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THE ANZAC MONUMENT IN MALTA WILL BE OFFICIALLY INAUGURATED ON SATURDAY 25 MAY 2013

I am pleased to inform you that on Saturday 25 May 2013, the ANZAC War Memorial will be officially inaugurated jointly by the Hon George W. Vella MD., MP, Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Chairman of the committee Mr. Nicholas Bonello.

The generous contribution from the Maltese community of South Australia helped the project to become a reality, and as a sign of appreciation the Malta ANZAC Memorial committee has kindly invited the Hon. Consul for Malta Mr. Frank Scicluna to send a message which will be read during the inauguration ceremony.

Ħaġar Qim and Mnajdra Temples in Malta



The megalithic temples of Ħaġar Qim and Mnajdra located on the southwestern coast of the island nation of Malta are unique freestanding stone monuments. Dating back 5,000 to 5,500 years ago, these prehistoric temples are among the oldest surviving examples of stone architecture in the world, and have been designated by UNESCO as part of the World Heritage register. The archeological park consists of two temples, Ħaġar Qim and Mnajdra. Mnajdra is located several hundred meters downhill from the Ħaġar Qim temple site. Uncovered in 1839, the temples are constructed of globigerina limestone slabs weighing up to 57

tons. One upright menhir stands 5.2 meters (17.06 feet) high. The temples are sited on high cliffs along the coastline overlooking the Mediterranean Sea in the rural countryside of Malta. Threatened by exposure to heavy rainfall, as well as sun and wind, protective intervention was deemed necessary resulting in the installation of tent shelters completed in 2009.

DIGITAL MIGRATION MUSEUM

Archbishop Paul Cremona opened the initial phase of the Digital Migration Museum being set up by the Emigrants' Commission at Dar l-Emigrant - Castille in Valletta. The museum will illustrate the birth and development of emigration and how the communities of Maltese emigrants integrated in the countries where they settled down. The first phase of the Museum features a digital collection management system that will preserve the commission's records and artifacts.



All the extensive preparatory work in the hall – the main section of the digital museum – has been completed.

The central digital information podium has also been put in place. The podium, financed through a Vodafone Malta Foundation grant, has eight LED screens, eight touch screen interfaces and computers to drive the digital system.

The government pledged its financial support to the museum along with that of private benefactors.

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MALTESE COMMUNITY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

There are 12 Maltese groups operating in Adelaide:

Maltese Community Council of SA Inc
Maltese Chaplaincy Festivities Group
Maltese Guild of South Australia Inc
Maltese Senior Citizens Association
Maltese RSL Sub Branch Inc
Maltese Queen of Victories Band Inc

Maltese Community Program on EBIFM
Blue Grotto Maltese Program on PBAFM
St. Catherine Society of SA Inc
Maltese Aged Care Association of South Australia Inc
Maltese Language School of Adelaide
Society of Christian Doctrine (MUSEUM)

These are the activities organized by the societies during the months of May

- Maltese Cultural centre opens every Tuesday from 10am till 3 pm 6 Jeanes Street Beverley
- Maltese Queen of Victories Band rehearses every Wednesday at 7.30 pm at the Cultural Centre, Beverley
- Maltese Senior Citizens open every Wednesday and Friday from 10am till 3pm at LeHunte Street, Kilburn
- RSL Maltese Sub-branch provides lunch every 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at Prospect Community Hall
- Every first Friday of the month a Mass is celebrated at St. Finbar Church, Salisbury
- The Maltese Language School operates every Friday at 7 pm

FRANCISCAN CHAPLAINS OF THE MALTESE COMMUNITY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Fr Giles Ferriggi 1948 – 2001
Fr Sebastian Camilleri 1949-1953 1999-2003
Fr Pter Paul Meilaq 1950 -1960 1976-1978
Fr. Vittorin Alessandro 1952-1954
Fr Bededict Ellul-Merces 1957-1958
Fr Leopold Farrugia 1961-1975
Fr Philipn Briffa 1962-1968
Fr Marcellinus Meilaq 1967-1975

Fr Edward Zammit 1972-2003
Fr Emidius Cremona 1977-1979
Fr Richard Grech 1983-1984
Fr Godfrey Micallef 1987-1993
Fr Anthony Vella 1992-1995
Fr Gabriel Micallef 1996 -

THE NEW PARLIAMENT BUILDING IN MALTA

"The main issue of the new parliament building, made to host the offices of the Prime Minister, Opposition leader, and Speaker of the House, is that they are far too small," Prime Minister Joseph Muscat claimed in parliament this evening.



Dr Muscat was asked by the Opposition what the nature of talks related to the Valletta entrance project were between himself and Renzo Piano, the world renowned architect who designed the project, and what changes he intends implementing related to the City Gate project following such talks. Last week, Dr Muscat met Piano in Paris to discuss progress on the €80 million Valletta entrance project. The meeting took place during the prime minister's trip to France where he later had talks with President Francois Hollande.

Watch this at YOUTUBE - New Projects in Valletta - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ljrSzi7Uu7c>

UPPER BARRAKKA LIFT



The new Upper Barrakka lift opened in December 2012, linking the Grand Harbour to the Upper Barrakka Gardens and Valletta city centre. It is located on the original site where its predecessor, which was dismantled in 1983, operated between 1905 and 1973.

The lift is 58 metres high and can carry twenty-one people at a time, for a total of 800 per hour. The journey takes around twenty-five seconds, making it the quickest way into the city from the Valletta Waterfront.

The lift offers a practical alternative for the thousands of cruise ship passengers who disembark at the Valletta Passenger Terminal to reach the city with its shops, restaurants, churches and museums. It is also possible to combine the ticket for the lift with the ferry crossing across Grand Harbour to or from The Three Cities.

BURY THE MALTESE LANGUAGE

What I did find worrying was the overuse of the English language in Malta. Being of Maltese heritage it was sad to hear the Maltese not speaking their language to each other. It is a fact that languages and dialects disappear each day and I hope the unique Maltese language doesn't suffer the same fate. So get passionate about preserving your language as you do your public spaces.... i