

# DECEMBER 2020

## MERRY CHRISTMAS!



### FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Welcome to our final newsletter for the year! I am sure we are all ready to see the end of 2020 and look forward to a fresh start – with health and happiness in abundance.

This message is to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and blessed festive season. I look forward to meeting with all our social groups over the next coming months, and would like to once again acknowledge the tremendous effort that you have all put in over the last year and to thank you all for your time and dedication to those in our Italian community. Without your generosity there would so many in our community who would not feel included and valued.

*Merry Christmas!*

Benvenuti nella nostra newsletter finale dell'anno! Sono sicuro che siamo tutti pronti per vedere la fine del 2020 e non vediamo l'ora che inizi un nuovo inizio, con salute e felicità in abbondanza.

Questo messaggio è per augurare a tutti un buon Natale e una felice stagione festiva. Nei prossimi mesi ci incontreremo tutti i nostri gruppi e vorrei riconoscere ancora una volta l'enorme sforzo che avete fatto nel corso dell'ultimo anno e ringraziare tutti voi per il vostro tempo e la vostra dedizione a quelli della nostra comunità italiana. Senza la tua generosità ci sarebbero così tanti nella nostra comunità che non si sentirebbero inclusi e apprezzati.

*Buon Natale!*

Tina Taddeo  
**President**  
Co.As.It. (SA)



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## Co.As.It. (SA) IS ON AIR!



Join us every first Tuesday of the month on  
**RADIO ITALIANA 531 AM from 2:30 - 3:00pm**

# ITALIAN COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER AWARDS 2020

The 16th annual Co.As.It (SA) Italian Community Volunteer Awards were held on Friday 13th of November 2020 at the Noel Lothian Hall, Adelaide Botanic Gardens. Although this year's event was a little different from our usual awards ceremony due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, we were still extremely proud to be able to celebrate and thank all our wonderful volunteers for their support to the Italian Community.

This year's guest speakers and special attendees included Adriano Stendardo, Consul of Italy, The Honourable Jing Lee MLC, representing Premier of SA, Steven Marshall MP, Assistant Minister to the Premier and Dr Susan Close MP, representing Leader of the Opposition, Peter Malinauskas MP, Deputy Leader of the Opposition.

Along with these special guests, the event involved other important members of the multicultural and volunteering community, which demonstrated the value placed on the hard work done by all volunteers over the last year.

In total, 21 volunteers were nominated for awards across 3 categories, a tremendous effort on behalf of the Italian community.

The winners of each award category are listed below:

## **Aged Care Service Award Rocco and Ann Agostino**

Rocco and Ann began volunteering with ANFE in 2011 and currently assist in the Day Care Program and Community Visitors Scheme. As part of the Day Care Program, Rocco drives the transport buses with Ann as his assistant. They both assist in the preparation and serving of food and coffees whilst also connecting socially with clients through group activities, card games and gentle exercises. Italian people in the community benefit greatly from the time and generosity donated by this husband and wife team and Ann and Rocco have always volunteered out of the goodness of their hearts, never expecting a reward for their great work.

## **Community Service Award Pasquale Tedesco**

Pasquale has volunteered at the Italian Pensioners of Thebarton Social Support group for the past 6 years. He also volunteers for Nonna's Cucina delivering meals and visits residents at Ananda Aged Care Nursing Home. Pasquale is a dedicated volunteer who assists consumers at Thebarton Seniors Group playing Bocce, Cards, Billiards and Tombola. He deserves to be recognised as he gives his time, skills and energy into volunteering and is always there to help in any way he can.

## **Lifetime Achievement Award Silvio Iadarola**

Silvio has volunteered for over 20 years for organisations such as CIC, Bene Aged Care, MCCSA, Co.As.It.(SA), Nonna's Cucina and the Carnevale. He is hands on whether in the kitchen, setting up venues, cleaning up, even driving the bus when needed. He deserves to be recognised for his undying devotion to the Italian elderly and his selfless efforts make a real difference to our community. His friendly and compassionate nature is known and respected by the community. Silvio is humble, he never expects to be recognised, and helping others is who he is.

Co.As.It. (SA) is proud of this year's nominees and award winners. Their dedication remains a shining example not just for volunteers but for all those who assist the Italian community.

We wish to thank our Co.As.It. (SA) Staff, Board Members and everyone else who helped make the day possible. Co.As.It. (SA) again thanks all volunteers for their tireless work in the community and we look forward to celebrating again next year!





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# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020

On 17th November 2020, Co.As.It. (SA) Italian Assistance Association held its Annual General Meeting at 262a Carrington Street, Adelaide.

We are proud to announce the election of the following Executive and Board Member positions:

**President: Tina Taddeo**

**Vice President: Joe Scalzi**

**Treasurer: Lisa Canale**

**Secretary: Gilda Campbell**

**Board Member: William Galimi**

**Board Member: Edmondo Palombo**


We also thank outgoing Board member Domenic Musolino who has stepped down after serving 13 years on the Co.As.It (SA) Board of Management. We thank Domenic for his valuable contribution and look forward to the year ahead with our new executive team!



## COVID-19 RESOURCES

### SOUTH AUSTRALIAN COVID-19 INFORMATION AND SUPPORT


<b>sahealth.sa.gov.au/COVID2019</b> Health information for South Australians	<b>covid-19.sa.gov.au</b> One-stop-shop for South Australian individuals and businesses
<b>SA COVID-19 Information Line</b> ☎ <b>1800 253 787</b> Information and advice for South Australians	<b>SA COVID-19 Mental Health Support Line</b> ☎ <b>1800 632 753</b> Mental health support for people surrounding COVID-19
<b>Red Cross Telecross REDI service</b> ☎ <b>1800 188 071</b> Register for a free, daily phone call checking on the welfare of vulnerable South Australians	<b>Police</b> ☎ <b>131 444</b> <b>Crime Stoppers</b> ☎ <b>1800 333 000</b> <b>crimestopperssa.com.au</b> (report anonymously online) Report non-compliance of self-isolation, self-quarantine, social distancing and business restrictions
<b>COVID-19 Relief Call Centre</b> ☎ <b>1300 705 336</b> Information and assistance with things like personal hardship and accommodation support	

[sahealth.sa.gov.au/COVID2019](http://sahealth.sa.gov.au/COVID2019) **Government of South Australia**  
SA Health


## 6 SIMPLE STEPS

### TO PROTECT YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES FROM CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)


While there is no vaccine currently available for Coronavirus, there are simple ways we can all stop it from spreading.




**Keep your distance**  
from others if you're sick OR if they're sick. Avoid close contact such as shaking hands, hugging and kissing.




**Stay home from work and school if you are unwell**  
Don't go shopping or use public transport until you feel better.




**Wash your hands**  
regularly, particularly after going to the toilet, blowing your nose and handling used tissues.



**Cover coughs and sneezes**  
and sneezes with a clean tissue or your elbow.






**Avoid touching your face**  
your eyes, nose and mouth. And don't handle food unless you have washed your hands.




**Wipe down surfaces**  
frequently touched surfaces like bathroom sinks and kitchen counters.

For the latest information about Coronavirus, refer to the trusted websites below:

**SA Health**  [sahealth.sa.gov.au/COVID2019](http://sahealth.sa.gov.au/COVID2019)  [facebook.com/SAHealth](https://facebook.com/SAHealth)  [@SAHealth](https://twitter.com/SAHealth)

 **Smartraveller** [smartraveller.gov.au](http://smartraveller.gov.au)  
Australian Government Department of Health [health.gov.au](http://health.gov.au)

 **Government of South Australia**  
SA Health

**For more COVID – 19 translated resources follow these links**

**[www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/COVIDtranslated](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/COVIDtranslated) or [www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/COVIDmulticultural](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/COVIDmulticultural)**

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