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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear members

Welcome to a new decade. I hope you and your families had a good Christmas and a good start to the New Year. We send our thoughts and prayers to all the people who are affected by these disastrous fires and pray for abundant rain.

2020 membership is now due. Make sure you collect your 2020 sticker to put on the back of your card. Non student members can renew online on our website. Thank you, Brian, for sending out the New Year greetings and news.

In this newsletter are photos taken at the exhibition "Orizzonti d'Italia – Twilight skylights from Police helicopters". We are very privileged to have such an exhibition here on the Gold Coast and thank everyone involved in organising it. I was fortunate enough to talk with Massimo Sestini on Facetime and did a brief interview which I include on *Pagina 4*. I tried to make it easy enough for all our students to be able to read and understand it.

Olivia Italian Eatery is the new restaurant at the Gold Coast Italo Australian Club and they are offering us a 10% discount on food when you show your current Dante card.

This year marks the 500th anniversary of Raphael's death. We would love your ideas on how we can celebrate it.

Cordiali saluti e Buon Anno.

Giovanna



Here I am at the official opening of Orizzonti d'Italia with special guests Mayoress and Mayor Ruth and Tom Tate, Italian Consul Salvatore Napolitano, his wife Diana Cekova and photographer Massimo Sestini.

[Like us on Facebook - Dante Gold Coast](#)

We are also on Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/dantegoldcoast/>

www.ladante.it/associati

(discounts in Italy for members)

DATE CLAIMERS 2020

PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

January mini courses

Friday 17th January Early Bird finishes

Tuesday 21st January enrolments

Dante rooms 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Monday 3rd February classes resume

Monday 24th February AGM

THE GOLD COAST

ITALO AUSTRALIAN CLUB

18 Fairways Drive, Clear Island Waters

Ph: 5575 1966

www.italoaustralianclub.com.au

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Dinner - Wednesday to Saturday

Functions. Please phone Club for bookings.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Summer Mini Courses JANUARY 2020



If you are still interested but did not commit, these mini-courses are going ahead. **Please contact me first before attending.**

Beginners to Intermediate Conversation Clinic

Friday 10 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. 17th, 24th, 31st January
Wednesday 6.30pm - 9.00pm 15th, 22nd, 29th January

Gli Amici del Libro (Inter, Adv, LCS)

Wednesday 10.00am-12.30pm 15th, 22nd, 29th January

For further details and prices, please see website.

SEMESTER 1 2020 COURSES

'Early Bird special': \$420

Includes \$20 annual membership

**** Must be received on or before**

Friday 17th January 2020**

After the 17th Jan 2020- \$440

Late direct debits will pay the higher rate.

Payment - Cash / Cheque / Direct Debit

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*Use Surname as Reference of Payee

2020 Classes Start Date

Classes recommence in week beginning Monday, 3rd February 2020

Enrolment Day at the Dante

Our only "Open day/ Enrolment time" will be Tuesday 21st January from 5.00 pm - 7.00 pm. You can come and see our rooms, discuss your level, make payment, buy your textbook or a dictionary.

Enrolment form

Every student either new or returning must complete a new enrolment form with their latest details please. It is extremely easy to complete online and returns to us immediately.

Teachers for Semester 1 2020

I have had a few enquiries from students about who the teacher will be for their class. I expect that there will be minimal changes however I cannot confirm anything until I know which classes have enough students in them to go ahead and then may need to make changes accordingly.

Private Classes

If you would like private classes over the break, early bookings would guarantee your preferred day and time. Please ring me to discuss this further.

*If you have any questions or concerns-
please call me on 55270797*

Or Email- info@dantegoldcoast.com

Rita School Director

**Can't find the perfect gift
for that special person??**



What about a Gift Certificate to learn Italian at the Dante Gold Coast!!

These can be made to whatever value you wish.

Contact- Rita School Director



Chris Vertullo, Rita Lo Presti, Gino & Christian Moro.

ORIZZONTI D'ITALIA

Article taken from the Italian Consulate web site
https://consbrisbane.esteri.it/consolato_brisbane/en/

Over 100 people attended the inauguration of the exhibition "**Orizzonti d'Italia - Twilight skylines from Police helicopters**" on December 6th at the Gold Coast City Chambers Foyer, 135 Bundall Road, Surfers Paradise with free viewing weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. until the 22nd January. The exhibition, which landed first in Melbourne on its first stop in Australia, on the occasion of the "No Money for Terror" Conference, in the presence of over 70 delegations from all over the world and the Italian Ambassador H.E. Francesca Tardioli, is now being hosted on the Gold Coast, the fifth Australian city by number of inhabitants and a very important economic reality in an enduring expansion.

The project was strongly supported by the Gold Coast City Mayor, Tom Tate, who thanked the Italian Embassy, the Italian Consulate in Brisbane and the Italian Cultural Institute in Melbourne for bringing Orizzonti d'Italia to the exhibition space of the City Council of the Gold Coast.

The photographer Massimo Sestini, escorted by the State Police aboard an AgustaWestland AW139 and AB212 models by Leonardo-Finmeccanica employed by the Police, immortalized in the exhibition the landscapes of Italy an hour after sunset or an hour before sunrise. The images tell the story of the country's wonders, which range from large cities to small towns, from the coasts to the Alps, creating a framework of stunningly beautiful horizons. As the special guest from Italy, Massimo Sestini talked about the project in collaboration with the Italian police and described the emotions of his fantastic flight on a helicopter above the Gold Coast to take a picture of the City which will be added to the exhibition. Sestini, winner of the World Press Photo in 2015, was also invited to be a "guest lecture" to the students of photography of the Griffith University, and met with the members of the Dante Alighieri in Brisbane at "Casa Italia" in Brisbane.

Among the promoters of the initiative, together with the Director of the Italian Institute of Culture of Melbourne, Laura Napolitano and the Police Attache of the Embassy of Italy in Canberra, Vice Questore Mario Argenio, the Consul of Italy in Brisbane, Salvatore Napolitano said: "The exhibition takes place in an excellent period for bilateral relations that open up new horizons of collaboration for Italy with Queensland at an institutional, cultural and economic level".

The Consul added: "Here there is a great deal of attention towards Italy from the institutions and the local population, encouraged also by the cultural influence exercised by a historical community perfectly integrated in the territory accompanied by the renewed interest of our companies for the opportunities of Queensland in particular in the field of infrastructures, energy, transport".

Right at the Gold Coast some years ago Mapei Australia, sponsor of the event, opened the first commercial establishment, and today the headquarters of the Italian company are still in Queensland, in Wacol, where over 100 people are being employed.



Teresa Mennella, John and Giovanna Santomauro, Tony Carnovale and Anne Chapman.



Deeana Nott, Tom Tate and Marilyn Ialacci



Visitors who came to see this special exhibition. Life member, Antonio Colicchia, Giulia Bancheri, from Gorizia, Italy, Lisa Colicchia and John Santomauro.



(a sinistra) Il fotografo Massimo Sestini mentre fotografa la Gold Coast.

(sotto) Il Console italiano per il Qld. e N.T. Salvatore Napolitano, dal Gold Coast City Council, Ross Giudice ed il Vice Questore Mario Argenio con il fotografo, Massimo Sestini.



MASSIMO SESTINI – INTERVISTA 7/12/19

Dove sei stato stamattina? A fare surf.

Ti è piaciuto? Tantissimo. Sono stato a Burleigh Heads. È famoso per il surf, mi hanno detto.

Questa è la prima volta che vieni in Australia? Sì

Pensi che ritornerai? Certamente. Mi piace moltissimo.

Dove sei nato? A Prato

Hai fratelli e sorelle? Ho un fratello, Marco, più giovane di me di due anni.

Sei sposato? Separato.

Figli? Chiara, 25 anni, che si è appena laureata e lavora a Milano.

I tuoi genitori sono ancora vivi? La mia mamma sì.

Come si chiama? Lori

Lei è contenta di quello che tu fai? Moltissimo. È molto fiera di me.

Non ha paura che potresti cascare dall'elicottero? No. No, no, no. Si fida di me.

Cosa ti piace mangiare? La carne e il pesce.

Cosa ti piace bere? Mi piace bere il vino.

Rosso o bianco? Tutti e due.

Qual è il tuo colore preferito? L'azzurro come il cielo.

Parli inglese? No. Solo francese.

Giovanna Santomauro



Soci della Dante all'apertura della mostra "Orizzonti d'Italia"
Walter Antonucci, Martina Medda, Gino Moro, Connie Canale, Anna Domaneschi, Giovanna Santomauro, il Vice Questore, Mario Argenio, Rita Lo Presti e June Moro.

GOLD COAST ITALO AUSTRALIAN CLUB NEWS

Olivia Italian Eatery



We are pleased to welcome Gianluca, Sara, Mara and Roberto from **Olivia Italian Eatery**, our new restaurant, and we invite you to come and experience some truly exceptional authentic Italian food.

We were delighted to have them prepare our fine dining for New Year's Eve which was a great success! The food was exceptional. All had a great night !

The Great Moscow Circus 7th - 26th January 2020

We welcome **The Great Moscow Circus** here for the month of January with their first show on **Tuesday 7th January 2020 at 7:30pm** and their final show on **Sunday 26th January 2020 at 11:00am**.

* Prices range from \$35.00 to \$55.00 for adults, from \$30.00 to \$50.00 for students and concessions (ID is required for concessions) and children between the ages of 3-14 from \$25.00 to \$45.00. Family passes are also available for \$140.00. * Conditions apply.

Please visit their website www.thegreatmoscowcircus.com.au or Phone **0497 667 269** for further details and show times.



AMICI DELLA DANTE

In the photo are the ladies who came to our December *Amici della Dante* lunch at the Gold Coast Italo Australian Club. (Gilda, Ursula, Maria, Ester, Maxine, Delfina, Janine, Giovanna and Caroline) Everyone is welcome to join us on the third Wednesday of the month. You can just have a drink or a coffee if you don't feel like lunching.

The next *Amici* lunch will be at noon on Wednesday 15th January 2020. Come try out the new Olivia Italian Eatery! For further information please contact Maria Barrett on **0418750232**

DANTE ALIGHIERI DISCOUNTS AND ITALIAN LANGUAGE SCHOOLS IN ITALY

If you are going to Italy make sure your membership card is up to date to receive discounts in Italy and other parts of the world. Look up the site:

<https://ladante.it/diventa-socio/le-convenzioni-in-italia-e-nel-mondo.html> Enlarge the map and then click on the part of the world you are interested in to see what discounts and places of interest are in that area.

The official schools are in *BOLOGNA* FIRENZE* MILANO*ROMA*TORINO* – www.ladante.it

10% Discount on meals at the Gold Coast Italo Australian Club “Olivia Italian Eatery” when you show your Dante current membership card.

Salve a tutti!

Siamo una famiglia che si è appena trasferita dopo 10 anni a Melbourne, alla ricerca del sole e di bella gente! Portando con noi il nostro bagaglio di esperienza in ristorazione e servizio al cliente siamo positivi nel creare una comunità dove le persone amino ritrovarsi e deliziarsi non solo di buon cibo ma anche circondarsi di belle persone .

Se gli studenti della Dante volessero venire saremmo più che felici di far sempre uno sconto del **10%** con la presentazione della tessera Dante Alighieri Gold Coast, aggiornata al 2020.

Vi aspettiamo all’**Olivia Italian Eatery**. Se volete potete mettere “mi piace” sia su FB che su Instagram per essere aggiornati o semplicemente venire a provare qualche piatto italiano. **Tel: 07 55751966 o 0478808802.**

Vi aspettiamo numerosi

Sara Gianluca & Roberto



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