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## ROYAL OPERA HOUSE VALLETTA MALTA



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DANCER  
WEARING  
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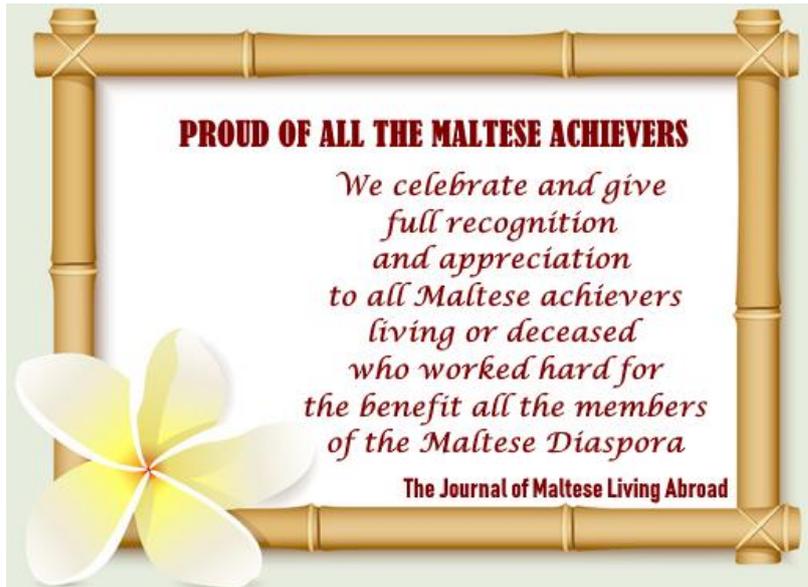


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AMBASSADORS  
OF LEJLA  
MALTĠJA**

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**We salute all the  
Leaders and Members  
of Maltese  
Communities and  
Individuals living  
abroad  
Past and present  
MALTA IS VERY PROUD  
OF YOU**



We pay tribute to various living and deceased members and leaders of the Maltese communities around the world for their efforts and their significant contribution to the well-being of their brothers and sisters of the international communities and for promoting Malta, its culture, history and traditions.

Unfortunately, many members of our communities of Maltese living abroad never received recognition for their many years of selfless, voluntary and valuable work and services they provided for their fellow brethren in the Maltese Diaspora. Although the work they have done was not for self-glorification but it will nice to feel appreciated by your fellow members and by higher authorities. I can assure you that I, on behalf of all the members of our journal, genuinely thank you for your sterling and generous work. Without you, the many achievements we now enjoy would NOT have been possible. I am certain that everyone will agree with me when I say that these heroic people made Malta and the Maltese proud all over the globe.

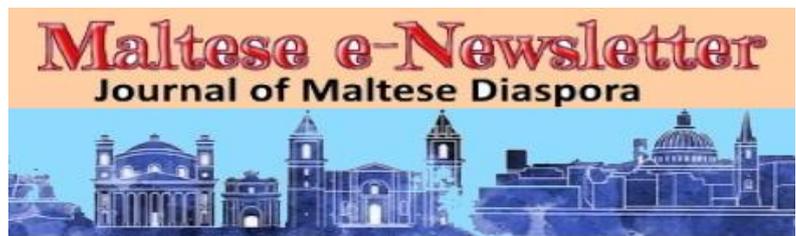


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“L-avvenimenti ta’ dawn l-aħħar jiem għandhom ikunu okkażjoni għalina l-Maltin u l-Għawdxin biex nieqfu u naħsbu dwar x’qed jiġri madwarna. Hadd mhu lest jiġġustifika l-vjolenza, tkun minn fejn tkun ġejja – la vjolenza fizika fuq in-nies u l-patrimonju, u wisq inqas kliem ta’ mibegħda li jagħmel ħsara mhux biss lill-proxxmu tagħna imma anke lil min jagħmlu.

Jekk aħna rridu nizirgħu xi żerriegħa hemm bżonn tkun żerriegħa ta’ paċi u mhux ta’ mibegħda, għax iż-żerriegħa tal-mibegħda tkisser lilna nfusna qabel xejn. Iż-żerriegħa tal-paċi hi magħmula mit-tolleranza, mid-djalogu u anke mill-qalb li tifhem u tagħder lill-proxxmu tagħna.

Aħna għandna d-dritt nitolbu l-ħarsien tal-liġi tal-pajjiż, imma dan ma jiġġustifikax li aħna nużaw kliem ta’ mibegħda għal xi kategorija ta’ nies jew anke għal xulxin. L-appell tiegħi hu li aħna nibqgħu poplu li nilqgħu l-barrani, u nikkwota l-enfasi li għamel il-Papa Frangisku meta jfakkarna f’dik is-sentenza tal-Iskrittura mill-Ittra lil-Lhud fejn tgħid: ħafna, huma u jilqgħu l-barranin, mingħajr ma kienu jafu, kienu qed jilqgħu lill-angli (ara Lhud 13:2).

Elfejn sena ilu aħna lqajna grupp ta’ nies li sfaw nawfragati fuq ix-xtut tagħna. Magħhom kien hemm prigunier jismu Pawlu ta’ Tarsu. Tana l-ikbar barka! Iż-żerriegħa li żera’ Pawlu għamlet il-frott. Ma nkunux aħna li nizirgħu żerriegħa ta’ mibegħda li tkissirna.”



## Agreement for an astronomy observatory in Gozo

Glen Falzon **Photos:** CVC Media

An agreement has been signed between the Ministry for Gozo and Malta University for the establishment of an astronomy observatory in Gozo.

They will be investing €160,000 in the observatory which will be in the Ta’ Isopu Garden in Nadur where a telescope will be mounted in a place selected because it is a

distance away from light pollution effects.

Physics astronomer Dr Joseph Caruana from the University said the observatory, among others, will help research in astrophysics by University students and researchers who collaborate with other scientists outside Malta. He added this will also help to create greater interest in science among students of different ages. Gozo Minister Justyne Caruana said the project will place Gozo at the heart of development in this science at an international level.

The University’s Rector, Professor Alfred Vella, thanked the Gozo Ministry for accepting the University’s proposal that a sophisticated telescope be placed at a site free from light pollution and which has just be

### The D’Amato Family

A travelling holiday in 2007 left Robert and Lorraine D’Amato in awe of Australia and its vast open space so when children came along and “a great place to raise a family” assumed top priority, it was pretty much a no-brainer for the young Maltese couple to choose Australia and, more particularly, Adelaide, as their new home.

Robert and Lorraine, who met as teenagers at high school and married some nine years later, also say they fell in love with Adelaide almost immediately, thanks largely to a Mediterranean climate that’s similar to what they were used to in their native Malta.

“Adelaide has a great lifestyle and is the perfect place to raise a family, especially if you are outdoor types like we are,” says Robert, who has been working in real estate for the past twenty-one years, and is father to 11-year-old Jake and 10-year-old Julia.

“The distances are manageable, allowing us to get to the beach and out into the bush in a relatively short space of time. And being a fair-sized city, we have everything a city offers in terms of schooling, job opportunities, entertainment and facilities – but without the stifling congestion of larger cities.”

Lorraine, who worked in the banking sector, adds that the warm welcome from the locals continues to surprise her – in the nicest possible way.

“As new migrants, knowing that you have the support of the locals is very comforting” adds Lorraine.

The D’Amato family enjoys attending events hosted by the Maltese community here in Adelaide which cultivate traditions of their native Malta, such as the feast of ‘Il-Vitorja’ where the Maltese get together to celebrate this important and historic event in our heritage.

Outside of work, actively supporting Jake’s and Julia’s schooling and extra-curricular activities that see Jake involved in athletics and Julia in ballet and contemporary dancing, the D’Amatos can be found enjoying the outdoors, particularly camping and trekking.

Robert has a pretty impressive resume when it comes to trekking, having trekked from Killarney to the Dingle Peninsula in Ireland in 2015 and just last year, tackled the famous Camino de Santiago walk through Spain. Of course, Lorraine would have loved to join but she drew the short straw and remained behind to look after Jake and Julia!

“We feel very happy going on long drives, exploring the next destination and, as food lovers, discovering new dishes



*The family selfie, with Robert, Lorraine, Julia and Jake on the banks of the River Torrens*



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and flavours which multicultural Adelaide has to offer,” concludes Lorraine. “And we know that here in Australia, there’s so much out there, we are spoilt for choice and have barely scratched the surface!”



### THE MEMBERS OF THE MALTESE COMMUNITY IN NSW LOST A GREAT FRIEND

Saviour (Sam) Mifsud, Born Zejtun Malta 23 August 1944 and died in NSW Australia 26 October 2019 Aged 75 Years, Late of Pemulwuy. A loving husband to Josephine (Dec.) Devoted father to Sharon, Rosalie, Samantha and their families. Family and many friends celebrated the life of Saviour on Wednesday 30th October 2019 at St Michaels Catholic Church, 58 Orwell St, Blacktown.

Sam was a radio broadcaster on WOW FM 100.7 Penrith, NSW

We will do a write about our friend Sam (one of the Mifsud Brother) in the next issue



### The Consul-General for the Republic of Malta in NSW Lawrence Buhagiar meeting with the Maltese Community

Together with Consular Officer Rita O'Dwyer, Lawrence Buhagiar presented a talk about our Consular Services to the Maltese Community that gather in Daceyville, NSW.

Those present showed great interest and the discussion was very interactive touching on some issues that come up from time to time. I emphasized the importance to renew their Maltese passport and encourage their children and grandchildren to apply for either the Maltese Citizenship or Maltese Passport as the case may be.

I took the occasion to promote the use of Maltese Language in Australia and to instil in the younger generations of Australian-Maltese a sense of responsibility towards their community in particular the elderly and the sick.

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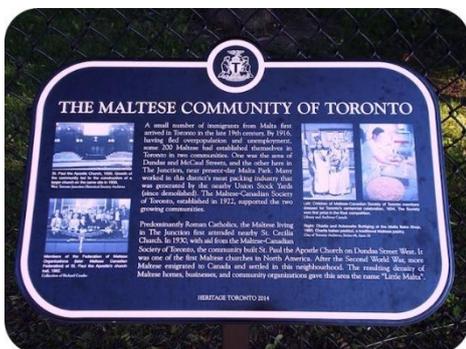
NEWS FROM THE CANADIAN-MALTESE COMMUNITY



A great evening with our Maltese diaspora in Toronto at an event organized by the 'Lehen Malti' production team, accompanied by our Consul General Raymond C. Xerri. Special thanks goes to Joe Sherri for his active role among the Maltese Canadian community.



The Maltese Community of Toronto



The plaque reads: A small number of immigrants from Malta first arrived in Toronto in the late 19th century. By 1916, having fled overpopulation and unemployment, some 200 Maltese had established themselves in Toronto in two communities. One was the area of Dundas and McCaul Streets, and the other here in The Junction, near present-day Malta Park. Many worked in this district's meat packing industry that was generated by the nearby Union Stock Yards (since demolished). The Maltese-Canadian Society of Toronto, established in 1922, supported the two growing communities.

Predominantly Roman Catholics, the Maltese living in The Junction first attended nearby St. Cecilia Church. In 1930, with aid from the Maltese-Canadian Society of Toronto, the community built St. Paul the Apostle Church on Dundas Street West. It was one of the first Maltese churches in North America. After the Second World War, more Maltese emigrated to Canada and settled in this neighbourhood. The resulting density of Maltese homes, businesses, and community organizations gave this area the name "Little Malta".

## MISS MALTA PAGEANT – TORONTO CANADA

This striking exhibit of the Maltese-Canadian Society of Toronto (M.C.S.T.) "Miss Malta Pageant" was arranged by Rose Cassar, Carmen Galea and Rita Kennie, dedicated volunteers at the Maltese-Canadian Museum/Archives at St. Paul the Apostle Church Complex, in Toronto. The red cape trimmed with authentic ermine and the scepter were donated



by Chev. Nicholas Pulis in 1967. The silver plated annual trophy was donated by the son of one of the Society founders, Mr. Joseph Vassallo former owner of Magneto Electrical Company.

Sadly that trophy has gone missing when the M.C.S.T. closed in August, 2019. Initially the pageant was called "Miss Malta of Toronto", then in later years the committee of the Maltese-Canadian Society of Toronto (M.C.S.T.) changed the name to the "Miss Malta of Canada Pageant". The pageant was an event started by M.C.S.T. President Frank

Savona, O.S.J. as part of the Maltese community's celebration of Canada's Centennial-1867-1967. It was such a popular event that it was held annually by the Society for the next forty years.

The colourful event became a major attraction within the community usually drawing an attendance of 350 to 500 individuals. A dinner/dance took place after the pageant, the pastor of St. Pauls' was present to say grace. The pageant was based on poise, intellect and knowledge of Malta's culture and history. Most Maltese businesses donated gifts to be used as prizes, first prize was a trip to Malta donated by Melita Travel Service.

The Pageant was always held under the distinguished patronage of a noted individual. Among many "masters/mistresses of ceremony" over the years were Gina Hili with comedian Johnny Catania, singer Enzo Gusman and producer Tony Parnis. The name "Miss Malta Pageant" was registered due to the "Miss Malta" of Malta which started years after the Maltese-Canadian pageant.

By: Richard S. Cumbo, Curator



**Fr. Mario  
Micallef  
MSSP  
Pastor**

Born in Malta in 1960, Fr Mario joined the Missionary Society of St Paul in 1978. During his formation years in Malta, he studied philosophy at the Faculty of Theology in Rabat, and completed his B.Ed.(hons) course at the University of Malta. In 1986 he had the opportunity to have a few months of missionary experience with the MSSP missionaries in PerU. In the beginning of 1987 he went to Australia and completed his theological studies at Catholic Theological College in Melbourne. Fr Mario was ordained to the



priesthood on November 30, 1990. Following his ordination, Fr Mario continued to minister in Australia, mostly at St Bernadette's Parish in Nth Sunshine, and at St Paul's Spirituality Center at Wantirna Sth, which was under the care of the MSSP. From this place the Paulist fathers also reached out as chaplains to the Maltese community of the south-eastern suburbs of Melbourne. During the MSSP General Chapter of the year 2000 Fr Mario was elected as one of the Councillors to assist the Superior General in the running of the Missionary Society of St Paul. He, therefore, moved to Rome, Italy, where for 18 years he held various responsibilities within the MSSP General Council.

In the beginning of 2019 Fr Mario came to Toronto, where on the 25th of January he began his ministry as Pastor of St Paul's. His years of ministry with the Maltese community in Australia, as well as his wider experience whilst in the General Administration of the MSSP in Rome, will surely be great assets which assist Fr Mario in his ministry with the Maltese-Canadian community of Toronto.

## Fr. Ivano Burdian MSSP Associate Pastor



Fr Ivano was born in Australia, of Italian parents, in 1962. He started his novitiate within the Missionary Society of St Paul in 1989. Prior to his theological studies for the priesthood Fr Ivano obtained a Bachelor of Science degree from La Trobe University in Melbourne

After being ordained priest within the MSSP in 1995, Fr Ivano spent his first three years of ministry as Assistant Pastor at St Bernadette's Parish in Melbourne, which is under the pastoral care of the MSSP. In 1999 he went to the Philippines, thus being one of the two founding members of the MSSP mission in that country. In 2003 he went back to Australia, where he exercised a number of different ministries. Bck at St Bernadette's in 2004, Fr Ivano was served first as Associate Pastor and then as Pastor of the parish from 2005 to 2013. During the last six and a half years prior to being assigned to Toronto, Fr Ivano was the Vicar Superior of the MSSP in Australia.

Through his diverse his ministries in Australia, Fr Ivano has been very close to migrant communities in that country, particularly Italian and Maltese. This experience, together with the fact that he himself is a son of European migrants, will be a great asset for his ministry in our parish.

### FROM LAWRENCE BUHAGIAR – CONSUL GENERAL FOR MALTA IN NSW



On the way to the Rugby League game at Cabramatta, I stopped to visit GATO'S PASTIZZI. It was great to catch up with Charles Hili and visit his business. Gato's Pastizzi are simply fantastic, non-oily flaky pastry, genuine rikotta cheese and superbly tasty pea & beef Pastizzi. At Gato's one finds many Maltese delicatessen including Ravioli. Thanks, Charlie for sharing Malta's Culinary Heritage in Australia. Making Malta Proud

## REPORT FROM THE MALTESE CENTER OF NY

### Lejla Maltija' in New York

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On 30 March 2019, the Permanent Mission of Malta to the United Nations exchanged greetings with the Maltese Center in New York on the occasion of the 'Lejla Maltija', an event which celebrates Maltese traditions, cuisine and specialities. In his speech for the occasion, Ambassador Carmelo Inguanez,

Permanent Representative of Malta to the United Nations, expressed his deep appreciation to the commitment of the Maltese Center as it once again organised a successful event aimed at strengthening and fostering Maltese values and traditions amongst the Maltese Diaspora in New York.

The Maltese Community thanked the Mission and the Consulate of Malta for their continuous assistance in consular services and their constant support to the Maltese Diaspora as a whole.

Ambassador Carmelo Inguanez was accompanied by Ms Francesca Cassar, Consul of Malta in New York and Dr Terence Sacco, Counsellor.

**CORRECTION** | We would like to add a correction to an earlier email.

St. Raphael's Parish is located in East Meadow, NEW YORK "As October comes to end this week and we welcome November which means planning for a bountiful feast for Thanksgiving. We are thankful for all that we have but we also think about those who struggle to put food on the table. As a community we will be collecting non-perishable and canned items to benefit the food pantry at St. Raphael Parish in East Meadow, NY. This parish serves four communities and it is where the Maltese Center Chaplain Fr. Anthony Saliba serves as Assistant Pastor. You may drop-off at the Maltese Center every Friday Evening and every Sunday all day in November.



**Ambassador Carmelo Inguanez and Consul Francesca Cassar exchange greetings with the dynamic Maltese Community at the Maltese Center NY in Astoria Queens, New York on 10 Aug 2019**  
MalteseInNewYork

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## Is-Saħħa Tagħna

[www.themaltesecenter.com](http://www.themaltesecenter.com)

On August 2018 a group of members formed Is-Saħħa Tagħna to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Starting with just 7 participants they were joined by many more to join the cause. On October 14th 2018 we Made Strides Against Breast Cancer in Central Park. With a goal of \$1000 we surpassed that goal and raised \$2374 for ACS and ranked #147 out of 1808 teams. In celebration of the event and walkers the Maltese Center hosted an Oktoberfest celebration for everyone!

\*Please note all monies or donations raised through Is-Saħħa Tagħna go directly to the charity and are not for the Maltese Center. It is a way for the community to come together in strength and support a good cause through volunteer outreach. The Maltese have a long history in raising money for charitable causes and through this group we continue the tradition as a Maltese community.

Is-Saħħa Tagħna along with the Maltese Center organized a 2018 Christmas Food Drive for Fr. Anthony Saliba at the parish of St.Raphael in East Meadow,NY to fill the shelves of their food pantry.

Is-Saħħa Tagħna is exploring volunteer opportunities to help feed the hungry. Some have volunteered time at soup kitchens, delivering meals to homebound seniors ,and organizing food drives.

If you are interested in community outreach, have a cause that is important to you, or just want to find out more contact Is-Saħħa-Tagħna here\_

Our 2019 2nd annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer was another great success surpassing our goal once again with donations going to the American Cancer Society, the team raised over \$3500! Please keep Kylan Balluci, an 8 year old Leukemia patient, in your thoughts, on January 20th, 2019 at the Upper Hall of the Maltese Center an event was held to raise funds for his family. To continue to donate please visit Kylan's [GoFundMe](#)



THE  
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**The President's Fun Run**  
**to be held on November 24**

en rehabilitated.

This year's edition of the President's Solidarity Fun Run will be held on November 24, organisers announced on Friday. The annual charity event, which is in its eleventh year, will again have four starting points - Rabat, Paola, the University of Malta and Santa Venera.

Runners will leave from Rabat while those who opt to walk to the finishing line in

Valletta can choose to leave from the three other locations. As in previous editions, funds collected during the event will be donated to the Malta Community Chest Fund.

Speaking at the launch of the event, President George Vella thanked all who are involved in any way in the organisation of the event as well as those sponsoring it.

Apart from encouraging unity, the event also served to promote the importance of maintaining good physical health through exercise.

Sports Parliamentary Secretary Clifton Grima described the even as a celebration of "collaboration, volunteering, unity, solidarity and generosity". These, he said, were the Maltese society's greatest values. On his part, the Opposition's sports spokesman Ryan Callus encouraged people to participate, adding that this was an opportunity for the country to come together for a good cause. Applications for the Fun Run can be downloaded from [mccf.store](http://mccf.store)



PRESS RELEASE

## Maltese-Greek delegation pays visit to President George Vella as part of the bicentenary of Maltese emigration to Greece

President of Caritas Athens Archbishop Sevastianos Rossolatos, together with Honorary Consul of Malta in

Corfu Mr Spiros Gauci, and a delegation of Caritas Athens members of Maltese origins paid a courtesy call on President George Vella at San Anton Palace to mark the bicentenary of the first Maltese emigrants to Greece. Honorary Consul Spiros Gauci thanked the President for the hospitality extended to the delegation and said how Maltese emigrants to Greece created beautiful communities that kept their Catholic faith alive. He went on to explain the significance of the present delegation's journey to Malta to honour the sacrifices Maltese ancestors in Greece made for their communities.

On his part, Archbishop Rossolatos also extended his thanks to President George Vella, and expressed his satisfaction in accompanying the delegation of Greeks of Maltese roots to the land of their forefathers.

Addressing those present, President George Vella noted the historical links between Malta and Corfu, not least through Maltese emigration to the island under British rule and such orders as the Order of St Michael and St George. The President stated that the Maltese proved to be enterprising workers and employees wherever they emigrated and expressed his satisfaction to note how disparate communities made a success in the communities they lived.

President Vella continued to say how he was impressed by the steadfast commitment made by the Maltese diaspora, and mentioned the work carried out by the Council for Maltese Living Abroad which was set up to get Maltese living in different regions abroad to meet together. The President concluded by welcoming the delegation present to the land of their ancestors, and to re-discover their historical roots



Guarded by the knight of Malta at the Maltese Community Club - Wollongong

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**JOE BRIGGS** (LONDON CHARGERS RLFC)

**MARK CAMILLERI** (EXPAT BLACK KNIGHTS)

**KARL CASSAR** (SHAW CROSS SHARKS ARLFC)

**TYLER CASSEL** (BLACKTOWN WORKERS SEA EAGLES)

**KYLE CASSEL** (BLACKTOWN WORKERS SEA EAGLES)

**SHAUN CHIRCOP** (LOCAL RED KNIGHTS)

**AIDAN DEMICOLI** (LOCAL RED KNIGHTS)

**KAINE DIMECH** (GLOUCESTER ALL GOLDS)

**JUSTIN FARRUGIA** (EXPAT BLACK KNIGHTS)

**SEAN FRANZ** (EXPAT BLACK KNIGHTS)

**ALFIE JEWITT** (FEATHERSTONE LIONS)

**BEN JONES** (EXPAT BLACK KNIGHTS)

**JAKE LYNCH** (GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE RUGBY LEAGUE)

**ANDREW MUSCAT** (SALFORD ROOSTERS)

**JARROD SAMMUT** (WIGAN WARRIORS)

**JAMIE THOMASON** (EXPAT BLACK KNIGHTS)

**JAMES WIDDOP** (EXPAT BLACK KNIGHTS)

**GEORGE WIDDOP** (EXPAT BLACK KNIGHTS)

**JEAN PIERRE ZARB** (LOCAL RED KNIGHTS)



Malta XIII coach Sam Blyton-Keep has selected a 20-man squad dominated by the islands 2019 Domestic Origin Series for the upcoming tour of Wales next month. Shaun Chircop of Hal Balzan who was a mainstay throughout last year's Rugby League European Federation Championship C campaign has been recalled for national duty. Valletta's 18 year old Aidan Demicoli gets his opportunity after a man-of-the match performance for the Local Red Knights in the opening game of the Origin series. Test players in Bartlett, Briggs, Cassar, Lynch and Muscat from the UK whom have been absent from the national team for several years have also received call-ups from the Wigan born coach. Former Penrith Panthers and Wigan Warriors

halfback Jarrod Sammut will join the players in Cardiff after representing Malta in their recent Internationals against Italy F.I.R.L. and Turkey which were hosted in Australia this month. Tyler Cassel, who played for Scotland Rugby League in the 2016 Four Nations and pledged his allegiance to the tiny Mediterranean nation the following year will also travel. "After skipping Malta to two wins this year, he basically picked himself" Blyton-Keep revealed when speaking of Cassel. "We had a lot of players in contention from our local competition," Blyton-Keep said. "But a few guys in Malta are injured and that's given a handful of other guy's in the UK an opportunity to come back into the fold"



## Maltese abroad: 'I miss Malta, no question'

### Andrew Abela on life as an academic and a father-of-six in Washington DC

Andrew Abela at the graduation of his eldest child, Theresa. Left to right: Dr Abela's wife Kathleen; son John Paul; father Edward; daughter Mary; daughter Theresa; daughter

Monica; mother Christine; daughter Lucy; son Dominic; and Andrew Abela.

*Andrew Abela is the founding dean of the School of Business and Economics and associate professor of Marketing at The Catholic University of America in Washington DC.*

We left Malta in 1982. My father, Edward Abela, was managing director at Mid-Med Bank at the time. He was offered a senior executive position with the Banca Commerciale Italiana (now HSBC) in Canada. I was always volunteering to lead training sessions for others, and found that I really enjoyed teaching. So I thought I should try to make it my full-time career. I like interacting with young people and with new ideas. As a professor I get to do both every day.

I am most proud of my family above all else. In career terms, it would be the creation of the Busch School of Business at the Catholic University of America, and of raising over \$50 million in donations to support the school.

My wife and I have six children. The hardest part was when they were all young: at one point we had six children aged 12 and under. That was a lot of work and not much sleep! But it was totally worth it. Now our oldest two are away, one in graduate school and one an undergraduate, and so I appreciate the remaining four even more. The highlight of each day is our family dinner, always very lively conversations.

I really like living in Washington. There's so much going on all the time: so many interesting people to meet and things to see and do. I particularly like the many monuments and the free Smithsonian museums. Find God again, because you are not going to find peace or happiness anywhere else. In my teenage years, I fell away from the practice of our Catholic faith. In my mid-twenties I returned and growing in faith and love of Our Lord has been the most joyful and important thing in my life. It breaks my heart to see the deep faith that Maltese people used to have being abandoned.

We've only visited Malta three times in 23 years: once on our honeymoon, and twice more in the summers of 2006 and 2012. It's expensive paying airfare for our whole family.

I do miss Malta, no question. Friends have given us copies of the various beautiful 360 degree photo books, which we really enjoy looking at, and things like Andrew Alamango's folk music compilation and Matty Cremona's cookbook fill me with nostalgia.

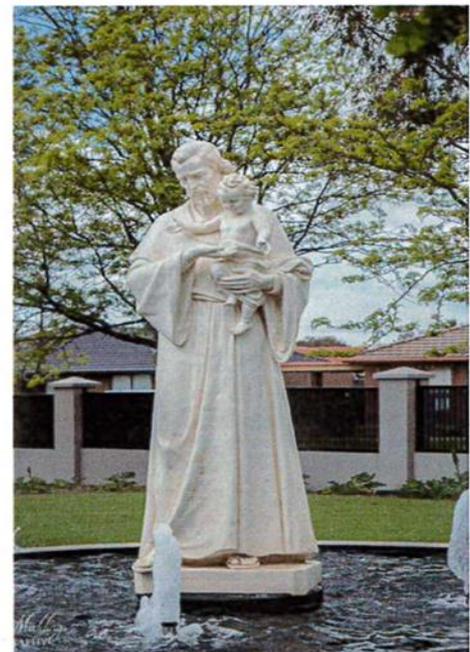
Facebook allows me to keep up with friends from De La Salle and from Sliema Scouts, like Ian Crockford, and Joey Agius, and to grieve together when one of our number passes away, such as in the shocking murder in 2017 of David Abela; David and I were best friends as teenagers.

We once thought of buying a house in Malta. But looking at the prices now I don't think we can afford it! Once I retire, still about 10 years away, I would like to come and spend some time in Malta though.

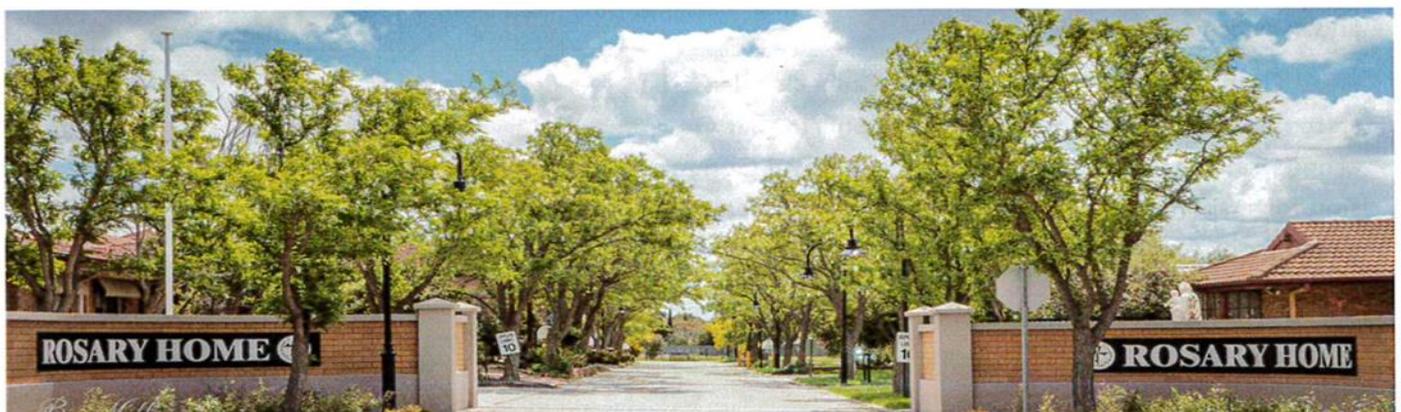


## ST. JOSEPH AND ROSARY HOME

On the 19th of March 2019, the Sisters, staff and Residents joined Monsignor Portelli our Parish priest, for the blessing of the statue of St. Joseph, which now stands proudly at the entrance gates of Rosary Home. The story of the statue of St. Joseph dates back to the 80s. It was then when Sister Theresita buried a small statue of St. Joseph in the very grounds of Rosary Home whilst the Dominican Sisters prayed to St. Joseph, so that they will one day own the land in order to care for the aged. To their delight and our benefit, their prayers were answered! From below the ground St. Joseph now stands tall looking graciously upon us all. As we all recognise how precious and dignified our life is, may St. Joseph continue to guide and protect all who enter and leave through the gates of Rosary Home.



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## Maltese-led cancer drug trial reaches final phase



### It has been effective against six types of cancers

Sarah Carabott

A new drug dubbed ‘the Trojan Horse of cancer’ has moved on to the final trial phase after proving effective against six types of cancers as part of research led by a Maltese doctor.

Patients with no other options left, over a quarter with cervical and bladder tumours, nearly 15% with ovarian, oesophageal and lung tumours, and seven per cent with endometrial cancer, responded well to this new treatment.

The results of the initial clinical trial of the drug, known as tisotumab vedotin (TV), which was led by a team at the London Institute of Cancer Research and the Royal Marsden, were published in *The Lancet Oncology*.

Lead author Johann de Bono told *Times of Malta* that the drug specifically targets cancerous tumours, sparing the ‘good cells’.

The treatment does this by combining a chemotherapy agent with an antibody, and just like a Trojan Horse is drawn inside the tumour.

Prof. de Bono describes it like a mine that sneakily binds itself to a tumour cell and then blows it up but avoids binding to normal cells.

“This mechanism targeting the protein tissue factor is novel and it has the potential to treat multiple types of cancers with very poor survival rates,” he said.

In his 25 years of experience, he has not seen any treatment working so positively on cervical cancer, Prof. de Bono added.

Additionally, its side effects are less aggressive than the typical effects associated with chemotherapy.

The results have been so promising that there has now been investment in the next stage of international research trials to take the drug to registration phase, he said.

TV is now being trialled in other cancer types, including pancreatic, bowel, head and neck, and the research will also look at the drug as a second-line treatment for cervical cancer.

Last year, Prof. de Bono, who spearheaded a breakthrough in the fight against prostate cancer, was awarded a prestigious professorship by Queen Elizabeth.

The professorship celebrated Prof. de Bono’s world-leading research in the clinical development of cancer treatment.

London’s Institute of Cancer Research, where he heads the clinical studies division, was one of only 12 across the United Kingdom to be awarded the Regius Professorship, marking the Queen’s 90th birthday.

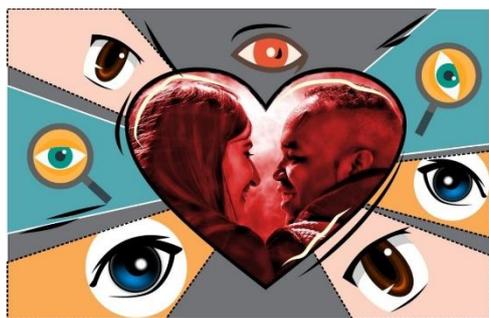
The award fell on the 10th anniversary of the news that a team of British researchers, headed by Prof. de Bono, had made a dramatic breakthrough following drug tests that began at the Royal Marsden Hospital.

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PERFECT BUT I  
AM MALTESE AND  
THAT’S CLOSE  
ENOUGH!**



## I am a Maltese Woman and I'm Married to a Black Man

Strangers' prying eyes frighten me now.

After the horrendous murder of Lassana Cisse, I became, for the first time, worried about my husband's safety. I fear for his life.

by Lara Bezzina

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I'm married to a black man. When he first came to Malta a few years ago, walking down the street together used to be simply a frustrating experience. Passersby looked at us as if we were two aliens from outer space. Their disapproving prying eyes followed us wherever we went. It angered me.

Depending on the day, I either stared back until the bystander looked away, or else muttered a passive-aggressive 'good morning', seemingly friendly but implying what-the-heck-are-you-looking-at?' On one occasion, I am ashamed to say, I told that to an old woman who could not stop staring at us. I now realise that being so unnerved by this attention is pathetic. With time it got better, partially due to my husband insisting that I should not let gazes of others upset me so much. "Let them stare as much as they want," he always tells me, "after all, what are they doing to us? Nothing!"

He could be right, but the intrusive gazes still affected me. So much so that it even affected my decision on where I wanted to live when we were looking to buy a flat. I couldn't bear the thought of being the constant object of attention every time we left the house.

I had not always felt this way. Before my then-boyfriend visited Malta for the first time—from his evidently exotic African country—I was adamant that I would not make any excuses for the fact that my boyfriend is black. "No," I thought, "we will act as normal." Yet, acting 'normal' proved to be a tough task.

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When I went to see a flat to rent, the first thing the landlady told me—before I had even entered the building—was: "Don't worry, there are no Arabs or Blacks here". I was so shocked. No, I was paralysed: while I knew this kind of racism existed, I never expected to hear this being stated in such a brazen way. I knew I should have walked away in protest, but I did not (so much for considering myself an activist).

Finding a decent place to rent on a strict budget was difficult—I was studying and my boyfriend was coming to Malta on a tourist visa, meaning he wouldn't be able to work for the three months of his stay. Basically we were penniless—no excuse, I know, but the necessity of finding a roof over our heads won and I went in to see the flat, which I liked immediately. It was also within our budget.

Then came the true test: to tell or not to tell the landlady about my boyfriend's skin colour. Again, I had always promised myself that I would never state my boyfriend is black. Why should I? Do others say their partner is white? But I did. "My boyfriend is black," I told my landlady amid discussing the details, inquiring whether she had any issues with that. Cutting a long story short, we rented the flat with no problem, but I compromised my values in stating my partner's skin colour. Yes, I swallowed a racist insult because we needed a place to stay. *Yes, I swallowed a racist insult because we needed a place to stay.*

For two years we lived in Qawra, where we blended in the melting pot and rarely felt out of place. However, we recently moved to a different place we bought and, once again, we have to face gazes of other people—rather friendly, though inquiring. Recently, however, something has changed: not necessarily in people's stares, but in my mind and in the way I perceive this attention. After the Hal Far shooting that claimed the life of Lassana Cisse and injured two other African men, I no longer feel just frustrated at stares from strangers. Now I am tense. Are those gazes mere acts of curiosity or are they imbued with hatred? Are they echoing ideological notions such as those **expressed by the ex-Guardian of Future Generations**? Am I welcome in Malta as the wife of a black man and the future mother of a black man's child?

Strangers' prying eyes frighten me now. After the horrendous murder, which shocked and saddened me, I became, for the first time, worried about my

husband's safety. I fear for his life: what if he's shot while walking down the street? What if he's be murdered in cold blood while waiting for the bus?

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Walking down the street with him, I keep wondering what people are thinking about us: Are they asking themselves "What the heck is she doing with a black

man? Why are they here? Why doesn't he go back to his country?" I always thought we were fortunate, living in our own bubble and surrounded by family and friends who accept us. But why would we be more fortunate than anyone else? After all, to many, we are just a freak couple: a white woman and a black man. Of course, seeing the [Mater Dei Hospital staff protest](#) gave me some relief—not everyone thinks that way. Maybe there is still hope yet: maybe Malta will be warm and welcoming again?

## Is it Possible to be a Non-Maltese and a Local at Once?

**'How I Have Become a Local in Malta: On Local Foreigners and Foreign Locals'**

by Raisa Galea



After many years in Malta, separating my own experiences from those of the locals feels uncomfortable because I have become a local myself.

To integrate was to recognise the diversity and the complexity of Maltese society. I could no longer utter a phrase like "all Maltese are rude" or "all Maltese are racists" because I knew it was not the case. Maltese are different—a platitude from Captain Obvious which was not at all obvious a few years ago. I thought I could define fairly well what a 'lack of integration' means: inability to recognize diversity of a host society.

*It is the relationships with the locals—Maltese and non-Maltese, uncaring and sensitive—that make me part of Malta's social fabric.*

It is the *relationships* with the locals—Maltese and non-Maltese, uncaring and sensitive—that make me part of Malta's social fabric. I admire Malta of green fields and [colourful balconies](#) as much as I am repelled by the ever-expanding construction sites and the corporate developments. I sympathise with the Maltese who struggle to afford their rent and barely make their ends meet (just as do my relatives back in Russia) as profoundly as I decry the market-worshipping developers and tax-dogging companies.

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# 40 years ago today: a killer storm claims four lives

## Revisiting a 1979 storm that wrecked cars, homes and families

Christopher Scicluna

An intense storm which ravaged Malta and Gozo 40 years ago on Friday left four people dead and caused mayhem. Monsoon-like rain on the afternoon of Thursday, October 25, 1979, turned streets into raging rivers, trapping people in floating cars and flooding scores of properties. Dramatic rescues were carried out by the police and the army, but the storm was a horror story for a number of

families.

In Misraħ Kola, Attard, a 55-year-old woman, Vivienne Huntingford, was trapped in the basement of her house by a sudden rush of water which quickly flooded it.

Her husband desperately tried to rescue her, but there was nothing he could do. In Qormi, Anthony Galea, 64, was driving home with his wife and niece after visiting a relative at St Vincent de Paul Home. A torrent of water flooded their car. They abandoned it, but were immediately carried away. The women were rescued but Mr Galea was missing for hours. His lifeless body was eventually found in a field in Mdina Road, Qormi. Another victim, Briton John Herbert Moore, 51, was found dead the next day at the Marsa sports ground having gone missing some miles away, in Siggiewi. He and his wife had abandoned their car when it was flooded by storm water. His wife held to a tree branch for dear life, and was rescued by a group of people but Mr Moore was dragged away by the swirling waters, down the valley and all the way to Marsa where he was found under a bridge amid a maze of vegetation and debris.

The fourth victim was Lorraine Wales, 39, an English tourist. Her body was found in the sea at Salina by two hunters, two days after the storm. Mrs Wales had been miles away, in a car at Chadwick Lakes with her husband and two other men when their vehicle was carried away.

### Cows swimming in the floodwaters

Many properties were flooded. At least one horse drowned in a garage in the Birkirkara valley close to where the McDonalds restaurant is now located. In Qormi, residents reported cows trying to swim in the floodwaters. At Żebbuġ, some 800 chickens died when their cages were swept away.

Also at Żebbuġ, a fireworks factory was hit by lightning, but no one was injured. Such was the power of the floodwaters that scores of cars and vans were dragged 'like cardboard boxes' according to a *Times of Malta* report of the time.

Two days after the storm, three people were dead. By the end of that day, the death toll would rise to four. Twelve vehicles including two vans ended up in a large heap of twisted metal under the Birkirkara bridge. Three cars were stacked on top of each other. It was even worse in Gozo, where 26 cars were swept into the sea at Xlendi.

A 19-year-old girl was also swept into the bay, but was rescued. Also rescued, in the nick of time, was a girl in a Ford Transit van belonging to the Salina Bay Hotel. The van ended up in the graveyard of cars in Birkirkara. In Marsa, some 30 people were trapped at the sports ground and some of them, including a pregnant woman, were rescued by a helicopter of the Armed Forces of Malta in what was their first major rescue operation since the departure of the British forces earlier that year. Others were ferried on dinghies. Inevitably, traffic ground to a halt with many people trapped at their place of work during what was supposed to be the rush hour.

But it was worse for some 130 workers at the pig farm in Comino. The patrol boat which usually picked them up could not make the crossing. They were given shelter at the Comino Hotel.

Roads and boundary walls in several localities collapsed, notably in St Paul's Bay, in Attard near Wied Inċita, in Burmarrad and along a section of Msida Valley Road, where bulldozers had to be used to remove the debris.

Many homes in Msida and St Paul's Bay were under metres of water and had to be evacuated. Several properties in Main Street, St Paul's Bay was later declared unsafe. Two days after the storm, part of the

parvis in front of Ta' Pinu church in Gozo collapsed and two statues of the Way of the Cross fell into a field. The bad weather had continued for a few more days, with three cars being swept into the sea at Wied il-Mielgħ in Gozo. Following the storm, the government announced special financial assistance for farmers who had seen extensive damage to crops and property. The curias in Malta and Gozo also set up solidarity funds and made their own donations. Collections on All Souls Day were channeled to the fund.



## Japanese woman meets President Vella wearing a Maltese kimono

**Report:** Mario Micallef mill-Ġappun **Video:** Justin Vassallo

“The first time she stayed here from 9.00 am until 7.00 pm to see the quality of the glass that we have. The following day she came back again and said she wanted to place an for Japan. We asked her what colours she liked and she chose between 4 and 5 colours.”

She said that since then she would visit them every year and order these products in artisan glass, and others like lace which were then sold in Japan.

During the meeting with the President of Malta there were other Japanese with other unique stories, like one person who visited Malta for a holiday more than 30 times, and another who had opened a restaurant in Tokyo which served Maltese food.

“These people are clearly very enthusiastic about Malta, and this bodes very well in view of the idea and intention to open an Embassy here which is a good thing, because it serves the purpose of encouraging interest in Malta,” said President Vella. Also present was the Japanese Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, Shinichi Nakatani, who stated that his country looks forward to the opening of the Maltese Embassy in Tokyo. He remarked that apart from tourism and learning of English, Malta was attracting interest in other areas, such as financial services and gaming.

The official visit of President George Vella in Japan ends here. By virtue of the appointment of the new Emperor, this visit continues to strengthen political relations between the two countries, which have catapulted in the last two years: with the first visit of Japanese Prime Minister in Malta; Shinzo Abe, in 2017, and a visit to Japan by Prime Minister Joseph Muscat in the summer of last year.

Malta’s decision to open an embassy in Tokyo next year is seen as another step in the strengthening relations between the two island states. This sentiment was felt in the speeches made by representatives of both countries, during an official visit of President George Vella in Japan. The respect enjoyed by Malta in this country on the other side of the world was shown by a group of Japanese, who, despite being somewhat shy, attended in full force the meeting with the President.

The President and Mrs. Vella also received a warm welcome on entering a packed hall – mostly with Japanese who are interested in Malta, but also with a small number of Maltese living in this country. All eyes were on the kimono, the traditional Japanese dress made of silk, which was ordered for the occasion by Makiko Watanane.

“I love Malta very much,” said Makiko Watanane. In fact the dress was a way of showing how much she loves Malta so much so that it cost 20,000 dollars. It contains drawings associated with our country such as the Maltese coat of arms, the luzzu, the Cottonera bastions with the regatta boats in the Grand Harbor, the Ta’ Pinu Sanctuary of Our Lady and the George Cross.

Our interest in Malta began seven years ago, when on television a Japanese saw an artisan glass product made in Gozo. She stayed on until she found the shop in the Craft Village Of Dbiegi in Gharb. The owner, Carmen Brook, told TVM that she remembers the first time visited and spent two full days with them.

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## Take a peek at the house which Queen Elizabeth made home when she lived in Malta

Villa Guardamangia was built in 1900 by Sir Augusto Bartolo.

Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh spent the first years of their marriage living at the villa when the Prince was stationed in Malta with the Royal Navy on HMS Chequers. The Queen has fond memories of her time on the island, living

as a naval officer's wife.

Speaking during a trip to Malta in 2015, The Queen said: 'Visiting Malta is always very special for me. I remember happy days here with Prince Phillip when we were first married.'

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh have returned to Malta several times over the years – most recently in 1992 for a state visit, in 2007 for their diamond anniversary and in 2015 for the Commonwealth summit in Valletta.



Villa Guardamangia, which was the Queen's residence in Malta during the 1950s, will pass on to Heritage Malta, after the contract with the government is finalised within six months. The idea is that after intensive restoration this will be transformed into a museum of the history of relations between Malta and the United Kingdom, which also includes several of the Queen's visits to Malta.

Seventy years ago, this was the Duke of Edinburgh and Queen Elizabeth's bedroom, when she was still a princess. Although time has taken its toll, Villa Guardamangia still

contains a number of items that were used by the Queen, which continue to give historical value to this house. Villa Guardamangia is the only residence in the world which Queen Elizabeth made home outside of the United Kingdom.

It is part of our heritage, not only because just because the queen lived here, but also a classic example of a baroque building resort.



Head of the public service, Mario Cutajar, said as soon as it is taken over by the government, the Villa will be restored and changed into a museum of the history of relations between Malta and the United Kingdom.

"As you can about twenty rooms, but apart from those there are many artifacts and statues, which were probably in the garden, will need to be restored; the shelters, the stables, separate living quarters on the other side; the size creates an opportunity for restoration to offer a wonderful experience, both for Malta but also for foreigners who visit particularly the British."

The CEO of Heritage Malta, Noel Zammit, said that

restoration experts have already been brought on site and attempts are being made to involve the royal family in the project. He added that the idea is to restore the villa to the state it was when the Queen lived there.

"On the management plan and research, we also need to do ensure that this villa is faithful to the time the Queen lived there together with other little things to turn this wonderful Villa into a sustainable project. In comments to TVM, the British government said it welcomed the Government's initiative to restore this gem. TVM is informed that the Government has reached an agreement for the purchase of this villa, and owners have agreed to conclude the agreement with the government rather than the private sector, for it to remain part of Maltese heritage.



**BO-PEEP** - Dan huwa l-isem ta' operetta helwa għat-tfal b'mużika ta' Mro Joseph Vella Alla jaħfirlu li kien kiteb madwar hamsin sena ilu u li giet ipprezentata nhar il-Ħams 31 ta' Ottubru 2019 fuq il-palk teatrali tat-Tejtru Giovanni tax-Xewkija quddiem sala mimlija nies fosthom il-Ministru għal Għawdex. Responsabbli minn din l-attività kienet il-Classique Foundation taħt id-direzzjoni ta' Mro Joseph Debrincat li dis-sena wkoll organizzat il-Festival Music + (it-tieni edizzjoni).

Żewġ atturi, Marion Scarborough u George Camilleri, dehru fuq il-palk u permezz ta' djalogu bejniethom fissru lill-udjenza kif twieldet din l-opra ċkejna, l-istorja tagħha fil-qosor u kif waslet sa hawn. Wara fetaħ is-separju u kor imdaqqs ta' tfal magħmul mis-SCJ Children's Choir u oħrajn ġejjin mill-Gozo VPA School Dance Department taw spettaklu helu ta' madwar siegħa li paxxew lill-udjenza sabiha li attendiet. F'posthom ħafna kienu wkoll is-solisti żgħar Eliza Stellini (Bo-Peep), Luca Mercieca (Ragħaj), Maria Sciberras (Ragħaj) u Claire Debrincat (Saħħara) li taw interpretazzjoni tajba u bla tlaqliq, dawn kollha akkumpanjati mill-mużiċisti tal-Classique Ensemble (Angelo Cipria u David Lang Vjolini, Dario Militano u Emese Toth secondo vjolini, Sun ah Choi Cello u Francis J. Camilleri pjanista) taħt id-direzzjoni mużikali ta' Mro Joseph Debrincat. Id-Direttur artistiku kien Gordon Grech. Bla dubju Grazzi lil tant sponsors li għenu f'din it-tieni Edizzjoni tal-Music + fosthom il-Ministeru għal Għawdex li ma ma jiqafx jippromovi fi gżiritna l-attivitajiet kulturali f'Għawdex.

Intant Music + ġie fi tmiemu l-Gimġha l-1 ta' Novembru b'kuncert mużikali minn Kwartet fil-Knisja ta' San Franġisk Victoria. Fi żmien qasir se toħroġ Pubblikazzjoni mill-Ministeru għal Għawdex li se tkun qed tagħti stampa ċara ta' dak kollu li sa jgħri matul Diċembru u l-ewwel jiem tas-sena l-ġdida marbut mal-festi sbieħ u għeżieħ tal-Milied. Mill-korrispondent tagħna il-Kav Joe M Attard





## What to expect during ŽiguŽajg festival's

### 9th edition

**Highlighting issues such as the environment, multiculturalism and bullying**

ŽiguŽajg's ninth edition promises a varied programme for children of all ages. Currently, over 130 artists from across the globe are preparing for the much-loved children's festival.

The programme consists of 21 projects from Malta, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Spain and the United Kingdom which will run during the festival from November 15 to 24.

Over the years, ŽiguŽajg has been a platform for tackling contemporary issues of public interest, and this year is no different.

Productions such as *Wild*, *Wonder Waters* and the film *Jacob, Mimmi and the Talking Dogs* face head-on the harmful effects of people's actions on the environment.

Along the same lines, multiculturalism and integration feature strongly in *Tingo: The Tuneless Bird*, and *JamBoy* targets bullying.

ŽiguŽajg is renowned for having continuously nurtured fantastic creative and artistic productions. This year, the festival has commissioned five projects, while another five are co-productions with other public cultural entities.

*Hożż il-#sejjes* is a multi-disciplinary project inspired by the intrinsic relationship between clay and wheat. It is co-produced by ŽiguŽajg and the Gabriel Caruana Foundation.

Teatru Manoel and ŽiguŽajg have teamed up for a production of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's comic opera *The Impresario*. While Anthony Burgess' classic and controversial novel *A Clockwork Orange* is brought to life as *Larinġa Mekkanika*, a co-production with Teatru Malta.

The Malta Philharmonic Orchestra has collaborated on *Robin Hood u Marian* to provide a musical, theatrical journey. And ŻfinMalta is participating in *Get Loose*, an energy-packed celebration of life, uniqueness and diversity.

The programme features interactive and multi-sensory performances aimed at very young children. A lot of the repertoire has been designed to stimulate toddlers aged 0 to 4.

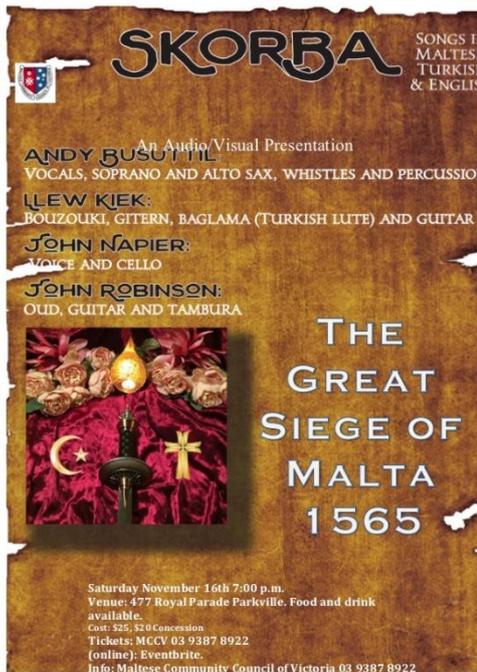
Audiences can expect colourful and vibrant performances running the gamut from light and sound installations to dance and shadow puppetry.

Older children can choose from physical theatre, mime, circus-based theatre and art installations. There is also film, with the aforementioned *Jacob, Mimmi and the Talking Dogs* sharing the screen with *Fight Girl*, which is about a young girl's kickboxing adventures.

This is indeed an amazing line-up of Maltese and international works that are both thought-provoking and entertaining," says Festival Director Daniel Azzopardi. "It is an eclectic selection that promises to bring joy to thousands of children and their families across Malta and Gozo."

ŽiguŽajg is produced by Fondazzjoni Kreattività and will run from November 15 to 24, 2019. Most of the initiatives will take place in Valletta and Gozo. Booking for the festival is now open. For more information about the various productions on offer and to book tickets visit [www.ziguzajg.org](http://www.ziguzajg.org).

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## VICTORIA

· [Adam](#) Farrugia Borg reading Maltese poetry on radio programme "Maltese Magazine" transmitted live every Wednesday and Thursday on Stereo 974 here in Melbourne. Thank you presenters [Ray](#) and Marie Louise Anastasi for the regular invites.



## Piano Recital Brillanti

Minix nesagera imma jidhirli li l-Piano Recital li tat t-*tfajla* Għawdxija ta' tlettax-il sena Daphne Delicata nhar il-*Ħadd* fil-*għaxija* 27 ta' Ottubru 2019 fis-Sala tal-Ministeru t'*Għawdex* kienet waħda tassew pjaċevoli u li tħallik bla kliem. Ngħid għaliya qatt ma rajt par idejn daqshekk ħfief fuq il-pjanu jinterpretaw xogħlijiet ta' Ludwig Van Beethoven (1770-1827), Maurice Ravel (1875-1937), Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873-1943) u Fryderyk Chopin (1810-1849). U naħseb li l-bravura kienet ikbar meta tiftakar li din il-brava pianista ma kellha ebda noti mużikali mperrċa quddiemha biex jiggwidawha. Jien li kont qrib ħafna stajt ninnota l-bixra ta' wiċċha titfantas meta kienet qed iddoqq xi biċċa mużika ta' swied il-qalb waqt li wiċċha kien jixgħel quddiem biċċa oħra ta' ferħ, andanti, ħafifa, legġera! Naħseb li ma żbaljax il-Professor Stephan Moller, Vienna International Pianists Academy meta qal: '...for sure amongst the greatest talents of her age in Europe: pianistic power, sensitivity of emotions, plus an amazing maturity...' Żgur li kull min kien prezenti fis-sala seta' jammira l-*hila* u s-sengħa ta' din is-sinjorina li hija BOV Joseph Calleja Foundation Scholar li qed tkompli tistudja fil-Yehudi Menuhin School fir-Renu Unit, l-ewwel studenta Maltija li giet aċċettata minn din l-iskola. Bdiet tistudja l-pjanu ta' erba' snin taħt mmissierha Marco Delicata u komplet taħt Elena

Nesterenko fil-Germanja u taħt Mro Joseph Debrincat. Minn hemmhekk ma ħasret qatt iktar lura u rebħet diversi premijiet internazzjonali u ninsab ċert li għandha quddiemha karriera mill-aqwa. Nifirħulha. Intant dik kienet attività oħra fil-festival Music + organizzat għat-tieni sena konsekuttiva mill-Classique Foundation taħt id-direzzjoni ta' Mro Joseph Debrincat. Il-*Ħamis* imiss l-Opra għat-*tfal* ta' Mro Ptrofs Joseph Vella fit-Tejtru Giovanni x-Xewkija. Dan il-festival jintemm il-*Gimgha* l-1 ta' Novembru bis-sehem ta' kwartet fil-Knisja tal-Patrijiet Frangiskani. Victoria. Kav Joe M Attard Victoria Għawdex

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## 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"



## 75 year anniversary since the setting up of Saint Elias College

Posted On October 29, 2019 - Updated 29 October, 2019 8:27am

**Report:** Fiorella Pace

The College of Saint Elias is commemorating its 75 year anniversary since its establishment. The first school of this College was opened in 1944 at the Carmelite Friars Convent in Valletta and later moved to Santa Venera. In 1944, the Carmelite Fathers in Valletta opened the first Carmelite school in Malta – the Scola Mariano Apostolica. In 1952, the Carmelite Fathers decided to expand and moved to Santa Venera where the Parish Centre in St. Joseph High Road is located today. A decision was taken to change the name Scola Mariano Apostolica to Mount Carmel College, given that Mount Carmel is where the Prophet Elijah lived in Israel in the 9th century BC and where the Carmelite Order was later set up in the 13th century AD.



In the sixties the project for a new school as it stands today, began. Eleven years ago the College changed its name to Saint Elias College. To mark the 75 year anniversary since the College was established, we visited the school in Santa Venera which has 240 students. The College rector, Fr. Jurgen Cucciardi, talked about the mission the College seeks to undergo with its students.

“We strive to welcome everyone because everyone has his abilities, everyone has his own brand of success. We don’t just focus on academics but also other things like sports, and different activities that we participate in throughout the school year.” The religion teacher, Fabio Borg, stressed that this profession was a vocation.

“We try to help the students to instil some values which will help them in their lives in the future – we focus on inclusivity helping them feel that they are part of a community, where we strive to bring out the best in them.” We spoke to a student who was educated at Saint Elias College and who is now in the final year of secondary school.

Danil Vorobjov: “I enjoyed studying here very much. I made a lot of friends and I will treasure this experience for the rest of my life because this was my life. This is where I completed my studies.” Danil told us that he feels like he was given an education within a family environment where everyone was given importance irrespective of his abilities and achievements.



### **AUSTRALIA DAY PARADE IN ADELAIDE**

**Once again the Maltese  
community**

**has been invited  
to take part in the  
Australia Day Parade  
which will be held on  
26 January 2020.**

**The Parade starts at 6.00 pm  
from Franklin Street  
and concludes at Elder Park.**

**In previous years the number of Maltese participating in the parade  
has dwindled, and we have struggled to continue to be a  
part of this wonderful celebration of our adopted homeland.**

**Why not come along and join in the festivities.**

**The parade is an easy walk along King William Street.**

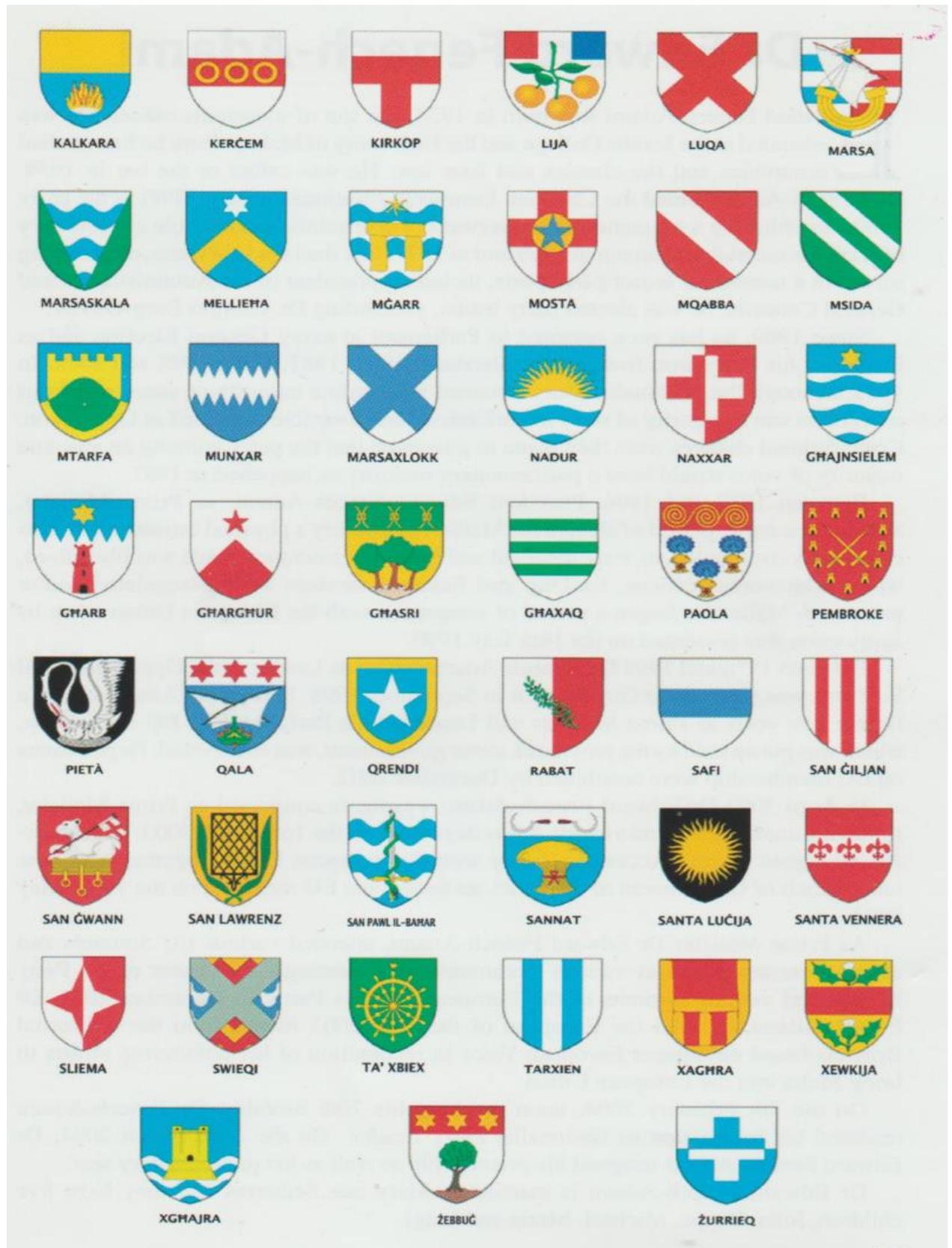
**It would be great if we could get together a group of 12 or more people.**

**Don't leave it to the same people, some of who are finding it more  
and more difficult to take part due to mobility issues.**

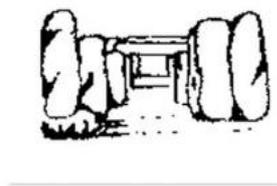
**We would love to see some younger people join in.**

**For more information or to express your interest and willingness to participate  
please contact Carmen Spiteri - Secretary of the Maltese Community Council  
of South Australia on 0401136673, who will be eagerly awaiting your phone call.**

**We urge members of all the members of the Maltese associations around  
Australia to participate in the Australia Day Parade in their State and  
Territory to show our pride in our homeland and gratitude to this great and  
beautiful country of Australia**



The Coats of Arm of the Local Councils of Malta and Gozo



**The Maltese Cultural Association of NSW**

is commemorating a Memorial Mass on  
**Friday 8th November 2019 at 7.00pm**  
 at  
**Our Lady Queen of Peace Church**  
**Old Prospect Road, Greystanes**  
 in honour of deceased members.  
 This mass is open to all members and to the general public who may wish to commemorate Mass for departed family and friends. Refreshments will be served afterwards at the Saint George Preca Centre.

For more information please contact  
**Charles Mifsud 0421 662 298**



**Free Entry**

A must see documentary about one of the most significant events in Malta's history.

This is the true story of  
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*Discover the facts and events that lead to the uprising of 1919. Why did Maltese citizens rampage and riot against the British? Who were the innocent victims and how did these events change the course of Malta's future?*

This documentary, courtesy of P.B.S. Malta, (in Maltese with English Sub-Titles) is presented by:



**The Maltese Cultural Association of NSW**

**When: Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 Time: 2pm**

**Where: La Valette Social Centre**  
 175 Walters Road, Blacktown

For more details please contact Mr Charles Mifsud: 0421 662 298



**La Valette Social Centre**  
 175 Walters Road, Blacktown

**Carols by Candlelight Show**

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> of December 2019

The show starts at 6.30pm in the Main Hall



**COME & ENJOY THE SPIRIT OF  
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With these featuring singers:

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There will be a pageant about our Traditional Maltese Christmas, together with a Christmas Message.

Nannu Santa will be coming to the La Valette, so please bring a present for your children with their name on it, so that Santa will give it to your kids.



**FOR SAFETY REASONS** .....Candles (battery operated) will be on sale for a \$1.00 each.

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