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**All Correspondence
To Be Send To The
Hon. Gen Secretary**

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Committee of Migration of Australia

Dear Sir/Madam,

We have been invited by our local member of the Federal Parliament Mark Butler MP, to submit some feedback to the committee, find attached few files on our brief history also some opinion of the migration into Australia of to-day.

As the Hon. Gen. Secretary of the Maltese Guild of SA Inc. administrators of the Maltese Cultural Centre, I Migrated to Australia from Malta in October of 1962 as a young man of 18 years old to day I am 66 years old, married to my Maltese Wife here in Australia in 1963, we had 2 girls and they gave us 10 grand kids and one great grand daughter, all our Grand kids are mostly working and few left in High Schools.

I as migrant whom we also hold both citizen ships, Maltese and Australian, we only have one disappointment.

Why the good migration from Malta was stopped in 1972, Malta contributed a lot to the Building of this Country since 1825, Maltese Migrants, worked hard, building and own Sugar Cane Farms in QLD till this very day, worked in Building Roads, Railways, on the Wharfs, in manufacturing Factories like I did, Australia took the cream of Malta, now we finding if any of our friends and Family from Malta want to migrate to Australia it became very difficult, we talking good speaking English Maltese as we all are, good trades men and women or have good skills, then we are seeing a lot of migrants arriving in Australia with no skills at all, I am not discriminate against any race or form of people, in my opinion the biggest mistakes we are making here in Australia, is where we stopped and still stopping the migration from Europe, can we make it at least a lot easier for the Europeans then it is in the moment to migrate to Australia and its Territories, European built Australia what it is to-day so why we stopped given them a fair go.

With Best Regards

Joseph Briffa

Hon. Gen. Secretary

The History of Maltese Guild

The Maltese Guild of S. A. Inc. started in 1952. The Maltese Guild of South Australia Incorporated, have been standing to day in 2011 for over 58 years, its foundation was started by dedicated Maltese migrants, they worked very hard to get the organization going, it is the oldest Maltese organization in South Australia, and is the only Maltese Organization that own a premises in South Australia, which it is at 6, Jeanes Street Beverly, also the organization are the title holders of the land and buildings, all financial members of the Maltese Guild, are the share holders of the premises and all assets. In the Later Years, the Maltese Guild Premises, also took the name as The Maltese Cultural Centre.

In the Beginning, the Maltese Guild helped migrants to settle in South Australia, volunteers used to meet new arrivals at Adelaide railway station and the sea and air terminals. The name of the Maltese Guild was conceived from a similar organization in NSW, in the early days the Maltese Guild used to organized film evenings, theatrical productions in Maltese, dances and cabarets, two of the main functions for the last fifty years has been The Malta National Day and the New Years Eve Ball.

Thirty years ago the Maltese Guild Purchased an old Church which now became a heritage listed building, renovations have been made to the building inside of it, and the name of The Maltese Cultural Centre was given to it under the Administration of the Maltese Guild elected committee at AGM meetings, that are held every year in the month of September, the Centre is used by most Maltese organizations and some other ethnic groups and other organizations, also it get hired for other functions.

At the present, The Maltese Cultural Centre opens every week for our senior citizens, provide a day of social activities with cooked lunch which is sponsored by the Home and Community Care Program and also organize bus trips and monthly functions, our aim for the future is to recruit younger members of the community to continue work we started over fifty years ago.

If you are a Maltese origin by birth, or your children born in Australia from Maltese Parents, or you have any Maltese ancestry, or you are married into Maltese origin wife or husband you are eligible to become a full member, by contact us, on any of our phone numbers or email as listed

on this website, full members have the rights to vote in general meetings business, specially when committee come up for elections and in all general meetings items, that are presented for voting.

For those that have no Maltese ancestry at all, they can join as an associated members, which they can have a say in general meetings, but have no rights to vote.

We invite you to find out more about The Maltese Guild of South Australia. At present, our association has currently has approximately 320 members.

Thank You