

CASTAGNE DAY – ITALIAN CHESTNUT DAY

May of each year sees the Fraternity Club host 'Castagne Day'. Castagne Day was held again on 20 May of this year. In 2003 the Migration Heritage Project featured this festival enjoyed by the people in Illawarra in its 'Celebrations Spirit of Communities' Exhibition that was held in the Wollongong City Gallery. But what is the story behind the Castagne? [Read More](#)

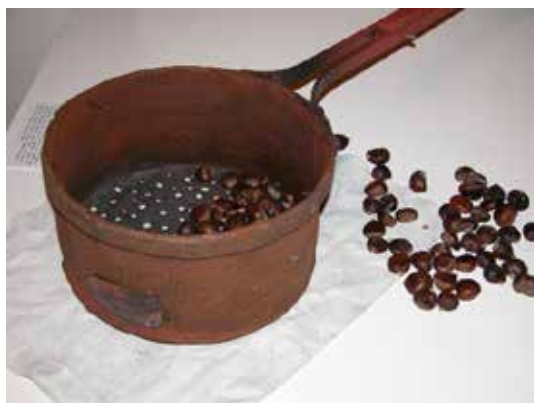
JOSEPH MARCEAU

In April this year, WIN News Illawarra ran a news story about a documentary being made on Joseph Marceau. In 2012, Joseph Marceau featured as one of the early Illawarra pioneers in a Migration Heritage Project research Project 'Identifying early Illawarra pioneers from diverse cultural backgrounds from settlement to the 1940s'. [Read More](#)

MEMBERSHIP

The MHP will soon be sending out membership renewal notices inviting our current members to renew their memberships for 2018-2019. Not a member yet? Would you like to join the MHP? Download our membership form and join us in defining, recording, protecting and promoting migrant heritage in Wollongong and Illawarra. Join before 30 June 2018 and take advantage of our special membership offer of the joining fee being the same as the 2018-2019 renewal fee. [Read More](#)

VALE FREDDIE ROMANO



The MHP lost another friend in May this year. Freddie Romano was the husband of one of our foundation members, Olga Romano, and very generously shared his homemade chestnut (castagne) roaster for the 'Celebrations Spirit of Communities Exhibition'.

This is a sad reminder that our post WWII migrants are passing and along with them, their stories and objects. Have you had a chance to record the stories of your loved ones and speak to them about the objects that they brought with them when they came to Australia? Don't know how to get started? [Read More](#)

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