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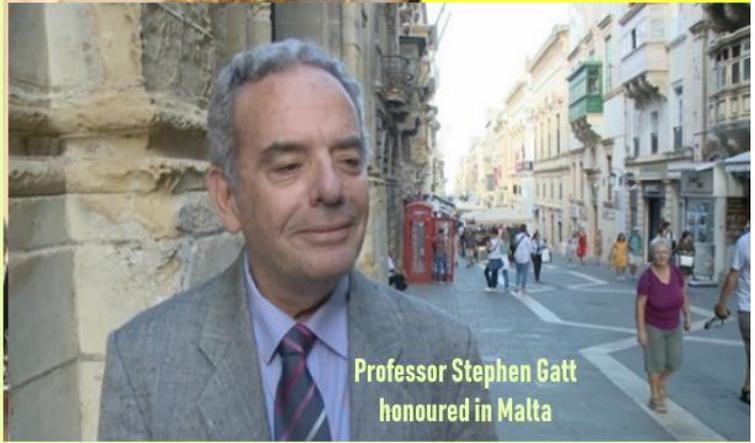
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‘VITORJA’ FEAST IN ADELAIDE

From our reporter Ron Borg – Adelaide

Photos supplied by Mary Saliba – Adelaide and Greg Caruana (NSW)

Once again the annual feast of Our Lady Queen of Victories was celebrated in Lockleys, South Australia in October 2019. It started on Friday the 4th with the short procession from nearby St Raphael’s Home where the glorious statue of Our Lady Queen of Victories was escorted in a procession along the church grounds, as the congregation recited the Holy Rosary, with the Maltese Queen of Victories Band playing Marian Hymns in between the decades.

The weather was lovely and the street lit up and adorned with the beautiful ‘Pavaljuni’ brought back memories of our ‘Purcissjoni’ back home in Malta.



The statue of "IL-BAMBINA" at Lockleys Church

Once the Statue was placed back in the Church, the “Tribute” started, and under the guidance of the church commentator Mr Charles Zarb, each Maltese Society, and devout individuals, read out words of praise to Our Lady and presented a floral bouquet. It was quite evident that the Maltese Community had one thing at the back of their mind; “We will be losing our dear Maltese Chaplain soon”. This was evident because, at the end of each tribute, every speaker thanked and farewelled Fr. Gabriel, with the tears in their eyes”. The start of our feast day, yet a sad day for our Maltese community!



On Saturday the 5th, it was the night of the annual feast dance, “Il-Ballu tal-Festa”. It was a lovely night, well catered and the Entertainment from the Guest performer Charles Muscat from Sydney and our home-grown singer Stacey Saliba made it a great night of entertainment at Lockleys Parish Hall.. Sunday the 6th October, the feast day, ‘Jum Il-Festa’.

The Feast started with the Mass at Lockleys Parish church beautifully concelebrated by the Bishop of Darwin, Rev. Charles Gauci, Fr Alfred Farrugia, and of course our dear Maltese Chaplain Fr. Gabriel Michallef. The Mass was enhanced by the Maltese Chaplaincy Choir under the direction of Sister Bonnie Attard and the music from our Organist Lynda Evers and Guitarist Daniel DiSilva, with a beautiful rendition of the Ave Maria sung by Stacey Saliba.



Bishop Charles Gauci and Fr. Gabriel

The congregation was treated to a great homily by Bishop Charles, who ended it by approaching Fr. Gabriel by the altar, and showered him with accolades in recognition of his dedicated work in the past 23 years. The congregation heartily applauded these accolades.

After the mass concluded, it was announced that the external procession was cancelled due to the threat of inclement weather, but instead the ceremony continued in the shelter of the Church, where the Maltese Queen of Victories Band played various Marian Hymns in between the prayers. It still turned out to be a solemn celebration despite the inclement weather!

After the religious ceremonies, the congregation retired to the Parish Hall to be entertained with concerts from the Band, song brackets from Stacey & Charles (photo), complete with plenty to eat Maltese food, drinks and of course the obligatory raffles!



The evening concluded with the Maltese Queen of Victories Band Playing

array of bright Maltese marches for the much awaited "Brijju". The crowd reveled in this "Festa Atmosphere", and with the agitated waving of the flags, and the outpour of the festive shredded paper (photo), the crowd surrounded Fr. Gabriel, forming a 'Guard of Honour' circle while they shook hands and hugged our dear Chaplain.

**What a beautiful
end to the Festa
and
a fitting **Goodbye**
to our Dear
Maltese Chaplain
Fr. Gabriel
Stepen Micallef
OFM**



We are proud of our Maltese achievers



On Saturday 12 October 2019, the Malta High Commission in Canberra participated in Windows to the World at the European Union Delegation EU in Canberra, together with over a 1000 members of the public participated, keen to learn more about travel, work and study opportunities in Malta. A special thanks to members of the Maltese-Australian Association in Canberra and Queabeyan for the great support and assistance provided on the day, and the International Office - University of Malta, and DiploFoundation for providing useful material for interested students.

H.E. Charles Muscat - High Commissioner for Malta in Australia and New Zealand



Maltese born doctor honoured for his work in the field of anaesthesia



Report: Antonia Micallef

He was born in Malta and migrated to Australia 44 years ago after graduating from the University of Malta, which at that time was known as The Royal University of Malta.

In an interview with TVM, Professor Stephen Gatt said that Malta had given him a lot including a very solid education which allowed him to make a success of his life including gaining recognition for the work he has performed from almost every corner of the world.

This week, Professor Stephen Gatt was awarded the highest honour from the Maltese Association of Anaesthesiologists for his contribution to anaesthesia. The anaesthetist is a doctor who specializes in anaesthesia and plays an important part in every operation.

“In addition to the anaesthesia department we have a Department of pain relief and palliative care, where people with terminal illnesses like cancer can relieve pain.”

In 2018, Professor Gatt was awarded the highest honour from the Australian and New Zealand Obstetrics Society for his contribution in the field of pregnancy, childbirth and the period after delivery.

In an interview with TVM, Professor Gatt said he was very honoured by the award, especially

because he is a specialist in intensive care and anaesthesia not obstetrics. Australia recognized the great contribution given by the Maltese Professor in establishing the first intensive care department of Obstetrics in Australia.

“This was the first place to have an intensive care unit of this kind and I think it is the first intensive care unit for obstetrics worldwide. It was founded 27 years ago and since then it has treated many people and I am proud I was part of this project.”

Professor Gatt served as the President of the Society for Obstetric Anaesthesia for Asia and Oceania and there isn't a place in this part of the world where he has not gone to teach.

“I've given lectures in more than 100 cities the last one was Beijing, before Moscow that is. In one day I gave lectures to 13,748 people in the same room or the same or the same complex.”

Professor Gatt created the design of a number of medical equipment used worldwide. He has written five books and 285 scientific papers that were translated into many languages. He says that he receives enormous satisfaction seeing his work reach many people.

“One of the things that I am honoured to have done once, is having gone to a very basic market in Indonesia and finding a translation of one of my books. I bought it for 80 cents.”

About 15 years ago, Professor Gatt was honored as a member of the Order of Merit of the Maltese Government and some 10 years ago he was also awarded the Order of Australia. Professor Gatt Malta was in Malta for a Council meeting of Maltese living abroad during which Minister Carmelo Abela announced that in October of next year a convention will be organized for Maltese living abroad, with the theme 'Keeping Connected'.

We are still growing and going strong

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MALTESE LIVING ABROAD UNITE



A veritable Paradise Garden at Floriana

Report: Ruth Castillo

Floriana has a large number of gardens, which each year form the basis of the activity "Paradise garden".

During this event, which has been taking place for nine years, visitors don't just visit the gardens, but get a chance to see places they wouldn't normally get a chance to visit.

Floriana – the urban locality just outside the capital city – is known for hosting mass events and activities on the granaries, the parish church of St. Publius, Portes des Bombes and St. Anne Street.

But this locality, which took its name from the Italian architect Pietro Paolo Floriani who designed the surrounding fortifications, has much more to offer. Floriana has the largest number of public gardens in Malta. It's no wonder that many see it a paradise garden – which is also the name of the local council activity which has now entered its ninth year.

On Sunday morning a number of families visited the most important gardens including The Mall, Argotti Gardens and St. Philip's Garden which has a fountain in the centre which was originally in St George's Square, Valletta.

'Paradise Gardens' is not just about gardens. . . many went through the tunnel from where the old railway train used to pass.'

Founder and chairman of The Malta Railway Foundation, Paul Galea: "down here there are no flowers or vegetation but it is still a paradise for those who like me, like trains but even for those who love history. This is another paradise for us for the simple reason that once upon a time a train passed through here. This is the tunnel which belonged to the Floriana station."

Galea explained to visitors that at the time the second world war this place served as a shelter. "The steps that we opened this year used to be a school."

Paradise Gardens was held in a festive atmosphere with the participation among others of the Vilhena band.



Joseph Camilleri - Canada

Proud to once again fly the Maltese/Canadian Flags in my first Victoria Marathon in a PB at 69 years old, for second in Age Category and the first Maltese/Canadian to ever finish this marathon on Vancouver Island.

This is an improvement of over 4 minutes from my first ever marathon, the Vancouver Marathon in 2017. Thanks to my wife Dorothea Fenech Camilleri for her patience and support throughout my journey.



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As the warmer weather approaches, we at BMW Physiocare thought it would be a great time to let you know about a fantastic summer product we have come across last summer that you may benefit from! The product is called, "Archie's Arch Support Thongs" and they are an orthotic thong that were designed by a young Physiotherapist who was sick and tired of telling his patients to stop wearing flat thongs (Does this sound familiar?). While the concept of orthotic thongs is not new, this design varies greatly from anything we have ever seen before as they incorporate legitimate orthotic support but still just look like normal thongs! At the start of every summer we physios see a lot of conditions/injuries related to the negative effects of flat thong wearing, in fact it has been well reported in recent times that there are many elite sports teams which have actually banned their athletes from wearing flat thongs! For further information subscribe in the NEWSLETTER by sending an email to: admin@bmwphysio.com.au.

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Stacey Saliba

I'm originally from Mosta, Malta however I

was born in Adelaide South Australia while my parents Mary and Charlie Saliba were on holiday visiting my mum's side of the family. My parents decided to baptise me in Adelaide before returning back to Malta at just two months old.

Whilst growing up in Malta, I attended the local primary school of Mosta and later on went to Sir Adrian Dingli Junior Lyceum high school in Pembroke. As a child, I was always heavily involved in music. At the age of five, I started taking piano lessons and then at six years old I joined the local Mosta church choir, 'Shalom'. There I discovered my passion for singing and begged my mum to take me to singing lessons. I soon started vocal training under the direction of the renowned Maltese singer Doreen Galea.

Doreen was a great teacher and mentor and encouraged me to participate in several children's festivals and events around Malta and to also join her choir, which often performed on various television shows. My involvement in such performances and musical shows developed both my confidence and vocal ability. Whilst in high school, I joined another children's choir under the direction of Maltese actor and film writer, Mark Doneo.

Mark was a fantastic drama and performance teacher who trained his choir to not only sing, but to also act and perform. Through Mark's choir, I took part in various musical and television shows. Every Sunday afternoon we sang and performed as a group on the local family television show. Being part of such musical groups, did not only develop my voice and performance skills but also led me to make new friends and meet many wonderful people within the Maltese music industry.

At the age of 14, my parents decided to migrate and start a new life in Adelaide, South Australia. I started attending Mount Carmel College, where I also participated in all the musical activities that took place at the school. This really helped me settle into the new high school, make new friends and adjust to the new Australian life, which was very different from living in Malta.

I soon met an Italian classical vocal trainer in Adelaide, Guido Coppola who took me under his wing and taught me for a few years. Classical training really opened my eye to a whole new way of singing and developing my voice.

During this time, I also started singing traditional Maltese songs at the local Maltese community groups around the state. A very close family friend and active member of the Maltese community in Sydney, Greg Caruana then invited me to sing at the feast of Santa Marija in [Blacktown](#). Through this I met the wider Maltese community of Australia, which then led me to participate in other Maltese shows around the country, including the St. Helen dinner dance in Melbourne and singing for the Maltese community of Brisbane. In a couple of weeks, I will also be going over to Perth for the very first time to perform for the Maltese Association of Western Australia, which I'm really looking forward to.

Performing at local Maltese communities around Australia, opened the doors to various other Australian community shows and events, including dinner dances, weddings, engagements, parties and other festivals, at which I perform regularly both solo as well as with other musicians and bands in Adelaide. A few years ago, I also recorded my first cover album "Memory" which includes a mixture of popular Maltese and English songs including the well-known "Viva Malta" by Freddie Portelli and the famous classic "You're My World" by Cilla Black.

Singing is more than a hobby for me. It is a way of life, through which I find my happy place, meet many wonderful people, attend great events and most of all make others happy through the beautiful language of music.



Rebecca Pace and Yosef Vassallo are Miss and Mister Supranational Malta 2019

Last Saturday two new winners Rebecca Pace Malta and Yosef Vassallo – were crowned Miss and Mister Supranational 2019 . They will be the Maltese representatives who will compete in the Miss and Mister Supranational contest which will take place in Silesia, Poland. In the female category, Martine Cutajar came in second place while Matthea Fabri came third. John Wayne Xerri came in second place in the men’s category while Ilyan Seychell came third. Martine Cutajar also won Miss Personality and Most Beautiful Face by Artdeco while Ilyan Seychell won Best physique This event was organized by Vogue Model Management.



Watch: Showboating their classic cars in Mdina

Report: Nigel Mifsud

The Medieval town of Mdina served as a wonderful backdrop for the annual classic car racing event -the Mdina Grand Prix, while the ditch served as a showcase for cars with their owners showing off their classical and industrial heritage.

Vincent Tourneur has spent the last 40 years in a wheelchair after an accident. He said that having spent two years in a hospital bed in France, he found the courage and strength to enter the world of motor sport which he loves.

“I just want to give a message to anybody who had a great loss, if you have a good meaning and a good staff around you, you can break a lot of limits. Could you imagine, from a bed in a hospital to be in any major international race event. It’s possible, I did it.”

The driver is certified by the International Automobile Federation, FIA. At the end of this week he raced at the Mdina Grand Prix in a French Delahaye manufactured in the thirties.

Mr Tourneur was among about 60 people who participated in this classic car racing event around part of the valley between Mdina and Mtarfa.

This was the first time the doctor Mark Sant took part. He raced with a Lancia Beta Montecarlo that was manufactured in 1975.

“These are cars with a history, whose value increases. They have character and enthusiasts like us treat them like living things. To be given an opportunity to come here and be one with your car, and drive, is a wonderful feeling and experience. ‘

The races attracted many car enthusiasts who gathered around the track, mostly in an area known as the Tomba near the Roman Domus, to be able to watch the event from a vantage point.

In the Mdina ditch, cars were deployed alongside each other, giving the public a good chance to inspect the cars while drivers were waiting for their turn to race.

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Maltese living abroad unite



Malta's position in the central Mediterranean has made it an important strategic base for many different powers, and meant that it has been subject to many invasions throughout the ages. A multitude of civilisations have occupied the island, notably the Phoenicians, Carthaginians, Romans, Turks, Arabs, Knights, French and British.

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Members of the Maltese community are cordially invited to attend.



Will Valletta's open-air theatre get a roof?

by Kurt Sansone

It was promised in the Labour Party manifesto and now Edward Scicluna has given it a timeline – a public consultation will open next year on the Pjazza Teatru Rjal.

Valletta's open-air theatre was born in controversy after the last Nationalist Party

administration embarked on plans to build a new parliament instead of reconstructing the bombed opera house.

Pjazza Teatru Rjal was an afterthought to the parliament building, a place for outdoor performances inside the ruins of the old opera house.

But now, the government will open a public consultation next year to determine whether works should be done on the place to adapt it to the cultural calendar.

"We are excluding nothing at this stage and we welcome any proposal to give value to this place with respect to our heritage, including roofing over the theatre," Scicluna said in his budget speech.

Help Send the Cassels International

\$500 raised of \$5,000 goal

Kyle Cassel is organizing this fundraiser on FACEBOOK



Hi my name is Kyle Cassel and my brother and I have been invited to play with the Malta Knights Rugby League club for an international game against Wales in Cardiff, UK. This is held on the 23rd November, 2019. This will be the first international game between the two nations. Both myself and Tyler feel very honoured to be invited to play with the Malta Knights to help them with fighting for a spot in the World Cup. We have REPRESENTED Malta in Rugby League for the last two years and have played alongside some very talented players including Jarrod Sammit. We were very successful in the Emerging Nations Tournament in 2018 and were able to take the trophy home. Malta are currently World Ranked 16.

We have two upcoming games scheduled in October, played in Sydney, the first against Italy and the second against Turkey. To be able to play with the Malta Knights in

Wales we must self fund our trip. This is where we are hoping that you would be able to donate and help make our dreams come true. If you are a business we will advertise your name on the Malta Rugby League Face Book page which has over 7500 followers and we will advertise on our personal Instagram and Facebook pages to help promote your business. All donations will go towards flights and accommodation for our 10 day stay



Remembering our beloved

Mary Spagnol

By Greg Caruana NSW

On Thursday the 3rd October the Maltese community in Sydney lost a cheerful woman who was kind and compassionate towards everyone she met. I am speaking of Mary Spagnol (nee' Muscat), or ta' Petrina as known by us Mosta people. Mary was born in 1948 and at the age of 17 emigrated to Australia. She worked in a factory in Alexandria and in 1968 met Joe Spagnol and they were married in Surrey Hills. They had 4 children, 9 grandchildren and one great grandson.

Anyone who knew Mary would remember her as a cheery person who loved to revel and enjoy life, while at the same time always ready to help where she could. I can freely say as part of the Santa Marija Group, how happy she was when we gifted her with a banner with the picture of Santa Marija. She brought it with her each year at the Ball celebration the Santa Marija festa. Above all, she was always very helpful in filling a couple of tables with friend at the annual dinner dance. And she did this generous act with every group wherever she went. In fact the word is already going around where every organiser is saying, well we don't have Mary Spagnol to help now. She used to bring the people with her and helped promote any event.

Mary had a warm heart and loved life. She often went on many holidays and cruises. Mary was a good friend of our and as we knew she was reaching her last days we included a photo of her waving the banner, on the front page of the festa magazine.

As the festa approached this year, Mary was critically ill and Agnes advised her not to attend the ball as the weather was still cold, but to attend the celebration at La Valette on Sunday if she can. This was the last time she attended this festa celebration and she was immensely happy to be there. After some refreshments and photos with Agnes and myself in front of the Santa Marija statue, Mary even danced a little. Mary loved her family very much and always talked about her children and grandchildren by name. She was recently so thrilled to become a great grandmother for the first time. However, she had a special affinity for her daughter Diane. She used to appreciate her special efforts to help her and wouldn't have place where she is now from where she still loves you and watching over you while being close to Santa Marija.



Last week our Ladies Auxiliary group enjoyed a footy day. They meet every Tuesday, why not come to MALTESE COMMUNITY CENTRE 477 Royal Parade Parkville at 11 am and join them. It is a very welcoming group, a great way to meet people and join in on the activities. If you want to know more give the MCCV a call on 93878922 or just pop in.



MALTESE-CANADIAN COMMUNITY NEWS

Long-term beds allocated for **Maltese** people that qualify for it as part of the Runnymede Complex

The Consul General of **#MaltaMT** to **#Canada**, Dr Raymond Xerri and the President of the Maltese-CanadianMTCA Federation, Joseph Sherri along with over a dozen Maltese elderly attended the first hearing to determine the design of a new 200 long-term care beds building.

The delegation defended the project by arguing that these 20 beds allocated specifically to **#MalteseMT** people that would qualify, are urgently needed to help alleviate the dire need of long-term care in the Maltese-Canadian Community in heart of 'Little Malta' or 'Malta Village' where about 19,000 Maltese live.

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Situation of some **MalteseMT** families in the Province of Manitoba follow the declared state of emergency declared two days ago following snow storm

The Consulate of Malta to Canada is in contact with two **MalteseMT** families in the Province of Manitoba who have been surrounded by high levels of snow and their homes are without electricity and water services.

Notwithstanding, they have adequate supplies of food and water. The Consul General of **MaltaMT** to **#Canada** is monitoring the situation and has informed the local authorities to attend to the needs of the Maltese families there.

Any other **#MalteseMT** citizens who are caught in a similar situation, kindly contact us on the below number

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Consulate for Malta in Canada



Visiting the Consulate General of [Malta](#) to [Canada](#) prior to leaving Canada to Malta to represent Maltese-Canadians at the IX Meeting of the Council for Maltese Living Abroad (CMLA), Brandon Azzopardi met Dr Raymond Xerri, Consul General.

Brandon Azzopardi, from [Mississauga, Ontario](#) from Gozitan Family from Ghajnsielem, along with Sue Schembri from [Vancouver, British Columbia](#), are the two Councillors appointed by the Maltese Government to represent all [Maltese-Canadians](#) living in Canada on the CMLA. Brandon discussed with Consul General the problems and needs, being faced by Maltese-Canadians in Canada and when [Maltese](#) visit Malta for holidays or to live

permanently.

Rise and decline of Toronto's Maltese community

By **Nicholas Keung** Immigration Reporter THE STAR – Nov 2010

Toronto's Maltese community is old and closely knit, and hosting guests from home and embracing them as family simply runs in its blood.

The first documented Maltese arrived in Canada in 1826 and the majority came after World War II. In the community's heyday during the 1970s and 1980s, there were more than 45,000 Maltese in Canada, though the 1986 census reported a population of only 21,855. In the latest census, only 4,675 people in Toronto identified Maltese as their mother tongue.

While most Maltese immigrants came earlier in the last century as economic migrants, Toronto Maltese historian John Portelli said the last wave, arriving here between 1977 and 1982, fled political instability back home.

Migration from the small Mediterranean country has literally ended since, as its own economy thrived.

"The older generation started dying gradually, no more immigrants are coming and some have returned," said Portelli, a professor at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education of the University of Toronto.

"The community is definitely declining. The language is lost among the second generation."

The Maltese's success in integrating into Canadian society also contributes to its own decline, said Portelli, who came to Canada in 1977 with a Commonwealth scholarship for his graduate studies at McGill University.

Up until the early 1980s, the old Maltese Village in Toronto's Junction area was home to more than

8,000 Maltese Canadians, who now have spread across Greater Toronto.

The number of social clubs in the Junction has dropped from nine to four. Just a few years ago, the community's monthly newspaper, L-Ahbar, also folded, apparently due to declining circulation.

"There is still the colonial attitude and influence that 'you'd better speak English than Maltese.' The bias is still there today," said Portelli, 56. "Integration can help you economically, but it kills you in terms of maintaining your identity."

Joe Sherri, president of the Maltese Canadian Federation, said the group was made up of 20 social clubs at its inception in 1980; today only 12 are left. "If you go to any of our clubs on Fridays or Saturdays, you won't find any young people there," said Sherri, who came here in 1965 for job opportunities and now runs his own food distribution business. "Our biggest challenge is to get our young people involved."

These days, young Maltese only show up at big community celebrations such as annual Mnarja, the festival of light, in June. The only hope of closing the generation gap is to draw youth in through groups such as the Malta Band Club or its popular soccer club, said Vella.

"Something that concerns us a lot is where to find the new blood to replace the old blood," lamented the retired banker, whose three adult children, all professionally employed, speak very little Maltese. "We don't have an answer yet."

The Hon. Mark Robert BUTTIGIEG, BA, BEd(Hons) MLC



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Member of the Australian Labor Party
Term of service expires 58th Parliament (05 Mar 2027)

POLITICAL PARTY ACTIVITY

Mark joined the Electrical Trades Union (ETU) in 1982 and the Australian Labor Party (ALP) in 1993 and has had extensive involvement with both the

political and industrial wings of the Labor Movement. Mark stood for the ALP in the division of Cook at the 2004 and 2007 federal elections. He was an organiser for the Electrical Trades Union NSW Branch before entering parliament.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTIVITY

Mark was elected as a councillor on the Sutherland Shire Council.

PERSONAL

Mark was born in Sydney to Maltese parents Victor and Carmen, who immigrated to Australia from Malta in the 1950s. He is married to Anna and together they have a son Gerard. Mark's areas of interest include political philosophy and macroeconomics and he enjoys music, exercise and surfing.

QUALIFICATIONS, OCCUPATIONS AND INTERESTS

Mark is an electrician and has qualifications in the Electrical Trade And Electrical Engineering from TAFE NSW. he also holds an arts degree majoring in political science and an economics degree with first-class honours. at 15 mark began an electrical apprenticeship with the then Sydney County Council and later became an electrical systems operator then training manager with ENERGY AUSTRALIA, now Ausgrid



Consul-General meets Madeleine Barbara

Lawrence Buhagiar had the pleasure today to greet Madeleine Barbara at the Consulate in Sydney. Ms Barbara is the Business Banking Manager at NAB Western Sydney Business Banking and was one of the initial members of the Australian-Maltese Chamber of Commerce.

During this courtesy visit, they spoke of the business and banking scene in Australia and expressed her availability to assist those Australian-Maltese businesses and Maltese Entrepreneurs with their banking and management requirements.

Pizza with Fresh Cheeselets (Gbejniet)



Ingredients:

- 2 fresh cheeselets (Gbejniet friski)
- 1 large ripe tomato
- black olives (with stone)
- fresh basil
- Tomato puree
- 1 clove Garlic
- olive oil
- sea salt & fresh pepper

Method:

In a small pan heat some olive oil, and fry the garlic (very finely chopped), until it gets golden.

Add the tomato puree and stir.

Add salt and pepper and some chopped basil.

Open the pizza dough.

Cover the base with the sauce.

Cut the tomato and fresh cheeselets in slices and place alternating in a circular way covering the face of the pizza

Place a few olives randomly.

Bake for about 19 minutes until base is cooked well.

Put fresh basil on top and serve !

MALTESE/GOZITAN FTIRA (FTIRA GHAWDXIJA)



by amaltesemouthful@gmail.com

Our traditional flatbread mainly famous in Gozo and topped with special Maltese/mediterranean ingredients has become to be known as Gozitan ftira or ftira Ghawdxija. This is served all over Gozo and Malta.

The first time I had heard about this type of 'pizza' was when I was on holiday with my mum in Malta in her family village. We were at the Mgarr bakery and my mum asked the baker if they had any of the special pizza they used to sell with anchovies, tomatoes and sliced potatoes. Unfortunately they did not sell it anymore and my mum was very disappointed. It was then mentioned that it was a type of ftira topped with different type of toppings. Not sure why this wasn't sold any more in the bakery but we soon discovered Gozo was where it was a speciality.

There are many famous bakeries/restaurants in Gozo and Malta that sell Gozitan/Maltese ftira, some more famous than others. What makes this a ftira and not a pizza, which is what it seems at first glance, is the dough that is used which produces a unique taste. The toppings used vary but most seem to have sliced potatoes on top. One of the common ftira toppings include sliced tomatoes, anchovies/tuna, capers, olives and potatoes. Another common ftira is usually topped with Maltese cheese (gbejneit), beaten eggs, sliced potatoes and sometimes even Maltese sausage.

My guess is the dough that is used by bakeries to make our traditional sourdough bread and also our smaller ftira sourdough bread is used to make the Gozitan ftira. This is flattened, topped with ingredients mentioned, and then finally placed in the wood ovens to produce what had become to be known as Gozitan ftira.

I have yet to master the art of sourdough breadmaking but am hoping to soon enough. If you are ever in Gozo, do try their Gozitan ftira. You won't be disappointed!



History of
Malta in Stamps
Paleontology
and Philately

- 1c Skeleton of Prehistoric animal (Pleistocene Period) (SG 1638) - 2c Ruins of stone temple (SG 1639)
 5c Carved stone pattern (Late Temple Period) (SG 1640) - 7c Pair of Pots (Bronze Age) (SG 1641)
 9c Gold statue (Phoenician and Punic Period) (vert) (SG 1642) - 10c Mosaic (Roman Period) (SG 1643)
 19c Gold coin (Byzantine Period) (vert) (SG 1644) - 26c Carved stone (Arab period) (SG 1645)
 37c Painting (Norman and Hohenstaufen Period) (vert) (SG 1646)
 50c Stone tablet carved with shield (Angevin and Aragonese Period) (vert) (SG 1647)
 51c Gold pattern with central Maltese Cross (Knights of St. John) (SG 1648)
 63c Painting of officers and crew disembarking in rowing boats from ships (French Period) (SG 1649)
 68c George Cross (British Period) (vert) (SG 1650) 86c Independence (vert) (SG 1651)
 1.00 Republic (vert) (SG 1652) - .08 EU Accession (vert) (SG 1653) - 5.00 Arms of Malta (vert) (SG 1654)

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The Gozo Philatelic Society
proudly presents its
20th Annual Philatelic Exhibition
to be inaugurated by
His Excellency Dr George Vella
on 2 November 2019 at 10.00 am at the
Gozo Ministry Halls, St Francis Square,
Victoria.

The exhibition will remain open till 12 November:
Mondays to Fridays during office hours and
Saturdays & Sundays from 9.00 to 12 noon

Entrance is free.

Collectors, Students, Teachers, Parents, and the
General Public are invited.



6th International Symposium of New Issue in Teacher Education, held in Valletta, Malta

In September, I had the honour of being selected to represent Australia and St Michael's College, Adelaide, the high school, where I teach, at the 6th International Symposium of New Issues in Teacher Education, which was held at the Valletta Campus of the University of Malta. I presented my paper on the work that I have undertaken at my school and at the University of Adelaide (where I teach the Senior History Curriculum and Methodology courses to final year Bachelor and Masters of Teaching students) in mentoring pre-service teachers (student teachers) and Early Career Teachers (those in their first five years of their teaching career).

Educational experts from around the world, gathered at this conference, which is run in a different country every two years. Delegates from 30 countries around the world were represented and I was the only educator from Australia. The next conference will be in the Ukraine in 2021.

In addition to presenting my paper, which received very good feedback from the attendees, I also was asked to moderate and convey sessions for other presenters from other countries, including Malta, Italy, Japan and the

Philippines. Through my participation and attendance at the conference, I was able to establish networks with educators and leaders in educational policy from around the world. Subsequent to my presentation, I was invited to the Msida campus of the University of Malta to undertake further discussion and make connections. I also met with the President of the History Teachers' Association of Malta, where we brainstormed ideas for potential future collaboration. The conference also opened the opportunities to present workshops and sessions in other countries around the world.

While it is always an honour to represent Australia at an international level, this was made extra special being that it was held in Malta, the country where my father and his side of the family were born and originated from.

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October 19, 2019



Maltin b'suċċess; mhux Malta biss imma anke barra minn xtutna

Carmelo Abela - Ministru tal-Affarijiet Barranin u Promozzjoni tal-Kummerċ

Fil-passat, il-prospetti ġewwa pajjiżna ma kienux dak li huma illum. Fejn illum pajjiżna huwa sinonimu max-xogħol u t-tkabbir ekonomiku, l-antenati tagħna ħafna drabi kien ikollhom iħarsu l'barra minn xtutna biex jidentifikaw xogħol li seta' jwassal għall-ħobża ta' kuljum għalihom u għal familhom. Dan kien wassal għall-kreazzjoni ta' Ministeru għall-Immigrazzjoni, fejn l-istat kien saħansitra jgħin lill-Maltin jemigraw.

Ir-rizultat ta' din il-ġrajja huwa li illum għandna numru ta' Maltin li jgħixu barra minn xtutna. Uħud minnhom għalkemm ma għandhomx dokument li jgħid li huma Maltin, xorta waħda jhossu f'qalbhom li huma Maltin; sfond l-istorja tal-familji tagħhom li minn jaf kemm irrakkontawhom stejjer dwar Malta.

Bħal ħafna Maltin li għadhom jgħixu Malta, li ġejjin mill-klassi tal-ħaddiema u illum il-ġurnata mxew il'quddiem u saru parti mill-klassi medja, hekk ukoll naraw Maltin jgħixu barra li għamli suċċess f'ħajjithom. Il-ġimgħa l-għaddiet kelli ċ-ċans niltaqa' m'uħud minnhom fil-Kunsill tal-Maltin li jgħixu Barra minn Malta li għandna bħala Ministeru Għall-Affarijiet Barranin u l-Promozzjoni tal-Kummerċ.

Il-Kunsill huwa mmirat biex jagħti vuċi lil dawn in-nies, u ġie mwaqqaf bil-liġi fl-2011, fejn qabel dan il-Kunsill ġie stabbilit, l-uniku forum li fih kienu jiltaqgħu l-Maltin ta' barra kien il-Konvenzjoni li ssir kull tliet snin. Dan il-Kunsill iltaqa' għall-għaxar darba mill-2011 l'hawn nhar il-ġimgħa li għaddiet, f'laqgħat li saru fl-ispazju ta' żewġ t'ijiem.

Jekk wieħed iħares lejn il-kompożizzjoni ta' dan il-Kunsill, malajr jasal għall-punt preċedenti tiegħi, jiġifieri li l-Maltin m'humiex biss qed jagħmlu suċċess ġewwa pajjiżna imma wkoll 'il barra minn xtutna. Fi ħdan dan il-Kunsill insibu nies li għamli suċċessi kemm fuq livell personali imma anke wkoll fuq livell komunitarju, li sena wara sena baqgħu jimbuttaw isem pajjiżna. Din m'hix sorpriza, speċjalment meta wieħed jikkunsidra l-fatt li l-Kunsill tal-Maltin li jgħixu barra jista' jittqies bħala l-veikolu uffiċjali li minnu joħroġu ideat li jippromwovu d-drittijiet u l-interessi tal-Maltin ta' barra, bil-ħsieb li, fejn hu possibbli, jiġu implimentati mill-Gvern – kolloxx bil-għan li aħna nagħmlu l-ħajja għall-Maltin li jgħixu barra aktar faċli biex ikunu jistgħu ikomplu jagħmlu suċċess u jagħtu isem tajjeb lil Malta.

F'dan il-kuntest, kemm bħala l-Ministru għall-Affarijiet Barranin u l-Promozzjoni tal-Kummerċ kif ukoll bħala ċ-Chairperson ta' dan il-Kunsill, inħoss li għandi d-dmir li niżgura li minn dawn il-laqgħat joħroġu ideat u proposti li jistgħu verament jagħmlu differenza għall-aħjar. Sa mil-laqgħa tal-Kunsill tas-sena l-oħra, il-Ministeru kompli għaddej bil-ħidma tiegħu biex daww id-deċiżjonijiet li ttieħdu f'laqgħat passati jiġu indirizzati kif xieraq. Huwa ta' pjaċir għalija li ninnota li f'ċerti oqsma mxejna qatigħ, bħal fil-każijiet tas-sottotitli bl-Ingliż ta' produzzjonijiet tal-Public Broadcasting Services u tal-pjattaforma digitali għat-tagħlim tal-ilsien Malti onlajn. Minkejja d-distanzi ġeografici li jifirdu l-komunitajiet Maltin minn xulxin u minn pajjiżhom, u minkejja d-differenzi fil-perspettivi u fl-ambjent li fih trabbew u rabbew il-familji tagħhom, hemm fil-komuni li jgħaqqdhem u jagħmilhom distinti. Dan il-fil huwa l-kultura Maltija, li minnha nnifisha tagħmilna dak li aħna u tagħtina pjattaforma minn fejn nistgħu nħarsu lejn l-

affarijiet minn nuċċali komuni. Kunsill li jirrapreżenta 'l-Maltin imxerrdin mal-erbat irjieħ tad-dinja ma jistax ma jkunx Kunsill li jfittex l-interess ta' Malta globali. Ma jistax ikollok struttura li nholqot biex tħares 'il barra u tispicċa tħares 'il ġewwa. Għaldaqstant, l-isfida tal-futur għall-Kunsill hija kif se nibqgħu rilevanti bil-mod kif naħdmu filwaqt li nikkomunikaw dak li rridu ngħidu u naslu għalih.

Hemm sett ta' objettivi li nistgħu naqblu ilkoll fuqhom biex dak li ksibna sal-lum ma jintilifx. Temi

bħar-rabta ta' Malta mal-preservazzjoni u t-twessigh tal-kultura u l-lingwaMaltija fil-post fejn ngħixu, l-integrazzjoni tas-saffi differenti ta' Maltin li jgħixu barra permezz ta' programmi mmirati apposta għal ġenerazzjonijiet iżgħar ta' dixxendenti Maltin, u sens akbar ta' appartenenza għal kulma hu Malti huma pilastri li fuqhom bnejna u għad irridu nkomplu nibnu. Dawn l-affarijiet huma lkoll affarijiet li rridu nkomplu nimbuttaw il'quddiem.



MALTESE IN NEW YORK USA

In New York, there are around 25,000 Maltese coming from the first to the third generation of migrants. The four Maltese clubs in New York are today aligned in a single club, MALTESE CENTER, the place where the Maltese community maintains its contact with their homeland.

Adults Halloween Party...Saturday October 26th, 2019....at 7.00pm..
Maltese Center Lower Dungeon
Entrance \$25....Cash Bar
ssshhhhh...
two more weeks...be ready!
Best Costume Contest
 Malta Square,
 27-20 Hoyt Ave South
 Astoria, New York 11102
MUSIC.....DJ CHUCK
HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Ghaziez Sur Frank L Scicluna

Editur Maltese Journal,

Nifrahlek bhal dejjem dwar kif qed tmexxi il-Gazzetta “ Maltese Diaspre” u l-informazzjoni li jkollha fiha fejn b’hekk int tkun qed tgharraf lill min isegwiha u jkun jaf ezatt dwar dak kollu li wiehed irid ikun jaf min dak forsi minsi jew ma jkunx qed jiftakar zminijiet tal-passat.

Nirreferi ghal dik it-tragedja li kienet saret fil-Libja f-El Adem fejn jiena kont suldat mar- “ Royal Engineers “ bejn in-1953-56 ghax f’Malta ma kienx hawn xoghol u wara li kont nahdem bhala apprentista (suppost) fuq il-karozzi li allura ma min kont kien hemm persuna zghazugha qatt ma ghallmitni dwar is-sena ta “ motor mechanic u hliet inaddaf xi “ crank case “ jew inewwel xi ghodda lill dak siehbi ma kontx nghamel, ghax dak iz-zmien jekk xi hadd jghallmek tkun qed jibza li ser tohodlu xogholu, u allura ma titghallimx, u permess li jien min dejjem kelli ghatx li nitghallem xi sena biddilt kemm l-impjeg sakhemm kelli kontra qalbi mmur suldat ghax hemm titghallen sena u jkollok paga sura ta’ nies ghalkemm dan l-impjeg kien ikkunsidrat “ laham mibjuh “

Fl- Injineri kien hemm Staff Sergeant “ li assolutament riedni li nkun mieghu ghax ra fija suldat “ smart “ u li kelli skola tajba ghax kont nattendi fil-kulegg tal-Freres : Christian Brothers, Gzira, “ izda jiena ghetlu li ser nispicca biex insiefer lejn l-Awsralja, u li kieku ma kelliex dan il-hsieb, aktarx kont inkun wiehed min dawk il-vittmi ta Ed Adem, u b-hekk nahseb li Alla bidilieli u komplejt nghjx f’Malta sal-lum.

Ghaldaqstant nifrahlek li ergajt geddidtli il-memorja ta shabi li mietu fil-“ crash “ ta Ed Adem fejn hafna minnom kienu persuni tar-rspestt u hbieb tassew, u Alla jtiehom il-mistrieħ ta dejjem fil-Glorja Divina Tieghu.

Grazzi tal-memorja u kompli ghadej kif int qed taghmel permez tal-Gazetta Diaspora li nahseb li dejjem qed tiffjorixxi permezz ta’ informazzjoni dwar dak importnati li wiehed qed itfakkar kemm fi zminijiet passati, prezenti u dak kollu ta’ interess li jkun jaf dwar dak kollu li permezz ta din il-Gazetta ghandu ikun jaf.

Prosit u grazzi ta hidmietek

Dom N Pantalleresco Gzira MALTA

I am sure I am speaking on behalf of many thousands of readers of your journal. It is such a treat to read the Maltese Journal every week to keep up to date with what is happening in Malta and in many other parts of the world, especially among the Maltese communities. This is my only link with my fellow Maltese scattered around the world. This journal is UNIQUE and there is no other like it. I love it and I hope God gives you health and wisdom to continue such a wonderful service to us all – the Maltese. Joseph Coleiro

Please continue to publish more Maltese recipes. I collect them all and I will form them into a booklet. I am tell you also that I spread this famous journal to all my relatives and friends in Malta, Canada and Australia. It appeals to the second and third generations Maltese since it is mainly in English. I know many young people who read regularly your journal. Please, don’t stop and keep it going for our sake. Giovanna Ebejer

Au revoir – Sahha – Good bye
Till we meet again