



'Mamma Lena' Gustin
102 South Terrace
BANKSTOWN NSW 2200

Mamma Lena

Dear Mrs Gustin

I was pleased to be present at your recent investment with the honour of Commendatore of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic.

The award is appropriate formal recognition of your services to the community, in business, broadcasting, journalism and education, providing practical and social support to the Italian-speaking people who are now amongst the longest-settled of this city's communities.

Moreover, the award is a double honour, coming from the country of your birth in recognition of your work in your adopted country.

The award of this honour provides me with an occasion to thank you on behalf of the Australian community for the role you have played in contributing to the success of multiculturalism in Australia.

I extend to you my congratulations.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Philip Ruddock', written over a light blue circular stamp.

Philip Ruddock

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