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Valletta's Victoria Gate bridge over Triq il-Lvant

One of the most photographed sites in Malta's capital, Valletta. The traditional facade and Victoria Gate pedestrian bridge over Triq il-Lvant and steps leading to Victoria Gate, that was built by the British in 1885, and was named after Queen Victoria. Late evening the bridge is taken over by restaurants for outside catering



Maria (centre) with her dad Joseph (now deceased) and mum Theresa

More about the Australian 2022 Awards

There were 992 Australians that were honoured in the 2022 Queens Birthday Awards. At *The Voice of the Maltese* we feel it our duty to identify the Malta-born. We have no means to identify others of Maltese descent unless by their Maltese-sounding surnames. This is not always possible; therefore we seek the assistance of our readers to help us to focus on those among the Maltese community who do our country and our people proud, particularly when they manage to overcome so many barriers.

AM to a worthy recipient

Mary (Maria) Said of Quakers Hill NSW was among those honoured. She was awarded the AM, the Australian Medal for significant service to anaphylaxis treatment, education and prevention.

Maria was born in Parramatta NSW. She is the daughter of Joseph (recently deceased) born at Xaghra and Theresa Azopardi born from Ghajnsielem in Gozo. They had six children, three boys and three girls. Maria is the second eldest.

Maria, who has been the Chief Executive Officer, Allergy and Anaphylaxis Australia, since 2012 and the National President, FACTS/Anaphylaxis Australia from, 1999 to 2012, told *The Voice* that she visited Malta on three occasions.

Maria is a registered nurse. She is an Associate Member of the Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ASCI) and member of the Anaphylaxis Committee, Education Committee, Paediatric Committee and Insect Allergy Working Party, Drug Allergy Working Party.

She is also, a committee member, Co-chair, Asian Pacific Alliance and International Life Sciences Institute food labelling/allergen thresholds working group.

Other positions that she has held in her profession include:

National Co-Chair, National Allergy Strategy, since 2014

Australian Representative, Patient Organisations Committee

European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology, current.

Adjunct Research Fellow, Health and Medical Sciences, Pharmacy at University of Western Australia, since 2019.

Involved with the formation of the Aller-



Maria (extreme right), in a picture that she treasures dearly, with her sisters Joanne (left) and Grace, and mum Theresa and dad Joseph

gen Bureau.

Committee Member, Tick Induced Allergies Research and Awareness (TiARA), since 2013.

Launched first Australian Food Allergy Week.

In her early career, as a Registered Nurse, between 1982 and 1997 Maria served at Blacktown Hospital, and between 1985

and 1987 was an educator at the Hawkesbury Agricultural College.

In 1999 she received the Ministerial Community Service Award and five years later, in 2004 was named the Neighbour of the Year, Blacktown City

Indeed a worthy recipient of the high honour that she has received from the Government of Australia.

Another service offered by The Voice of the Maltese providing legal information to our readers

When does a de facto relationship end? (Part 2)

In this two-part article, we discuss the High Court's recent decision in *Fairbairn v Radecki* [2022] and what it means for de facto partners who disagree about when, or whether, their relationship has come to an end.

by PaulSANT

We left part 1 of this article with the NSW Trustee and Guardian ('TAG') commencing family law proceedings in the Federal Circuit Court on behalf of Ms Fairbairn, a lady suffering from dementia and needing to move into aged care.

Readers will remember that Ms Fairbairn's home (which she owned in her sole name) needed to be sold to fund her move into aged care and that her de facto husband, Mr Radecki, opposed this sale – he was still living in the property.

In part 2 of this article, we will explain what happened when the matter reached court, and how the central issue of the matter became whether the parties' de facto relationship had come to an end or not.

In the Federal Circuit Court (now the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia)

The family courts will generally only find it is just and equitable to order that the assets of a married or de facto couple be divided after the break down of a de facto relationship.

They cannot make such orders if in all the circumstances it would not be just and equitable to do so. TAG, on behalf of Ms Fairbairn, commenced family law proceedings on the basis that Ms Fairbairn and Mr Radecki's de facto relationship had ended.

Mr Radecki argued that their relationship had not ended, and that the court had no power to order that Ms Fairbairn's house be sold, as it would satisfy the just and equitable requirement in section

79(2) of the *Family Law Act*.

The trial Judge agreed with TAG and found that the de facto relationship had in fact broken down and ended by 25 May 2018.

It found Mr Radecki was no longer acting in Ms Fairbairn's best interests or in accordance with the parties' agreement that they would keep their assets separate.

The judge was critical of Mr Radecki, finding he was favouring his own financial interests by trying to remain living in Ms Fairbairn's home rent-free and in failing to cooperate with the steps Ms Fairbairn's children were taking to address her health needs.

Appeal to the Full Court

Mr Radecki appealed to the Full Court (three Judges), who sided with Mr Radecki and held the parties' de facto relationship had not come to an end, despite Mr Radecki's conduct. The Full Court characterised Mr Radecki's conduct as merely 'bad behaviour' that is 'all too often a hallmark of a relationship.'

Appeal to the High Court of Australia

TAG sought leave to appeal to the High Court, which was granted and proceeded to hearing before seven Judges.

The primary argument TAG made was that the de facto relationship had broken down when Ms Fairbairn moved into aged care and the parties stopped living together, regardless of whether genuine love or affection continued.

In the alternative, TAG argued that the relationship had broken down based on Mr Radecki's behaviour and conduct.

The High Court rejected TAG's primary argument and held that a de facto rela-

tionship does not

come to an end

simply because a

couple stops liv-

ing together. A

de facto relation-

ship is deemed to

have broken down

when, having regard

to **all the circumstances**, two persons **no**

longer have a relationship as a couple

living together on a genuine domestic

basis.

"Living together" is not just about two

people physically cohabitating under the

one roof, but the various ways couples

share their lives together in a relationship

in the modern world.

In this case, the lack of physical cohab-

itation alone could not determine

whether the de facto relationship contin-

ued or had broken down. Similarly, Ms

Fairbairn's decline in capacity **alone**

could not determine whether the relation-

ship was ongoing or over.

The High Court accepted TAG's alter-

native argument, finding that Mr

Radecki was no longer acting in Ms Fair-

bairn's best interests. He persistently re-

fused to make necessary or desirable

adjustments that might have evidenced

an ongoing relationship, such as allow-

ing Ms Fairbairn's home to be sold to fi-

nance her move into age care, that would

usually be made by a loving and caring

partner.

The High Court found that the separa-

tion of the parties' assets was an essential

feature of the parties' relationship and

Mr Radecki had been acting as if he were

no longer bound by that agreement.

Conclusion

The High Court's decision provides

fresh guidance as to the factors that will

be considered when determining whether

a de facto relationship has come to an

end.

The decision also reaffirms that a de

facto relationship does not end simply

because the parties are no longer physi-

cally living together.

Whether or not parties are acting in

each other's best interests will be a sig-

nificant factor considered by the courts

in family law proceedings where parties

disagree about the existence of a de facto

relationship or when that relationship

came to an end.



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We have provided you with an overview of the topic above but you should consult a professional for advice specific to your circumstances.

Joseph Ben Chifley – Australia's 16th Prime Minister

From 13 July 1945 to 19 December 1949

From a wartime economy to a peacetime economy

Joseph Benedict Chifley, a Labor man and Australia's Prime Minister for 53 months, was born in Bathurst, NSW on the 22nd September 1885. His father, Patrick was also born in Bathurst and his mother, Mary Anne was born in Northern Ireland.

As a student, Benedict Chifley attended a Patrician Brothers school.

He was a voracious reader from a young age; later on, he attended classes at the mechanics' institutes at night.

In September 1903, Joseph B. Chifley joined the New South Wales Government Railways as a 'shop boy' at the Bathurst locomotive shed, and over the next ten years, he advanced to an engine cleaner and fireman and finally, in March 1914, to an engine driver.

He developed a technical understanding of his locomotives and soon became a lecturer and instructor at the Bathurst Railway Institute. Chifley was based in Bathurst driving both goods and passenger trains. He worked on the main western line, Main Southern line, and also out of Harden.

Chifley was a member of the Locomotive Enginemens' Association but never held an executive position. However, he worked as an organiser and served as a divisional delegate to state and federal conferences.

In 1917 he was dismissed from the railways because he was one of the local leaders in a general strike, but was later reinstated along with many of the other strikers. As a result, he was demoted to a fireman and it wasn't until 1925 when his

From 13 July 1945 to 19 December 1949

Researched by
Joseph Buttigieg

previous benefits were restored.

Chifley's political career with the Labor Party started at a young age. He was involved in state and federal campaigns as an organiser. In 1922 and 1924 he was unsuccessful in the preselection for the state seat of Bathurst but was eventually chosen as the Labor candidate for the Division of Macquarie at the 1925 federal election. Not being well known in his electorate, he lost the election to the National MP, Arthur Manning.

In 1928, he mounted a campaign against the Bruce Government's unpopular labour policies. He accused the Government of



over the country taking work which rightly belongs to all Australians".

That campaign won him the seat of Macquarie in the 1929 election, and Chifley became one of three candidates in New South Wales to win seats from the Government.

At the time Labor won a landslide victory, and James Scullin became the new Prime Minister.

In the 1931 elections during the great depression, Chifley lost his Macquarie seat suffering a negative swing of 16.2 points. He was left in the wilderness and basically survived on his wife's family money and his part-ownership of the Bathurst newspaper, the National Advocate.

After an unsuccessful effort to win back Macquarie at the 1934 election. In the 1940 election he finally won his seat back on a swing of 10 percent.

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Chifley (left) with Premier of South Australia Tom Playford (centre) and Governor of South Australia Sir Willoughby Norrie (right) in 1946

endangering the 'White Australia Policy' by allowing Southern European migrant workers into the country, claiming it had "allowed so many da-goes and aliens in Australia that today they are all

Chifley's Govt. provided the framework for Australia's post-war economic prosperity

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When John Curtin formed a mid-term Labor government following the collapse of the Menzies government, Chifley was appointed treasurer and while John Curtin was preoccupied with World War II he also controlled most domestic policies.

When the war ended, Chifley became the new Labor Party leader (Curtin had died in July 1945) and during the 1946 elections defeated Robert Menzies with 54 percent of the two-party-preferred vote.

In the post-war years, he continued as treasurer and served as his own treasurer throughout his time as Prime Minister. Labor under Chifley directed its policies towards better conditions in the workplace, full employment, and an improvement in the "equalisation of wealth, income and opportunity".

Chifley was also successful in transforming the wartime economy into a peacetime economy, and undertook a number of social welfare initiatives as characterised by fairer pensions, unemployment, sickness benefits, the construction of new universities and technical colleges, and the building of 200,000 houses between 1945 and 1949.

As noted by one historian, Chifley's government "balanced economic development and welfare support with restraint and regulation and provided the framework for Australia's post-war economic prosperity"

In the 1949 election Labor was defeated by the Menzies government, but Chifley, now 64 and in poor health (he was a heavy

smoker), refused to retire from politics and continued as the Leader of the Opposition.

Then on 13th June 1951, Chifley suffered a heart attack in his room at a hotel in Canberra. He at first made light of the chest

pains, but as his condition deteriorated, his secretary, Phyllis Donnelly called for an ambulance. He died in the ambulance on the way to the Community hospital in Canberra.

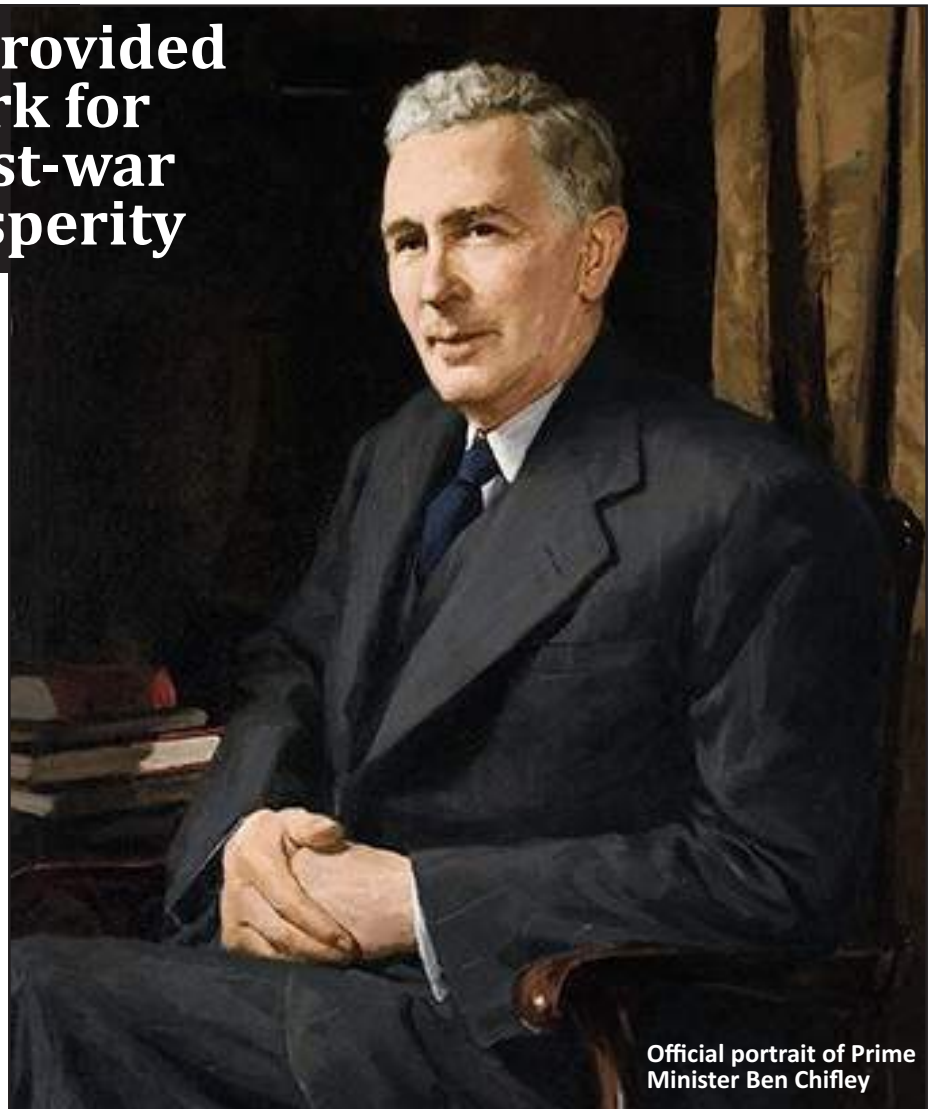
Prime Minister Menzies said about him, "Although we were political opponents, he was a friend of mine and yours and a fine Australian".

Chifley left behind his wife Elizabeth, whom he married in 1914. They lived all their lives in Busby Street, Bathurst, which now operates as a house museum.

Due to his wife's serious health problems, Ben and Elizabeth had no children. His wife later also developed chronic back pains that restricted her mobility. She died in 1962.

**Next issue, we will feature Malcolm Turnbull, Australia's 29th PM. Before entering politics he enjoyed successful careers as a lawyer, investment banker and journalist. He studied at Oxford on a Rhodes scholarship*

◀Australian prime minister Ben Chifley at the launch of Holden FX, the first mass-produced Australian-made car, at at Fisherman's Bend in Melbourne, Victoria, on 29 November 1948. It cost £733, approximately two years' wages for the average worker at the time. It was hugely popular; 120,402 vehicles were manufactured between 1948 and 1953.



Official portrait of Prime Minister Ben Chifley



Back to faith, *pastizzi* and the festa

After many years involved in the parish of Our Lady Queen of Peace in Greystanes NSW Australia, our Personality for this Month found herself at the helm of the Maltese Festa celebrated for the last 57 years, a traditional Maltese religious celebration that has captured the attention not only of the Maltese but the whole community,

Julie Piscopo

Julie was born in Parramatta Hospital on 16 December 1971, the daughter of Joe and Doris. Her grandparents, Charles and Rita Piscopo were also well known in the community. Her father, Joe from Valletta, was born on the m/v SS Colombia on the way to Australia. Her mother, Doris from Msida is the daughter of Gejtu Hili tal-Pastizzi, so the family, through the *pastizzi*-making trade they introduced in NSW, was always involved with the Maltese community.

Mum and dad had the J&D *pastizzi* shop at Fowler Road and Hill Top Road and Greystanes' Shopping Centre; the whole family was involved in this venture.

Julie was educated at Ringrose Public and Holroyd High during the period when racism was part of life. At times it was the *wogs vs the Aussies*. You had to be tough to survive, but you came out the other end as a better Australian.

She was a single mum at 18 and her son Ramon who is now 31 made her a grandmother to a beautiful baby girl. In *The Voice of the Maltese* issue No. 192 of November 20th 2018, Julie Piscopo wrote about her troubled youth and how she drifted away from the Catholic faith. She went through a hard time trying to raise her son and put food on the table and a roof over their heads.

BELOW: Julie (centre) flanked by Marlene and Lawrence Dimech in front of the statue of the Bambina at OLQP Church in Greystanes

She said that God guided her back to the church "I knelt, prayed and cried but found my faith back", she wrote. Since



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her return, she became involved in various ministries and events in the parish of Greystanes.

These activities got her close to the annual *Festa*, run so successfully by men. It was time that women got involved. Lisa Bright, who was four years President, made the breakthrough. The drive to get younger persons involved is still ongoing.

Julie Piscopo assumed the role of President of the *Festa*, knowing very well the challenges after Covid-19.

"We need to make sure that we have a *Festa* for many years to come. My commitment is to learn from years of experience and the dedication of our elders and pass this on to the younger generation. If the young will not come forward, we will suffer and could very well lose the *Festa* as we know it" she told us.

Julie would like to see the *Festa* as a day of faith, a celebration for the whole family, and holding on to the traditions that gave us the *Festa* in the first place.

The Our Lady Queen of Peace *Festa* has been part of the Greystanes and surrounding community since 1965. Maltese migrants to the area desired to bring with them their religious traditions, established the *Festa* as an annual event not only for the parishioners but also for all to participate in good faith. People come to the *Festa* from all over NSW and interstate as well.

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Later, with their generous donations and dedication, the Maltese also built the magnificent church and gave it the name of Our Lady Queen of Victories, as many of the parishes they originated from had a strong devotion to our Lady who got us through victorious during the darkest war days.

Malta is synonymous with feasts dedicated to the parish saints. The summer months are colourful, happy, at times noisy. They keep the community in faith and celebration.

The Greystanes parish has also grown and the influences of other communities are now evident. "We need to welcome all aboard. We need to spread our enthusiasm for our Lady of Peace to everyone living in NSW," Julie says.

**This year the Festa is to be celebrated on 25 September. However, on 10 September, the committee is organising a Gala Dinner at Wentworthville Leagues Club. Booking is open, so phone: 9631 8136.*



Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv DD STL, the fourth Bishop of Parramatta celebrating the festa at Greystanes with other members of the clergy. Far right is Fr Tarcisio Micallef MSSP. Bishop Vincent Long was born in 1961 in Dong Nai in Vietnam.



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Your letters/ L-ittri tagħkom ...

Opinjonista ta' stoffa li jghin biex jinżamm il-livell tal-pubblikazzjoni

Paul O'Farrell, from Rockingham WA Australia writes:

Kemm ghogobni l-kummentarju mill-aktar meqjus tas-Sur Evarist Bartolo, l-eks Ministru tal-Affarijiet Barranin ta' Malta dwar in-newtralita' ta' Malta fl-ahhar hargha ta' The Voice.

Is-Sur Bartolo minn dejjem kien bniedem ta' rasu fuq ghonqu u spikka bis-sincerita' tieghu, bhala politikant, lettur fl-Universita' ta' Malta, kif bhala gurnalist li minkejja li dejjem kien ta' zaqqu f'fommu, dejjem kien, u zgur li se jibqa' rrispettat f'kull settur li fih immilita, anke fejn ma kienx wisq favorit.

Nifrah ukoll li minkejja li telaq il-politika, hu fost l-opinjoni ta' stoffa ta' The Voice li bl-aktar mod sempliċi imma mirqum, kapaċi jwassal il-messaġġ tieghu.

Minn dejjem aċċettajt li Malta ma tkun marbuta ma' l-ebda qawwa barranija, imma li tibqa' newtrali. Kif qal Bartolo, b'dan il-mod li se tibqa' rrispettata minn kull nazzjon.

Anzi nzid ngħid li issa li Malta se terġa'

Stop this rubbish!

Ant Vella, from Mascot NSW writes:

I am fed up! We must put an end to it! Using social media to attack and vilify whoever one dislikes must stop.

These cowards are aware that Facebook gives them the liberty to unload their trash as there is no editing. Freedom of speech, they call it. Well, with freedom, there is responsibility.

Dear Editor, please keep us away from these rabble-rousers. I am sure they will not get past you. Perhaps that is why they will not vent their grievances in The Voice. Stop this rubbish.

tkun membru tal-Kunsill tas-Sigurtà tal-Ġnus Magħquda, għandha tibqa' turi li mhux iċ-ċojkon tal-pajjiż li jghodd imma l-fehmiet u r-raġunar li jista' jwassal qrib li l-konflitti fid-dinja jonqsu.

Ftit tal-jiem ohra ninghaqad ma' niesi fi btala f'Malta, u minbarra li xorta se nibqa' naqra The Voice, nittama wkoll li fost kulhadd, ikolli wkoll iċ-ċans li forsi nitaqa' mas-Sur Bartolo.

Encouraging 2nd generation Maltese

J. Farrugia from Blacktown NSW writes:

In reply to F.Scicluna from Middle Park, Victoria (TVoM No. 278), my I say that we encourage new blood to be involved in the community for the sake of continuity in our activities, however, then when we see some initiative from some talented 2nd generation (Maltese born in Australia) who might come out of the woodwork to assist, we knock them on the head just because, as hard as they try, their Maltese is not so perfect.

We are in Australia, speaking Maltese, and we need to appreciate the efforts of the few of those remaining to take the lead in the near future.

The number of capable Malta-born broadcasters in Australia is fast diminishing. If we want to keep hearing the Maltese language spoken on our community radio programmes then we need to either learn to get used to hearing it spoken with an Australian accent and a few mispronounced words here and there or close-up shop for good.

It is not a matter of 'anything goes' but an appreciation of the efforts made to keep Maltese radio in Australia alive. After all, we are in Australia, not in Malta, where even there one may hear errors of another kind in any radio/TV show.

Il-Malti jitkellem bil-Malti

Paul Cassar minn St Kilda Victoria jikteb:

B'referenza għall-ittra fil-hargha tad-9 ta' Lulju taht ir-ras 'Il-Malti jitkellem bil-Malti', il-kittieb għamel sewwa li fahhar l-ilisen tagħna, dak Malti, għax jekk ma nitkellmuhx jista' jossor.

Imma nahseb li l-kittieb naqas hafna meta tefa' lir-radjiijiet tal-komunita' f'keffa wadha. Mhux kollha jabbużaw mill-lingwa Maltija; ma għandux jeħel kulhadd.

Nappella wkoll lil dawk li johorġu jidde-fendu l-lingwa Maltija biex dan jagħmluh bil-lingwa tagħna.



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The results of the 2021 AUSTRALIAN CENSUS: The Maltese Community

MarkCARUANA gives a brief snapshot of Maltese speakers in Australia

1. The number of persons in 2021 who stated that they spoke Maltese at home was 26,555. This is a drop of 5,432 from the 31,987 Maltese speakers five years ago, in the 2016 Census.
2. The median age is in the age bracket of 65-69 i.e., Maltese of Australian pensionable age.
3. The inter-marriage rate is high. The Census asks for self-identification in more than one ancestry. Maltese-speakers said that the number of other ancestries, besides Maltese, totals 64 ancestries. The percentage of Maltese who identified as Aboriginal, or Torres Strait Islanders, is 0.2%.

By suburb, where would you find most Maltese?

The top suburb is St Albans in Victoria with 1,011 Maltese speakers, followed by 548 Maltese in Greystanes, NSW. The third is Sunshine West, followed by Sunshine North, Altona Meadows, Caroline Springs, Deer Park, Hillside (Melton) and Hoppers Crossing all in Melbourne.

In NSW, Blacktown ranked the eighth suburb with most Maltese. For many decades, Maltese were the top ethnic group in Blacktown but now have been overtaken by Filipinos. The western suburbs of Melbourne hold most Maltese speakers in Australia.

Which is the top place of birth of Maltese-speakers?

*64% of those questioned stated Malta, while 33% stated Australia. England, Egypt, and Libya make up 0.3% each while Italy, Canada, USA, and Tunisia make up a further 0.1% each.

How many Maltese are Australian citizens?

*This totals 91% of the total Maltese community, which is above-average for Australia overall, which stands at 84%. The Census question on religion is optional. 0.2% of Maltese did not answer or gave an unclear answer. 3% stated “no religion” while 93% identified as Catholic

When did Maltese speakers arrive in Australia?

*The peak years were 1955 and 1965. From 1975 to 2021, less than 200 Maltese arrived annually during this 36-year period. This confirms that migration from Malta to Australia is at a standstill. e.g., in the year 2006, 42 Maltese migrated to Australia and 10 years later, in 2016, 27 left Malta.

Where do Maltese study?

*This was not applicable to 92% of the Maltese population in Australia.

Number of single parents

*This is not applicable to 95% of Maltese. 3.5% are single female persons.

The Maltese community in Australia is proud of its culture and identity and and treasures its camaraderie

Number of Maltese-speaking people in a family	2	64%
	3	19%
	4	12%
	5	4%
	6	1.5%

Marital status	
Married	57%
Not married	31%
De-facto	3.4%
Not applicable	8%

Types of families

Couples with no children	55%
Couples with children	30%
One-parent families	13%
Other families	2%

Types of couples

Opposite sex	84%
Female same-sex	0.3%
Male same-sex	0.2%

It is hoped such recent demographic data helps us understand better the changing demographic landscape of Maltese speakers in Australia. Census data helps in a better understanding of how our community is changing which can help in planning services to assist Maltese.

Source SBS News



Income:

*The average income in 2021 was between \$15,600 and \$26,000 yearly. Around 4% of Maltese were in the highest bracket, earning between \$104,000 and \$182,000 yearly.

Households experiencing rent stress	
Yes	41%
No	47%
Unable to be determined	11%

Type of accommodation

House	95.6%
Flat	4.1%
Other	0.2%

Families owning or renting their home

Own outright	72%
Own with a mortgage	16%
Rent	8%
Other	1.4%

Number of people in a household

1	30%
2	43%
3	13%
4	9%
5	3%
6	1%
7 or more	0.5%



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Xi xaghrejn ilu kont ktibt dwar il-prezzijiet stratosferiċi tal-proprjetà fl-Awstralja (ara *The Voice* numru 267), u staqsejt kemm se ndumu qabel ma l-ippumpjar mill-bank ċentrali tal-flus fl-ekonomija jieqaf iffaccjat mill-inflazzjoni li jibda tiela'.

Tadaaaa.....!

Dan eżatt li beda jiġri issa. Mhux għax jien xi għaref jew għandi xi poteri simili għal ta' Nostradamus, jew li kont l-uniku wiehed li kont imhasseb fuq dak li seta' (u issa qiegħed) isehh, u fil-fatt hemm hafna raġunijiet għas-sitwazzjonijiet ta' inflazzjoni għolja li qegħdin fiha, mhux l-inqas is-sitwazzjoni geo-politika bl-invażjoni Russa tal-Ukrajina u b'konsegwenza tat-taqliba kbira tas-susq taż-żejt u l-gass naturali, fejn il-pajjiżi tal-punent f'daqqa waħda jridu jwettqu proċess ta' tneħħija tar-Russja bħala sors ta' hafna mill-enerġija tagħhom.

Din l-inflazzjoni wasslet għal għoli tal-ħajja, bil-banek ċentrali ta' madwar id-dinja jgħollu r-rati tal-interess (inkluzi tal-Awstralja), li jwassal għall-imghax joghla għal self ta' flus ta' kull tip, imma anke ta' dawkl li jissellfu biex jixtru proprjetà.

Dan wassal għall-prezzijiet tal-proprjetà biex iwaqqfu l-għoli ineqsorabbli tagħhom, u fil-bliet kapitali jitbaxxew bi ftit f' Mejju 2022 (medja ta' 1%).¹

Hemm dibattitu dwar kemm hu mistenni li dan it-tnaqqis ikompli, bi stimi jvarjaw minn 10% sa 30%. Dan huwa kollu spekulazzjoni, u hadd ma jaf. Jien m'iniex se noqgħod nispekula, imma ridt niehu l-opportunità ta' din il-korrezzjoni biex nistaqsi mistoqsija fundamentali.

Il-proprjetà domestika, jiġifieri d-djar u l-appartamenti, x'inhu l-iskop eżattament tagħhom? Huwa sabiex il-bnedmin ikollhom fejn jgħixu, jieklu, jistrieħu, iħobbu u jtellgħu l-familja tagħhom? Jew huwa mezz biex jinvestu u jkabbu l-għid tagħhom sakemm jistgħu u għandhom stonku jiehdu r-riskju li jagħmlu?

Nimmaġina li għandkom l-opinjonijiet tagħkom, imma rrid ngħid li jidhirlu li l-konsensus li hawn f'dan il-pajjiż, u aktarx f'ohrajn ukoll, hija li r-risposta hija li t-tnejn indaqs.

Tidher li tagħmel sens, wara kolloxx.

Jien nahseb li din it-tweġiba hija żbaljata.

Jien jidhirlu li t-tweġiba għandha tkun li t-tnejn, imma mhux indaqs. L-ewwel priorità għandha tkun li l-bnedmin ikollhom saqaf fuq rashom, u t-tieni priorità tkun l-akkumulazzjoni tal-għid.

Jien nosserva li hawn inċentivi kbar, anke kbar bla rażan, sabiex investituri jixtru proprjetajiet ta' kull tip bħala investment.

Irridu niftakru li l-investituri, jiġifieri dawkl li diġà għandhom dar għalihom u jridu t-tieni, it-tielet jew l-għaxar waħda, ikunu qegħdin jikkompetu ma dawkl li qegħdin jixtru għall-ewwel



darba. Min għandu l-ikbar ċans li jirmexxielu, taħsbu intom?

Immaġinaw ukoll li l-investitur għandu wkoll inċentiv li jagħmel dan, imsejjah *negative gearing*, fejn telf wara l-ispejjeż tal-investment tiegħu (per eżempju l-imghax li jrid iħallas lill-bank li se jiffinanzja x-xiri tiegħu, l-ispejjeż ta' manteniment tal-proprjetà eċċ), inaqqsulu d-dhul għall-fini tat-taxxa.²

Min għandu dhul kbir, għandu inċentiv ċar biex ikollu kemm jista' jkun proprjetà sabiex iġib id-dhul tiegħu għall-fini tat-taxxa kemm jista' jkun qrib iż-żero.

Dan il-vantaġġ ma jeżistix għal min semplicement irid ikollu dar biex jgħix fiha.

Il-bank ċentrali tal-Awstralja (Reserve Bank of Australia) ukoll jinnota li min jissellef flus għall-proprjetà għandu hafna iktar xkiel jekk qed jagħmel dan għall-ewwel dar tiegħu/tagħha milli jekk huwa investitur b'għid għoli.³

Fis-sena 2000, l-iffinanzjar tax-xiri tal-proprjetà, skont l-Australian Bureau of Statistics, kien ta' madwar 50% għal min ried joqgħod fiha, u madwar 25% għal persuni li riduha bħala investment (sabiex jikriha jew jerga' jbigħha). Il-bqija tal-iffinanzjar ikun għal istituzzjonijiet, mhux persuni naturali.

Kważi ghoxrin sena wara, il-proporzjon ta' dawn l-ewwel ż-żewġ kategoriji ta' persuni naturali li jfittxu l-iffinanzjar issa saru kważi l-istess, bejn 30 u 35%.⁴

Min għamillhom il-liġijiet u r-regolamenti li wasslu għal dan l-istat, li jiffavorixxi lill-kbir a skapitu taż-żgħir? Min taħsbu? Dawkl li jirrapprezentawna, il-membri tal-parlament.

U allura min għandu r-responsabbiltà li jerga' jxaqleb il-mizien lura?

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Infakkru lil Anġelo Pullicino – kompozitur tal-marċi Maltin



Peter Paul Ciantar

Jekk tmur il-Każin tal-Banda ta' San Ġiljan u titkellem ma' xi anzjan, żgur li jgħidlek dwar il-marċi sbieħ tas-Surmast Anġelo Pullicino. Jgħidlek ukoll kemm kien ihabrek għall-banda, filwaqt li għadd sewwa ta'

bandisti tharrġu miegħu.

Kien dan is-surmast li waqqaf din il-banda Ġiljaniza fl-1927, u dam 43 sena direttur tagħha. Wiehed jista' faċilment jgħid li Anġelo Pullicino għamel lill-Banda San Ġiljan u l-Banda San Ġiljan għamlet lilu; haġa marbuta mal-oħra.

Biex iżid jissigilla din ir-rabta dejjiema, fl-1935 is-surmast Pullicino kkompona l-innu marċ popolari ta' San Ġiljan, li mbagħad irregalal lill-każin.

Lil Anġelo Pullicino (kif konna nsibuh) niftakru sewwa. Niftakru jdur mal-baned b'dik it-tbissima, u l-aktar li kien isorgi kien lejn is-sezzjoni tar-ram, tal-ewfonji, għax hu stess kien idoqq dan l-istrument u baqa' marbut miegħu. Kien studja dan l-istrument mas-surmast Vincenzo Costa ta' Birkirkara u l-armonija mas-surmast Guzeppi Abdilla.

Imwieled Birkirkara

Is-surmast Anġelo Pullicino tweled Birkirkara u sa beda l-karriera muzikali tiegħu m'wahda mill-baned t'hemmhekk, il-Banda Sant'Elena. Wara, flimkien mal-familja tiegħu, marru joqogħdu San Ġiljan u hemm tefa' l-ankri tiegħu, jgħalliem il-muzika lit-tfal tad-Domus. Dan fil-fatt kien il-bidu tal-Banda San Ġiljan.

Anġelo kien pjuttost qsajjar u mbaċċaċ, b'mixja kemxejn kajmana. Kien bniedem umli u habib ta' hafna, l-aktar ta' daw

midhla tal-baned. Ma niftakrux żagħżuġ, imma niftakru matur sewwa. Darba kien urienu pakkett tas-sigaretti miftuh u fuq ġewwa kien hemm xi erba' noti li kien għadu kemm hażżeż, għax hemm kien ihabbat il-polz tiegħu ... marċi u marċi.

Niftakarni nisma' marċi ġodda tal-Banda San Ġiljan irrekordjati, dejjem bil-marċi ġodda tiegħu, mhux wiehed jew tnejn imma l-librett kollu. Kien hemm il-marċ 'Unconquered Malta' li mill-ewwel seraq il-qlub tal-Ġiljanizi. u 'Angie', marċ ieħor tiegħu, il-'Viva l-Ġiljanizi', b'versi ta' Karm Borg u marċi oħrajn li għadhom jindaqqu kull sena fil-festa tal-patron tal-Ġiljanizi.

Marċi bi hlewwa kbira

Il-marċi ta' Pullicino kien fihom għaxxa. Kellu stil li minn erba' noti lixxi jagħmillek l-isbah 'Trio'. Il-marċi tiegħu ma kienx fihom xi armonija ta' barra minn hawn iżda kolloxx f'postu, melodjużi li jindaqqu b'gost minn kull bandist.

Għal xi snin kont niltaqa' mas-surmast Pullicino, fir-riċeviment tal-Banda King's Own wara r-rekordings tal-marċi l-ġodda, għax kien dejjem (jew kważi dejjem) ikollu xi marċ ġdid għal din il-banda Beltija. Meta żżanzan l-innu marċ tiegħu 'San Duminku', il-harsa ta' wiċċu kienet turi l-pjaċir li kien iħoss meta kien jindaqq fost il-briju tal-partitarji Dumnikani fil-marċ ta' filgħodu.

Pullicino ikkompona diversi marċi ta' din ix-xehta. Barra dan ta' San Duminku u ta' San Ġiljan, għandu wiehed iddedikat lill-Annunzjata ta' Haġ Tarxien u 'Marija Vittoria', għall-banda tax-Xagħra, Għawdex.

Irtira minhabba saħħtu

Anġelo Pullicino kellu jirtira minhabba f'saħħtu fl-1970 u miet disa' snin wara, fil-



Is-surmast Anġelo Pullicino

20 ta' Settembru, 1979 fl-età ta' 75 sena. Huh Luċjanu, li kien spalla ma' spalla miegħu, kien ġie x-Xandir biex itini l-aħbar. Ma felahx jittellem. Urieni biss ir-ritratt tiegħu u meta staqsejtu x'kien gara lil Anglu, qalli "Halliena,"

Kont immaginajtu quddiem i b'dik it-tbissima tas-soltu u lil Luċjanu għedtlu, "Intugħ tislma muzikali fuq ir-radju." Kont ipprezentajt programm ta' nofs siegħa mfawwar b'marċi tiegħu u xi tagħrif dwaru.

Bil-mewt tiegħu l-baned Maltin tilfu repertorju sabiħ ta' marci ġodda tiegħu. Il-Każin tal-Banda San Ġiljan baqa' rikonoxxenti lejn il-hidmietu. Il-bust ta' Anġelo Pullicino li hemm fil-każin hu xhieda ta' dan.

Is-surmast Anġelo Pullicino (l-ewwel mil-lemin) fis-sala tal-każin King's Own Band Club ma' kompożituri oħra tal-marċi

Ritratt: Ray Cremona





Roundup of News About Malta



EC: Malta's economic growth for year to be 4.9%; in EU just 2.7%

The European Commission (EC) is projecting that Malta's GDP economic growth for this year would reach 4.9%, which is higher than projected in spring, given the expected stronger gains in the services sector, although tempered by the negative impacts of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. In 2023 it would be 3.8%.

In 2023, real GDP is forecast to increase at a slower pace, but still by a robust 3.8%, affected by a general economic slowdown of its main trading partners, but partially compensated by continued growth of tourism and other services exports.

Compare that to the forecast for the European Union that is predicted to grow by just

2.7% and by 1.5% next year, and that of the eurozone states projected at 2.6% this year, and

In the EC's view growth in 2022 is expected to be driven by domestic consumption and net exports. While based on Eurocontrol's air passenger data projections, Malta's export of tourism services is on course to a very rapid rebound in 2022 with full recovery expected by 2023, contributing to growth in both years.

While Malta's GDP would continue to increase at a leisurely but robust 3.8% rate, it further states that economic growth would be affected by the slow economic rhythm of foreign countries; this would be compen-

Indicators	2020	2021	2022	2023
GDP growth (%)	-8,3	10,4	4,9	3,8
Inflation (%)	0,8	0,7	5,6	3,3

sated for by the growth in the tourism sector.

It described as positive the removal by the Financial Action Task Force of Malta last month from the list of jurisdictions under increased monitoring. This positive outcome removed the related limited downside risks flagged in previous forecast rounds.

The report also refers to inflation, and says that the Maltese authorities are trying to keep down energy prices for this year. It forecasts that because of an increase in the costs of food, transport and imported items. Prices would go up to 5.6%. It forecasts that while inflation next year would be the highest ever registered in European Union countries with an 8.3% average and 7.6% in the eurozone for this year, Malta's would be just 3.3%.



Tourism arrivals in May reach 221,299 - expenditure reaches €174.8m. mark

Figures published by the National Statistics Office (NSO) clearly indicate that the tourism sector in Malta is rapidly recovering after the two years of the pandemic. In fact, in May alone, over 197,007 tourists visited Malta for a holiday, and another 17,268 visited for business.

Inbound tourists for the first five months of 2022 amounted to 651,140, while the total nights spent surpassed 4.4 million nights. Total tourist expenditure was estimated at €479.9 million, while expenditure per capita stood at €737, a decrease of €870 from 2021.

The largest share of inbound tourists during the month under review, that is, 42.5%, was aged between 25-44, followed by the 45-64-age bracket with 28.5%.

The largest share of guest nights in May (86.8 %) was spent in rented accommodation establishments, and the average length of stay of the number of tourists stood at 6.1 nights. The average expenditure per night was estimated at €129.1

French, German and Italians made up 35.2% of the total of inbound tourists, while the total expenditure of the visitors almost reached €174.8 million.

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Total inbound tourists for the month under review reached 84.4% of those registered pre-COVID-19.

The Malta Tourism Authority is aiming to attract 1.8 million tourists this year.

In the meantime, Malta International Airport (MIA) has revealed that in June, 603,532 passengers travelled through the airport in Gudja.

Tourism in Malta is an important sector of the country's economy, contributing to about 15 percent of the nation's gross domestic product (GDP).

Another Maltese mission in space

A research team from Malta recently sent its second scientific experiment registered with NASA through the SpaceX rocket that lifted off from the NASA base at the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida.

The project named *Maleth II* (below) run by Professor Joseph Borg and a group of researchers from the University of Malta, is equipped with more samples of tissues from the wounds of diabetic persons for biomedical research in space.

According to Profs Borg, this second experiment - the first one sent into space in August last year - has different samples from diabetic patients. The aim for this mission is to spread the research being carried out in Malta and make it beneficial to Maltese students and scientists.

Malta's research team is also hoping to undertake a third similar mission next year.





Roundup of News About Malta



Malta flag registers record increase in superyachts



The Maltese flag registered a record increase of over 51% in the registration of superyachts over 24 metres making it the jurisdiction of choice and one of the leaders in this sector with over 1,030 super yachts registered.

This was revealed by Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Capital Projects Aaron Farrugia during the first Malta Superyacht Symposium organised by the Malta Chamber of Commerce and the Malta Maritime Law Association.

The Minister said that this gives Malta more strength to continue working towards making this industry a strong economic niche. It would also continue to help the country to diversify and exploit the island's sea and geographical position in the middle of the Mediterranean.

The minister stated that this event was being held at the same time that together with the experts and stakeholders in the sector, his ministry started the process for Malta to have the first national policy for the yachting industry.

He said that just as Malta has become a global leader in ship registration, and as a



transshipment hub, so too its vision is to develop the island as a leading yachting hub in the Mediterranean.

He added: "This industry took off on a strong basis but now we must continue evolving on another level. We must be a stronger alternative and above all, be agile and flexible, without any extra bureaucracy, features that have always given us an edge over our competitors."

This is yet another very positive achievement for the Malta Ship Registry as it has obtained yet another very positive achievement. For the first time in the registry's history, Malta has been recognised by the US Coast Guard under the QUALSHIP21 Initiative.

Voluntary registration form of Maltese living abroad

It is estimated that across the five continents in the world there are close to one million Maltese or people of Maltese descent living. They include people of all ages, which reflects the wisdom, diligence, and sense of integration that Maltese have always embraced over time.

Therefore, in order to increase its connectivity with Maltese living abroad, and with the aim of attracting members of the Maltese diaspora, who have something to offer in terms of experience gained from their work, the Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs and Trade has launched a voluntary form entitled 'Persons of Value - Giving value to our work together'.

They are requested to register their interest and to collaborate with the Maltese government in various tasks undertaken to strengthen Malta globally.

Professionals, manual workers, businessmen, sportsmen, artists, and missionaries, among others, are being encouraged to register their details with the Ministry by accessing the online form at: <https://foreign.gov.mt/formv>.

Prof. David J. Attard awarded International Maritime Prize

During the 120th Session of the International Maritime Organisation Council in London, Prof. David J. Attard was awarded the International Maritime Prize, consisting of a sculpture in the form of a dolphin and includes a financial award. It is made annually by the IMO to the individual or organisation judged to have made the most significant contribution to the

work and objectives of the organisation.

The winner is also invited to write a paper on a theme relating to the work of IMO that is then published in IMO's quarterly magazine, IMO News.

Professor David J. Attard has dedicated over thirty-five years to the service of the codification and progressive development of the law of the sea.

Since 1992, and until his retirement this year, he has held the position of Director of the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI). Under his expert directorship, over 1000 government lawyers and officials from 146 states have graduated from the International Maritime Law Institute.

The award is a great recognition of Malta's efforts in the IMO.

Enhancing the quality of life: Introducing new rights



As of 2nd August, several rights would be introduced into Maltese law, namely, paternity leave, parental leave, and carers' Leave.

Announcing these rights, Parliamentary Secretary for Social Dialogue Andy Ellul (left) explained that paternity leave for fathers or second parents is to be increased to ten days, from the current one or two days in the private sector, and five in the public service.

He said that the ten days would be paid in full according to the salary of the worker in question.

Through this law, the parental leave, which currently stands at four months unpaid, will now be paid for two months under the Na-

tional Parental Leave Rate, and it would be split over eight years, making sure that parents can make use of it when they need it most.

A new concept is also being introduced into Maltese law, which is that of carers' leave, which will be five days per year without pay and can be used to take care of relatives living in the same residence for medical reasons.

The financing of these measures, the introduction of which will also result in the transposition of the Work-Life Balance Directive, will be entirely by the government until the end of 2023. As of 1 January 2024, the government will continue to bear the expenses related to its workers, while the private sector will also start undertaking its share.

Mix-xena tal-hajja Maltija

minn Gużè Camilleri

L-Emendi għaddew, imma ...

Kif forsi qrajtu jew smajtu, l-emendi dwar il-IVF f'Malta ġew approvati mill-Parlament Malti u issa qed jistennew il-firma tal-President biex jiġu fis-sehh. Imma l-polemika ma waqfitx.

Fl-aħħar kontribut tiegħi kont għedt li l-emendi mistennija jiġu approvati anke fittietet qari. Dan deher aktar żgħur, meta l-Partit Nazzjonalista habbar li l-Grupp Parlamentari tiegħu kien qabel li jivvota favur l-emendi.

Iżda propju ftit jiem qabel il-votazzjoni, l-eks kap tal-partit, Adrian Delia, stqarr li kien se jivvota skont il-kuxjenza, u talab li d-deputati Nazzjonalisti jingħataw il-free vote.... jiġifieri li dawn ma jingħataw direzzjoni mill-partit kif jivvutaw.

Dak li qal Delia mill-ewwel ġie interpretat bħala sinjal li ma kienx se jimxi mad-direzzjoni tal-partit, u kien se jivvota kontra. Wara ftit bdew jissemmew xi ismijietta' deputati oħra li se jagħmlu l-istess.

Il-biċċa kompliet tithawwad, meta l-kap



Bernard Grech stqarr li ma kienx se jingħata free vote, għax hadd mid-Deputati Nazzjonalisti ma kien talab għalih.

Pront wieġeb Delia li qal li hu kien talbu, iżda jidher li kien għamel it-talba tiegħu

wara li l-grupp Nazzjonalista kien id-diskuta u wasal għad-deċizzjoni tiegħu. Skont l-Istatut tal-PN it-talba tista' ssir waqt li l-grupp parlamentari jkun qed jid-diskuti l-materja.

Jivvutaw kontra



Alex Borg, Adrian Delia u Ivan Bartolo ivvutaw kontra x-xewqa tal-partit

Waslet il-votazzjoni.... u minkejja li ma ngħatax il-free vote u għalhekk id-deputati Nazzjonalista kollha kienu mistennija jivvutaw favur emendi fil-liġi li titratta l-IVF u li se tippermetti testijiet ġenetiċi, tlieta minnhom: Adrian Delia, Ivan Bartolo u Alex Borg ivvutaw kontra.

Kien hemm tliet deputati oħra, Carm Mifsud Bonnici, Chris Said, u Jerome Caruana Cilia li ma attendewx għal-Laqgħa tal-Parlament, allura ma vvuttawx. Fil-fatt, dawn it-tlieta kienu fost dawk li intqal li kienu kontra l-emendi.

Aktar tard Mifsud Bonnici ħareġ stqarrija fejn stqarr li ma attendiex għax kien maqbud bil-Covid-19, imma li kieku attenda kien jivvota kontra.

Delia qal li kien se jivvota kontra għax kien favur il-hajja mill-konċepiment. Allura sostna li liġi li tippermetti testijiet ġenetiċi qabel ma jkun hemm embrijun hija favur il-hajja, imma testijiet fuq embrijuni, "b'ċans minn ħamsa li dak l-embrijun jinqered mhix liġi favur il-hajja imma kontra l-hajja."

Minn naha tiegħu l-kelliem tal-PN għas-Saħħa Stephen Spiteri qal li hu jirrispetta lil Delia iżda sahaq li l-Oppożizzjoni assigurat li dawn l-emendi fil-verità qed jiddefendu l-hajja u li jkun hemm għażla ta' testijiet qabel jinholq l-embrijun, filwaqt li tkun rispet-tata wkoll ix-xewqa tal-ġenituri.

Id-Diskussjoni tissokta

I diskussjoni tal-emendi, partikularment dik li tippermetti testijiet ġenetiċi, flok waqqfet, aktar xeghlet, u l-kummenti favur u kontra kienu hafna.

Bażikament kien hemm min qed jopponu għax isostnu li dan ikun ifisser li qed issir għażla ta' min se jgħix u min se jiġi ffrizat, u li dan kien l-ewwel pass biex jidhol l-abortion f'Malta.

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Mix-xena tal-ħajja Maltija

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Id-diskussjoni tissokta...

Tfal bla periklu?

*minn paġna 1

Min-naha l-oħra kien qed jingħad li dan se jagħti ċans lil dawk il-ġenituri li għandhom ċertu mard ġenetiku, li issa setgħu jkollhom tfal mingħajr il-periklu li dawn jitwiellu bl-istess kundizzjoni tagħhom. Intqal li mhux veru li dan kien il-bidu tat-triq għall-abort.

Saħansitra kien hemm minn sostna li l-embrijun qabel jitpoġġa fil-ġuf tal-mara, ma jkunx esseri uman.

Biex nagħti idea ta' dak li ngħad se ngħib zewġ eżempji.

Kontra

Nibda b'dak li kiteb fil-midja soċjali wiehied mill-monsinjuri magħrufa, il-Mons Anton Gouder, li fost kollox stqarr: "Dawn l-emendi mhumix favur il-ħajja, kif qed tgħid. L-emendi lan-



Mons Anton Gouder

qas m'huma biex mara li ma jistax ikollha tfal tkun tista' toħroġ tqila, kif qed tgħid"

Il-monsinjur argumenta: "L-emendi li inti vvutajt favurhom, huma biex ħajja umana li diġà teżisti (embrijun) ikun ittestjat u jekk jinstab li jkollu xi kundizzjoni jitt-qieghed fil-friza għal dejjem, minflok ma jitpoġġa fl-omm biex jitwieled."

Forsi jkun hemm min jistaqsi, lil min kien qed jindirizza Fr Gouder meta kiteb "kif qed tgħid" u "int"?

Attwalment kien qed jindirizza lill-Kap tal-Oppożizzjoni Bernard Grech. Jidher li Fr Gouder haġġa wisq bi kbira li l-Partit Nazzjonalista, li s-soltu hu meqjus aktar konservattiv u aktar ixaqlebb lejn dak li tgħid il-Knisja, li din id-darba mexxa mod iehor.

Madanakollu l-kritika ta' Fr Gouder ma waqfith mal-Kap tal-Oppożizzjoni u deputati Nazzjonalisti li vuttaw favur l-emenda, imma wkoll ta hasla għielha lid-deputati Laburisti li għamlu l-istess. Stqarr li kien qed jiddispjaċi li pajjiżu wasal s'hawn.

Dak li kiteb Fr Gouder, bħal kundanna għad-dhul ta' din l-emenda, jirrifletti l-ħsieb tal-maġġoranza assoluta tal-membri tal-kleru u l-Kurja. Lejn l-aħħar tal-artiklu qal li ma jemminx li l-emendi fl-IVF qed jifih u l-bibien għall-abort u rrimarka li meta nies li jgħixu f'bużżieqa jagħmlu dan għal żmien twil jibdeu jissingħu l-verità bħala gidba.



Favur Fr. Colin Apap

Kien saċerdot wiehied, Fr Colin Apap, li f'artiklu fil-Maltatoday ikkritika lil dawk li jilagħbuha ta' nies reliġjużi u fl-istess hin qed jikkundannaw l-IVF waqt li ddeskrivihom bħala nies li qed jgħixu f'bużżieqa.

Huwa rrakkonta kif darba żar dar li fiha kienet għadha titwieled tarbija u wara li l-omm urietu t-tarbija bdiet tibki u qaltli li kienet tmur il-knisja u xi hadd qalilha li binha huwa "tifel ta' dnu" għax twieled bl-IVF. Żied jgħid li meta sema' hekk għannaq lit-tarbija u żifen magħha.

Sostna li għandhom ikunu l-fatti xjentifiċi li jiddeterminaw dak li joħroġ mill-emendi fil-liġi u dwar il-PGT (Pre-implantation Genetic Testing).

Esperjenza ta' mara mwegġa'

Min-naha l-oħra spikkat il-kitba ta' Lara Calleja, li dan l-aħħar rebhet il-Premju tal-Unjoni Ewropeja għal-Letteratura li għandha kundizzjoni ta' saħħa kronika. Din haġġet b'ruħha u ġisimha favur dawn l-emendi, u fuq il-midja soċjali, fost kollox kitbet:

"Ma niflaħx nisma' aktar dwar il-PGTs u ċ-ċuċati kollha li herġin minn halq in-nies. Wasalna f'punt redkolu li issa anke bajda fertilizzata li lanqas biss qegħda fil-ġuf qed nipprotegi – qed nigġennu jew?"

Jaqligħu ferm aktar mill-Prim Ministru

Bla dubju ta' xejn, bħal f'kull pajjiż iehor hawn nies, speċjalment fis-settur privat, li jaqligħu flus ferm aktar mill-Prim Ministru tal-pajjiż.

Iżda hu interessanti dak li hareġ minn figuri ppublikati fill-Parlament Malti fejn uħud mill-paġi tal-Kapijiet Eżekuttivi (CEOs) ta' ċerti entatijiet tal-Gvern, liema kapijiet huma maħtura mill-istess Prim Ministru u sintendi jaqgħu taħt ir-responsabbiltà tiegħu, fil-fatt jaqligħu (f'salarji u allownces) ferm aktar mill-Prim Ministru

Id-dhul globli fi-sena tal-Prim Ministru huwa ta' madwar €66,000, iżda mbagħad il-Kap Eżekuttiv tal-Enemalta jaqla' b'kol-lox pakkett ta' €129,593, kwazi d-doppju tal-Prim Ministru. Qrib haġġa ta' dan is-CEO hemm il-Kap Eżekuttiv tal-Malta Enterprise li jiġi f'it wara tal-Enemalta f'termini ta' dhul li jaqla' €120,363

Fil-fatt, mill-figuri joħroġ li hemm għadd għielu ta' kapijiet Eżekuttivi (CEOs) li jaqligħu aktar minn €100,000 fis-sena.



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A quick glimpse at Australia

Australia sees Beijing as partner, not a rival



Minister Penny Wong

Foreign Minister Penny Wong met with her Chinese counterpart on the sidelines of a G20 meeting in Bali, where she said she had a "full and frank" discussion with Wang Yi.

It was the first time the Foreign Ministers had met face-to-face since 2019 after tensions soured in 2020 after former prime minister Scott Morrison called for an independent inquiry into the origins of the Covid-19 pandemic. In response, China slapped bans and tariffs on billions of dollars worth of Australian exports, namely wine and barley.

According to a statement from the Chinese Foreign Ministry, China is seeking four demands from Australia. They are: First, stick to regarding China as a partner rather than a rival. Second, stick to the way we get along with each other, which features seeking common ground while reserving differences. Third, stick to

not a rival

not targeting any third party or being controlled by any third party. Fourth, stick to building positive and pragmatic social foundations and public support.

Australia "won't respond" to a list of demands from China, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese says, as Canberra seeks to set a new path for diplomatic relations with Beijing.

Covid-19 still causing death

The official COVID-19 national Australian death toll surpassed 10,000 and still going. Most of the deaths happened in the last six months, after a rapid acceleration in numbers since Christmas 2021.

In the first 21 months of the pandemic (by the end of 2021, there were 2,006 cumulative deaths in Australia. Within a month, throughout January 2022, that number reached more than 3,500 (3,716).

In the six months since then, it increased to 10,000 ; by the end of the year it is on track to reach 14,000 COVID-19 fatalities.

That puts COVID at number two in terms of the leading cause of death [for Australians] behind coronary heart disease. Globally, there are more than 6 million deaths (6,334,728) and the COVID-19 cases exceed 545 million (545,226,550).

Australia has 39.21 COVID-19 deaths per 100,000 people in the population.

Globetrotting Prime Minister

While in Europe, PM Albanese travelled to Ukraine in a party including three members of the media amid very tight security. The party's vehicle convoy carried weapons, body armour and medical provisions in case of an emergency.

Ukrainian special forces, in full battle kit, also shadowed the prime minister's every move. Mr Albanese travelled first to Bucha, to pay his respects at a mass grave where 416 civilians were buried by Russian forces after allegedly being executed.

An advance security team comprising 2nd Commando and Special Air Service Regiment personnel were deployed to the country to work with the Ukraine Defence Force and the Australian embassy - now based temporarily in Poland - to make the visit happen.

Commenting on the November G20 leaders' meeting to be held in Bali, the Australian PM says he will treat Vladimir Putin with "contempt" if the Russian turns up. Australia is the largest non-NATO contributor to Ukraine's battle to oust the invading Russian army and has provided a total of \$390 million in military and humanitarian assistance. It has also sanctioned 843 individuals and 62 Russian entities.

Russia's ambassador to Australia said the relationship between the two countries had reached its lowest point in decades because of the government's support of Ukraine.

When in Paris, France, the Australian PM met French President Emmanuel Macron.

Mr Macron embraced the new prime minister after he arrived at the Elysee Palace in

Paris on Friday, for their first official meeting after Australia scrapped a \$90 billion submarine contract last year. Australia will pay the French company about \$830 million in compensation for the cancelled contract.

Mr Albanese said he recognised that France is not just a "great European power" but also an "Indo-Pacific and global power. I know that France's active engagement in the Indo-Pacific will be critical in overcoming the challenges that confront our region," he said.

The PM also met NZ Prime Minister Jacinda Arden. The pair held talks in Sydney with Mr Albanese declaring his government intended to work on making it easier for New Zealanders to get Australian citizenship.

French President Emmanuel Macron (left) and his wife, Brigitte Macron (extreme right), greet Aussie Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and his partner Jodie Haydon at the Elysee Palace in Paris





A quick glimpse at Australia

Urgent reform for Aged care

Aged care in Australia needs "urgent reform as quickly as possible" alongside an overhaul of the funding model to ensure the sector remains financially viable, new Aged Care Minister Anika Wells (right) says.

Describing the situation for the sector as a "crisis", Ms Wells said the Albanese Government was already supporting a number of providers to remain open given the current pressures on the system, where the majority of providers are operating at a loss.

"It is worse than we thought. Every rock I turn over, it is worse than we thought, and I think that is the experience across the board," Ms Wells said.

"The sector is in crisis. It is an absolute mess that we have inherited. It was in crisis before Covid hit, and Covid has exacerbated all of those conditions, particularly workforce."

Ms Wells, who has taken on the portfolio at a time when providers are warning of unprecedented pressure in the system compounded by the COVID-19 pandemic, is clear-eyed about the challenges ahead for the sector, acknowledging there is a debate to be had about how it is funded over the long term.



Maltese News every day, MEANS EVERY DAY

Aħbarijiet kuljum minn Malta on SBSTV means news every day. It is a solemn promise; therefore, when 4.30 pm comes, and there is no news, it is upsetting. Intermittently, there is no news.

In the first days of July, this occurred on two occasions. SBSTV just tells the viewers that the segment has not been received.

On July 14 and 17 it happened again, when instead of half an hour, the news lasted just 13 minutes. It appears that instead of PBS' main 8 pm full news bulletin SBS is streaming on *L-aġġornament*.

No explanation and no apology.

The Voice of the Maltese makes it its business to find out the reasons for these shortcomings as the viewers have a right to know.

We are not interested in finding out who is at fault, but only to remedy the situation, as the Maltese in Australia deserve what has been promised them.

When contacted, the PBS operations team in Malta said they had been informed that SBS had a major equipment failure in Sydney and as a result lost the receiver that takes the stream of the Maltese News. PBS Malta is working on giving them alternative signals until the issue is resolved.

Whatever the reasons, this is turning viewers off at this end. SBSTV is not delivering what it has promised, the daily half-an hour news from Malta.



Extra pole for \$25m.

Would you believe it? Installing an extra flagpole on the Harbour Bridge would have cost \$25 million. No wonder the Liberals have scrapped it. Instead, the Aboriginal flag will replace the NSW flag atop the Sydney Harbour Bridge; and the earmarked \$25 million funding will be re-allocated to Close the Gap initiatives.

NSW Premier Dominic Perrottet confirmed the change, labelling it a "practical and pragmatic solution, which makes sense".

The Aboriginal flag had been flying over the Sydney Harbour Bridge for NAIDOC Week, and now the decision has been made to leave it there permanently. The flagpoles are about 20m high, the same as a six-storey building, and the flags themselves are approximately 9m by 4.5m, requiring an attachment strong enough to withstand all weather conditions,

Australia at the Pacific Islands Forum -targeting 43 percent climate package

At the Pacific Island Forum Leaders Meeting in Suva, Anthony Albanese is facing his first major international test as prime minister as he attempts to negotiate with Solomon Islands, sell a climate package, and convince Pacific leaders that Australia will remain a valuable security partner in the region.

Australia has a target of 43% reduction by 2030 – a level that climate scientists

say will not be enough to stop the planet from warming by two degrees.

Albanese announced Australia would build a new \$83 million headquarters for the Fijian Navy to head off Beijing's rising security ambitions.



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Australia Hall in Pembroke once again in the news

Maltese in Australia have been told many stories about Australia Hall. The wish for all was for this historic relic to be restored. Australia Hall was built by the Australian Branch of the British Red Cross Society as an entertainment venue for wounded soldiers of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps who were being treated in Malta during World War I. The hall was built in November 1915 and was officially opened on 22 January 1916 by Governor Paul Methuen.

The latest information available is that three commercial blocks are proposed next to Australia Hall. Three new "mixed-use" blocks, ranging between five and six floors are being proposed on a 3,870sq.m area that envelops the historical Australia Hall.

In planning jargon, mixed-use developments normally include a combination of residential, office, and retail development.

The latest development released in January is being proposed by AH Developments, which is owned by the Fino Group.

In 1996, the hall was listed as a Grade 2



National Monument by the Malta Environment and Planning Authority precluding demolition but permits internal alterations. This puts to bed mischievous information and destructive criticism that Australia House was to be demolished and that flats were to be built instead.

Australia House being wrapped in ribbons was shown when politics got involved and lots of harm was done in Australia. It has to be said that Australia Hall is not officially recognised by the Australian authorities as part of ANZAC history.

The latest plans foresee development over some 12,000sq.m in total floor area that includes the three massive blocks and the restoration of Australia Hall itself. Some 2,400sq.m of the total 6,331sq.m site will be retained as an open public space.

Pembroke, an upmarket locality, very much in the news, is a town in the Northern Region of Malta. It is considered as the country's newest locality. To the east is Paceville, the nightlife district of Malta. The coastal town and tourist hub of St. Julian's lies to the southeast with the residential area of Swieqi to the south.

The Fino development is being proposed just 60m away from the approved Chinese

embassy complex, which will also include 20 residential apartments. Two of the embassy blocks will rise to six floors. Pembroke will also see the development of two 17-storey towers on the site of the former Institute of Tourism Studies.

A major road tunnel project passing through a Natura 2000 site will also link Pembroke to the DB project on the site of the former ITS. This will also involve a new road passing from undeveloped land linking Triq Sant Andrija and Triq Suffolk with the tunnel.



What remains of Australia Hall today... a roofless ruin

Vale Charlie Xuereb (1925-2022)

It is with deep sorrow to announce the recent death of Carmel Xuereb, fondly known as Charlie or Uncle Charlie from Monterey NSW. He passed away at the Japara Calvary Aged Care Home at Brighton-le-Sands.

Charlie was born in Sliema, Malta on October 30 1925 to parents Vincent and Victoria. His funeral took place at St. Thomas Moor Catholic Church Brighton-le Sands.

In his early years, Charlie was a seaman in the British Merchant Navy. He later served in the British Navy during WW2. He was awarded the 1939-1945 War Service Medal and the Defence Medal.

During the Korean War Charlie served in Korea with the British Navy and was awarded the Korea War medal and the UN War medal. In 1952 he married Maria Theresa Sacco in Sliema, Malta, and emigrated to Australia a year later. Tessie followed him in 1954.

Charlie's first employment in Australia was with the Ford Motor Car company. Then he got employed by the Maritime Services Board till his retirement in March 1987.

Rest-in-Peace



Stedina

Il-Fathers Maltin

Qed jistiednu lill-Kommunità Maltija, għall-festa tradizzjonali tal-Vitorja

nhar il-Ħadd 11 ta' Settembru.

Fis-2.30 pm tibda l-purcissjoni fejn jingħad ir-Ruzarju.

Wara tibda l-quddiesa li se tiġi kkonċelebrata

fil-Katidral ta' St Mary's College Street Sydney.

Ejjew u ġibu magħkom lill-familja u lill-hbieb.

L-istedina hi miftuha wkoll għal dawk li għandhom xi għaqda.

Dawn qed jiġu mhegga mhux biss li jiġu huma imma wkoll li jġibu magħhom il-bnadar jew standardi tal-għaqda.

Qed jiġi suggerit li min se jiġi jahseb kmieni.

Grazzi hafna lil dawk li dejjem attendew u hadu sehem f'din ic-ċelebrazzjoni tal-Vitorja.

Rev Fr Tarcisio Micallef MSSP
Chaplain għall Komunità Maltija f'Sydney. Phone: 9380 8398



Swor Marcellina Tabone l-Għawdxija li nqatlet 25 sena ilu fil-Pakistan

Hamsa u ghoxrin sena ilu Għawdex tbikkem bl-ahbar li suor Marcellina nqatlet fil-Pakistan, fejn kienet ilha żmien tis-sagrifika saħħitha u hilita favur ir-residenti. Kellha funeral impressjonanti, xhieda tal-interess u l-imħabba lejha.

Kif kien xieraq, dan l-anniversarju ngħata importanza b'diversi modi f'Għawdex, bil-qofol ikun Pontifikal minn Mons Isqof Anton Teuma fil-Katidral nhar id-29 ta' Ġunju. Kienet is-solennità tal-festa ta' San Pietru u San Pawl, wkoll wahda mill-Erbgħat bi thejji spiritwali għall-15 t'Aw-wissu.

Il-Katidral t'Għawdex hu ddedikat

lill-Marija Assunta u, għal din l-okkażjoni kien mimli aktar min-norm! Fost dawk li kkonċelebraw kien hemm hu s-soru, Mons Gorġ.

Ipparteċipaw ukoll anke minn barra, bil-ghajnnuna tal-mezzi ta' komunikazzjoni soċjali, għad kbir minn shabha, sorijiet membri tal-kongregazzjoni tal-Qalb ta' Ġesù. Kif ukoll bosta familjari.

Fl-omelija Mons Teuma għaqquad is-sejha li nagħtu kollox lill-Mulej, murija miż-żewġ appostli, il-Verġni Marija u Swor Marcellina: eżempji li żgur għandhom ihegġuna.

Espost prominenti fuq il-presbiterju kien hemm ir-ritratt tagħha (*xellug*) flimkien ma' relikwa ta' xagħharha.

Wirja konnessa ma' Anne Frank

Annelies Anne Frank kienet tfajla lhudija imwielta fil-belt Germaniża ta' Frankfurt fl-1929 li nqatlet fl-ahħar gwerri meta nkixfet mill-awtoritajiet Nażisti fl-Olanda. Din halliet djarju b'hafna tagħrif interessanti dwar is-sitwazzjoni difiċli dak iż-żmien, u li fih hemm bosta ħsibijiet li jixirqilhom riflessjoni, speċjalment kif intejbu d-dinja!

Bħalissa fiċ-ċentru kulturali komunitarju *Il-Hagar* fir-Rabat hemm il-wirja *Let me be myself*, li tfakkar lil Ann Frank, u li se tibqa' miftuha sal-25 ta' Lulju.

Fost il-firxa ta' ritratti u dettalji dwar Anne u familja fil-wirja wiehed isib riproduzzjoni tal-famuż djarju u mudell dettaljat tal-binja tan-negożju li missierha kien waqqaf f'Amsterdam, fejn kienu mohbija għal xhur shah, u li llum hija mużew popolari.

Minhabba li l-familja kienet ta' razza Lhudija, beżgħu mir-regim nażista u harbu u marru jgħxu hemm. Kienu ġew mikxufa lill-Gestapo. Anne u oħtha mietu f'kamp ta' koncentrament – ftit ġimghat biss qabel ma dahlu l-Alleati u lliberawh.

Bil-ghajnnuna ta' ritratti u vidjos, il-parti kontemporanja tal-wirja thares lejn l-isforzi ta' żgħażaġh kontra l-pregudizzji u d-diskriminazzjoni. Qrib din is-sezzjoni, hemm vetrina permanenti b'muniti u msiebaħ matul millenji f'dik li nsejgħulha l-Art Imqaddsa.

Ittiehdet l-okkażjoni biex, f'sular iehor, jintwerew bolol Maltin b'konnessjonijiet Lhud (teknikament imsejhin Judaica).

Il-Fondazzjoni Tayar tinnota li dil-wirja,



li qegħda ddur mad-dinja, tuża lil dil-vittma tal-Olokawst biex anki tghallem dwar problemi ta' żmienna konnessi mad-drittijiet umani. Thejja ukoll librett li qed jingħata lil min iżur il-wirja.



Mixja, clean up mill-iscouts

Il-Venture Scouts u r-Rover Scouts tal-Victoria Scout Group (*taht*) akkumpanjati mill-1st Victoria B C Girl Guide Rangers, organizzaw mixja u clean-up bejn il-bajja tar-Ramla u San Blas, f'Għawdex parti mill-proġett *WasteReach* li setgħet issir bil-ghajnnuna tal-Aġenzija Żgħażaġh, taht l-iskema *BeActive*.

Tul il-mixja, iż-żgħażaġh għabru skart li sabu mat-triq, kif ukoll identifikaw xi postijiet li diffiċli jintlhaqu mill-art.





Harsa lejn iċ-ċentru Malti La Valette fi Blacktown: Nitkellmu mal-President Godfrey Sultana

Il La Valette Social Centre li jinsab fil-muniċipalitá ta' Blacktown, madwar 51 klilometru bogħod mill-belt ta' Sydney, hu wieħed mill-iktar centri tal-Maltin magħrufin fl-Awstralja. Dan kellu l-bidu tiegħu f'Ottubru 1964 meta bdew bhala Maltese Community Western Suburbs Association, u bidlu l-isem għal dak t'issa fl-1970.

Iċ-ċentru baqa' jikber u fl-1978 inbniet il-parti ta' fejn hemm il-kappella bil-parti taċ-ċentru tinfetħa fl-1986. Il-kumpless bil-kapella, residenza u club house hija kollha kemm hi propjetá tal-membri.

The Voice of the Maltese li dejjem inżommu qrib il-komunitá Maltija hadna l-okkażjoni biex nitkellmu ma' Godfrey Sultana, il-President ta' dan iċ-ċentru popolari li spjegalna kemm kien diffiċli ż-żmien meta nħakmu mill-pandemija, fejn waqt li iċ-ċentru kien magħluq l-ispejjeż xorta wahda riedu jithallsu, fosthom il-kont tad-dawl, li kien ta' \$19,000 għas-sena, dak tal-Insurance, ta' \$14,000 u il-kont ta' \$12,000 tal-mowing. Kellha wkoll tinbidel is-sistema tal-arja kondizzjonata u jsir xogħol ta' manutenzjoni, li laħqu mas-\$60,000.

Imma ma kienx kollox 'iswed'. Godfrey Sultana qalilna: "Fuq nota pozittiva, il-kumitat kompli bil-hidma tiegħu biex japplika għal diversi grants tal-Gvern u mnexxielna nirbhu tlieta minnhom. Dawn kienu, wahda ta' \$15,000 għat-telf li għamilna minħabba il-pandemija, ohra ta' \$13,000 biex ninstallaw is-solar panels u ohra ta' \$4,000 għall-voluntiera bhala kumpens żgħir għall-ispejjeż tal-petrol u l-Police Check li jridu jagħmlu biex jahdmu ma l-anzjani".

Fejn għandha x'taqsam il-kċina qal li din hija problema, imma qed jahdmu qatib biex ikun hemm stabbiltá u servizz aħjar.

Issokta jghidilna li bdiet it-thejjija biex fiċ-ċentru jkun hemm playground għat-tfal, proġett li biex jiġi nstallat bejn is-sala l-kbira u il-piċċ tal-boċċi mistenni jiswa madwar \$30,000. Ix-

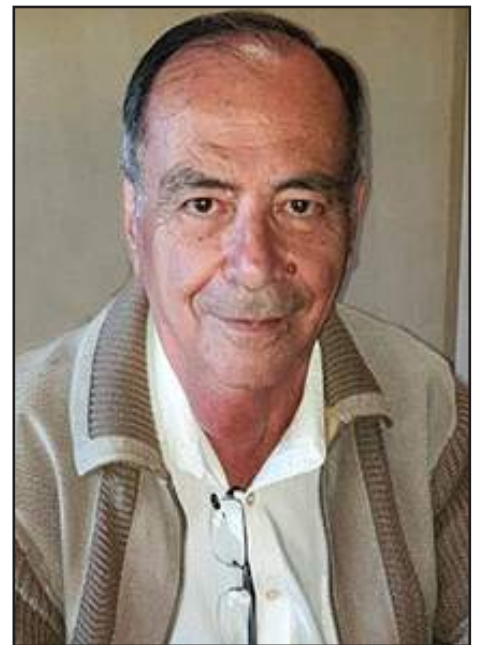


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"It-titjib tal-konnessjoni tad-drenagg taċ-ċentru huwa proġett iehor li l-kumitat ilu jahdem fuqu matul l-aħħar sena. Kif jafu bosta membri, iċ-ċentru mhux konness mad-drenagg tal-mejns

izda juża tank settiku fuq il-propjetá, li jinvolvi manutenzjoni u tbatil kontinwu b'hafna spejjeż.

Wara li tlesta l-istħarriġ, gie stabbilit li l-aktar rotta *cost effective* u diretta għall-aċċess għad-drenagg tal-mejns tkun li jghaddu minn gol-propjetá tas-St Dominics Nursing Home, fejn hemm konnessjoni hdejn id-driveway tagħhom. Izda ftehim mas-sorijiet ma ntlahaqx għalhekk qed jinħadmu pjaniet ohra li jistgħu jiswew madwar \$38,474."



Il-President ta' La Valette SC Godfrey Sultana

Għal dawn l-aħħar xhur, il-kumitat tal-LVSC kien qed jistħarreg il-possibiltá li jistalla sistema fotovoltajka fuq il-bini biex hekk jittaffa l-kont tal-elettriku taċ-ċentru.

Gew ikkunsiderati hafna sistemi. Skont il-President Il-prezz ta' din is-sistema huwa ta' \$35,200 li jinkludi l-GST, li minnu trid titnaqqas grant ta' \$13,000 mill-gvern statali u l-GST (li iċ-ċentru hu eżenti minnu. Dan ikun ifisser li l-infiq reali jkun ta' madwar \$20,200.

Bhalissa hemm total ta' 72 panelli, imqassmin 48 fuq in-naħa tat-triq, u 24 ohra fuq in-naħa taċ-ċentru. Iċ-ċentru ta' hajt speċjali lil Ivan Cauchi u lil Antoine Mangion li għamlu r-riċerka mehtieġa u li hadmu bis-shih biex għamlu ċert li l-proġett tlesta fiż-żmien speċifikat mill-ghoti tal-grant.

Fejn għandu x'jaqsam is-servizz utli li iċ-ċentru La Valette joffri lill-membri, hemm dak tar-*Respite Care: Aghtini jdejk* li jsir bil-għajjnuna finanzjarja tal-Gvern Federali li jgħin b'għotja ta' madwar \$162,000 fis-sena.

Dan is-servizz jikkonsisti fli jibgħat lil xi hadd li jtkellem bil-Malti biex jiehu hsieb il-ġenituri ta' dak li jkun, halli wieħed ikun jista' jiġi mogħti f'it tal-mistrieħ, iwasslu lill-ġenituri fiċ-ċentru, u sa anke jiġbruhom bil-karozza mid-dar u jehduhom lura. Hemm ferm iktar għajjniet. Biex wieħed jużahom jista' jċempel 96212151 jew 0473 199 420.

Minn dak li qalilna Godfrey Sultana wieħed jista' jifhem aħjar il-problemi li l-kumitat il-hin kollu jkun jinħtieġu jiffaċċja biex jagħmel ċert li l-membri jkollhom post modern u effiċjenti u jkun konxji tal-progress li kontinwament isir fiċ-ċentru tagħhom.

Tiftakruh l-ewwel pass fuq il-qamar 53 sena ilu ... fejn kontu?

Kien jum storiku u spettakulari meta fl-20 ta' Lulju ta' 53 sena ilu l-bniedem ghamel pass ta' ggant u tela' fil-qamar. L-Awstralja kellha sehem kbir f'din l-avventura spazjali ghax kif Neil Armstrong nizzel mill-Apollo II u rifes fuq il-qamar, segwit minn Buzz Aldrin, kien Honeysuckle Creek Tracking Station ftit barra minn Canberra li xerred ix-xena mad-dinja.

Kif l-ispacecraft tan-NASA kien qed idur mad-dinja, xjentisti u tekniċi f'Honeysuckle Creek u l-Osservatorju ta' Parks kellhom għajnejhom iffukati fuq din ir-rokkit Amerikana u t-tliet avventuriera li kienu fiha. Kien hemm madwar 100 Awstraljan u xi ftit tekniċi tan-NASA f'dan l-istazzjon żgħir li ġew fdati biex jaqbd u s-sinjali televiżivi ta' dan il-mument storiku.

Stazzjon satellitá iehor f'Tidbinbilla ACT os-

serva din il-missjoni waqt li dik ir-rokkit gholja 36 sular giet sparata minn Cape Canaveral. NASA mpjegat l-aqwa mhuħ fl-Istati Uniti biex tiffa' din il-missjoni fl-is-pazju, izda dan ma setghetx taghmlu minghajr l-għajnuna tal-Awstralja.

Id-direttur ta' Tidbinbilla Don Grey qal li, "L-Amerikani emmnu fil-hila taghna f'missjoni ta' xjenza u tiftix fl-ispażju li hadd qabel ma wasal daqshekk". Għalkemm kien hemm għexieren oħra ta' stazzjonijiet li żammew għajnejhom fuq din il-missjoni, izda Honeysuckle Creek u Parks kienu ewlenin ghax kienu ferm ikbar u mibnija biex jimmoniterjaw il-missjoni lejn il-qamar.

Meta madwar 650 miljun persuna minn madwar id-dinja rat lil Neal Armstrong jirfes fuq il-qamar u jgħid li dak il-kliem immortal: "That's one small step for man. One giant leap for mankind," dan seta' jseħh bis-saħħa tal-istazzjon u s-satellita Awstraljana. Il-Prim Ministru ta' dak iz-zmien John Gorton kien ghamel żjara

speċjali lill-Amerikani u il-haddiema Awstraljani f'Honeysuckle Creek, ghax kif qal "Dan kien trijonf kbir u ta' paċi għall-bnedmin kollha tad-dinja.

Meta niftakru f'dawn l-avvenimenti storiċi dejjem ukoll niftakru fejn konna

barra l-Istati Uniti. F'Lulju kellhom jiġu sparati tnejn oħra.

In-NASA illonċjat ukoll mill-Awstralja fl-1995.

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Floods warnings in New South Wales

The High Commission of Malta for Australia urges all Maltese in areas affected by flooding in New South Wales to heed the warnings and advise of the local authorities.

Updated emergency situation information may be accessed from <https://www.ses.nsw.gov.au/>.

The High Commission of Malta in Canberra and the Consulates General of Malta in Sydney and Melbourne may be contacted at :

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f'dak il-preċiż mument. Jien u marti konna għad kemm dhalna fid-dar il-għda taghna meta l-mejjet Joe Grima, habib kbir tiegħi u dak iż-żmien kap ta' Xandir Malta u wara politiku u Ministru, talabni biex nikkummenta dirett minn Sydney fuq Xandir Malta biex nispjega dwar dak li kien għaddej fil-belt ta' Sydney. Memorji sbieħ li dahhluna fl-ispażju u meta l-bniedem rifes fuq il-qamar għall-ewwel darba.

Sadanittant in-NASA reġghet għamlet użu mill-Awstralja biex tillonċja mis-sila mill-inħawi remoti tan-Northern Territory.

Din giet sparata mill-Arnhem Space Centre hdejn Nhulunbuy. Kien hemm madwar 75 persuna preżenti f'Arnhem Land minn NASA li hi l-ewwel aġenzija f'dawn l-aħħar 27 sena u l-ewwel minn spaceport kummerċjali



Honeysuckle Creek station

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Fr. Martin Micallef (fourth from right) and volunteers thanking the contributors

Id-Dar tal-Providenza Volleyball Marathon FOPH donates \$6,500 of the €519,721 raised

Over three days, the 12th edition of the Volleyball Marathon, the Dar tal-Providenza main annual fund raiser that had been absent for two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic, raised a total of €519,721 in 53 hours.

Among the contributors was the Friends of Providence House NSW group that throughout 2021/2022 raised over \$6,500 (AUD). The group normally presents its donation in person to Fr. Martin Micallef during the marathon on the grounds of Id Dar tal-Providenza in Siggiewi.

Due to COVID-19 global pandemic restrictions on travel, this year, the presentation was made in person to Fr. Martin Micallef at the Dar tal-Providenza by Fr. Fank Buħgiar who is visiting Malta from Australia.

The group especially wishes to acknowledge Mr Sistu Zammit and his family for their support, the main sponsor George Vella of Breakaway Travel Blacktown, the Maltese community in Australia, as well as the Maltese media in Australia for its ongoing support for its cause.

The FOPH team made up of Jim Borg as coordinator, Marisa Previtera (Secretary) and Miriam Friggieri, (Treasurer) stays in regular contact with Fr. Martin Micallef, and continues with its fundraising initiatives for this beloved institution in Malta.

Il-festi liturġiċi fl-irhula, u fl-ibliet f'Awwissu

- 7: San Pietru fil-Ktajjen, **Birżebbuġa**
San Ġużepp, **Il-Qala**, **Għawdex**
Madonna ta' Lourdes, **San Gwann**
San Duminku, **Valletta**
San Ġejtanu, **Il-Hamrun**
- 10: San Lawrenz, **Il-Birgu (Vittoriosa)**
- 15: Santa Marija: **L-Imqabba**, **Il-Qrendi**
Il-Mosta, **Il-Gudja**, **H'Attard**, **Hal-Għaxaq**, **Ir-Rabat (Victoria)** **Għawdex**, **Hal-Muxi** **Haż-Żebbuġ**
- 21: San Piju X, **Santa Luċija**
Santa Marija Ass., **Żebbuġ**, **Għawdex**
Santa Marija, **L-Imġarr**, **Malta**
Sant' Elena, **Birkirkara**
Madonna ta' Lourdes, **Rahal Ġdid**
Stella Maris, **Tas-Sliema**
- 28: Santa Marija, **Had-Dingli**
San Leonardu, **Hal Kirkop**
San Duminku, **Il-Birgu (Vittoriosa)**
Madonna ta' Loreto, **Għajnsielem**, **Għawdex**
San Bartilmew, **Hal Għarghur**
Marija Regina, **Il-Marsa**
San Ġużepp, **Il-Manikata**
Il-Konverżjoni ta' San Pawl, **Hal Safi**
San Ġiljan, **San Ġiljan**
Santu Wistin, **Valletta**

Maltese Seniors Social Welfare Day Groups

Llandilo Maltese Seniors

Meets on the first Wednesday of each month at the Llandilo Community Hall, 257 Seventh Avenue, Llandilo 11am to 1.00 pm. Group holds regular Information Sessions/Workshops & Bus Trips. Group Leader: Helen Azzopardi

Merrylands Social Maltese Seniors

Meets every second Friday of the month Miller Room, Memorial Avenue Merrylands from 10.30am to 12.30 pm.

Group Leader: Salvina Falzon.

Fairfield Active Maltese Seniors

Meets on the last Tuesday of the Month. Group meets in St Theresa's Parish Hall, cnr of Stella Street & The Boulevard, Fairfield Heights from 10 am to 12 noon.

Group Leader: Dorothy Gatt.

Maltese of Bankstown

Group meets 3rd Wednesday of month in the Bankstown CBD area. Every other 3rd Thursday an outing. Enquiries call: Sam Galea 0410 269 519.

Daceyville Maltese Seniors

Meets the last Wednesday of the month in Meeting Room One, No. 3 General Bridges Crescent, Daceyville. Note: The Groups also arrange regular Bus Trips. Join us and make new

friends. Group Leader: Doris Scicluna.

The Sutherland & St George Maltese Group

Meets every first Wednesday of the month in July, September, November & December and in February, April & June 2023. From 10:00am to 12noon at the Miranda Community Centre 93 Karimbla Rd cnr Kiora Rd Miranda. Meetings are interesting & informative. Membership is free, so is Morning Tea/Coffee/Cake. Outings every other month. Come & make new friends. For more information contact our Coordinator: Charles Mifsud JP Phone (mb 0421 662 298).

Greystanes Maltese Seniors

Meets on the second Monday of each month at the George Preca Parish Centre Our Lady Queen of Peace (OLQP) Church, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes from 10 am to 12 noon.

Group holds regular Information Sessions/Workshops & Bus Trips. Group Leader: Frances Montesin.

Men's Group

Meets every last Tuesday of the month at the MCC Centre at 59b Franklin Street Parramatta West (next to the Primary School), from 10 to 12 noon. Discussion, information and renew friendship. Pastizzi, Kinnie etc. available. Contact Fred or Laurie 9631 9295.

**(All Groups are coordinated by The Maltese Community Council of NSW) with a sponsorship from Multicultural NSW.*

Please contact the MCC Welfare Officer: Marisa Previtera JP on 0414 863 123.

The MCC offices are at 59b Franklin Street (Cnr Young St) Parramatta West NSW (next to West Parramatta Primary School).

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La Valette Social Centre is open for business as usual on Thursdays for Respite and on Saturdays for Mass and entertainment.

The bar and restaurant are available.



Next function at the centre is to be held: Friday 29th July from 7 pm Open Mic with Marimba Band. Free Entry. Kitchen & Bar will be open from 5 pm. Phone Paul Falzon 0411 844 279.



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The events for the rest of 2022

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Commonwealth Games '22 Malta represented by 29 athletes in 9 sports

Malta will be among 72 nations members of the Commonwealth that would be participating in 20 different sports disciplines at the XXII Commonwealth Games (Birmingham 2022) that are being held in the English city of Birmingham, from 28 July to 8 August. It will be Malta's fourteenth appearance at the Games. There will be 5,054 athletes competing.

Malta's Olympic Committee announced a team of 29 athletes (13 men and 16 women) who would be competing in nine sports, namely: Athletics (4), Badminton (2), Cycling (1), Judo (2), Lawn Bowls (8), Squash (4), Triathlon (2), Weightlifting (4) and Wrestling (2).

Squash athlete Kijan Sultana and weightlifter Tenishia Thornton have been chosen to be the country's flag-bearers at the opening ceremony at the Alexander Stadium.

Maltese clubs' commitments in Europe

Hamrun, Gżira through; Hibs, Floriana lose

Only two of the Maltese clubs from the four participating in the UEFA club competitions managed to survive the first qualifying rounds, Hamrun Spartans and Gżira United in the UEFA Conference League. The top two teams in last season's Premiership, Champions Hibernians (Champions League) and Floriana (Europa Conference League) stumbled in the first hurdle, although Hibs will continue the UEFA trail by playing in the UEFA Europa League.

Hibernians lost their first leg away tie against Ireland's Shamrock Rovers 3-0, and then failed miserably in the return in Malta by failing to score in a 0-0 result (Agg. 0-3). The Paolites meet Estonia's FCI Levadia Tallinn (first leg home on Tuesday on 19th July and return on July 28).

Floriana, one of three clubs in the Conference League also failed to score in Malta when they faced Moldova's Petroclub Hincesti in the first leg, therefore they faced an uphill battle in the return away tie and in fact conceded the only goal to lose

by a 0-1 aggregate score.

The other two sides in the Conference League, Hamrun and Gżira did their supporters and Malta proud by qualifying to the next qualifying round. Hamrun first faced Armenia's representatives, Alashkert away and lost 1-0. In the return in Malta their hopes suffered a setback when they fell behind early on.

However, they came from behind to score four times in the second half to qualify for a second round of a UEFA competition for the second time in their history with a 4-2 aggregate win. They will now face Velez Mostar of Bosnia-Herzegovina in the second qualifying round with the first game away next Thursday and the return in Malta on July 28.

Gżira United qualified to the next round of the Conference League by virtue of their 1-0 away victory in extra time over Athletic Escaldes in Andorra after drawing 0-0 in the first tie in Malta. In the next round, Gżira face Serbia's FK Radnicki Nis with the first game in Malta next Thursday and the return in Serbia on July 28.

Hibs' Degabriele named Footballer of Year

Jurgen Degabriele (*right*), Champions Hibernians' 25-year-old Malta international striker has been crowned Malta's Footballer of the year 2022, a fitting accolade to a player who played a key role his side's winning of the Premier League title. The presentation was made during the Malta Football Association's general assembly on Friday that also named the Paolites, Stefano Sanderra as Coach of the Year.

Degabriele, the fifth Hibernians player to clinch this award in the last ten years, finished the 2021/22 football season with 14 goals in his 26

appearances for the club.

Other awards went to Gżira United's Maxuell Maia da Silva. The league's top scorer claimed the Foreign Player of the Year award, while Floriana's Adam Magri Overend won the Young Player of the Year title. The Best Women Player of the Year award went to Swieqi United's Dorianne Theuma.

Former Malta international footballer Leli Fabri, coach Twanny Rocco and administrator Dr Ronald Cuschieri were presented with the President's Award.



Football round up of 'Maltese-Aussie clubs in Victoria and NSW:

George Cross on verge of promotion

After an absence of four years, the George Cross football club is on the verge of making a return to the NPL competition in Victoria following the latest rounds of matches in the State League 1st division.

Following their latest 2-0 home win over Corio in Round 17, they now stand in a most favourable position in the standing, as with five matches still to play the Georgies have 40 points and lead the ladder by eight points from nearest rivals Essendon Royals.

George Cross suffered two successive mid-season setbacks to Essendon Royals (0-2) and Sydenham Park (1-2) but countered these losses with big wins over Yarraville Glory 5-1, Altona City 3-1 and a great 3-0 away win over fourth-place Brimbank Stallions in Rd 16.

Despite being well-placed coach Eric Vassiliadis remains conscious the team cannot take their foot off the pedal with four teams still in the hunt for promotion. The remaining six matches will be played in a cup-tie atmosphere and George Cross supporters are urged to turn up in big numbers to assist the team over the line.

Bad weather disrupts Parramatta FC's activity in NSW 3

In the last fortnight Parramatta FC were only involved in one match from the NSW 3 Men's Football League, the 1-1 draw Rd 18 game against UNSW FC. Due to wet weather, it was moved

Green Gully can still make it to finals

Green Gully continue to perform inconsistently in the NPL that in the end could cost the side a place in the finals.

South Melbourne with 50-points from 21 matches, Oakleigh with 48-points and Port Melbourne with 44 points have secured finals football, but which teams will finish in the top six is still uncertain with Avondale, Bentleigh Greens, Green Gully and Heidelberg United fighting it out.

Green Gully have a game in hand and currently occupy sixth place, three points ahead of Heidelberg United. Avondale just above them have 37, and Bentleigh Greens have 36.

Green Gully gave their finals chances a boost with a good 4-1 win over Dandenong City and honourable draws against Avondale 1-1 and 0-0 against league leader South Melbourne. Last Friday they beat St Albans 2-0. The Greens suffered setbacks when losing 3-1 to Port Melbourne and 4-0 to Bentleigh Greens.

Green Gully are capable of mixing with the best and with five games to go they have to make every post a winner to secure a place in the finals.

from Melita Stadium to Rydalmere Park. Mubarak Saeed got Parramatta's goal in the 10th minute.

Last Saturday's 19th Rd match against Nepean FC was a washout. It has to be rescheduled.