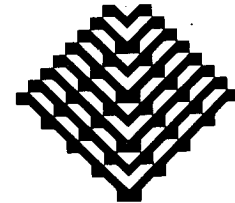


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4th January, 1990.

Dear Dino and Mamma Lena,

This will officially acknowledge receipt of the book, 70 anni di ricordi in due mondi compiled by Dino. It is a lasting tribute to the inestimable value of your work for the Italian community in Australia for over 30 years. It was indeed a pleasure to meet you and be presented with this volume at the Festa di Natale dell' Associazione degli scrittori Italo-Australiani, on 14 December.

We are very pleased to have this for the Mitchell Library, State Library of New South Wales, and on behalf of the Library Council of New South Wales, I thank you for this donation.

As I mentioned at the festa prior to reading extracts from the diaries of the Australian writer, Eric Schlunke, one of the roles of the State Library is to collect information relating to all aspects of life in New South Wales. The contributions made by Italians must be adequately documented if the historical record is to be a faithful one. For this reason, the State Library was very pleased to accept the Italian Historical Society's invitation to co-operate in a project which would aim to increase the amount of information on the Italian community in N.S.W. held by the State Library for the benefit of future researchers.

For this project, we are interested in collecting material which documents the experience of individual Italians who have settled in N.S.W. regardless of how recently or how long ago this was. We are also interested in documenting Italian community life and the activities of Italian businesses, clubs and societies.

I wish to confirm the Library's interest in your personal papers. Might you consider what a wonderful acquisition your collection would make for the Library? The sorts of material reproduced in your book fit exactly the criteria set for our collecting project. Your personal papers would be a fillip to the project and represent the first collection acquired since the launch of the campaign.

The Library's Field Librarian, Kay Young and myself would like the opportunity to visit you and discuss further matters concerning a possible donation. I can be rung on 2301506 to arrange a time that is mutually convenient.

I look forward to hearing from you, and your interest in the Library is greatly appreciated.

Tanti auguri

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Andrighetti".

Jim Andrighetti
Manuscripts Section