



**Message from the Minister for Immigration,  
The Hon. B. M. Snedden, Q.C., M.P.,  
for booklet commemorating tenth anniversary  
of station 2CH's Italian programme.**

1969

It gives me great pleasure to add my congratulations to Mrs. Lena Gustin on the Tenth Anniversary of her station 2CH, Sydney, programme, "Arrivederci Roma".

Mrs. Gustin — warmly known to her listeners as "Mamma Lena" — has, in her broadcasts, made an outstanding contribution to the successful settlement in N.S.W. of new — and not so new — arrivals from Italy.

Indeed, she has helped build a bridge of understanding between the New World and the Old.

Besides news and music from Italy, she has given a wealth of information on Australian laws and customs, and, in consultation with Commonwealth and State Departments, including my own, has advised an untold number of settlers on their problems.

As a voluntary delegate for the National Association of Families of Emigrants (Associazione Nazionale Famiglie degli Emigranti), she also has interpreted for new arrivals, taken them to hospital when they have become sick, and helped in many other practical ways.

Last year, for services to the community, the Queen made Mrs. Gustin, who migrated with her husband and family from Trieste, Italy, in 1956, a Member of the Order of the British Empire.

In 1967, Italy recognised her valuable work for migrants and Australia by awarding her its second highest honour — The Cross of the Cavaliere.

Until recently, Mrs. Gustin, who is an Australian citizen, also found time to edit the newspaper, "Settegiorni".

She has been untiring in her efforts to promote the welfare of newcomers, and help them integrate more easily into the Australian community.

For this, I commend her most highly — and wish "Arrivederci Roma" many more anniversaries.

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