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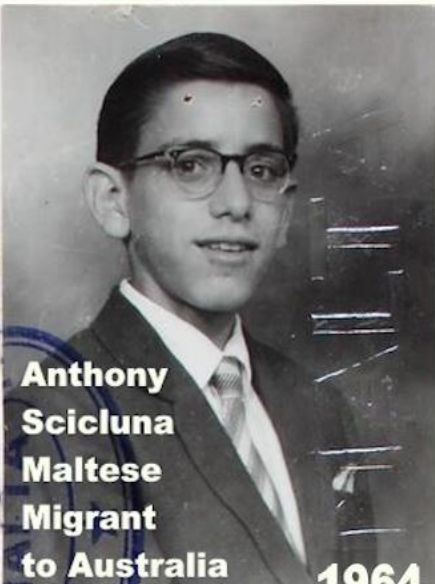
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Alfred Bayliss, the 25,000th
Maltese migrant
1960 Australia



Anthony
Scicluna
Maltese
Migrant
to Australia



1964

Miss Antoinette Splteri,
100,000th Maltese
migrant to Australia,
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IN THE 60s MANY THOUSANDS OF YOUNG FAMILIES LEFT MALTA AND GOZO TO SEEK A BETTER FUTURE IN FAR AWAY PLACES LIKE AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, CANADA, UNITED STATES AND UK



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OVERDEVELOPMENT AND OVERPOPULATION IN MALTA

Malta is the most densely populated country in Europe and ranks 8th in the world. According to the National Statistics Office, there were 542,051 people living in Malta at the end of year 2022. The population is rapidly increasing and will reach 600,000 soon. The population is projected to reach 800,000 within the next decade and a half if current trends continue².

Overdevelopment and overpopulation are significant issues in Malta in 2024. The rapid pace of construction and urbanization has led to what some describe as the “uglification” of the island, with many areas experiencing an oversupply of properties and a decline in the quality of life¹.

. This growth has strained infrastructure and contributed to environmental degradation. Many young people in Malta view overdevelopment as the country’s biggest challenge, with 93% believing that the environment is deteriorating³.

Indeed, the ramifications of overpopulation extend to all other aspects of the socio-economic environment, especially a higher rate of inflation, excessive strain on essential services such as free healthcare and waste collection, drainage, electricity demand, environmental degradation, and traffic congestion.

Efforts to shift towards a more sustainable economic model are being discussed, but such changes require significant commitment and time. Malta needs to act now or we lose the plot.

How do you feel about these developments in Malta?



Three top languages are English, Maltese and Italian – Malta skills survey

BY [GOZO NEWS](#)

The National Statistics Office has today published the – [Malta Skills Survey 2022](#) (Final Report).

Some of the salient points from the report are shown below.

- The three top languages persons aged 15-64 were proficient in at the time of the survey were English (96.0%), Maltese (90.4%) and Italian (62.0%). Other

languages, such as French, Spanish, German and Arabic joined the top ranks of Malta's lingual landscape.

- Working with computers was the most common broad skill category identified (78.6%), followed by skills related to Assisting and caring (78.0%) and Communication, collaboration, and creativity (75.8%).
- Females were more likely to possess assistance and caring skills, indicating a stronger gender predilection for care- giving roles. In contrast, males dominated constructing skills and those related to operating machinery.
- Younger individuals tended to be more proficient in technological skills and abilities in the Communication, collaboration and creativity category, reflecting an age-related trend in favour of digital activities.
- Persons with higher education attainment were more likely to be proficient in Communication, collaboration and creativity, Computer skills, and Management skills.
- The most prevalent licence type in Malta is the Driving licence, held by 82.1% of persons aged 15 to 64. The second and third most popular types were those authorising use of Nautical equipment/procedures and Firearms.

The NSO noted that these were a far second and third at 8.4% and 5.4% of the target population respectively.

- It emerged from the survey that close on 40% of the 15-64 population had the desire to improve their skills sets or to acquire new skills. A majority were willing to do this by attending training programmes. For persons in employment, the overriding desire was to upgrade those skills linked to their current jobs or careers.

Census of Population and Housing 2021: Final Report: Population, migration and other social characteristics (Volume 1) Date Published: 16th February 2023

Summary:

The Census of Population and Housing is a detailed statistical exercise featuring Malta and its people by their demographic and social characteristics. It provides a portrait at a point in time, and for the 18th Census, this was 21 November 2021. The Census's legal basis is the national Census Act 1948 and the supranational EU Regulation No 763/2008.

Compilation work went into the early months of 2022 and the Preliminary Report was published in Summer 2022. Following this, the NSO is publishing the first in a series of thematic Census publications. It covers a range of social subjects such as population, migration, citizenship, racial origin, and religious affiliation.

This introduction synthesises the main findings under these headings.

Salient Points of Publication:

- On Census Day, 21 November 2021, the final usual resident population in Malta stood at 519,562, more than doubling over a century, and growing by more than 100,000 over the past 10 years.
- Malta remains the most densely populated country in the EU with 1,649 residents per square kilometre.
- For the first time ever, the 2021 Census recorded more males than females within the Maltese population. There were 270,021 men (52 per cent of the population) and 249,541 women in Malta, resulting in a sex ratio of 924 females per 1,000 males.
- The average age of the population was 41.7 years, and Gozitan residents were slightly older than the Maltese with average ages of 43.8 years and 41.5 years respectively.
- More than one in five residents were foreign, with 115,449 non-Maltese persons residing in Malta on Census Day – an increase of more than five times in the share of foreigners since 2011.
- Just less than 90 per cent of residents were Caucasian, and a further 5.2 per cent were Asian. A total of 6,101 persons (1.2 per cent) had more than one racial origin.
- A total of 14,822 persons immigrated to Malta in the year prior to the Census – more than three times the figure reported in 2011. More than half of these immigrants were non-EU citizens (including British) and 4,765 were citizens from countries outside of Europe.
- The majority of the population aged 1 year and over did not internally migrate in the year prior to the Census (93.5 per cent), while 18,558 persons changed their residence.
- When asked about their religious affiliation, a total of 373,304 residents aged 15 and over (or 82.6 per cent) identified themselves as Roman Catholic.
- A total of 17,454 persons reported that they belong to Islam, followed by 16,457 persons who identified themselves with the Orthodox religion. Another 23,243 stated that they did not have any religious affiliation.



Website offering help for Maltese travellers abroad

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs has provided a tool so that those that travel have help while on their travels.

Those intending to travel are urged to visit the site consularplus.gov.mt and take note of

the information and advice regarding the country they are about to visit.

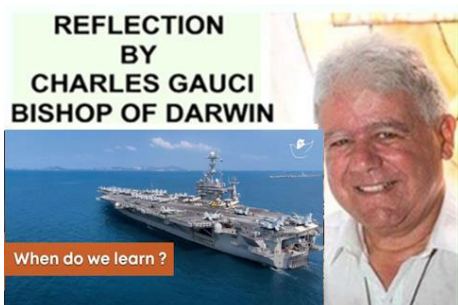
There is also a travel guide of what the voyager must do in case of losing their passport or being involved in an incident.

In Maltese it is said “think of the negatives so the positives remain”. This also applies to travel. Among the preparations one makes before travel begins, one should heed of the travel advice and information included in the publication of the country they are about to visit and provided by the [site consularplus.gov.mt](https://consularplus.gov.mt) as explained by Andrew Grech, Assistant Director in the Foreign Affairs Ministry. Grech said there is information on many countries including their development, precautions to be taken and perhaps visas which may be required to obtain entry into the country. On the same website there is a reference of the telephone number needed to express any questions.

These consular services are among the pillars of diplomatic service given by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, embassies and consular services available to help members of the community outside their country. Grech continued to explain that Malta had diplomatic representation throughout the world and an emergency line is open 24/7 daily.

He added that in the countries where Malta has no embassy a person may ring the emergency line to be provided with the necessary help.

Grech explained that often they receive calls for assistance in various circumstances including the loss of travel documents or identification documents.



Last Wednesday, I had the privilege of visiting the flagship of the Italian navy which is at present visiting Darwin.

I was invited because the Sunday before, I had celebrated the sacrament of confirmation with 13 young Italian sailors attached to the aircraft carrier called The Cavour.

I marvelled at the technology on the carrier. It had a tremendous capacity for so many things. It was of course part of the armed services with amazing firepower!

As I reflected on my childhood during the Cold War and my elation

at the end of the Cold War, I felt very concerned about the present serious tensions in our world.

There are wars and fears about possible other conflicts. The arms race is on again in a very significant way. So much of our resources are spent on war machines!

If these resources were instead turned towards the elimination of poverty and improving world health and so much more, how much better off we would be! Humanity keeps on repeating so many mistakes!

We are called to be authentic witnesses to the Christian way of life living out Jesus's dream...

We need to be prophetic and believe that it does not have to be like this.

With the grace of God, we can grow up!



A TRIBUTE TO PAUL CALLEJA

By Charles N. Mifsud MQR OAM. NSW AUSTRALIA

On Thursday July 4, I received the sad news that my very good friend Paul P. Calleja from Perth W.A. had passed away peacefully, Paul was 76 years old. Left to mourn him is his wife Mary & his children Natasha & Paula, their families, his siblings, many friends in W.A & in other States.

Paul was a deeply religious person and was a graduate of Curtin University of WA & later of Edith Cowan University. He had extensive teaching experience having taught in Government & non-Government Schools in Australia & overseas. He headed the Faculty of Social Science / Business at Ursula Frayne Catholic College in Perth. Paul was a prolific writer & had authored many books, three that come to mind are, The Maltese of the Western Third - published in 1993, Tales of Two Migrants - published in 2010, and W.A. Ink. - published in 2010, doing all this while at the same time he was the W.A. correspondent for The Maltese Herald.

Paul was a very proud Maltese who served as Secretary to a number of Maltese Associations in W.A. namely, The Maltese Association of W.A., The Maltese Professional & Business Assoc. of W.A. & a founding member & Secretary of the Child Migrants Committee of W.A. He was one of the instigators of securing apologies from the Catholic Church & Governments for the bad treatment of the Maltese Child Migrants as well as having monuments built in Malta & Australia to the Child Migrants.

My friend Paul was one of a kind; and was sometimes misunderstood by some, especially when it came to the Maltese Flag & the George Cross, you see he was very passionate about our beautiful red & white Maltese flag, Paul was never anti-British or anti-George Cross but very much proud of his Maltese Heritage & the flag.

I first met Paul in 1990 in Perth W.A., I was Senior Vice-President of the MCC-NSW & he was the Secretary of the M.A.W.A.; He invited me to attend their A.G.M. & be the Keynote Speaker at that meeting, where I informed those members present about the Maltese Community in NSW, its Associations & the MCC-NSW. etc. I travelled to Perth again another 5 or 6 times, each time meeting up with my dear friend. The last time I was there was in 2019. Whether it was in Perth or whenever Paul came to Sydney, he and I would catch up & spend time "exchanging views & ideas" about our Associations & the Maltese Communities.

When as President of the MCC-NSW in 1996, we launched the campaign towards the Malta Government to secure Maltese citizenship for the children of Maltese citizens born outside of Malta, Paul Calleja was with us all the way & through his contacts and Associations in W.A. they wrote letters of support & like us, lobbied M.Ps and gave us their support. In 2000, we were in Malta for the "Convention of Maltese Leaders from Abroad", at the same time the Citizenship Law was passed in the Maltese Parliament. Soon after I was called by the then Prime Minister of Malta - Dr Edward Fenech Adami, and asked to attend his Office, where he formally advised me that children of Maltese citizens who were born outside of Malta were now granted Maltese citizenship; Paul Calleja was one of the first people that I informed & he expressed to me his great joy.

Paul Calleja continued to work for the Maltese Community of W.A. as an Honorary Consul & in other roles. He will be greatly missed but his legacy will live for many more years, and so my dear friend Paul, it seems that our plan to meet again later this year in Perth was not meant to be, The Good Lord had other plans, so until we meet again Paul, May The Good Lord Shower You with His Blessings & May you Forever Rest In Peace.....



Passport No. or
Australia 'at the earliest'.

Alfred Bayliss, the 25,000th Maltese migrant in 1960

'A very good tradesman'

Born in 1931, Alfred was of mixed Maltese – British ancestry. During the war, Alfred experienced the hardships and terror of war. His education was also disrupted.

Alfred became a mechanic employed by the British military. Despite lacking formal qualifications, he became a 'very good tradesman, hardworking and conscientious ... [with] a very good knowledge of his trade'.

In 1957 Alfred married Aida Calleja. They soon had two daughters.

In late 1959, Alfred and Aida applied for assisted passages to Australia. Aida's parents already lived in Melbourne. Alfred stated he was ready to depart for



Treated like royalty

After passing medical and character checks, Alfred was selected as Australia's 25,000th post-war Maltese migrant. The Bayliss family was subsequently treated like royalty.

In February 1960, they were farewelled from Malta by senior government officials and the archbishop. On the 'Flaminia', the family was given their own cabin. This was handy as Aida suffered badly from sea sickness throughout the voyage.

After arriving in Melbourne on 8 March 1960, Alfred and Aida were flown to Canberra. There, they were guests of honour at a special luncheon at Parliament House. Immigration Minister Alexander Downer described Alfred's arrival as a 'great occasion in Australian-Maltese relations'. He wished the Bayliss family prosperity, happiness and peace of mind in Australia. As a memento of this historic occasion,

the Minister presented Alfred with a book. Alfred and Aida reciprocated with a Maltese lace tablecloth.

At the end of the luncheon, Alexander Downer told Alfred to contact him if he ever needed anything.

Hard times

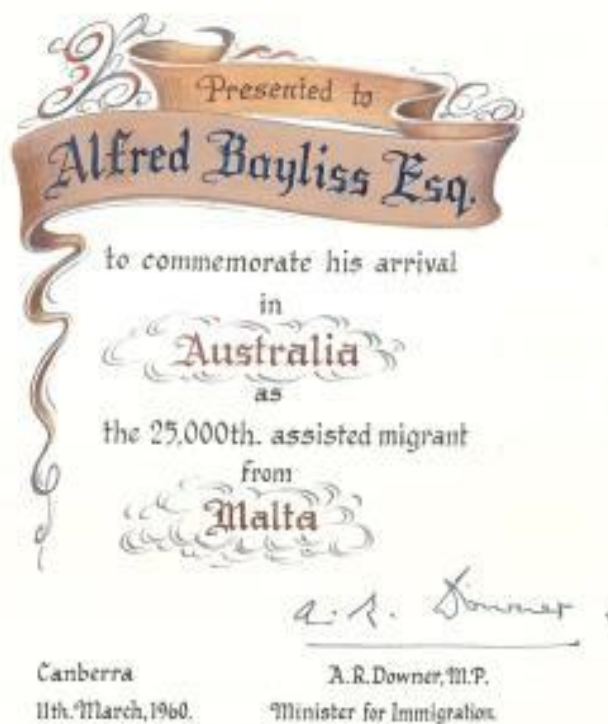
After returning to Melbourne, the family moved in with Aida's parents. However, Aida's mother died in October 1960 and her father decided to return to Malta. Alfred and Aida needed a new home. Initially, they squeezed their family and possessions into a single room. They then rented a larger place in Brunswick, but this was soon sold. In desperation, Alfred contacted Alexander Downer seeking his assistance. Downer had his department write to the Housing Commission:

My minister has requested that his personal interest in this case is made known to you, and that he would be most grateful for any assistance that could be given to this family.

Despite ministerial intervention, the Housing Commission was unable to assist because of a backlog of applications.

Hard work

The Bayliss family finally found accommodation at Glenroy in Melbourne's north. Aida had other relatives nearby.



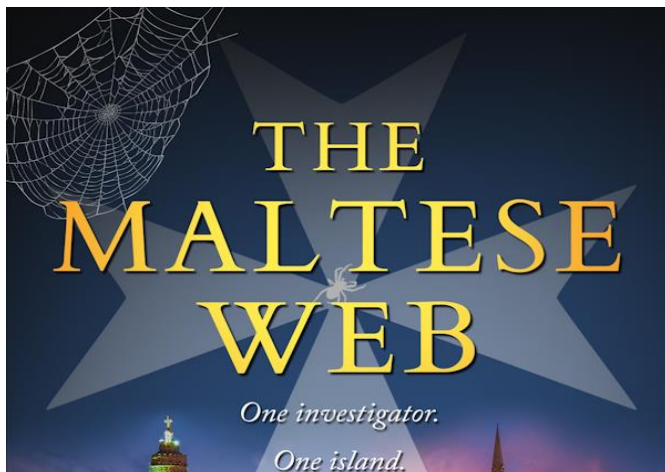
Eventually Alfred and Aida bought a milk bar. It was hard work, opening at 6am and often not closing until midnight. To support a growing family, Alfred continued working as a mechanic too. He also worked nights. In later life, Aida qualified as a nurse's aide, something she remains proud of.

Integration and discrimination

The Bayliss family always spoke English at home, which helped them 'integrate'. However, this did not prevent the children from being bullied for being 'wogs'.

In 1972, Alfred and his family became Australian citizens. Whilst Australia was now his home, Alfred remained proud of his Maltese homeland. Alfred passed away on 31 March 2008. It was 48 years after he arrived in Australia. Alfred was survived by Aida and his children Diana, Cristina and Wayne.

The assistance of the Bayliss family and Joseph Matina of the Maltese Community Council of Victoria Inc. is gratefully acknowledged.



The Maltese Web: One Investigator, One Island, Countless Secrets.

Sean Richardson, a regular contributor to

the Maltese Newsletter, has published his first novel, 'The Maltese Web'.

The novel is set in Malta and is a thriller that follows financial investigator, Marica Debono, in her quest for personal redemption, while trying to unravel a web of deceit.

Racing against time to stop Russian criminals from exploiting her homeland, she must unravel the web to stop them. Balancing her personal and professional responsibilities, she must walk a tightrope to restore her professional integrity, save those closest to her, and uncover the truth about her father's involvement.

Having lived in Malta, and had many visits with his family, Sean weaves his observations of the Maltese architecture, landscape, and society into the story. He hopes to excite people to take an interest in the vibrancy and uniqueness Malta has to offer and develop an appreciation of the Maltese way of life, as he did.

Grab your copy of 'The Maltese Web' (One investigator; One Island; Countless secrets) from [Amazon](#) to find out if Marica can uncover the secrets, find il-Brimba and destroy the web, in time to save herself and her loved ones.

You can find more of Sean's stories and writing about Malta here at seanrichardson.com.au

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Anthony Scicluna, Maltese Migrant



Anthony Scicluna was born in Cospicua, Malta in 1947. At the age of three Anthony, his three siblings and his parents moved to Vittoriosa, Malta. His father Remigio was a tailor who worked for the British Royal Navy sewing dinner suits and naval uniforms. When the navy left Malta, Anthony's father was out of work, so he decided to immigrate to Australia with his family for a better life. The family immigrated when Anthony was 16 years old, departing Malta on 27 September 1964, travelling with the Flotta Lauro Line via the Suez Canal. They arrived in Melbourne on Friday the 22nd October 1964.

The family lived with Anthony's uncle for a few years in Carlton before moving into their own home in Keilor. Anthony obtained work on the afternoon he arrived in Melbourne at Sands & McDougall printing factory in Spencer Street, and started there on Monday 25th October

1964. His wage at that time was 8 pounds 16 shillings and his work entailed getting morning teas and lunches for staff and assisting the printers. His father and brother were employed at Krafts Foods in Port Melbourne.

Anthony worked at Sands & McDougall for three years before moving on to another printing factory, McCarron Bird, in Lonsdale Street as an assistant printer. Printing then became Anthony's trade. He remained at McCarron Bird for seven years before securing a job with the Department of Agriculture, Plant Research Institute, in Swan Street, Richmond in the human resources section. Anthony remained there until 1991 when he left to care for his ill father, who passed away in 1998, and his blind mother Carmen. He never married.

Anthony comments that his father found Australia to be a better, more prosperous place to bring up his family, and that the whole family adopted Australia as their homeland from the very first day they arrived. They found Australia a better place to build a future and they have been 'happy here ever since.' Anthony's father never wanted to return to Malta, not even for a holiday, and Anthony and all his siblings took out Australian citizenship.

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GEORGE CROSS SOCCER TEAM 1980-90 REUNION

Zoe Cartwright – Region Illawarra - NSW

President of the Cringila George Cross Falcons Maltese Centre, football reunion organiser and former player, Louis Parnis, with former Socceroo Ante Covic and event sponsor Frank Farrugia. Photo: Zoe Cartwright.

Replays of football glory from the 80s and 90s, passionate discussions about the merits of different players and fond memories of “Uncle Joe” made for a warm reunion for George

Cross FC players in Cringila.

The club, later called the George Cross Falcons Club, fielded soccer teams in the 60s and again in the 80s and 90s as a way for members of the Maltese community to connect and share their passion for the game. Maltese Club president Louis Parnis brought dozens of former players and their families together for a friendly reunion in the hall in Cringila where it all began.

Home videos of matches were projected onto the stage all evening, while attendees enjoyed plenty of good food, wine and company. Former Socceroos goalkeeper Ante Covic attended to present the players with a shirt in the style of the original team uniform.

He said the enthusiasm in the room was palpable – and unsurprising. “I don’t think you ever lose that competitive drive,” he said. “Even now I’m retired I play in the over 45s at my junior club with a few friends, and I still get a little bit of that white-line fever; I still go out there to win. It’s hard to shake that.

“I have life-long friendships at that club from when I started playing at the age of five.

“My background is Croatian, and for immigrants who came in the 60s and 70s football was a meeting ground, it united them – Maltese, Italian, Greek, Croatian. “It wasn’t just the football, it’s the social aspect; I think it’s fantastic.” Members of the club thanked Ante for his many years on the football pitch, and for the joy that so many people got from watching him play. But the guest of honour at the reunion was Uncle Joe Magro, Sr, with players sharing memories of his passion and dedication to the side.

“I remember him running up and down the sideline yelling, ‘You must score, you must score,’” Louis said.

Now aged 95, Joe does less running these days but was all smiles as his great-grandson walked him up to the stage to receive his T-shirt and matching hat.

Former George Cross football players attended a reunion in Cringila on Friday, 12 July. Featured front and centre is 95-year-old Uncle Joe Magro. Photo: Cringila Maltese Club.

Former second coach Frank Zammit shared his happiness at seeing so many former players in attendance.

“We had some wonderful players and I still have happy memories of those days,” he said.

“This is all thanks to Louis; I am so happy to see the players here today. “This club has been good for soccer, and soccer has been good for the club.” St George Cross Falcons Club in Cringila started in 1951 when some members of the Maltese community in Wollongong got together and decided to establish a club to help the newer migrants.

A committee was organised and would meet in a tin shed across from the club or at each other’s homes.

A fee of 10 cents per week was given by each member which went towards funding for the club.



In 1953 two block lots were bought for 200 pounds each. In 1955 two basement rooms were built by volunteers. One of those volunteers was Joe Magro Sr. His son, Joe Magro Jr, said he remembered his parents' commitment to supporting new arrivals.

"My parents came out in 1951; Mum was 19, Dad was 21," he said.

"They settled in Wollongong and didn't have any family or friends who migrated with them, so Dad got motivated to put this club together – there's a photo of him digging the foundations in the Wollongong archives.

"Mum said when they got here she cried for a year. It's hard to imagine, you come to a new country with no-one and don't speak the language very well, but Australia has become their home.

"In the early days the club was very much a meeting place for the Maltese community, where they found friends and family. "Dad had a bit of a welfare mentality as well – as a young child I remember people staying with us until they could get established and find a job and somewhere to live.

"Dad played for the first soccer team the club had back in the 60s; coming into the 80s he was instrumental in reviving it and got it going again.

"I played for the George Cross for a couple of years and then became secretary for a couple of years before handing over the reins to the next generation.

"It would be lovely to see more young ones in here; it's wonderful Louis has put this on and to see some young ones come along is fantastic because they're the new generation, they're the ones who keep the Maltese spirit alive." Frank Ferrugia, owner of Frankie's Auto Electrics at Albion Park Rail was the major sponsor of the event.

He said he was delighted to have the opportunity to support two of the great loves of his life – family and football. "My true love in life is my family – the second would be football," he said. "It means so much to the Maltese community and the club really united the community down here.

"If you're Maltese you're very proud of your heritage and who you are; everyone here supports each other no matter what.

"It's a wonderful thing – the club has really helped my Mum out through hard times in her life, so I was happy to give a bit back." While the club no longer fields a team, the future of football for the Illawarra Maltese community looks bright, with Frank's young son delighted to don a specially-made reunion shirt.

Meet The Maltese Olympians For The Paris 2024 Olympics

By [Ilenia Debono](#)

With just three days left to the Paris 2024 Olympics, it is time to get to know who will be representing Malta in the Olympic Games.

Katryna Esposito, 23 years old, will be competing in Malta's name in the - 48kg Judo. Esposito won first place in

the 19th Games of the Small States of Europe, in Malta last year and placed second in the Algiers African Open 2024. Esposito will be competing on Saturday 27th July. Gianluca Chetcuti, 26 years old, will be competing in the Shooting Trap round. Chetcuti holds 142 current world records in double trap and has won two gold medals in double trap, in 2017 and 2019. Chetcuti will be representing Malta on Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th July.

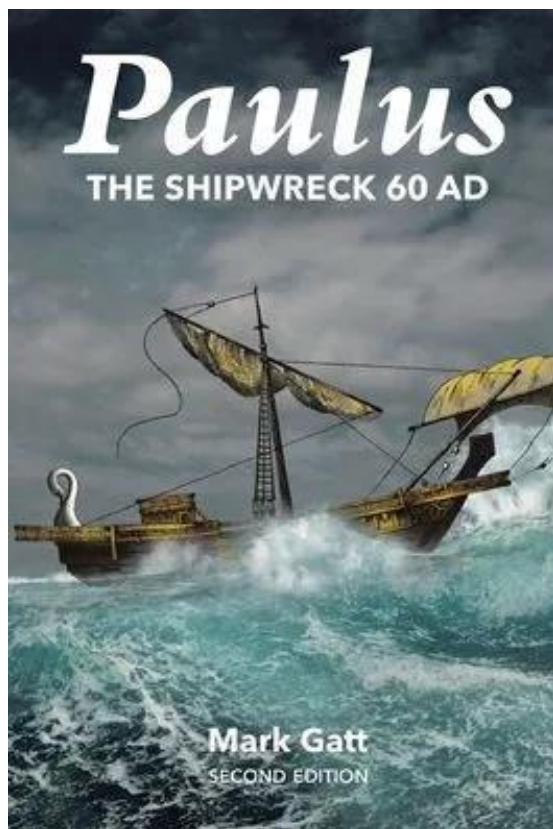
Beppe Grillo, 21 years old, will be competing in the Athletics round. Grillo is the five-time national champion in Athletics, having run 100 metres in 10.23 seconds last May in the Balkan Championships. Grillo will run on Saturday 3rd August.

Sasha Gatt, 19 years old, will be swimming in the Olympics. Sasha at 16 years old qualified for her First Olympics in Tokyo. She currently holds national records for 400 free, 800 free and 1500 free. Gatt achieved 4 medals at the Games of Small States. She is the highest ranked female swimmer in Malta. She will be swimming on Tuesday 30th July



Kyle Micallef will also be swimming, in a different distance, in the aquatic section of the Olympics. Micallef has many international achievements under his name, in Australia and the USA. He's even achieved four National Collegiate Athletic Association Championship titles. Micallef won two gold medals for the 50m Freestyle and 4x100m Relay Freestyle respectively.

Paulus: The Shipwreck AD 60: Second Edition



Dear Frank, The new website of my book on Apostle Paul's voyage and shipwreck may be of interest to your readers.

<https://fultonbooks.com/books/?book=paulus> Fulton Books have now issued this Press Release...

Mark Gatt's New Book "Paulus: The Shipwreck AD 60: Second Edition" explores how a Roman anchor could lead to the truth surrounding the location of St. Paul's shipwreck. Fulton Books author Mark Gatt, who has forty years of scuba diving experience and has directed quite a few dive teams in the search and recovery of missing persons at sea, has completed his most recent book "Paulus: The Shipwreck AD 60: Second Edition": a fascinating read that chronicles the discovery of an ancient lead anchor stock adorned with the names of Egyptian gods and the search for the real-life locations of St. Paul's shipwreck in Malta.

"This book, narrating the discovery of an ancient lead anchor stock embossed with the names of the Egyptian gods ISIS and SARAPI(S) in the seabed off Salina Bay on a Sunday morning in April 2005, is also the story of the search for the real site of St Paul's shipwreck in Malta," writes Biblical scholar Paul Guillaumier. "In the process,

the author surprises us with a novelistic but accurate account of the storm, shipwreck, and landing of St Paul in Malta, as set out in chapters 27 and 28 of the Acts of the Apostles. But Mark Gatt's own investigations on the site of the Apostle Paul's shipwreck is also his own quest for the spiritual message of salvation in St Paul's life and teaching embodied in the real 'anchor' of Christ Jesus." Published by Fulton Books, Mark Gatt's book not only illuminates a pivotal moment in early Christian history but also delves into the author's personal journey of discovery and spiritual exploration. This edition offers readers an enriched understanding of St. Paul's enduring legacy and the historical context surrounding his shipwreck.

Readers who wish to experience this enlightening work can purchase "Paulus: The Shipwreck AD 60: Second Edition" at bookstores everywhere, or online at the Apple iTunes store, Amazon, Google Play, or Barnes and Noble. Please direct all media inquiries to Author Support via email at support@fultonbooks.com or via telephone at 877-210-0816.

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Clint Vassallo third in the European Championship for Amateur Drivers 2024

19 July 2024



The European Amateur Drivers' Championship organised by FEGAT came to an end with another positive performance for Malta represented by Clint Vassallo. Organised in Belgium, this tournament saw 13 participants from all over Europe drive four races over two days at the Oostende and Mons racecourse.

Clint Vassallo had alternating results during the four races, but with his excellent driving even on difficult horses he managed to achieve the best possible

results considering the horses at his disposal.

Mati Clint Vassallo started with a good fourth-place placement on Just To Win, and later closed in seventh place on Iconoclaste in the second race of the day. Thankfully even the other drivers in the championship had a positive and negative result in the races held in Oostende. Vassallo therefore closed the first day in fourth position with 17 points.

The next day at the Mons racecourse, Clint Vassallo managed to finish third in the first race on the Belgian mare Ona Ter Putten. This result helped him climb to third place behind Belgian driver Piet Van Pollaert and Austrian driver Thomas Royer. The last race was crucial to determine the winner and Clint Vassallo had one of the race favorites in Kimberly du Loisir. Although Clint Vassallo had a good race behind the leader's backs all the way, his French mare shouted in the last 200 metres and Clint Vassallo finished sixth, with the Austrian driver in fifth position and the Belgian driver in the eighth poost.

This result helped Clint Vassallo consolidate his third place and move towards the second-placed driver.

This was another good performance by a Maltese driver at another international event. The Malta Racing Club, with the support of EquestriMalta, remains committed to continuing to give Maltese participants all available opportunities to showcase their talent on the international scene.

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48th edition of L-Għanja tal-Poplu to be held on August 3

16 finalists to perform at Pjazza Teatru Rjal

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The finalists of L-Għanja tal-Poplu.

The 48th edition of the Maltese song festival *L-Għanja tal-Poplu 2024* is being held on August 3 at *Pjazza Teatru Rjal* in Valletta.

The Malta Concert Orchestra, under the direction of Joe Brown, will accompany the participating singers. The finalist entries, which were announced in June, are:

1. *Jien Min Jien* – Klikka (Renato Vella/ Steve Camilleri/Malcolm Camilleri, Philip Vella)
2. *Daqqa ta' Pinna* – Cherylis (Emil Calleja Bayliss, Mark Scicluna)
3. *Jiena Missier* – Dominic Cini (Etienne Micallef, Philip Vella)
4. *Straight* – Lon Kirkop (singer-songwriter)
5. *Bil-Jekk u Bil-Jewilla* – Thea Gauci (Emil Calleja Bayliss, Mark Spiteri Lucas)
6. *Fissidni* – Dario Bezzina (singer-songwriter)
7. *Munita B'Żewġ Ucuħ* – Kayley Cuschieri (Paul Ellul, Mark Scicluna)
8. *Tgħanniqa* – Leontine (Etienne Micallef, Dominic Cini)
9. *Kanna Kanun* – JAMM Band (Mark Cachia)
10. *Dik L-Id* – Jasmine Farrugia (Paul Ellul, Aldo Spiteri/ Bradley Spiteri/ Liam Spiteri)
11. *Nafu Nhobbu Wkoll* – Anna Azzopardi (Joe Julian Farrugia, Mark Spiteri Lucas)
12. *Il-Poeta ta' Ftit Kliem* – Mark Tonna (Etienne Micallef, Dominic Cini)
13. *Namra* – Florence Aquilina (singer-songwriter)
14. *Inkiss Inkiss* – Rachel Lowell (Emil Calleja Bayliss, Philip Vella)
15. *Għażiża* – Laura Bruno (Mark Spiteri Lucas)
16. *Qsamt it-Triq* – David Joseph Sammut (Alfred C. Sant)

Special guests for this year are Renato Micallef, who will receive a special award for his contribution to Maltese song, and Christian Arding, who won the competition in 2023 with the song *Il-Baħħ u Jien*.

Joseph Galea and Antonella Galea Loffreda will compère the show. Tickets are available from www.ticketline.com.mt. For more information, visit www.ghanjatalpoplu.org.

The festival is organised by the voluntary organisation *L-Għanja tal-Poplu* in collaboration with *Pjazza Teatru Rjal*. *L-Għanja tal-Poplu* is supported by Arts Council Malta.

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THE RETURN OF THE OPERA IN THE CAPITAL FOR 2024

The much-anticipated [Opera in the Capital](#) concert is set to make its grand return to St George's Square in Valletta on the 30th of August at 9pm. This annual event, cherished by locals and visitors alike, promises a balmy evening filled with exquisite arias and ensembles, celebrating the majestic elements of the human voice, the true star of the night. This year's concert boasts an impressive lineup featuring tenors Alan Sciberras and Cliff Zammit Stevens, alongside soprano Nadia Vella. These talented artists will be accompanied by the renowned Malta Philharmonic Orchestra, under the expert baton of Maestro Michael Laus.

Highlights of the evening include:

- "La fleur que tu m'avais jetée" from Bizet's *Carmen*
- "È la solita storia del pastore" from Cilea's *L'Arlesiana*
- "Donna non vidi mai" from Puccini's *Manon Lescaut*

We will also delight you with:

- Louiguy's "La vie en rose"
- "Lippen Schweigen" from Lehár's *The Merry Widow*
- "Je veux vivre" from Gounod's *Roméo et Juliette*
- "All I Ask of You" from Lloyd Webber's *The Phantom of the Opera*

Adding a local flavor, Opera in the Capital will feature the beloved Maltese song "Xemx" and Zammit Stevens' "Fil-Qrib," promising to make this night truly unforgettable. [Get Your Tickets Now!](#)

Don't miss out on this beautiful evening of classical splendour in the heart of Valletta.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Want to find out more? Visit vca.gov.mt for further details and events.

Żewġ Splenduri gewwa Ghawdex

Biex mhux kollox jibqa' għaddej mar-riħ, xtaqt nagħmel żewġ kummenti qosra għax dejjem emmint li 'Scripta manent, verba volant'!



Fil-Knisja Bażilika ta' San Gorg Victoria għadha kemm fetħet il-bieb beraħ il-Kappella Biżantina tal-Ewkaristija li fil-fehma tiegħi hija splendor uniku fil-gżejjer Maltin – xogħol mill-aktar mirqum li kien fdat f'idejn koppja żagħżuġha mir-Rumania u li matul il-festa ta' San Gorg li għadha kemm għaddiet, kienu ppreżentati lill-pubbliku mill-Arċipriet tal-Parroċċa Monsinjur Joseph Curmi. Għamlu biċċa xogħol li għiblek għajnejk wara

widnejk; morru żuruha u araw inieq qed ngħid is-sewwa. Mertu kbir għall-ħolqien ta' din l-opra għandu l-ex Arċipriet Mons Gużepi Farrugia li kien hu li ħolom biha u ta bidu għaliha; ma baqax isegwiha kif xtaq għax spiċċa Franza fejn qed jieħu ħsieb diversi parroċċi. Benefattur kbir imbagħad li ħallas parti kbira minnha huwa wiehed mill-Monsinjuri ta' din il-Kollegġjata Monsinjur Dun Karm Scicluna li illum għadda għal ħajja aħjar.



Splendor ieħor li spikka matul il-festa tal-Megalomatri San Gorg matul it-tielet ġimgħa ta' Lulju kienu t-tlett ijiem ta-Triduum li niseġ l-ex Arċipriet tax-Xagħra għal tant snin, Monsinjur Dun Karm Refalo li tassew tana bosta tagħrif u tagħlim dwar dan il-martri żagħżuġ tat-tielet seklu, il-martri ta' Lidda (285 – 303). Kull min kien preżenti baqa'msammarmas-siġġu tal-knisja jisma' l-katekiżmu u l-istorja ta' dan il-qaddis li jgawdi kult mad-dinja kollha. Għalkemm wild il-Bambina fejn issir festa mill-kbar, dan il-predikatur deher midħla sewwa tal-qaddis patrun tal-Belt Victoria u tkellem dwaru bl-akbar heffa u sengħa. Daħal għal biċċa xogħol mhix faċli u ħareġ bl-unuri kollha. Prosit Dun Karm. **Kav Joe**

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The Gozo Philatelic Society is pleased to announce a new exhibition in its showcase on level - 1 at Il-Haġar Museum in Victoria's Pjazza San Gorg.

To continue celebrating its Silver Jubilee, it again shows a part of the

collection donated by established Melitensia collector Wolfgang Juncker. This time it is the turn of errors and varieties on Malta stamps, mainly from the impressive 1965 definitives, including missing colours.

Visitors are again able to pick up copies of the GPS periodical. Visiting hours remain 9am – 5pm seven days a week, still with no entrance fee.

In the meantime a temporary art exhibition displays sixty artefacts by Aurelio and Simone Talpa, distributed around this cultural centre, together with a video.



Lucas and Matthew Bugeja “Thereafter” **Bugeja Studio**

Losing love was a death, and it haunts him, still. Unwilling to move on, a man desperately attempts to find his way back to the past, even if it means losing himself.

Directors Biography - Matthew Bugeja, Lucas Bugeja

Lucas Bugeja and Matthew Bugeja are brothers and directors from Adelaide, Australia. They began their early filmmaking careers shooting music videos for local artists using the first video-capable DSLRs. Since 2013 they have been working in the advertising industry where they have filmed, directed, and produced commercials for TV. Their first narrative work, the short film 'Lyrebird' was released in 2022.



Directors' Statement

Our film 'Thereafter' started as a combination of very specific visual imagery, and the desire to tell a story centred around internal struggle. The theme of regret was poignant at the time of its writing and began naturally marrying together with the imagery we were developing. The resulting

combination is a psychological and metaphoric journey of a man desperately trying to return to his past, haunted by the memories of his lost love.

As the film developed, it became evident we were illustrating the deeply internal conflicts associated with mental health. This steered us through production to be true, to not hold back from darker and more difficult moments, and to represent painful themes in creative ways.

In order to assist the viewer in deciphering the protagonist's journey as the film dips back and forth between memory and internal struggle, we were very precise with our choices of lenses and camera grip, wardrobe, blocking, locations, and colour grades.

We believe the viewer will be able to use all of these elements to piece together the narrative, and to determine the different modes and levels of storytelling.

We are so thankful to have had the incredible talents of our cast, who understood what we wanted to achieve, and delivered exceptional and raw performances. We are also thankful for our crew, who made every day a joy on set, We're very excited to announce that 'Thereafter' has been officially selected and nominated for three awards at SASA (South Australian Screen Awards) hosted by [@themercury.adl](https://www.themercury.adl) The nominations include: Our film, Thereafter is going strong on the festival circuit, most recently receiving three nominations at the South Australian Screen Awards. We're still seeking funding from generous donors to help bring our next



short film to life. Donate and find out more: www.tinyurl.com/MindAwake

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**Luigia
Camenzuli**

‘You broke my heart. A month from today, you must be killed’

In July 1905 a pregnant young woman was shot dead in Valletta by her former lover - who then shot himself in the head.

Luigia Camenzuli, seen in the photograph, was 21 and happily married to a Royal Navy sailor. But one of her former boyfriends, Giovanni Paris, had never stopped loving her and began to stalk her.

He sent a letter to Luigia, in which he wrote: “I must... declare to you, asking for your forgiveness at the same time, that a month from today, you must be killed.”

Four months passed without incident and Luigia, by now pregnant, was walking down a street in Valletta

one day with her friend, heading to a grocery store.

Giovanni was waiting for her on a street corner. He stepped forward and shot Luigia. Despite being wounded, she ran into the grocery shop, pursued by Giovanni.

He shot Luigia twice more inside the shop, and then leaned against a wall and shot himself in the head - twice.

When the police came they found Luigia lying dead in a pool of blood, alongside Giovanni - who was still alive. He was taken to hospital and two years later stood trial for Luigia’s murder.

The jury found Giovanni not guilty on an 8-1 verdict because they declared him to be “under the influence of an impulsive obsession” at the time of the crime and thus of unsound mind. He was sent to a mental institution, most probably only for a few years.

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Trip down memory lane. Maltese Community Centre & Museum

If you live in Victoria, Australia or maybe travelling to Victoria and specially if of Maltese background then you must make an effort to visit The Maltese Community Centre & Museum which is only under two-hour drive from the Melbourne CBD to discover this wonderful heritage. I was lucky enough to be at the opening and have also seen the addition to the museum which I am grateful for and would highly recommend that if you miss Malta then this place will take you there.

To add to the experience, you can order Maltese food cooked by the team of volunteers on site.

I am sure that it would be a memorable occasion and I highly recommend the visit.

Andrew G. A magnificent taster of the Maltese islands and culture.



This collection of Maltese artifacts is an

acknowledgement and tribute to the Maltese culture. So many people have contributed items to ensure they are safe for posterity. The efforts to draw all the items together under one roof is nothing short of amazing, Mario and his helpers are to be congratulated.... the personalised tours were magnificent with the pointing out of key items, and the stories

that enhance the appreciation. Don't miss a visit. You will not be disappointed.. Ask if there is an opportunity to participate in one of the Maltese meal days-- they do need reasonable warning as these do not happen very often and book out very, very quickly.

The Army Bazaar, to the left of the karozzin, is Malta's oldest bar whilst the buildings on the heights behind it are St George's Barracks. Converted into a hospital in 1915, more than 230 wounded from Gallipoli were brought here on 4 May 1915



THE MALTESE GUILD OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Members are invited to join us for a complimentary beverage and pastizzi following the meeting.



Dear Members, I am pleased to invite you to the **2024 Annual General Meeting** of The Maltese Guild of SA Inc. to be held on **Sunday 4th August at 2:00pm at 6 Jeanes Street, Beverley**. Mr Frank Scicluna has been appointed **Returning Officer** and will conduct the elections for office bearers. In accordance with the procedures prescribed in the Constitution, nominations from **financial and Life Members of the Maltese Guild of SA** are now being called for the following vacancies: **President (2 Years)** and **Councillors (1 Year)**

Nomination forms are available from the Secretary, and shall be requested via the Guild's email address: malteseguildsainc@gmail.com

Completed **Nomination Forms** (no later than 1st August) must be addressed to:

The Returning Officer c/o The Maltese Guild SA Inc. 6 Jeanes Street, Beverley 5009

We look forward to your attendance. Regards, Margaret Abela Secretary



ST. CATHERINE SOCIETY OF SA INC



The St. Catherine Society of SA is inviting you to attend the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** for 2024 to be held **on the 18th August at St. Brigid Hall, 43 LeHunte Street, Kilburn at.**

2;00pm.

There will a sausage sizzle at 1.00pm. Nominations will be taken from the floor.

Following the meeting you are invited for a cup of coffee. If you have any queries regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact **Bernadette Buhagiar – 0420 944 205 or Agnes Borg – 0422 485 059**

Looking forward to seeing you at the AGM. **Agnes Borg – Secretary St Catherine Society of SA Inc**

Colton Riggs, a burned-out former tough cop from the Midwest, has his boring new Maltese charter-boating lifestyle turned upside-down when he suddenly finds himself catapulted into a web of high-stakes international espionage.





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