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WITH THE CONSUL-GENERAL OF MALTA
IN VICTORIA MARIO FARRUGIA BORG

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LACK OF MALTESE CHAPLAINS IN AUSTRALIA

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Reading the **Maltese electronic journal** is always a pleasure. Today we received issue no 307 and I read the article by Fr Alfred Farrugia regarding the e-mail for fellow priests to come to do pastoral work in Australia. I appreciate what Fr Alfred has written about Maltese priests coming to do pastoral work there. It is true that Fr Noel Vassallo, Vicar delegate for priests and parishes for the Archbishop of Malta, sent an e-mail to all priests to see if there were any interested indulging themselves in this pastoral experience. He did not give many details on the e-mail itself but he urged those interested to contact either him or else myself, at Malta Emigrants' Commission. We knew that if there would have been anyone interested we had to meet him and discuss with him the way forward. In fact there was one who contacted me to discuss matters.

I did inform him of all necessities he had to undergo to be able to come and start doing pastoral work there but on considering everything he opted not to take this opportunity. I even told him that it's better for him to come for a short period, at first, and then decide about his future. We are always ready to share our experience in the field with all those interested and help them to realise their dreams and imbue them with pastoral zeal. Unfortunately, vocations are getting rarer and rarer and even in Malta we are facing difficulties.

I wrote this note to clarify things and not to enter into any type of discussion. I assure you that we are doing our best to help and try to find any priest to come down under. We understand that it's a very challenging and interesting mission. We wish you all the best.

Regards to you, Fr Alfred Farrugia and all. Blessings, Mons. Fr. Alfred Vella Director

Din hija l-email li kull saċerdot ircieva mis-segretarjat għall-Kleru, mill-Kurja.Segretarjat Kleru Sat 14/12/2019

Gheziez sacerdoti, - Il-komunitajiet tal-emigranti Maltin gewwa l-Awstralja qed jitolbu dwar possibiltà li xi sacerdot Malti joffri li jwettaq Hidma pastorali fosthom gewwa l-Awstralja. Il-problema ta' dawn il-komunitajiet hija li baqa' numru ta' emigrant li jifhem bil-lingwa Ingliza. Huma lesti li jisponsorjaw din il-hidma li hija mistennija li ddum mhux anqas minn sitt xhur u imbagħad wiehed jiddiskuti s-sitwazzjoni kemm tas-sacerdot u anke tal-hidma pastorali tiegħu.

Jekk xi sacerdot jithajjar u jixtieq aktar tagħrif jista' jkellim lil Mons Alfred Vella jew lil Mons Arcisqof innifsu. Insellimkom u nitolbu għal xulxin.

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Nitolbu biex il-Mulej imiss qalb xi sacerdoti. Inselli għalik u nixtieqlek il-Festi t-tajba.

Dun Kalc. Vassallo Tel: 22771356 Dar tal-Kleru, Triq Anġlu Grima, Birkirkara BKR1560

We thank all the readers who showed interest in this important issue not only in Adelaide but other parts of Australia. We intend to keep on insisting and praying so that the Maltese migrants who still practice their faith and retaining their rich culture and traditions will be given spiritual assistance in Maltese. We have always treasured, respected and loved our migrant priests



Dear Editor - Thank you for your email regarding the Maltese Priests and the article on Page 2 of your latest edition of The Maltese Journal.

Firstly, let me tell you that this cause is very important to me and in consultation and full support of all the Council of Maltese Living Abroad (CMLA) colleagues in Australia, I have raised this issue at our last CMLA meeting in October 2019, I am working on this issue to try to resolve it for all our communities, not only Sydney, but our South Coast and Adelaide communities.

We support each other on the many different issues that are brought to our attention, so therefore be assured, that in this particular issue is Australia wide!

Please feel free to contact me on any issues you would like to bring to the attention of the CMLA Council and we will do our best to bring it to attention, that is our collective goal to help all the Maltese communities in Australia.

I understand the frustration of the Maltese communities with the lack of any real action by the Church authorities, but I think that if we keep on approaching the authorities here and in Malta as individuals it will not have the same impact as a united front on this issue.

I can assure you that I am actively involved with trying to get a resolution and I am more than happy to receive requests, correspondence, proposals that you and other community leaders in Adelaide want to bring to the attention of the Council.

The Maltese community in Sydney, especially our La Valette Social Centre, are very close to putting together a very good proposal to submit to the Church leaders both here and in Malta.

I am happy to liaise with you directly on this issue and to be of assistance for the community in Adelaide and have the support and assistance of all the CMLA colleagues in Australia.

Please feel free to pass on my contact details to anyone you think has issues that they would like to bring up to the Council for Maltese Living Abroad.

*Kind regards Marie-Louise (Marisa) Previtera
NSW marie-louise12@bigpond.com*

Maltese Community of Adelaide

THE MALTESE QUEEN OF VICTORIES BAND OF SA INC.

456 Henley Beach Rd - Lockleys Church Hall.

Every Wednesday 7.30pm - 9.30pm; Anyone is welcome to attend.

Sunday 15th March, the band plays at the Italian Festa of St. Joseph at Paralowie

Anyone who plays or wishes to learn a musical instrument or play with our band will be most welcome. A Quarterly newsletter keeps all members informed

THE MALTESE GUILD OF SA INC. -

Maltese Cultural Centre, 6 Jeanes Str Beverley Tel; 08 8243 0868

Email; malteseguildsainc@gmail.com

Opening every Tuesday Day Lunch 10.00am - 3.00pm - Bingo, Card Games and Billiards

It's a day for all to socialise with friends and perhaps enjoy a Kinnie with your pastizzi Tuesday

10th March - Adelaide Cup (Mon 9th) Luncheon

Dear Editor,

I wish to say what an "Eye Opener", it was for me to read Fr. Fred Farrugia's write up about the Maltese Chaplaincy (or lack there of) In South Australia. Thank you for your enlightening article.

However, I was amazed by the facts that Fr. Fred informed us about, namely that of the scantiness of information given to possible prospective priests who may even consider coming over to Australia. Fr. Fred tells us that the Email to such possible candidates,

did not include such basic information as:

- **Which state needs a Chaplain for the Maltese Community.**
- **What it entails to be a Maltese Chaplain here in Australia.**
- **Who will pay for his air fare to come over.**
- **How will he be able to maintain his existence here.**
- **Will he be living by himself and who will be looking after him.**
- **Information about visa requirements, or new regulations in the Australian Archdiocese in Australia for forgiven priests.**

In other words, no real job description to encourage any priest to come and work amongst us in Australia. I find it hard to believe that this information is not already available to the clergy in the Church hierarchy in Malta!

Many of us here in Australia have been in contact with them to state our plea. I for one have exchanged several Emails with the Maltese Franciscans, and to the Kunsill Superiuri Magguri Religjuzi to state our plight, as I am sure many others have. Our Maltese Consul assures us that he has done the same. The Maltese-Australian Newspapers that are published world, over have continually published this situation. The New South Wales representative from the "Maltese Living Abroad Council" did personally officially advise then Maltese Government groups, and the Maltese Clergy of our Dilemma, and of course our own Maltese Chaplain from South Australia made this situation abundantly clear to his superiors in Malta.

To many of us, it is blatently obvious that the Maltese Church Authorities, are not too enthusiastic to encourage any of their priests to come and work amongst us here in Australia, otherwise they would readily inform and assist them with all possible information to alleviate any of their apprehensions about venturing to come and help us in Australia. It is such a shame that our pleas have fallen on deaf ears!

In closing, I wish to say to the Maltese Government representative and dignitaries, and to the Representatives of the Maltese Church Authorities who occasionally come to visit us;

Please do not add insult to injury by saying to us;

"You are still in our hearts, you have not been forgotten"!

Kind regards,

Ron Borg

Adelaide - Australia



**POPE
FRANCIS**
IN MALTA

"They showed us unusual kindness" Acts 28,2

31 May 2020



ROBERT SAMUT BUILDING – FLORIANA

An ornate neo-Gothic 19th-century building in Floriana, Malta. The Robert Samut Hall building was completed and inaugurated in 1883. It was formerly known as the Floriana Wesleyan Methodist Church and served as a Protestant Church of worship. It was designed by architect Thomas Mullet Ellis. It became the first building in Malta to use the incandescent light bulb, or better still

electricity. The building houses a subterranean hall which accommodated British servicemen during the Second World War. It also houses an interesting 2 manual pneumatic Willis organ. In 1975 the building was taken over by the Maltese government and was named after Robert Samut, the composer of the Maltese national anthem who hailed from Floriana. The hall serves as a centre for cultural activities. Photo Copyright © Kappa Vision / please visit and like Kappa Vision on Facebook.

To all Maltese Community Councils, Associations and Committees in Australia & New Zealand

“KEEPING CONNECTED” 5TH CONVENTION FOR MALTESE LIVING ABROAD

Dear all, The Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs will be holding the 5th Convention of the Maltese Living Abroad from 6-7 October 2020 in Malta. This year's theme will be "Keeping Connected".

The Convention is open to the Maltese Community at large, in particular those who are interested in keeping in touch with Malta. The Convention conference takes place every 5 years to keep up the relevance of provisions made in the Convention, with the times. Please find attached proceedings of the latest convention held in 2015, for your information (also available at: <https://parlament.mt/media/90011/161.pdf>).

We urge you all to disseminate this information and extend the invitation to the members of the Maltese Community within your jurisdiction and beyond. The Ministry is intending to subsidize the participation of Maltese who register their interest. You are kindly requested to forward the names and contacts of people who have expressed their interest in participating at this conference in Malta.

The programme of this conference is still being set and will be disseminated as soon as made available. This is an invaluable opportunity to not only keep the connection with Malta alive, but also to get the earnest views on how the Maltese roots/origins and culture alive in countries, such as Australia, with a considerable Maltese Diaspora. We look forward to receiving from you a good number of interested participants. Thanks for your cooperation in disseminating this information.

Editor: We urge everyone, individuals and associations, who is interested in the wellbeing of the Maltese living abroad to attend this convention by filling in the application form and send it to the organisers. The form is online.



Maltese Dolphins New York Soccer February 16, 2020
Maltese Dolphins taking part in a Coed Indoor Soccer Tournament
with Frankie Bajada, Jared Mifsud, Mary Mifsud and Daniel Attard.



Malta Square, 27-20 Hoyt Ave South
Astoria, New York
USA



For Heaven's Sake

Let's work together

for the benefit and survival
of the Maltese communities
living abroad

LET'S MAKE THE
MALTESE JOURNAL
THE GEL THAT
BINDS US
AS A FAMILY



James 'Griever' Cassar, Katelyn Vella, Martin Vella, Charlie Muscat



**FUNDRAISING
FUNCTION
FOR
"ID-DAR TAL-PROVIDENZA"
FEBRUARY 2020
ORGANISED BY
THE FRIENDS OF THE
PROVIDENCE HOUSE
N.S.W**

Our Fund Raising Concert at **La Valette Social Centre – Blacktown NSW** last Sunday was a great success entertainment wise but even a greater success in money raised - Funds raised from ticket sales, raffles and donations totalled \$14500.00.

Considering the entrance fee was only \$10 for adults and kids under 15 free , it was an extraordinary result. This money plus what we already have in the bank will be presented to Fr Martin Micallef - director of "ID-DAR TAL-PROVIDENZA" at the Maratona on the first weekend of July 2020.

We have proved that our local performers are as good as any of those we bring from overseas. It must also be said that all performers donated their time and talent free of charge for the evening. So, a big thank you to Charlie Muscat, James Cassar, Martin Vella, Katelyn and Brittany Vella. Well done to Marie-Louise Marisa Previtera and Miriam Friggeri for organising this annual event, much needed funds were raised.

Also thanks to our sponsors: - George Vella of Breakaway Travel and La Valette Social Centre, Sydney J P Borg and the Australian/Maltese Chamber of Commerce (AMCA) our new sponsor. The hall was packed with happy faces and it also transpired into generosity.

So on behalf of The Friends Of Providence House NSW and Id-Dar Tal-Providenza :

THANKS A MILLION " Jim Borg - Co-Ordinator.

The Buttigieg effect: 'Americans are finally pronouncing my name right'



US children of Maltese immigrants savouring presidential candidate's rise

Vanessa Conneely

Joe Gauci: His pastizzi business is booming. Right: Lisa Buttigieg-LiGreci: "Everyone I know asks if we're related."

Malta is receiving a lot more attention since Democrat candidate Pete Buttigieg launched his bid to become US president, Maltese people living in the US say.

The openly gay politician, whose late father was from Hamrun, surprisingly beat fellow Democrat Bernie Sanders in the first poll in Iowa this week in

the race to contest Donald Trump on November 3.

"Everyone I know asks if we're related, because it's not a very common name here," says Lisa Buttigieg-LiGreci, whose father emigrated from Paola with his family when he was two.

"I have to explain to them that Buttigieg is a very common surname in Malta and it's not likely that we are related. But you never know, right? We could be distant cousins!" The Michigan resident says it has also helped people pronounce her name correctly for the first time in her 60 years.

"Growing up with the name Buttigieg was interesting. No one ever heard of it or could pronounce it. That gave me the opportunity to tell people I was Maltese and my family was from Malta.

"The funny thing is, we never pronounced our last name correctly either. When my father enlisted in the army for World War II, his boot camp sergeant mispronounced his name as 'beauty-jay'. Even though it didn't sound anything like it was spelled, my dad said; 'When you're in boot camp, you never correct your sergeant.'" When he got back from the war, her father never stopped pronouncing the name that way, even though the rest of his family said it correctly.

I would love to meet him some day. Maybe I could make some pastizzi for him!

Somehow, the American pronunciation became Butt-i-gee and/or Butt-i-gig.

"I have no idea how that happened, I guess because that is how it's pronounced phonetically in English. I always made it a point to tell people of the different pronunciations and that the proper way they say it in Malta is 'Boot-edge-edge'.

"I think it sounds more like Boot-a-jeej and I plan to tell candidate Pete when I meet him."

Lisa, who is active in several local Maltese groups around Detroit, says she will definitely vote for the Democrat should he become the party's candidate between now and June. That has suddenly become a bigger possibility after Iowa.



Pete Buttigieg: Topped the polls in Iowa.

Lisa is hopeful.

"I am a huge fan of Pete. I think he has a fresh younger perspective on things. I like the way he carries himself. He's not running a negative campaign. I agree with his policies on income and fair wages. Especially for our teachers and minimum wage workers. He is also pro-environment. However, I don't agree

with his views on abortion.

"I would love to meet him someday. Maybe I could make some pastizzi for him!"

Another Maltese-American who is desperate to meet the presidential-hopeful is chef Joe Gauci. He is the owner of Malta Joe's Baked Goods in Arizona and travelled to Malta in 2014 to learn how to make the perfect pastizzi. He now ships the traditional Maltese dish around the US and is enjoying the extra interest Mr Buttigieg is bringing to his restaurant.

"My business is booming," says Joe, whose parents migrated from Tarxien and Paola in 1950.

"Malta has been living under the radar for so long and now, with the Information Age, people are discovering our diamond in the Mediterranean Sea."

Like Lisa, Joe, 55, is an active member of the Maltese community in his state – and runs the Facebook Group 'Maltese of Arizona'.

He also says he will vote for Pete Buttigieg should he become the Democrat choice.

"We have a robust Maltese community. Through my pastizzi business, I have gathered dozens of Maltese families who thought they were the only Maltese around, but now that is changing.

"I have definitely seen a surge in interest since Mr Buttigieg started his campaign. When people come in to buy pastizzi, they get a lesson in Maltese heritage."

PERMANENT MISSION OF MALTA TO THE UNITED NATIONS **NEW YORK**

· February 2020 ·

[Maltese Center New York City](#)

Donation of Maltese text and reading books to the Maltese Center of New York MTUS. H.E. Ambassador Vanessa Frazier presented a personal donation of Maltese text and reading books to the Maltese Center in Astoria Queens, New York to support their initiative to teach the Maltese language to the Maltese Diaspora in N.Y

.In the picture (from left to right): Mr Eddie Debono, President of the Maltese Center, Ms Rita Grech, Maltese Center Committee member & teacher

H.E. Ambassador Vanessa Frazier, Permanent Representative of Malta to the UN, Mr Giovanni Buttigieg, Deputy Permanent Representative , Ms Francesca Cassar, Consul

The Maltese Center is fortunate to have a chaplain to provide religious services to our

community. Our chaplain has served for special masses, memorial services, blessings, celebrations and confessions here at our center. We are very grateful for the time that Fr. Anthony Saliba offers at the Maltese Center. He is currently an associate pastor at St. Raphael Parish located in East Meadow, New York. The following special masses and services that are celebrated:

St.Paul's Mass Easter Prayer Service All Souls All Saints

The Maltese Center is also grateful to have Deacon Sal Hili who has served us with the Annual Blessing of the Bikes. Fr. Saliba serving at the annual St.Paul's Mass February 2018



CONSUL-ON-THE-MOVE

Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs

Il-Programm tal-**Consul-on-the-Move** tnieda fil-5 ta' Mejju 2016, bi qbil mal-Uffiċċju tal-Passaporti fi hdan l-Aġenzija Identity Malta, u huwa konformi mal-viżjoni tal-Gvern sabiex is-servizzi tiegħu ikunu eqreb lejn iċ-ċittadini. Il-Programm jipprovdi numru ta' servizzi Konsulari (li huma normalment disponibbli fl-Ambaxxati u l-Konsulati Maltin) f'lokalitajiet differenti.

Il-bżonn ta' dan il-Programm inħass wara l-introduzzjoni tal-passaport bijometriku, li wassal sabiex l-applikanti Maltin li jgħixu barra jkollhom imorru fiżikamenti fl-eqreb Ambaxxata jew Konsulat sabiex tittehdilhom l-informazzjoni bijometrika. Dan holoq inkonvenjenza, speċjalment għal raġuni ta' żieda fl-ispejjeż tal-ivvjaġġar u tal-akkommodazzjoni.

Preżentement il-Programm qed jithaddem fl-**Awstralja**, il-**Kanada**, l-**Istati Uniti tal-Amerika**, ir-**Renju Unit**, u **New Zealand**. Sadanittant is-servizzi Konsulari kollha mogħtija mill-Ambaxxati u l-Konsulati Maltin se jibqgħu jingħataw bħas-soltu.

Għal ċerti servizzi provduti, l-applikant irid iħallas **tariffa amministrattiva addizzjonali**.

Skont l-Avviż Legali 221 tal-2016, it-tariffa amministrattiva għal applikazzjonijiet għal passaporti hija ta' €100 għal kull applikazzjoni, filwaqt li dik għal applikazzjonijiet għal ċittadinanza hija ta' €50 għal kull applikazzjoni, minbarra l-ispejjeż relatati mas-servizz innifsu.

Li ġeja hija l-lista **aġġornata proviżorja ta' żjarat ippjanati għall-2020**:

L-Ambaxxata tar-Repubblika ta' Malta f'Washington – Stati Uniti tal-Amerika		
Michigan	ta' April 2020	Office of the Honorary Consulate of Malta, 26955, Northline Road, Taylor, Michigan 48180

Konsulat Generali ta' Malta f'Toronto - Kanada		
Calgary, Alberta	9 - 10 ta' Mejju 2020	Il-post għad irid jiġi mħabbar
Edmonton, Alberta	16 - 17 ta' Mejju 2020	Il-post għad irid jiġi mħabbar
Vancouver, British Colombia	13 - 14 ta' Ġunju 2020	Il-post għad irid jiġi mħabbar

Kummissjoni Għolja għar-Repubblika ta' Malta f'Londra – Renju Unit		
Edinburgh	29 - 30 ta' Ġunju 2020	Il-post għad irid jiġi mħabbar

Kummissjoni Għolja għar-Repubblika ta' Malta f'Kanberra - Awstralja		
Brisbane, Queensland	26 - 29 ta' Frar 2020	Level 7, 10 Eagle Street, Brisbane, QLD 4000
Mackay, Queensland	2 - 3 ta' Marzu 2020	Lanai Apartments, 20 River Street, Mackay, QLD 4740
Cairns, Queensland	4 ta' Marzu 2020	Joe Vella, Insurance Brokers, Mulgrave Road, Cairns
Perth, Western Australia	15 - 16 ta' Mejju 2020 <u>jew</u> 22 - 23 ta' Mejju 2020	Il-post għad irid jiġi mħabbar
Adelaide, South Australia	25 - 26 ta' Mejju 2020	Il-post għad irid jiġi mħabbar
Brisbane, Queensland	18 - 23 ta' Awwissu 2020 <u>jew</u> 1 - 5 ta' Settembru 2020	Il-post għad irid jiġi mħabbar
Mackay,	25 - 27 ta' Awwissu 2020	Il-post għad irid jiġi mħabbar

Queensland	<u><i>jew</i></u> 7 - 9 ta' Settembru 2020	
Cairns, Queensland	29 ta' Awwissu 2020 <u><i>jew</i></u> 11 ta' Settembru 2020	<i>Il-post għad irid jiġi mħabbar</i>
Auckland, New Zealand	12 ta' Novembru 2020	<i>Il-post għad irid jiġi mħabbar</i>
Wellington, New Zealand	13 – 14 ta' Novembru 2020	<i>Il-post għad irid jiġi mħabbar</i>

Iċ-ċittadin jista' jibbenifika minn dan is-servizz permezz ta' appuntamenti ikkonfermat biss. Għal aktar informazzjoni, wieħed jista' jikkuntattja l-post rispettiv kif ġej:

Post	Posta elettronika	Telefown
L-Awstralja / New Zealand	consul.canberra@gov.mt	+61 (02) 6290 1724
Il-Kanada	consul.toronto@gov.mt	+1 (416) 207 0922/0989
L-Istati Uniti tal-Amerika	consul.washington@gov.mt	+1 (202) 4623611/2
Ir-Renju Unit	consul.london@gov.mt	+44 (0) 207 292 4800

Huwa rakkomandat li eqreb lejn id-data taż-żjara, wieħed jikkonsulta mal-Ambaxxata jew Konsulat rilevanti li qed t/jikkordina ż-żjarat sabiex jassigura li ma kienx hemm tibdil fid-dati u l-post.



Making guitars for folk singers

In days gone by, folk singers used to seat themselves on a tiny stool just about falling to pieces, close to the church parvis to catch the slightest breeze, wearing a white cotton shirt and an open waistcoat, as well as the traditional cap. The folk singers would be strumming a guitar, and would smilingly launch into impromptu verses of their own creation.

For many, the guitar is synonymous with Jimi Hendrix. In the fullness of time, however, a number of guitars found their way to Malta and ended up in the hands of Maltese and Gozitan players, among them the folk singers.

And among the remaining few who keep traditions alive, include folk singing, one comes across George Azzopardi. One can meet with George any day between the four walls of his tiny workshop, surrounded by different tools, and working on guitars of every shape and size.

George starts by getting hold of pieces of wood. He then marks out the thicknesses he will be needing, cuts with due care and attention, and slowly processes the wooden pieces, eventually bringing out the design to the client's satisfaction. The instrument is then put together, the chords are added, and finally, the guitar is tuned, ready to be strummed and to create some atmosphere together with the words of the folk singer.

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PERLINI - WAQT IL-KAFÉ... ma' Joe Julian Farrugia tvm.com.mt

"Maskarata tini perlina għax warajk għandek xadina." Hekk kienu jqabblu fl-imghoddi fil-Karnival; żewġ frażijiet wara xulxin sempliciment għat-taqbila... għax f'Malta xadini m'għandniex, hlief forsi xi maskarat liebes ta' wiehed.

Minbarra l-prinjolata, l-perlini huma helu marbutin mal-Karnival Malti. Jien niftakarhom jifgħu xi perlini jew helu ieħor minn fuq il-karrijiet fit-toroq tal-Belt. U halli għat-tfal jippruvaw jilhqqu xi haġa tajba. Mhux perlini biss kienu jifgħu. Nifatakr anki jifgħu għadd kbir ta' karti stampati b'reklami ta' ditti li kienu jagħtu donazzjoni għall-ispejjeż tal-karru u bi tpattija, l-maskarati ta' fuq il-karru jxerrdulhom ir-reklami tagħhom waqt l-isfilata... u jħammgu t-toroq.

Il-perlini mhux lakemm titfagħhom fuq in-nies. Trid toqgħod attent ma tweggax lil xi hadd. U ġieli nqalgħet xi ġlieda u minflok il-perlini jintefgħu bil-galbu, juzawhom biex jissuttaw lil xulxin. Għax il-perlini ibsin. Lewża miksija bil-gelu, jekk tixhetha bil-goff tista' tweggħek, allaħares tiġik f'għajnek!

Il-perlini jkollhom kuluri diversi, sbieħ, ċari u jintużaw ukoll fit-tiġijiet. U f'ċerti tiġijiet jintużaw anki perlini bojod, inkella kulur il-fidda. Probabbli t-tradizzjoni tal-perlini fit-tiġijiet ġejja mill-Italja.

Fl-Italja l-perlini jgħidulhom confetti. Le, mhux dawk il-karti żgħar li nitfegħu meta l-għarajjes johorġu mill-knisja... dawk it-Taljani jsejnhulhom coriandoli. Jgħidu li dat-tip ta' helu ilu jsir minn żmien Ruma l-antika meta kienu jinksew il-lewż bid-dqiq imħallat mal-għasel u bihom kienu jiċcelebraw xi tiegħ jew xi twelid ġdid fil-familja. Meta sekli wara kien introdott iz-zokkor mill-kannamilji, zokkor kif nafuh illum, fit-taħlita l-għasel twarrab u daħal iz-zokkor minflok.

It-Taljani għadhom jużaw il-confetti fit-tiġijiet sa llum. U ma ssibx minnhom biss bil-lewż. Jagħmlu confetti bil-gellewż, bil-pistacchios u saħansitra biċ-ċikkulata minn ġewwa. Imbagħad ipoggu ħamsa kaxxa ċkejkna tal-kartunċin bl-ismijiet tal-għarajjes u d-data tat-tiegħ stampata fuq il-kaxxa biex il-mistednin jiħduha magħhom. Dik il-kaxxa t-Taljani jsejnhulha bomboniera, jiġifieri kaxxa tal-helu. Il-ħames confetti jfissru ferħ, saħħa, ġid, fertilità u haġja twila.

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Jiġifieri l-perlini għandhom storja twila... anki mingħajr ix-xadina!

Photographer Reunites Maltese People With Their Long-Lost Relatives Around The World



By *David Grech Urpani*

*Lilian Chetcuti Riolo is the creator and curator of Facebook pages like **Maltese People In Malta** and **Lost And Found Malta**, which has increased in both reach, and personal impact over the years.*

Starting off as a small project of documenting everyday life in Malta, Riolo's Facebook posts have become a nostalgic way for lovers of Malta who live abroad to maintain a connection with the mainland. However every now and then a special stories surfaces in which she's even managed to reunite long-lost relatives, separated for decades and by thousands of kilometres.

"I know the feeling of being far away from home and yearning to go back and see your family and the beauty of this island," Lillian admitted. She was born in Sydney and spent her first 23 years living in Australia, but she always used to ask her Maltese mother for photos from the past and stories of tiny Malta.

After staying with her grandmother in Mosta a couple of times while holidaying on the island, she fell in love with Mario, a Maltese mechanic. Upon getting married, Lillian decided to start her family right where it had all started so many years ago, and she's been living in Malta for the last 25 years. "So I feel like I'm precisely half-Maltese and half-Australian...eżatt!" she says.

Lillian Chetchuti Riolio, her husband Mario, and their three children

Recently, she decided to put her love of taking photos of documenting everyday Maltese life to good use by starting Facebook pages like Maltese People In Malta. As it stands, the latter has nearly 20,000 followers, and Lillian uploads photos and videos very regularly. "I don't edit my videos. I just want to promote Malta and have an online record of what Maltese life is all about, for everyone."

Lillian has taken and uploaded thousands of photos, but the trick is that they were all spontaneous. "I don't go looking or plan to find these scenes for photos. When I'm out and about with my family or friends, or shopping in my daily routine, I see all types of Maltese traditional foods or ways," she explains. And while that sounds like too sporadic of a method, she's willing to accept her limitations while still making the best out of the situation.

"Both my Maltese and English are not 100%, but at least I get the message across. I just take photos of what I come across so I can share them with people all around the world for those that for any reason cannot make it to visit Malta."

The whole endeavour became even more rewarding when Lillian actually started reuniting long-lost family members from the other side of the world.



"My most memorable video was when I interviewed this elderly couple in Gozo," she reminisces. "The man mentioned how he used to work and live in Australia, and how even in his 90s, he could still remember the names of every single train station from Sydney to the West. He then said that he has a daughter in Sydney who he hadn't seen for years. One day after I uploaded the video, his granddaughter commented; she couldn't believe that she had finally found her nannu!"

Episodes like this have given Lillian the courage and confidence to open Facebook groups like [Searching For Lost Friends And Family Malta](#), where hundreds of members have been trying to finally reunite with relatives both in Malta and abroad. And needless to say, she doesn't charge anyone anything. "All my pages are non-profit. I honestly just get great pleasure in making a difference in other people's lives, and I feel that everyone should participate in something this rewarding." **Share this** and let's help make some more reuniting dreams come true

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Things To Tell Your Foreign Lover Before They Meet Your Maltese Family

By [Ann](#) lovinmalta.com

Introducing your other half to the family is a daunting experience at the best of times. Introducing your foreign other half to the family calls for an entirely different level of social skills. You are essentially the cultural/social/emotional translator of the entire operation. Yours is a delicate juggling act of tempering a tidal culture-shock wave whilst trying to convince your people that – this guy/girl is really special.

Here's some salient bits of info you should pass on to your partner before they are thrust into the Mediterranean madness:

Just because we're shouting, doesn't mean we're angry

Maltese people are generally a laid back bunch, but when it comes to saying our piece we're not accustomed to waiting our turn. Hence – lunches and dinners are loud. Brace yourself.

Sinners are not welcome

Don't even think about telling my Nanna that we live together. We live separately. We only meet each other for coffee after Sunday mass. Which we attend weekly without fail.

You will be made fun of – a lot

Think twice before telling any of my family members which parts of Malta we visited today. Your pronunciation will be made fun of. And apparently the joke never gets old.

No, you don't need to remember who's who

This will all take years to sink in. Don't rush yourself.

There's no such thing as Maltese reservation

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Flattery will get you everywhere

Even if you don't love pastizzi/bigillia/zalzett malti/hobz biz-zeit/Kinnie – pretend you do. It's an automatic "okay, you're in the club" card.

Take all the food that is offered to you

Just trust us on this one – it's better to leave a family BBQ feeling like you might explode than having to explain to a Maltese mother why you're not eating her food.

You'll have inbuilt credibility

If there's one thing Maltese people are used to it's learning from foreigners who have, heq-hem, conquered us. It won't be long before my mum is telling our neighbour how smart and sophisticated you are. Yes, even after just meeting you once.

You'll feel right at home...

Becoming part of a Maltese family is a bit like joining the Mafia. There's always someone looking out for you.

lovinmalta.com



Mario Farrugia Borg – Consul General for Malta in Victoria - Australia

Extremely honoured to having had the wonderful opportunity to co-inaugurate with La Trobe City Mayor Dan Clancy the first Maltese museum in Australia, located in Morwell, Victoria, and to also deliver a message on behalf of our High Commissioner for Australia and New Zealand, His Excellency Mr [Charles Muscat](#). Big 'well done' to Mr [Mario Sammut](#) our Honorary Vice Consul in La Trobe City, who is also the President of the La Trobe Maltese Community and the mastermind behind this amazing project. As I told Mario during the event, you have made Malta proud, Malta is grateful to you. Now I urge all those who can to visit this treasure, I can assure you that you will walk out feeling proud(er) to be Maltese. Viva Malta!

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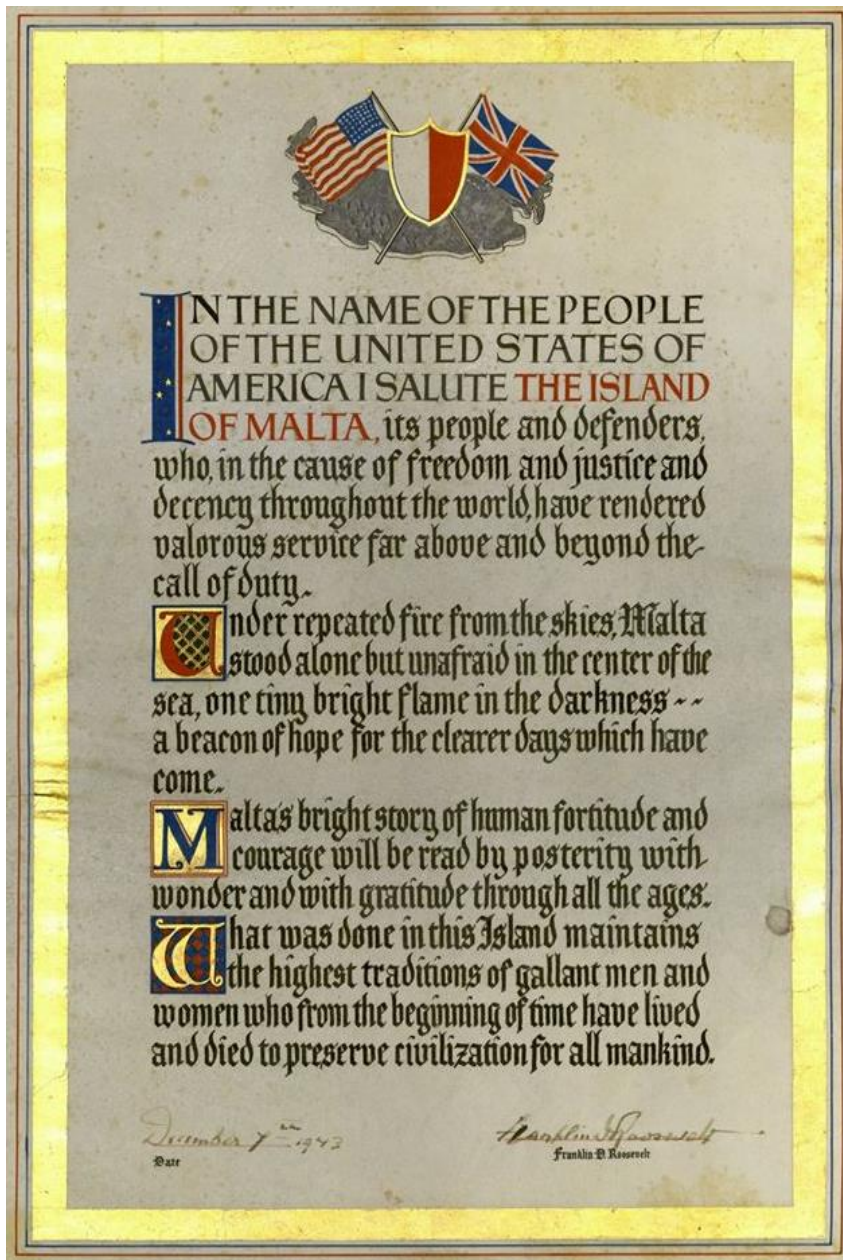


[National Library of Malta](#)

US President Franklin D. Roosevelt

visited Malta during World War II, on 8th December 1943. He brought this document on parchment dated 7th December addressed to "the Island of Malta, its people and its defenders".

The parchment was presented to the British Governor Lord Gort who received it on behalf of the #Maltese people. After having toured the dockyard and other areas badly affected by bombing, Roosevelt departed on the afternoon of the same day. The citation, which bears his signature, expresses his admiration for the bravery and fortitude of the "gallant men and women" of Malta who had just endured the terrible siege of 1942. The original document is today preserved at the [National Library of Malta](#)



Join Victor Vella, Sandra Grech and Emanuel Camilleri, Panel Operator, this Sunday on 89.3fm 2GLF-fm for news and events from the Maltese community in NSW and from the Islands of Malta.

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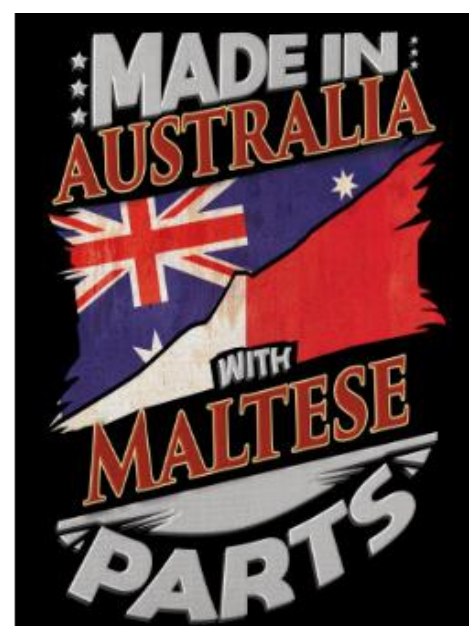
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MALTESE COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF NSW



Thousands of foreigners are learning Maltese

Report: Maria Muscat

Last year, 2,000 foreign persons attended courses in Maltese and its culture as part of the strategy in favour of integration and inclusiveness.

Parliamentary Secretary for Equality and Reforms, Rosianne Cutajar, stated that such courses are a great help for persons to integrate in society. She was speaking during a visit at the offices of the human rights and integration directorate at Paola.

"I do not exclude that, similar to European countries, we include conditions for a working permit with a course in the country's language, because we have a situation where foreigners do not speak Maltese and not even in English – this is a problem".

Integration section head, Alex Tortell, said that among others carers who provide service in elderly residential homes are attending Maltese language courses to communicate better with elderly persons. Gabi Calleja, head of LGBTIQ section spoke on the need of more human resources to cope with increased demands, while the directorate is working for a change in policies and legislation on issues of racism, LGBTIQ and integration. The directorate also provides training to PSCD teachers on integration.



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TIME: 11.00am onwards

PLACE: Bonython Park, Port Road
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Look for the Maltese Flags!!

BYO: Food, Drinks, Chairs and any
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This is an opportunity to bring your
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For further information, you can
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email lacaruana@bigpond.com

Catherine Saliba on 0438 825 174 or
email catherine.saliba@yahoo.com



Joe Julian Farrugia (born 9 April 1962) is a writer, songwriter and broadcaster from Malta.

He was born in Gzira but moved to Paola at the age of 5. He is the youngest sibling and only son of Francis and Beatrix. He attended St. Paul's Missionary College of Rabat Malta. In 1979 Joe Julian won the Anna Muscat Azzopardi prize in the Maltese language and literature from the University of Malta.

In his thirties, Joe Julian started to publish his writings. Initially some of his poems were published in local newspapers in Maltese. Later on he started to write the lyrics

of songs. He took part in many song contests in Malta and abroad. In 1995 he won the Best Lyrics Award at the Għarb Festival in Gozo with *Għajn ta' Sliem*. In 1999 he won the same award in L-Għanja tal-Poplu with *Faraġ ta' Xejn*. He won the Konkors Kanzunetta Indipendenza in 2005 with *Ix-Xemx mill-Ġdid* and the Festival Internazzjonali tal-Kanzunetta Maltija 2013 with *Hawn mill-Ġdid*.^[1]

He represented Malta in several international song contests. He won the Discovery International Pop Music Festival of Bulgaria twice with songs *Endlessly* in 2003 and *Time for Love* in 2006. He won five times the International Festival For Children *Ti Amo*, held in Romania.^[3] In 1999 American Airlines included one of his songs *Jekk Għada Ma Jisbahx* on their playlist, readily available for to be played whenever any passenger requested a song in Maltese. Joe Julian also wrote two musicals and three Christmas pantos in the Maltese language.^{[4][5][6]}

In 2005 one of his songs, *Life is a Train*, sung by Karen Polidano was included by NBT Records (U.S.) in a compilation disc about trains. In 2008, Ivan and Stani of Bulgaria sang his song *You're Magic* in their country's national selection for the Eurovision Song Contest.

Joe Julian wrote also several drama episodes for Maltese television series. These include popular sitcoms like *Il-Prinċipal*, *Simpatiċi* and *XplaħħMalħajt*.^{[9][10]} He also has his own blog *Kif Naħsibha Jien*.

In 1993, through One Radio, Joe Julian ventured into the field of broadcasting. Two years later he



switched over to television. *Menz*, *Dr Peel*, *Medik*, *Indigo*, *Is-Saħħa Sabiħa* and *Xalamita* are but some of his productions. He wrote, directed and produced the majority of the episodes of the award-winning documentary biographical series *Bijografiji* and also other features for the popular Friday night TVM programme *Xarabank*. In this respect, he won three awards in broadcasting from the Institute of Maltese Journalists.

On 3, 4 and 5 November 2017, at St. James Cavalier Theatre, in Valletta, the actress Sarah Camilleri was the protagonist of a monologue "*Qaħba Jien ?*" (*Am I Whore?*) written and produced by Joe Julian and directed by Mario Micallef. The following year, on the 9th, 10th and 11th of November, Joe Julian's drama moved to the acclaimed Manoel Theatre, Europe's oldest standing theatre, with the satirical comedy "*Festa tal-Qaddisin*".

"*Elfejn u Tmintax*" (Two Thousand and Eighteen) a national choral symphony with lyrics written by Joe Julian, was premiered on Saturday 20 January 2018 on the steps of St John's Co-Cathedral. This was commissioned for the inauguration ceremony of Valletta 2018 as a European City of Culture. The music was composed by Elton Zarb.

Joe Julian was the producer/presenter of programmes *Bongu Kafé ma' Joe Julian* and *Għamlu Isem* on the national radio station Radju Malta. His current programme on the same station is *Radju Kafé ma' Joe Julian* which includes a blog *Waqt il-Kafé*. Joe Julian has also published a series of books *Għamlu Isem*. They include biographies and material from the radio series bearing by the same name.

Maltese emigrant suffers life-changing injuries in Canada

Campaign launched to help Matthew Mallia start the long road to recovery

NationalAccidentCharity

Kristina Abela

Matthew and Tania Mallia with their daughters Sienna and Sophie.

A fund-raising campaign has been launched to help a 36-year-old Maltese man who suffered life-changing injuries in a serious accident in Canada. Matthew Mallia, who emigrated to Canada together with his family when he was six, was taking his young daughters to a class when he was involved in a collision with a truck.

As a result, the border officer from Ontario suffered a traumatic brain injury, a leg amputation above the knee, seven broken ribs and three broken thoracic vertebrae.

Damage to a nerve has also left him unable to open his left eye, or see single vision, and, at this point, the prognosis for his vision is unknown. His Malta-based cousin, who is in close contact with the family, said that while Matthew was in an enormous amount of pain, he was in stable condition and had already started rehabilitation.

The biggest cause of concern is the brain injury. A lot is unknown right now about his condition and what kind of support he will need in the coming months and years.

"Although he doesn't have a problem recognising people, there are gaps in his memory and there is still a lot of uncertainty about how this injury will affect him in the future," he said.

Matthew's parents, Winston and Marija, who emigrated to Canada in 1989, are in shock, and have relocated temporarily to their son's hometown since they live over 100 miles away.

The couple, originally from Fgura, wanted to be closer to their son and his family at this challenging time in their lives to offer all the support they could, Mr Mallia said. Nine-year-old daughter is due to make a full recovery as her six-year-old sister was lucky to escape unharmed

"Matt's wife, Tanya, is showing enormous strength despite also being in shock," he added.

Their nine-year-old daughter, Sienna, who suffered internal injuries as a result of the accident, had to undergo surgery and is due to make a full recovery, while his other daughter, Sophie, who is six years old, was lucky to escape unharmed.



To help support the family during the long and hard road to recovery, a close friend has started a fundraiser and through social media has already raised \$78,000, out of a target of \$100,000.

"While this is impressive, it is a drop in the ocean. The family is going to need as much support as it can get for the months/years ahead in what has been a life changing accident," his cousin told Times of Malta.

Messages of support have poured in from Matthew Mallia's friends and strangers alike on the fundraiser page.

One of the donors, Bonnie Lucier, said: "I have always enjoyed Matt's positive, easy going way; it is a pleasure to have in the workplace. Having met Tanya this week, even in the heart of this, it was evident why the two of you are together and I am confident that the two of you will get through this stronger than ever!"

To help Matthew, go to: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/matt-mallia-and-family>.

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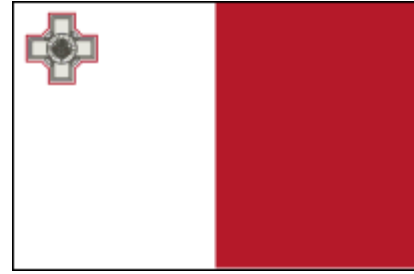
We are Maltese. We have been living abroad for many years, and still have very strong family ties, business connections and friends in Malta, so what happens in Malta does affect and interest us.

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eTA Eligibility

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- ✓ Malta was a launch member of the Canada eTA program
- ✓ Maltese citizens enjoy fast entry using the eTA program



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- Maltese citizens can apply for eTA online
- eTA is valid for arrival by air only
- Travelers must have an e-passport that is machine readable
- eTA is for short tourist, business, transit and medical visits
- You must be over 18 to apply for an eTA otherwise require a parent/guardian

Maltese citizens are required to apply for a Canada eTA visa to enter Canada on a short term basis (under 90 days) for general tourism, business, transit or medical purposes. The eTA program was introduced in 2016 to screen travelers arriving from overseas as a response to the global increase in terrorist activities.

The Canada eTa program was approved in 2012, and took 4 years to develop the required systems that would tie in with existing immigration databases and other security data to provide a seamless new screening tool.

Citizens from Malta along with other European Union members are required to complete this electronic visa application prior to boarding an aircraft for Canada, and this includes travelers who will only be transiting in Canada en route to other international destinations.

Any Maltese citizen that wishes to enter Canada for over 90 days, or for other purposes than those allowed under the eTA program will need to apply for a different visa. Further details can be found by visiting [Canada Immigration Visa Advice](#) and using the free "do i need a visa tool".

It is advised that Maltese citizens complete their eTA application 72 hours prior to their departure date. Full details can be found by visiting [eTA requirements](#) or [Canada eTA FAQ's](#). It is advised to review these pages prior to starting an eTA application to avoid any delays or the risk of an eTA being refused.

It is a requirement to be a full Maltese citizen before applying for a Canada eTA, so travelers holding a passport or travel document with a different status, such as refugee, will be required to apply for a full Canada visitor visa, and not an eTA.

Maltese citizens can expect their eTA application to normally be processed and approved within 5 minutes, and the authorization is sent by email in the form of a PDF document. There is no need to print or present any documents at the airport, as the eTA is stored electronically against the passport in the Canada Immigration system.

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Clergy Appreciation Dinner of the Knights of Columbus

The Consul General of Malta to Canada, Dr Raymond Xerri was invited by the Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, Amadeo Cuschieri and Knight Joe Farrugia to the Clergy Appreciation Dinner of the Knights of Columbus, Council of Mississauga at the Capitol Banquet Centre in Mississauga.

Dr Xerri attended along with Fr Mario Micallef, Pastor of St Paul The Apostle Maltese-Canadian Church, Joe Sherri, President of the Maltese Canadian Federation and John Vella, the Coordinator of the newly established St Paul The Apostle Mission Group. The dinner was in aid of a number of Catholic projects



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ELAINE COTTER NEE SCERRI

Elaine is a clarinet player in the band, who also has played the alto saxophone in the past. Elaine started learning when she was 11 years old, learning at the Sliema Band Club in Malta, taught by Capt. Joseph Buttigieg. At the age 14, Elaine gained a scholarship at Johann Strauss School of Music in Valletta where she was taught by Charles Monreal. She was also in the concert band under the direction of Maestro Anthony Chircop.

Elaine has performed with two bands in Malta, Sliema Band Club and JSSM Band. At age 17, she migrated to Australia and joined the newly formed Malta and Gozo Settlers Philharmonic Band for about 5 years. She stopped playing for 15 years after getting married and raising 3 children. Elaine returned to music in 2003, playing the clarinet, with the St Albans Melita Band.

Elaine enjoys music for many reasons, but in particular is a break from work and home duties. Elaine recalls her favourite festa, Sacro Cuor festa in Sliema, Malta, where she has fond memories of playing in the streets where she grew up, playing alongside her 4 brothers, whom were in the same band.

Coming from a big family, Elaine would not have been able to learn music if it wasn't readily available free from the band clubs in Malta. She commends the MMG Concert Band of Victoria for doing the same here in Australia. Elaine commends the commitment of the working group and the inclusiveness of young children and the next generation of band players.

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was established in May 2018, which is culmination of two Maltese bands, the St Albans Melita Band (est 1984) and Malta Gozo Concert Band (est 1981) The music culture and tradition originate from Malta where each town has a Saint and a band.

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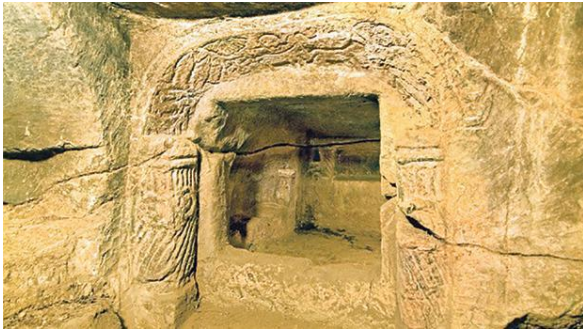
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Catacombs near airport will not be compromised

Report: Melvic Zammit printed on mtv.com.mt

Just off the roundabout near the airport, we reached the catacombs of Hal Resqun, which though not as big as the other catacombs in Rabat, have significant archaeological value, so much so that they were preserved a few years ago when the road and existing

roundabout were being constructed.

Like other archaeological sites in Malta, the catacombs of Hal Resqun were excavated by Sir Temi Zammit almost 110 years ago. Cultural Heritage Superintendent, Joseph Magro Conti, said that the site dates back to the fourth century after Christ and of particular note are the Christian Graffiti and symbolism engraved in the rock.

"Temi Zammit, who excavated it, called it the creation of the world where human beings appear with their hands held up, referred to as the Orantes pose, like someone who is praying with their hands up in the air, as when we say the Lord's prayer. But there are also animals with them horses, cattle and fish."

The Head of Cultural Heritage Surveillance, Jonathan Borg, said that their mind is at rest that there are no other similar structures in the area having conducted specialised testing by georadar to take a picture of the underlying land.

"We took a picture of all the surrounding streets – this is an exercise which tells you if there are empty spaces like catacombs, tombs, cisterns, wells. This study was carried out and no similar archaeological evidence was found." One of the project architects, Albert Spiteri said that he was drawing up a conservation plan for the Hal Resqun Catacombs don't to be touched or compromised.

"We got experts from abroad to see what kind of measures the contractor working in the area should take care in order for there to be no detrimental effects to these catacombs, to avoid damaging them and for there not to be any kind of movement during excavation."

The architect explained that rock samples were being taken at a depth of 15 meters to determine the strength of the surrounding area so that when the work is approved it is carried out with the greatest caution so as not to cause any damage to Catacombs.

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Above: Volunteers like Joe Tanti and Mario Sammut were busy painting all replica buildings in limestone colour. photograph ziggy lewis

Miniature replicas of 15 well-known Maltese buildings will be on display when the Maltese Museum opens in Morwell in February 2020.

Transformation of the former home of the Morwell Pigeon Club into everything familiar to the Maltese community started in February this year.

Malta's honorary vice consul for the Latrobe Valley and Maltese Community Centre president Mario Sammut said the replica buildings, including a model of the Royal Opera House that was destroyed during the Second World War, were donated by artist Charlie Camilleri.

Mr Sammut said another interesting model was the Church of the Assumption of Our Lady in Mosta which was at one time the third-biggest free-standing dome in the world. The building miraculously survived the war when a bomb failed to explode after hitting the dome.

He said Mr Camilleri, who passed away eight months ago, donated the miniature buildings to the Maltese museum when the project was announced last year.

"He tried to sell them and he said he was offended with the prices that [people] were offering to him so when he got to know that we're building a

Spirit of Malta captured in tiny buildings at LaTrobe Valley-Morwell

museum he just said 'you can keep them'," Mr Sammut said.

He said volunteers were busy painting all models in the limestone colour which is common in Malta.

Mr Sammut said the museum would also feature a replica of a Maltese fishing boat called luzzu, traditional costumes, newsletters, model knights and symbols of the Order of the Knights of Saint John, and traditional cooking utensils that were brought by the first Maltese immigrants to Australia.

Mr Sammut said it took a lot of work to rebuild the site as it was in a bad state but grants from Latrobe Valley Authority and Latrobe City Council meant they were able to hire a couple of local builders to do the job with help from volunteers.

Mr Sammut said the facility would be the only Maltese museum outside of Malta.

He hoped to inspire the younger Maltese generation to visit the museum and learn more about their culture.

Mr Sammut said he was also hoping that other ethnic groups would follow the Maltese community's lead in promoting their culture.

"If this is successful I want the other ethnic communities to do this. We'll give them the facility at this stage. Perhaps other ethnic communities can have their own exhibition [here] and maybe from there they might be prompted to have their own," he said.

Mr Sammut said he would also look into linking up with the state tourist board so tourists could see and visit the museum and other sites in Morwell.



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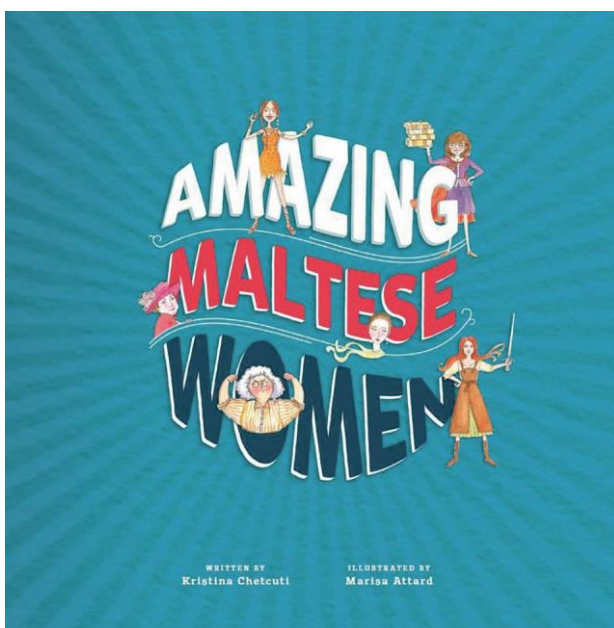
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