



## DANTE ALIGHIERI SOCIETY OF MILDURA INC.

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Dear Prospective Member of the Dante Alighieri Society of Mildura,

The Executive Committee and I would like to invite you to support our society by becoming a member of the Dante Alighieri Society of Mildura.

I would like to acknowledge the contribution our society has provided, in our district, for the cultivation and promotion of the Italian language and culture. Without the support of our members it would not be possible and the Executive Committee and I would like to extend an invitation to you to become a part of this great society since 1971.

The Dante Alighieri Society of Mildura has promoted the Italian language and culture in our community of Sunraysia by various means. One of our major contributions has been the annual Dante Alighieri Awards Day for the top 10% of our students in the district. We have been able to provide a welcoming environment for students to receive their certificates of Distinction and Merit for their efforts in the study of the Italian language and culture. At these events we have been able to secure some very prominent and worthy presenters who have inspired and entertained all present. To continue with the celebratory theme (Italian style), we have provided a generous afternoon tea for the awardees and their family and friends and for our invited dignitaries.

Over the years we have increased the profile of Italian and supported our students who love the Italian language and culture by providing a Dante Alighieri Poetry Recitation section in the Mildura Eisteddfod. Here the students have been able to show off their prowess by reciting an Italian poem

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In front of an audience and a bilingual adjudicator, who is a professional in the field of speech and drama. At the conclusion of this section the adjudicator is then to choose a recipient of the Dante Alighieri Encouragement Award. This year the Dante Alighieri Society of Mildura also provided a prize for the best Italian singer in the Classical Singing sections of the Mildura Eisteddfod. At this point we are also working on having a Dante Alighieri Italian Singing section for next year providing another avenue to promote and support students who are using the Italian language in their fields of interest.

Last year we were able to secure prizes for many sections at the Annual Mildura Show. Here we awarded prize money and sashes for the winners of the best Italian style bread, *crostoli* biscuits, olives and oils. This also provided an avenue where the older and younger population (especially Italian) could show their abilities in areas that they are familiar with and good at. This year we will try to include a *salami section* of which the making of these products is prevalent in the Italian community and the community at large of the Mildura district. We also had several age groups for the Venetian Masks that were completed by many students in the district. This was a very popular section and promoted a more glamorous side of the Italian culture.

This year the Mildura Dante Alighieri Society was able to provide some funding to help support a guest lecturer for the Italian teachers in our area. This was attended by many teachers and was very much appreciated seeing they did not have to travel to Melbourne for this calibre of professional development in the teaching of Italian.

Being a member of the Dante Alighieri society of Mildura may not provide you with many personal benefits but as you can see from all the hard work by the committee of the Dante Alighieri Society of Mildura a great deal has been achieved over the years. Without a membership base many of these activities would not be possible to be supported and promoted.

So from the bottom of our hearts we invite you to join us and BECOME A MEMBER!!

All members will be entitled to receive a copy of the minutes from the committee meetings to keep them informed of all activities provided by the society. At certain events we have been able to provide a discount to our members off their entrance tickets.

If you would like to start your membership for this year, please complete the application form below and it would be very much appreciated if you could make a payment via the following means:

OPTION 1

Direct Banking to -

Details - your name

BSB 083764

Acc no. 515918224

AND EMAIL YOUR MEMBERSHIP FORM BELOW TO [dantemildura@gmail.com](mailto:dantemildura@gmail.com)

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OR

OPTION 2

Cheque made payable to -Dante Alighieri Society of Mildura Inc.

Postal Address:

Dante Alighieri Society of Mildura Inc.

PO Box 1410,

Mildura, 3502

AND INCLUDE YOUR MEMBERSHIP FORM BELOW

OR

OPTION 3

Pay cash, fill out the membership form below and give to a Dante Alighieri Committee Member.

*The fee structure is :*

Single Membership - \$10.00

Family Membership - \$25.00

School Membership - \$25.00 (may include all Italian teachers at a school)

Student Membership - \$8.00

Please complete the form along with your payment.

Thank-you very much/ MILLE GRAZIE!!

We truly appreciate your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Lina Kadziela

President

# DANTE ALIGHIERI SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME :

POSTAL ADDRESS:

EMAIL:

PHONE:

MOBLIE:

INDICATE TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP:

1. SINGLE
2. STUDENT
3. FAMILY - LIST OTHER FAMLY MEMBERS.....  
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4. SCHOOL - LIST TEACHERS.....  
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INDICATE TYPE OF PAYMENT:

1. DIRECT BANKING
2. CHEQUE
3. CASH TO A COMMITTEE MEMBER