
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN THE

CO.AS.IT. Community Services, Brisbane, QLD

and the

CO.AS.IT. Italian Assistance Association, Melbourne, VIC

and the

CO.AS.IT. Italian Association of Assistance, Sydney, NSW

and the

(CO.AS.IT.) Italo-Australian Welfare & Cultural Centre, Perth, WA



1. Parties

- 1.1 The Parties to this non-binding Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), are:
- a) CO.AS.IT. Community Services (Brisbane, QLD);
 - b) CO.AS.IT. Italian Assistance Association (Melbourne, VIC);
 - c) CO.AS.IT. Italian Association of Assistance (Sydney, NSW); and
 - d) CO.AS.IT. Italo-Australian Welfare & Cultural Centre (Perth, WA).
- 1.2 Pursuant to their respective governing and constitutional requirements, functions and responsibilities, the Parties share the vision of the importance of the provision of education, welfare, cultural, aged care and disability services for the benefit of the Italian and wider communities, including the promotion of the Italian language and culture, at a state and national level.
- 1.3 All Parties work with State, Federal and Italian Governments, government agencies, local governments, non-government agencies, not-for profit and charitable organisations and private entities and individuals in pursuing the achievement of their roles and responsibilities, but this MOU is not concerned to impede or facilitate those relationships, rather, it is concerned to strengthen relationships which require national collaboration and national representation.

2. Scope and Purpose

- 2.1 This non-binding MOU:
- a) operates subject to the governing requirements and functions of each Party;
 - b) is not intended to create legally binding relationships between the Parties, and does not create any such relationship;
 - c) promotes national collaboration and cooperation between the Parties to enable them to have a united national voice and representation;
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- d) does not impede the Parties in the independent exercise of their governing and constitutional requirements, functions and responsibilities;
- e) establishes mechanisms to foster a strengthened national cooperative effort;
- f) promotes the sharing of resources, information and knowledge;
- g) promotes a unified and stronger voice in addressing issues and advocating for the elderly and the disabled in the Italian and wider communities; and
- h) promotes opportunities to explore joint funding options for national projects (e.g. research initiatives, innovative pilot models, etc.) where mutually beneficial to all Parties.

3. Agreed Principles

- 3.1 So far as they may, the Parties will pursue to a collaborative, cooperative, consultative and communicative national working relationship to promote national initiatives which will be of benefit to the Parties and to the Italian and wider communities.
- 3.2 Information gained by all Parties through this MOU will not be used for commercial gain or competitive advantage.

To facilitate this relationship, the umbrella name CO.AS.IT. AUSTRALIA has been registered with the Australian Securities & Investments Commission (ASIC) on 3rd May 2016. Any agreed and approved formal representation on behalf of the Parties will be under this umbrella name and must have full consent by all Parties.

4. Governance

- 4.1 This MOU will be implemented by a Committee of liaison comprised of Presidents and CEOs of the Parties, or their nominees.
- 4.2 The committee will meet on an "as needs" basis but no less frequently than twice a year and on a rotational basis. Minutes of the meetings will be the responsibility of the host Party.

- 4.3 The committee will be responsible for addressing relevant matters of significance or interest which may impact on all Parties and which may benefit from a national collaborative and cooperative approach.
- 4.4 Where the need arises to cover costs for agreed collaborative projects, programmes or actions, all Parties will agree to contributions in a fair, transparent and equitable basis

5. Term

- 5.1 This non-binding MOU commences to operate upon its execution and may be terminated upon agreement by all Parties. All Parties may also terminate individual involvement with this MOU upon the provision of to the other Parties.
- 5.2 This non-binding MOU may be varied only in written form by the agreement of all the Parties.

6. Conflicts of Interest

All Parties agree to:

- a) identify and discuss any actual or potential conflicts of interest;
- b) treat confidentially all information shared verbally or in written form and to not distribute any material that is shared or developed for the purposes of all Parties associated with this MOU with any third party, unless there is prior approval by all Parties;
- c) only enter into binding confidentiality obligations for the necessary sharing of particular confidential information where required by a Party.

7. Attestation clauses as required by each Party

- 7.1 The document is to provide for execution by the Presidents of the Parties upon approval by the individual boards/committees, witnessed as required.

Signed as an Agreement on the 15th of September 2018

SIGNED by



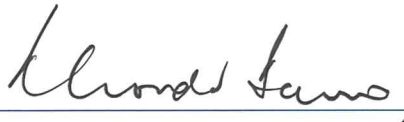
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Name: **Lorenzo Fazzini**

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Position: **PRESIDENT**

CO.AS.IT. Italo-Australian Welfare & Cultural Centre [Perth, WA]



Signed in the presence of H.E. Stefano Gatti

Stefano Gatti

Ambassador of Italy to Australia



Date: 15 September 2018

