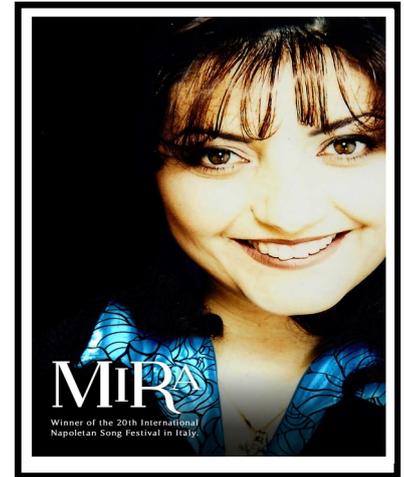


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Entertainment Co-ordinator

NAME:	Wladimira (Mira) Sangregorio
DOB	25th November, 1960
Place of Birth	Naples
Province	Naples
Date of emigration:	17th November, 1970
Date of arrival in Australia	15th December, 1970
Australian citizen:	Yes



Immigration experience:

My name is Mira and I emigrated with my mother Carolina Panfilo (Nee Montaniero), 4 brothers Giuseppe, Vittorio, Corrado, Gennarino and sister Monica. It took 28 days to arrive in Australia on the *Angelina Lauro* on 15th December, 1970 we disembarked in Melbourne, Victoria, travelled by train to Adelaide South Australia.

In 1971 in Adelaide we moved into a small 2 bedroom granny flat at Norwood. I Attended Norwood Primary school for 1 year. We Moved to a Housing Trust house at Klemzig for two years. My Mother was very sick with Tuberculosis until I was in my first year of high school. We all needed to undergo tests every month for a year (this was very difficult time for us as mum was not home for 3 – 4 months and I had to stay home and look after the two year old). Mum eventually got better and the family moved to Elizabeth Field and into a New 4 bedroom house. Dad worked at GMH (General Motors Holden) at Elizabeth and to this day my parents still live in Elizabeth.

In 1975 I started performing with my brothers (I Napoletani Con Voi) at small private events. In 1982 I got married to Francesco Sangregorio who was also a musician. Together we promoted the Neapolitan Culture by performing for major Italian events: Carnevale, 180th Jubilee, SA Great, School Festivals, and Catholic Events.

In 1984 My First Daughter Carmelina was born, 1985 my second daughter Carla was born. In 1991 My Son Ben was born and in 1994 my daughter Diana was born.

In 1991 I entered many singing competitions. In 1997 I entered and won the singing competition in Naples – 20th Festival of Neapolitan Song. I also entered the Italian Festival Competition in Sydney and won The People's Choice at the Sydney Opera House. I am now recognised as an entertainer by the Italian Community in Adelaide In recent years I joined Radio Italia Uno Adelaide as a broadcaster.

I am an honorary member of the Campania Club and a life member of the Society of St Hilarion.

We emigrated from Italy to better our lives and ensure a better future for the family. As a child I remember being excited to embark on a ship to go and see my father who had been in Australia since the 18th of May 1970 (travelled on the *Marconi* from Naples. I also remember the confusion in Melbourne when we landed. I am very involved in promoting the Italian Culture through shows and school presentations.

I would like to be remembered for having the courage to front up to any situation, to have a go and bringing so much happiness to the community through my entertainment and singing career.