

COMMITTEE 2017—2018
Committee Member

NAME: **Angela Cutri**
DOB 10th June 1955
Place of Birth Favazzina di Scilla
Province Reggio Calabria
Date of emigration: 20th February 1979
Date of arrival in Australia 3rd March 1979
Australian citizen:



Immigration experience:

My name is Angela Cutri nee Palamara, eldest child of four children, two girls and two boys, of Bruno Palamara and Natalina Labozzetta. Thank you to my parents who taught me good values of the family, respect, and solidarity towards others as a child my passion was for education and music, I completed my Secondary education and I usually sang as a soloist in the choir at the church.

I had a very happy childhood with my family and friends in Calabria at a very young age I met Cosimo who I married on the 10th of December 1979 in the Church in my hometown of Favazzina di Scilla. As Cosimo had been living in Australia since 1955 I followed him back to Australia, I left from the airport in Reggio Calabria on the 20th February 1979 and arrived in Adelaide on The 3rd March 1979.

My first impression of Australia was very beautiful, I was affectionately welcomed by everyone. However I realised that the distance from my family and longing for my country of birth would be forever be part of my life. Being the only one from my family who emigrated brought great sorrow to the whole family. Giving birth to three beautiful daughters Francesca, Natalie and Laura and now enriched by the birth two beautiful grandchildren gave me great joy.

It was my yearning for Calabria that motivated me to continue my passion to sing and promote the folklore of Calabrian music in Australia. This helped me to connect my family and Calabria together.

I have been a volunteer announcer on Italian Language Program for the last 20 years. I am on the Committees of Saint Rita, Maria SS di Tutte Le Grazie Adelaide. I am always ready to help all those who call me and give of my free time for the Italian community of Adelaide as a volunteer.

I have recently become a Committee Member of the Italian Historical Society of SA which is led by my friend Joe Geracitano. I am very passionate about the project that we have undertaken and it is a dream of all the Italian Immigrants to hear their story.

Thank you to all my fellow committee members who accompany me on this important worthwhile journey.