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THE VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE MALTESE LIVING ABROAD



Maltese-Australians' Youth Committee of NSW co-chairs Charmaine Cassar and Shannon Said prepare for President Marie Louise Coleiro Preca's visit to western Sydney.

West Malta President Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca to visit La Valette Blacktown NSW

Joanne Vella, Blacktown Advocate

BLACKTOWN'S Maltese community is preparing the pastizzi, polishing the silver filigree and rolling out the red and white carpet for the Maltese President's visit on Saturday.



Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca's 12-day itinerary across Australia will incorporate a visit to La Valette Social Centre, Blacktown, with an emphasis on meeting young people.

An hour will be dedicated to speaking with the Maltese-Australians' Youth Committee NSW members to discuss the state of Maltese language in Australia, dual citizenship and promotion of cultural activities between the nations. The issues were raised during the group's visit to Malta last year. The committee's Shannon Said urged young people to attend.

Malta's President Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca has an affinity with young people.

"We as the MAYC want to push for the youth to be there," he said.

"I think it goes back to the president saying she's our president as well and she wants to do all for the Maltese living in Australia. We're not just Australians, we're citizens of Malta too."

Mr Said described the Maltese language as "under threat" in NSW where enrolments at schools were dwindling and weekend classes were usually only taught to school-aged students.

"If things don't change, I'm a believer it will die out," he said.



Sustaining Maltese language will be discussed when Ms Preca visits Blacktown. Mr Said, who is the committee's co-chair with Charmaine Cassar, said highlighting Malta's role in the European Union was also significant so dual citizens could be aware of how economic and political changes affected them.

There is a thriving Maltese community in Blacktown.

The promotion of cultural and sporting activities such as rugby league through exchange programs will also be suggested to consolidate relationships between Australia

and Malta.

La Valette's Frances Fitzpatrick is expecting a strong turnout at the social centre on Saturday. The Maltese monument at Civic Park, Pendle Hill. Australia has the largest Maltese community outside Malta. There are about 200,000 people of Maltese descent living in the country. In Blacktown City, more than 2600 residents were born in the tiny Mediterranean nation. La Valette is expecting 500 people on Saturday night, 200 more than usual. President calls on Maltese-Australians to remain connected to Malta



PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA

TIMES OF MALTA Maltese-Australians: 'Malta will always miss you'

"Malta will always miss you," President Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca told a Maltese-Australian community gathered in Wollongong, New South Wales today.



Describing her official visit to Australia as "one of the most emotional" experiences she had had, the president urged those present to keep Maltese traditions, customs and culture alive Down Under.

A crowd gathers to greet President Coleiro-Preca at Pendle Hill. The president was speaking at the George Cross Falcons community centre in Cringila, Wollongong. The centre was

built in 1951 to serve the Maltese community that had arrived to work in the Illawarra region steel industry. Earlier the president visited an Australian monument that depicts the settlement history of Maltese migrants.

Pendle Hill's Bi-Centenary Monument shows the symbolic four arms of the eight-pointed Maltese cross, with a bronze plaque on each arm telling the story of those who left Malta to settle Down Under. The monument was erected in 1988 to commemorate the 200th year of colonial occupation in Australia.

The president, who is currently on an official visit to Australia, also visited the Alfred Fenech Maltese Resource Centre, in Paramatta, Sydney. The Maltese Community Council of New South Wales runs a number of activities from the centre, such as the Maltese language school. The centre also prints Maltese newspaper *The Voice of the Maltese*. President Coleiro-Preca thanked Maltese Community Council of New South Wales members for their continuous efforts to keep the Maltese flag flying high in Australia, and for preserving and sharing Maltese identity, including the Maltese language.

The president also visited St Dominic's Hostel in Blacktown, Sydney, which is run by the Dominican Sisters of Malta. The president was greeted by the Mother Superior of the Dominican Sisters of Malta in NSW, Sister Georgina Sultana. President Coleiro-Preca thanked the Sisters for their constant dedication to help those in need – a sense of dedication which could also be seen in the other hostels the Sisters have in Malta and London,

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President Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca calls on young Maltese-Australians to preserve the Maltese culture.

President of the Republic Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca has called on young Maltese-Australians to keep connected to Malta.



The President, visiting the La Vallette Social Centre in Blacktown during her visit in Australia, led an informal discussion with youths of Maltese descent, and spoke about the preserving of the Maltese culture and traditions.

Coleiro Preca explained that a discussion was needed on “how we can connect and how we can keep connected, in this day and age, and

after so many years away from the island.” “We still need to think outside the box, when it comes to analysing ways through which, the younger generations are to become more interested in the country of their forefathers.” “It would be wonderful if the younger generation keeps connected to the land of its forefathers as there is quite a lot that we can share, even though we live in two different hemispheres,” she added. At the end of the discussion, President Coleiro Preca, welcomed by a large crowd of Maltese community members, said that Malta will always miss them, and will always be their home away from home.

Thanking the Maltese community in Australia for continuously giving visibility to Malta and Gozo through various ventures, the President called on them to continue instilling the Maltese pride in the younger generations. On his part, Stephen Bali, the Mayor of Blacktown City, suggested that the Government of Malta should look into a twinning agreement between the city of Blacktown and a city or village in Malta.

Speech at the Australian-Maltese Business Forum in Sydney, Australia

[Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca](#) Facebook · [Monday, July 18, 2016](#)

I wish you all a very good morning. It gives me great pleasure to be in Sydney, Australia, as I feel I am among family and friends.

My presence here today bears testimony to the long history of mutual friendship we share.

It is also a statement of the importance that Malta gives to the thousands of Maltese and Gozitans, and their descendants, who have made Australia their home.

Although geographically far apart, Malta and Australia have nurtured close relations through the Commonwealth, and through the thousands of Maltese migrants living in Australia.

Times have changed. While Australia has been a land of opportunities, Malta today is providing a myriad of opportunities, not only for the Maltese, but also for foreign investors and workers.

Malta is the fastest growing economy in the European Union, with an all-time low rate in unemployment. In fact, for every three jobs created in Malta, two are being taken up by foreign workers.

Malta has managed to develop a whole variety of industries covering: pharmaceuticals, precision engineering, electronic and automotive components, plastics, medical devices, software development, aviation services, aircraft and yacht repair, a Freeport, which is a state-of-the-art transshipment and logistics Hub, financial services, banking and insurance, i-gaming, and alternative energy products and services, amongst others.

While Malta today enjoys the second largest shipping register in the world, we are also developing aircraft registration. We are proud to say that, due to our formidable and regulated Banking system, Malta has managed to overcome the challenge presented by the financial crisis without mishap.

A fast growing sector of the economy is the Tourism industry, which, over the years, was diversified to embrace educational tourism, through our language schools, and medical tourism, through partnerships with internationally-renowned medical institutions.



During the last years, huge efforts were taken up by the Maltese government to enhance and develop cultural tourism, by an enormous restoration program of our long-standing historical heritage, together with cultural and entertainment activities.

Valletta 2018, when Malta's capital city will hold the title of

European Capital of Culture, will provide an outstanding showcase of Malta's rich cultural, artistic and historical heritage.

It is surprising that, in spite of Malta's strong connections with Australia, bilateral trade is so limited, where Malta enjoys strong competitive advantages.

Distance is not a deterrent to improve trade and business relations, as Malta enjoys such strong trade and business relations with many Asian countries. I am pleased to note that Malta regularly registers trade surpluses with many Asian countries.

Malta's tax regime is fully in line with European Union legislation, and is very advantageous to investors competing very well with renowned, tax regimes such as Hong Kong. Malta offers a perfect gateway for European Union markets.

Malta also offers the opportunity for the Maltese and their descendants in Australia - dual citizenship. Dual citizenship opens a wide-spectrum of opportunities, not just in Malta, but in all the other Member States of the European Union.

In 2017, Malta will be leading the EU Council through the Presidency. Malta welcomes the recent conclusion of negotiations of the EU-Australia Framework Agreement. Such an agreement will provide a new impetus for the development of cooperation in areas such as foreign and security policy, development and trade. There is great possibility of collaboration between Malta and Australia, also, in vocational training and the opening of private educational colleges. This is definitely an area that can be further explored.

Young Maltese descendants are already benefitting from their dual citizenship by furthering their studies in European universities, including the University of Malta. As we speak, there are over a 100 Maltese students who are following their University studies in Australian Universities.

Speaking from my own experience, last week I was invited by Flinders University to address their international conference on Wellbeing. I was also invited by the South Australia Health and Medical Research Institute, known as SAHMRI, to join a panel discussion on the 'The Politics of Wellbeing'.

I could see the enthusiasm of these important institutions to further co-operate and collaborate with the University of Malta and my Foundation for the Wellbeing of Society.

In fact, I have been appointed on the International Advisory Board of this budding institution.

I am pleased to note that we are already approached by Maltese experts in Australia and we are considering a concrete proposal to co-operate in the education sector.

I encourage you, as Maltese Australian entrepreneurs, to exchange ideas with entrepreneurs in Malta, to bring to light the full potential that can be developed by our Maltese Australian connection.

Many businessmen and entrepreneurs in Malta are seeking further away from our shores, business opportunities for new business ventures and to seek new partnerships.

This is truly an exciting time for Malta.

I encourage you: to think outside the box, to be innovative, to be resourceful, and to take up all potential opportunities, to penetrate the untapped markets that both Malta and Australia have to offer.

I am willing to facilitate with Malta's institutions, like the Malta Chamber of Commerce and Trade Malta, to see your business endeavours come to fruition in the near future, for the benefit of your enterprises, and for the benefit of both the Maltese and Australian nations. Thank You.



“Nirringrazzja lil MDUtv u lil 3ZZZ Radio tal-opportunita' li tawni biex permezz ta' żewġ intervisti, nkun viċin il-Maltin u l-Ghawdxin fl-Awstralja, speċjalment dawk li ma' setghux jkunu fid-diversi attivitajiet mal-komunita' Maltija.” Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca.

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“No matter where you are in the world, you will always carry a part of Malta with you” – President Coleiro Preca at the George Cross Falcon Community Centre, Gringila, Wollongong, NSW

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The President of Malta Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca visited the George Cross Falcons Community Centre in Cringila, Wollongong, New South Wales. This community centre was built in 1951 to serve the Maltese community that arrived in the Illawarra region to work in the steel industry. It has also served as a welcoming place for all the Ministers, Presidents and clergymen who have travelled to Australia from Malta to meet the Maltese that migrated to all parts of Australia.

Whilst addressing those present, the President talked about her experience in Australia so far, saying that this is turning out to be ‘one of the most emotional experiences ever’, as the enthusiasm of the Maltese-Australians, as well as the way they still feel about Malta, is something truly commendable and ‘that cannot be easily forgotten.’



The President told those present that “Malta will never forget you, Malta will always miss you” as she encouraged them to carry on with their successful efforts to keep the Maltese traditions, customs and culture alive in Australia, adding that no matter where the Maltese people are in the world, they will always carry a part of Malta with them, ‘just like I will always carry this Maltese-Australian experience with me’.

Finally, the President thanked Louis Parnis, President of the George Cross

Falcons Club, together with the rest of the committee for their dedication in keeping the community spirit alive in Wollongong, and congratulated the club as it celebrates its 65th anniversary. Earlier, President Coleiro Preca and Mr Preca attended mass with the Maltese Community at St Paul’s Catholic Chapel in Sydney. **WELL DONE LOUIS PARNIS AND THE COMMITTEE, VOLUNTEERS AND MEMBERS OF THE GEORGE CROSS AND THE WHOLE MALTESE COMMUNITY OF WOLLONGONG**



The visit to the hostel preceded the President's appearance at the La Valette Social Centre where a crowd of 500 swarmed to see Ms Coleiro Preca for what was a key event of her 12-day Australian visit. "There were a lot of wet eyes in the house," Maltese-Australians' Youth Committee NSW co-chairman Shannon Said said. "It was electric. There was so much anticipation and genuine joy of seeing her. She is the president of the people."



left: George Bartolo meets Edgar Preca and the President. Right: Ms Coleiro Preca with Maltese Resource Centre president Emanuel Camilleri.

Maltese President Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca with St Dominic's Hostel staff



Sister Georgina Sultana



"I think it goes back to the president saying she's our president as well and she wants to do all for the Maltese living in Australia. We're not just Australians, we're citizens of Malta too." Australia has the largest Maltese community outside Malta. There are about 200,000 people of Maltese descent living in the country.

THE PRESIDENT OF MALTESE LIVING ABROAD IN MELBOURNE



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The President meeting the Maltese Community of Victoria Ritratti: OPR

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Il-President ta' Malta bi żjara f'centru tal-kanċer f'Melbourne

Il-President ta' Malta Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca żaret iċ-Ċentru tal-Kanċer Peter MacCallum f'Melbourne. Waqt iż-żjara tagħha, fejn daret l-isptar flimkien mal-Ministru José Herreram, il-President qallet li hija sodisfatta li għadd ta' Maltin jaħdmu f'dan l-isptar.

Hija tkellmet dwar in-National Cancer Platform li ġie imwaqqaf mill-President ta' Malta.

Qalet li thares 'il quddiem għal metodi oħra ta' kollaborazzjoni bejn l-isptar u n-National Cancer Platform. Peter MacCallum jipprovi kura tal-kanċer bl-għajnuna ta' kliniċi internazzjonali tal-kanċer, esperti u riċerkaturi f'dan il-qasam.

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**THE PRESIDENT OF MALTA AT THE MALTESE COMMUNITY CENTRE,
PARKVILLE, VICTORIA**

The Maltese Community Council of Victoria

OLD MALTESE POSTCARDS

The visual imprint of our Maltese Nation can be seen from photographic archives, lithographic prints, and postcards which, all together, provide a repository of Maltese identity. The development of photography in the mid nineteenth century was a determining factor for the development of imaging of a country's identity and in 1869, the innovative idea of Dr Emanuel Herrmann, chancellor of the Austrian Ministry of Commerce, to produce a printed postcard, was soon endorsed by many countries like Austria, Germany and Britain.

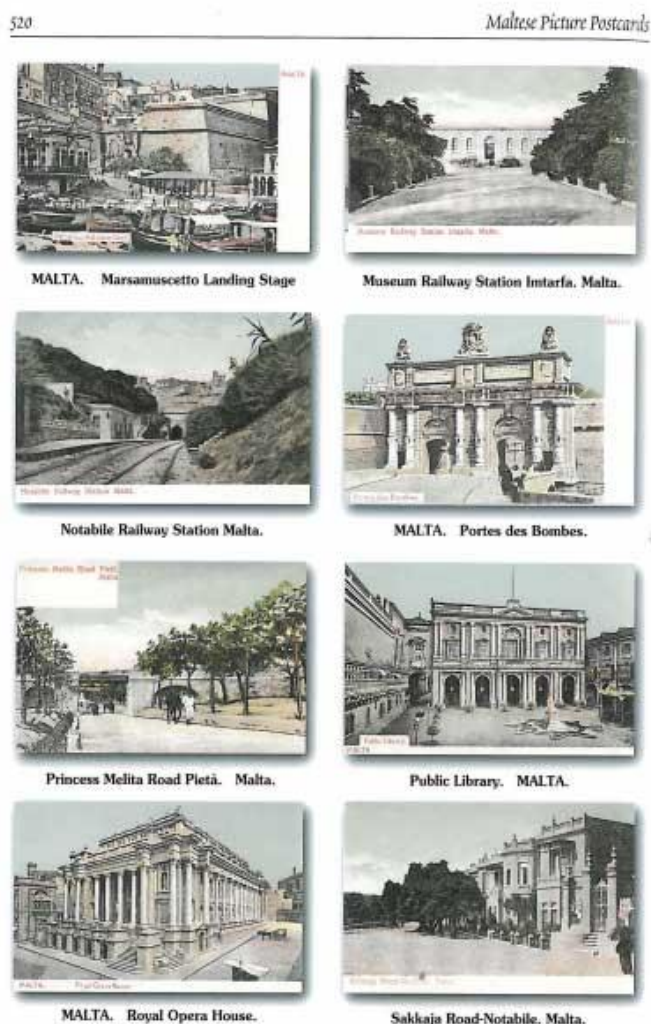
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Maltese names such as R. Gatt, and Despott appear on a huge number of Malta postcards that were sent abroad in exchange for foreign cards. It is thanks to these people that so many of the very early and very rare postcards have survived to the present day. Their contribution was first declared in the 1985 publication of a condensed catalogue of early Maltese Picture Postcards by Dr Giovanni Bonello and Mr Graham Smeed. But along the years the need for a comprehensive catalogue of early Maltese postcards became more pressing and Dr. Abela Medici, who has single-handedly managed to get one of the most complete collections of such postcards, decided to publish his detailed catalogue of these postcards and managed to enlist the help of other Malta postcards collectors, to allow him to scan their collections to enable a definite catalogue to be published.

This detailed catalogue, which took years of hard work to compile, has now been published by Book Distributors Limited for the enjoyment of both Malta postcard collectors and Melitensia enthusiasts alike.

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Malta Libraries George Bernard Shaw at the National Library by Charles [Micallef](#)



On March 7, 1931, the Irish playwright, author, critic and wit George Bernard Shaw visited Malta's National Library shortly after his ship, the passenger liner Theophile Gautier, arrived in Grand Harbour. It was because of his wife that Shaw joined the cruise, as the

cold weather in England had tried her severely. He looked very fit and well despite his 70 years (he was to die on November 2, 1950, aged 94). Born in Dublin in 1856, he was a prominent member of the Fabian Society and was well known for his intensely individual views on life in general. He was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1925. There is a strong connection between Shaw and Malta's turbulent political situation at the time.

His association with the Fabian Society meant his books and other works were not easily available at Malta's National Library because of his Socialist views. In fact, they were kept under lock and key and given to researchers only by special permission from the librarian. They were not available on the shelves, and it is rumoured that when Shaw asked to see all his books they were rushed to him from the librarian's office. Two years after Shaw's visit, the Home Minister Carmelo Mifsud Bonnici (Il-Gross), moved an Anti-Sedition Law in Parliament, which was approved, and on May 18, 1933, sent police to the residences of prominent Labour Party supporters to look in all rooms for any seditious literature.

Six Labour diehards were arraigned in court. They were Karmenu Carabott, Wigi Azzopardi, Johnny Valvo, Salvu Pulis, Ġużè Orlando and Joseph Storace. Their trial lasted 35 sittings. Books by Shaw and fellow Fabians Lord and Lady Passfield (Sidney and Beatrice Webb) were considered seditious because of their Socialist views. All six Labour Party supporters who were found in possession of this literature were imprisoned and fined. Three of them lost their employment at the Naval Dockyard

They were eventually pardoned, but only six years later, in 1939. Azzopardi, one of the six, started publishing Il-Quddiem (Forward), which was just a political pamphlet, and together with other Labour activists organised meetings on Sundays. Nestu Laiviera and Salvu Cacciattolo, two other prominent Labour activists of the time published Il-Helsien (Freedom). The Sedition Law of 1933 did not destroy the Malta Labour Party as the Nationalist government of Sir Ugo Mifsud had hoped. It was, ironically, the government which came to a premature end a few months later, when it was dismissed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies on November 2, 1933. The Constitution was suspended and later withdrawn. Shaw's fame rests chiefly on his plays, which have been performed worldwide. His Pygmalion was adapted for the musical theatre by Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe and later for the screen as My Fair Lady (1964), starring Audrey Hepburn and Rex Harrison, winning eight Oscars; the film was directed by George Cukor. Another of his plays, Mrs Warren's Profession (which MADC is presenting at the Manoel Theatre in Valletta from April 8 to 10 and 15 to 17), was banned for years by the censors, presumably because it dealt with prostitution. Other well-known Shaw plays are Saint Joan,

Man and Superman, Back to Methuselah and The Apple Cart. During his visit to the National Library Shaw, who was accompanied by Mrs Shaw, showed a lively interest in the Maltese press. "How many newspapers have you in Malta?" he inquired. The question was unexpected.

One newspaper representative hazarded 16 daily and weekly publications as a likely figure, but explained that many of them were of a "here today and gone tomorrow" variety, which might at times bring the total up to 20. It was not by chance that Shaw had expressed a wish to inspect the library. He stayed there for nearly an hour, deeply absorbed in all he saw, and left, to quote his own words "out of breath among so many treasures".

He took the utmost interest in everything he saw, and was particularly interested in the library's beautiful collection of Flemish, French and Italian illuminated manuscripts of the 13th, 14th and 15th centuries, especially in the superb manuscript containing the life of St Anthony the Hermit, which is considered one of the finest existing illuminated manuscripts of the early 15th century French school of illumination. Shaw also showed great interest in the collection of incunabula (rare books printed before 1500) and in the splendid and very rich collection of artistic bindings, now rarely found, and of which the library has a remarkable collection, one old Bible, quarto size, being a unique specimen.

Finally, Shaw greatly admired the extensive collection of records of the Knights of St John, including the famous Charters or Diplomas of Henry VIII and of Philip and Mary of England, also the original letters of sovereigns to the Grand Masters, including several written by Henry VIII, George II and Catherine of Russia. The book *Assertio Septem Sacramentorum contra M. Lutheram* (In Defence of the Seven Sacraments) for which Henry VIII was given the title of *Fidei Defensor* (Defender of the Faith) by Pope Leo X, captured the great writer's attention. Before leaving the National Library Shaw signed the librarian's autograph book and assured him he would like to return to Malta and spend every day of a whole month in the Bibliotheca. Before inspecting the library Shaw visited the Palace, and on leaving Malta's treasure house of rare books, made his way to the archives.



Ivan Grech in a solo concert at Pjazza Teatru Rjal on 19 August

Ivan Grech, frontman of Winter Moods has launched his first solo concert, which will take place at Pjazza Teatru Rjal, Valletta on Friday 19 August. Tickets are available for sale online

through www.showshappening.com. Ivan has promised a different kind of concert where besides performing memorable hits he wrote with Winter Moods, he will also be covering songs that left an impact and influenced him through the years. "This is quite a huge step for me, something I have been meaning to do for a long time. This concert will be a musical journey through time, where I will sing songs that motivated me to get into music and songwriting, songs that influenced my music career and make up the soundtrack of my life," said Ivan. "I will take the audience through some evergreen classics from the 60s to the 90s, from Pete Seeger to Depeche Mode, from Elvis to U2 and much more. I will be performing songs that people surely know and will sing along to." For further information one can follow Ivan on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. This concert is organized by Striped Sox

AUSTRALIAN'S BEST BACON HAS A MALTESE TWIST

Bacon produced by a family-owned butcher of Maltese heritage has been crowned the best in Australia. Zammit Ham beat 135 butchers from across Australia to win the prize for best artisan bacon at the annual Australian PorkMark Awards, just six months after their ham was named best Christmas ham by Gourmet Traveller.

The Pendle Hill, New South Wales butcher was founded by Francis Zammit and his sons back in 1952. Mr Zammit - a butcher by trade - started off his business by making Maltese sausages for the local community. Mr Zammit found a receptive market - so many Maltese had settled in

Pendle Hill that the area was known as 'Little Malta'. Six years on, he began producing hams - and the business has been growing ever since. The company's



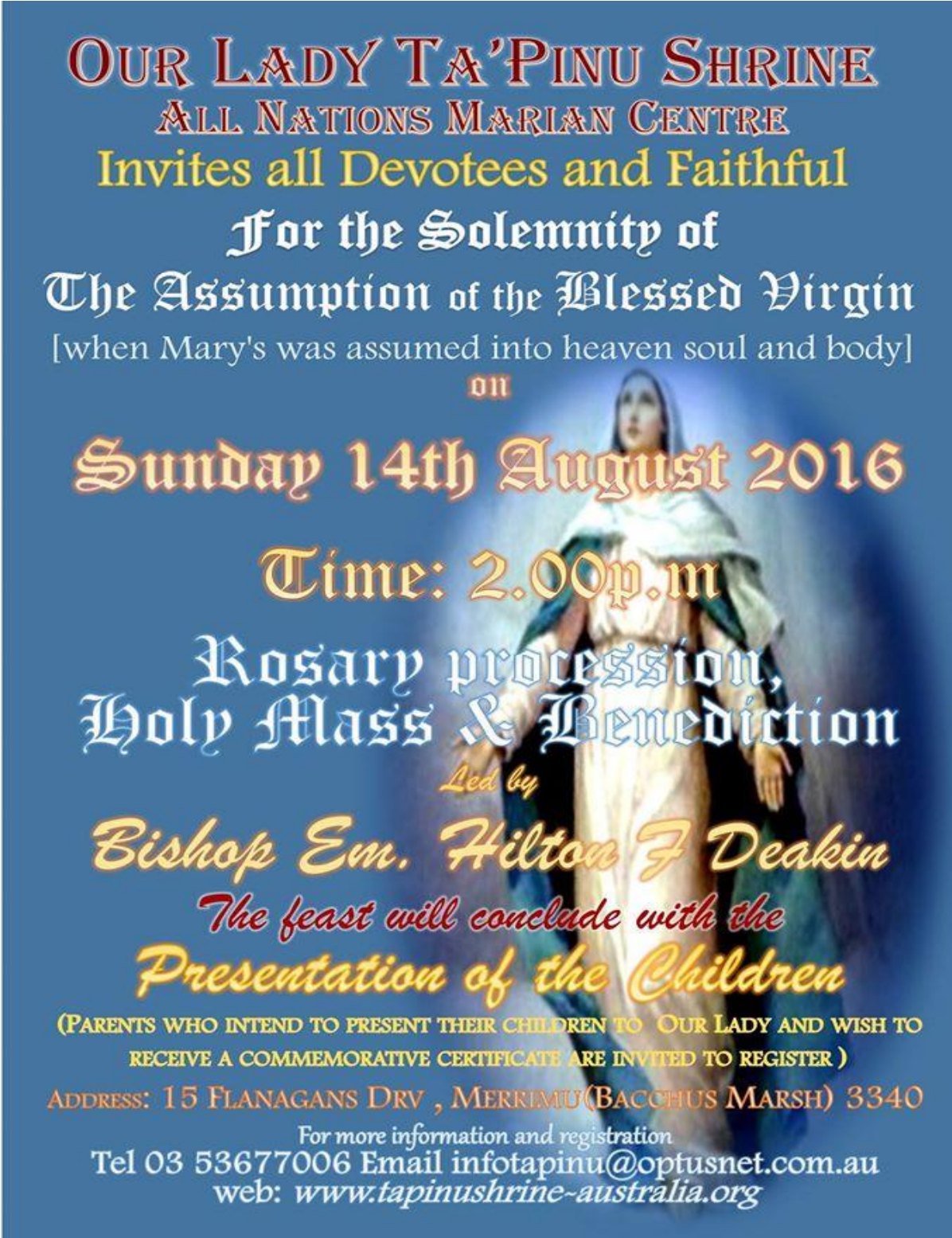
hams have won several awards over the years, including prizes at the Sydney Royal Fine Food Show and Sydney Royal Easter Show.

Its latest prize, that for Australia's best artisanal bacon, was awarded after a panel of judges made up of a German *fleischmeister* (literally 'meat master') and two Australian chefs spent two days tasting different kinds of bacon. The judges looked for bacon that had enough fat to ensure great flavour, had a hint of smokiness and balanced levels of salt.

"We are extremely excited and happy to win this prize," said Zammit Bacon general manager Adam Zammit. "We are still a family run business, blending ingredients, making, cooking, smoking and tasting every batch of our products. A keen eye to choose the right fresh pork makes all the difference."

Mr Zammit told the *Times of Malta* that, 60 years on, their butchery was still making Maltese sausages alongside its many other products, just like his great-grandfather Francis used to. As for a Zammit Ham store in Malta? "It could be a possibility in the future," Mr Zammit said. "I'm quite positive our products would be popular with both locals and tourists who visit."





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**Celebration of the Feast of the Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary at Ta Pinu Shrine,
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**DATE: Sunday 14th August 2016 TIME: 2.00 p.m. ROSARY Procession around the church
 followed by HOLY MASS AND BENEDICTION led by His Lordship Bishop Emeritus Hilton
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Eden Cinemas' exclusive Royal Opera House season is going to be unmissable

Joseph Calleja features in the wonderful cast of Bellini's *Norma* conducted by Antonion Pappano. Photo: Ray Attard

Eden Cinemas will host a new award-winning Royal Opera House slate, meticulously curated, to be screened this upcoming year and equally if not more impressive than last year's offering.

Broadcast live, directly from The Royal Opera House, viewers will experience all that live theatre has to offer. Audiences will get access to pre show and behind the scenes footage, some may agree that the experience is more exclusive than watching it in London.

The live cinema programme begins on 26 September with Bellini's masterpiece *Norma*, featuring the world-renowned Maltese tenor Joseph Calleja. Among the opera highlights are the anticipated new productions of Mozart's *Così fan tutte* and Verdi's *Otello*. The Royal Ballet's slate is equally as impressive, with productions including *The Sleeping Beauty* to Petipa's music, Frederick Ashton's *The Dream*, and Balanchine's breathtaking *Jewels*.

Eden Cinemas will be giving viewers the chance to win tickets to view one of these performances at the Royal Opera House. Upon purchasing a ticket for Eden Cinema's Royal Opera House season, individuals will be automatically entered in a draw for the chance to win two tickets to a live show in London.

Tickets are priced at €18 per adult and include a complimentary glass of wine and complimentary parking at the Eden Car Park. Tickets for children and youths aged 16 and under are €10. Encore shows are €15 (including free parking), allowing plenty more opportunities to view the world's best performers in the top operas and ballets, from the comfort of Eden Cinemas.

Tickets are now on sale

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