Australia Day is the official national day of Australia. Celebrated annually on January 26, it marks the anniversary of the 1788 arrival of the First Fleet of British Ships at Sydney Cove, New South Wales, and the raising of the Flag of Great Britain at that site by Governor Arthur Phillip.

In contemporary Australia, celebrations reflect the diverse society and landscape of the nation, and are marked by community and family events, reflections on Australian history, official community awards, and citizenship ceremonies welcoming new immigrants into the Australian community.

The tradition of having Australia Day as a national holiday on January 26 is a recent one. Not until 1935 did all the Australian states and territories use that name to mark that date. Not until 1994 did they begin to celebrate Australia Day consistently as a public holiday on that date.

Market research surveys charted Australians’ growing awareness of Australia Day (from 75 per cent in 1980 to 99 per cent in 2012), but also their limited understanding of its significance. Those who attended an organised Australia Day event were better informed.

Citizenship ceremonies had become increasingly public affairs since the symbolic creation of Australian citizenship in legislation in 1948, though Australians remained British subjects until 1984.

With the transfer of ceremonies from the courts to local government in the early 1950s, they became central to Australia Day as local community events. A reminder of the raising of the Union Jack when Captain Cook claimed New South Wales for the British king in 1770 and Governor Phillip occupied it in 1788.

On May 13, 1787 the British Admiralty sent a fleet of 11 ships, which came to be known as the First Fleet, from England to Australia. Under the command of Captain Arthur Phillip, the fleet sought to establish a penal colony at Botany Bay on the coast of New South Wales, which had been explored and claimed by Lieutenant James Cook in 1770.

The settlement was seen as necessary because of the loss of the Thirteen Colonies in North America. The Fleet arrived between January 18 and 20, 1788, but it was immediately apparent that Botany Bay was unsuitable.

On 21 January, Phillip and a few officers travelled to Port Jackson, 12 kilometres (7.5 miles) to the north, to see if it would be a better location for a settlement. They stayed there until January 23; Phillip named the site of their landing Sydney Cove, after the Home Secretary, Thomas Townshend, 1st Viscount Sydney. They also had some contact with the local aborigines.
Kitba tal-Professur Godfrey Pirotta

X'mtahseb dwar...? id-Dinja tas-Surveys u l-hajja ta’ kuljum

While visiting Malta
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We are one, we are many
Australia Day Celebration
Sunday, 2nd February 2014 from 3.30 pm to 6 pm at Parramatta Town Hall
Join the Maltese community in NSW to celebrate Australia National Day. All welcome.
Light refreshments will be served
Bushfires have a wide variety of causes. There are natural causes, such as lightning strikes; and accidental causes, such as sparks from farm machinery, incinerators, power lines, vehicle crashes, escapes from burning off and campfires.

Unfortunately, a number of bushfires are also started deliberately.

Most bushfires occur during the Bushfire Danger Period, from October 1 to March 31 each year. As the dates below indicate, some bushfire seasons are worse than others.

1957: Bushfires in the Blue Mountains area driven by gale force winds destroyed 25 homes, shops, schools and churches and a hospital.

1964/65: Major fires occurred in the Snowy Mountains, Southern Tablelands and outer metropolitan area.

The Chatsbury/Bungonia fire covered 250,000ha and destroyed the village of Wingello. Three lives were lost. In March the Tumut Valley fire burnt 80,000ha.

1968/69: Widespread damage occurred over much of the eastern part of the State. Major fires at Wollongong burnt rainforest, destroyed 33 homes and five other buildings.

Fires in the lower Blue Mountains were fanned by 100km/h westerly winds and destroyed 123 buildings. Three lives were lost.

1969/70: The Roto fire burnt some 280,000ha in a three week period.

1972/73: The south-eastern corner of the State suffered the worst fires since 1968 with over 200,000ha burnt.

The Burrunjuck fire burnt 16,000ha and was reported to have travelled 19km in three hours, denuding a hillside in its path.

1974/75: The severest season for perhaps 30 years in the far west with 3,755,000ha burnt, 50,000 stock lost and 10,170km of fencing destroyed. 1.5 million ha were burnt in the Cobar Shire in mid-December and 340,000ha in the Balranald fire.

The Moolah-Corinya fire burnt 1,117,000ha and was the largest fire put out by bush firefighters. Its perimeter was over 1,000km.

1976/77: In early December, 9,000ha were burnt and three homes destroyed in Hornsby Shire, and 65,000ha were burnt in the Blue Mountains.

1977/78: In the Blue Mountains area 49 buildings were destroyed and 54,000ha burnt. Sydney suburbs up to 60km away were showered with fall-out of blackened leaves.

1978/79: Serious fires occurred in the Snowy Mountains, Southern Highlands and South West Slopes regions. Over 50,000ha were burnt, five houses were destroyed and heavy stock losses were inflicted.

1979/80: Following severe drought conditions over most of the State, major fires were widespread.

In Mudgee Shire, 55,400ha were burnt and one life was lost. 9,000ha were burnt in Warringah Shire and 14 houses lost.

Fires occurred in the majority of council areas within the State burning a total of over 1 million ha.

1982/83: $12 million worth of pine plantation was destroyed in southern NSW in a fire, which burnt 25,000ha in only two and a half hours. The Grose Valley fire burnt 35,000ha.

1984/85: This was the worst fire season for ten years in the grassed western areas of the State. On Christmas Day more than 100 fires were started by lightning strikes and 500,000ha burnt as a result.

The largest fire was at Cobar in mid-January with 516,000ha burnt.

During the season there were 6,000 fires State-wide, 3.5 million ha burnt, four lives lost, 40,000 stock lost and $40 million damage.

1987/88: Over 115,000ha were burnt in the Benthuranga and War-urilah/Yanco fires with three lives lost at the Be-thungra fire. Major fires also occurred in the south-eastern part of Kosciusko National Park where 65,000ha were burnt in the Park and surrounding areas.

1990/91: In November fires raced through the council areas of Hay and Murrumbidgee, claiming nearly 200,000ha of prime grazing land, destroying 100,000 sheep and hundreds of kilometres of fencing.

Just one week later 80,000ha of land were burnt as fires claimed another 76,000 sheep and 200 cattle in Hay and Carrathool Shires.

On December 23, hundreds of fires were reported across the State with eight emergency declarations made in the Hornsby, Ku-ring-gai, Cessnock, Hawkesbury, Warringah, Wollondilly, Gosford and Wyong council areas. Eight homes were lost in these fires.

1991/92: On October 16, two lives were lost at Kenthurst in the Shire of Baulkham Hills. Emergency declarations were made for the councils of Baulkham Hills, Gosford City, Wyong Shire and Lake Macquarie.

Nearly 2,500 bushfirefighters battled more than 30 blazes around the State. 14 homes were destroyed.

1993/94: In late December 1993, a series of fires began on the north coast and in the Hunter Region. As weather conditions continued to deteriorate, fire occurrence spread from the Queensland border to Batemans Bay.

In excess of 800 fires started between December 27, 1993 and January 16, 1994. Over 800,000ha were burnt.
Bush Fires in NSW During the Years

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All areas affected had previously been subject to wildfires, but never before had they burnt simultaneously. Resources from across Australia and New Zealand were utilised, resulting in a firefighting effort larger than any previously experienced in the country.

At the height of the exercise over 20,000 firefighters were deployed. Four lives were lost and 206 homes destroyed.

1997/1998: There were major fires in the Burragorang, Piliga, Hawkesbury, Hunter, Shoalhaven, Central Coast and Sydney’s south (particularly Menai) that proved difficult to contain and suppress, and posed a major threat to communities, their assets and the environment.

However the fires were brought under control in a timely manner with only relatively minor property damage.

There were in excess of 250 significant fires, and:

- Approximately 500,000ha were burnt
- Over 5,000 firefighters were utilised at any one time
- Over 60 fixed wing and rotary aircraft were involved
- 10 homes were lost at Menai
- 20 local government areas were affected

4 firefighter lives were lost.

The principle duration was 16 days, though fires started in late November 1997 and continued until 28 Feb 1998.

2001/2002: The initial impact of seven “Bushfire Emergencies” occurred during the period 29 October 2001 to 9 November 2001 in the areas of Cessnock, Gosford, Gloucester, Kempsey, Wyong, Greater Taree and Singleton.

The second spate of five “Bushfire Emergencies” commenced at 1500 hours on December 3, 2001 with the declaration of the Blue Mountains Rural Fire District.

The fires generally started as a result of a severe dry thunderstorm with many lightning strikes on the Great Dividing Range and to the west.

The same storm reached the coastal areas north of Sydney with heavy rain and hail accompanied by very strong winds, causing significant storm damage. Major fires occurred in Blue Mountains/Lithgow, Hawkesbury, Narromine, Wollondilly-Wingecarribee and Cabonne over the 21 days up to 24 December 2001.

On December 24, 2001, due to increased fire activity, proximity to Sydney, threat to residential property and apparently deliberately lit fires, there was significant media and public interest.

On December 25, 2001 a number of interstate offers of assistance were made. There were 26 “Bushfire Emergency” declarations incorporating 48 local government areas.

Some districts had several declarations due to new fire outbreaks. 23 days later the significant “emergency” was declared over by the Commissioner at a press conference, although 11 section 44s were still to be declared out.

Following are some statistics from December 24, 2001 to January 16, 2002:

**Damage estimates:**
- Area burnt: 733,342 Ha = 7333 square kms, 4196 km perimeter
- Estimated insurance damage bill of approximately $75,000,000 comprising approximately 3000 claims
- Estimated cost of operations for NSW agencies was approximately $106,000,000
- Estimated 20,000 properties saved
- No loss of life or serious injury to public or emergency personnel.

**Property destroyed:**
- Residential houses 109
- Industrial and commercial Premises 29
- Other buildings 437
- Vehicles, boats, caravans, etc. 222
- Stock (cattle, sheep, goats and chickens) 7,043.

Maltese Welfare (NSW) Get Together to Welcome 2014

The Maltese Welfare (NSW) Inc welcomed the New Year with their annual committee get-together at the Licido Restaurant at the Wentworthville League Club.

It was also an occasion to extend their congratulations to their president, Lawrence Dimech on becoming a member of Malta’s National Order of Merit on Republic Day 2013.

Meanwhile, the Maltese Welfare is accepting nominations from the Maltese community for their annual Quiet Achievers Night of Recognition 2014 to be held at the Annunciation Hall (St Dominic’s) at Blacktown NSW on the Wednesday, March 19.

Nominations are still open for any NSW resident of Maltese descent over the age of 60 years.

One can apply for a nomination form by phoning the Secretary, M. Camilleri on 98220228 jew 0409 744 376.

The Quiet Achievers 2014 is sponsored by Fiducian Financial Service. Tel 1300 554 409

Pictured (standing from left): Charles Kassas, Lino Vella, Rita Kassas, Charles Micallef, Doris Grima, Marlene and Lawrence Dimech, Freda and Joe Micallef, Nathalie Gatt, Marie-Louise Muscat. Front; Lawrence Gatt and Frank Muscat
Fi triq fil-belt kapitali Maltija Valletta, dik li tinsab quddiem il-Kon-Kattidral ta’ San Ġwann, u li taqsam il-belt min-naħa ghall-ohra, biex anke twassel lejn il-Port il-Kibir, hemm triq mimljia tarag li jisimha appuntu ghall-Kon-Kattidral, jijifieri Triq San Ġwann, imma fil-fatt hafna aktar jafuha, (speċjalment il-Beltin), bhala t-triq tal-Ganċ, minhabba li mal-hajt fil-bidu tagħha, qabel taqbad in-nizla hekk kif thalli San Ġwann hemm hadida forma ta’ ganċ imdahhla fil-hajt.

Din it-triq fl-antik kienet mimljia tax-xorb, li, bhal dawk ta’ Strada Stretta, kien ikunu mimlijin l-aktar b’bażin, gżaliex huma kienu l-aktar li jiffrekwentaw il-Portijiet Maltin.

Fil-fatt hawn min jghid li dawn il-bahirin kienu jagħmlu l-imħatri ghal min minnhom jirnexxielu jgaddi minn ġo dan il-ganċ. Min jirnexxilu kien jispicċa jixrob lejl shih minn fuq dahar sabu.

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Stamp Collection for Sale
Around 9000 stamps the majority of which are from Malta and USA, but also from Canada, Australia, UK, and other European countries, and former British colonies now known by different names is being sold by Alex Saliba at 800 Cypress Crossing trail, St. Augustine, Florida, USA 32095.

The collection also includes Malta’s stamps commemorate the Great Siege, the Knights, Valletta, Malta’s Treasures, WW II, George Cross Award, Independence, Christmas Series, Religious occasions, Churchill, Kennedy, Maltese Personalities, Queen Victoria, King George V, King George VI, Queen Elizabeth etc. There are some rare ones such as ‘Melita’ stamps from the 1920’s.

Most stamps are used but many are unused (mint) stamps: from USA. They can be in blocks of 30 to 40, or more. Such blocks of stamps represent Space Exploration, Moon Landing, Dinosaurs, Prehistoric animals, Nature, Boston Tea Party, Semi-Precious stones, Film Stars. There are smaller amounts of unused stamps from many other countries.

For details Email: leonmaureen@msn.co
Il-proġett ta’ Bieb il-Belt fil-kapitali Maltija, Valletta, li qajjem tant kontroversja, qed bil-mod il-mod jieħu sura. Fix-xogħol madwar is-swar ukoll jidher li sar progress.

Kif tidhol minn dak li qabel kien maghruf bhala Bieb il-Belt u li issa ġie mnehhi ghal kollox, issib ma’ wiċċek (fuq il-lemin) bini li meta jitlesta se jakkomoda l-Kamra tar-Rappreżentanti, il-Parlamanet. Imbaghad fuq ix-xellug, qabel ma jibdew il-hwienet, taħt l-arkati, infetta ċaraġ impresjonanti li jieħdo l-linhhwi ta’ Hastings (ara r-ritratt fuq).

Biswit il-bini tal-‘Parlament’ hemm dak li sar maghruf bhala t-teatru bla saqaf. Ix-xogħol fuqu jidher li wkoll wasal fl-ahhar fażi, inma dan se jibqa’ dejjem t-teba’ sewda ta’ dan il-proġett.

Diffiċċi biex tiżhem kif il-pjan ta’ dan it-teatru bla saqaf ħareg minn mohħ dawk li ppjannaww qgħax tasew jistona mal-ambjent u ma jagħmel l-ebda sens. Anzi nażżarda nghid li jkerrah il-madwar.

Anke minn dan ir-ritratt (taħt) wieħed jista’ jinduna x’holqu minn dak li qabel kien tempju tal-opra, it-Teatru Rjal!

Hdejn il-bieb tal-Belt
Despite EP averse stand on Malta’s ‘Citizenship scheme IIP will stay’

The European Parliament overwhelmingly approved with 560 for, 22 against and 44 abstentions a non-binding motion against what they termed as sale of European citizenship put forward by the two Nationalist Party MEPs. Notwithstanding, the Maltese Government will stick to its commitment to implement the scheme that entitles foreigners to acquire Maltese citizenship through the Individual Investor Programme, IIP.

Prime Minister Joseph Muscat said that the government had noted the vote in the European parliament but the scheme in Malta would be retained, adding that it was clear, also in the debate, that the granting of citizenship was a matter of national competence.

He added that the government had been elected to govern in the national interest. It was elected to bring about change and to raise living standards. The Individual Investor Programme (the scheme’s formal name) would help Malta achieve those aims, yielding a billion euro that would go into a fund for development in various sectors including social development, education, health and innovation, as well as job creation.

The programme, he said, was a compromise from the original programme, agreed after the government heard suggestions by the regulator of financial services and the Chamber of Commerce, among others. He insisted that other countries had similar programmes, and that the European Parliament motion was non-binding, in the same way as the parliament’s statements on abortions had been non-binding and had not been adopted by Malta because they were not in the national interest.

One could also see how other countries did not share the burden of irregular immigration despite calls by the European Parliament, he said.

Dr Muscat also strongly criticised the Nationalist Party and its MEPs for working against Malta's interests and accused Simon Busuttil of ‘selling Malta’.

He said he was greatly encouraged by the applications already being made for citizenship, and said the applicants were the sort of high net value people that Malta was seeking to attract.

Meanwhile, in a statement after the motion's approval the European Parliament said: EU citizenship must not have a "price tag" attached to it.

It said: “MEPs are concerned about schemes established by various EU member states and in particular Malta, which result in the sale of national, and hence EU, citizenship.”

Scheme Attracting Former F1 champ

Meanwhile, a former Formula 1 world champion, a pop singer and a prominent Gulf royal family member are among those interested in applying for a Maltese passport. Hundreds had already expressed interest in the scheme, with some putting forward deposits, *The Sunday Times of Malta* has quoted Henley and Partners CEO Eric Major saying.

A South American footballer, an American press magnate and a Singaporean business tycoon have also put their names forward for the scheme.

Standard and Poor's affirms Malta's BBB+/A-2 rating

The government welcomed the decision of the credit agency Standard and Poor's that has affirmed the long- and short-term sovereign credit ratings on Malta's rating at 'BBB+/A-2' - outlook stable, and described it as a positive result for the country. The Nationalist Party also welcomed the decision.

The government said the decision is “a result that should encourage us to address the challenges ahead while striving to sustain stability, incentivise investment and create more employment for the well-being of all.”

The Government went on to say: “These are among the most prominent conclusions reached by international credit rating agency Standard & Poor’s.”

The credit rating agency observed that by means of effective governance, the new administration, began registering concrete progress on its long-term reforms. In its commentary, S&P said the new government had a strong electoral mandate that favoured reforms.

“Standard & Poor’s also affirmed that Malta is making good progress in its energy plan, and remarked that this reform will continue supporting economic growth, which is already improving and exceeding all expectations, the agency's own.

“These positive prospects for Malta led Standard & Poor’s to reaffirm a stable outlook for Malta, as well as its BBB+/A-2 rating,” the Government said, adding that its plan for the energy sector is unfolding in a manner that is strengthening the country’s financial position, in fact, the economic growth registered during 2013 exceeded all expectations.

The Opposition Economy spokesman Mario de Marco said that this was the fruit of the wise decisions taken by Nationalist government along the years for the economy to continue to grow and create employment.
Govt Intends to establish Malta as a maritime centre of excellence in the Med, Maltese PM tells Consuls

When he was exchanging New Year’s greetings with the honorary Consuls at this office in Castille, Maltese Prime Minister Joseph Muscat expressed his appreciation for the valid work they have carried out over the past months to continue building Malta’s extraordinary network of relations with its international partners, particularly in the fields of commercial and investment potential and very importantly on a people to people level.

He also took a look back at the highlights of 2013 that he believed have set the right context for the challenges ahead of his Government in the coming months.

He maintained that Malta’s performance has been a steady one with a sound financial performance, encouraging unemployment figures and continued growth in services industry.

He also said that the government’s plans to establish Malta as a maritime centre of excellence in the Mediterranean are underway together with an increasingly reputable record in the field of aviation services.

However, he pointed out that education remains central to his Government’s performance, and that he sees the Consuls as central figures in bringing to the fore the excellent record of Malta’s University in attracting foreign students to pursue their tertiary education here in Malta.

“The potential in this field is endless and ranges from English Language schools, to the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies and the International Maritime Law Institute,” he said.

He pointed out the Government’s active approach in addressing important reforms such as in the public transport, infrastructure and the health sector and said he had no doubts that these will yield positive results in the weeks and months ahead.

“Over and above all this, my Government has been elected on the premise of ensuring the full enjoyment of civil rights by all, and this will remain a priority I will be personally committed to in the months to come,” he said.

He also mentioned the international front, saying that his government has also sought to address national priorities while intensifying relations with important partners.

He mentioned as examples, discussions about the issue of migration with the governments of Greece and Italy saying that this was another crucial area of interest for Malta where the Consuls could further sensitise the international community not only to Malta’s plight in addressing influxes of arrivals but more importantly emphasise the need for a holistic solution to this tragic phenomenon.

While expressing concern over events in Malta’s immediate neighbourhood he called on the international community to continue engaging closely with these partners and extend the support necessary to rebuild their countries on sound democratic bases.

Malta’s constructive role in regional affairs has been recently further enhanced by the decision to have an international Institute for Justice and Rule of Law based in Malta.

In order to broaden Malta’s international visibility the PM said the government plans to open an Embassy in Doha, Qatar as well as a number of Consulates in different regions ranging from Algiers, Misurata, Shanghai and for the very first time in Latin America, also in Sao Paolo.

Fire damages Reception at Auberge de Castille

No one was injured Saturday when the reception area of the Prime Minister’s office, the Auberge de Castille, was destroyed by fire, believed to have resulted from a short-circuit. The damages are estimated to amount between €20,000 to €25,000.

The fire was quickly put out by two fire engines that were called on the spot. The AFM bomb disposal unit was also on the scene as well as Police Commissioner Peter Paul Zammit, a significant number of Police officers, paramedics and Civil Protection personnel.

An inquiry is being held.
Impjiegi

Skont l-Uffiċċju Nazzjonali tal-Istatistika (NSO) bejn Lulju u Settembru li għaddew, pajjiżna kellu għadd rekord ta’ persuni b’impjieg.

Minn rata ta’ 59.7% fil-bidu ta’ din il-leġiislatura, il-holqien tal-impjiegji sattielet kwart tas-sena li għaddiet lahaq ir-rata ta’ 61.3%.

Fl-ewwel disa’ xhur ta’ dank il-Gvern kien hemm zieda ta’ 5,302 impjiegji fil-waqt li fl-istess perfjodu tas-sena ta’ qabel kien hemm zieda ta’ 2,856. Dan ifisser li r-rata ta’ holqien ta’ impjiegji taht din l-amministrazzjoni kienet id-doppju ta’ li kienet bi gvern precedenti.

Izda, sfortunatament, minkejja din iż-żieda xorta għad għandna l-problema tal-qaghid bir-rata ta’ dawn qegħda tkompli tżidile.

Forsi jkun hemm min jistaqs, kif żdid l-għadd ta’ dawn li sabu x-xogħol u ma naqqas ta’ dawn jirregistrax għax-xogħol?


Fil-Ġżejer Maltin għandna madwar 15,000 impjieg għand il-barranin. U dan għaliex: (1) hemm xogħol li l-Maltin ma jistajrux għalih - fost dan 500 post tax-xogħol fil-qasam tat-tindif pubbliku - (2) għax m’gandiex nies bil-iliet maħtieġa biex jagħmlu danix-xogħol.

Isla l-Gvern jahbar li se johloq skemi biex ikolluna aktar nies immarġa f’dawk il-hiliet li huma maħtieġa mill-industrija, mill-fabbriksi, etc, kif ukoll se jinvestiga dwar jekk uħud mill-impjiegji li l-Maltin qed jirrifjutaw, humiex impjiegji fejn il-hlasijiet jew il-kundizzjonijiet tax-xogħol humiex ta’ ċertu livell.

Iċ-Ċittadinanza
...warra l-vot tal-UE


Biss, minkejja dan kollu, minkejja li magħżli minn jusaq sinjura li ginkunu jkun hemm maqtum b’rail mill-Partit Nazzjonalista, kif jkun hemm maqtum mill-Gvern ta’ b’Partit Laburista.

Min jgħidlu “Awesome” u min Barumbara tal-Hamiem

Hekk ġie msejjaħ il-proġett ta’ Bieb-il Belt u l-binja tal-Parlament il-gdid. Fil-fatt hekk iddeskriwiet il-proġett li fuqu nefqu fuqu u għaddhom qed jintefqu milijuni ta’ Ewro r-rivista internazzjonali online “Complex Art and Design.”

Fil-fatt dan il-proġett ġie nkluż, u biex inkun eżatt li nek-ttbba bił-lnglż, fost is-“16 awesome buildings that will be finished in 2014”

Jekk ghandhiex raġun jew le’ din ir-rivista ma nistax nghid, għax hawn min ifahbab l-proġett li hawn min imaqbbru... u fost l-aktar frażi li jżaww għall-Parlament il-gdid - sintendi dawn li ġmaqdru hu li dan huwa “barumbara tal-hamiem” (pigeon house).
It-Trasport Pubbliku: -Jipproponi l-monorail

Filwaqt li l-Gvern qed jipprova jhajjar lil x imkunija privata biex tihu f’idejha t-trasport pubbliku wara t-tluq tal-Kumpanija Arriva minn Malta, issa ghandna l-izviluppatur u negozjant Anglu Xuereb (xellug) li qed jinsisti dwar il-proposta li kien dīqat’ ghamel xi snin ilu u li ma tantx inghata widen, tal-hokqien ta’ sistema ta’ monorail biex tittaffa l-problema tat-trasport l’Malta.

Is-sistema tal-monorail tkun tista’ tuża’ l-istess torq li hemm bhalissa, billi r-rails taghha jsiru l-fug mit-torq halli t-torq xorta jibqghu jintuzzaw mill-karrozzu, xarabanks, etc.

Bhalissa, u sakemm jinstab xi hadd privat li jrid jidhol ghal-projet li jmxexi hu t-trasport pubbliku, dan qed jitmexxa minn kumpanija li holol ghal tal-apposta l-Gvern. Ghalissa l-gvern hargħ il-linji gwall għin mint jinsisterah kumment pożittiv


Dan il-aġenzija internazzjonali qalet li l-prospetti għall-ekonomija Maltija huma tajbin u għallhekk qed iżomm l-outlook stabbli lejn Malta kif ukoll ir-rating ta’ BBB+/A-2.

L-umiku fattur li żamm lil Standard & Poor’s lura milla saħħansitra ttejeb ir-rating ta’ pajjżin huwa d-dejn akkumulat.

Kumment Pożittiv

It-Trasport Pubbliku: -Jipproponi l-monorail

Statistika

Nighbew bi fit statistika pożittiva: Serrah mohhok


Fl-erba’ gimgħat li dam armat dan il-presepu haj għibed lejj aktar minn 74,000 persuna, inkluż 2,000 tifel u tifla li żaru “Betlem” waqt jumexjux attivitajiet organizzatiex sklasskAMENT għall-iskema. U hafna minn dawk li żaru qasmu bil-bahar minn Malta.

Dan jidher mill-fatt li jidol l-matt jemiet li kien għaddej “Betlem f’Għajnsielem” il-Gozo Channel garrat 79,727 persuna u 14,986 vettura aktar mis-sena l-oċra meta tkun tista’ aktar façli li jifgħu dak li jridu jeħil(xs) minn f’borża tażrefjut li tingabbar ta kuljam minn warab bijeb djarhom.

Jidher, li minkejja l-isforzi kollha li saru, il-Maltin baqgħu ma rrankawx mas-sistema tas-separazzjoni tal-iskat, u jsibbuh aktar fakli li jittifgu dak li jridu jeħilsu minn f’borża tażrefjut li tingabbar ta kuljam minn warab bijeb djarhom.


Betlem f’Għajnsielem

La dubu ta’ xejn li dawk li organizzaw mill-gdid “Betlem f’Għajnsielem” se jissoktaw jahmlu dan wara s-succes kuir li kellu l-projet dit is-sen.

Fl-ahhar hargha tkellimma fit-tul dwaru, imm’issa ghandna f’idejna l-istatistika uf-fijjali li turi s-succes kuir li kien minn kull lat.

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Culture and History

Removing “partisan bias”

The Abbott government is set to trigger a new battle over Australia’s culture and history as it launches a review of the national curriculum with a goal of removing “partisan bias.”

The education minister, Christopher Pyne, says the review will address concerns about the history curriculum “not recognising the legacy of western civilisation and not giving important events in Australia’s history and culture the prominence they deserve, such as Anzac Day”.

He also wants the curriculum to “celebrate Australia”.

Pyne said students should be taught “the truth about the way we’ve treated Indigenous Australians” but also the “the truth about the benefits of western civilisation”.

The Australian Education Union, Labour and the Greens have condemned the curriculum review as being about ideology and politics rather than education.

A wooden boat carrying Australia-bound Sri Lankan asylum seekers

Tight-lipped on refugees arrivals

What is happening with the promise of the Abbott Government to turn back the boats? What is clear is that Scott Morrison and the Government’s Operation Sovereign Borders, Lt General Angus Campbell are being tight-lipped and would hold media conferences as the need arose.

It is being reported that the Government is buying a number of large life-boats to help in border protection.

Campbell said that he would not be able to declare the operation a success until the monsoon season ends in March.

Poor weather typically reduces the number of boat arrivals in the early months of the year. There have been no boats arrivals in the past four weeks.

Meanwhile, many Australians are wondering whether if it is true that, as reported by the media, in recent weeks, the Navy intercepted and turned five boats around mid-ocean, towing two of them back to Indonesia.

There have also been reports of a hunger strike by detainees on Australia’s Indian Ocean territory of Christmas Island, including claims that half a dozen people have sewn their lips together.

The media has also reported about incidents of attempted suicide and self-harm in Australia’s “offshore” detention centre on remote Manus island, in Papua New Guinea. However, unless information emerges from Indonesia, it would be difficult to find out if these are just rumours.

Journalists have complained that they are given little or no information as the authorities’ only response normally is, that, “For operational security reasons, the government does not disclose, confirm or otherwise comment on reports of on-water activities in relation to Operation Sovereign Borders.”

Selling the farm

The Australian government of Tony Abbott (right) is being warned not to rush to sell Australia’s remaining Commonwealth-owned businesses saying Australia had not been well served by the sale of Telstra, Qantas and Sydney Airport.

In general, the price received for assets has been less than their value in continued public ownership.

According to the Department of Finance, there are seven federal government business enterprises left. The top five revenue generators 2012-13 were; Australia Post: $244m, Medibank: $150m, Defence Housing Australia: $50, ASC: 9m, Aust Government Solicitors $9m.

Christmas present

Before Christmas the Government approved an average premium increase of 6.2% - the greatest increase in health insurance premiums in almost a decade.

For a basic family, the average rise will be about $150 a year, while singles can expect to pay an extra $100 a year. However, there is more to come. It is being predicted that a $6 fee for each GP visit will soon be introduced.

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A quick glimpse at Australia
There are stills more than three million smokers in Australia. The proportion of Australians who smoke has dropped to about 17 percent compared to 35 per cent 30 years ago.

A surging population has driven up the number of smokers worldwide, with 35 per cent more people lighting up today than in 1980.

More than 6 trillion cigarettes were smoked in 2012, with the rise in smokers soaring in developing countries such as Bangladesh, China, Indonesia, and Russia.

Research published recently in the New England Journal of Medicine shows that if current smoking patterns persist, tobacco will kill about one billion people this century, mostly in low- and middle-income countries.

The highest smoking rates among men in 2012 were in Timor-Leste (61 percent) and Indonesia (57 percent), followed by Armenia (51.5 percent), Russia (51 percent) and Cyprus (48 percent).

Top countries for women smokers were Greece (34.7 percent) and Bulgaria (31.5 percent).

Austria had a female smoking rate of 28.3 percent, followed by France (27.7 percent) and Belgium (26.1 percent).

A larger proportion of women in France smoked in 2012 (28 percent) than 1980 (19 percent), while the rate for men went the opposite direction, declining from 42 percent to 34 percent.

In all, France had 14 million smokers in 2012, two million more people than in 1980.

The study also measured how many cigarettes on average were consumed per smoker each day in 2012, and found Mauritania was the highest with 41, or two packs a day.

Saudi Arabia’s smokers averaged 35 cigarettes per day, and Taiwan’s 32.

“As tobacco remains a threat to the health of the world’s population, intensified efforts to control its use are needed,” said the study.

About 70 per cent of young people in custody in NSW were drunk when they committed their crime.

In evidence submitted to a parliamentary inquiry into Strategies to Reduce Alcohol Abuse Amongst Young People, Juvenile Justice NSW said seven out of ten people in custody were intoxicated at the time of their offence.

Pre-loading culture and cut-price booze were undermining tough laws applied to club and pubs.

Between 60 to 80 percent of young people drink alcohol before they go out because drinking at home is cheaper.

Cate Blanchett, the Australian actress has won a Golden Globe for her inspired tragicomic performance in Blue Jasmine, a Woody Allen film.

It was her third from eight nominations from the Hollywood Foreign Press Association in Los Angeles.

Blanchett’s win confirms her as one of the favourites to win an Oscar as the best actress at the Academy Awards.

The Academy Awards, commonly known as The Oscars, are U.S. awards for achievements in the film industry. Winners are awarded the statuette, officially the Academy Award of Merit, that is much better known by its nickname Oscar.

The awards ceremony was first televised in 1953 and is now seen live in more than 200 countries.

This year, the 86th Academy Awards will be held on March 2, at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles.

Triple killer 44-year-old Leslie Alfred Camilleri was sentenced to 28 years for the 1992 murder of 13-year-old Prue Bird.

Justice Elizabeth Curtain in the Victoria Supreme Court said that the sentence is to be served concurrently with the life sentence without parole.

Camilleri is already serving life for the 1977 murders of raped Bega schoolchildren Lauren Barry and Nicholas Collins.

He had apologised to Prue’s mother Jenny Bird for what he had put her through but Mrs. Bird rejected that apology. The body of Prue was never found.

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Entertainer: Joe Apap
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Get Togethers will be resuming on the first Fridays of the Month beginning on Friday February 7, from 11am – 1.00pm.
Please bring a plate with you. Give a Senior or a friend a Lift to the Centre.
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Please note:
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Consul-General in NSW
Christopher Mercieca Terminates Duties

Christopher Mercieca, the 5th Consul-General to have served in NSW terminated his tour of duties in mid-January. He was scheduled to meet personally the community for the last time but could not make it.

In the meantime we have received the following statement from him:

My tour of duty as Consul General in Sydney has almost come to an end and I’ll soon depart Australia permanently. Although I find it hard to believe that four years have gone by, I can console myself by saying that it has been an interesting and sometimes challenging posting during which I met a wide cross-section of Maltese-Australians in all walks of life.

I continue to be impressed by their work ethic, achievements in various fields and determination to succeed in a country that is still new and still lucky.

Furthermore, I must take this opportunity to thank all of those individuals who supported the Consulate in its work and also those who helped me track down various individuals in this State whose relatives and friends were trying to contact them.

I’d also like to thank those persons and organisations who cooperated with this office when dignitaries from Malta were visiting New South Wales and who greeted them not only in an impressively well-organised way but also warmly and enthusiastically.

Good luck, good health and future prosperity to all of you. Maybe one day I’ll meet some of you again in Malta. Sakenm nerghu nilaqghu, inselli ghaliikhom.

We are to believe that the next Consul-General for NSW will arrive in Sydney on Saturday, February 1.
Thirty-two-year-old Malta international striker Michael Mifsud currently plying his footballing skills at A-League club Melbourne Heart, who are having their worst season since joining the competition in 2011 told sbs.com.au correspondent Philip Micallef, himself a former Maltese sports journalist, that the club he joined late last year, was too good a team to be stuck at the bottom of the A-League.

Melbourne Heart were yet to win a game this season (up to the 14th round) and are still bottom with eight points from 15 matches.

Mifsud said he could not understand how Heart are entrenched in the bottom of the league with the quality of players available in its squad.

“The players all say the same thing: we believe that with the talent available we should not be in such a precarious position,” Mifsud explained.

He added that proof of this can be found in the fact that, “we have had some very solid games against the top teams in the competition, some of whom we have outplayed.

“We certainly played better than Western Sydney in a home match in Round 5. We hit the bar a few times but the Wanderers went away to score from one of their few attacks and won 1-0.

“We've had several games like that ... that's the story of our season, really. But that's football and you just have to keep believing that, God willing, the tide will turn.”

Mifsud, who is one of only five players to have played more than a 100 times for Malta, has defended his poor scoring record since joining Heart at the start of the season.

The Maltese international who scored 39 goals for Malta during his 102 appearances in the national team, has scored only one goal in a dozen matches in the A-League, missing a number of chances and raising doubts over his ability to cut it in the competition.

But Mifsud is not letting his unflattering record affect his morale and he had a reason for his failure to convert his enthusiastic play in the front third into more goals.

He told SBS, “I did not miss sitters, you know, and you also have to beat some good goalkeepers here. The chances I missed were not ones that you could say 'how did he miss that!'

He also agreed that it is true that one goal is simply not good enough but he is determined not to give up.

“The tide will turn eventually,” he said, adding that, “Missing chances will never affect my game because my focus is always the team and its best interests. I have the attitude that if I miss a scoring chance I will do my best to create another one either for myself or the team.”

Mifsud said he found the transition from his last Maltese club Valletta to the A-League rather smooth although he did admit that the standard of the competition caught him by surprise.

“I saw a few clips before I came here but when you are directly involved you realise how tough it is,” he said.

“It is a strong league that is improving all the time and any player who might come here with an idea of having an easy life will receive a rude shock.

“All the players are fit and strong and they are all fighting for their spot in the team. There is no respite in any game and you are always under pressure.”

Mifsud said he is accustomed to the pressure of professional football. What he is not used to is the searing temperatures that have hit Melbourne in the last few days.

“Melbourne is a very interesting and beautiful place and I like it very much,” said Mifsud.

The heat is a problem, though. Coming from a place like Malta the heat does not usually bother me but over here the sun bites.

“What I find amazing is that temperatures here can go from 40 degrees to 20 degrees in a matter of an hour. It's incredible.”

Apart from his native Malta, Michael Mifsud has played in the German Bundesliga with Kaiserslautern, Lillestrom in Norway, and Coventry and Barnsley in England. Before joining Melbourne Heart he had scored 147 goals in club football and 39 for Malta.
Heart celebrate 100th A-League match with first win of season

Melbourne Heart FC celebrated their 100th match in the 15th round of the Hyundai A-League with their first victory of the campaign, a commanding 3-1 win over the Newcastle Jets at AAMI Park. Malta international Michael Mifsud did not start the match for Heart but came on as substitute in the 32nd minute to replace the injured David Williams when the tie was still scoreless.

Despite first-half scare, two goals in the dying minutes of the first half gave the Red and White the impetus to seal the result in the second period, and claim all three points for the first time this season.

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With the defeat in the previous round, 0-3 against Perth Glory, Melbourne Heart had equalled an unwanted A-League record of 19 matches without a win. League leaders Brisbane Roar failed to win for the second game in a row. This time they figured in a scoreless draw away to Perth Glory. But things could have been worse as they had to play for an hour with only 10 men due to the red carding of Besart Berisha on 30 minutes.

CMMariners kept the heat on the top two and kept Sydney FC’s season in freefall after a well-earned 1-0 win. Adelaide climbed four spots to fifth on tafter downing the Western Sydney Wanderers 1-0 at Coopers Stadium. Since the last issue, the A-League teams played two more rounds, with the defeat of league leaders Brisbane Roar 1-2 to Adelaide Utd in round 14 stealing the headlines. The clash of the NSA titans, in the derby between Western Sydney W and Sydney FC also made headlines. Victory means that the Wanderers rule the town once again, becoming the first team to win a home Derby in the process.

When it comes to the Brisbane v Adelaide tie, a late header from Adelaide substitute Jordon Elsey condemned Brisbane to defeat. After conceding from a penalty and losing a player to a red card inside the first 45 minutes, the Roar’s second half effort, including a superb goal from Besart Berisha, was not enough to take any points.

Adelaide’s Argentine marksman Jeronimo first had his penalty saved but made amends as he reacted quickest to convert with the rebound.

Melbourne Heart FC were made to pay for their missed chances and suffered a 0-3 defeat at the hands of Perth Glory as sharp shooter Shane Smeltz struck twice in the second half of the clash.

Young Adrian Zahra, of Maltese origin, who is having a good time in Perth’s colours, put the home side ahead in the 64th minute before the returning Shane Smeltz sealed the win with his late brace.

B’Kara and Tarxien go on a goal-spree

Another high-scoring tie was that between Tarxien and Rabat with Tarxien winning 6-2. Karl Pulo stole the show with a hat-trick for Tarxien. Valletta were also in a good mood with a 4-0 win over Vittorios, while Balzan beat Qormi 1-0.

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Malta Premier League Results

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(S:Admir Vladavic pen, Stanley Oha-

**January 18, 2014**

Birkirkara 7 Naxxar 1
(B:Jhonnattan A. 4, R. Scicluna, Men-

**January 19, 2014**

Sliema W. 3 Hibernians 1
(S:Admir Vladavic pen, Stanley Oha-

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