

COMMITTEE 2017–2018
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Social Media Co-ordinator

NAME: **Rosemarie Geracitano**
DOB 20th November 1999
Place of Birth Adelaide
Province South Australia
Date of emigration:
Date of arrival in Australia
Australian citizen: Yes



Immigration experience:

My name is Rosemarie Geracitano, I was born on the 20th of November in 1999 at Western Hospital, Cudmore Terrace Henley Beach, Adelaide

I am the youngest child of Giuseppe Geracitano of Roccella Joinica Reggio Calabria Italy and Giovanna Jenny Geracitano (nee Interlandi) of Melbourne Victoria.

Growing up in an Italian household is certainly interesting, there are many different traditions compared to a lot of my Australian friends. I have always been surrounded by older people. I have two older brothers Nick who is 15 years my senior who lives in Sydney and Anthony who is 13 years older I have two nephews Nathaniel who is 5 years old and Dante who is 3 (Anthony's children)

Family and close family friends are extensions to our family and have important impacts to my family everyday life, hence I have lots of cousins, comare and compares compared to a lot of my friends.

The Community and everything associated with the community is very important to my family in particular Festas and different Italian Organisations ,visiting and participating in annual making of the homemade sauce, wine and olives are traditions of great importance to my family.

My involvement in the Italian Community is quite extensive and I attend a lot of functions and activities associated with the wider Italian community with my parents which means I had to be careful what I do and say as I always had people watching me, partly because I am Italian and so many people knew my grandparents and know my parents and what they represent in the community. As well as the fact that I look a lot like my grandmother a lot more older Italians knew me without me knowing them.

I believe growing up in Italian family has its challenges because traditions that have been carried with my family are certainly things that influence my day to day life.

My love of the Italian Culture, Food, Music and everything Italian is partly the reason why I have become involved in the wider community as well, and I support the vision of recording the Oral Histories of our Community for future generations.