

## Dolce Sulla Strada - The Italian Art Exhibition

By Lisa Cinicola

In the early hours of the morning, of Monday 10th June, a keen group of Movimento FM supporters and art lovers, met at Strathfield Station to venture off in another chapter of "Dolce Sulla Strada", to view the exhibition of "The Italians - Three Centuries of Italian Art", at the National Gallery of Australia - Canberra.



Image: Leonardo da Vinci  
Testa di Cristo  
[Head of Christ]  
drawing on paper  
40 x 32 cm

The coach, driven by our loyal bus driver - Colin, headed off with a full coach of new and familiar faces, on what was expected to be a very interesting and educational tour. We stopped for a quick morning tea break at Goulburn, where we enjoyed delicious chocolate cake and Greek Baklava supplied by our good friend Nick. The air was very fresh so the hot beverages were welcomed by all.

We arrived in Canberra to a temperature of only 13 degrees, luckily everyone came prepared with their coats, scarfs, gloves and beanies. We were given a guided tour of the art works, featuring

several major works by each of four key artists: Titian, Caravaggio, Canaletto and Tiepolo. When the guided tour finished, we visited the gift shop where we were able to buy prints, books, cards etc, of the works of art in the exhibition.

Our next stop was to the Italo-Australian Club where we enjoyed a delicious buffet lunch and dessert. Our *special guest* - 12 month old Natasha (daughter of Noel and Amira), drew our lucky seat and raffle winners. Congratulations to all those prize winners!

After lunch we were given the option to either visit Parliament House or for those keen art enthusiasts, re-visit the art gallery for some free tourist time.

At 5.30pm, we commenced our journey home, while enjoying a movie and music. We stopped for afternoon tea and a quick snack at a local roadhouse for all those peckish tummies.

The day was said to be enjoyed by all and we thank Mr C, Rose Colombo, all who helped organise another great day trip. Thanks to all those people that attended and we look forward to seeing you all in the next chapter of "Dolce Sulla Stada"!

## Movimento FM presented with award at Mamma Lena's Birthday

By Cathy Giannini

MAMMA LENA, ITALO-AUSTRALIA'S RENOWNED FIGURE AMONG THE ITALIAN COMMUNITY, HAS TURNED 88 YEARS OF AGE.

Having arrived in Australia in 1967, Mamma Lena became the migrant's friend and pioneer of foreign language radio programs in Sydney. Through her radio program *Arrivederci Roma*, she reached out to the Italian community and became very popular in a time when female radio announcers were scarce.

To help celebrate the wonderful occasion, supporters, family and friends of Mamma Lena joined her at the Conca D'oro Lounge in Riverwood, on Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> of July.

Movimento FM were amongst the celebrators and were recognised for their fine efforts in promoting and fostering Italian culture in the community, receiving the *Premio Della Cultura Award*. After years of hard work in promoting and keeping the

Italian culture alive. Mr C proudly accepted the award on behalf of the Movimento FM crew, from Michael Cantali, President of the Mamma Lena foundation.

On the day each lady was also given a special gift from Mamma Lena herself, a gold medallion "Cuore di Mamma Lena" as a thank you.

The celebrations ended with some dancing and of course a few quick rounds of the Tarantella. Congratulations Mamma Lena and the crew of Movimento FM.

