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6 April 1993

Mrs Lena Gustin
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*Aldo Breda
Nomination*

Dear Madam

RE: Aldo Breda - Nomination for an Award in the Order Of Australia

Having been closely associated with Aldo Breda both professionally and as a close family friend for many years I believe that his great service to the community warrants recognition by an Award in the Order of Australia.

In the belief that you share this view I invite you to provide a personal statement reflecting your particular knowledge of Aldo's contribution to the community.

Should you provide a statement I intend to include it in a submission accompanying the Nomination for an Award in the Order of Australia.

The statement should include:

1. details of your association with Aldo,
2. the activities undertaken by Aldo which in your opinion merit reward (including, if applicable, his services and assistance to the Scalabrini Village and the Long Day Child Care Centre of Sorella Radio of Fairfield),

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3. the reasons why you consider he should receive special recognition by an award in the Order of Australia.

4. your own personal details:

Name:

Address & Telephone Number:

Occupation:

Current Position & Address:

Organisation(s) represented together with any office currently or formerly held:

The statement should be addressed to The Secretary, Order of Australia, Government House, ACT, 2600, HOWEVER COULD YOU PLEASE ENCLOSE THE STATEMENT IN AN ENVELOPE addressed to myself so that I may include it in the nomination.

If you would like to support Aldo's nomination please let me have your statement by the end of the month so that the submission and the nomination may be completed by mid-August.

Looking forward to your support for this most worthy nomination,

Yours sincerely



Nerio Panizzutti
Chairman
Credentials Committee
Scalabrini Village Limited

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The Secretary
Order of Australia
Government House. ACT. 2600

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- * Mr Breda saw much merit and need in the Centre and offered much of his personal time and the services of his Company and managed to complete the Centre to the delight of all concerned. He also donated all the special equipment required to cater for children ranging in age between 0 to 2 years, who attend the Centre.
- * The Long Day Care Centre now caters for between 45 and 50 children and is considered one of the very best in the State of NSW. Both the community and I owe our thanks to Mr Breda for it was through his generosity that this long cherished dream became a reality.
- * Mr. Breda's generosity came to the fore on a number of other occasions with his help in a number of enterprises to help the Italian community in particular. He was involved in the construction of major projects at the Scalabrini Village which now houses hundreds of elderly Italians who are able to live out their last days with other countrymen and women being able to speak their own language.

He also donated 12 special stands to display stories of Italian migration to Australia which will form part of this country's heritage.
- * Mr. Breda has also set a fine example of a family man, a loving father and a devoted husband. Through his work, generosity and integrity he has inspired others to become active and responsive to community needs.
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- * For some years now I have been president of the Ladies' Committee of the Apia Club. Some years back I was an active member of the National Women's Advisory Council.
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(Lena Gustin)

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SORELLA RADIO CENTRE ⁵
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 the position of President of Ladies
 Committee of the Opia Club
 and active member of the past
 National Women's advisory council
 in Canberra and for some other
 associations.

During the past 30 years I did produce
 and presented ^{many} various Radio programmes
~~on~~ ^{on} the national Radio stations
 2SM - 2CH - 2KY and 2SER FM.

As journalist I gave my collaboration²⁴ to the Italian News Paper La Fiamma and Director of Settegiorni, but my major effort it was and still is so voluntary social worker out the service of the communities for (not only Italian) for which I have dedicated my ~~entire~~ entire life -

Bankstown 21st May 1993

ORDER OF AUSTRALIA
Government House
CANNBERRA ACT 2600

To the Secretary.

Ref: Mr. Aldo BREDA Nomination for an Award in the Order of Australia.

Dear Sir/Madam

I am known in the Italian Australian community as "MAMMA LENA" or (Cav. Lena Gustin)

I am the President of Sorrella Radio Child Care Centre of Fairfield of which I was the major promoter and the driving force behind this initiative. I have also held for many years the position of President of the women committee of the IAA Club in Leichhardt NSW. *and also part of the*
for last *years* *of* *Narr*
For the last years I have been involved in various radio programmes of the following national radio stations: 2SM - 2KY - 2SER FM as Mamma Lena through my programmes of "Sorrella Radio" and "Arivederci Roma". I was and am still an active journalist with the major Italian newspaper. I have dedicated my entire life work as a social worker at the services of the Italian community in this country.

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It was during the construction of the Child Care Centre of Fairfield in 1982 that I had the pleasure to meet Mr. Aldo Breda.

At the time the project under construction was in financial difficulties and Mr. Aldo Breda offered himself with his company to complete the Child Centre and as well he donated all the special equipment required to catering for the children from 0 to 2 years of age.

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The Child Care Centre of Sorrella Radio in Fairfield is catering now for children and it is considered the best in NSW.

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The community and my self *we* have to thank the generosity of Mr. Aldo Breda because *we* his generosity that this dream of mine become a reality.

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This was not the only time that Mr. Aldo Breda involved himself in with his generosity various community enterprise for the Italian and Australian, he generously give money and services and he was also involved in the construction of major projects at the Scalabrini Villages, he never ask for any remuneration for his services, the Scalabrini Villages are catering for hundreds of elderly Italian. *He also donated 12 stands to give the possibility to show stories of Italian migrated in Australia.*
On behalf of my self and my husband Cav. Dino Gustin and the Committee of Mamma Lena Community Service and Sorrella Radio, the Italian community and from the many employs of the firm of Aldo Breda and as well from the many Italian associations, that Aldo Breda with his generosity has help to establish:

Aldo Breda

We would like to bring to your attention this man, a good father and beloved husband of that through his work, integrity and generosity has indicated and motivated others to be active participants as citizens to the needs of the community. In his operate, of good will, he share with others his good fortune, in this generous country of ours, Australia.

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And we feel sincerely and honestly that Mr. Aldo Breda deserve an acknowledge from the Australian Government for his services and generosity to the welfare of the communities that through his life and work he has indicated his care and love to help whom he may be in need.
 We Raccmend this Man Aldo Breda to your attention .

Sincerely,

Mamma Lena (Cav. Lena Gustin NBE)

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(lettera per Breda per la nomina a Membro dell'Ordine Australiano)

To Secretary ORDER of AUSTRALIA GOVERNMENT HOUSE
CANBERRA ACT 2600.

RE: ALDO BREDA
NOMINATION FOR AN AWARD IN THE ORDER
OF AUSTRALIA.

Sono MAMMA LENA (Cav. Lena Gustin MBE) Presidente di Sorella Radio Child Care Centre di Fairfield, ex Presidente del Comitato femminile dell' Apia. Per circa trent' anni produttrice e presentatrice di Programmi Radio in lingua italiana sulle varie stazioni 2SM/2CH/2ky. e 2SER FM. e oltre al lavoro giornalistico dei primi anni in seguito mi sono particolarmente dedicata al LAVORO SOCIALE, sempre volontario nominata appunto MAMMA LENA per aver aiutato centinaia di italiani in moltissime e varie necessita'.

Una delle persone che e' stata vicina a me ed a determinati miei interessamenti ed al mio Comitato ed a parecchi rami del mio intenso lavoro, e' stato il signor ALDO BREDA che ci ha aiutato particolarmente nel 1982 per la costruzione del CENTRO DI SORELLA RADIO, ora considerato come il miglior LONG DAY CHILD CARE CENTRE DEL NSW, che ospita una cinquantina di bambini dalla nascita fino alla pre/school.

In quel tempo eravamo in difficolta' per la costruzione del Centro e senza l' aiuto di ALDO BREDA, che non solo ha contribuito a certe spese indispensabili, ma che ha anche regalato a sue spese la stanza sociale per il bagno dei bambini piu' piccoli da 0 a 2 anni.

Aldo Breda e' stato vicino al mio lavoro anche in altre circostanze per rapporti e lavori con la Comunita' non solo italiana, ma mi e' sempre prestato per ogni richiesta e manufattore di vario genere specialmente in costruzioni in legno e materiale vario, senza richiedere alcun compenso, dimostrando generosita' ed affetto affiancandosi alla mia varia operosita'. Siamo anche amici di FRAGOLE e posso affermare che Aldo e' sempre stato un ottimo marito e padre, ma non e' stato solo vicino a noi, ha fatto parte anche al grande lavoro del Villaggio Scalabrini e tutt'ora e'

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la storia dell'emigrazione
italiana in
AUSTRALIA

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vicino alle necessita' di questo grandi complessi che ospitano gli italiani della terza eta', dando tempo, e denaro per la costruzione di nuovi locali che si rendono necessari.

Percio' da parte mia e da parte del Comitato di Sorella Radio e del Mamma Lena Community Centre, penso che Aldo Breda meriti veramente un riconoscimento da parte del Governo Australiano per tutto cio' che ha fatto per varie e molteplici non solo Associazioni, ma anche ad individui che necessitavano di un aiuto sia per lavoro che per assistenza, sia piu' che meritato e mi permetto di raccomandarlo non solo da parte mia, di mio marito, ma di molti connazionali che sono stati aiutati che lavorano per merito suo e la generosita' con cui si distingue in ogni sua azione.

Grazie per avermi messa fra coloro che possono caldeggiare un cosi' importante riconoscimento ed auguri a chi lavora per premiare coloro che se lo meritano con un titolo cosi' importante.

Distinti saluti Sa

Mamma Lena (Cav. Lena Gustin MBE)

Mamma Lena
RADIO PROGRAMMES

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(Sydney AUSTRALIA) ☎ 769 2004

22/5/93

Gentile Signora Lauretta.

Grande per avermi dato l'opportunità
di raccomandare il caso Aldo Breda -

Spesso di aver potuto dare sia
pure brevemente un valido contributo -

Scusi del ritardo, dovuto
partitroppo a motivi di vario genere
fra cui la salute -

Spew ed auguro tutto bene
anche per lei e famiglia anche a
nome di mio marito Dino. Con
affetto

Mamma Lena