

# Maltese e-Newsletter

## Journal of the Maltese Diaspora

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Eliana Gomez Blanco, a fourteen year old student from Hamrun, Malta  
Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2019



Maltese-Americans  
in USA

### CONNECTING COMMUNITIES 2019



The President receives a courtesy call by Ms Lina Brockdorff at San Anton Palace, Attard.

### Maltese in Greece still hold Malta dear to their hearts



(L-R) Mr Clive Desira (Secretary), Mr Michael Zammit (Treasurer), The Hon. Mark Buttigieg MLC, Mr. Sydney Borg (President), Mr Lawrence Buhagiar (NSW Consul General), Mr Neville Zammit (Vice President)



 AUSTRALIAN MALTESE  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



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*Daphne Cassar in Athens tvn.com*

their mark not only on Corfu by building the Governor's Palace, which was built by the Maltese using stone imported from Malta, but many Maltese were even instrumental in building the parliamentary building in Athens." Marise Samara has pursued a banking career in Greece. Despite the fact that she has been away from Malta for half a century she says she feels close to Malta and considers herself Maltese. "My father used to write me letters, he used to inform me on everything, and I always kept in touch with Malta, now of course it's easy because of the digital system."

In Greece there are around 3,500 people with a Maltese connection, the majority of whom live in Corfu where Greeks of Maltese have settled, and where one finds even fourth and fifth generation Maltese. During his visit to Greece, President George Vella met with representatives of the Maltese community in Athens who are making the Maltese identity proud by retaining Maltese traditions and passing them on to the next generation. Spiros Gauci is the Maltese consulate to Corfu, and is fifth generation Maltese. He can speak English, Italian, Greek and even a few words in Maltese. Despite the fact that his forefathers settled in Corfu at the beginning of the 19th century, he says the Maltese identity is still present on the island.

"We are trying to search our roots, we always have a nostalgia about the land of our ancestors, and we are trying to have a connection with Malta and the Maltese authorities there. "There are around 3,500 Maltese people in Greece or else Maltese citizens who have roots and connections with Malta, particular a large number, around 3,000, in Corfu alone. The Maltese Ambassador to Greece, Joseph Cuschieri, said that the presence of the Maltese is spread from Heraklion to Piraeus which is a crucial port for the maritime industry. He said that in the capital, Athens there are around 100 Maltese citizens. "The Maltese left

Lina Calleja left Malta many years ago and is proud that her children have taken an interest in Malta. "Yes definitely I bring them to Malta because they really love it, and the oldest can say a few words like *furketta* and *sikkina...*" President George Vella said that Malta and Greece are celebrating 53 years of diplomatic relations and expressed his appreciation that the Maltese who live here showed him how much they hold Malta close to their hearts. "Some have been here 40, 50 years, some have never come to Malta because obviously the Corfu community goes back to 1819. I met with many interesting people who have built a career here and I enjoy seeing the respect they have towards what Malta represents today." The President was in Greece for the Arraiolos meeting which brings together Presidents from EU countries who have an executive role.

**LET'S WORK TOGETHER BECAUSE WHERE THERE IS UNITY AND  
HARMONY THERE IS STRENGTH**



## Joseph Xerri ... Malti b'suċċess fil-ġurnalizmu fl-Awstralja

Miktub minn iNews

*Mill-Union Print għal Maltese Herald fl-Awstralja  
... Joseph Xerri jishaq fuq il-bżonn kontinwu li  
nsaħhu il-legat bejn Malta u l-Maltin li jgħixu barra*

"Li żżomm gazzetta għaddejja għal ammont ta' snin hija diffiċli minnha nnifisha: meta din il-gazzetta kellha taqsam kontinenti sħaħ, biex minn Malta tasal l-Awstralja, tista timmagina x-xogħol li kellu bżonn isir biex dan iseħħ. Kuntent li dan imexxielna nagħmluh għal ħames diċennji bla waqfien." Sahaq dan Joseph Xerri, wiehed mill-imħu wara l-Maltese Herald, f'intervista mal-Orizzont.

Il-Maltese Herald kienet pubblikazzjoni li serviet ta' konnessjoni konkreta bejn Malta, u l-kommunita Maltija ġewwa l-Awstralja. "Għal ħamsin sena bla waqfien, il-gazzetta kienet toħroġ ġewwa l-kommunita Maltija fl-Awstralja: Għall-ewwel, darba kull ħmistax, pero eventwalment żidna r-ritmu ta' pubblikazzjoni għal darba kull tmint'ijiem. Kienu biss l-introduzzjoni ta' teknoloġiji ta' komunikazzjoni godda, li l-gazzetta kellha tieqaf, pero sal-ġurnata tal-lum, l-isem "The Maltese Herald" għadu fuq l-ilsien ta' bosta qarrejja."

U x'kien l-involvement tal-Orizzont f'dan kollu? Xerri jishaq li l-impjegati tal-Union Press kellhom rwol kruċjali fejn jidhru l-istampar: "Wahda mill-ikbar għajjuniet li sibna aħna kienet meta jiġu għar-ritratti. Fl-antik, ir-ritratti kienu jiġu mpaġnati fuq il-gazzetta permezz ta' blokk tal-ħadid, blokk li kienu fizikament tqal u għalja. Madanakollu, grazzi għall-għajnuna tal-Union Print, u tal-ħaddiema u l-impjaġnaturi mal-Orizzont u t-Torċa, dawn il-blokk kienu jingħataw lilna b'xejn. Apparti hekk, bħala gazzetta kienu jipprovdu l-assistenza tagħhom kull meta tlabniha."

## "Inkomplu nsaħhu l-legat bejn Malta u l-Maltin barra minn xtutna"

Itqajna ma' Xerri fit-tmiem tal-laqqha annwali tal-Kunsill għall-Maltin li Jaħdmu Barra (CMLA). Dan il-Kunsill, immexxi mill-Ministru għall-Affarijiet Barranin u l-Promozzjoni tal-Kummerċ Carmelo Abela, kien qiegħed jiddiskuti numru ta' sfidi, kif ukoll opportunitajiet godda, biex il-kommunita Maltija estera u d-dixxendenti tagħhom nsaħhu il-legat li għandhom ma' pajjiż twelidhom.

Xerri, li huwa s-Segretarju attwali ta' dan il-kunsill, ddeskriva b'mod pożittiv l-andament ta' din il-laqqha: "Kellna laqgħat tajbin ħafna, nazzarda ngħid iktar produttivi minn dawk tas-snin preċedenti, u dan minħabba l-volum ta' proposti u sfidi li ġew diskuss. Ovjamet, hemm affarijiet oħrajn li għad fadal biex isiru, u hemm numru ta' deċiżjonijiet li aħna bħala Kunsill irridu nieħdu fil-viċin."

"Fost it-temi diskussi, kien hemm l-edukazzjoni u t-tqassim tat-tagħrif mal-kommunitajiet Maltin barra minn xtutna. Din hija tema għal qalbi ħafna, għalhiex jiena għomri naħdem fis-settur edukattiv. Tant hu hekk, li ngħid li jiena dħalt fl-iskola meta kont għadni tifel, u qatt ma ħriġ minn hemm."

Bħala Segretarju tas-CMLA, Xerri tenna li huwa qiegħed iħares il-quddiem għas-sena d-dieħla, fejn apparti l-laqqha annwali tal-Kunsill, f'Ottubru 2020 il-Ministeru tal-Affarijiet Barranin se jorganizza Konvenzjoni għall-Maltin kollha li jgħixu barra. "Inħares il-quddiem għad-diskussjoni fuq numru ta' proposti godda, biex inkomplu nsaħhu l-legat bejn Malta u l-Maltin barra."

F'kumment ma' dan il-ġurnal, il-Ministeru Abela sahaq li parti kbira mill-Konvenzjoni se jkun maqsuma fi gruppi żgħar, magħmulin minn partecipanti Maltin li jgħixu barra. "Huwa permezz ta' dan il-Kunsill, li bħala Ministeru se jrin inkomplu nipromwovu d-drittijiet u l-interessi tal-Maltin li jgħixu barra minn xtutna."

"B'hekk, dan il-Kunsill jista' jitqies bħala l-vejikolu uffiċjali, li minnu joħroġu idejat li jipromwovu l-interessi u l-vuċi tal-Maltin barra minn Malta, liema proposti imbagħad jiġu mplimentati mill-Gvern Ċentrali."



**Abbona f'din il-gazzetta  
elettronika tal-Maltin ta' Malta u Barra**

## Convention for Maltese living abroad announced for October 2020

The Foreign Ministry announced that in October 2020 a convention for the Maltese living abroad will be held in Malta. The chosen theme is 'Keeping Connected' and it will be largely devoted to workshops composed of Maltese who live abroad with the aim to discuss and submit new ideas and suggestions to better protect the interests of the Maltese diaspora abroad. This was announced by Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade Promotion Carmelo Abela during a press conference at the closure of the 10th annual meeting of the Council of Maltese living abroad, who for the last two met for their annual meeting at the the building of the Ministry in Valletta.

Minister Abela also made reference to an increase in the registration of Maltese living abroad with the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, which is done through the submission of Form D, a form which is available on the Ministry's website. This is a service offered by the consular directorate where through this information, the directorate can assist better these individuals in case of need.

Minister Abela remarked that the teaching of the Maltese language will soon be available online through the creation of an online digital platform, a project which is being carried out through the Ministry for Education and Employment which has now passed into the tender preparation phase.

Minister Abela also made reference to the other achievements attained in the interest of Maltese living abroad through the work of the council. These includes English subtitles for some of the production by the Public Broadcasting Services, the completion of Code of Ethics for members of the Council of Maltese Living Abroad, and the launch of Regional Committees.

Minister Abela made reference to the several issues that have been discussed in recent days. These included the review of Act XX of 2011 to

regulate the Council; changing culture programs; registration of property which the Maltese have lives outside the Maltese Islands; the subtitles Maltese productions; matters relating to Maltese identity, ways how to better engage with Maltese Diaspora; the establishment of Regional Committees.

As the Minister remarked, the Maltese Council for Maltese that live abroad can also be considered as the official vehicle carrying ideas that promote the rights and interests outside Malta, with a view that, where possible, to be implemented by the Central Government.

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### Convention for Maltese Living Abroad

#### 'Keeping Connected' 6-7th October 2020

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Trade Promotion would like to inform the Maltese diaspora and the general public that the next convention for Maltese Living Abroad will take place on 6-7<sup>th</sup> October 2020. Preparations are currently underway, and the Ministry would like to hear from those who are interested in participation at the fifth Convention. The Convention will consist of plenary sessions together with a number of workshops. Other activities will also be organized at the margins of the Convention. These include an art exhibition, literary symposium. The cultural events will take place on 8th October while on 10th October the Convention will end with a social event. The working languages of the Convention will be Maltese and English.

**THIS JOURNAL WILL KEEP YOU UPDATED ON ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING THIS IMPORTANT EVENT.**



## President discusses migration during Greece visit

**Calls for solidarity with countries affected by refugee crisis**



President George Vella stressed the importance of solidarity with countries affected by migration and the refugee crisis in the Mediterranean as he addressed his first Arraiolos meeting in Athens, Greece, on Friday.

The theme set for the 15th Arraiolos meeting was the fundamental principle of solidarity to strengthen the European Union as well as promoting the Union's further integration.

The Presidents of Malta, Greece, Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Poland, Portugal, and Slovenia focused on the EU's economic challenges as well as those of migration and security affecting the EU.

Dr Vella said the affected countries, such as Greece, Italy, and Malta, should not be left alone addressing the issue and resolving every case on an ad hoc basis.

In his reaction, Greek President Prokopis Pavlopoulos described Malta's role in the migration issue as exemplary, while several other presidents referred to the Malta Declaration on Migration as the first step towards successfully addressing the issue, the president's office said in a statement.

Dr Vella emphasized that the EU's values, particularly those of tolerance, equality, and fundamental rights, should continue to underpin the work carried out by a new European



Photo : DOI - Omar Camilleri

Commission. This was also stated in the context of the challenges that the European Union is undergoing due to Brexit.

Turning to security in the Mediterranean and the region's political and geo-strategic issues, Dr Vella emphasised the need for stronger international controls on the trafficking and sales of weapons and ammunition as this was crucial to reduce the chances of conflict.

He said he hoped that the discussions during the Arraiolos meeting will translate in more permanent solutions, both for the Mediterranean and the European Union.

At the end of the meeting, the presidents agreed on the Athens Declaration, in which they stated that Europe needs to continue with a political debate on the best way forward, with an aim to propagate more diverse opinions and innovative ideas. In this declaration, the presidents expressed their wish for future meetings to be focused on the deepening, widening and enrichment of this debate.

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THE MALTESE COMMUNITIES**



## Australian Maltese Chamber of Commerce celebrates 25 Years

The Australian Maltese Chamber of Commerce Inc, (AMCC) celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September at the Mandavilla Function Centre in Horsley Park, NSW.



Present amongst 180 guests were the Opposition Whip in the NSW Legislative Council, The Hon Mr Mark Buttigieg MLC and his wife Anna and the NSW Consul General for the Republic of Malta Mr Lawrence Buhagiar and his wife Rosieanne. The evening was also an opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Maltese Independence from the United Kingdom and the birth of the Maltese National Flag.

The AMCC was established in 1994 in NSW by Life Member Mr Emanuel Pisani as the first President, Mr Leslie Cassar and the late Fred Fenech. Under the leadership of current President Mr Sydney Borg, the AMCC has now spread to Victoria and Queensland and is currently exploring opportunities to establish a presence in Western Australia. The AMCC continues to grow and is a great opportunity for Maltese Australian business owners and professionals to meet, network and pursue trade opportunities through bi-monthly meetings and various other events.

The AMCC is the only national Maltese Australian organisation dedicated to support and encourage business between Australia and Malta as well as the use of Malta as a base for exports from Australia to other European countries. It is also our aim to connect our members commercially and culturally whilst respecting the values of our Maltese heritage.

Over the years the AMCC has hosted many dignitaries from Malta including current and past Prime Ministers, members of Parliament and more recently the President of Malta. The AMCC is a non-political organisation and proudly boasts excellent relations with both sides of the Maltese government as well as the Australian High Commissioner in Malta. The AMCC has previously organised Trade Missions to Malta and is planning another in the near future. Any business owner or business professional interested in taking part in the upcoming Trade Mission is invited to email their interest to Neville Zammit at [neville@zammit.net](mailto:neville@zammit.net) who will provide more information.

The AMCC is also a member of the European Australian Business Council (EABC) and is proud of its role in initiating 'Euro mix' a regular lunch event where members of all other European chambers come together to mix and build a network of contacts and business trade opportunities.

The AMCC committee welcomes any business owner or professional wishing to join the chamber. For further information, please contact us through our website <https://amcc.org.au> or email Clive Desira at [cdesira@hotmail.com](mailto:cdesira@hotmail.com)

**If you have a story to share with others  
send it to us  
[maltesejournal@gmail.com](mailto:maltesejournal@gmail.com)**



## Jeff Fenech's daughter's secret wedding at boxing champ's bedside

It's nothing short of miraculous. Jeff Fenech has flown into Sydney, surprising



his daughter on her wedding day.

Against all odds, the ailing boxing champ touched down, making it to the church in time to walk an emotional Jessica down the aisle.

Jeff Fenech surprised his daughter at her [Sydney](#) wedding today, walking her down the aisle weeks after undergoing open-heart surgery.

Jessica was married in front of an estimated 300 people today at St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday afternoon.

Fenech will continue to be monitored in hospital and undergo treatment while he is here.

Earlier, it was reported that Fenech was set to miss his

beloved daughter's wedding this weekend after he underwent life-saving surgery in [Thailand](#).

A Current Affair's Sylvia Jeffreys was lucky enough to witness the touching moment Jeff Fenech surprised his daughter at her [Sydney](#) wedding today. (A Current Affair)

But *A Current Affair* exclusively revealed that he was still able to see Jessica wed, when she and her fiancé flew to [Thailand](#) to tie the knot beside his hospital bed.

Photos showed the bride and groom standing at Fenech's bedside, Jessica wearing a veil as she leaned down to kiss her father.

The three-time world champion had been conducting a training camp in Bangkok with several boxers he trains when he began coughing up blood.

Despite pleading to leave him alone, Fenech's fighters rang local paramedics – a move that doctors say may have saved his life.

"Fortunately, the boys ignored the aggressive [calls](#) to leave him alone and called an ambulance," Fenech's friend Dominic Jarvis said.



Jeff Fenech's daughter had no idea her surprise visit to [Thailand](#) to marry at his hospital bedside would be topped by her loving father's surprise. (A Current Affair)

Dubbed "the Marrickville mauler", Fenech's decorated boxing career saw him become a world champion at bantamweight (53.5kg), super bantamweight (55kg) and featherweight (57kg).

He represented [Australia](#) at the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles where he was controversially stripped of a decision-win against Yugoslavian Redzep Redzepovski, and won a gold medal at the Oceanian Championships in the same year.





## A crusty Maltese loaf is among the world's best, according to CNN

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It is the recipe and the way the dough is made which together give the unique characteristic to the Maltese loaf. This loaf is much sought after by many, both Maltese and visitors.

CNN News Agency has placed the Maltese loaf among the world's top fifty. The agency explains how the crunchy crust and soft interior make it the perfect accompaniment for tomatoes and fresh olives.

The best Maltese bread is reputedly baked in Hal Qormi, so much so that in the times of the Knights it was referred to as Casal Fornaro, the bakers' village.

The word ħobża (loaf of bread) has various connotations in the Maltese language. Someone with an urgent need of something is described as 'needing it as much as bread' – għandu bżonnha daqs il-ħobż. When we ask about some particular character, the question is 'What bread does he eat?', x'ħobż jiekol, in Maltese. Someone who has done well in life is described as ħobżu maħbuż, literally 'his bread is baked'; anyone ending up without a job is described as 'having lost his bread', tilef ħobżu. And if some business deal goes well, the saying is that 'kien fiha biċċa ħobż gmielha'.



## Zjara ta' korteżija mill-kittieba Lina Brockdorff lill-President ta' Malta

*Permezz tal-kitbiet tagħha bil-Malti, is-Sinjura Lina Brockdorff qed tagħti kontribut siewi ħafna lix-xena letterarja Maltija. Matul iż-żjara ta' korteżija, qasmet il-passjoni tagħha għal-letteratura u l-kitba bil-Malti, u l-ħidma tagħha f'dan il-qasam. – Mill-paġna fil-Facebook tal-President ta' Malta E.T. George Vella*

## Maltese Guild of SA Inc

The Maltese Cultural Centre  
6 Jeanes Street, Beverley  
opens every Tuesday  
from 10 am till 3.30 pm  
for lunch, bingo and  
billiard playing

You are invited to come and join us





## JOSEPH CALLEJA TOURING AUSTRALIA IN OCTOBER 2020



Blessed with a golden-age voice which routinely inspires comparisons to legendary singers from earlier eras, Calleja is now a superstar in all the greatest opera houses and concert halls.

His extensive discography includes a thrilling Verdi album and a hugely popular tribute to Mario Lanza, whilst his performance of Puccini's famous *Nessun dorma* at The Last Night of the Proms at The Royal Albert Hall was nothing short of electrifying.

In this, his eagerly anticipated debut Australian tour, the Maltese tenor described as the young Pavarotti will be joined by two of Australia's best-loved artists, soprano Amelia Farrugia, who is also of Maltese heritage, and internationally acclaimed pianist Piers Lane, in an unforgettable performance.

*"His rock-solid yet ever-malleable voice and blazing stage presence could light a thousand lamps."* – Independent

### Melbourne

Hamer Hall, Arts Centre Melbourne  
Sat 3rd Oct 2020 – 7:30pm

### Adelaide

Adelaide Town Hall  
Wed 7th Oct 2020 – 7:30pm

### Brisbane

Concert Hall, QPAC  
Sat 10th Oct 2020 – 7:30pm

### Perth

Perth Concert Hall  
Tue 13th Oct 2020 – 7:30pm

### Sydney

City Recital Hall  
Fri 16th Oct 2020 – 7:30pm  
Presented by Andrew McKinnon in  
association with Opera Australiation with  
West

**The Convention of Maltese Living Abroad is going to be held in beginning of October 2020. Most of the Maltese in Australia will miss out on the International Tour of Joseph Calleja. Is it possible to have the Convention either before or after the Calleja's tour? ABCasha**



## AMELIA FARRUGIA

Amelia Farrugia is a renowned Australian Soprano; since her professional stage debut in 1990, she has enjoyed a highly successful international career in

Opera, Operetta, Music Theatre, Recital, Concert Events, Television and Recording.

Amelia's singing career has taken her around the world: New York, London, Glyndebourne Festival Opera UK, Opera Hong Kong, Recitals in Beijing, Shanghai, Malta, Florence & Spoleto Italy, India for NSW Tourism.

Amelia joined the roster of Soloists at the Metropolitan Opera in New York (2012 & 2015), when she covered Ms Renee Fleming, Ms Diana Damrau & Ms Anna Netrebko in the title roles of Massenet's "Manon" and Lehar's "The Merry Widow". This supreme opportunity enabled her to work alongside the world's best singers, conductors & directors.

On the Concert platform, Amelia recently produced her very own show, Diva! Performed in City Recital Hall, Angel Place Sydney, featuring original works by legendary Composer Elena Kats-Chernin.

Amelia has performed with the Hong Kong Symphony Orchestra, all the ABC orchestras and in many large-scale televised events; World Youth Day Final Mass for Pope Benedict XVI, Carols in the Domain, Opera in the Domain, she has performed for Frederik, Crown Prince & Mary, Crown Princess of Denmark.

Amelia Farrugia's auspicious debut solo recording, Joie de vivre! was released by Universal Music Australia & UK 2005-6. Recorded in the UK with the BBC Symphony Orchestra under the baton of Alexander Briger, Joie de vivre! was nominated for a Classical Aria Award (2006). Amelia was the first Australian solo artist to record on the prestigious Decca label since Dame Joan Sutherland in 1959.

Amelia Farrugia is the owner of Sydney Sings Pty Ltd. She teaches singing out of her studio in Mosman and in the Sydney Conservatorium of Music High School.



## PIERS LANE

*"vNo praise could be high enough for Piers Lane whose playing throughout is of a superb musical intelligence, sensitivity, and scintillating brilliance."*  
Bryce Morrison,

Gramophone

London-based Australian pianist Piers Lane stands out as an engaging and highly versatile performer, at home equally in solo, chamber and concerto repertoire. Recent highlights include a performance of Busoni's mighty piano concerto at Carnegie Hall, premieres of Carl Vine's second Piano Concerto, written for him, with the Sydney Symphony and the London Philharmonic, and several sold-out solo recitals at Wigmore Hall.

Five times soloist at the BBC Proms in London's Royal Albert Hall, Piers Lane's concerto repertoire exceeds ninety works and has led to engagements with many of the world's great orchestras including the BBC and ABC orchestras; the American, Bournemouth and Gothenburg Symphony Orchestras; the Australian Chamber Orchestra, Orchestre National de France, City of London Sinfonia, and the Royal Philharmonic, Royal Liverpool Philharmonic and Warsaw Philharmonic orchestras among many others. Leading conductors with whom he has worked include Andrey Boreyko, Sir Andrew Davis, Andrew Litton, Jerzy Maksymiuk, Marko Letonja, Vassily Sinaisky, Yan Pascal Tortelier and Antoni Wit.





## MALTESE IN USA

My name is Rachael, I'm Maltese American. I am writing to you today as I am interested in receiving your eNewsletter, and also wanted to inquire about being featured in your paper? I'm not sure if you offer that, my small business - Petite Patriots caters specifically to the Maltese People with apparel and accessories. The link is attached for your review:

<https://etsy.me/2Xb9zz1> If you don't, thank you anyway for your consideration, And I look forward to receiving the newsletter! Rachael Cini-Darin  
Owner Petite Patriots

## Dghajsa tal-Latini: Gozo Boat once again restored to its former glory



The major project of maintenance work has now been completed on the Dghajsa Tal-Latini – The Gozo Boat.

The boat is on permanent display at the Zewwieqa waterfront at Mgarr, and the work, which included a total re-paint and minor woodwork restoration work, was started a few weeks ago under the supervision of Peter Caruana – son of the original builder.

Wirt Ghawdex, in coordination with Gozo Channel organised the project, with the funding provided by Gozo Channel, the owners of the boat. The Ministry for Gozo provided the necessary electrical power for the work from a nearby location. Wirt Ghawdex said that it now awaits “badly needed” maintenance work to be carried out on the surrounding lighting system and the water feature that feeds the water below the boat. *Photograph: Wirt Ghawdex*



## Students pay homage to Dun Karm Psaila

Report: Tony Dimech

Committee commemorated the memory of National Poet Dun Karm Psaila with a symbolic ceremony held near the plinth of the monument dedicated to

him in Floriana. The ceremony, with the participation of students, was held to recall the date of his birth as well as to acknowledge his contribution to the Maltese Language and the National Identity.

Students from the Floriana Primary School paid tribute to Dun Karm who was born 148 years ago in Żebbuġ and left his mark on the National Identity including the versus of the National Anthem. Initially he began to write in Italian but then switched to his great love for the Maltese Language and became one of the founders of the Għaqda tal-Kittieba tal-Malti. His contribution to the language resulted in his receiving a Doctorate while being honoured with the title of National Poet.

Before the singing of the National Anthem, representatives of the National Festivities Committee, the Akkademja tal-Malti and the Floriana Local Council laid wreaths and flowers on the plinth of The National Festivities his Floriana monument. Another activity to commemorate Dun Karm will be held at San' Anton Palace on 6th November under the patronage of President Dr George Vella.

## Kurds in Malta protest Turkish military action in Syria



### **Calls for Maltese government to formally condemn Turkish operation**

Kurds in Malta protest outside the Turkish embassy in Floriana on Saturday. Kurds in Malta gathered outside the Turkish embassy in Floriana on Saturday to protest what they called a "brutal, unprovoked assault" by the Turkish state on Kurdish communities in northern Syria.

Moviment Graffiti, which supported the protest, said Turkey's invasion of the

Rojava region had resulted in the "massacre" of Kurds and their displacement on a mass scale.

The operation, it said, was clearly driven by a "hatred of Kurds" and a desire to destroy "the egalitarian and democratic model being built in Rojava".

Turkey launched an offensive last week in northeast Syria against a Kurdish militia which is backed by western countries in the fight against the Islamic State group, but which Ankara accuses of terrorism.

The week-old military operation has displaced more than 300,000 civilians, according to the Britain-based Syrian Observatory.

Moviment Graffiti said the invasion threatened to revise the Islamic State insurgency, as thousands of fighters held in camps guarded by Kurdish forces would take the opportunity to flee and reconstitute terrorist cells.



MaltaPost will issue the seventh set from the 'Maritime Malta' series issued each year. This set consists of two stamps featuring a ceremonial boat and a gondola dating back to the Order of Saint John.

"We called upon the world to take action and stop the invasion of Rojava, the ongoing massacre of communities in this area and the renewed ISIS threat brought about by the Turkish government's actions," the group said.

"We also urged the Maltese Government to honour its Constitutional obligation to actively work for peace by informing the Turkish ambassador that Malta forcefully opposes the Turkish invasion of Rojava."





## CHAMPION FISHERMAN

Maltese in  
Adelaide  
South Australia

Antony Jackson of Adelaide was awarded a prestigious trophy for angling excellence by the South Australian Piscatorial Council. Anthony accumulated the highest amount of points by a club member in South Australia for 2018-2019. He is a member of the Northern District Angling Club. Antony and his Maltese born wife Bernadette who is the Secretary of the Maltese Seniors Club of South Australia, are very keen helper at the Club's weekly function besides being an avid fisherman". The Maltese seniors meet every week on Friday between 10.am and 3.30pm at the Progressive Hall, Le Hunte Street, Kilburn, South Australia.



## The President of Malta

The President had a productive training session for Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation volunteers. Volunteers are a pillar of this Foundation, and carry out sterling work all year round in raising funds to enable [MCCFF](#) to channel aid to those in need.



## ELIANA GOMEZ BLANCO



### Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2019

*The Joy - official slogan for the 2019 competition*

Nineteen public service broadcasters will take part in the 17th Junior Eurovision Song Contest (JESC), in Gliwice-Silesia on Sunday 24 November, organized by the European Broadcasting Union (EBU). Malta shall be represented by Eliana Gomez Blanco, a fourteen year old student from Hamrun, Malta, who was chosen by a jury and public vote during a national selection held in summer. Eliana started her singing career since the tender age of six, wherein she participated in various festivals both locally and abroad and never looked back until she reached one of her dream goals to participate in the Junior Eurovision Song Contest.

Eliana will be interpreting the song WE ARE MORE, with the lyrics by Rachel Suter, Jonas Thander, Joe Julian Farrugia and Kevin Lee, and composed by Jonas Thander and Rachel Suter.

The song, with a message urging youths to be positive and not give up, is a two-language mix, English with some verses in Maltese.

Watch and Listen here - <https://youtube/wu4TBECwLqA>

**Participating Countries** ; Albania, Armenia, Australia, Belarus, France, Georgia, Ireland, Italy Kazakhstan, Malta, North Macedonia, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Serbia, Spain, The Netherlands Ukraine AND Wales

Dear readers of the journal

May I kindly ask our friends in Australia to consider extending support to our Malta representative at the Junior Eurovision Contest, Please see information above with info re Eliana participating countries in Poland, and link to her song/video.

We need to exploit every opportunity to promote our song and Malta in this highly popular junior festival.

I am sure that you will support us and to this end we are ready to discuss further.

Thanks in anticipation, Best regards Tonio Portuguese Chairman PBS Board of Directors

The EBU's voting system is 50%/50% televoting and juries. We need a strong vote from Australia, thanks.



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The  
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**TUESDAY 29 OCTOBER 2019**  
at 6.45pm  
Nativity of Our Lady Parish Church  
**NAXXAR**

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**WEDNESDAY 30 OCTOBER 2019**  
at 7.00pm  
Annunciation of Our Lady Church  
**BIRGU**

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**FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2019**  
at 6.45pm  
Our Lady of Fair Havens &  
St Dominic Basilica  
**VALLETTA**

Programme to include music by  
RUTTER, HANDEL, MOZART and ELGAR



## NEWS FROM THE MALTESE CLUB IN ASTORIA, NEW YORK USA



What a Sunday!

The Maltese Center was full of activity on October 20th with several events all in one. Early Sunday morning Team Is- Sahha Taghna made Strides Against Breast Cancer with a 4 mile walk around Central Park raising over \$3500 in donations that will go directly to the American Cancer Society towards Breast Cancer. Afterwards the Maltese Center welcomed the walkers with pink bites and drinks.

The Maltese Center and community gathered to bid farewell to Ambassador Carmelo Inguanez who over the years has shown his support to the Maltese Community. The Committee honored him with a commemoration plaque and framed Maltese Center logo. In return the Ambassador gifted the Center with one of his own original paintings. He will be missed and we wish him and his family all the best in their new location.

All this with merriment of Oktoberfest!

Thank you to all the members,volunteers, friends and families, and Maltese community that make all these events a success



## CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY **SUN, OCT 27**

The Maltese Center

Oct 27, 2:00 PM – 06:00 PM

The Maltese Center, 27-20 Hoyt Avenue South, Astoria, NY, USA

Whether your Ghoulish, a Witch or wear a Mask, Dress up and join us is all we ask!  
Children's Halloween Party \$15 entry donation RSVP

## ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE WEEK ONE: **NOV 1ST & NOV 3RD**

Fri, Nov 01

The Maltese Center

Nov 01, 6:00 PM – Nov 03, 6:00 PM

The Maltese Center, 27-20 Hoyt Avenue South, Astoria, NY, USA

Help our Chaplain Father Anthony Saliba fill the pantry shelves at St. Raphael to serve the needy in four towns this holiday season! Drop off every Friday & Sunday in November

## All Souls Memorial Mass **Fri, Nov 08**

The Maltese Center

Nov 08, 7:00 PM – 09:00 PM

The Maltese Center, 27-20 Hoyt Avenue South, Astoria, NY, USA

All Souls Memorial Mass All are welcome and to bring a photo or memento of those departed to display on the memorial table. The Mass will be celebrated by the Maltese Center Chaplain, Fr. Anthony Saliba

## I came here to bask in Malta's climate and save her life

**Report:** Keith Demicoli

TVM.COM.MT

Many Maltese complain about Malta's humid climate. However, the island's climate is saving the life of an English female youth who found that our climate is a cure for her. Interviewed by TVM, she says that here she found the natural cure for a condition which controlled her body and almost her life.

For almost 10 years, the life of 27-year old Rachael Hollwey was controlled by anorexia. The girl who lived in London tried every kind of treatment, however, mysteriously her condition worsened.

Rachael said "demons are literally shouting in your head and I felt completely powerless every time I came out I got really sick and every time worse and worse".

Rachael ended up with a severe depression due to anorexia and treatment given as part of a scientific experiment for the cure of her condition. She even planned to commit suicide. "I had plans and everything to end it and just take my life really".

She recalled that on the day she took the decision to end her life, a sand wasp kept her inside her home and she then realized she can continue with her life. As she recovered from anorexia, the U.K.'s climatic conditions were affecting her hands and feet as doctors even planned to amputate them.

"My doctor said I don't know what to do, you're going to lose your hands and feet this time, I'm really sorry, unless you do know what helps, and I said when I go on holiday it helps, the climate or the heat, and she literally said 'you need to move'. I had four weeks to move to another country and get away



from the cold, and Malta, looked up the humidity so everyone hates the humidity, it was good for me because it was moisture in the air and heat as well." Rachael, an instructor, has been living in Malta for a year and has no plans to move out. She told TVM that Malta's climate is saving her life, so much so that in August she visited relatives in the UK and had to return urgently.

"I went into such a critical state that I had an emergency flight back to Malta after three days, two days later I recovered like I am now, absolutely fine, had gained weight, I had lost 3kgs in the UK, and gained it back, hands recovered, no pain in my body, so Malta I literally have to stay here, I don't have a choice."

As the U.K. prepares for its exit from the European Union, Rachael has another reason why Birkirkara has replaced London as the residence she never dreamed about.

Meanwhile, on the 9th November, Rachael will organise a Pilates event in St Julian's to raise funds for organisations that assist persons with anorexia.



MaltaPost will issued the seventh set from the 'Maritime Malta' series issued each year. This set consist of two stamps featuring a ceremonial boat and a gondola dating back to the Order of Saint John.





## L-AKKADEMJA TAL-MALTI L-EWWEL PRESIDENT MARA WARA 100 SENA



Minn mindu twaqqfet fl-1920, l-Akkademja tal-Malti, dak iż-żmien l-Għaqda tal-Kittieba tal-Malti, dejjem kellha President raġel. Dan inbidel ilbieraħ mal-ħatra tal-ewwel Presidenta tagħha, Ann Marie Schembri.

Saret il-Laqqgħa Ġenerali Annwali tal-Akkademja tal-Malti f'Dar l-Ewropa li fiha saret elezzjoni għall-Kumitat tas-snin 2019-2021.

Schembri, l-ewwel mara li se tkun qed tmexxi l-Akkademja, waħda mill-għaqdiet l-iżjed prestiġjużi tal-ilsien Malti, qalet li trid li tissejjaħ Presidenta. Qabilha okkupa l-kariga għal sena Prof. Albert Borg, u qablu Dr Mario Cassar, għal sena wkoll. Fit-twaqqif tagħha, kienu involuti fl-Akkademja personagġi

prominenti fix-xena letterarja bħal Ġużè Muscat Azzopardi, Frangisku Saverju Caruana, Dun Karm Psaila, u Ninu Cremona.

Il-membri tal-Kumitat għas-sentejn li ġejjin huma David Agius Muscat, Joseph P. Borg, Charles Casha, Phyllis Debono, George Farrugia, Reno Fenech, Sergio Grech, Rita Saliba, u Olvin Vella, li lkoll kienu parti mill-Kumitat preċedenti. Magħhom ingħaqad ukoll Daniel Bezzina, li ilu attiv fl-Għaqda tal-Malti – Università għal dawn l-aħħar sni

Nirringrazzjaw lill-membri li għoġobhom jattendu u jieħdu sehem fil-Laqqgħa Ġenerali li saret illum f'Dar l-Ewropa. Grazzi lil Daniel Bezzina tar-ritratti.



PIConf 2019 held at the Mediterranean Conference Centre in Valletta.

The award ceremony, which coincided with World Bioethics Day 2019, took place after Ms Coleiro Preca delivered a Lectio Magistralis on the theme 'Beyond Ethical Policies', that touched on her belief that ethical policies were not enough.

She said: "Policies must be accompanied by political will and determination, by the participation by all stakeholders including children, by engagement of civil society; by active citizenship and a stronger focus on the wellbeing of society.

"I am aware that this paradigm shift will not happen overnight. It will take courage, sacrifice and determination by politicians, policymakers, civil society and all members of our societies."

Ms Coleiro Preca thanked the Unesco chair in bioethics and Pegaso International for the award, and dedicated it to all the children of Malta, Italy, the Euro-Mediterranean region, as well children living in the refugee camps all over the world.

## Thriving for an Inclusive Society award for former President – Marie Louise Coleiro Preca

President Emeritus Marie Louise Coleiro Preca's inclusivity efforts have been recognised by the Unesco chair in bioethics (Haifa), which presented her with the Thriving for an Inclusive Society award. The award was presented to Ms Coleiro Preca by Prof. Luigia Melillo, rector of Pegaso International, during the



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Titkellem bil-Malti? Inti tattendi skola sekondarja u tixtieq tistudja il-lingwa Maltija għall-Higher School Certificate (HSC)? Bħala student adult int qiegħed/qiegħda tfitteż opportunità biex ittejjeb il-kapaċità tiegħek fil-lingwa Maltija u tkompli takwista taġġir kulturali? Mela ikkunsidra li tirreġi Irregistra għall-Kors Stage 6 (HSC) fil-Lingwa Maltija għas-sena 2020.

## Lord Mountbatten in Malta



Who wrote this to his wife?

*I wish I knew how to flirt with other women, and especially with my wife. I wish I'd sown more wild oats in my youth, and could excite more than I fear I do. I wish I wasn't in the Navy and had to drag you out to Malta. I wish I had an equal share of the money so that I could give you far handsomer presents than I can really at present honestly manage. In other words, I'd like to feel that I was really worthy of your love.*

Actually it is Lord Mountbatten writing to his wife, Edwina. I am reading *Indian Summer* by Alex von Tunzelmann. She is writing about Indian Independence and tells the

story by concentrating on three of the actors: Nehru, Gandhi and Mountbatten. It is immensely readable and not too scholarly.

*Lord and Lady Mountbatten with Mahatma Gandhi, 1947.*

The Mountbattens lived on Malta from the late 1920s when he was attached to the Mediterranean Fleet. When Noël Coward came to stay with them they took him to Gozo. He stayed for a month describing it as "one of the gayest months I have ever spent with him and Edwina in Malta". Excellent historian of trivia that she is, A von T quotes his thank you letter to Dickie Mountbatten.

*Dear dainty Darling, I could not have enjoyed my holiday more ... Please be careful of your Zippers Dickie dear and don't let me hear of any ugly happenings at Flotilla dances. Love and kisses Signal Bosun Coward (I know Bosun ought to be spelt "Boatswain" but I don't care!)*

The Mountbattens' house on Malta was subsequently the first married home of Princess Elizabeth. It must have been a welcome change from post-war Britain





## The Adelaide Migration Museum Foundation invites you to honour your family.

The South Australian Migration Museum Foundation was established to fund special programs at the Migration Museum. Your contribution will enable the Migration Museum to



continue its important work telling the stories of South Australians and celebrating cultural diversity.

### Settlement Square

Whether your family are recent arrivals, have been here for generations, or have always called this continent home, there is a special place of honour for you at the Migration Museum.

As a supporter of the Migration Museum Foundation you honour your family heritage. A commemorative paver will be placed in Settlement Square and your family story will become part of South Australia's migration history forever. Each paver will be engraved with a name, place of origin and year of arrival in Australia. If you would like to support the Foundation please fill out the online paver registration and payment form below.

For further information contact: Suzanne Redman 8207 7570 [migration@history.sa.gov.au](mailto:migration@history.sa.gov.au)

Paver closing dates for Settlement Square:

8 November 2019 ***Limited pavers are available. Be quick to secure yours!***

## MORE ABOUT BANK OF VALLETTA

Thank you Frank. Good read as usual. Some feedback re my recent experiences with BOV. On 23/08/2019, Bank of Valletta notified clients via its website that it was going to introduce "An enhanced and more customer friendly Securekey". Clients were given the option of:

1. Downloading a free BOV Mobile Application. Use was said to be "very easy".
2. Exchanging their current (black) Securekey, (which was going to be disabled on 14 September), for a new (white) Securekey at any BOV branch. The website did not mention any specific instructions for overseas clients.

I chose option 1 and followed instructions. Instead of receiving a security code by SMS, I received what appeared to be hieroglyphics. After a number of emails to [customercare@bov.com](mailto:customercare@bov.com) from 27 August onwards, I finally received an email response on 10 September which read: "... the BOV mobile application does not work with international phone numbers". BOV should have made this clear to their international clients.

I then went for option 2. My brother-in-law was leaving for Malta on 12 September so I handed him my Securekey and a letter of Authority, and sure enough he brought my new (white) Securekey back with him in a sealed envelope. I followed instructions, had the duly signed receipt signed by a qualified witness, and posted the documents to BOV. On 1 October, I emailed scanned copies of the documents to BOV and asked for the new Securekey to be activated as I needed to access my account in order to pay three pending bills for my 98-year-old relative who resides in a Home for the Elderly. In response I was informed "the internet banking will be activated once the documents are received in original".

Over this twenty day period I have exchanged countless emails with BOV staff – all via encrypted messages – and not got anywhere because, staff allege the original documents have not yet been received. Why does BOV bother to use secure encrypted messages?

A copy of my latest encrypted message to BOV, sent earlier this evening is enclosed.

So much for lip service to overseas clients.

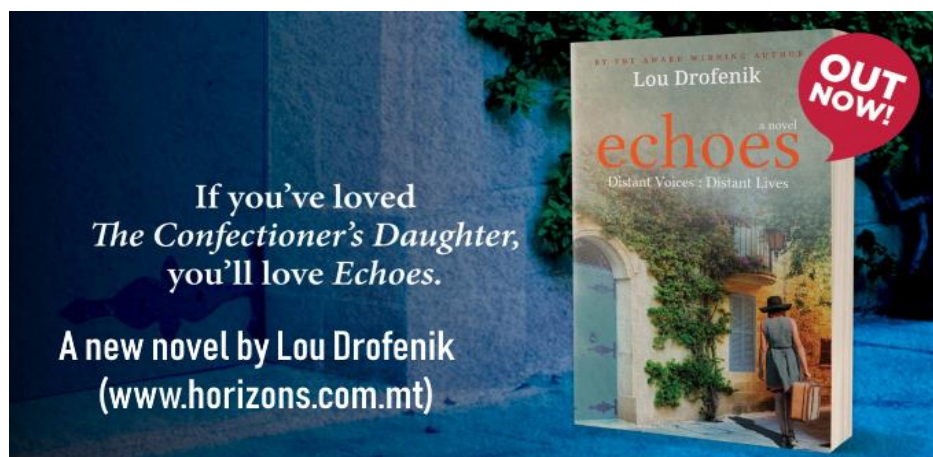
Regards, David

It is 1961 and Malta is in the middle of an unprecedented social upheaval. The Labour Party is at loggerheads with the Nationalist Party and the Catholic Church. Maltese society is tearing itself apart. The private world of individuals is wracked by vengeful acts. Fear, lack of trust and hate divide families and neighbourhoods.

Migration is at its height.

Two families are waiting for the guarantee papers to arrive so they would migrate to Australia. Will Australia fulfil Ninette Muscat's dream of living happily with the husband she loves? Will Australia give seventeen-year-old Rosie Farrugia a better life than the one she has on the island? Will she find the security and freedom she craves, and will she be able to reach her full potential?

Mental illness, passion and tragedy combine to make ECHOES an unforgettable and emotional story. This is a tender, thoughtful novel, rich in character and detail. It transports us to the drama



of migration, and takes us straight inside the struggle individuals face during the first years of settlement in a new country.

Below is a comment by Mr John Demanuele, a Maltese TV presenter about Echoes:

*Drofenik is outstanding as she seamlessly knits her personal experiences of Australia and all that was Australian in the 60's into her narrative. Her power of narration is supreme and poses a challenge to anyone to even think of ever putting her book down at any time.*





## The Edinburgh Military Tattoo in Australia

By Ron Borg - Adelaide

Ever since my early childhood I was always mesmerized by the brilliant sound of the Service Bands and captivated by the precision marching of the Servicemen in their shiny metal and colourful uniforms.

There is probably no better picture of this than The Edinburgh Military Tattoo held annually in Scotland. Three years ago, while visiting Scotland I walked through the Parade Ground where the Tattoo was to be held a few days later, after my departure. However, It was still exciting to look at the beautiful Parade Ground, with the majestic Edinburgh Castle in the background. Yes there it was the 'hallowed' ground of the Tattoo that I had watched religiously on TV for many years.

I had been to many similar performances in Adelaide before, but the Edinburgh was always on my "bucket list"!!!! Surprise! Surprise!!! My kids gave me my unexpected birthday present, 2 tickets for the "The Royal Edinburgh Tattoo" to be held in Sydney, WOW!!!

So my wife Agnes and I, flew off to Sydney and on Saturday afternoon, 19<sup>th</sup> October, we were there at the ANZ Stadium, an enormous stadium that holds some 84,000 people.

It was a beautiful sunny day with a light-cooling breeze. The dull drone of the crowd came to a sudden hush as the booming sound of the show introduction came over the multitude of huge speakers announcing the start of the show. A majestic Fanfare by the 3 Australian Service Bands (Army, Navy & Air force) opened the show in true Australian style, followed by a short song and native dance by an Aboriginal Troupe on the shimmering green grassed arena.

The background of the arena was an exact full sized replica of Edinburgh Castle, it looked really grand as the "Massed Pipes & Drums" band emerged out of its main entrance, complete with Bagpipes playing such favorites as *"The Green Hills of Tyrol"*. What sight and sounds!

The program continued featuring  
over 1,500 performers.

The stadium was filled with the sights and sounds of 320 Pipes and Drums, 100 Highland Dancers, 13 Military Bands, 865 Military performers, 40 Scottish Fiddlers, and a 100 strong Australian Federation Guard.

The Bands were many and varied with their very different coloured uniforms, music styles and performance routines. There was The Swiss Drum Core that did some magical drumming including fireworks coming from their drumsticks. The Indian Naval Band had a style of their own. The Fijian Band was distinctively different and were accompanied by traditional dancing. The Papuan Pipes & Drums played some beautiful music to accompany the spectacular dancers from , Papua, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Samoa, Fiji, Tonga, and the Cook islands. The sight of these dancers was spectacular with the background of the Castle adorned by the burning flame lanterns.

After a short interval for the spectators to get readily available food and drinks, the show started again with the bands playing to the Highland dancers doing some incredible dancing in their colourful uniforms. The very versatile New Zealand Army Band emerged from the castle gates playing a variety of tunes, even the Liverpool Football theme song, *"You'll never walk alone"*, and also laid down their instruments to do their traditional *"Haka"*, the fiery Maori dance with their violent foot – stamping and off course poking their tongues and slapping their bodies, to accompany their chant.



The French Artillery Band were simply *"Manifique"*, and The Indonesian Band showed, not only how well they can play their Bass Drums, but how they can also play 'with them' rolling them over their shoulders, dancing with them and even climbing on top of a stack of them! Wow! What a show.

The various Marching Drill Teams were brilliant with their formation marching and dancing as well. Close to the end the Combined Military Bands of Australia played Aussie favourites like *"The Road to Gundagai, I still Call Australia Home"*, and with their singers joining them they performed more pop songs like *"Staying Alive, and Land Down Under"*.

The 'Grand Finale' played by the Massed Bands, was off course, *"Advance Australia Fair, and God Save The Queen"*, finishing with the ritual of *"The Lone Piper"* standing high at the top of the castle.

With all the cast of performers on the Parade Ground, the massed bands played while the spectators joined hands and sang *"Old Lang Syne"*.

The crowd showed their appreciation with the tumultuous applause as 1,500 performers marched waving off the arena with the Massed Bands playing *"Scotland The Brave"*.

To finish off our wonderful day, one of the delightful Scottish Pipers, even joined Agnes and I in a *'Mar sin leat'*, (*Good Bye in Scottish Gaelic*) photo.



## THE MALTESE COMMUNITY OF ADELAIDE CELEBRATES THE FEAST OF ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA

at St. Brigid's Parish Church, Le Hunte Street, Kilburn, SA  
On the 15, 16 and 17 November 2019

### PROGRAM

#### Friday 15th November 2019 from 7:00pm

A **Tribute** to St. Catherine guided by the Maltese Chaplain Fr. Leon Czechowicz, at the Parish Church.

Readings & Floral Tributes by the Maltese Community by the Statue of St Catherine.

Eucharistic Benediction with the Maltese Community Festivities Group. Choir under the direction of Sister. Bonnie Attard and organist Linda Eysers

Everyone is invited for a Social gathering in the Church Hall afterwards.

#### Saturday 16th November 2019 from 6:30pm to 12:00am Annual Feast Gala Ball -

At the SICILIA SOCIAL CLUB: 45a O.G. Road KLEMZIG

**Dinner:** - Consisting of a 5-Course Meal **Drinks:** - Beer, Wine and Soft Drinks included in the price. **Live Entertainment** - "Cross Road Band"



#### Sunday 17th November 2019 - Liturgical Function

**3:00 pm** Solemn Mass - Celebrated by Fr. Leon Czechowicz, with participation by the choir of the Maltese Chaplaincy Festivities Group. under the direction of Sister Bonnie Attard and organist Linda Eysers. Immediately after the Mass Eucharistic Benediction.

**4:15 pm** Procession - with the artistic statue of St. Catherine accompanied by the "Maltese Queen of Victories Band".

Representatives of the Maltese Associations are cordially invited to accompany with their respective Banners. Social Program in the Parish Hall.

**7:00 pm** Musical Concert - by the "Maltese Queen of Victories Band"

Conclusion of the feast celebrations.



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Sponsor:  


Organizer Fr. Alex Prior (left),  
 Xenia Lorenz-Rebers, Cultural  
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**Naoko Aburaki**  
 Piano  
 Valletta, Malta

We would like to invite you to a very interesting charity event and concert in Valletta.

**Naoko Aburaki** is a high-class young Japanese pianist and 1st and 2nd prize winner of several international piano competitions. She is playing voluntary in this project "Concert & Dinner" to fundraise the restoration of the Chapel in the Monastery St Augustine. After the concert there will be a pasta-night in the refectory of the Monastery where you can meet and greet the pianist.

All entrance fee will go directly to the Monastery as all project members are working voluntary to fundraise the restoration of the Chapel.

Please note that we have LIMITED SEATS for the concert and the pasta-night.

Tickets are available at [www.ticketline.com.mt](http://www.ticketline.com.mt) or directly at the Monastery St Augustine Valletta/ Father

Alex. Concert Ticket Price: € 12.00 - free choice of seating

Concert & Dinner (Pasta-Night) Price: € 24.00 - free choice of seating

Concert & Dinner (Pasta-Night) for Two Price: € 45.00

We would be very happy also in the name of the Monastery St Augustine, Old Bakery Street, Valletta, if you could inform your friends about this coming event. Thank you very much. With kind regards

Xenia Lorenz-Rebers M.A.,B.B.A. Cultural Manager & Curator Culture-Education-Business Germany & Malta

## B'TIFKIRA TAL-PAPA SAN ĠWANNI PAWLU T-TIENI

Il-Fondazzjoni Papa Ġwanni Pawlu t-Tieni fi sforz biex tfakkar l-100 sena mit-twelid ta' dan il-Papa u t-30 sena mindu żar il-gzejjer Maltin, dawn il-jiem għamlet quddiesa fil-festa liturgika tiegħu fit-22 ta' Ottubru fil-Knisja Parrokkjali t'Għajnsielem li tqaddset minn Monsinjur Guzeppi Attard li għamel żmien twil f'Ruma, filwaqt li matul il-jiem li għaddew stiednet lil 'Bromley High School Jazz Orchestra & Choir' mir-Renu Unit li taw żewġ kunċerti fl-Imdina u l-Mosta u iehor fil-pjazza t'Għajnsielem. Matul dawn il-kunċerti li ntlagħu ferm tajjeb, dawn l-istudenti kantaw siltiet magħrufa fosthom 'My favourite Thing' mill-Musical 'Sound of Music', 'Moon River', 'Summer time', 'What a Wonderful World', 'When I fall in love', 'Can't take my eyes Off You' flimkien ma' oħrajn li tant niżlu tajjeb ma' dawk prezenti. It-Tnejn, 21 ta' Ottubru, fuq il-presbiterju tal-Knisja tal-Madonna ta' Loreto f'Għajnsielem, Jacob Portelli fuq l-arpa u Emese Toth fuq il-vjolin taw 'A Duo Recital' li kien jinkludi fost l-oħrajn l-'Ave Maria' ta' Caccini, 'Queen of Sheeba' ta' Handel, 'Laudate Dominum' u 'Voi che Sapete' ta' Mozart, l-Intermezz mill-'Cavalleria Rusticana' ta' Mascagni, 'O Mio Babbino Caro' u 'Nessun Dorma' ta' Puccini u oħrajn li fil-mumet ma niftakarx. Il-Fondazzjoni JP2 organizzat ukoll Manifestazzjoni dwar dan il-Prelat Pollak għat-tfal tal-iskola Primarja t'Għajnsielem li kienu wkoll indirizzati mill-Arcipriet tal-Parroċċa.

Il-Fondazzjoni qed tistieden lill-pubbliku nġenerali għal tliet okkażjonijiet oħra li huma: Kunċert mis-'Salisbury Community Choir' mir-Renju Unit li sa jsir fil-Knisja tan-Nattivita' fin-Naxxar nhar it-Tlieta 29 ta' Ottubru fis-6.45pm; kunċert iehor mill-istess Kor mistieden fil-Knisja tal-Annunzazzjoni fil-Birgu l-għada l-Erbgħa 30 ta' Ottubru fis-7pm; u l-aħħar kunċert minn dan il-Kor Ingliż nhar il-Gimgħa l-1 ta' Novembru fil-Knisja Bażilika ta' Porto Salvu u San Duminku fis-6.45pm. Kull min ser jattendi se jisma' kant mill-isbaħ mir-repertorju vast li jgawdi dan il-kor magħruf.

Kav Joe M Attard Victoria Għawdex



### MELTON MALTESE SENIORS

Hi everyone what a fantastic xalata picnic we had on Sunday the weather was great the company was great the food was great I got there early and made sure we got the perfect spot started the day with a breakfast eggs bacon hash browns for the early birds who came to help set up nothing like the aroma of cooked bacon in the air listening to the birds and a cuppa, awaiting the arrival of everyone. once the onions started cooking the mouth starts watering in anticipation we had our sausage sizzle and endless conversations with spontaneous laughter all through the day. the men had a ball ..... ha ha playing bocci our day was a memorable one indeed we felt like staying longer but 5 was a pretty good day thank you committee and thank you members for supporting the club which in turn encourages us to plan more activities now don't forget to plan for our Melbourne cup day ladies and gents well dressed for our HIGH TEA, AND MELBOURNE CUP SWEEP ON 1ST NOVEMBER



### Jum Ghawdex (Gozo Day) to be commemorated with Independence Square ceremony

This coming Monday morning, a ceremony will be held in Independence Square, Victoria, to mark the occasion of 'Jum Ghawdex' or Gozo Day – which falls on the 28th of October.

The ceremony will commemorate the 221st anniversary of the uprising of the Gozitans against the French, which was led by

Archpriest Saver Cassar in 1798.

It will begin with a Mass at the Gozo Cathedral, which will be followed by the placing of wreaths at the monument of the Archpriest Saver Cassar on Independence Square.

The 28th of October has become known as 'Jum Ghawdex' or Gozo Day. This is to commemorate one of the most famous chapters in Gozo's history . . . the capitulation of the French in Gozo on the 28th of October 1798, under the leadership of the Gozitan Archpriest Saverio Cassar. The French stay in Gozo lasted only 141 days!

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