



**Com.It.Es.**

Comitato degli Italiani all'Estero  
South Australia

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## ABOUT COM.IT.ES SOUTH AUSTRALIA

### **Our Purpose:**

- *Facilitating and enabling Services to meet the needs of Italian Communities Living Abroad”*

### **Our Vision:**

- *A high achieving committee that understands, respects and values the vibrant and diverse Italian Communities of South Australia, recognises and represents their needs, and inspires future generations to maintain and develop strong affiliations with the Italian language and culture.*

### **Our Mission:**

- *We are an elected body, enacted by the Italian Government to represent the needs, desires, hopes, and aspirations of the diverse Italian communities in South Australia and advise the Italian Government authorities and relevant stakeholders on ways of responding to these needs;*
- *We put forward perspectives, proposals and initiatives which are intended to benefit local Italians and Italian Communities in areas that include social, cultural, welfare, education, recreation, sport and leisure;*
- *We work in partnership with the Consular Authorities, Governments, Organisations and Associations to advocate, advise and facilitate on the needs, hopes and aspirations of the Italian Communities;*
- *We do the above through consultation, and research to extend our understanding.*

## ABOUT COM.IT.ES SOUTH AUSTRALIA

### **Our Values:**

- *People as our focus*
- *Respect*
- *Consultation, collaboration, and responsiveness*
- *Embracing diversity, innovation, and contemporariness*
- *Accountability, transparency, and integrity”*

### **Our Stakeholders:**

- *Diverse Italian communities*
- *Italian Organisations and Associations*
- *Italian Government through the Italian Consulate of Adelaide and the Italian Embassy in Canberra;*
- *General Council of Italians Abroad (CGIE); and*
- *Local, state and federal governments of Australia*

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

President – Christian Verdicchio

Vice President & Secretary – Martina Matta

Treasurer – Gianna Vorrasi

Exec. Member – Michael Donato

Hon Tony Piccolo MP

Mark Quaglia

Alessandro Ragazzo

Andrea Ramon

Antonio Rosato

Prof Angela Scarino

### ***Resignations:***

*Vincent Tarzia MP (Sept 2015), Antonio Dottore (Dec 2015), Mario Romaldi (June 2016), Alessandro Vecchiarelli (Feb 2017), Angelo Fantasia (Feb 2017), Dr Marinella Marmo (April 2017)*

## MEETINGS

### ***2017 Scheduled Meeting Dates***

Com.It.Es South Australia conducts bi-monthly meetings on the first Monday of the month which are also open to the general public for viewing.

Starting Time:

6:15pm

Location:

Com.It.Es SA offices 262a Carrington St, Adelaide 5000.

2017 Dates:

April 3<sup>rd</sup>

May 15<sup>th</sup>

June 26<sup>th</sup>

September 4<sup>th</sup>

November 6<sup>th</sup>

*\*Please note that the Com.It.Es subcommittees will continue to meet in between full committee meetings to continue their specified projects of the year.*

## **SUBCOMMITTEES**

### ***Background and Context***

At the second strategic planning meeting held on Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup> of September 2015, Com.It.Es. South Australia, decided to establish subcommittees to ensure that sufficient attention and focus would be given to specific “key-areas” it had identified in the strategic planning meetings.

It is proposed that three of the five subcommittees shall focus on the specific “key-areas’. Those subcommittees being the:

- *Community Engagement and Public Relations subcommittee, and the;*
- *Education and Research subcommittee.*

Two subcommittees shall be formed for short term “specific- projects”. Those subcommittees being the:

- *Memorandum of Understanding subcommittee, and the;*
- *Fundraising subcommittee*

Each subcommittee will be asked to submit a written report at each Com.It.Es. Meeting, which should outline the progress made, put forward proposals for consideration by the broader committee, and ratify any decisions taken by that subcommittee.

The Com.It.Es. Executive shall serve as the Governance/Admin/Finance subcommittee.

In circumstances where a subcommittee requires ratification of a decision it has made - but needs ratification of that decision in between committee meetings (hence, not at a committee Meeting), that subcommittee's Chair may ask the executive for ratification of that subcommittee's decision. Under such rare circumstances, Executive ratification of this form, will require approval of at least a majority of Executive members and valid justification for its need of urgency. All such ratifications of this type will be tabled at the next committee meeting and recorded in the minutes of that meeting.

Subcommittees may co-opt members from outside of Com.It.Es after seeking approval by the committee.

## **SUBCOMMITTEES**

***Community Engagement and Public Relations subcommittee*** - will engage with all of its stakeholders to:

- website,
- social media accounts,
- propose and coordinate official Com.It.Es events/functions, where also applicable in conjunction with key stakeholders such as but not limited to the Italian Consulate, SA Government on various launches of projects, welcoming of official delegations and so on.
- directly engage with the Italian community and promote the presence, role and function of Com.It.Es
- directly engage and maintain a strong presence within the Italian welfare framework here in SA and provide formal ties and relationship with Com.It.Es,
- directly engage and maintain a strong presence within the Italian association framework here in SA and provide formal ties and relationship with Com.It.Es
- co-ordinate various projects that directly assist in the arrival of new-Italians.
- provide a strong presence and formal connection and ongoing relationship with various areas of the Italian-Australian community so those relationships can be harnessed for the education and research committee to undertake a needs analysis of the South Australian Italian communities to inform its potential projects.

The chairperson responsible for co-ordinating projects associated with this subcommittee shall be Christian Verdicchio.



## SUBCOMMITTEES

### *Education and Research subcommittee will;*

- undertake a needs analysis of the South Australian Italian communities through surveys and focus groups sessions to inform the developments of projects, and gain vital information that can be used to shape the evolving objectives of Com.It.Es;
- support proposals and initiatives that promote the diffusion of the Italian language and culture, academic research and business and trade collaboration between Italy and Australia;
- work closely with various stakeholders within the education and research framework including but not restricted to ARIA, Dante Alighieri Society, Department of Education, universities, schools to promote and as appropriate to assist these organisations in promoting Italy and Australia research and education ties,
- host forums, seminars, on a range of themes with the aim to promote education, research and understanding between Italy and Australia.
- where possible create scholarship opportunities and/or small scale project funding across the areas of language, culture, business and trade, and research between Italy and Australia

The chairperson responsible for co-ordinating projects associated with this subcommittee shall be Prof Angela Scarino

## **PROJECTS 2017/18**

### *Community Engagement Subcommittee:*

- Interviews with key stakeholders and invitees to Com.It.Es meetings
  - Visits with organisations and associations
- New Arrivals Information Session - October 2017 and April 2018
- Regional visits
- Website Management
- Prima Fermata info pack for South Australia - December 2017
- Festa Della Liberazione - April 2018
- Cancer Awareness Project – October 2018
- Patronati Meeting – October 2017 and 2018

### *Education and Research subcommittee:*

- Italian Australian Research Database Networking Evening
- Needs Analysis of the South Australian Italian Communities
- Language Teachers Conference - February 2018
- Analysis of Italian Children – A pilot project – 2018

## **CONTACT US**

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