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FROM RESTRICTED TO ASSISTED - WEBINAR: MALTESE MIGRATION TO AUSTRALIA

Did you know that migration from Malta was once heavily restricted because the Maltese were seen as a threat to 'white Australia'? Yet, after the Second World War, Malta was one of the first countries with which Australia signed an assisted-migration-passage agreement.

The intriguing history of Maltese migration to Australia during the twentieth century can now be viewed online: [From Restricted to Assisted: Maltese Migration to Australia](#) (Ctrl +click)

MALTESE FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH

To access Maltese Family migrant archive records held at the National Archives of Australia see the attached flyer to this newsletter.

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Please let me know if you managed to log into OCTAVIO as I am seeking to collect statistics on its use and usefulness to your schools.

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National Archives of Australia holds records of the Commonwealth government.

You can find digitised records in our online collection database **RecordSearch**. You can also use **RecordSearch** to find information about other records and purchase digital copies.



Arrival records

Most migrants who arrived before 1965 are listed on the passenger list of the ship they arrived on. Try searching for the name of the ship and the word 'passenger'.

Scan the QR codes to explore:



Many pre-1972 arrival records are in the passenger arrivals index.



Records of arrivals between 1973–1989 are on microfiche and aren't available online. Our staff can help.

*Records of arrivals from 1990 and later are held by the Department of Home Affairs.

Migrant selection documents and case files

We hold migrant selection documents for many migrants who travelled under the Malta-Australia Migration Agreement and other assisted passage schemes. These records contain application forms and other paperwork relating to migrants.

- Search for the migrant's name in **RecordSearch**.
- Try searching both Maltese and British variants of names – e.g. Antonio, Anthony, Josephine, Josephina, etc.
- If you can't find a record, please contact us as not all Maltese migrants' records are listed online.

Bonegilla migrant reception centre

- Name Index Cards for migrants at Bonegilla are in series A2572 and A2571
- They are all listed online and are in the process of being digitised
- Search for the migrant's name in **RecordSearch**.

Naturalisation and citizenship

National Archives holds duplicate naturalisation certificates dating up to early 1962. We also hold naturalisation files, which contain citizenship applications. We hold these records up to 2001.

- Some naturalisation certificates and files are listed online
- You can find these by searching **RecordSearch** for the applicant's name
- If you can't find a record in **RecordSearch**, please contact us. Not all citizenship records are available online.

Can't find what you're looking for?

Our reference team may be able to help. You can contact us at:

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