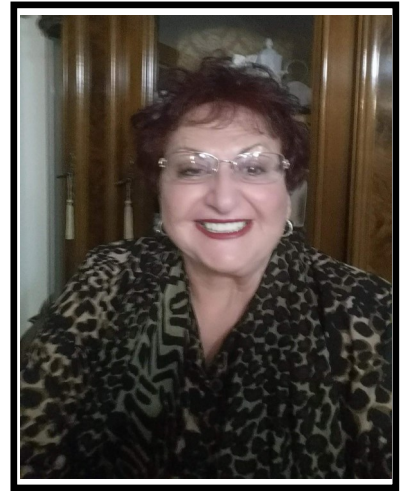


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NAME: **Matilde Campanella Gallina**
DOB 10th March 1949
Place of Birth Caulonia Superior
Province Reggio Calabria
Date of emigration: 1951
Date of arrival in Australia Melbourne 14th June 1951
Australian citizen: Australian / Italian Citizen



Immigration experience:

I came out to Australia as a little girl of 2 years and 3 months, with my mother Angela Pulicano on the Surriento and arrived in Melbourne on the 14th June, 1951.

My father Domenico Campanella arrived on the Surriento on the 24th January 1950.

I was only little when we made our journey to Australia, but I do remember spending a lot of time below deck in the Sick / Medical room, as it effected mum and I most of the journey.

My parents choice to come to Australia was to give the family a better way of life, because things in Caulonia (Province of Reggio Calabria Italy) was very difficult back in the 1950's finding work and making enough to feed the family was difficult.

My parents gave my late brother Frank and I the best new fresh start they could and because of this we are eternally grateful and appreciate all the hardships they faced coming to a new country.

We are appreciative of everything that comes our way for all the family and all our friends.

I am strongly associated with the Society of St Hilarion, Aged Care of St Hilarion, Radio Italiano 531 and The Veneto Club and now the Italian Historical Society of SA Inc.

I strongly believe if you can help others, do it with love and respect and Faith.