

COMMITTEE 2017—2018
PATRON

NAME: **Carmine De Pasquale**
DOB 25th February, 1939
Place of Birth Montefredane
Province Avellino Campania
Date of emigration: 19th August 1962
Date of arrival in Australia 15th September 1962
Australian citizen: Yes



Immigration experience:

Son of Amato De Pasquale and Erminia Capone. Father immigrated to Australia 14th January, 1955 on the passenger ship *Sydney* and disembarked in Melbourne and arrived in Adelaide 12th February, 1955. The rest of the family emigrated to Australia on the 19th August, 1962 on the passenger ship *Australia* and arrived in Melbourne on the 15th September, 1962.

I received my education with the help of the Catholic Church which paid for my secondary education and thanks to the money sent back by my father from Australia I was able to go to University and study medicine. The land we owned in Montefredane was too small to provide for my education and give a financial secure future for the family.

On arrival in Australia I found it very difficult to settle in my new country but finally in 1964 I was accepted as a second year medical student by the University of Adelaide. I had completed 3 years of medical school before we emigrated from Italy. The initial years were very difficult due to the lack of knowledge of the English language especially the complex language required to study medicine.

In 1970 I completed my internship and applied for a training position in Psychiatry. I was accepted as a trainee Psychiatrist at Hillcrest, Enfield in 1971.

In 1974 I was awarded membership of the Royal Australian New Zealand College of Psychiatrists.

After starting my psychiatric career at Enfield in 1971 I moved to Beaufort Community Psychiatric Clinic and in 1978 I became Director of Psychiatry. The Beaufort Clinic became the centre of multicultural psychiatry in Adelaide and it officially provided a statewide service for many years.

In 2004 as Director of the Beaufort Clinic and Senior Consultant of the Cramond Clinic I retired and became a member of the College of Psychiatry.

I have been immersed in the Italian community since I arrived and have been involved in many organisations over the years. I have been part of many community organisations including the Dante Alighieri Society, The Italian Festival, the foundation of the Italian Benevolent Foundation which established the Italian Village Nursing Home (Benè), Italian language radio and the teaching of Italian .