

Mr John Randall
Director of Civic Affairs
Town Hall
Sydney

June 6th, 1968.

Dear Mr Randall,

Re: Presentation of gift from the City of Västerås, Sweden

Thank you for seeing the small delegation at 10 a.m. this morning.
The members are:

Mr Angelo Brivio, an Italian-born resident of Västerås, and now a pensioner. He is here as a guest of the Lombardic Association, since his home province in Italy is Lombardy. He worked for a number of years at the engineering corporation of ASEA in Västerås, since the merger with Brown Boveri one of the world leaders in electrical engineering.

With Mr Brivio are: Signora Maria Cerizza, who is foundation president of the Association of Lombardic Societies in Australia, and Mr Brivio's host; Mamma Lena, a well-known identity in the Italian community, with many years experience in ethnic broadcasting and a community worker; and finally myself, Mrs Birgitta Sharpe, as a representative of the Swedish community. (The Swedish Consul is away from Sydney and the Consulate asked me to represent the community.) I am a broadcaster in the Swedish programme of Radio 2EA and an interpreter/translator with the Ethnic Affairs Commission.

The City of Västerås is a city where historical tradition and modern industry meet. The city has a cathedral, an 400-year old grammar school and some beautiful old buildings. The "Italian connection" in Västerås goes back to the years immediately after the Second World War, when ASEA recruited large groups of Italian workers for its expanding industrial complex. They have contributed to the city's life economically and culturally. Mr Angelo Brivio is the author of an illustrated history of the Italian community in Västerås.

I should perhaps also mention that Mr Brivio has little English, but will speak in Swedish; that Signora Cerizza speaks French and Italian, but that Mamma Lena and I will function as interpreters, if this is found desirable.

Yours sincerely,

Birgitta Sharpe
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VÄSTERÅS KOMMUN



To the Municipality of Sidney

The municipality of Västerås, Sweden, sends warm greetings to Sidney by our friend Mr Angelo Brivio, representing "La voce degli italiani" in our city.

We congratulate you on your 200 year jubilee and present you a book about our city, which has been Mr Brivio's place of residence since 40 years.

Västerås 6th may 1988

Ake Hillman
Chairman of the
Municipal Board

Uno Williamsson
Chief Executive officer

Västerås — staden vid Mälaren

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