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MUSEUM OF HUMAN MIGRATION FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR PORT KEMBLA AREA

From the earliest days of the constitution of the Migration Heritage Project the concept of a museum highlighting migration to the Illawarra has always been a vision for this group. In fact, in the early days and before incorporation, the cultural communities, museums and historical groups that met were known collectively as the "Museum Working Party" before becoming the Migration Heritage Project (MHP). Over the years the MHP has led and participated in many discussions and meetings to realise the goal of a migration museum in the Illawarra region, while at the same time researching and building a collection of stories that showcase the rich and diverse histories of Illawarra migrant communities.

Late 2018, Chris Lacey from the Multicultural Communities Council of Illawarra (MCCI) and Franca Facci, the Chair of the Migration Heritage Project (MHP), collaborated to prepare a joint submission to the NSW Government's Port Kembla Community Investment for a feasibility study to establish a Museum of Human Migration to the Illawarra. One of the primary objectives cited in the application for establishing the museum was *"to showcase and celebrate human migration to the region as a central narrative of the Illawarra's economic, social and civic success as a highly diverse multicultural community"*.

The application was successful and funding has been obtained to conduct a feasibility study. John Petersen has been contracted to undertake the feasibility study for MCCI/MHP. The feasibility study, within the Port Kembla 2505 area, is to be delivered by 31 December 2019.



The MHP is proud to partner MCCI in this exciting venture.



COME ON OVER TO THE OTHER SITE



The new Migration Heritage Project website is up and running

A new look, added online facilities and a photo gallery, as well as all the information and images from past Migration Heritage Project exhibitions and projects

We've added an online photo gallery to the new MHP website containing images collected over the years from our research and exhibitions thanks to the many people who have generously shared them with the MHP. These are not all the photographs, but photographs the MHP has been given permission to use on its website. To protect the photographs and the owners, all photographs are copyright marked to the Migration Heritage Project, however, the photographs belong to the original owners and the MHP maintains a list of owners on its images database. The photographs are not available for reproduction or use by the public. But, thanks to the new website, the MHP can now share these photographs that have recorded local migrant heritage.

With so many transactions taking place online, the new MHP website now offers online facilities such as membership applications and donations, with secure payment choices. If you are not comfortable paying online, the standard method of downloading forms and sending cheques in the mail is still available.

You will also see on the new website much of the information that was previously available on the old website, but maybe just in a different place or maybe called a different name.

Camtu Pham, Managing Director of CleverLink, was engaged by the MHP to create and host the new website. Camtu has been a long term supporter of MHP and an advocate and supporter of community groups in this region. Camtu approached the developing of the new MHP website with passion and commitment as well as providing opportunities to lessen the financial burden associated with website costs.

Alongside the new website the MHP joined the social media cyberspace with Facebook, Instagram and YouTube. Thank you to everyone who has already connected with us or subscribed to our YouTube Channel.

Don't forget to visit our new website and we encourage everyone to help grow the audience with liking,

sharing and following us on Facebook and Instagram and subscribing to the Migration Heritage Project YouTube Channel. Just click on the social media icons at the end of this newsletter.

So please update your bookmarks and contacts with the new MHP website and email address:
New website: www.mhpillawarra.com.au New Email: secretary@mhpillawarra.com.au



OPENING OF ITALO WING AT MACI

Memoir of benefactor, Italo Mazzola, AM, researched and written by MHP for official opening

Congratulations to Multicultural Aged Care Illawarra (MACI) on the opening of the new function centre and 10 bed memory support unit named after late Italo Mazzola, AM, whose generous bequest allowed the construction of the Italo Wing. The Migration Heritage Project were commissioned by MACI to produce a memoir of Italo which was made available at the official opening on 1 March 2019. Franca Facci, Chair of the Migration Heritage Project, was one of the invited guest speakers at the opening (pictured above right). The memoir of the late Italo Mazzola was researched, written and designed by the Migration Heritage Project Committee members who were very grateful for the opportunity to produce the memoir about a very generous man. Italo Mazzola migrated to Australia in 1959 and settled in Wollongong. Through hard work and some good fortune, he was able to build a local small business in Addison Avenue Lake Illawarra which he eventually sold, gained a University education and began to build his wealth. He was an active member of the Italian communities, particularly the Marchigiani, not only in Wollongong but in NSW generally. Through his bequests both during his lifetime and after his death many organisations have benefited.

REGISTERED & ENDORSED



The Migration Heritage Project has always been a not-for-profit volunteer community group, in January 2018 we registered with the Australian Not-for-Profit and Charities Commission

Since incorporation in 2001, the Migration Heritage Project has not only continued to evolve and develop in all things migrant heritage, but also as a community group. This has been primarily through the support of our members, the wider community and the hard work of our volunteers. Sometimes evolution means we have to make organisational changes that will allow us to continue to grow and so with the registration as a not-for-profit we were able to be endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient.

What does this mean for the MHP? Well it tied in nicely with the online donations suggested to us to be included on the new website.

What does this mean for you? Donations to Migration Heritage Project are tax deductible. With just a small donation you can help the MHP keep on being an advocate for the heritage and history of migrants in Wollongong. Go to our [online donations page](#) and donate online.

Donate because migrant heritage is important to you.



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MHP MEMBERSHIP

Annual membership renewal fees are now due. Renewal notices and invoices have been emailed separately to MHP members. If you are not already a member you may want to consider joining the MHP.

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