



DANTE NEWS GOLD COAST

June/giugno 2022

DATE CLAIMER

- 10 June – Amici della Dante lunch
- 10 June – 6.30 pm. -Visioni sarde
Sardinian short movies
- 17 June – End of Semester dinner
Double Zero, Robina
- 28 June – Gnocchi making



LETTERA DEL PRESIDENTE

Dear members

Congratulations to Italy and all Italians who are celebrating the 76th Anniversary of the foundation of the Italian Republic on the 2nd June. We welcome the new Italian Consul for Queensland and Northern Territory, Dr. Luna Angelini Marinucci, the first female Consul in Brisbane. (Photo on the right from Italian Consulate website.)

I hope you have kept dry and safe. We are trying to make this Newsletter look interesting enough for you to read. Thank you Rita for helping me design this one.

Thank you to all the wonderful members who worked to transform our Piazza Dante into a magical place for our *Festeggiamenti* for Dr. Brian Bell and Luisa Liussi. We presented them with well deserved Life Membership to our Society. Thank you to Clelia Zilli for the Prosecco from Global Food and Wine. There are some photos in this Newsletter but you can see more on our web site.

We had a good number of members and friends attend our last two morning tea and movie sessions and I will do more later in the year. Please reply to the coming events as soon as possible. Some are only available to limited numbers.

Congratulations to Ukraine for winning the Eurovision Song Contest.

Many of you are travelling to Italy soon and I wish you a safe and enjoyable trip.

Cordiali saluti

Cav. Giovanna Santomauro

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ITALIANE
VISIONI
SARDE

These 6 short films are produced in and promote Sardinia, discovering and enhancing young and new Sardinian talent. **All films are subtitled**

Friday 10th June, 6.30pm Aula 1 Dante rooms
Cost \$10- includes Sardinian wine and biscuits

Register Early - Numbers limited to 20

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Ciao a tutti,

Over the last year and a half, we have had minimal social events whether it be school socials or for the Dante. However, I would like to say that we are having an **end of semester dinner at Double Zero, Robina**. There will be antipasto, shared pizzas and pasta platters. We need to confirm numbers 10 days before so I suggest that you talk with your friends in class and then confirm if you are coming or not. You must prepay for this evening.

Visioni sarde

I recommend these short films. They will be in Italian with some Sardinian dialect, but all the films are subtitled. To make it a special evening, included in the cover charge, there will be a glass of Sardinian wine and Sardinian biscuits. Book early as there are only 20 places.

Important Course Dates

Semester 1

- * Semester ends Friday 17th June
- * Student Dinner -Friday 17th June
- * Mid-semester break- 18th June-10th July.

Semester 2

- * Early bird payment ends – Friday 17th June
- * Classes recommence- the week beginning Monday 11th July

End of Semester certificate

Only students lower than Intermediate 1 will receive certificates of level completion in the last week of this term. If you are of a higher level and would like a certificate, please let your teacher know.

Student end of semester Dinner

Friday 17th June

Robina Town centre

6.30pm

Italian banquet \$40 per person

Antipasto and shared platters

of varieties of pizza and pasta

Please register your name and numbers on the Web on the online form or add on list at the Dante rooms.

Please make payment prior to the cut-off date. Pay online ref: Dante dinner. **RSVP by Tuesday 7th June.**

NO late bookings will be accepted after this time.

Any questions or concerns about the school, please call me on 55270797 or email me: info@dantegoldcoast.com

Rita – School Director

Semester 2 Prices

Early Bird Special

\$430 for continuing students

\$450 for new students

Early bird special finishes on **Friday 17th June**
 Semester price-18 weeks

From Saturday 18th June

\$450 (returning student from Sem 1 2022)

\$470 (new student including membership)

OR paying term by term

Term 1 (10 weeks) \$300.00

Term 2 (8 weeks) \$240.00

Please add \$20 membership to these prices if new student

These details and the enrolment form are on the web site.

Enrolments in our rooms

Tuesday 28th June 5.00 – 7.00pm only





Cagliari, 7th May 1945. In the backstage of a radio, the announcer Ciccio proposes to the actress Bruna. She refuses because she suffers for the love of an American private based in town. Because of their opposed feelings, Bruna and Ciccio make a mess during the radio live show, when suddenly news arrives: the war is over. A special day, that the old Ciccio brings back to his memory thanks to the beloved Bruna, who appears to him in a vision in front of the sea.



L'uomo del mercato- Mario walks for miles every day to pick up from the street the fruit and vegetable market crates to sell them for a few cents. He carries them on his shoulders, dozens at a time, tightly tied together with a rope. He dreams of receiving help from some benefactor. Among the intimidating threats of his neighbour and the generosity of the neighbourhood's little boss, maybe in some way, he will figure out how to redeem himself.

Classi Private



Jeni e Nerina. Una lunga classe privata con merenda deliziosa.



Karen St. Clair, Warwick Kermeen and Rita Lo Presti at the Festeggiamenti

10% DISCOUNT FOR DANTE MEMBERS AT MARCO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT

Dear members, if you know any business that could offer our members a discount please ask them to contact us so we can include them in our newsletter. Grazie.

FESTEGGIAMENTI

Festeggiamenti – a night of celebration – celebrating returning to classes for Term 2 and for special recognition of Luisa Liussi and Dr Brian Bell's contributions to Dante by presenting them with Life Membership was held on Friday 29 April.

The evening certainly lived up to its name. Thanks to the organising committee of Virginia Lamb and her team, the Dante courtyard transformed into a “*Bosco Magico*” providing a welcome surprise for all.

It was a pleasure to MC the evening and introduce Luisa and Brian's 'Life at Dante' to over 40 members. President Giovanna spoke well of their contributions to Dante and presented them with Life Membership – so well deserved. Luisa – retiring after 33 years of teaching at the Dante school, and Brian – retiring from 19 years of classes and membership, 14 of those on the committee and especially volunteering as our webmaster (which he will still continue).

Thank you all for joining us and making this such a special occasion. We look forward to seeing you again at our next function.

Gino Moro
Vice President



Gino Moro and Giovanna Santomauro with Life Members Nino Miano, Tony Carnovale, Astrid Pennisi, Brian Bell and Luisa Liussi.



**MC- Vice President
Gino Moro, with
President Cav.
Giovanna
Santomauro and Life
Member Dr. Brian
Bell.**

Luisa Liussi



Dr. Brian Bell



BEHIND EVERY SUCCESSFUL EVENT IS A BAND OF HARD WORKERS

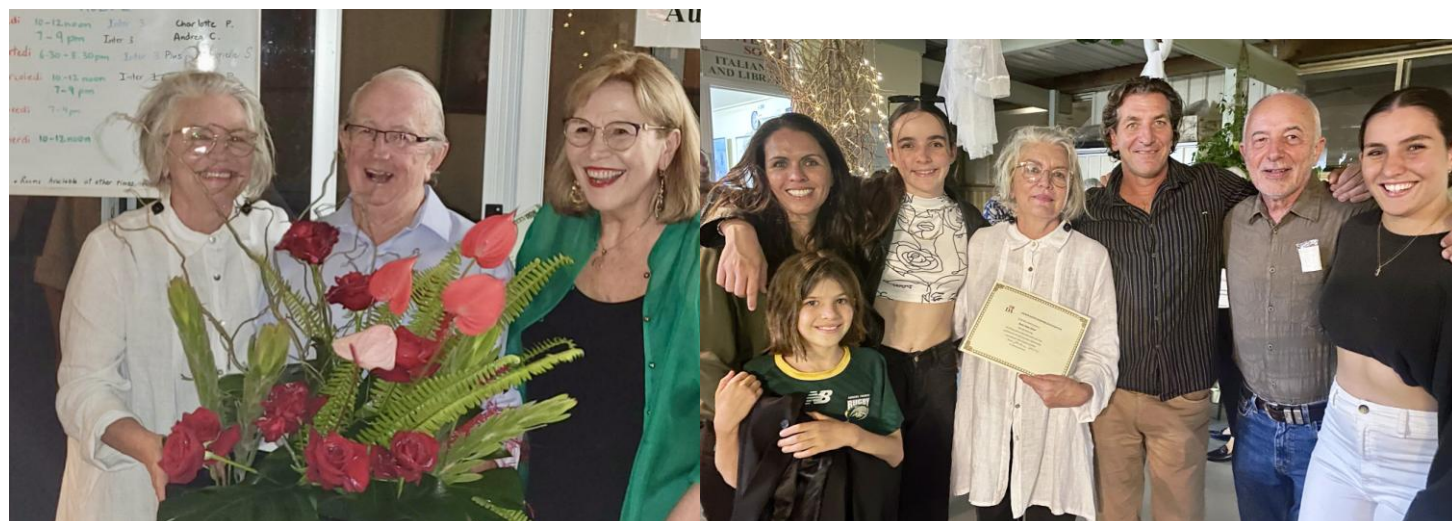
The evening of Friday April 29th was a very happy occasion where the generous contributions to the Gold Coast Dante Alighieri Society of Luisa Liussi and Brian Bell were acknowledged. The Piazza was transformed into a sparkling, twinkling venue to celebrate this special occasion. With lush greenery draped from the rafters everyone sipped on Prosecco, and enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere. Thank you Clelia Zilli for getting the Prosecco donated by Gianni Ceccato.

Particular thanks must go to the creative flair of Julie Livingstone. What an amazing woman! She spent the morning up a ladder and supervising her band of helpers. Jocelyn Lobascher, Heather Winter, John Santomauro and my husband John all worked in contributing to the final look. June Moro's attention to detail throughout the entire planning process was sensational and Giovanna's support was much appreciated

Thanks must also go to Chef Marco from the Italian Club who presented a wonderful Grazing Table of antipasto for us to enjoy.

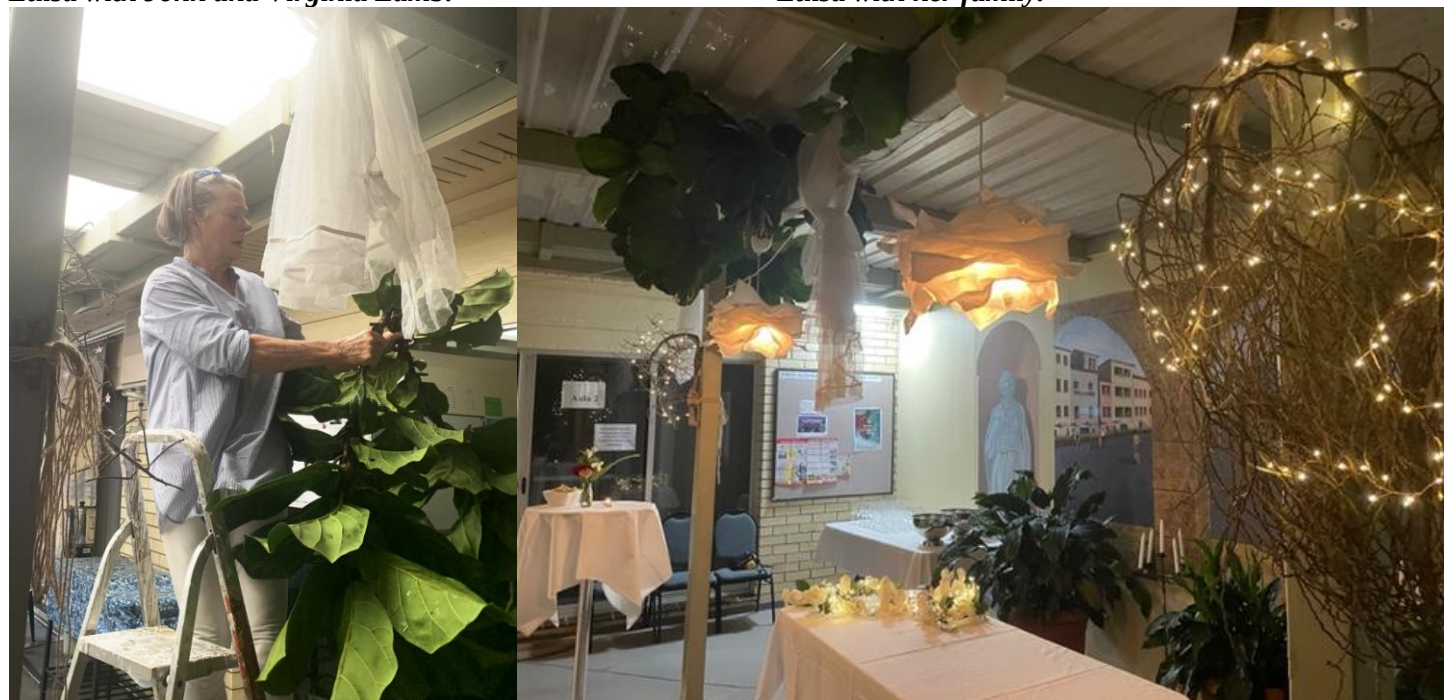
Thank you Helpers.

Virginia Lamb



Luisa with John and Virginia Lamb.

Luisa with her family.





**AMICI DELLA DANTE
FRIDAY JUNE 10 – 12.00 NOON
THE GOLD COAST ITALO AUSTRALIAN CLUB**

It is a great excuse to invite friends for an informal meal and chat (*chiacchierata*). Book a place at the next lunch to share friendship (*amicizia*) and enjoy meeting new Dante friends. The plan is for a light meal to share, cost \$20.00. Antipasto, Pizza, Salad and Sweet (*dolce*)



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Tuesday night students work together to solve the treasure hunt “Caccia al Tesoro” to practice pronouns.



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Festeggiamenti continue.



Italian for Travellers students during coffee break.



B1 Students enjoy cake made by Carlotta. Rosa and Giovanna's birthdays



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## FUNNY CORNER – by anonymous.

### AT THE ITALIAN BORDER

Five Germans in an Audi Quattro arrive at the Italian border.

The Italian Customs Officer stops them and tells them “It’s illegal to putta 5 people in a Quattro”

“Vot do you mean it’s illegal?” Asks the German driver.

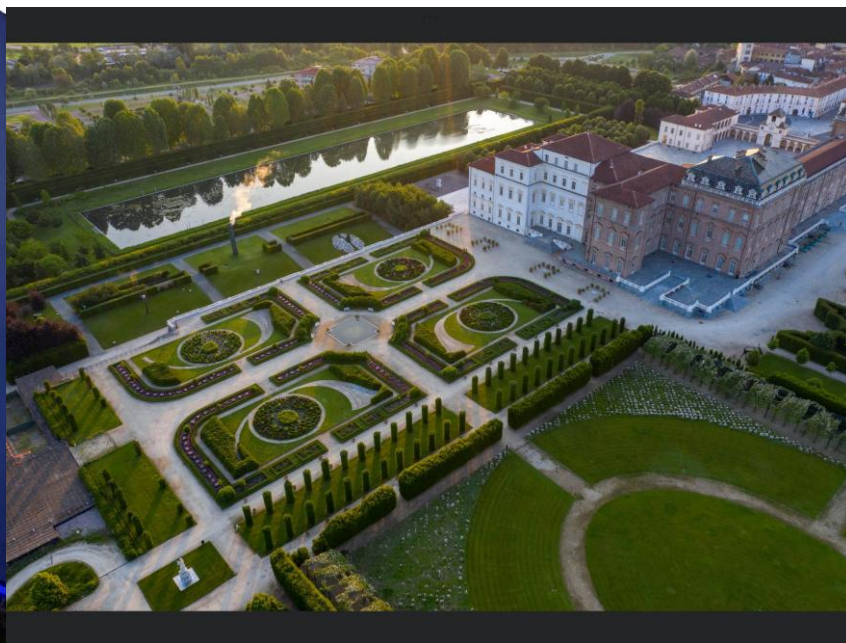
“Quattro means four” replies the Italian official.

“Quattro is just ze name of ze automobile” the German says unbelievably. “Look at ze damn papers. Ze car is designed to carry 5 persons.”

“You canta pulla thata one on me!” replies the Italian Customs Officer. “Quattro means four. You have five-a people ina your car and you are therefore breaka the law.”

The German driver replies angrily. “You idiot! Call your Supervisor. I want to speak to someone viz more intelligence!”

“Sorry” responds the Italian officer. “He can’ta come. He’sa busy with 2 guys in a Fiat Uno.”



EUROVISION SONG CONTEST TURIN 2022. The theme was “the Sound of Beauty. Images above from Torino. 50 contestants started and there were 25 entries in the grand finals. The winners were the group from Ukraine, a rap group called Kalush Orchestra who sang “Stefania”. Where will the next one be held?