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Cisk Lager - Pure Mediterranean Gold

How much a phone call – THE JOKE FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY



An American decided to write a book about famous churches around the world. So he bought a plane ticket and took a trip to Orlando, thinking that he would start by working his way across the USA from South to North.

On his first day he was inside a church taking photographs, when he noticed a golden telephone mounted on the wall with a sign that read '\$10,000 per call'.

The American, being intrigued, asked a priest who was strolling by, what the telephone was used for.

The priest replied that it was a direct line to heaven and that for \$10,000 you could talk to God.

The American thanked the priest and went along his way.

Next stop was in Atlanta. There, at a very large cathedral, he saw the same looking golden

telephone with the same sign under it. He wondered if this was the same kind of telephone he saw in Orlando and he asked a nearby nun what its purpose was.

She told him that it was a direct line to heaven and that for \$10,000 he could talk to God. 'O.K., thank you,' said the American.

He then travelled all across America, Europe, England, Japan, New Zealand.. In every church he saw the same looking golden telephone, with the same '\$US10,000 per call' sign under it. The American decided to travel to Australia to see if Australians had the same phone. He arrived at Newcastle in Australia and again, in the first church he entered, there was the same looking golden telephone, but this time the sign under it read, '40 cents per call.'

The American was surprised, so he asked the priest about the sign. 'Father, I've travelled all over the world and I've seen this same golden telephone in many churches. I'm told that it is a direct line to Heaven, but in all of them, the price was \$10,000 per call.'

'Why is it so cheap here?' The priest smiled and answered, 'You're in Australia now, son – **"This is Heaven, so it's a local call!"**

Sent to us by Harry Bugeja



SIMMONDS FARSONS CISK – MALTESE BREWERY

Although Simonds Farsons Cisk are best known as brewers of the multi-award winning Cisk Lager, this world famous brewery also has a long tradition of brewing high quality Ales and Stouts. The Brewery had been founded with the help of the famous Augustiner brewery, whose influence gives Cisk its distinctive taste. Cisk has been described by Lager experts as having delicate pale malt and a gentle hoppy spiciness. Very subtle with just a hint of

vanilla.

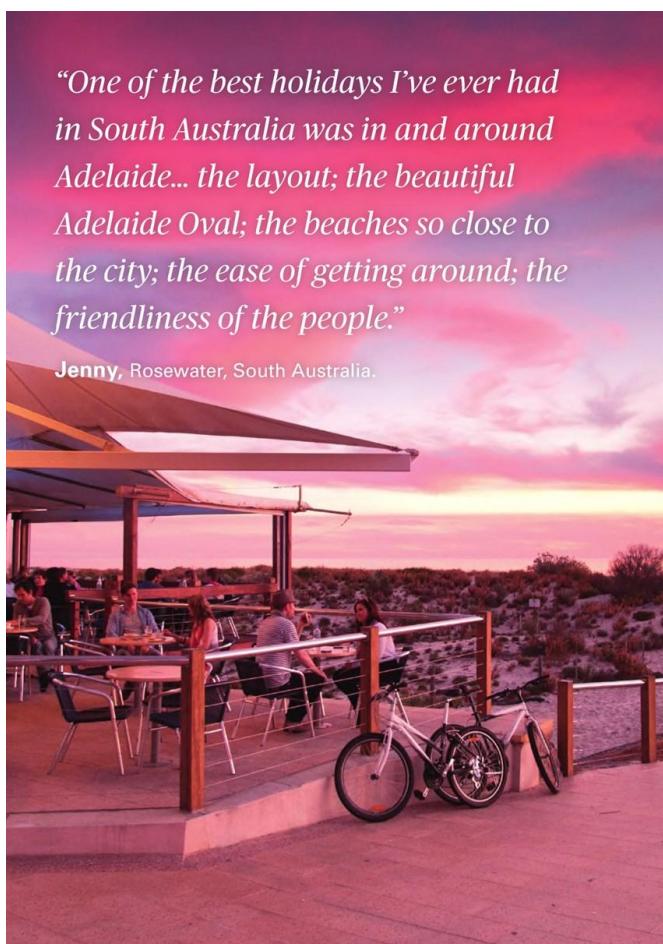
Millions of people love Cisk:

20 million tourists have already enjoyed the delicious taste of Cisk. People who enjoyed a Cisk in a bar in St Julian's or in their hotel in Bugibba wanted to buy Cisk in the UK and revive memories of their fabulous Maltese holiday. It was these reasons which lay behind the decision to finally launch Cisk Export 5% Bottled Lager in this country.

Award Winning:

The Cisk Lager range has won a number of prestigious brewing awards including: The Best Lager in the World's 2007 World Brewing Awards and Silver in the Brewing Industry International Lager category. The awards were due to the brewery's commitment to the principles of genuine Mediterranean lager making. In addition Cisk Lager has gained major exposure as the sponsor of the Malta International Rugby Union team. Cisk Export is an authentic Lager, brewed in the heart of Malta and is the true Mediterranean Gold. Web: www.farsons.com/uk

ADELAIDE- -BEAUTIFUL ONE DAY.....



“One of the best holidays I’ve ever had in South Australia was in and around Adelaide... the layout; the beautiful Adelaide Oval; the beaches so close to the city; the ease of getting around; the friendliness of the people.”

Jenny, Rosewater, South Australia.

Adelaide is a city for inquisitive minds. Rolling down from the hills, on the way to the sea, Adelaide rises from the plain. From here, in this quintessential small modern city, a never-ending supply of surprises awaits those who wish to find them.

Filled with amazing things that exist in little lanes, out the back of big institutions, or just below the city surface – it rewards people who wander and inquire; who chat and be curious, by opening out and welcoming newcomers into the fold.

The Adelaide coast – which you can reach in less than half an hour – is one of the most beautiful in the world. Our food and wine regions are some of the globe’s most prolific and delicious. Visit the Adelaide Zoo and you’ll find the only giant pandas in the entire southern hemisphere.

Kangaroo Island is a pristine glimpse into Australia’s wild, pre-human past. Adelaide’s small laneway bars are fiercely nonchalant and moodily lit. Our events and festivals – which include everything from the revhead-fest that is the Clipsal 500 to the beloved, peaceful world music celebration at WOMADelaide – are experiences that cannot be found anywhere else in Australia. But defining the city by these surface charms glosses over its deeper charisma.

Scott Hicks – a South Australian native and the director of such internationally-renowned films as Shine and Hearts in Atlantis – says Adelaide "is a city that is defined by its arts and culture". Better wine, better food, better art. In Adelaide, the new guard are always pushing up against the old – and everyone has something to prove. So day by day, they make better things – be it better wine, better food, better art, better dresses, better playgrounds or better venues. With so much passion, we can't wait to share what we do with you – so if you ask, chances are you'll get more of answer than you bargained for.

Australian of Year 2014: Adam Goodes, Sydney Swans footballer, recognised for anti-racism advocacy



Aboriginal AFL player and anti-racism campaigner Adam Goodes has been named the 2014 Australian of the Year.

Prime Minister Tony Abbott presented Goodes with the award at a ceremony on the lawns outside Parliament House attended by a large crowd of dignitaries and fellow award finalists.

Goodes, a Sydney Swans legend and dual AFL premiership winner, was chosen from a diverse field of nominees that represented the scientific and medical communities, the arts and community groups.

According to the National Australia Day Council, Goodes was chosen "for his leadership and advocacy in the fight against racism both on the sporting field and within society - a stance which has won him the admiration and respect of people around Australia". The two-time Brownlow Medallist won recognition last year for his stance against racism after a 13-year-old girl called him an "ape" during an AFL game at the MCG.

Commission vote for Gozitan nun to be declared Venerable



A commission of cardinals and bishops has voted in favour of the pope declaring Gozitan nun Madre Margerita De Brincat venerable.

The vote will be presented to Pope Francis.

Once she is declared Venerable, the only remaining factor for Madre de Brincat to be declared Blessed would be a miracle with her intercession.

The Sacred Congregation for the Causes of Saints voted positively this morning in favour of the heroic virtues of the Servant of God Madre Margerita De Brincat, foundress of the Congregation of the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

This now means that Pope Francis will be signing the decree proclaiming her Venerable.

This morning the Cardinals and Bishops within the Congregation of the Causes of Saints in Rome met in ordinary session of judgement about whether the Pope should declare the Servant of God Madre Margherita De Brincat, daughter of the Gozo diocese, as Venerable. This session was led by Cardinal J. Harvey and also present was Fr Gianni Califano Postulator OFM.

Today's vote on the heroic virtues of Madre Margerita, follows the proposals submitted by a commission of nine Cardinals that assembled last April at the Sacred Congregation for the Causes of Saints at Rome, when they unanimously decided in favour of the heroic virtues of the Servant of God Mother Margherita DeBrincat.

The next step is for the result of the vote to be given to Pope Francis, who on the advice of the Congregation will sign the official decree which will declare Madre Margerita De Brincat as Venerable. At that point a miracle through the intercession of Mother Margherita is the next step that will lead to her beatification and declared Blessed.

A Prayer Vigil was held yesterday at the Church of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in Palm Street, Victoria, where Madre Margerita lived for so many years, and is now buried. The Bishop of Gozo Mgr Mario Grech said that this is a "historic day for the Church in Gozo, because for the first time in history, a daughter of the Diocese of Gozo lies so close to the glory of the altars." Mother Margherita De Brincat was born on November 28 1862 and passed away on January the 22nd 1952.

Son of Maltese migrants who hunted down 'Wolf of Wall Street'

American financial regulator Joseph Borg is not featured anywhere in new Scorsese movie, despite having brought down Wall Street scammer



Malta Today - Matthew Vella

Joseph Borg is the son of two Maltese immigrants whose zeal for justice brought down the man dubbed the 'Wolf of Wall Street', features nowhere in the new Martin Scorsese movie, starring Leonardo di Caprio in the role of the ruthless Jordan Belfort.

But it was Joseph P. Borg, a New Yorker born to Maltese immigrants Philip J. Borg and Dorothy Chircop, who as Alabama Securities Commission chief targeted Belfort's firm Stratton Oakmont in 1995.

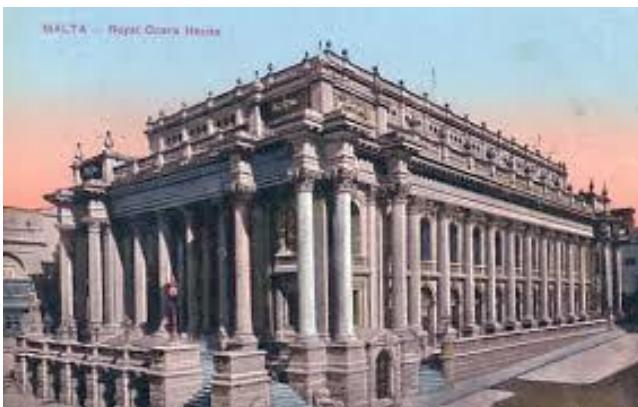
Borg had then led a multistate task force that shut down the noted New York boiler room that perpetrated one of the oldest scams in stock market history: buying up tonnes of shares in small, start-up companies whose shares traded thinly and at just a few cents each, then hard-sell these shares to retail clients and innocent investors to raise the share value; and finally sell the stock before the new buyers catch on to the fraud.

Belfort's 'pump and dump' scheme is illustrated in Scorsese's new movie, enduringly portraying the way he devised his 'Kodak pitch' to reel in investors to buy the cheap stock.

But Borg thinks that Belfort, whose memoirs were recently published and provided the script for Scorsese's movie, says he never heard Belfort being referred to by the nickname 'Wolf'. "He thinks Belfort invented the 'Wolf' nickname himself. 'I have to give him credit,' Borg says. 'He's not stupid.' " Borg told CNN.

"If we're going to glorify the Wolf of Wall Street maybe cockroaches of Wall Street would be better," Borg told Redding.com. "I think by glorifying this we're sending the wrong message to especially our younger business folks that, hey so he spent some time in jail, maybe it's worth it if I can get a book deal or movie deal."

OPEN AIR THEATRE IN VALLETTA - the old and the new- what a difference!!!



Pjazza Teatru Rjal, the open theatre on the ruins of the former Opera House in Valletta, was officially inaugurated in August 2013.

President George Abela and the Parliamentary Secretary for Culture, Jose' Herrera, presided over the ceremony.

The theatre is the second stage of the designs for City Gate by architect Renzo Piano, the first having been Piazza de Valette, inaugurated some months ago. Rapid progress is being made on the remaining major features of the project - the new Parliament House and the 'gate', with the new narrow bridge over the ditch practically completed.

The open theatre hosted its first activities over Christmas and was also the venue of many activities of the Malta Arts Festival last month.

The ceremony included a concert by the European Youth Orchestra, formed of 125 young musicians from all the EU member states, including three from Malta.

Parliamentary Secretary Herrera said that the government had decided to maintain the Piano designs untouched and was therefore not planning a roof over the theatre despite the raging controversy some months ago.

The theatre project included excavation to create changing rooms, wardrobes and space for equipment underground behind the theatre between the Church of Our Lady of Victory and Piazza de Valette. The remaining ruins of the old theatre were cleaned and restored, including the former ticket offices at the front, which housed small shops for several years.

WW1 trooper who rewrote history books

Historians always assumed soldiers of the Great War did not undergo heart surgery - new research shows they were wrong



Left: the great granddaughter of Trooper Martin and Norman Briffa, heart surgeon. Right: Trooper Martin

By Lord Ashcroft 04 Jan 2014

It is a tale of First World War bravery and innovative surgery that has emerged nearly a century later after a chance encounter between strangers.

Norman Briffa, a consultant cardiac surgeon, was asked to give a talk in September 2011 to the patrons of a

Sheffield theatre company. After he had finished his History Of Surgery lecture, audience member, Sheila Hobson, questioned his assertion that wounded soldiers had not had heart surgery until the Second World War.

Although she had no medical training, Mrs Hobson insisted it had long been known within her family that her great uncle, Trooper Robert Martin, had undergone and survived major heart surgery during the First World War after being wounded. Mr Briffa told Mrs Hobson that he "respectfully doubted" her claims but, because of her insistence and his interest, he asked her to supply details so that he could investigate. She said that her great uncle, Trooper Robert Martin, had undergone and survived major heart surgery during the First World War after being wounded. Sure enough, after extensive inquiries, he managed to unearth documents written at the time that proved that Mrs Hobson's claims were accurate and, in her words, medical history "will have to be rewritten".

Meanwhile, Mr Briffa was so touched by his discoveries about Trooper Martin that he has paid his respects to the heart patient he never knew by visiting his overseas grave. Robert Hugh Martin was shot in the chest during the Salonika Campaign, in what is now Thessaloniki, Greece on November 14, 1917 – his 21st birthday. He was transferred to Malta then known as the Nurse of the Mediterranean. Treatment was limited at the time and underwent complex heart surgery in early 1918, after medical experts concluded that without such treatment he would die. Although the operation was successful, Trooper Martin contracted an infection that claimed his life. He died on March 14, 1918, still aged 21. Mr Briffa said the amazing efforts of the heroic British army surgeons in treating heart injuries were largely forgotten. "Trooper Martin died only because antibiotics had not yet been invented. Now I feel sure similar efforts took place in other theatres of the Great War and that there were long-term survivors." Source and read more: www.timesofmalta.com



Malta, Gallipoli and an Australian country town called Yass (NSW) 1915

Private Roy Howard Denning landed at Gallipoli on 25 April 1915. He was wounded on 16 June and sent to Malta to recuperate, where he wrote to his mother describing his experiences at the landing.

I was justified in being proud of being an Australian.

[Letter, Private Roy Howard Denning, 213, 1st Field Company Engineers, Malta, 23 July 1915, to his mother, YDHS has recently published the full twelve page letter from Roy Denning: *My dear mother: a letter from a soldier after Gallipoli*, ed Jane Nauta, Yass, 1998]

Roy Denning was born at Marulan, New South Wales. The family moved to Yass, and Roy attended the Yass District School. He was working for the Clyde Engineering Company, Sydney, when, on 7 September 1914, he joined the AIF. Private Roy Denning landed on Gallipoli on 25 April 1915 and served there until he received a severe gunshot wound in the back on 16 June. He was evacuated to Pembroke Camp in Malta four days later and after his recovery he went on to fight on the Western Front until the end of the war.

By 1918, Roy's war weariness was evident from this diary entry.

Digging trenches through forest. God give me back the day joined this blood sucking unit who are never satisfied.

[Diary, Private Roy Howard Denning, 1918, France. This diary is in a private collection]

In October 1918, because he was an original Anzac, Private Roy Denning received the so-called 'Anzac leave', and he was on the high seas when war ended on 11 November. Roy Denning's family did not live in Yass during the war and he never returned there himself to work. The town, however, for commemorative purposes, claimed him as one of their own and his name is on the Yass Honour Roll at the Soldiers' Memorial Hall and on the Yass District School Honour Roll.

As Roy recovered from his wound in Malta in 1915, he had much time to think about what he had seen on Gallipoli. He wrote at least two letters to his mother on that subject, the second of which has survived. It is a remarkable document. Roy was one of the first Yass men to land on Gallipoli and his description of that day tells us much about why it was so special to Australians of his generation:

We are all foreigners on land, Mgr Scicluna tells migrants



Migrants' Day was celebrated with Mass at the Good Shepherd Open Centre in Balzan this morning. It was led by Auxiliary Bishop Charles Scicluna.

Some 15 male migrants from Somalia, Eritrea and Ethiopia animated part of the Mass.

In his homily, Mgr Scicluna compared migrants to Mary and Joseph who had to escape Egypt to save Jesus.

He said that the Maltese had welcomed St Paul thousands of years ago and his visit had been beneficial to the country.

Mgr Scicluna said that no country belonged to anyone, "we are

all foreigners even if we are on our native land". For all people were dwellers of heaven and on land only for a short period of time.

Like the Maltese were welcomed abroad, they should also welcome others in Malta, he said. Mgr Scicluna appealed to the Maltese not to be overcome by fear and to be generous and help foreigners.

Exhibition on Malta's WWI role

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POSTCARD 1914

Postcard of the Maltese Centre for St. John Ambulance Association

On June 28, 1914, two shots fired by a 19-year old Serbian student, Gavrilo Princip, in Bosnia, killed Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria and his wife Sophie. The assassination triggered the First World War of 1914-1918.

To mark the 90th anniversary of the war, the Malta Philatelic Society will show an award-winning display entitled "Malta - Nurse of the Mediterranean" and a talk will be given by George Dougall.

The event will be held at 6 p.m. on April 7 in St Publius Hall, 50, St Publius Street, Floriana.

Although much has been written about Malta's heroic part in World War II, relatively few know of the island's contribution during the 1914-18 war.

In February 1915, a British-French fleet of 16 major battleships and numerous other auxiliary craft assembled to attack the narrow waters of the Dardanelles. The Turks knew all about the expedition and were waiting with big guns. The result was a slaughter, with British, Australian and New Zealand troops being mowed down.

Meanwhile, in Malta, plans were made to receive the sick and wounded. The island was turned into a veritable hospital; so much so that it earned the title of Nurse of the Mediterranean.

The display shows covers, postcards and other philatelic items. Mr Dougall is a past chairman of London's Malta Study Circle. He is best known for his daily BBC commentary in Maltese for over 30 years.

AMATEUR RADIO CALLING



Echolink Connects Hams Via the Internet - Amateur radio operators are always looking for innovative ways to communicate, and over the last 20 years, there's been no more innovative way to communicate than the Internet. It's only natural, then, that hams would figure out a way to combine amateur radio and the Internet. One of those ways is EchoLink. EchoLink uses a technology called Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) to connect amateur radio operators to one another. VoIP is a method for digitizing analog audio signals and transmitting them over the Internet. While this technology is primarily used for making phone calls, EchoLink uses this technology to connect amateur radio stations over the Internet. The result is a communication system that allows hams to communicate with other hams all over the world with just a simple handheld FM transceiver. In fact, you don't even need a handheld. You can use your computer to connect to amateur radio repeater stations or simplex stations connected to the Internet all over the world.

Who can use EchoLink? - Most VoIP users don't need a license to use the technology. They have a phone that connects to the Internet or a computer program like Skype. They pick up the receiver or fire up their computer program and make a phone call or a Skype call. To use EchoLink, however, you need an amateur radio license. The reason for

this is that via EchoLink, you can connect to hundreds of amateur radio stations, and those stations require that you have a license to use them.

So, before you use EchoLink, you have to register with the EchoLink service. The first thing you must do is to download, install, and run the EchoLink Software. This registers your callsign with the EchoLink system, but before you can connect to other stations, you'll have to authenticate your callsign. There are several ways to do this. To find out more about this step, go to <http://www.echolink.org/authentication.htm>. In general, validation is quick, and in hours, or at most a couple of days, your callsign will have been validated, and you will be issued a password that will then allow you to access EchoLink.

Important Message sent to us: MALTESE AMATEUR RADIO ENTHUSIASTS

Hello my name is Alf. Portelli and I live in Jamisontown N.S.W I would like to tell your readers that we are involved in Amateur Radio. So can you please insert the letter that I am sending you in your newsletter so we may be able to talk to some of your readers that are Amateur operators, we have Radio operators that we talk to from Canada, England and Australia and also from the USA.

Hello all, M.A.R.I.S and Amateur Radio Operators just a quick reminder that the Australian M.A.R.I.S net is always on ECHOLINK on A.E.S.T, The Australian M.A.R.I.S Net Is Now Saturday Morning at 7.00 AM + or - via, VK5RQ-L, Yes please connect to Joe VK5RQ-L first if he is on line so yes all you do is connect to the (Link) VK5RQ-L and that is it, and if VK5RQ-L is not on the Echolink, you can connect Direct to VK2GAP on Echolink, we all hope that you can find a few minutes of your time to come on board and say hello to all your old and new friends on the Australian M.A.R.I.S Net. and not forgetting Monday's and Wednesday's on the 9H1IA repeater in Malta at 20.00 UTC. The Australian local time is 07.00 in Australia that is on Tuesday's Thursday's and Saturday Mornings we have been getting good roll-ups so enjoy your hobby cheers de vk2gap.

Also Frank VK2GA has an extra page on his Maltese Radio Station Web Page here in Sydney Australia and it looks Great as he has inserted a few pictures of a number of Amateurs, Past and present in there so if you would like your picture and profile (Your Amateur Station Information) Please send Via E-Mail to Frank Delia to, fransdelia@hotmail.com Or to Me VK2GAP, comport6@dodo.com.au and I will gladly send them on to Frank. Cheers All, De Vk2GAP Sahha. Alf. Thanks to Alf Portelli and Joe Briffa and keep us updated with any new developments.



The Maltese Broadcasters on 92.3 FM 3ZZZ (Melbourne)

Maltese Broadcasting Group Program Information

Malta, is a densely populated developed European country in the European Union. The island of Malta is in Southern Europe, an archipelago including the inhabited islands of Malta, Gozo and Comino along with a number of smaller, uninhabited islands. It is situated in the centre of the Mediterranean Sea, 93 km south of Sicily (Italy) and 288 km north of Tunisia. Malta is just over 300 km² with an estimated population of over 413,609 people.

The Maltese Broadcasters on 3ZZZ try very hard to keep the Maltese-Speaking Community (20,272 ABS Melbourne) aged 30 +, happy by presenting programs with a large variety of items making sure that listeners will enjoy each and every program. There are three weekly programs, Monday, Friday and Saturday, and another monthly program, on the last Wednesday of the month.



Monday Night Email: ebrincat@optusnet.com.au with Emmanuel Brincat Monday, 5 pm-6 pm A program featuring a marching band, book reading, interviews, classic music, popular Maltese Music, etc.



“Qatt m’Int Wahdek” (You’re Never Alone) with Paul Vella Friday, 5 pm-6 pm A program featuring the latest news from Malta, a marching band item, Gospel Homily for the following Sunday, Prose and Poetry, interviews, Maltese Songs, Features of interest on Malta, etc. Email: paul.vella3zzz@gmail.com



“Ejjew Oqghodu” (Come Over and Stay) with Mario Sammut Saturday, 10 am-11 am (alternating) A program with a bit of humour, featuring items of interest which seldom make it on the news, popular Maltese songs and other items. Email: maltavclv@optusnet.com.au

“Inservik” (We’ll Serve You) with Emmanuel Brincat, Mario Sammut and Paul Vella Saturday, 10 am-11 am (alternating) A request program where listeners from Melbourne, Interstate and Overseas, request a song as a dedication for a special occasion, as birthdays, anniversaries, etc., featuring popular Maltese Songs. The program also includes a few jokes from time to time, which makes the program more appealing to a large number of listeners.



Sports Program Email: lewiss1@tpg.com.au with Lewis Stafrace Last Wednesday of the month, 1 pm-2 pm Sports report on Maltese Premier League, Australian A League, Victorian State Premier league and other sports, reports, interviews, community news and also a variety of Maltese Music.

For more information about the 3ZZZ Maltese Broadcasting Group, or to get involved, contact Emmanuel Brincat, Convenor: ebrincat@optusnet.com.au



Maltese Corner in Mackay Queensland



Thursday, 13 March 2003

Reporter: Judy Kelly

If you're a Mackay local or you've visited the town, you would have noticed a group of fellas who gather on one of two corners (depending where the sun is) in the City Heart.

All the boys

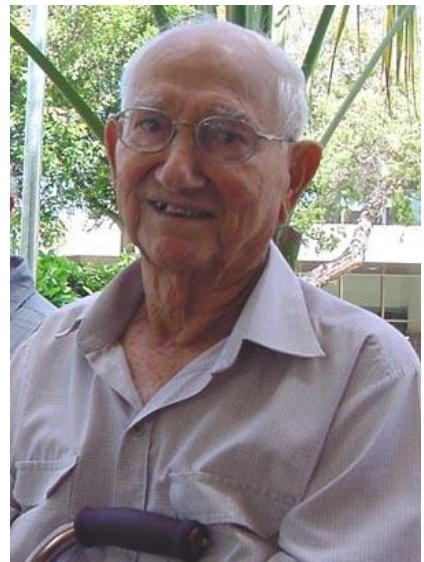
The corner's known as "Maltese Corner" and this is their place - they've claimed it as their own and it's where they come to talk about politics, women, share prices and to buy and sell the odd cane farm. It's a custom that was brought to Mackay when the Maltese emigrated to take up predominantly cane farm work in the 1930s. It's developed over time from day outings to the beaches to meeting in a more central location to have these regular chinwagging sessions.

Greetings

The tradition in Malta is to gather in cafes, on steps and other strategic places in town and enjoy each other's company - very much in the vein of other mediterranean customs.

Some of the members of this group have been meeting up in this spot for over 40 years, from their school days and can remember coming to town once a month to shop with their mothers and seeing the men in the families gathering on the corner.

Pictured above on the corner are Charlie Grima, John Galea, John Attard, Matty Vella, Paul Portelli and John Bezzina



John Bezzina

The longest serving member of this group is John Bezzina who's been a regular for over 50 years. He tells the story of being moved on by police in the old days and being saved by the bank manager, but they've had no trouble with the law since then - click on the audio link below to hear his story.

As for women, they're not unwelcome but it's considered a male only domain, for the time being at least. There's concern amongst the group that the tradition will die out with them because the younger members aren't into yacking on the corner, but maybe that will change if young women in the community take it upon themselves to continue the custom.

MALTESE MIGRANTS. PRAISE FROM POLITICIANS. Appeal for Settlers.

Interviewed by the "Times of Malta" Messrs. R. S. Sampson and C. G. Latham, both members of the West Australian Parliament, spoke highly of the standing of Maltese in Australia. "Papers which attack Maltese cannot be claimed to express the view of the majority of Australians," Mr. Latham is reported to have said. "Maltese immigrants in Australia have earned a reputation for hard work, and once a man is known in Australia to be a good worker he can always be sure of a job. Maltese are treated on the same level with other English speaking immigrants when they can speak English. Language is the test in Australia.

If Maltese arrive knowing only the words job sir, they will be classed as foreigners with other immigrants such as Slavs and Italians, and there is always a prejudice against non-British races. If they can speak English they will at once be recognised as brothers in the same Empire. Maltese migrants must speak English. It is essential and vital to success. "What would be ideal for Maltese settlers would be the appointment of a Maltese gentleman to act as big brother to all Maltese in Australia, someone who could represent Malta's interests in Australia, with subordinates in every big State.



Such a man could hold an official or non-official position to encourage settlers to remain in Australia and not be forever pining to go back to father or grandfather at home in Malta. Such a man could do much to make Maltese happy in their new home, and keep in touch with the home government at the same time."

"Australia wants permanent settlers who will send as soon as possible for their wives and children," said Mr. Sampson. "In Western Australia especially, large families, such as I hear you have here, would be very welcome. The old idea of making money and coming back to Malta is no good for settlers who want to achieve something big. Let Maltese go out in great numbers and settle permanently in Australia. They will be extremely welcome, as they are eminently the right type of settler. But let them keep away from the congested towns. There are good prospects for emigrants in farming, dairying, cattle-raising, etc. Australia, more especially Western Australia, is a land of primary production, a land of development and of opportunity."

There are vast areas of land, mile upon mile of virgin soil, only waiting to be cleared to yield payable harvests. North-West Australia is also suited to cultivation under the right treatment. In the last few years Western Australia, the 'Land of Golden Opportunity,' has come to the fore in agriculture, sheep-farming and fruit-growing. We want settlers. We must have settlers if we are to develop the great heritage we hold.

"I should like to bring Australian farmers who own farms of 1,000 acres and more to Malta where men gather a living from little cabbage plots of farms which if many times as large would be lost in one of their fields; the Maltese farmer who can wrest a living from so little should surely be able to do great things with a settlement of, say, a thousand acres in Australia. And the Government, by loans from the Agricultural Bank, is, under certain conditions ready to loan funds to settlers. Australian conditions admit of no permanent unemployment except for the unemployable who will not work or those who do not go about matters in the right way."

Western Australia alone is capable of absorbing the entire population of Malta. Its area is 975,920 square miles, compared with Malta's 153 square miles. Maltese labourers are appreciated in Australia for their character and for their hard work. Besides the primary occupations of farming, cattle raising and fruit growing, many supplementary employments are springing up, since in some degree civilisation must inevitably follow settlement. Employment in the manufacture of clothing, foodstuffs, etc., and in the working of railways, telegraphs, etc., naturally increase according to the immigration and settlement statistics. Migrants, however, are required for land settlement."

H.E. Ambassador Marisa Micallef awarded Honorary Presidency of SASM



Louis Vella, SASM's Vice President, presented H.E. Ambassador Marisa Micallef, Malta's Ambassador to the USA with SASM's Honorary President Certificate. She was appointed Malta's Ambassador to the United States in August 2013.

Marisa Micallef was educated at the Convent of the Sacred Heart Malta and graduated with distinction from the University of Malta in French and English. She then immediately left for the UK where following her voluntary work in the east end of London with new immigrants from the Asian sub continent, and a career in affordable housing and residential care, she graduated with a Masters in Public Policy and Planning where her thesis focused on the privatisation of state owned entities by the charitable sector.

In the UK she specialised in affordable housing and the elderly, and had her research project published by Kings College London. On returning to Malta she was the Chairman of the Housing Authority for a ten year period where she was awarded the Green Politician of the Year award from Nature Trust, Malta. She was concurrently a Director with HSBC (Home Loans), with the Disability Commission, the Building Industry Consultative Council as well as other boards.

In 2007 the project Marisa Micallef created and initiated while chairing the Housing Authority received the EU Best project award under the Equal project for that year. It was a project designed to help young people leaving care to access training, employment and housing. Marisa Micallef was also honoured in 2007 by being made a Fellow of the Institute of Housing UK for her work in the affordable housing sphere in Malta.

Most recently, Marisa Micallef served as the Director of Political Support and as the adviser to the Leader of the Labour Party and now Prime Minister of Malta, Dr. Joseph Muscat for four years. Marisa's family has settled all over the world including the USA, Australia, Switzerland and the UK and she has one daughter. Her personal interests include photography, screenplay writing, climate change and film.

WHAT MAKES A MALTESE

1. You don't have to have a Maltese background to impress a Maltese family.
2. You should know that Popeye, Cutthroat island and parts of The Gladiator were filmed in Malta.
3. Maltesers were not invented in Malta.
4. Maltese terriers actually were first bred in Malta.
5. The Maltese Cross is a throwback from the days of the Knights of Malta.
6. The Maltese Falcon never existed in Malta.
7. If you don't eat fish, hate swimming and soccer, hate Elvis and don't like fishing you will need to find another way to impress a Maltese dad.
8. If you are not good with dinner table manners, a Maltese mum will be highly unamused, do not burp anywhere around her (unless you are close family)
9. Maltese do believe in the evil eye.
10. No point in having a debate on the merits of turning Jehovah Witness, or being Muslim, 99.9% of Maltese are Catholic.
11. You won't need a translator, most Maltese speak English well and you will never forget a Maltese accent. ,
12. If you are an accountant, or fashion designer you will greatly impress your Maltese mother-in-law.
13. If you run your own business, your Maltese father-in-law will be very impressed.
14. If you are invited to a Maltese gathering get familiar with certain foods likes of qassatat, pastizzi, figolli, cannoli and qagħaq tal-ghasel.
15. if you are Catholic but you weren't confirmed and didn't do your communion, don't mention it !
16. Most Maltese take exception if you say "I have heard Malta is like Italy or Greece isn't it?", frankly, it ain't.
17. If you are over 22 and not married, a Maltese grandmother will think you must have some sort of physical problem or disease or gay.
18. If you can crochet make a cushion cover for your Maltese mother-in-law and watch your status
19. If you don't understand how to gamble on horses, play bingo, or play poker you won't get on a Maltese grandfather's good side
20. If you don't know what Kinnie is, find out .
21. If you hate to talk, you better be good at listener
22. Expect to put on one kilo for every Maltese gathering you will attend in any one year
23. Most Maltese grandmothers think jeans are for poor people - so don't be prancing around wearing your \$200 vintage Levi's
24. If you restored a 1960's Ford or Holden the whole family will be impressed.
25. Know your Maltese celebrities like Edward De Bono, (lateral thinking), S28 (music), Joe Camilleri (music), Darren Gauci (jockey), Sean Micallef (comedian), Kevin Muscat (soccer), Dan Paris (actor), Steven Zammit (ex-M), Amber Valletta (model), Jeff Fenech, (boxer),
- 26 Finally, not all Maltese live in Sunshine, Blacktown, Salisbury, Mackat or St Albans, have chickens in their backyards, have a brother named Charlie who fishes a lot, own a Maltese terrier and a restored Ford or Holden but some do.

Many Maltese can't live without internet - surveys confirm



The Maltese are becoming more dependent on internet services; internet TV is increasingly seen as a substitute to traditional TV; and contrary to expectations, fixed-line telephony remains important despite rise of mobile. Furthermore there is general satisfaction with the quality of services provided in Malta and their pricing.

These are some of the interesting results of surveys commissioned by the Malta Communications Authority (MCA) on the perception of consumers on their use of mobile communication services, fixed telephony services, broadband internet and broadcasting. The surveys were carried out between August and October 2013 and involved around 800 home users.

The survey on internet services confirmed that 80 per cent of Maltese households have internet access, and 76 per cent of these claim they cannot live without it. Indeed, the number of households with internet access has increased considerably from the 68 per cent registered in a similar survey in 2011. Very few respondents said they cannot afford internet access.

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The Maltese community within New Zealand is comparatively very small and widespread, compared to countries like Australia, United States and United Kingdom.

The number of Maltese families across the length and breadth of the country were possible unaware of each other. This did not prevent the determination of two young ladies. Cettina Borg, who was born in Malta and brought up in Australia and Margaret Ghio, youngest daughter from a family of eight children - Margaret was the only child of this family to have been born in New Zealand.

Cettina and Margaret were very interested in their Maltese origin and heritage. In 1981 they wrote an article for "The New Zealand Herald". The subject matter was a call for any Maltese people or people with Maltese connections who were interested in meeting other Maltese families to contact either of them. The response was swift and most surprising. They received calls from all over the country, even from persons who served in Malta with Allied Forces. One of the replies was from a Maltese restaurant owner, Mr. Ron Brown - Rigg, who offered his premises and services for a function. The first meeting was held on the 4th October 1981 at the "New Trovador Restaurant" Mt Albert, Auckland. The first President of the Malta Society of New Zealand was Mr. Alex Abela. The Society became incorporated in June 1982.

The Society is a non profit organisation. The object and aim of the Society is to hold social functions for members and families. The Society holds about six events a year.

PICNIC - normally held during February. - B.B.Q.= DINNER - mid year. - AFTERNOON GET - TOGETHER.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - September/ October. - CHRISTMAS LUNCH OR DINNER.

We have no club rooms, therefore when we have a social function we hire a hall and in recent years we have been going to a restaurant. There is available to members a comprehensive library with books, publications and video's of Maltese culture and history. Obtainable from the Society's office at Unit 7. 9-11 Rothwell Avenue, Albany. The annual subscription fee is NZ\$20.00 per household, with special rates for senior citizens. Fees are due at the Annual General Meeting or with the first newsletter. New members are welcome to join at any time. Subs are to cover postage, stationery and hire of halls and picnic sites. Newsletters are sent to financial members only. In recent times with the advent of the new technology of the Internet we have helped with information about New Zealand to Maltese people intending to come to this part of the world for a holiday.

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GONZI ARCHBISHOP OF MALTA
ON 7 SEPTEMBER 1953
DURING HIS VISIT TO
AUSTRALIA



**Wellington's Maltese community - NEW
ZEALAND**

The two Photos on Left:

Members of the Maltese community were photographed at a gathering with the honorary consul of Malta in Wellington in 1997. Photo Right: Children accompanied members of the Maltese Association of New Zealand when they presented Maltese ribbons to the New Zealand Parliament in 2003. Between 1950 and 1975 the number of Maltese people in New Zealand had increased fourfold, from fewer than 100 to more than 400.

Though the community was small, it had enough members to support a Maltese Association, which soon became an important focus for social activities. These two young girls, dressed for their first communion with other children of the Wellington Maltese community, were photographed in the early 2000s. From the private collection of Anthony Micallef



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Eurobarometer - 55% of Maltese say migration does not enrich country

Increase in irregular migration flows from Tunisia shows EU is still under increased migratory pressure.



One of the recently rescued boat migrants: the Maltese think they face inherent discrimination making it hard for them to integrate.

58% of Maltese believe immigrants have difficulty to integrate largely because they don't want to, a Eurobarometer survey has found in an accompanying poll to the European Commission's annual report for 2011.

A similar percentage, 56%, said immigrants were finding it hard to integrate because of the discrimination they face in Malta.

But while a majority of Maltese admitted that migrants and asylum seekers were facing discrimination in Malta, almost the same percentage (55%) said immigration does not (55%) enrich Malta economically or culturally. The silver lining is that 32% - a sizeable proportion - believe migration enriches the country, and 86%, more than the EU average, believe member states should offer protection and asylum to people in need.

The Maltese also emerged as staunch believers in burden sharing, saying asylum seekers should be more equally shared across the EU (85%) as well as the costs of providing asylum (89%) - in both cases, above the EU 80% average. The survey also found 95% of all Maltese agreeing that more assistance was needed to handle irregular migration, but only 15% said Malta should be alone in handling migration policy, which reinforces the support for a common asylum policy.

Only four per cent, or 27,465 out of 706,000 refugees fleeing the civil strife in Libya travelled north to the EU. But the resulting impact, and the increase in irregular migration flows from Tunisia and at the Turkey-Greece border, demonstrated the EU is still under increased migratory pressure with no expectation of this declining in the future.

The European Commission's report on immigration and asylum, found that the consequences of the Arab Spring, principally in Italy but also in Malta, and the migration flows at the Greece-Turkey border during 2011, "led to serious reflections on how the EU should best respond to these migratory pressures, whilst at the same time having efficient entry mechanisms to permit orderly and managed migration."

The number of asylum applications in Italy in 2011 was 34,115, a 239% increase from 2010, and for Malta it was 1,890, a 980% increase from 2010. The number of applications from Tunisia increased 12-fold to 6,335 in 2011 with the vast majority lodged in Italy.

The EC said migration was an essential enhancement for the EU, economically, socially and culturally. But it also said it had contributed to certain perceptions which need to be aired through open and balanced debates, "not dominated solely by anti-immigration rhetoric."

"Whilst the downsides of migration are often widely reported, one should not forget the positive contributions that migration brings and will need to bring in order for the EU to grow and continue to thrive."

The EC also said a coherent EU migration policy needs to instil confidence in EU citizens, but said the caricature of a so-called 'Fortress Europe' was not an accurate representation of EU policy. "Rather, the EU has a duty to ensure that Europe's borders are safe and secure with appropriate legal channels for entry." There are some 20.2 million third-country nationals in the EU, around 4% of the total EU population (502.5 million) and only 9.4% of the estimated 214 million migrants worldwide.



DISCOVERY OF CURE OF MALTA FEVER

Memorial outside the Station Hospital, Valletta commemorating the growth and isolation of *Brucella melitensi* by David Bruce and Giuseppe Caruana Scicluna in 1887.

In 1887, Surgeon David Bruce MS, and the microbiologist Dr Giuseppe Caruana Scicluna isolated the micrococcus *Brucella melitensis* from cultures of splenic tissues. The samples were from a private soldier, aged 25 years, who died of fever on 6 July 1887. In 1887, the troops had 630 cases of fever, with 17 deaths.

David Bruce stated that "many cases of Malta Fever occurred among the infantry in Valletta in 1887, but not one single case of enteric fever. That no improvement had taken place in regard to the former fever, in spite of the improved drainage and water supply, would go to point out, that in all probability the poison of Malta Fever is an aerial one. The difficulty of proving this by experiment is very great, as the microbe isolated from the organs of the fatal cases requires such a long time and high temperatures for its growth, that it is completely masked by rapidly growing micro organisms".



Feast of St Paul in Tripoli



The Maltese community in Tripoli celebrated the feast of St Paul at St Francis Church in Dahra, Tripoli, last Wednesday. Mass was celebrated by Fr Paul Chetcuti, who flew to Tripoli for the occasion, assisted by Fr Daniel Farrugia, chaplain of the church.

In his sermon Fr Chetcuti read an imaginary letter of St Paul addressed to the Maltese.

Also taking part in the concelebration was Bishop Giovanni Martinelli, who addressed the Maltese gathering, highlighting the big role played by the

Maltese Church and Maltese Catholic society.

The Ambassador of Malta in Tripoli, George Cassar, attended the celebration and in a short address stressed the importance of celebrating such feasts which unite the Maltese living abroad.

He said he was happy to see such enthusiasm and unity among the Maltese working in Libya.

Joe Pirotta, first counsellor, led a choir that sang Maltese hymns and the Maltese national anthem at the end of the celebration.

Mass was followed by a get-together for the whole community hosted by Fr Farrugia.

Maltese mother in UK in battle for return of children 'abducted' to Libya



A Maltese mother in the UK is battling for the return of her two children after her Libyan husband took them from their home in Birmingham to Libya, telling her that the UK was "too western", lawyers have said.

Jamal Dgham, 35, is unlawfully keeping daughter Aisha, four, and son Zakaria, who will be two in February, in Libya, say solicitors representing the children's mother, Priscilla Micallef, 30.

Lawyers say the children - thought to be in the Bin Ashur area of Tripoli at the home of Mr Dgham's mother - are being unlawfully retained in breach of a court order made in England. A High Court judge has given permission for the details of the case to be published, following private hearings in the Family Division of the High Court, in the hope that publicity will help secure the children's return to England.

Solicitor Pam Sanghera, who works for Birmingham law firm The Firm Solicitors and represents Ms Micallef, gave details in a statement released with the permission of Mr Justice Wood.

"These proceedings are brought by the mother and arise from the father's unlawful retention of the children in Libya," she said.

"The father was directed to return the children to England and Wales. The father has not complied with this order."

She added: "The parties met one another in Malta and began a relationship in 1999 and married in 2001. They came to the United Kingdom together in 2008 and stayed for approximately one year and returned to Malta. The mother at the time was pregnant with Aisha. She said Aisha was born in Malta and Zakaria in the UK and added: "The father is a practising Muslim. He informed the mother that he wants his children to be raised as devout Muslims."

"He previously moved to the UK believing there to be more mosques and believing the religion to be widely recognised and practised in the UK. "He slowly changed his view and believed the UK to be too western. He did not want his children to be influenced against being devout Muslims."

She said the couple's relationship had begun to deteriorate and Mr Dgham had accepted that the marriage was over.

He had then vanished with the children in September.

Mrs Sanghera said Ms Micallef contacted police and took civil legal action - and she said in October a judge had ordered Mr Dgham to return the children.

"The order was served on the father by email," said Mrs Sanghera. "No email delivery receipt was received. However, the father contacted the mother thereafter, acknowledging receipt of the email."

"He also sent to her a text message stating 'Your trying to play me. You told me you stop everything. Don't think that am stupid I believed you just because of my mom. She told me let her speak to the kids but from tomorrow u r not gona hear or c the kids anymore and u wont know where they r'."

She went on: "There has been no further communication between the mother and father. The mother is quite confident that the father remains living at the paternal grandmother's property with the children in Libya.

" Publicity ... may place pressure upon him from relatives and other contacts in England and Libya may join in this. The mother believes the paternal grandmother will also place pressure on the father to return to the UK with the children."

Biskuttini tal-Lewz Morr (Almond Biscuits)

Ingredients:



400 g ground almonds
400g castor sugar
4 egg whites (beaten)
25ml almond ess (small bottle)
whole almonds

Method: Mix everything together, till the sugar disappears, and the mixture gets sticky. Roll into small balls, put on pan over rice paper (its edible paper, if you don't have, doesn't matter), then put 1/2 blanched almond or glace' cherry on top. Bake at a temperature of 180C for 15 minutes if you like them soft, if you want them harder cook longer.

►Helwa tat-tork (Halva – Turk's sweet)



This imported sweet probably arrived in our islands when Malta was under Arab rule. It has since then become part of the Maltese cuisine and is a common sweet on the islands, especially served at the end of big meals, weddings and during feast celebrations.

Recipe: On a low heat dissolve the sugar in the water in a thick-bottomed pan. Stir to dissolve but stop once it starts boiling. Boil until sugar thermometer shows 140 degrees Celsius. Meanwhile in a heat proof bowl mix the tahini, vanilla and almonds. As soon as the temperature of the sugar and water reaches 140 degrees Celsius, pour this on the tahini mix.

As you're doing this stir very well. In a very short while it will harden into a thick confection. Transfer to an airtight container and leave to cool. Some sesame oil may ooze out of the helwa but this does not impair in any way the marvelous taste. Enjoy.

Paul is a Maltese Boy



Play trailer Director / Producer Grant Scicluna, Fiona Sullivan & Franc Biffone

Here is an insight into Australia's cultural mix through a very honest and historical account of the characters involved. This is the story of a Maltese family's move to Australia. One Maltese family, who represents so many of the Maltese community. This program will raise awareness of this piece of cultural history to broader audiences at large, provide a representation of the Maltese communities in Australia and also offer a further insight into the difficulties and challenges faced by immigrants when adapting to another culture. It also tells the story of a performer and his wish to share his family stories with audiences here, in Malta and globally.

About the film

Angela never returned to Malta after leaving its shores in 1948. Today her Grandson, Paul Capsis is finding a way to bring her home. Australian theatre audiences have fallen in love with Angela. In Paul Capsis' one-man play, Angela's Kitchen,

he pays tribute to his brave grandmother, bringing her to life by telling her stories – about how poor her family was; of the bombings and the air raids during the war; the starvation, and coming to Australia with nothing.

Paul evokes his grandmother in moving and surprising ways – this is as much about bingo, television remote controls and chain-smoking aunties, as it is about the bombs, starvation, and the devastation of a flattened Malta. The lingering question is what Angela, fiercely in love with her home country, would have made of a modern Malta had she had the chance to return... In this intimate and personal documentary, Paul conversationally, lovingly, and meticulously tells us his grandmother's stories as if we were sitting in her kitchen with him. At the same time, Paul must confront his fears of what the Catholic, conservative Maltese will make of a gay man from Australia getting up on stage in a dress personifying his grandmother?

Ultimately, it is a story about the reverence Paul finds in the streets of Valletta, where his grandmother's journey comes full circle, culminating in a beautiful climax of Paul singing the song 'Angela' that he wrote about her in the cathedral where she would pray.

Weaving funny, touching stories with archival photographs and footage, and beautiful cinematography of Malta, *Paul Is A Maltese Boy* not only tells the story of a third-generation Maltese-Australian man's love for his grandmother, but also evokes the story of countless Maltese who lived and died during World War II, when Malta was the most bombed place on earth, cut off from all trade and staring down the brink of mass starvation.

Just as his play brought back memories of lost relatives of many second and third-generation Maltese in Australia, so will Paul bring back to those who stayed behind the stories of the brave souls who stepped off Malta's shores for that distant place, Australia. *PAUL IS A MALTESE BOY*, like Angela, will inspire its viewers to look back from where they have come, and carry that with you as you go forward.

Minister launches education reforms



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The Ministry for Education and Employment has launched the consultation document on the Education Act reform.

During a press conference this morning, Minister Evarist Bartolo said that the reforms to the Education Act will help build a stronger education sector. Following the feedback from the consultation stage, which will last until March 31st, the Ministry will be looking to draft legislation based on this feedback.

Education, he said, is fundamental for the country's economic and social development and for retaining a competitive edge in a world economy. It is essential for democratic governance and social inclusion, as well as for personal fulfilment and prosperity. Government is committed to build on the successes of the past to further strengthen education in Malta and Gozo.

For this reason, while launching a nationwide consultation process on a ten year integrated strategy for education in Malta and Gozo, the Ministry for Education and Employment is also launching a consultation process with all stakeholders involved in the educational sector and with Maltese society at large on amendments to the Education Act - Chapter 327 of the Laws of Malta.

The purpose of the consultation is to seek ideas and encourage feedback on the way forward, and discuss possible reforms on all issues currently regulated by the Education Act and related matters.

These issues include

The role and function of the education central authorities including the Directorates of Education and other entities and commissions established by law;

The rights and obligations of parents in the provision of education to their children;

Students' rights and increased student involvement;

The reduction of early school leavers;

The promotion of civic involvement, employability and active citizenship;

The better functioning and management of State Schools and Colleges;

The regulation of the teaching profession and of education providers in all sectors, including church and independent schools, at all levels from early childhood to tertiary education and lifelong learning;

The better coordination of all actors and stakeholders involved in the educational sector, and the involvement of social partners;

The rationalisation of resources and the promotion of innovative technology including digital education; and

The reduction of bureaucracy and inefficiency.

PORTE DE BOMBES (Bieb tal-Bombi)



The **Porte des Bombes** (Bieb il-Bombi) is an ornamental gate in the Floriana Lines, which formed the outer defensive walls of Valletta, Malta. It is situated between Pietà Creek and Marsa to the west and southeast, and the suburb of Floriana to the east. It was constructed in Baroque style between 1697 and 1720, during the reign of Fra Ramon Perellos y Roccaful, 64th Grandmaster of the Knights of Malta. Perellos' coat of arms appears above the gate.

During the 19th century, the British government dramatically altered the original design of the gate by adding a second archway to accommodate increasingly heavy traffic in the Grand Harbour area. A marble plaque was affixed to the newer arch, with the following inscription: "Ad majorem populi accommodatum".

The short-lived Malta Railway once ran through a tunnel located near Porte des Bombes.



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