



Message for **FOREWORD OF CAVALIERE DINO GUSTIN J.P.'S BOOK
"70 YEARS OF MEMORIES - ITALY AND AUSTRALIA"
(70 ANNI DI RICORDI IN DUE MONDI)**

In June 1999 I was pleased to be present when Signora (Mamma) Lena Gustin was invested with the high honour of Commendatore of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic. The award formally recognised Signora Gustin's services to the Italian-speaking community in journalism, broadcasting, education and business. It was an honour of 'two worlds', coming from the country of her birth in recognition of her work in her adopted country.

In 1998 I attended the unveiling of the bronze bust of Signora Gustin whose inscription reminds its reader of her contribution in the 'difficult years' of emigration to Australia. Today, Australia's communities, particularly long-established and large communities like Italians who helped to build cultural diversity, share the vision of a multicultural Australia.

The challenge before us is to ensure that Australia's cultural diversity will continue to be a productive force. The work of people like the Gustins will help to ensure that Australia's cultural diversity will continue to be both a productive source of inspiration and a unifying force.

Cavaliere Dino Gustin's book continues the story of his and Signora Gustin's activities from the Bicentennial Year to date. The extent of this book indicates how busy the Gustins' "retirement" has been.

The publication of "70 Years of Memories - Italy and Australia" provides me with an occasion to thank, on behalf of the Australian community, Dino and Lena Gustin and all who have lent them support. I thank them for the role they have played in contributing to the prosperity of Australia and to the success of multiculturalism in Australia and wish them success with future endeavours.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Philip Ruddock'.

PHILIP RUDDOCK

