

New Australian High Commissioner to Malta



Media release 14 November 2016 Today I announce the appointment of Ms Julianne Hince as Australia's next High Commissioner to Malta. Ms Hince will also have non-resident accreditation to Tunisia.

Australia and Malta enjoy close ties. The relationship is built on strong people-to-people links, a common parliamentary system and our membership of the Commonwealth. We also share a strong commitment to the promotion of international peace, security and prosperity.

Australia looks forward to working with Malta and other members of the European Union as we progress towards an Australia-EU Free Trade Agreement, which will expand our trade and investment, and boost prosperity in our countries. The visit to Australia of H.E. Ms Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca, President of the Republic of Malta in July 2016 helped forge new connections and strengthen foundations on which to develop future cooperation.

Australia has long been a strong supporter of Tunisia's transition to democracy. We cooperate on a range of important issues, including regional security in North Africa, to address the challenges of terrorism and foreign fighters. Ms Hince is a career officer with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and was most recently Director, South America and Council on Australia-Latin America Relations Section, DFAT. She was Deputy Director of the DFAT Victorian State Office and Director of the DFAT Northern Territory Office.

Ms Hince has served overseas as Deputy Head of Mission, Athens, with earlier postings in Bangladesh and Germany. Ms Hince holds a Graduate Diploma in Foreign Affairs from the Australian National University and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Melbourne. I thank outgoing High Commissioner Ms Jane Lambert for her significant contribution to advancing Australia's interests in Malta since 2013. Hon Julie Bishop MP Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade.

The Hon Consul for Malta in South Australia Frank Scicluna and Mrs. Josie Scicluna paid a courtesy visit to H.E. Julianne Hince at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade in South Australia on 18 November and the High Commissioner was presented with the commemorative book *Malta and the Anzacs – THE NURSE OF THE MEDITERRANEAN*.



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and on our website
www.ozmalta.page4.me

Hon Julie Bishop MP

Australia's Minister for Foreign Affairs and
Trade



Julie Bishop is the Minister for Foreign Affairs in Australia's Federal Coalition Government. She is also the Deputy Leader of the Liberal Party and has served as the Member for Curtin in the House of Representatives since 1998.

Minister Bishop was sworn in as Australia's first female Foreign Minister on 18 September 2013 following four years in the role of Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade. She previously served as a Cabinet Minister in the Howard Government as Minister for Education, Science and Training and as the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women's Issues. Prior to this, Minister Bishop was Minister for Ageing.

Minister Bishop has also served on a number of parliamentary and policy committees including as Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties. Before entering Parliament Minister Bishop was a commercial litigation lawyer at Perth firm Clayton Utz, becoming a partner in 1985, and managing partner in 1994.

Minister Bishop graduated with a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Adelaide in 1978 and attended Harvard Business School in Boston in 1996 completing the Advanced Management Program for Senior Managers.

She is also a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Management and has held a number of positions including Director of the West Coast Eagles AFL Club, Chair of the Western Australia Town Planning Appeals Tribunal, Member of Murdoch University Senate and the Anglican Schools Commission and Director of the Special Broadcasting Service and the Committee for Economic Development Australia. Minister Bishop was inducted into the WA Women Hall of Fame in 2011 and is currently the Deputy Chair of the Western Australian Museum Foundation and a Board Member of His Majesty's Theatre Foundation.



Foreign Affairs Minister Julie Bishop with the Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull during question time in parliament



Valletta - 2018 European Capital of Culture

Valletta, along with all the localities of Malta and Gozo, was awarded the prestigious title of European Capital of Culture 2018 on 13th October 2012. The nomination presented by the Valletta Local Council, on behalf of all the localities of Malta and Gozo, was confirmed by an evaluation panel today, during a meeting in Valletta, where our country was awarded the title of European Capital of Culture 2018. This announcement was made during a press conference by Manfred Gaulhofer, Chairperson of the Evaluation Board. Mr. Gaulhofer said the board was convinced there was the necessary will, motivation and ambition in order to award

the title to Valletta.

The Minister for Tourism, Environment and Culture, Mario de Marco, said this was very positive news for our cultural and creative sector as well as for our country. He said this confirmed that the Government was adopting the right policy for our cultural and creative sector, which would in turn lead not only to a cultural regeneration and a strengthened sector, but was also being recognised on a European level as the policy needed to dignify our historical heritage and our identity, whilst paving the way for the future of our country's culture.

Minister de Marco said that in recent years the Government was and still is implementing policy based on the investment in cultural heritage and capital and infrastructural projects, on Maltese and Gozitan talent, as well as on strengthening our creative economy, which generates 4% of the GDP and employs around 8000 persons in around 3600 businesses. Minister de Marco explained that in recent years the Government, along with stakeholders, implemented three complementary and important processes, thanks to which the National Cultural Policy and the Draft Strategy for Creative and Cultural Industries were drafted, along with the drafting of the application for European Capital entitled Imagine 18. This has led our country to be awarded the title of European Capital of Culture 2018. Mario de Marco thanked all entities and persons involved in the drafting of the application of Valletta, such as Foundation V.18, which includes the Valletta Local Council along with all the local councils of Malta and Gozo.

European Commission representative, Ann Branch, said that the title of European Capital of Culture is a prestigious one, which was awarded to a city rich in history and with the potential to further strengthen its cultural and socio-economical sectors. She congratulated Malta for the work done and emphasised that our cultural and creative sector has a bright future ahead and thus encouraged Malta to keep on implementing its long-term plans for this sector.



We need to give Donald Trump the chance to be President'

President Coleiro Preca

Rachel Attard THE INDEPENDENT

"We need to give Donald Trump the Chance to be President of America," President Marie Louise Coleiro Preca told a group of sixth form girls studying at the City of London School for girls. Replying to a question on the general election result in the United States, the President said that she shares the same view as that of Hillary Clinton, who said that Trump needs to be given a chance. Dr Coleiro Preca said that "this is a very sensitive time for America and the world and we need to wait and see what is going to happen."

The President said that she hopes "Mr Trump changes his tactics and stop being racist in his comments. He needs to think of everybody. America is what it is today because of the amount of migration that it experienced during the years." She said that "he was very short-sighted during his electoral campaign and wanted to be popular. Now let's hope that he does help all the Americans."



Was Malta the island of Atlantis



Ita is an ancient island with perhaps the oldest free standing "temples" on earth. These buildings are older than the Pyramids and Stonehenge. It is comprised of a few island but only 2 are large enough to support any amount of people, Malta and Gozo. But the number of Temples for such a small island is staggering.

The island today is fairly dry and you can not imagine it being able to support a large population that would need that many temples at a time when others had not even started to build theirs.

1. Malta has the oldest free standing temples, 35 in total in such a small area, these buildings are older than the Pyramids in Egypt and Stonehenge in the UK.
2. There is evidence that a catastrophe struck the islands long ago, as Cart Ruts lead straight to the sea and off cliff tops. This could mean that in the past our islands were larger and connected to mainland Europe and/or Africa.
3. Many different species of animals, including elephants and hippopotamus, which can longer be found in Malta were found packed in Ghar Dalam.
- 4.. According to the Plato's dialogues, a catastrophic eruption occurred and the island of Atlantis was submerged under the sea. It is theorized that Malta was hit by massive earthquakes and eruptions that created three different islands.
5. The story of Atlantis is engraved on a wall in the temple of Neith at Sais, in Egypt. It refers to an area in the Western Ocean, which no longer exists and is now called the Mediterranean Sea.
6. Once again, Plato's dialogues, mention that the remains are scattered on several islands, perhaps he was referring to the temples scattered over Malta and Gozo.
7. The Greek mention that Atlantis was close to their shore. Malta is quite close to Greece.
8. A little known underwater site referred to as "Ġebel ġol-Baħar" is a possible megalithic temple located underwater off the coast of St. Julian's, Malta. The site was identified quite recently, in 1999. It consists of a cluster of three stone circles with 'rooms' with a diameter of 9 to 11 metres, with parts having a height up to 6 to 10 metres. An 'avenue' goes up to the entrance of the structure, which faces east. Tracks on the seabed resembling cart ruts were also observed on the site. If this is real it is proof that this area was not underwater in pre-history.
9. In 2013, marine scientists at the University of Malta discovered that 20,000 years ago, the Maltese islands were indeed much larger, and were connected to Sicily with a land bridge.
10. In the book "Malta f'dal Atlantis" (Maltese remains of Atlantis), published in 2002, Francis Galea writes about older studies and hypotheses, particularly that of Maltese architect Giorgio Grongnet, who in 1854 already had the idea that the Maltese Islands are the remnants of Atlantis.

Profile of the Mayor of Valletta



Dr Alexiei Dingli was born on the 29th December 1979 and lived most of his life in Valletta . He is the son of Paul & Doris (nee Carbonaro) and he is married to Anna Maria (nee Degiorgio). He started his studies at the Pillar Primary School in Valletta and after successfully passing an entry exam; he continued his formation (primary, secondary and post-secondary) at De La Salle College. After completing his Matriculation Examinations and obtaining the highest grade possible, he read a Bachelor of Science degree in Information Technology (B.Sc. IT Hons) within the University of Malta where he obtained a First Class degree.

Immediately after, he decided to continue his studies at the University of Sheffield in the United Kingdom . To earn a living, he found a job as a researcher within the same University. He spent slightly less than three years and while there, he pursued in a record time, a Doctorate (Ph.D) in Computer Science. His work was praised by international Professors and it was awarded a World Class status. It was also published in books, journals and in some of the most prominent conferences on the subject. Upon his return to Malta , he started working as a Senior Manager with the Employment and Training Corporation (Malta 's Public Employment Service) where he stayed for almost four years. With the opening of the new Faculty of ICT in 2007, he moved over to the Department of Artificial Intelligence where he holds the position of Lecturer. Apart from this, he also works as a Lecturer with the University of London which is represented in Malta by the St Martins Institute of IT. In these past years, he also managed to obtain a Masters in Business Administration with specialisation in Technology Management from the Grenoble Business School in France where he graduated with distinction.

Dr Dingli has been working in the Nationalist Party for these past sixteen years. When he was just eleven year old, he started volunteering in the various organisations of the Party. At the age of fifteen, he was elected for the first time in the PN sectional committee in Valletta where he took care of the Youth section. On his return from the UK , he once again offered his services to the committee where he was elected as vice president and after a few months as President of the PN Valletta sectional committee. In 2005, he contested the Valletta Local Council elections where he was elected as a councillor of the city. In his portfolio, one finds youth, education, the social aspect and work. In these past years as a councillor, he coordinated a large number of projects, the biggest amongst these being the setting up and coordination of the Valletta Community Network (the network of organisations working in Valletta in the social dimension). The project served as a catalyst to speed up the creation, by central government, of the first community centre in Valletta .

Dr Dingli is a hardworking young man always ready to help others; he is a very dynamic person and full of energy. He believes that his country offered him a lot; free educational and health services of the highest quality and an environment rich in fundamental values which made him what he is today. This formation was crucial for him since it opened a myriad of opportunities abroad. Opportunities which he took, and managed to make a success out of them! Now, he believes that the time has come for him to offer his service to the nation. His believes are targeted at achieving the common good and directed by Christian-Democratic principles and values.

Hello Frank, I would appreciate if you could share this with your community please

It is a survey I am conducting about the Maltese community in Australia.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/malteseaustraliansurvey>

Thanks Sandra Micallef – Honorary Consul for Malta in Brisbane

FREMANTLE **Herald** *Interactive*

Malta's child migrants gather

Thousands of children arrived in Western Australia without their families after WWII; mostly from Britain, but at least 300 from the Mediterranean island nation of Malta. A popular post-war immigration slogan was "the child, the best immigrant," because children assimilated better, had a long working life and could be housed cheaply in dormitories.

Malta was struggling with widespread poverty at the time, so the Commonwealth-approved child migration scheme was thought to offer a reprieve for families with too many children. Subsidised by the governments of both countries, the scheme was facilitated by churches, but came under a cloud when widespread accusations of sexual abuse and neglect emerged.



Anna Germani is looking forward to catching up with Malta's President. (The President of Malta was in WA last July). Ms Germani says despite the child migrant scheme's dark reputation, it provided her with a wonderful new life. *Anna with Child Migrants Memorial.* Photo by Trilokesh Chanmugam

The children themselves are now often sympathetically described as "the forgotten generation" and formal apologies were issued by the governments of Britain, Australia, and Malta. Anna Germani (nee Buttigeg) says she never regretted coming to Australia, and apart

from being seasick on the month-long voyage, has nothing bad to say about her experience.

Leaving Malta aged 13, Ms Germani was the only girl amongst 21 boys, and she never saw them again after they were taken into a different care home.

She was taken to St Joseph's in Wembley, where she says the Nuns were kind and helped nurture her. "I didn't know anyone, I couldn't speak English, but it was the best choice I made," Mrs Germani says, explaining that leaving Malta as a young girl was her own decision. Although many children were from orphanages, others had families and were tempted down under by propaganda describing Australia as a land of milk and honey.

"In the immigration department, they had posters which said in Australia you could pick fruit from the side of the road and you could see beautiful kangaroos..." Mrs Germani said. "Even if [the children] had a mother and father, they were coming for a better life."

Mrs Germani married young, and by the time her mother eventually joined her in Australia, she was already an independent woman. Her sister Marie describes Mrs Germani as the family's champion, because her brave move as a child resulted in all of them living in Western Australia. "It's all because she came here when she was 13," Marie Marshall said.

An additional plaque was added to WA's monument for British Child Migrants near the Maritime Museum in Fremantle in the late 90s, specifically recognising Malta's child migrants.



Sejha għall-kitbiet f'Lehen il-Malti

Il-Bord Editorjali ta' Lehen il-Malti qed jaċċetta kitbiet bil-Malti għall-ħarġa li jmiss – is-36 ħarġa. Għal din il-ħarġa l-Bord qed jaċċetta poeżiji, novelli u kitbiet akkademiċi ta' natura lingwistika, kritika u kulturali. Il-kontributori jistgħu jibagħtu massimu ta' 3 kitbiet originali, li jridu jaslu lil għaqdata.malti@gmail.com jew bil-posta sat-13 ta' Jannar 2017.

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Welcome to the Australian American Association of Victoria

I would like to invite you to become a member of the Australian American Association membership (would be great to have you on board, fee's haven't increased in over 8 years). Membership is due by November 30, 2016.

I could never thank you enough for your continued support of our Association; it is very much appreciated and I look forward to your continued support in 2017.



Being a member of the Australian American Association is far more than just having fun. You are supporting our quest to promote and foster the friendship between Australia and America as we have done since 1945. Furthermore, the Association is a forum for us Australians to welcome and make our American friends and their families welcome in this great country of ours.

In 2016 the Association will continue to focus on providing opportunities for us to meet at commemorations, celebrations, and meeting days. Furthermore we are also hoping to have a regular meeting place in 2017, this will ensure the success of holding frequent meeting days etc...

As an Australian American Association member, you will be part of making our association successful and helping it become the association of choice that provides and caters for all that is best about our two great nations.

You can join by filling in the application form attached and pay by Credit card or cheque, and mail. You can also visit our Website and pay online with PayPal:

www.australianamerican.org (Please ensure that it is the "Victorian Branch" (As above))

Thanking you in advance for your membership.

Sincerely Sam CJ Muscat JP
President Australian American Association (Vic)

NOSTALGIA



An exhibition about British Child Migrants inspired us to have a look through our own Archives for images capturing the spirit and journey of other new arrivals to Australia. In this picture Mrs Mary Borg, a Maltese migrant) is with her nine children arriving in Australia on the 3 May 1971 on the liner Achille Lauro.



Incat Tasmaniato build 110m wavepiercer for Malta

Australian shipbuilder Incat Tasmania has been selected by Virtu Ferries of Malta to design and build a 110 metre vehicle passenger (RoPax) ferry. Ry Virtu Ferries operate a variety of high speed craft services throughout the Mediterranean and Adriatic.

The vessel is intended for Virtu Ferries Chairman and

Owner their year round lifeline Mr Francis Portelli and Robert service between Malta and CUFard• Chairman of "08, sign the European Union. contracts.

"Virtu Ferries were looking for increased reliability, sea keeping, passenger comfort, capacity and economy with less operational downtime, we are pleased to welcome them to the Incat family of shipowners," Robert Clifford. Chairman of Incat said.

The new 110m wave piercing catamaran will become the 15th fast ferry Virtu has acquired, it will be the largest high speed catamaran in the Mediterranean and with a service speed up to 38 knots it will complete the crossing from Malta to Sicily, berth to berth, in around 90 minutes.

ForVirtu Ferries this new vessel providesasignificant increase in capacityoffering 43% more truckcapacity, 15%more passenger capacity and 7% more car capacity. The vessel will incorporate a three class interior (VIP, Business and Economy) with a total of 1134 seats of which 996 seats are inside and 138 outdoor.

The design was extensively tank tested and optimised at OinetiO, the tank and aerospace testing facility in the UK which was purpose built for use by the British Navy and UK Ministry of Defence.

In announcing the purchase Virtu Ferries Chairman and Owner Mr Francis Portelli said "We simply want to provide our passengers and freight operators with the highest levels of service, reliability and comfort yet at the same time operate an economical and environmentally sustainable high speed service.

Weare confident that we will be delivered a fantastic vessel suited not only to our requirements but the design is suited to many other island communities around the world." Construction of the vessel will commence in early 2017 with delivery scheduled at the end of 2018. Incat currently has a 500 strong workforce at its Hobart shipyard and the yard is geared for delivering up to two large HSC (High Speed Craft) per year.

In announcing the purchase Virtu Ferries Chairman and Owner Mr Francis Portelli said "We simply want to provide our passengers and freight operators with the highest levels of service, reliability and comfort yet at the same time operate an economical and environmentally sustainable high speed service. As this project has evolved over more than 12 months we have enjoyed an excellent cooperative working relationship with Incat, Revolution Design and Seaspeed Marine where they have listened to our particular requirements and continually evolved the design to a point where we are confident that we will be delivered a fantastic vessel suited not only to our requirements but the design is suited to many other island communities around the world. "

Virtu Ferries has been operating high speed ferries for 28 years and operates Malta – Sicily, Venice - Croatia & Slovenia and Tarifa, Spain - Tangiers, Morocco and it is part of the Virtu Holdings Group.

I wrote to you for the first time a few months back regarding my introduction to your wonderful Newsletter, which you share with us all, and giving you an outline of my background. I am writing to you today with something that may be of interest to your readers. My (beter half) who has a keen interest in fishing is continuously reading Fishing magazines and recently pointed out the attached article to me which I thought perhaps you would like to share with the readers. Please continue your incredible contribution to us through this most informative newsletter. Regards, Vivienne and Roger Darwon

Maltese most numerous priests in Victoria, Melbourne

Fr Ben Azzopardi and a number of Maltese men before leaving Malta for Australia in 1958



Cynthia Busuttill 2008

The largest number of foreign priests in Victoria, Melbourne, is Maltese, research carried out by Emigrants' Commission head Mgr Philip Calleja, shows.

Maltese priests have taken the place of the Irish, who had the highest number of

foreign priests in the city - there are currently 32 Maltese priests in Victoria.

Leafing through pages of data, including the names of all those priests who moved to Australia over the years, Mgr Calleja said: "Malta is an emigrant's country, however, it has not only sent its people to other countries but also priests who used to take care of them." Mgr Calleja, who has been working with migrants for many years, said a Maltese priest used to depart with every ship full of emigrants leaving the island some 50 years ago. "Some of them decided to stay on," he said. The new immigrants had needed help, especially since many were illiterate and could not communicate with their families back in Malta without assistance.

"Soon after the immigration started we realised there was a big problem because they could not communicate with any of their relatives. The priests were very important in this area because they used to read letters and even write on behalf of Maltese migrants."

But staying on in Australia was no easy feat for priests who initially did not receive any financial assistance. "We tried hard to get them some assistance and they started getting AUS\$10 a month, which did not even cover their travelling expenses to visit the Maltese living in different areas of Australia," he said pensively. Over the years some 200 Maltese priests have served in Australia, some of whom were the sons of Maltese migrants born on the continent. There are still 66 Maltese priests in Australia.

"Billy Hughes's Children" Further to the article on page 15 of issue 142, it may be interesting to note that this centenary was commemorated in Gozo earlier this year. The Gozo Philatelic Society joined up with its Canberra counterpart in issuing a double card consisting of two personalized stamps (one from each country) designed by Anthony Grech. He was also involved in the postal cancellors, as well as the logo of the 2016 Canberra Stampshow (where the GPS Newsletter was awarded a Large Silver - not bad for its first overseas participation!)

The GPS also collaborated in the organization of an illustrated public lecture at Il-Ħaġar Museum by Joe Morana on 27 February: "The Maltese Migrants of New Caledonia 1916-2016". An exhibit was also set up consisting of various related documents. Antoine Vassallom Secretary, Gozo Philatelic Socie



London's Big Ben

The Houses of Parliament's iconic clock tower is one of London's most famous landmarks. Don't leave London without visiting Big Ben!

What is Big Ben? The **Houses of Parliament** and Elizabeth Tower, commonly called Big Ben, are among London's most iconic landmarks and must-see **London attractions**. Technically, Big Ben is the name given to the massive **bell** inside the clock tower, which weighs more than 13 tons (13,760 kg). The clock tower looks spectacular at night when the four clock faces are illuminated.

Big Ben Facts

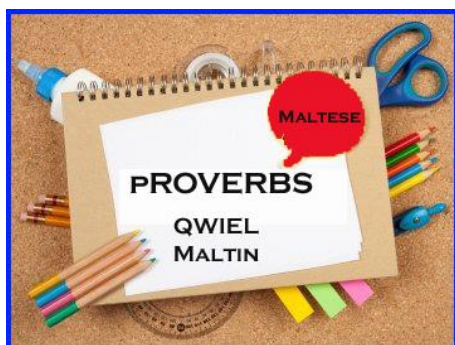
- Each dial is seven metres in diameter
- The minute hands are 4.2 metres long (14ft) and weigh about 100kg (220lbs, including counterweights)
- The numbers are approximately 60cm (23in) long
- There are 312 pieces of glass in each clock dial
- A special light above the clock faces is illuminated when parliament is in session
- Big Ben's timekeeping is strictly regulated by a stack of coins placed on the huge pendulum.
- Big Ben has rarely stopped. Even after a bomb destroyed the Commons chamber during the Second World War, the clock tower survived and Big Ben continued to strike the hours.
- The chimes of Big Ben were first broadcast by the BBC on 31 December 1923, a tradition that continues to this day.
- The latin words under the clockface read

DOMINE SALVAM FAC REGINAM NOSTRAM VICTORIAM PRIMAM, which means "O Lord, keep safe our Queen Victoria the First"

- In June 2012 the House of Commons announced that the clock tower was to be renamed the Elizabeth Tower in honour of Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee.

When was Big Ben Built? The Palace of Westminster was destroyed by fire in 1834. In 1844, it was decided the new buildings for the Houses of Parliament should include a tower and a clock.

A massive bell was required and the first attempt (made by John Warner & Sons at Stockton-on-Tees) cracked irreparably. The metal was melted down and the bell recast in Whitechapel in 1858. Big Ben first rang across Westminster on 31 May 1859. A short time later, in September 1859, Big Ben cracked. A lighter hammer was fitted and the bell rotated to present an undamaged section to the hammer. This is the bell as we hear it today. Read more at <http://www.visitlondon.com/things-to-do/sightseeing/london-attraction/big-ben#EVmleb7sxxv54Y9y.99>



MALTESE PROVERBS QWIEL MALTIN

Maltese Proverbs are very smart sayings certainly and worth pondering about. I ought to think that some proverbs are common in lots of countries and languages though they have to have originated from a single particular place. As an example "All that glitters isn't gold" is certainly known in all English speaking nations in addition to

in Malta and in Italy. In Malta and Gozo we say "mhux kulma jleqq huwa deheb", meaning – not all that glitters is gold.

These sayings make pretty superior sense and need to happen to be pretty nicely believed out by really smart native men or ladies. They are an integral part of the folklore of our Islands but sadly extremely seldom applied right now, certainly not by the younger generation. And a different point, I usually do not know of any Maltese proverbs which are utilized in Gozo only. The Maltese proverbs are applied around the 3 Islands in the archipelago.

Ahead of listing all of the ones that come to thoughts at the moment I think that a Video that I produced in regards to the Maltese alphabet would be acceptable right here.

These sensible sayings are extremely old and have been around for hundreds of years in the time when the Maltese population depended entirely on the land and also the sea around. Their livelihood depended to a sizable extent on the components, the climate and also the climate from day to day. Hence it truly is no surprise that numerous proverbs speak regarding the land, the sea, the climate and so on.

I am sorry that the Maltese on this web page will not be written properly as suitable gozo by using the correct Maltese alphabet. The letters g,h,gh and z will not be 'dotted' or 'crossed' as they should really.

F'Marzu il-barri jhoss il-bard minn Qrunu - In March the bull feels the cold through his horns, meaning that it is extremely cold in March

Frar fawwar jimla il-Bjar - February is overflowing and it rains adequate to fill the wells

Jannar kiefer u Frar bid-dwiefer - January is cruel and February has talons, which means that Feb is much more cruel

Xemx u Xita Alla jaf meta - Sun and Rain only God knows when, meaning we are able to never ever tell what the future could bring

Ix-Xita f'April, karra deheb w iehor harir - The rain in April is usually a cart-load of gold and silk, meaning that April showers are very welcome for the crops

Il-hmura ta' fil-ghaxija lesti z-zwiemel ghat-tigrija - After a red sunset prepare the horses for the race

Il-hmura ta' fil-ghodu, ghalifhom ha joqghodu - A red sky at dawn feed the horses and let them be

Il-gurnata minn fil-ghodu turik - Early morning conditions show how the day is going to be, meaning that normally you understand from the extremely start what to anticipate

Rih ta' siegħa jnaddaf qiegħa - A wind blowing for 1 hour can sweep clean the threshing floor, which means that given the likelihood, points might settle down to normal on their very own

Fula f'qargħa - A broad bean in a pumpkin, which means a when in a lifetime occurrence

Iz-zmien is ajru l-bajtar - time tends to make the prickly-pears ripen, taken actually which means that as time passes, a single inevitably grows old, or that time may be the wonderful healer and problem solver

Maltese Proverbs concerning the Sea

Il-bahar rasu iebba u zaqqu ratba - The sea is hard-headed but having a soft belly, which means that the sea is attractive but is often quite dangerous also.

Tixtrix hut fil-bahar - Do not buy fish still in the sea which means don't stake your income on shaky projects

Ahjar mitt imghallaq milli wiehed mgharraq - It is better to have one hundred hanged persons than one particular drowned person, displaying how dreadful is a death by drowning

Tini l-fama w itfaghni l-bahar - give me a fantastic name (reputation) and also you can then cast me into the sea

Min jorqod ma jaqbadx hut - those who sleep late usually do not catch fish, the meaning is obvious. gozo

Maltese Proverbs About Animals

Il-hmar il-magħdur, id-dubbien miegħu idur - The flies attack the feeble donkey, which means that the a lot more worse-off a single may be the far more his situation in life is bound to aggravate

Kelb rieqed la tqajmux - Same as in English: let sleeping dogs lie

Bil-kelma t-tajba tohrog il-far mit-tqajba/With a superb word you may make the massive rat come out of a small hole, which means that with good-will and dialogue a satisfactory conclusion is certain to be reached.

Juruh id-debba u iqabbzuh il-hmara/In animal husbandry the stallion is shown a fine mare but is then created to couple with a she-donkey, meaning that empty promises are made to deceive.

Min ibakkar jaqbad il-pluvieri minghajr ma js affar/The early riser catches plovers without the need to have to whistle, which means the early bird catches the worm

Li tgeddez il-nemla iggorru il-hamla/What is stored by the ant is carried away by the mud slide, meaning that a situation might arise when we've got to devote all our life-savings at one go

Tela' hmar ma' arblu/An ass climbed a pole, meaning a one-off favourable occurrence

Hanqa ta' hmar qatt ma telghet is-sema/The braying of a donkey has under no circumstances reached up to the heavens, meaning the pleas from the frequent individuals are hardly ever heeded

Mitt hmar, mitt kappes tru, a hundred asses, a hundred head-harnesses, meaning different individuals have different tips

It-tagħlim fil-kbir, qris fil-hmir/Teaching an old particular person is like pinching donkeys, which means it really is incredibly challenging to teach new points to an old person. Nowadays this notion has changed using the introduction of life-long learning.

Baqra tajba f'pajizha tinbiegh/A very good cow is frequently sold in its personal locality, which means that an excellent solution will not be difficult to sell (appreciative remark) or conversely, there is no demand for any bad commodity (deprecatory remark)

Il-baqra kollha tinbiegh/All components on the cow are sold, meaning that you simply meet all types of people people who like this and those who feel otherwise.

Il-Kelb il-mismut, kull ilma jahsbu mishun, which means as soon as bitten twice shy

Other Maltese Proverbs

Iddardarx l-Għajn li tixrob minnha - Do not disturb the stream that you just drink from, meaning leave properly alone

Bus id li tixtieqha maqtugħa - Kiss a hand that you simply would wish to see chopped off, meaning make sacrifices to keep issues moving smoothly

Turix idek il-leminja lix-xellugija/Do not show your proper hand to the left, meaning the much less people today know about you, the much better or by no means brag about what you'll be able to do.

Fejn thobb il-qalb jimxu r-riglejn/The legs stick to where the heart beats, which means we like to do what our heart and mind wish, be it love, function or play

Għidli ma' min tagħmilha u ngħidlek x'int/Tell me about your pals and I'll let you know what you're, meaning our character and behaviour are greatly affected by the business we retain

Li jkollok mid-dar iggibu/What you own, you bring from home, meaning we inherit our personality and character traits from our parents

Gid il-biezel kielu l-ghazzen/the fruit of your diligent is in some cases gobbled up by some lazy person.

Qis mitt darba u aqta' darba/Measure carefully for 100 instances and cut only once, which means Appear twice before you leap

Min tafu tistaqsix għalih/Do not ask after somebody you already know, meaning steer clear of a negative character once and for all

Il-bniedem jipproponi u Alla jiddisponi/Man proposes and God disposes

L-essenza fil-fliexken iz-zgħar/The essence is usually located in compact phials, meaning that stature is just not normally crucial

Tgħatti x-xemx bl-għarbiel/Keeping out with the sun below cover of a sieve, which means it's futile to try to hide what is common knowledge

Iz-zmien hu l-akbar Għalliem/Time may be the greatest teacher

Aħjar habib fis-suq milli mitt skud fis-senduq/It is much better to possess a buddy at the market-place than a single hundred pounds in your coffers

Ftit isib hbieb tassew/true good friends are extremely really hard to come by

Bil-Qatra l-qatra timtela l-garra/The jar fills slowly drop by drop, meaning that when you save the pennies you bank the pounds

Il-Garra geġja w seġra fl-aħħar tinkiser - the pitcher that is definitely continually moved from spot to location is bound to break in the finish, which means that illicit behaviour is bound to catch up together with the individual sooner or later.



' Comino Island & Gozo '

By Prince Cassius – Froland ****

A very early start gave us 3 full days in Malta and I regret to say it simply was not enough. As the purpose of our trip was to see as much as possible our time was rather jam packed. So after a busy first day in Malta, I woke up fresh and excited for a new day to begin. We took a day trip on a two boats departing from Tunny Net Mellieha to Comino island, the Comino caves and Blue Lagoon. Such a breathtaking view and experience.

We arrived at Blue Lagoon for some swimming. We came to a beach like no place before a true definition

of Maltese landscapes with soft warm sands, clear blue ocean it was so beautiful that everyone stopped for a second to take it all in. Gozo is a slightly smaller island than Malta where the Maltese like to go there for the weekends. You can get there by taking a ferry that goes between Malta and Gozo.

If you're looking for a unique experience in Europe, then the island nation of Malta has a big reputation for providing unique experiences to international tourists. The island is filled with rich divine history, religion, tradition, culture, food, warm weather and not to forget the political sites this island nation has captured the imagination of visitors for hundreds of years. With plenty to see and do, a trip to Malta in my eyes is a place to visit, experience and to remember.

For lunch we arrived to Ta Mena Estate for traditional food cooking competition. The competition saw five teams competing for the best tasting dish which was judged by the fantastic Chef George - author of the cookery book 'The Gonzo Table'

The cooking was such a wonderful experience for the team to bond individually and together. I was so proud of everyone although it was day 2 we all felt connected - I mean we were cooking each other food and dishes. Team UK were just magnificent because we cooked one of the most tastiest dishes "Chicken and Beef/ Chicken and Pork" with potatoes and the sweetest salad in Maltese "Tigiega Biz-zalzett Malti" already feeling hungry.

I really grew fond of the Maltese people, first of all because they're really nice people (and I don't say that just because I know they'll read this) but also because they tell you what there is to see/visit/eat... and also what to avoid which wasn't much. I would definitely recommend Malta to a variety of different clients as it truly versatile – far more so than you'd expect! I didn't realize that is it actually the SECOND safest country in Europe which is a fantastic bonus.

Before I went I thought it was probably better suited to older clients but it is actually fine for all ages. Nightlife on the island is great as there is a selection of nightclubs and bars. All in all there is something for everyone, whether you're into history, food, spa treatments or just a bit of relaxation in the sun. On top of all this you can fly to Malta from 18 different UK airports and it only takes about 3-3.5 hours in flying time.

****Froland is a municipality in Aust-Agder county, Norway. It is part of the traditional region of Sørlandet. The administrative center is the village of Blakstad, which along with Osedalen form the main population center of the municipality. Wikipedia

Keith's Pudina tal-Hobz (Maltese Bread Pudding)



I've yet to meet anyone who doesn't like bread pudding. This is my interpretation of this frugal classic and includes a few tweaks that wouldn't look out of place in a Maltese bakery. Just make sure you use a large loaf of stale bread. A baguette or ciabatta simply wouldn't work. Keep it in a biscuit tin in a cool dry place and it'll keep for 3-4 days.

Ingredients:

450g stale crusty bread, crust included
750ml milk, semi-skimmed or full fat
100g sultanas
3 tbsp Amaretto or orange liqueur (optional)
1 tbsp mixed spice
2 tbsp cocoa powder
1 tspn cornflour
3 tbsp dark brown sugar
1 medium egg
1 egg yolk
50g dark chocolate, broken into small chunks
Finely grated zest of 1 unwaxed orange,
8 glacé cherries, halved

Things to prepare in advance:

1. (1 hour – overnight prior) Place sultanas in a bowl, add amaretto or orange liqueur, stir, cover and allow to sit at room temp. This step is optional.
2. 30 mins in advance: Tear up the bread into chunks into a large mixing bowl, pour over the milk and allow to soak at room temp for 30 minutes, stirring halfway through. Preheat oven to 220C, grease a 16*16cm cake tin/baking tray with melted butter (I use a silicone tray).
3. Ensure that the bread is fully soaked in the milk before stirring in sultanas with a wooden spoon. Then add all of the remaining ingredients one at a time (except for the cherries), ensuring that each is well mixed before adding the next. You should be left with a wet, thick mixture. If it's too dry add a little water, if it's too wet add a little cornflour.
4. Pour the mixture into the cake tin/tray, smooth out the top with a wooden spoon and top with the cherries evenly spaced as in the photo. Place cake tin onto a baking tray in the centre of the oven and bake for 40-45 minutes or until it's cooked through. Place a knife into the centre and it should come out dry.
5. Once cooled, slice into 16 squares and enjoy!!

Mintoff, Thatcher meeting: agitation over war wrecks



Recently declassified papers shed light on 1984 meeting of two PMs - Dom Mintoff (Malta) and Margaret Thatcher (United Kingdom).

An agitated meeting held two months before Dom Mintoff stepped down as prime minister saw Margaret Thatcher secretly admit that he was right in asking the UK to solve its war wrecks problem.

The meeting was held in October of 1984, at a time when Church-State relations in Malta had deteriorated and nearly three years after Labour won a majority of seats in Parliament despite failing to get the majority of votes. Dom Mintoff had actually asked for a meeting in July, asking to see Mrs Thatcher within a week. But she showed “considerable reluctance”, partly because it was unclear why Mr Mintoff wanted to meet.

The account of the meeting between the two premiers is documented in files released recently in the UK which were passed on to the Times of Malta by Tommy Norton, a London-based Gibraltar researcher and journalist. Mrs Thatcher’s private secretary, Charles Powell, writes that on October 3, 1984, she met Mr Mintoff, his Foreign Minister, Alex Sciberras Trigona, and Acting High Commissioner Frank Cassar.

Mrs Thatcher began by asking Mr Mintoff about the problems between the Church and State in Malta. He noted that he would reach a settlement and that it was a minor problem, but he also hit back, noting that he hoped Mrs Thatcher would be able to settle the miners’ strike quickly. The detailed account of their conversation mentions that a particular problem for Malta was that of bombs and wrecks in Grand Harbour. Malta had invested in port installations that could not be used unless the channels were dredged. This, in turn, could not be done until the bombs and wrecks were cleared.

Although one may dislike his modus operandi, he is a patriot and by his own lights is doing his best for Malta The only reply Mr Mintoff received was that Sir Geoffrey Howe, then Foreign Secretary, would consider whether Britain could help over a further survey. In keeping with her brief, Mrs Thatcher said she had nothing to add.

“Mr Mintoff found this unsatisfactory. This was a far more important problem for Malta than the Church issue,” Mr Powell wrote. Later he noted: “Mr Mintoff, who became steadily more agitated, said variously that there was no point in a further survey unless it was clear that the UK would subsequently help clear the bombs and wrecks...”

Mr Mintoff threatened to raise the matter with the appropriate international bodies and said that he would seek help elsewhere. If Mrs Thatcher expected him to be satisfied with the consideration of a survey, “she took him for a bigger mug than he was.” Mr Mintoff is described by Mr Powell as grumbling that the outcome of the talks was unsatisfactory and that he would have to seriously consider Malta’s next steps.

But Mr Powell adds in his confidential document to Colin Budd, from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office: “The Prime Minister observed to me afterwards that although she had abided resolutely by the recommended line on bombs and wrecks, she thought that the Maltese were justified in looking to us for help in solving the problem”.

A Whole New Level of Boardroom Buzz

Industry leader, Charles Figallo of Basetec Group has taken the DRSC boardroom buzz program to a whole new level by hosting a cocktail function complete with entertainment, to showcase the work of Reserves to South Australian business leaders.

140 guests gathered at the Riverside Cafe in central Adelaide to hear the key note address by Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AC about the importance of the ADF Reserves to Defence's future.

DRSC SA Chair Dr Andrew Cannon AM explained the Total Work Force Model and the skill sharing that will increase between Defence and Industry and Lieutenant Colonel Jake Kearsley explained the importance of support from employers and the role of the Adelaide Universities Regiment in preparing Reserve recruits for officer roles. Kevin DeCean Chairman SA Business Development Group and Soufiane Rboub Chairman of the Australian Arab Chamber of Commerce spoke to the importance of networking functions such as this.

A great time was had by all. The entertainment was provided by Divine Sister Grace who gave a stirring rendition of the National Anthem and some nostalgic Vera Lynn covers. Everyone agreed that "We shall meet again" soon.

A huge thank you to Charles, our most supportive ambassador. DRS signed on 13 new Supportive Employers that night with more to follow in the future.



L-R: Soufiane Rboub, Dr Andrew Cannon AM, Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AC CSC RANR, LTCOL Jake Kearsley, Kevin DeCean and Charles Figallo with the performer.

THANKS TO ALL OUR CONTRIBUTORS



The Maltese are everywhere

by Andrew Borg Cardona



Most Maltese stay put, but you'll still find them the world over.

Despite Malta having a small population, it's not unusual to stumble across a Maltese person in the most unexpected of places around the world. Perhaps the claustrophobia of

life on a tiny island makes some get itchy feet and roam the world.

Having been on the move overseas working on international human rights issues, I've often found myself in the remotest of places yet even then, I've come across a Maltese person or someone who knows one. They say that there are six degrees of separation between every person on earth. At times like those, I think there are even fewer.

Once, I was on a secluded beach in northern Colombia. I had just come back from a conflict zone and decided to chill out a bit. Getting to the Tayrona area required a very long journey on some rickety buses. Once I got to my chosen secluded bus stop, I walked for about four hours and arrived at a beach. Without piped water and electricity, it was totally cut off from the world... or so I thought!

I met an Irish girl who was living in a nearby little village and when I told her I was Maltese, she said: "Yeah, I know a Maltese guy who lives in the nearby village of Taganga. He's a diving instructor!" The guy turned out to be the son of a friend of mine who owns the bar next to my house in Malta. I'd once shared a hospital room with him after smashing my knee.

Another time through my job, I met a Maltese priest who was working in Burundi with the same humanitarian agency I was. While in Africa, he'd met a Maltese nun who was working in Tanzania – the sister of my mum's best friend.

I was once in London for a meeting, and since I was working for a low-budget NGO, I decided to stay at the house of a former colleague; an Australian who'd worked with me in India. As I was preparing to go to the airport, an English friend of her flatmate walked through the door. During a brief chat, he said he was pleasantly surprised to find out I was from Malta, and told me he knew a Maltese person very well. It turned out his friend is the brother of a former class-mate of mine.

On a train in London, without me even opening my mouth, a little Maltese kid looked at me and told his mum: that guy looks Maltese! But how can a Maltese person be recognisable from other Mediterranean people without us even opening our mouths? Indeed, I can generally tell a Maltese person from a Sicilian or a Tunisian (our closest neighbours) – but somehow the only people I mistake for Maltese without them being so are the Lebanese. Perhaps our Phoenician roots are evident after all.

Maltese people are everywhere! And soon we may also have the first Maltese on Everest. It's probably the only spot on earth never to have been set foot on by a Maltese person; but not for long!

Photo: Walter Lo Cascio



1975 blast that killed four Maltese ‘like atomic explosion’ in Libya

The Times of Malta front page from August 7, 1975, featuring the story ‘Libya explosion victims brought to Malta: “We were like a family,” survivors cry’.

An engineer who had been standing not far from an explosion off Libya that killed four Maltese in 1975 still remembers vividly the mushrooming cloud of smoke and the blackened corpses.

The tragedy features in the published memoirs of Roger Ley, who, 40 years ago, was working as a gas turbine mechanic and saw the blast on August 3.

“It looked like an atomic explosion, a perfect mushroom cloud with the Francis Holmes at the base. I had not heard

the explosion over the noise of the turbines that I was working on,” Roger Ley write in his *book A horse in the morning*.

Recounting salient episodes in his life, ranging from his brief “interaction” with the British royal family as a newborn to life at 66, the failed astronaut’s collection of memories is being sold in aid of charity. He dedicates a whole chapter to his recollection of the Francis Holmes blast when he was working at the Zueitina oil and gas terminal.

There were 16 people on the ship when the explosion happened at 10.20am as the vessel was about three miles off Libya. Eleven were Maltese, four of whom died. Two Britons were also killed.

Two mechanics went on board to load the bodies. Sometime later, I asked one of them how he felt about it and he said he was still having nightmares

When the bodies of Michael Bonett and Michael Vella, both from Sliema, were brought to Malta 40 years ago to the day, the **Times of Malta** reported that a young man, one of the survivors, stumbled down the aircraft steps and lay sobbing heavily on the ground. “We were like a family,” the survivors said when they landed in Malta, where anxious wives and relatives welcomed them.



Roger Ley’s published memoir *A horse in the morning* includes his recollection of an explosion off Libya in 1975 that killed four Maltese men.

The sad crowd at the airport Arrivals Hall included heartbroken parents, relatives and friends tearfully waiting for the corpses of the deceased. One of these, Mr Vella, had left for Libya just a week before he died.

The other casualties were John Bondin of Valletta, Carmel Sammut of Sliema and John McClellan and Barry Caire, both from the UK.

The master of the ship, who was on leave when tragedy struck, told this newspaper that the force of the explosion was such that a driver ended up on the bridge and the engineer and the captain were found on the boat deck. The boatswain and diving superintendent were thrown about 300 metres away from the ship.

Mr Ley witnessed this from the shore. It “looked like a nuclear explosion” and there was little to be done, except taking the body bags and bringing the dead and injured ashore.

Two bodies were found floating, two were washed ashore and another two blackened corpses were found on deck. Two mechanics went on board the stricken ship to load the bodies. “Sometime later, I asked one of them how he felt about it and he said he was still having nightmares,” Mr Ley recounts in his book. The vessel still lies partially buried at the beach in Zueitina.

The book **A horse in the morning** is available on Amazon as a Kindle download. All profits will go to the Smile Train charity for children with facial deformities.

Mr Ley, a graduate engineer and teacher from the UK, believes the book could be of interest to those working in the oil industry and others interested in the olden days.

Since the incident, Mr Ley has been to Malta on holiday with his wife and two sons and remembers the love of the Maltese for children. "I always remember getting on the buses, the ones with the holy pictures and statues. As soon as you got on, if there were no free seats, people would just take your children off you and give them sweets. It was lovely," he recalled.



David Plowman: Child migrant became IR expert 1942-2013

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From 2002, through to its disbanding in 2009, he was chairman of the Child Migrants of Malta organisation, raising awareness of Maltese child migrants and lobbying on their behalf concerning their past treatment. In 2012, he was made a Member of the Order of Australia for this work.

David Henry Plowman was born on April 9, 1942 at the Intafa Military Hospital in Malta, the second of three sons to Harold Plowman, an English soldier who had married a Maltese woman, Josephine Cassar. After the war the family moved to England, but because David and his brother Jim had respiratory problems it was decided that Josephine and the boys would return to Malta. Although Harold was supposed to join the family, he never appeared.

Jim concluded that there was no future for them in Malta and persuaded David that they should move to Australia as child migrants. They did not travel together as David suffered an injury and needed to recover before he could travel, so Jim arrived in Fremantle in 1953 and David joined him three months later. They were two of 310 Maltese child migrants who found their way to Australia between 1950 and 1965. Eight years later, David and Jim sponsored Josephine and younger brother Richard to join them.

After David arrived in Australia he was moved to Tardun, 480 kilometres north of Perth, and attended St Mary's Agricultural College. He maintained contact with the school all his life and in 2003 published a history of the school, *Enduring Struggle: St Mary's Tardun Farm School*, celebrating its 75th anniversary.

After St Mary's, Plowman went to teachers' college and won a scholarship for a Master of Arts in Industrial Relations at the University of Melbourne. In 1973, he married Catherine Burke after meeting her at a church social club.

At the end of the 1970s, Plowman was employed in the Department of Industrial Relations at the University of NSW. In time, he became a professor of industrial relations and was appointed head of the School of Industrial Relations and Organisational Behaviour. In 1993, he went back to Western Australia as the director of the Graduate School of Management (now called the Business School) at the University of Western Australia.

In late 2013, Plowman received the University of WA Chancellor's Medal and the Dean's Award from the Business School of the University of WA. He was also the founding editor of *The Economic and Labour Relations Review*, which has now run for 25 years.

Plowman approached life with enthusiasm and energy. He was an energetic and hard-working scholar, and an able and forthright administrator. His approach to everyone was simple, genuine and courteous. He liked helping others and was never happier than when one of his students reported back to him about their progress. Even as he approached death, all he wanted to do was to hear news, talk and laugh about old times from visitors, saying nothing about himself. He was one of life's gentlemen.

David Plowman is survived by Catherine, children Michael and Emily and granddaughter Ella Rose.

The Sydney Morning Herald

Remember when milk and bread were home delivered?

by: Bob Byrne From: *The Advertiser*

REMEMBER the days when you didn't need to pop down the supermarket for the bare essentials? Remember the days when Adelaide was serviced by milkmen and bread trucks? Today, we take a look back at the great old days of service home delivery.

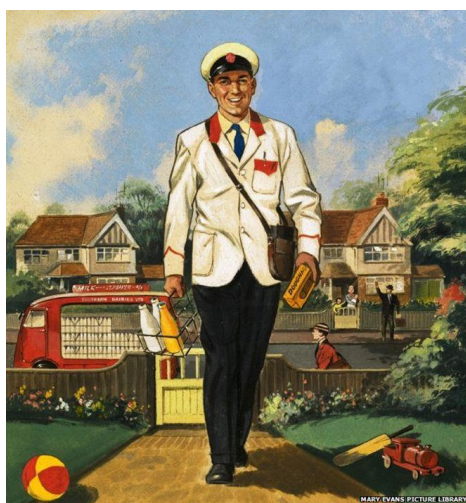


THE BAKERY TRUCK - REMEMBER when hot, fresh, crusty bread was delivered by horse and cart every day right to your home? Some bread deliveries were still using a horse right up until the early '70s and beyond. The horse got to know the route so well, and knew exactly when and where to stop, allowing the bread delivery man (or woman) to make four or five stops before returning to the cart to refill their big wicker bread basket and continue their delivery run. If you were lucky, there was sometimes the bonus of a fresh yeast finger bun, or even a ride in the cart! And if dad was lucky, there was a bonus for him too...some fresh horse fertiliser for the veggie patch!

I did say bread man or woman. This photo, from *The Advertiser's* photo archives, shows one Mrs. Pat Brant, of North Glenelg, learning her new bread delivery round. Can you remember the smell of the hot bread wafting up the street? In those days bread did not have the many preservatives used today, so after just a day or so, the bread would become stale and mum would make a bread and butter pudding, which would be served with homemade custard. Nothing, especially food, was ever wasted!



Actual caption from *The Advertiser*, 1966. "One of SA's first women bread carters, Mrs. Pat Brant, of North Glenelg, started learning her rounds yesterday. Mrs Brant is one of five women taken on by Opie Brothers Bakery Ltd. The women will work mainly on domestic rounds with only a small number of wholesale deliveries a day 27 Apr 1966". Source: Supplied



THE 'MILKY' - Then there was the 'milky'. Remember the chinking of glass bottles each morning as the milky arrived to exchange the empties for full ones. I don't know if my memory is playing tricks on me, but I'm sure the milk was creamier then, especially if you were lucky enough to be the first to remove the silver top lid. Milkies also used the horse and cart for deliveries for many years, and again right up to the '70s, because it was so convenient. Does anyone still have milk deliveries in Adelaide anymore? Do you know when they ended? The milk would have been processed by AMSCOL, the Adelaide Milk Supply Co Operative Limited. Remember the factory in Carrington Street in the city? Amscol was set up by Adelaide's dairy farmers in the '20s to process daily milk supplies. And of course Amscol made other treats, too, like the ice cream brick, Amscol Dandies, Twin Chocs and Berry Bars.



ST CATHERINE DINNER DANCE

On the 12th of November 2016, the Maltese community of South Australia held a ball, conducted by the St Catherine's Society of South Australia. It was attended by approximately 320 people. The function was held at the Sicilian Club of Adelaide. The work and the effort of the committee was overwhelming. They went to extraordinary lengths to make sure the night was a great success.

Some of the night's achievements at the event were the number of Members of Parliament who attended, Mayors and many business leaders. Great recognition was given by all, and for the first time, a lot of new people got to experience some of Malta's culture, and the potential of tourism and business with Malta. Some of those who attended and took up tables were the following: Knights of Malta, Military Defence Reserves, Australian American Association, Leonardo DaVinci Lodge, Arab, French and Polish Chambers of Commerce.

The special guests for the evening were Chev. Frank L Scicluna, Hon. Consul for Malta in South Australia, Hon Zoe Battison MP, Minister for Multiculturalism, Hon Michael Atkinson, Speaker of the House of Representatives in South Australian Parliament, Hon Jing Lee MLC, Shadow Minister for Multiculturalism and Cr Edgar Agius, President of the Maltese Community Council of SA.

I was so proud and honoured to be the major sponsor on the night. My sincere gratitude goes to all of the committee members.

Best regards,

Chev. Charles Figallo OSJ Chief Executive Officer





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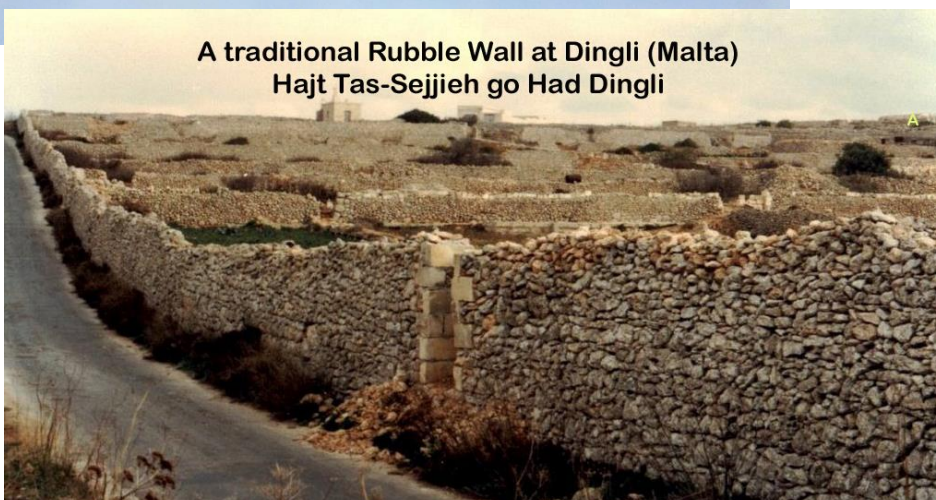
Carnival of Malta - S. L. Cassar (1855-1928).jpg

Carnival 1909



Typical evening drinks. :) All produced in Malta. Cisk (pronounced chisk) was a very popular beer. La Valette is the standard house wine. Many of the inexpensive wines are made in Malta using imported grapes.

A traditional Rubble Wall at Dingli (Malta)
Hajt Tas-Sejjieh go Had Dingli



**Fl-okkażjoni tal-kxif tal-Mafkar
f'għieh Mons Isqof
Nikol G. Cauchi
4 Dicembru 2016**



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bla tnikkir u telf ta' ħin!

Monsinjur Nikola Cauchi
kien il-ħabib ta' kulħadd;
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u il-bieb m'għalaq f'wiċċ ħadd!

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b'wirt ħallielna għadd ta' kotba
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Jien niftakru bniedem twajjeb,
umli, dħuli u sinċier;

xejn imkabbar, imma għaref,
edukat, ħelu, ċajtjer.

Lili għallem, għarras, żewweġ,
qribu kont inkun ta' spiss –
dawn il-versi qed niktiblu
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Issa l-Isqof Cauchi telaq
U mar fid-dar tal-Missier
Illi fih dejjem intreħa
B'fidi soda daqs ta' plier!

Iżda kull xħin aħna ngħaddu
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Minn ta' ħajtu xi mument!

Bħala nsara aħna għandna
Dmir niftakru fil-mejtin –
Nitolbuk Mulej, lill-Isqof
Daħlu fis mal-Qaddisin!

Kav Joe M Attard Gozo Malta

Bishop's Biography

- Born, Għarb, Gozo, 2 March 1929
- Ordained priest, Cathedral, Gozo, 29 March 1952
Consecrated as Tit Bishop of Vicus Augusti and Apostolic Administrator for Gozo on 9 April 1967, Second Sunday after Easter in Rabat, Gozo, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Cathedral, by Martin J. O'Connor, Tit Archbp of Laodicea, Apostolic Nuncio for Malta; assisted by Salvatore Nicolosi, Bp of Lipari Isles, and by Francesco Ricceri, Bp of Trapani
- Elected Bishop of Gozo 20 July 1972
- Solemn entry Cathedral, Gozo, 10 September 1972
- Died Mater Dei Hospital, Malta, 15 November 2010