for the son to Journey into Manhood. In contemporary



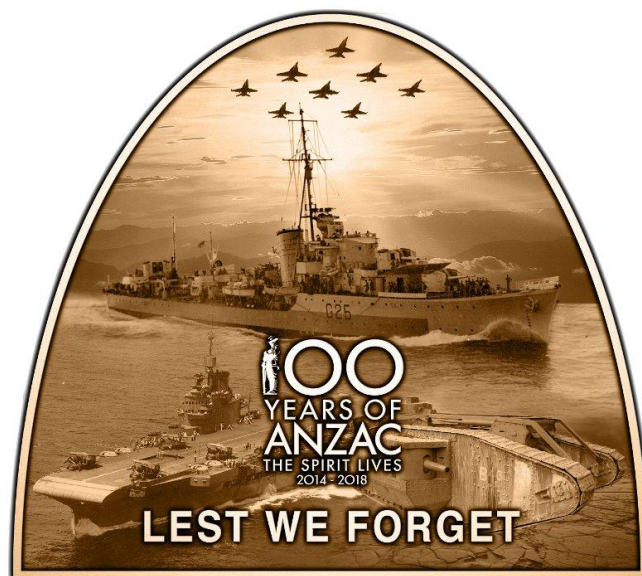
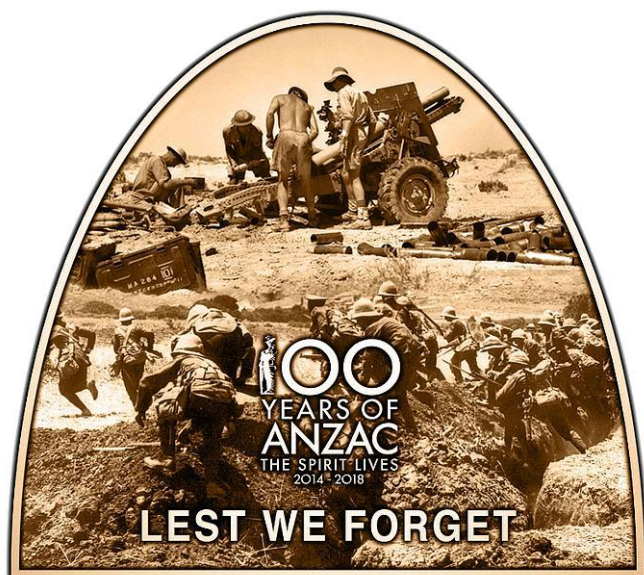
Western society this relationship is one of the most damaged and damaging with many fathers psychologically, emotionally and physically absent from their families. In response to this issue, the menALIVE developed GROWING GOOD MEN weekend for Parish, School and Community Settings to encourage and enable fathers and sons to share faith, to strengthen their relationships and to explore important elements of growing into manhood. It is designed for fathers and their adolescent sons in the age range 13 to 15 years or school years 8/9/10. The program is an invaluable experience to deepen communication between fathers and sons at time when boys are often beginning to react away from their parents.

Robert Falzon, menALIVE Robert Falzon is a husband, father, businessman, co-founder of menALIVE and published author. He is married to Alicia for 31 years and has 4 children; Isaac (27), Matthias (21), Chiara (18) and Shem (16). He has a degree from the University of Newcastle, NSW and is a successful business owner. In 2007 Robert sold his primary manufacturing business to focus in a full time volunteer capacity on Ministry to men through menALIVE. The purpose of menALIVE is to bring men together, to renew their faith on God and to encourage them to become an active force for renewal in the Church. Since the founding of menALIVE in 2003, this ministry has delivered 200 events in 25 Diocese in Australia and NZ for more than 12,500 men. With more than 2000 copies of "How to Grow a Men's Ministry" in many men's hands and in every parish in Australia, this has become a very useful resource. He published the new book – The Father Factor which was release in the second half of 2014.

Robert is a Catholic Lay man with a passion for finding effective and powerful ways to bring the message of the Good News to the good people the in the parish pews and the street. He is a powerful speaker and a preacher with a cogent message. He has the ability to encourage a call to action from all who hear him.

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A MESSAGE ABOUT THE ANZAC CENTENARY 1914 – 1918 2014 - 2018

The Centenary of Anzac 2014 to 2018 is Australia's most important period of national commemoration. Marking 100 years since its involvement in the First World War, the Anzac Centenary is a time to honour the service and sacrifice of our original ANZACs, and the generations of Australian and New Zealand servicemen and women who have defended our values and freedoms, in wars, conflicts and peace operations throughout a Century of Service.

We are also commemorating the significant and heroic role the little island of Malta played during World War 1. Malta nursed thousand of ANZACS who were wounded at Gallipoli and were shipped to Malta to recuperate and return to Australia and New Zealand. Thus Malta earned the title of NURSE OF THE MEDITERRANEAN. About 300 ANZACS died and are buried in Malta cemeteries and honoured every year on ANZAC DAY.

In May 2013, a memorial to those ANZACS was unveiled at the beautiful Argotti Botanical Gardens in Floriana, Malta and this monument is a profound and lasting tribute to those ANZACS who paid the ultimate price fighting for freedom and democracy of their country.



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Prospect Local History Group, South Australia.

ANZAC MEMORIAL ESTABLISHED BY THE MALTESE RSL SUB BRANCH AT THE PROSPECT MEMORIAL GARDENS April 23, 2015



Commemorating a new memorial to the 18 South Australians who fought at Gallipoli and succumbed to their injuries and were buried at Malta, the 'NURSE OF THE MEDITERRANEAN'. The Maltese, our great friends during war and peacetime, number many in our local community. Frank Scicluna on the left is the Hon Consul for Malta, in the centre is the indefatigable President of the Maltese RSL SA Charlie Farrugia who worked so hard to get the memorial. President of the RSL SA Tim Hanna is to the left of Charlie and President of RSL Prospect Robert Banton to his right. Mayor of City of Prospect **David O'Loughlin** and the Secretary RSL Prospect John Haddaway – THE RSL MALTESE SUB-BRANCH embarked into two ANZAC projects – The building of this commemorative memorial and the publication of the book - MALTA AND THE ANZACS



The Journal Loved and Respected by Every Maltese



Australia Post - Australia Day

AUSTRALIA DAY is an ideal time to recognise the best among us – from local community awards to

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CHARLES FIGALLO writes about the fund-raising activities that assisted in the building of the ANZAC monument in Malta and about the commemorative book **MALTA AND THE ANZACS**

NURSE OF THE MEDITERRANEAN

**Managing Director Basetec Services, Adelaide, South Australia
CEO MALTA ANZAC MONUMENT COMMITTEE (SA)**



During World War 1 (and particularly in the summer months of 1915) Malta took in, treated and nursed battered and severely wounded heroes from the Gallipoli campaign. Malta was truly an 'ANGEL ON EARTH' and this book records these amazing acts of mercy and selflessness.

To recognise and record this great act of humanity a fundraising was undertaken to build a suitable war memorial on Malta, which was unveiled in the Argotti Botanical Gardens Floriana - Malta in May 2013. Many people contributed to this project, both in kindness and

financially. The people of South Australia responded with great generosity.

Including the recognition and support given by the then Prime Minister of Australia, The Hon Tony Abbott MP, Prime Minister of New Zealand, Rt. Hon John Key, Prime Minister of Malta, Dr. Joseph Muscat, the former Governor General of South Australia, His Excellency Rear Admiral the Honourable Kevin Scarce, US Ambassador, Jeffrey L. Bleich, National President RSL, Rear Admiral RAN Ken Doolan, and Frank Scicluna, Hon Consul for Malta in South Australia. South Australia, as a result of the committee's efforts and especially my supportive staff at Basetec Engineering Services can be proud of the remarkable Anzac Memorial on Malta.

The people of Malta must also be sincerely thanked for their tender care and maintenance of the various cemeteries containing the remains of so many fallen Anzacs. This book describes and records for history this wonderful story.



NOSTALGIA

Maltese



Newsletter

1952 - A WISH COME TRUE



(Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs photograph)

Born in Xaghra, Gozo, Sister Rosaria receives her vows as a member of the Franciscan Sisters of Malta. A simple and moving ceremony conducted by His Grace the Most Rev. Beovich, Archbishop of Adelaide, assisted by Father Giles Ferriggi OFM. More than 100 members of the Maltese community attended the ceremony and reception at Lockley's South Australia - 24 May 1952.

1953 - WELCOME YOUR GRACE



(Photo courtesy: Marie Paris, Enwood, Victoria)

Part of a large crowd of Maltese, their friends and guests, at a civic reception given to His Grace, the Archbishop of Malta, on his visit to Melbourne, August 1953.

Mgr Sir Michael Gonzi – Archbishop of Malta

B: 13 May 1885 – D: 22 January 1984

Strawberry Shortcake Trifle

This mouth-watering berry recipe is sure to send you to food heaven.



Ingredients

- 2 x 85g packets Aeroplane Original Strawberry Jelly made to pack instructions
- 1 x 250g packet shortbread biscuits, crushed into a fine crumb
- 1 x 200g packet Aeroplane Strawberry Marshmallow Mousse made to pack instructions
- 1 x 250g punnet strawberries (fresh) washed and cut into halves

Method

Pour jelly into the bottom of a large glass trifle dish and refrigerate until set.

Sprinkle shortbread crumbs over the set jelly and top with the mousse.

Decorate the top of the trifle with strawberries, refrigerate and serve. **Mamma mia... what a treat!!!!**



MALTESE COMMUNITY FOUND IN JAPAN DATES BACK MORE THAN 100 YEARS

THE INDEPENDENT Tuesday, 9 June 2015

A crew from Japanese national television was in Malta to make a documentary about a small Maltese community in Japan that dates back to the 1890s. Directed by Teppei Okuso from the Japanese Broadcasting Corporation, and with the help of interpreter Mayuko Vassallo, the team has interviewed a few people, foremost among them Professor Henry Frendo, who coordinates the unit on emigration

and migrant settlement at the University's Institute of Maltese Studies.

From manuscript sources at Cospicua parish church, the National Archives and the University's Melitensia section, it transpires that the founder of this community was a Ruggiero Inglott, who was born in the harbour town of Cospicua in 1871 and died in Yamugucci, Japan, in 1950 at the age of 79. He married a Japanese lady, Nakayama, whom he very probably met in a Christian mission school context; she later converted to Catholicism.

They had three sons and a daughter, who changed their 'British' surnames during World War II, when Britain and Japan were enemies. During World War I, by contrast, Britain and Japan were on excellent terms and a Japanese naval squadron was based in Grand Harbour. The Japanese Navy rescued several Maltese sailors at sea and suffered scores of casualties at the hands of the Axis, as can be seen from their graves in the naval cemetery in Kalkara. Some Maltese ethnic inter-mixing with the sailors is also known to have occurred locally.

The then Crown Prince of Japan Hirohito visited Malta in April 1921 as part of his first European tour. He was present for the opening of the new Parliament, where Chev. Joseph Howard became Malta's Prime Minister under the first self-government Constitution. Hirohito visited Kalkara cemetery, planted a tree at Sant' Anton and was lavishly entertained at the Casino Maltese. As it happened, Professor Frendo noted, Chev. Joseph Howard, an industrialist and president of the La Valette Band Club, was also the Consul for Japan in Malta.

Ruggiero aka Roger Inglott attended the Lyceum from 1884 and began studying at the University, as did other members of his family, notably Emmanuel and Joseph. He opted for modern languages having studied English and Italian, which were standard subjects at the time, and he seemed destined to further his studies at University. Soon afterwards, however, he decided to venture further afield.

He was the 12th child of a medical doctor, Pietro Paolo, married to Antonia née Rosso, and the nephew of another, Gian Felic Inglott, who was better known. Another relative was Sir Ferdinando Inglott. This therefore was a well-established and reputable Cospicua family but, according to Professor Frendo, it appears that Ruggiero was somewhat of an adventurer and wanted to see the world. At the age of 21 he had a numbered passport, 1446, issued in 1892, and he possibly stayed for some time in Algeria before embarking for the Far East, almost certainly from Valletta.

According to Professor Frendo, he probably sailed on a P & O steamer, which made regular trips to India, Australia, Japan and China. One of these steamships, the first to have electric light in 1889, was named *Valletta*. In the 1890s, he added, the second-class fare to Japan was £42. The Peninsular and Oriental Steamship Navigation Company had an ongoing trade with Japan, sometimes selling or scrapping steamers there.

In Japan, Inglott settled down and spent a lifetime teaching English, starting at a Japanese naval school in the harbour town of Kagoshima. His children have now all passed away but some of his Maltese-Japanese grand-children still know of their ancestry and cherish the memory.

Unrelated to any organised emigration like that to the Caribbean or Australia, Professor Frendo judged Inglott's to be a *sui generis* trans-oceanic case, comparable to that of F.X. Grima of Birkirkara in New Orleans in 1870 or Antonio Azzopardi in Williamstown, Victoria, as early as the 1830s or, indeed, an explorer and trader such as Andrea Debono of Senglea in Egypt and the Sudan, in the mid-1800s. Maltese migrant settlement during the 19th century was largely limited to the Mediterranean littoral from Algeria to Turkey, but there were some exceptions all the way from the Americas to Australasia and, of course, Japan. The Malta-Japan documentary, one in a series on family histories, will be broadcast on Japanese national TV shortly.



A photograph taken in Malta by Richard Ellis of Japanese officers including Admiral Sato Kozo (seated, at the centre) who led the Japanese warships to the Mediterranean during the first world war.

Picture from Frank Borda's collection

CENTENARY OF WORLD WAR 1 NEWS MALTA CONNECTION WITH JAPANESE IMPERIAL NAVY 1917-1919



Memorial to Japanese Imperial Navy in Malta

There is a lot of material about the Japanese Imperial Navy's contribution in WW1 at the National Library in Valletta which even few Japanese people know about. From April, 1917, 14 destroyers with cruiser flagships were based in Malta, playing an important part in anti-submarine convoy escort. Eight of the 'Kaba' class destroyers, including *Sakaki*, formed part of the 10th and 11th flotillas with the cruiser *Akashi* as their flagship. The Japanese warships were under the command

of Admiral Sato Kozo. Several Maltese families including the Bordas were ship chandlers to the Japanese Imperial Navy during the time they were based on the island.

On 11th June 1917 the *Sakaki* was torpedoed off Crete by the Austrian submarine U27. Her bows were blown off but she was salvaged and eventually repaired. Sixty-eight Japanese officers and men died that day and were buried in the Kalkara Naval Cemetery in Malta.

Four Momo class destroyers *Hinoki*, *Kashi*, *Momo*, and *Yanagi*, arrived in Malta in August, 1917, as the 15th Flotilla with the cruiser *Idzumo* to form part of the convoy protecting the Mediterranean.

Fr Tonin Tonna Barthet OSA (born 1868 - died 1945)



Adolfu Tonna Barthet was born in Valletta on 7 May 1868, the son of Frangisku Tonna and Emilja Barthet. He changed his name to Tonin in 1884 when he became an Augustinian monk.

He was ordained priest in Rome on 12 March 1892. Because he was well versed in the French language, he was sent to France in 1893 in order that he might try to set right the damage done to the Augustinian Order there by the French revolution. In four years he managed to set up a house for the order. After this he was sent to Spain where he became first a professor of ethics and of "diritto naturale" later on a professor of experimental psychology in the University of Escorial. Here he also published several scientific articles in Spanish.

In 1909 he was nominated Brother Superior of the Convent at Pavia and later on of the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Good Counsels in Genazzano.

Between 1914 and 1918 he was a teacher in the International College of St Monica in Rome and there he became under-secretary of the Augustinian Order.

In 1939 he returned to Malta to continue there his work of writing, publishing, teaching, organizing conferences on various subjects and generally helping spiritually the Maltese people.

From amongst his many publications perhaps the most worthy to be mentioned is "De Vita Christiana" which he wrote in Latin.

Fr Tonin Tonna Barthet died in the Convent of Saint Augustine in Gozo on 16 June 1945. *Heritage18*

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In 1950 Malta Catholic Action established an Emigrants' Commission to serve as a link between migrants and their families here in Malta. In 1958 the Commission became a Diocesan Commission in contact with the Supreme Council for Emigration in Rome, and the president of the Maltese Commission, Mgr Philip Calleja, became Director in Malta for all emigration activities.

When Tourism came to Malta, the Church established a Catholic Tourist Council and later on parish centres for English, Italian, French and German speaking communities as well as Hotel Chaplains. Meanwhile the Apostleship of the Sea was given new life and the Apostleship of Aviation was established; a commission to keep in contact with Maltese priests abroad was also established.

As many visitors to Malta are not Catholics the Commission became interested in ecumenical activities and in inter-religious dialogue, and a Catholic Enquiry Centre was founded. When displaced persons started seeking refuge in Malta the Commission took over their problems and changed its name to Commission of Emigrants and Refugees. All these activities were brought together in one Secretariat in 1970; this Secretariat was reconfirmed according to the directives of the Pastoral Plan 1986-1991 by a decree of the 3rd December 1986; a second decree, dated 16th December 1988, gave the Secretariat its present structure.

The Migrants and Tourism Secretariat is affiliated with the Pontifical Council for Migrants and Itinerant People, Rome and the International Catholic Migration Commission (I.C.M.C.) Geneva.

- <http://thechurchinmalta.org/en/posts/457/fr-alfred-vell>



In 1946 the Commonwealth
and state governments agreed to
unify the celebrations on January 26
and call it

'Australia Day'

The day became a public holiday in
1818



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WE LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU THIS IS YOUR JOURNAL



What a Newsletter108! WOW! What a feast for the eye, the palate, the history, etc. etc. Keep up the good work dear Frank and team.....All who see and read these

magnificent pages enjoys and should share their magnificent contents. Thanks a million Sahha w'Sliem Maria and Armando Catania – Melbourne



I am pleased you keep your newsletter clean. You are a magnificent journalist. I admire your spirit. You never attack, insult, hurt or demean your fellow Maltese, on the contrary, you always praise and help the Maltese living abroad who are doing Malta proud. Keep up the good work. Thank you also for your wonderful commemorative book MALTA AND THE ANZACS – THE NURSE OF THE MEDITERRANEAN. J Abela Victoria



Hello Frank. Thank you for your kind regards and for the wonderful newsletter. I too wish you and your family many happy returns. I would like to tell you how much I enjoy reading your newsletter and am amazed at the wide variety of subjects that you manage to put in it. Keep up the very good work and may you and the Newsletter have a great 2016 Vince P. Zammit



Good wishes to you. I had no idea that this two articles would be appearing in the newsletter. And so I got quite a surprise - but a very happy one. And so for Isouard, and also for me I am very appreciative and I thank you so very much. I will send the Newsletter out to the publications people in The Order of Malta here. My thanks again - Grazi Hafna. Fra Richard. Melbourne.



Hi Frank - I'm enjoying reading the new issue of the Journal Frankly108. I wanted to say a little bit about the Bajtar tax-Xewk (Prickly Pears). Eating too many can certainly cause constipation, because the seeds absorb water. So the secret is to drink a long glass of water when you eat them. Also - I believe (though I'm not 100% sure) that the pastry used for pastizzi is flaky pastry, not filo. Maybe there is a pastizzar who could confirm this? Sadly these days it is becoming more rare to find proper gbejniet - they are now mostly made from pasturised cow's milk.

I don't mind the pasturisation (helps prevent undulant fever) but the flavour just isn't the same using cow's milk - the proper name for them when I was a child was *gbejna tan-nghag* (sheep's cheese!) The article also touched on Malta's unique produce.... these are some of the things I remember from my childhood which I have never been able to find whilst living in the UK : Malta's sweet oranges, Tangerine ta Malta, Cherry plums, Cicri (fresh, in green bunches) Big plump figs (we get the little ones)(ie Bajtar v tin), Cawsli and Tut (Blackberries and Mulberries - English brambles are so disappointingly tart compared to the sweet deliciousness of the Maltese berries)

You are doing a sterling job with the Journal - there is always something interesting to read and find out. One thing you might think about including at some time is - a list of Maltese vendors who will ship their goods overseas. Especially unusual things like good quality pasturi for the presepu, books, handmade lace and other craft objects, etc. Kind regards Ros Goodwins



Hi Frank wishing you a Very Happy, Prosperous and Healthy New Year from all of us - The Brimmer Family.



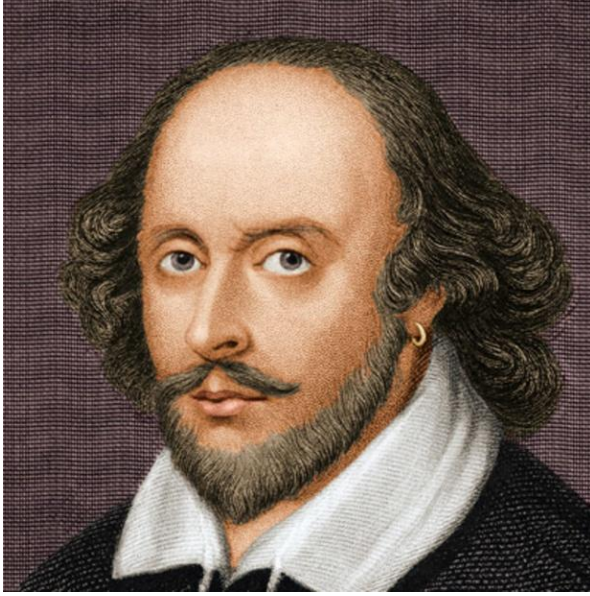
Is Sena t-Tajba mimlija b'kull Sahha, Gid u Hena. Regards - George & Lucy.

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William Shakespeare Biography – 400th Anniversary

2016 is the 400th anniversary of the death of William Shakespeare

William Shakespeare was an English poet, playwright, and actor, widely regarded as the greatest writer in the English language and the world's pre-eminent dramatist. He is often called England's national poet, and the "Bard of Avon".

Born: April 1564, Stratford-upon-Avon, United Kingdom

Died: April 23, 1616, Stratford-upon-Avon, United Kingdom

Spouse: Anne Hathaway (m. 1582–1616)

Quotes

- *Love looks not with the eyes, but with the mind; and therefore is winged Cupid painted blind.*

- *Love all, trust a few, do wrong to none.*
- *We are such stuff as dreams are made on, and our little life, is rounded with a sleep.*
- *All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players*
- *Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them.*

Though little is known about William Shakespeare's personal life, his works such as "Hamlet," "Romeo and Juliet," and "King Lear," have influenced literature and theater for over 400 years.

Synopsis

William Shakespeare was baptized on April 26, 1564, in Stratford-upon-Avon, England. From roughly 1594 onward he was an important member of the Lord Chamberlain's Men company of theatrical players. Written records give little indication of the way in which Shakespeare's professional life molded his artistry. All that can be deduced is that over the course of 20 years, Shakespeare wrote plays that capture the complete range of human emotion and conflict.

Mysterious Origins

Known throughout the world, the works of William Shakespeare have been performed in countless hamlets, villages, cities and metropolises for more than 400 years. And yet, the personal history of William Shakespeare is somewhat a mystery. There are two primary sources that provide historians with a basic outline of his life. One source is his work—the plays, poems and sonnets—and the other is official documentation such as church and court records. However, these only provide brief sketches of specific events in his life and provide little on the person who experienced those events.

Early Life

Though no birth records exist, church records indicate that a William Shakespeare was baptized at Holy Trinity Church in Stratford-upon-Avon on April 26, 1564. From this, it is believed he was born on or near April 23, 1564, and this is the date scholars acknowledge as William Shakespeare's birthday.

Located 103 miles west of London, during Shakespeare's time Stratford-upon-Avon was a market town bisected with a country road and the River Avon. William was the third child of John Shakespeare, a leather merchant, and Mary Arden, a local landed heiress. William had two older sisters, Joan and Judith, and three younger brothers, Gilbert, Richard and Edmund. Before William's birth, his father became a successful merchant and held official positions as alderman and bailiff, an office resembling a mayor. However, records indicate John's fortunes declined sometime in the late 1570s.

Scant records exist of William's childhood, and virtually none regarding his education. Scholars have surmised that he most likely attended the King's New School, in Stratford, which taught reading, writing and the classics. Being a public official's child, William would have undoubtedly qualified for free tuition.

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BRW Rich 200 list Shaun Bonett

MR BONETT'S WEALTH IS ESTIMATED AT \$478 AGE 44. PROPERTY, INVESTMENT. SYDNEY

How does a University of Adelaide graduate become one of Australia's richest citizens? With a little help from his mum, of course.

Shaun Bonett graduated from the University of Adelaide with degrees in Laws and Arts in 1991. Last year he was named Australia's third-richest

person at the age of 44.

By any estimation, the early forties property developer has joined the big league. He earns more than Hollywood actor Nicole Kidman and enjoys a portfolio of assets exceeding \$1 billion.

Unlike Kidman, though, he has built his empire out of the public eye and without the intense media scrutiny that other high-flying Australian entrepreneurs endure.

The London-born, Australian/Maltese businessman credits much of his success to his mother, who proved an "amazing inspiration" and taught Shaun to believe he could achieve anything he wanted in life. It's a philosophy he has embraced since childhood, from his education at St Ignatius College and the University of Adelaide, to his legal career and subsequent journey along the commercial property market road.

Today Mr Bonett's business-the Precision Group-owns five shopping centres, three office buildings and two hotels along Australia's eastern seaboard and in Adelaide.

He is currently working on his largest project to date--a \$360 million complex in Chatswood, Sydney, which will be the country's first shopping centre which integrates 70 retail stores over four levels, with a railway and bus interchange. It opens in 2008.

Although no longer a practising lawyer, Mr Bonett said his studies at the University of Adelaide proved an invaluable training ground. "I liken my degrees (Laws and Arts) to having been through a gymnastics course of building my thought processes. Understanding your rights and the way the law operates in Australia is a unique advantage for a business person.

"What was also particularly valuable was the way the University of Adelaide's legal course accommodated students who wanted to work part time," Mr Bonett said. This marriage of practical and theoretical skills enables students to make more effective subject choices, he argued. "If universities work more closely with human resource divisions in the private sector this will also result in a much smoother and more cohesive transition for students entering the business world."

Mr Bonett worked as a part-time law clerk in Adelaide in the late 1980s while completing his degrees, giving him an insight into the boom-and-bust era. "I saw most of the high flyers of South Australia and beyond being crushed by their perilous financial positions."

The experience left an indelible mark. "The years I worked as a commercial lawyer emphasised the fundamental need to focus on the risks in any business dealings. I don't think any entrepreneur I acted for at the time had ever contemplated the possibility of their businesses collapsing-they all believed they were bullet-proof."

Mr Bonétt's willingness to take on risks led to his entry into the commercial property market. His first business venture with a childhood friend involved an investment of \$6 million (with the bank's help) for a neighbourhood shopping centre in Newton.

Within a few years he had bought out his partner and started expanding his empire, facilitated by a national property boom. "I learned how important it is to have the right team around you and additional financial resources to draw upon if necessary. I also learned to identify the important issues to pursue and allow the inconsequential matters to fall by the wayside."

The entrepreneur, who is married with a young family, has just completed his five-year business plan. He is now looking at diversifying his portfolio of interests and has established a charity foundation. As for opportunities waiting in the wings, he lists the Internet as a key medium for future business success.

"The business medium of the Internet is still relatively young and offers incredible opportunities for ambitious young professionals. The integration between services that exist in the real world and their representation in the Internet is still at an early stage, but Australia is well positioned to take advantage of this."

He advises university graduates contemplating a business career to find a good mentor and not rush into anything. "Research and more research is the key to business success and careful analysis will pay rewards. Business instincts are important but without a considered approach you may as well be going to a casino to gamble." ■ STORY CANDY GIBSON



Kevin Muscat was born on 7 August 1989 in Crawley, West Sussex, from Maltese parents. Muscat began his career as a junior at Australian National Soccer League (NSL) club Sunshine George Cross, making his first senior appearances for the club in the 1989/90 season. He moved from Sunshine to the Australian Institute of Sport in 1990 and was awarded the Weinstein Medal as the Victorian Junior Player of the year.https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kevin_Muscat - cite_note-7 He is a former Australian international association football player who has been head coach of Melbourne Victory since 2013. Muscat earned a reputation as a "hard man" during his playing career, with his aggression and passion occasionally boiling over into some violent incidents.

After beginning his professional career in the Australian National Soccer League with Sunshine George Cross in 1989, Muscat forged a successful, albeit controversial career in the United Kingdom with Crystal Palace, Wolverhampton Wanderers, Rangers and Millwall. He returned to Australia in 2005 to captain Melbourne Victory in the inaugural season of the A-league.

Muscat retired from professional football in March 2011 after Melbourne Victory's 2011 AFC Champions League campaign, citing his growing frustration at his inability to keep pace with the game.^{[2][3]} In June 2011 Muscat was reconfirmed as assistant coach at Melbourne Victory.^[4] Muscat briefly rejoined his former club Sunshine George Cross for part of the 2011 Victorian State League Division 1 season.^[5]

During his international career, Muscat represented the Australia U-20 side at the 1991 FIFA World Youth Championship in Portugal and the 1993 FIFA World Youth Championship in Australia. He represented the Australia U-23 side at the 1996 Summer Olympics. After making his full international debut for Australia in September 1994 against Kuwait, Muscat represented the national side at the 1997 FIFA Confederations Cup, 2000 OFC Nations Cup, 2001 FIFA Confederations Cup and the 2005 FIFA

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His previous appointments included that of Professor and Head of the Department of Economics at the University of Malta; Chairman of the Malta Council of Economic and Social Development (MCESD), Chairman of the Malta Financial Services Authority (MFSA), Electoral Commissioner, Central Bank Director, Mediterranean Insurance Brokers Ltd. director, Chairman in charge of political discussion programmes organised by the Malta Broadcasting Authority (MBA), Chairman of the HSBC's Malta Funds Sicav

plc and Structured Funds Sicav plc, Chairman of CWG plc, director at San Antonio Hotel and Spa, and board member of the National Euro Change-over Committee (NECC).

Internationally he carried out consultancy work for the EU Commission, UNESCO, the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP), the governments of Albania, Croatia, Libya and Turkey; and served on the Council of Europe Development Bank Auditing Committee. He was frequently sought for economic advice by the IMF annual delegation to Malta and Rating Agencies FitchIbca, Standard&Poor's, and Moody's. Prior to Malta's entry into the Eurozone he was appointed as a Euro expert by the EU Commission.

Edward graduated from the University of Oxford with a Diploma with distinction in politics and economics; from the University of Malta with a First Class Honours BA degree in Economics, and the University of Toronto with a Masters and Doctorate in Economics. Edward is married to Astrid née Bartoli and has two children Mark and Katya.

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Dissalination Plant 1881 at Sliema - MALTA

The State Of Malta's Water Sources

When your theme is water, there are really only a few places to start investigating the impact that water can have. Those places would either be very wet, or very dry.

When we think of dry EU nations, we probably imagine Portugal, Spain or Greece first, but Malta has the highest Water Competivity Index in the world (the amount of renewable water per capita). To get a better feel for how this precious resource is used or misused, let's hear Malta's leading water campaigner and green entrepreneur, Marco Cremona.

Bearing in mind just how dry Malta is, it would seem obvious that water is treated as a very precious resource. Is

this the case? Malta only receives around 550mm of rainfall a year, the greater part of which falls over a period of a few months from October to February, with the rest of the year being dry to very dry. Malta also has the highest population density in the EU, which when compounded with more than 1.2 million tourists a year, places a huge demand on the country's infrastructure, especially water supply. Malta has no rivers or lakes; 68% of Malta's water comes from groundwater which is being exploited at a rate of almost 50% over and above sustainable extraction levels. The balance comes from seawater desalination, which consumes 7% of all the electricity used in the country, all of which comes from the burning of fossil fuels in power stations.

So in theory, the appreciation and value of water should be high in Malta but this is not the case. Malta has more than 8,000 private boreholes, most of which have been drilled illegally and are extracting more groundwater than what the public water utility, the Water Services Corporation (WSC) pumps up from the aquifers. As a result, illegally-extracted water is pumped up for free, transported by water tanker all over the country and sold to farmers, factories, hotels, laundries and even households.

As a result, the economic value of water has remained absurdly low with the consequence that there has been little investment in water conservation, improving water efficiency and the use of alternative sources of water such as rainwater harvesting and treated effluent from wastewater treatment plants.

Where does Malta's potable water come from? The WSC gets its water from two sources: groundwater and three reverse osmosis (RO) desalination plants. At present, groundwater still accounts for 43% of the potable water supply; the balance comes from the RO plants. The quantity of water derived from groundwater is decreasing year after year because of the deteriorating water quality status of the aquifers. Consequently this loss in groundwater production has to be compensated by an increase in RO water production, which is 6-8 times more expensive than groundwater – even when not accounting for the resource cost as defined and stipulated by the EU Water Framework Directive.

Work is being done on developing a system that allows the rainwater falling from roofs of public and private buildings to be diverted to the ground, so as to increase groundwater recharge and mitigate flooding during storm events.

Waste Not, Want Not

World Water Day, is a day chosen by the [United Nations](#) to focus international attention on the impact of rapid population growth, industrialisation, climate change and conflicts as well as natural disasters on urbanised water systems. Right now an estimated 1.1 billion people do not have access to water and water scarcity will be a certainty for 4 billion people by 2050. It is about raising awareness and bringing the worlds attention to a pressing issue which is not being fully addressed. One such issue that new research has found is, on average we throw away twice as much water in the form of uneaten food than we use for washing and drinking.

To make matters worse, increasing amounts of our food are coming from countries that have a water scarcity. Pairing this information with the new found research means that discarded food has a huge hidden impact on the depletion of the worlds little water resources.

Food waste is not only depleting the worlds water but also accounts for greenhouse gas emissions. In the UK, research was carried out by the government's Waste and Resource Action Program. The research has found that 3% of the UK's annual greenhouse gas emissions is equivalent to the same amount generated by 7 million cars annually.

What we can do to conserve water through food is either eat less or buy less but what should also be doing in conjunction with those two ideas is to **buy smart**. Everything we buy embodies water, so when you waste that product or throw it away you are also throwing away valuable fresh water. Water is used in the production of food, rearing animals for consumption, and also goods. What may be surprising to you is that, water is used in the production of microchips, clothes, shoes and paper.

Recently a new website was released by two Harvard students that calculates your water footprint. The data visualises and reveals the hidden water content of your country and consumer goods. You can access the website at this link and explore as well as print out labels of your water footprint <http://www.visualizing.org/html5/16506>.

If you are looking for tips and ways to conserve water, the National Geographic has compiled a small list on ways to do so. They are all simple changes easily done day to day. You can find these tips here, http://environment.nationalgeographic.com/environment/freshwater/top-ten/?source=link_tw20110310watertopten2.

If you have a story to tell share it with the rest of the MALTESE DIASPORA. Send it to us for publication with a photo or two



PROCLAMATION DAY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Some of the official guests at the ceremony (L to R)
 Stephen Patterson – Mayor of Glenelg
 John Trainor – Mayor City of West Torrens
 Governor of SA H.E. Hieu Van Le
 Cr. Edgar Agius - City of Charles sturt
 Cr Jason Veliskou - City of Marion
 Martin Haese - Lord Mayor of Adelaide

More than 200 people commemorated the 179th Proclamation Day of South Australia on Monday.

An official ceremony was held at Old Gum Tree reserve in Glenelg where Governor Hindmarsh's

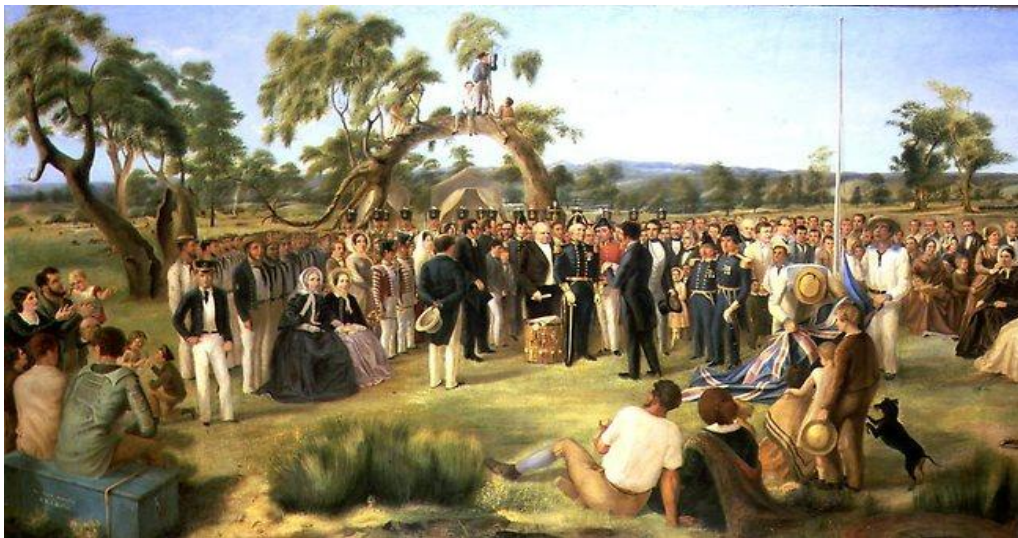
secretary George Stevenson, read the document known as the Proclamation of South Australia.

Governor Hieu Van Le was joined at the ceremony by the Environment Minister Ian Hunter, who was representing the Premier Jay Weatherill, and Holdfast Bay Mayor Stephen Patterson.

Australian Native Title and Reconciliation members held a peaceful protest outside the reserve and called for the protection of Aboriginal land and the acknowledgment of Aboriginal people through advisory committees.

Mr Patterson said December 28 was a significant date in South Australia's history. "Glenelg is the mainland birthplace of our state so Proclamation Day holds a special place in Holdfast Bay's annual calendar, but it's really a statewide celebration for all proud South Australians," he said.

The mayor said celebrations continued with the Bay Sports Festival and Bay Sheffield drawing thousands to Glenelg. The feature race, the 120m Open Bay Sheffield Gift, has \$57,000 in prize money up for grabs across 21 running events over the two days of the festival.



"The Proclamation of South Australia, 1836", by artist Charles Hill. Picture courtesy of the Art Gallery of S.A.